

Union of skills

Italy's participation in Erasmus+

Testimonianze, esperienze e opportunità
nella Mobilità Transnazionale per il Settore VET

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Plan of the presentation

- The Union of Skills
- Basic skills action plan
- STEM action plan
- Actions relevant for VET
- Italy's participation in Erasmus+ 2021 - 2024



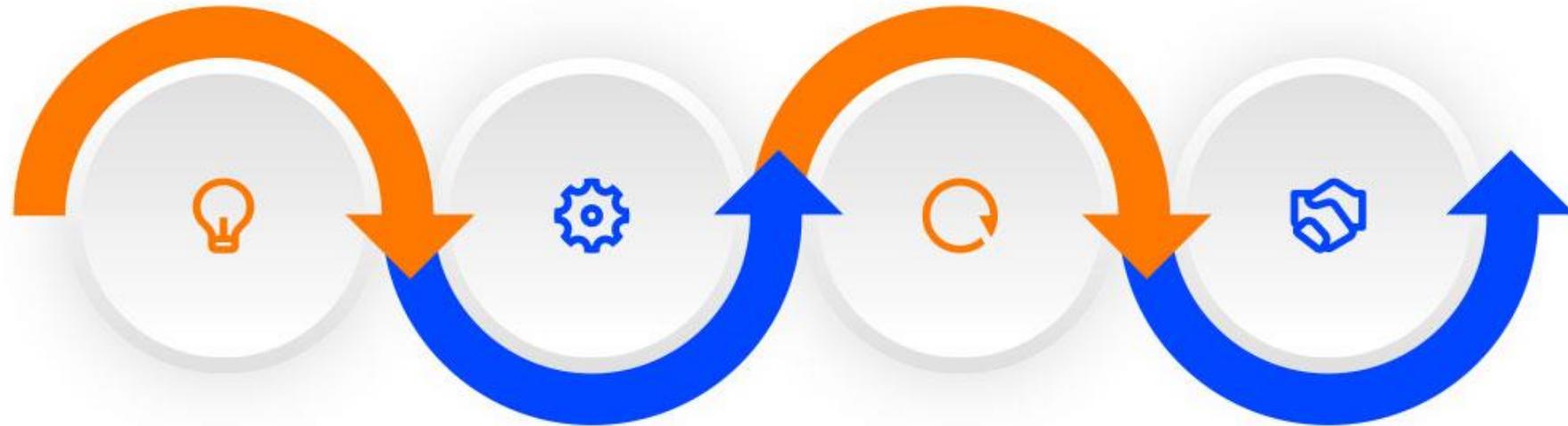
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In March 2025, the European Commission presented the **Union of Skills** – an important initiative

- to tackle skills shortages;
- enhance workforce competitiveness;
- ensure that people across the EU can access high-quality employment opportunities.



Union of Skills



Build skills
for quality
lives and jobs

**Upskill and
reskills**
for the digital &
green transition

Circulate skills
across the EU for
competitiveness

**Attract, develop
and retain talent**
for Europe's
future

INVESTMENT

GOVERNANCE



Build skills for quality lives and jobs (1)

- **STEM Education Strategic Plan**
 - Propose new EU-level STEM on VET target by 2030: the share of students enrolled in STEM fields in initial medium-level VET should be at least **45%**, with at least **1 out of every 4 students female** (latest data – in 2022, the share was 36.2%)
 - Pilot STEM Education Centres for school education, including VET schools
 - Develop joint transnational programmes and short courses leading to MCs in strategic STEM sectors **through the CoVEs – Centres of Vocational Excellence** and Universities Alliances
 - Attract more girls and women to STEM by launching, in 2025, a new ‘Girls go STEM’ initiative to which also the **European Alliance for Apprenticeships will contribute**
 - **Showcase and exchange good practices on STEM apprenticeships**
 - Also contributing to other initiatives



Build skills for quality lives and jobs (2)

