

Recognition of Learning Outcomes from Study Periods Abroad

DAAD Student Survey 2025 – Preliminary Results

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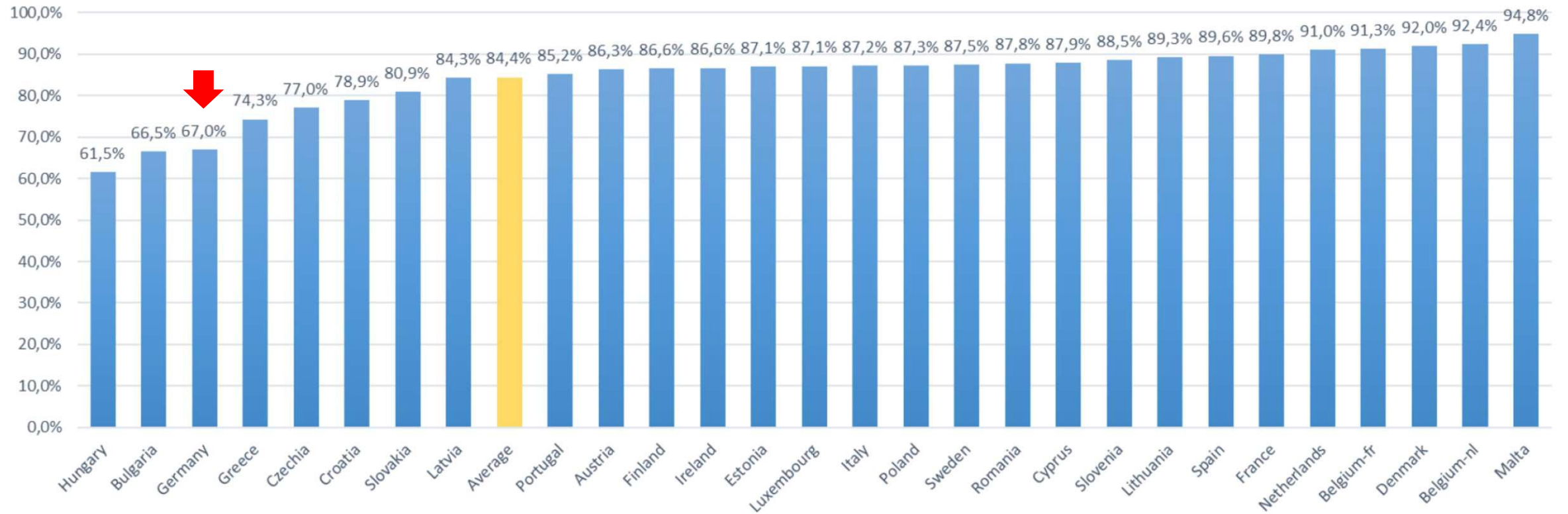
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Full Recognition