- **Action Plan on Basic Skills**
 - Update the Digital Competence Framework (DigComp) in 2025
 - Develop **guidelines** on enhancing basic skills in VET
 - Create a **toolkit for basic skills**, including basic digital skills, in apprenticeships in 2026
 - Also contributing to other initiatives
- **European Strategy for Vocational Education and Training**
 - Aim: to increase the attractiveness, excellence and inclusiveness of VET
 - To be built on the implementation report of the 2020 Council Recommendation on VET (due Q4/2025)
 - Taking account of the Copenhagen Process and next Declaration to be adopted in Denmark in September 2025
 - Links with STEM and Basic skills action plans

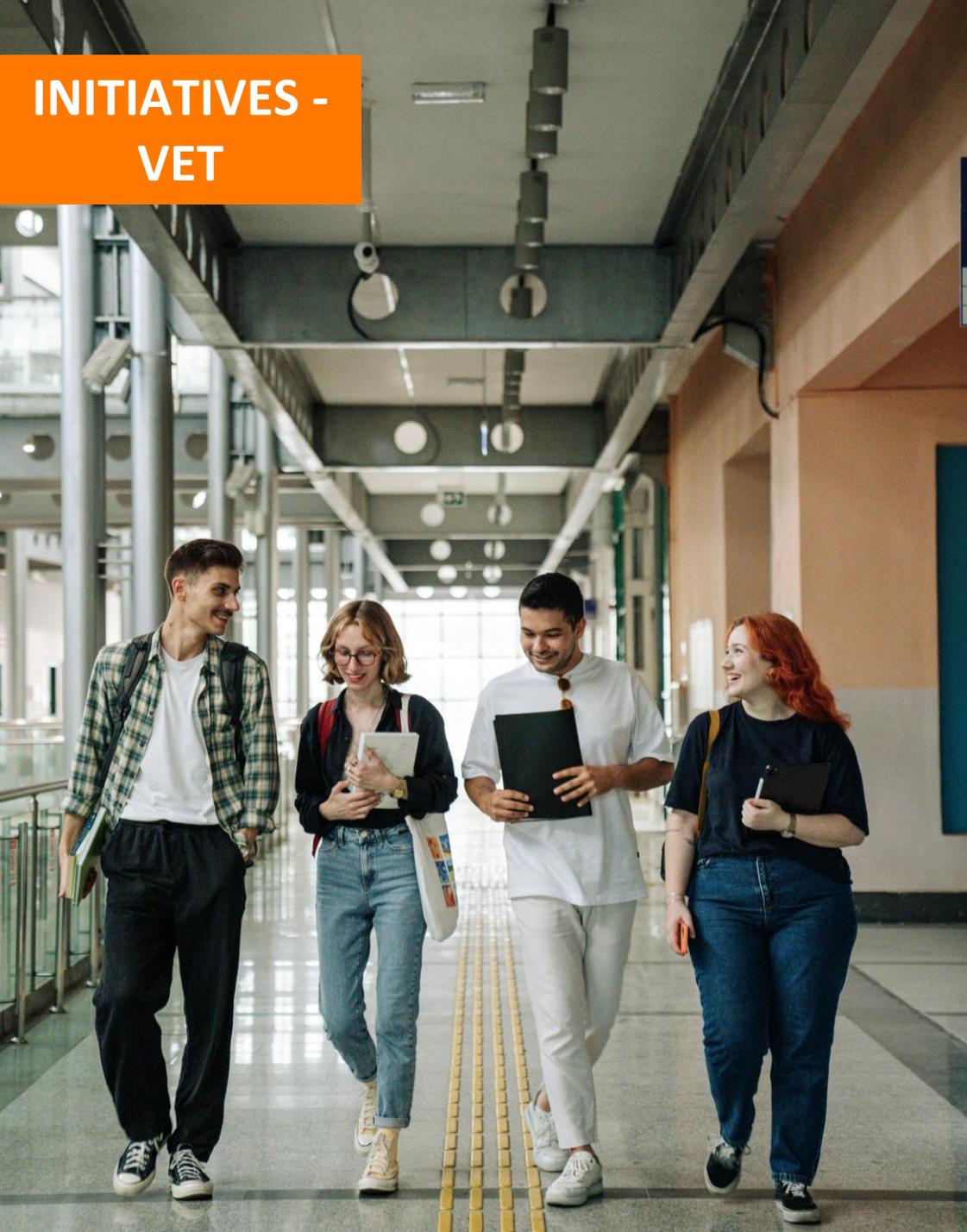




Upskill and reskill to ensure future-oriented skills

- **Expand the use of micro-credentials**
 - Continue work on implementation of CR (report upcoming)
 - Role for CoVEs
- **Expand the European Alliance for Apprenticeships**
 - 700 pledges
 - Focus on adult apprenticeships and support for people outside the labour market
 - Toolkit on apprenticeships for adults end 2025

INITIATIVES - VET



Circulate and allocate skills

- **Skills Portability initiative**

Building on what already exists, it will

- help make skills more visible and portable.
- facilitate the recognition of qualifications, where necessary.
- promote the use of interoperable digital credentials to help and speed up the understanding and transparency of skills and qualifications.
- improve skills matching in the single market.

- **Initiating work on a possible European VET diploma / label**

The diploma could cover initial VET at upper-secondary and post-secondary level. **Supported by Erasmus+**, a pilot will engage Member States and VET providers to test such a European VET diploma/label in 2025-2026.

- **Strengthen Centres of Vocational Excellence**

Continue supporting the creation of Centres of Vocational Excellence in 2026-2029, based on an evaluation.



Status for implementation of Erasmus+ CoVEs

- Indicative budget of 400 million euros to fund 100 projects in the period 2021-2027
- In addition to the 57 projects under the current Erasmus+ programme period, 12 pilot projects were funded in 2019 and 2020.
- Diversity in terms of topics, sectors, size, geographical scope, etc.

Find information about existing projects [here](#).

Article by EACEA:
[16 new Centres of Vocational Excellence launched - European Commission](#)

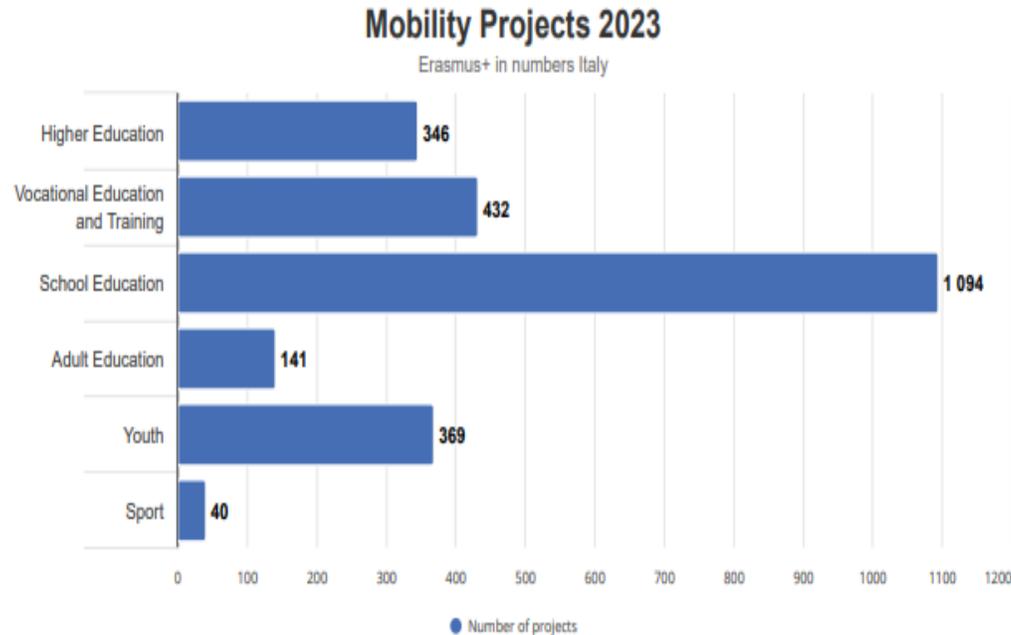
Call Year	2021	2022	2023	2024
Budget	44 million	48 million	56 million	56 million
Number of applications	84	76	109	132
Number of funded projects	13	13	15	16
Number of countries involved in applications	55	54	64	63
Number of countries involved in selected projects	37	31	27	32