European Commission Evaluation Report, 2023

Full recognition of Erasmus+ learning periods abroad, 2020



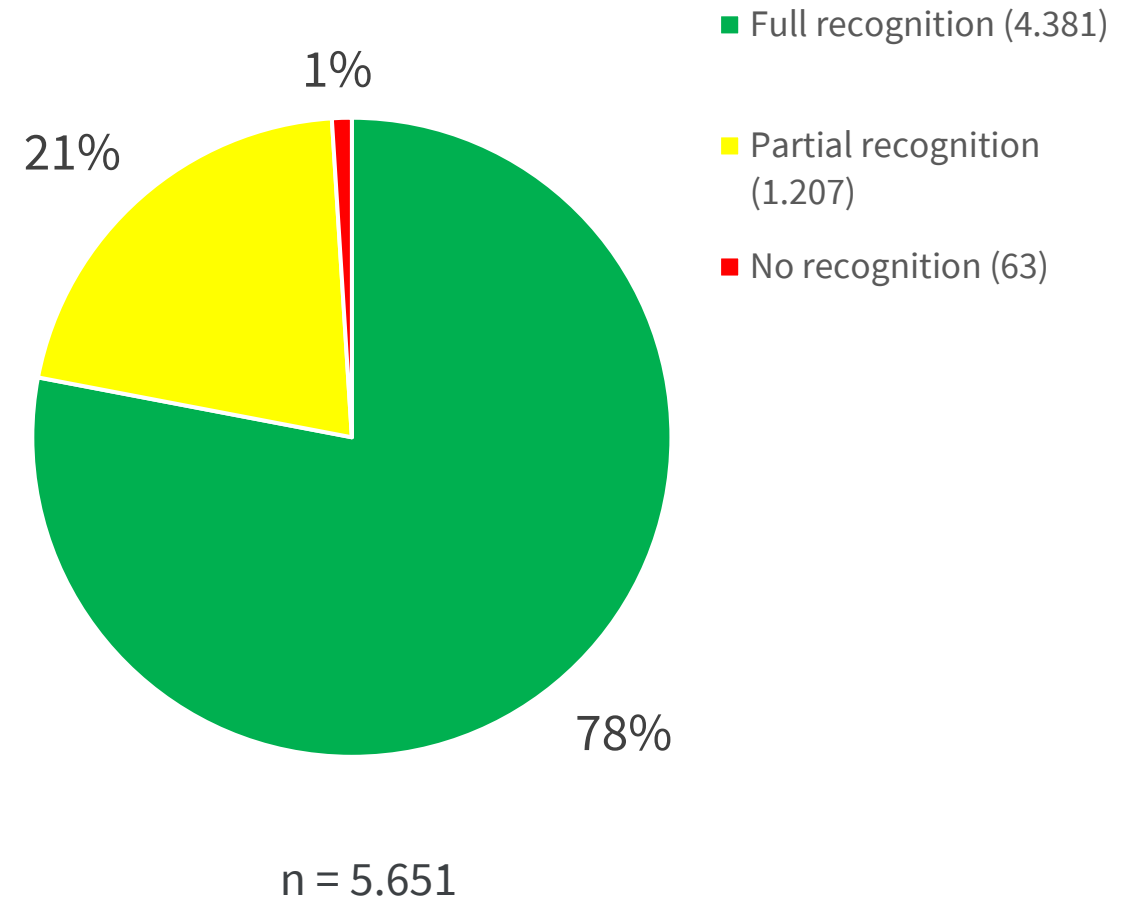
Report from the Commission to the Council on the implementation of the Council Recommendation on promoting automatic mutual recognition of higher education and upper secondary education and training qualifications and the outcomes of learning periods abroad, Feb. 2023, p. 10.

Full Recognition - DAAD student survey 2025

Have you received full recognition from your home university for the ECTS credits agreed upon in the final Learning Agreement?

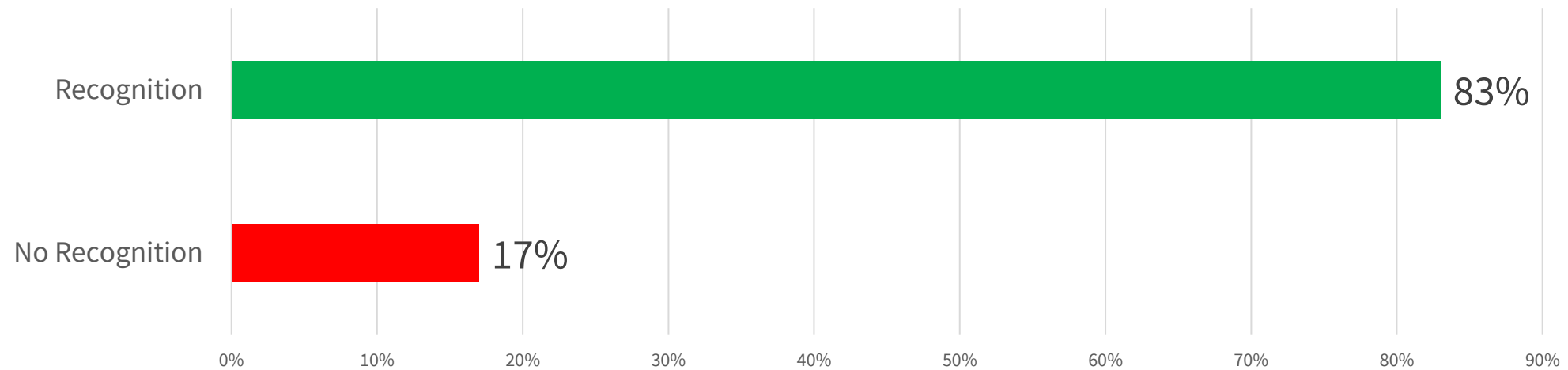
My home university has...