Attract, develop and retain talent

For VET, the new **European VET strategy** will include **internationalisation** of VET which will contribute to this strand of work of the Union of Skills

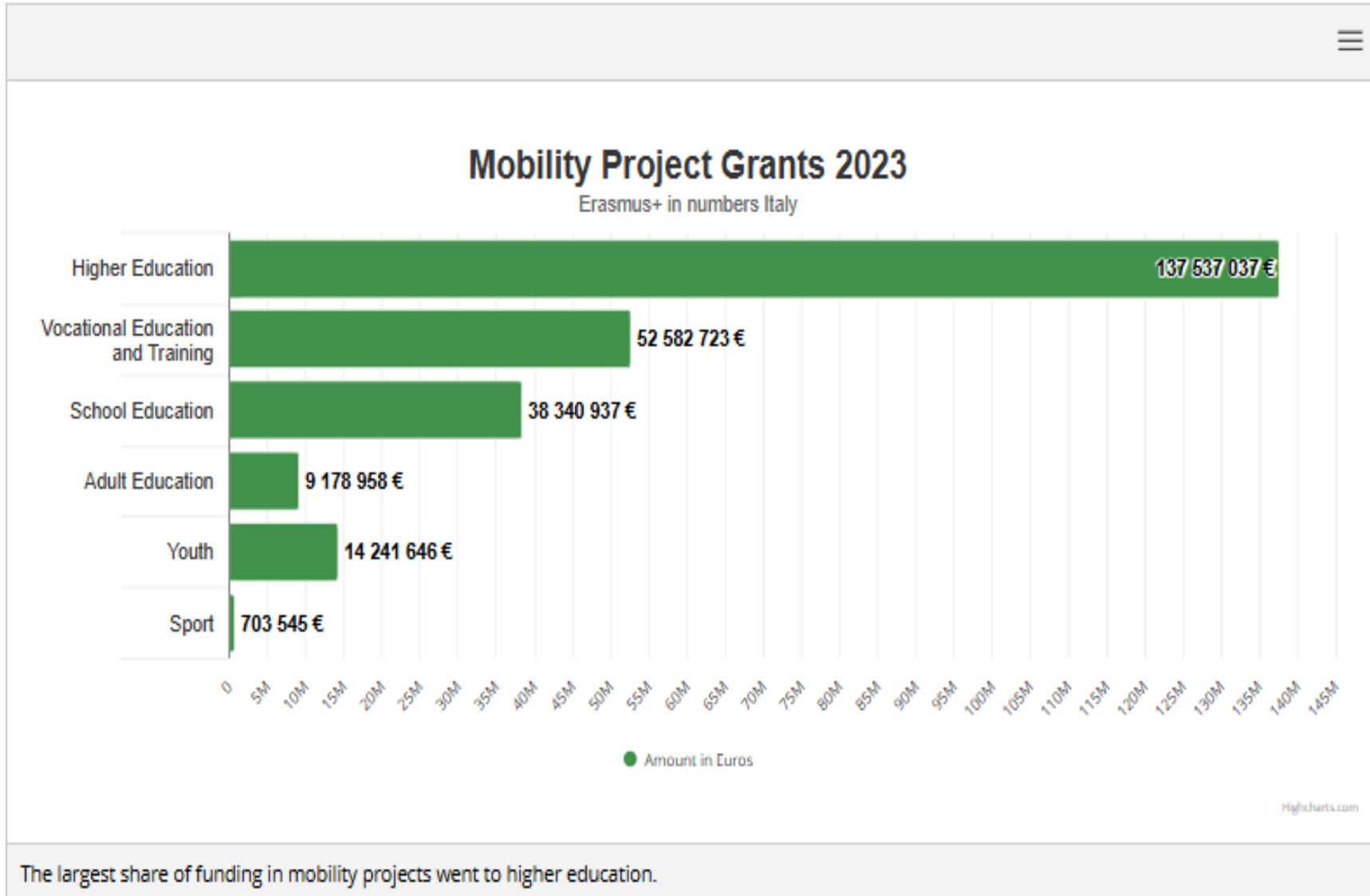
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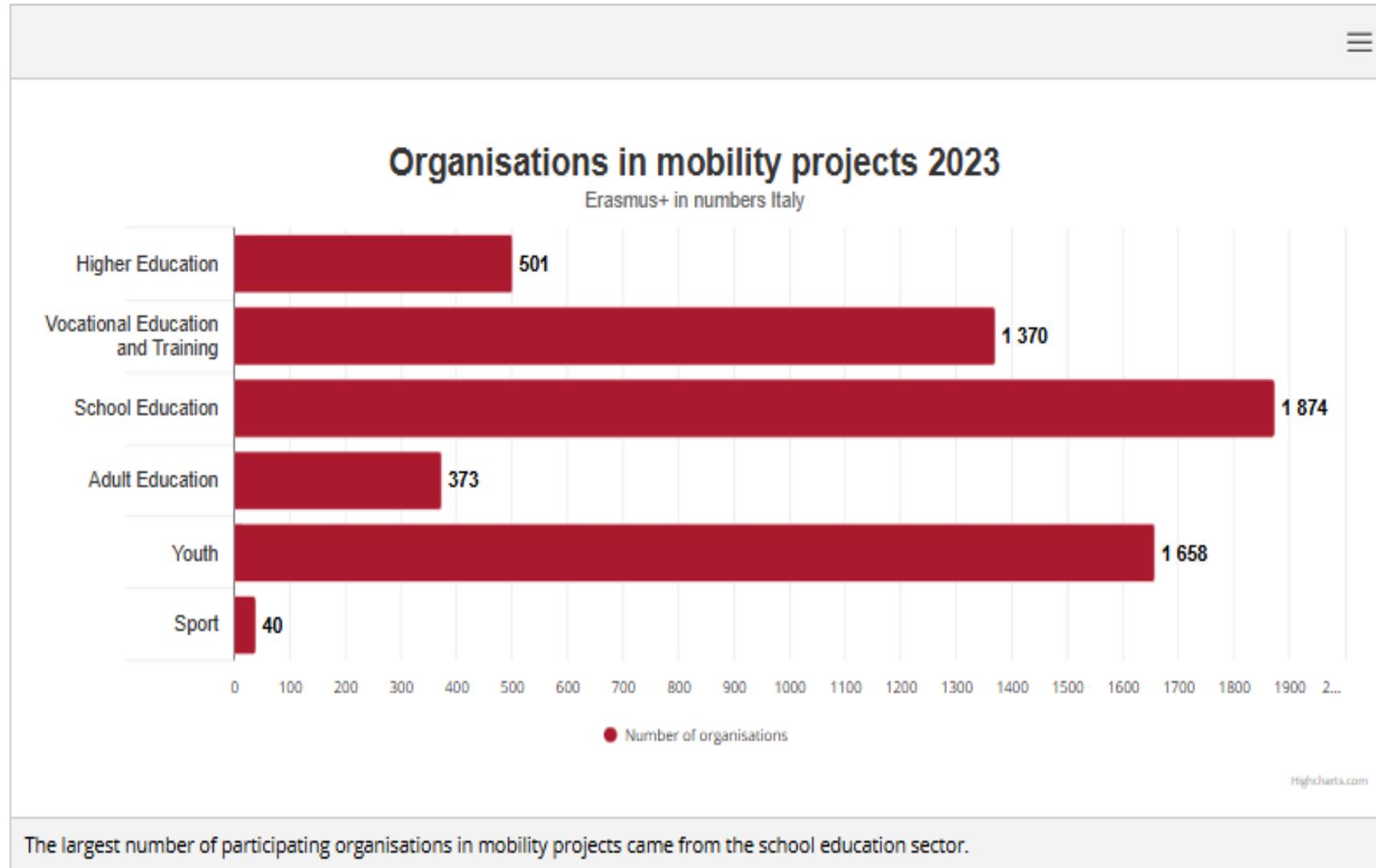
In 2023 the biggest number of mobility projects were in the field of school education.