- (1) recognized all ECTS credits agreed upon in the final Learning Agreement (Full recognition).
- (2) recognized some of the ECTS credits agreed upon in the final Learning Agreement (Partial recognition).
- (3) recognized none of the ECTS credits agreed upon in the final Learning Agreement (No recognition).



Recognition Quota - DAAD student survey 2025

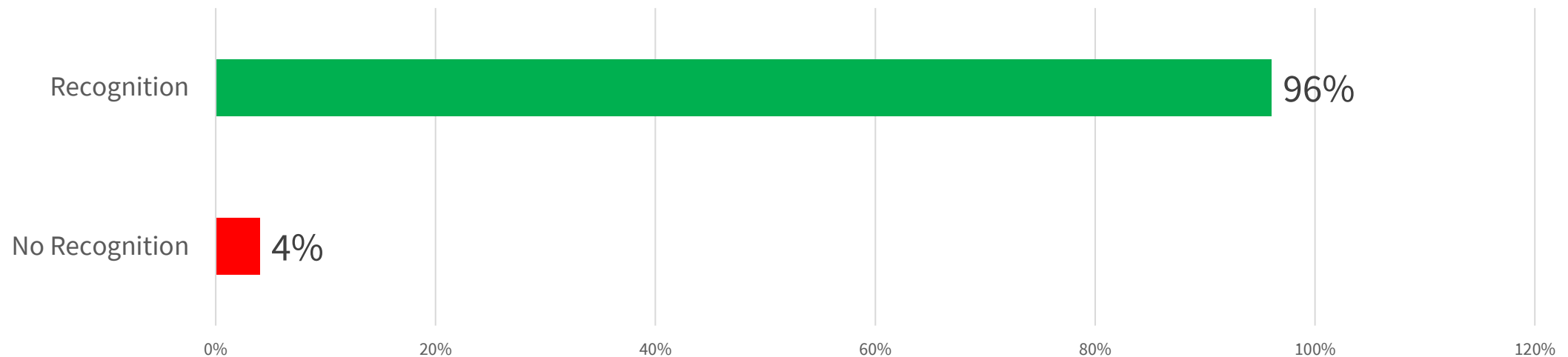
How many of the agreed and earned ECTS credits were actually recognized by your home university?



n = 5.294

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How many of the agreed and earned ECTS credits did you want to have recognized at your home university?



n = 5.279

Automatic Recognition

The right to have the learning outcomes of a learning period recognised: as agreed beforehand in a learning agreement and confirmed in the Transcript of Records, in line with the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). Concretely, it means applying the rule set out in the 2015 ECTS Users' Guide that states that:

„all credits gained during the period of study abroad or during the virtual mobility – as agreed in the Learning Agreement and confirmed by the Transcript of Records – should be transferred without delay and counted towards the students' degree **without any additional work or assessment** of the student.“