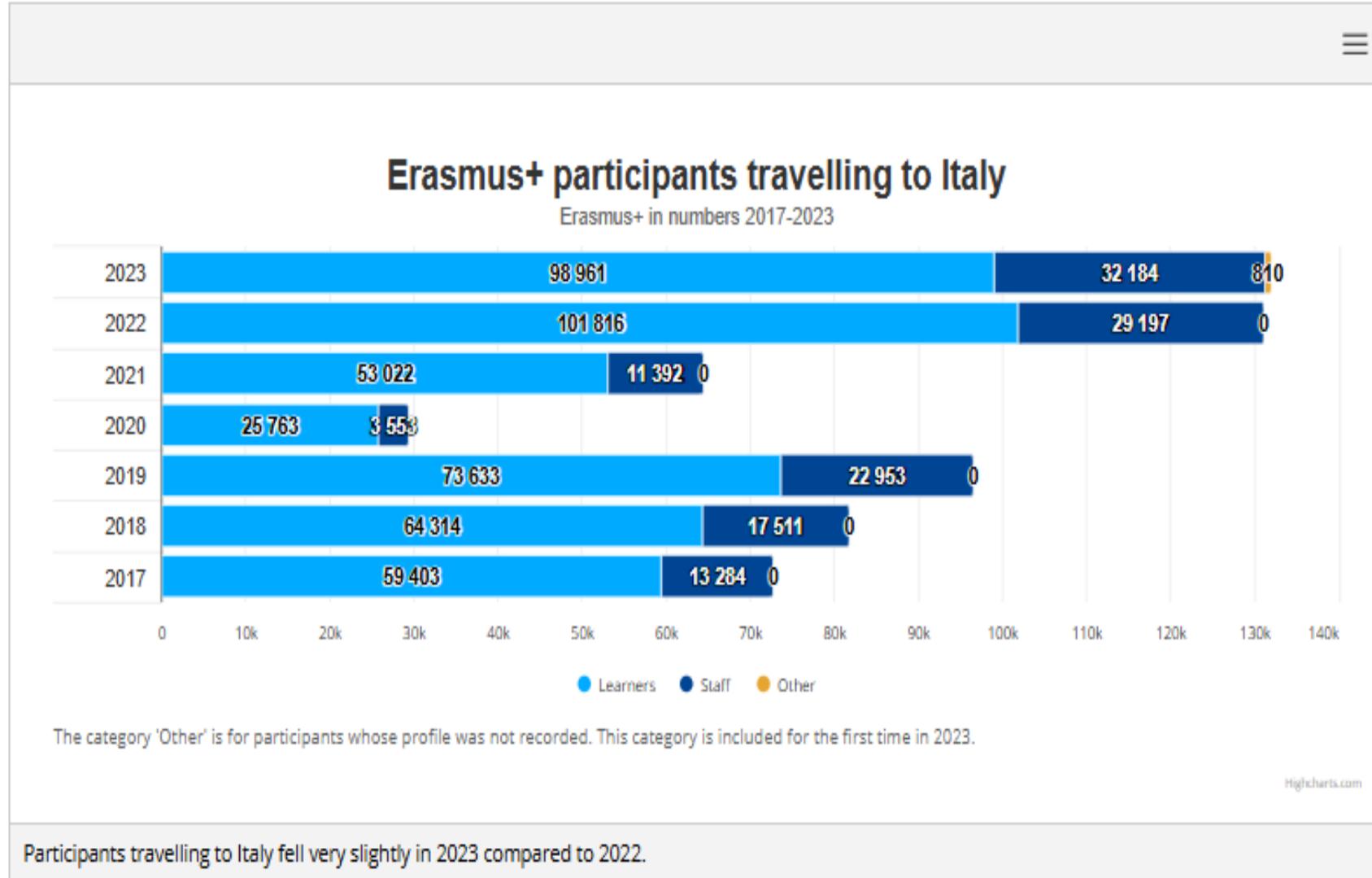
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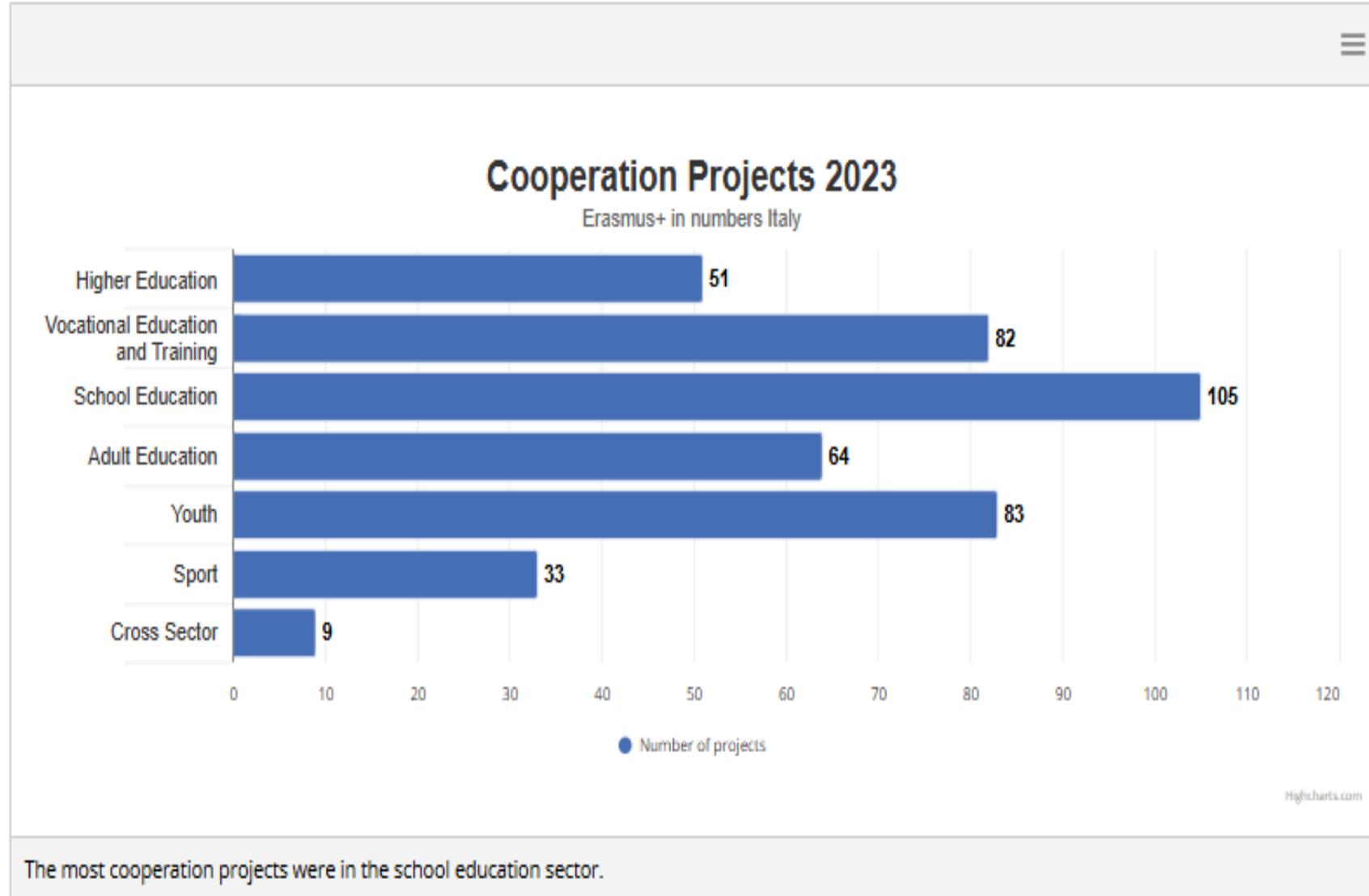
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