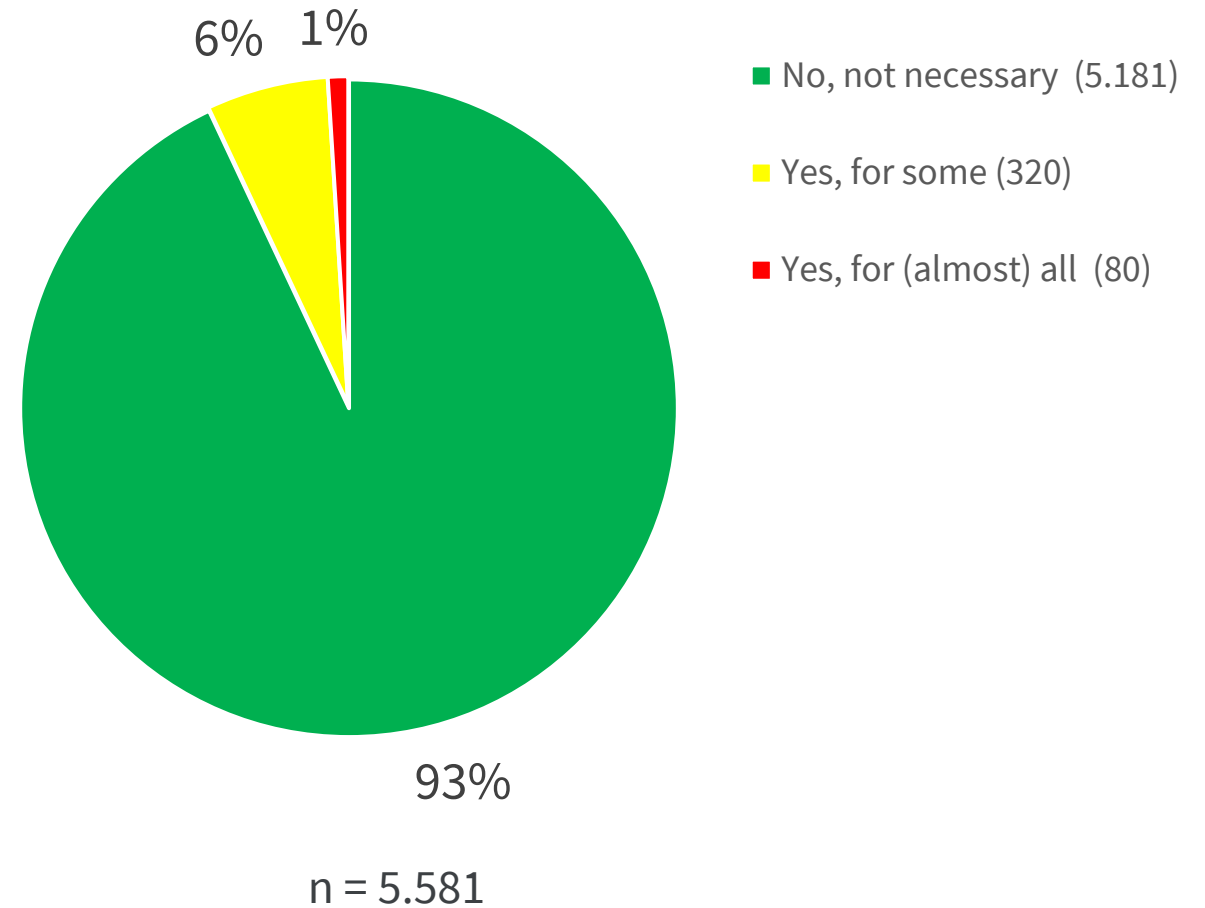
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Did you have to fulfil any additional requirements (e.g. exams) at your home university to have courses from your host university recognised?

(1) No, that wasn't necessary.

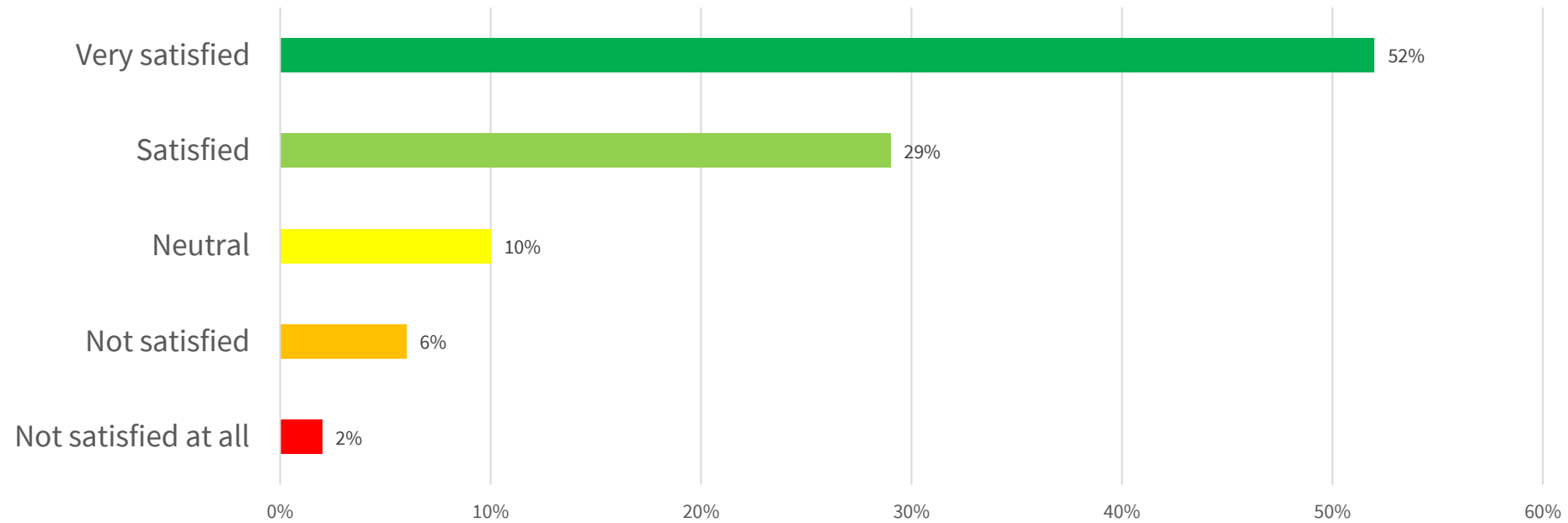
(2) Yes, for some courses.

(3) Yes, for (almost) all courses.



Student satisfaction - DAAD student survey 2025

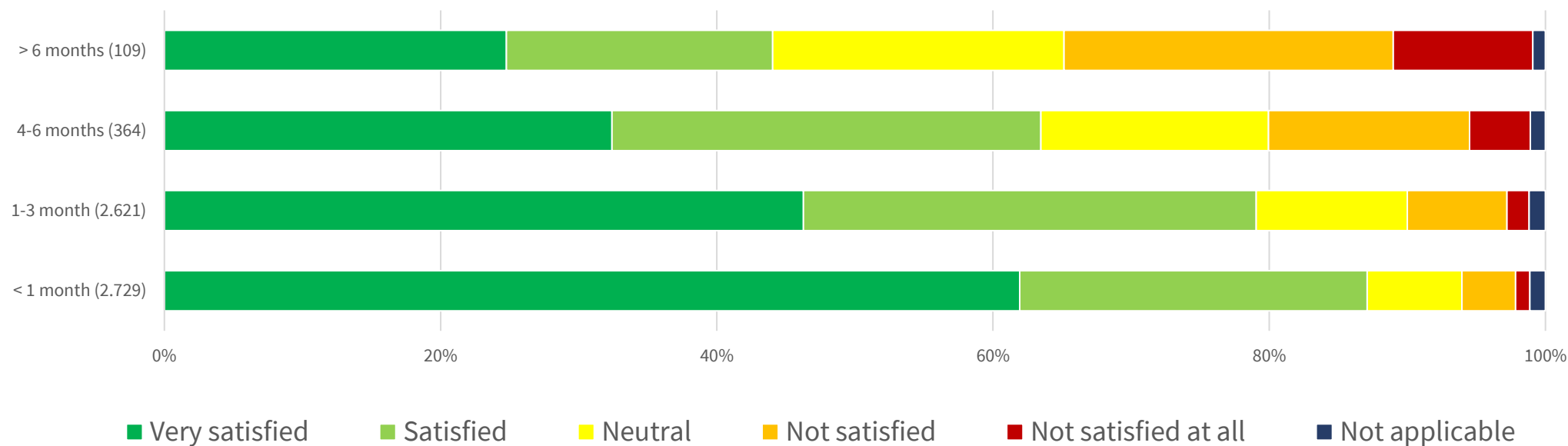
Overall, how satisfied are you with the level of recognition?



n = 5.768

Student satisfaction - DAAD student survey 2025

Duration of recognition process / overall satisfaction



n = 5.832

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