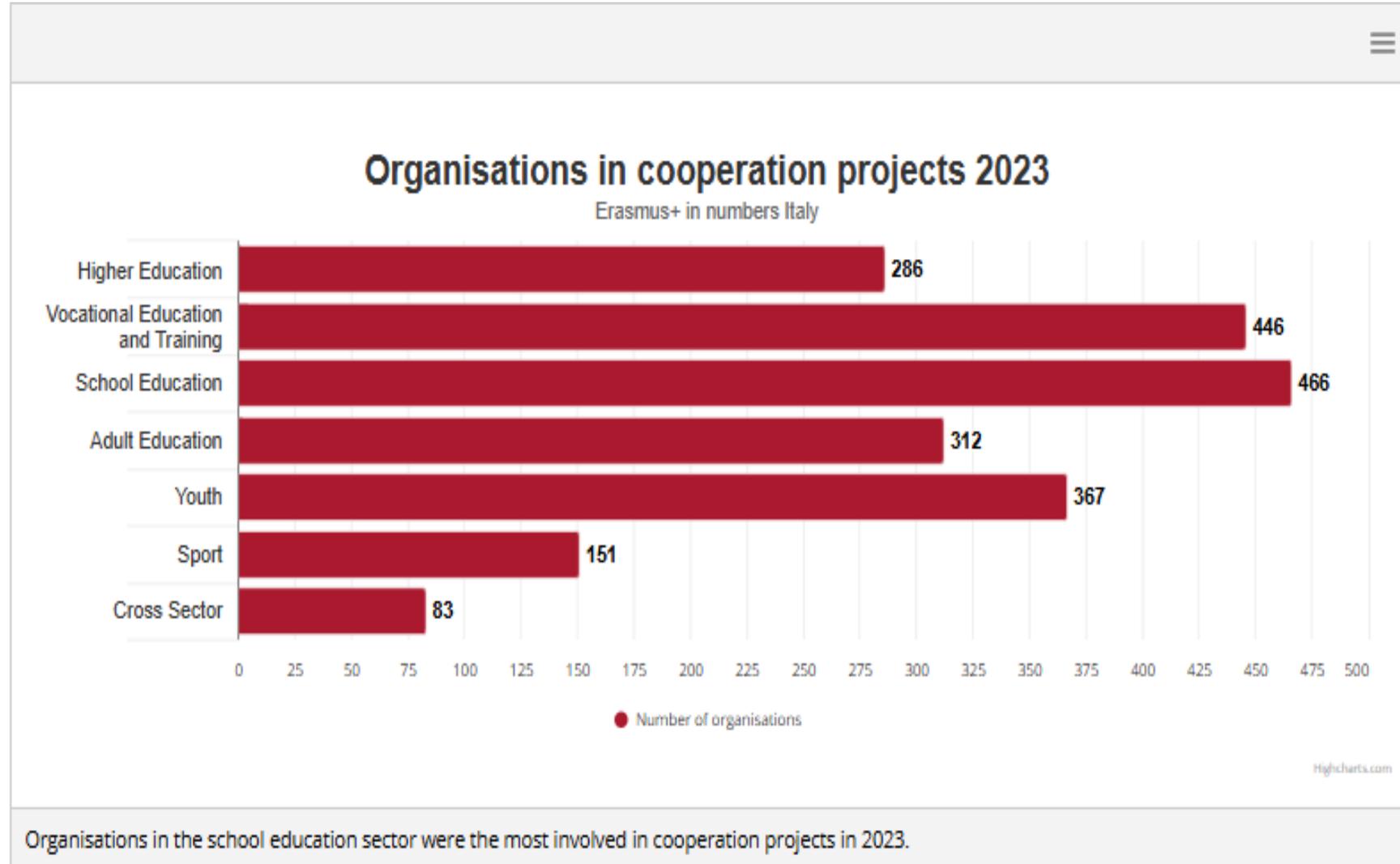
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