

BRIDGE 2022 EVALUATION REPORT



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In October of 2022, The European Freedom Network hosted its annual conference in Sarajevo with 76 participants, representing 29 countries and 50 organisations.

This was the first in-person conference in two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The following report summarises the key findings from the attendee feedback survey, the post-Bridge reflection sessions with the Operations team and findings of the Bridge 2022 lograme and outcome mapping evaluation review completed in November 2022. The attendee feedback survey was completed by 49 participants (64% response rate), representing 27 countries. The report includes a list of recommendations for future EFN gatherings.

In planning the conference the EFN Operations Team identified four main objectives they would like to see achieved:

- Objective 1: Build the knowledge and capacity of EFN members on identified topics
- Objective 2: Cultivate a collaborative networking culture within EFN
- Objective 3: Connect and support EFN members/partner in their unique needs and goals
- Objective 4: Host an accessible and relevant conference for Christian organisations and individuals addressing anti-trafficking





The four most helpful sessions indicated by Bridge feedback survey respondents (Graph 2):

- Network Talks: Conversations with traffickers
- EFN Vision Session
- EFN Power of Networking & the Ukraine Case Study
- Open Space Afternoon

The four least helpful sessions indicated by Bridge feedback survey respondents (Graph 3):

- Recipe for Success
- Working with the police
- National Referral Mechanisms #1 Learning from the OSCE
- National Referral Mechanisms #2 Exploring and documenting experiences

Survey participants indicated that four most helpful community times were (Graph 5):

- Meals
- Coffee and tea time
- Free evenings
- Group work times

BRIDGE STRENGTHS

- Relationship building and collaboration
- Building knowledge and information
- Feeling of community
- Spiritual elements

BRIDGE WEAKNESS

- The programme was too full
- There wasn't enough self guided time for networking/small groups
- The location

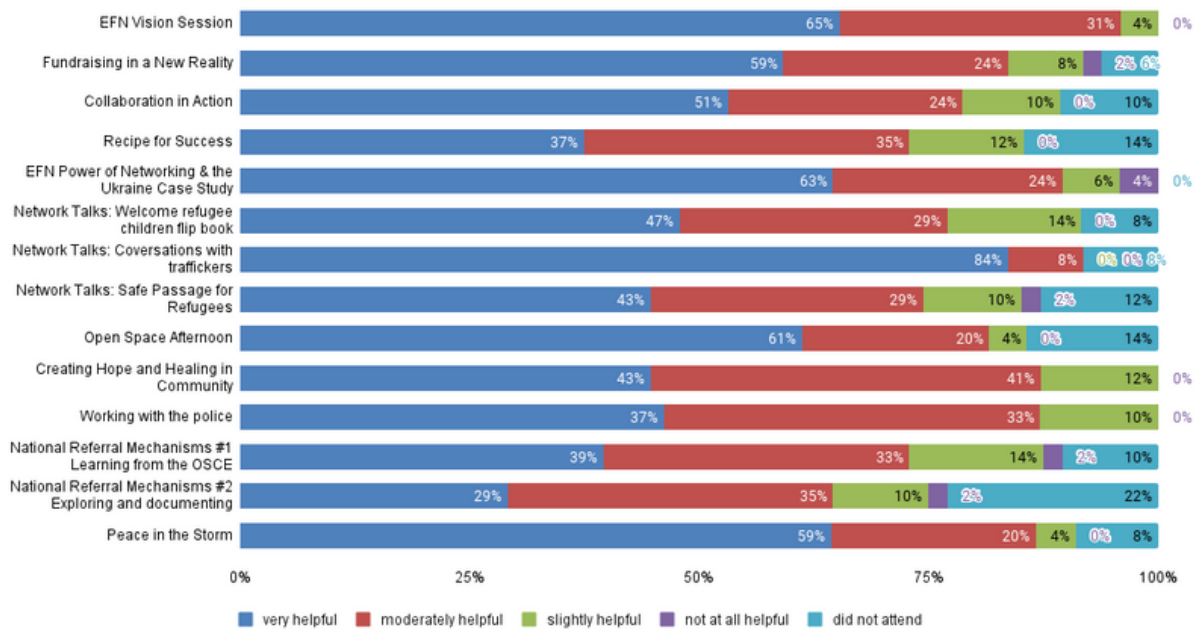
FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS



- The EFN community enjoys and finds great value in having time in a conference schedule to self organise and work with one another. Opportunities for this should be included in the next gathering with more time devoted to it.
- The EFN community values hearing from other EFN members and partners through in person presentations. Future gatherings should prioritise speakers/panes from within the community and for who can attend the event.
- The EFN community has high values and desires strong spiritual input into the conference programme and strongly desires for further Christian input.
- The accessibility of the conference location is key to ensuring a broad representation of EFN members have the potential to attend. Consideration should be given to direct flights and the cost of travel to the next conference location.
- The EFN Operations Team should work closely with volunteers and paid tech staff to ensure that the conference logistics run smoothly and that they can have more of a chance to engage with participants.
- The EFN Operations team should reflect and consider the capacity to organise and facilitate an annual conference while also continuing to support the overall network. Creating documented systems and procedures for key Bridge planning timelines could assist with keeping planning and communication on schedule when unexpected events arise.
- Further discussion within the Operations Team on how best to communicate with EFN members for future conference topics is needed. Feedback surveys should be sent closer to the time of the conference.
- The Operations Team should consider hosting the next Bridge at another time of the year and consider regional gatherings.

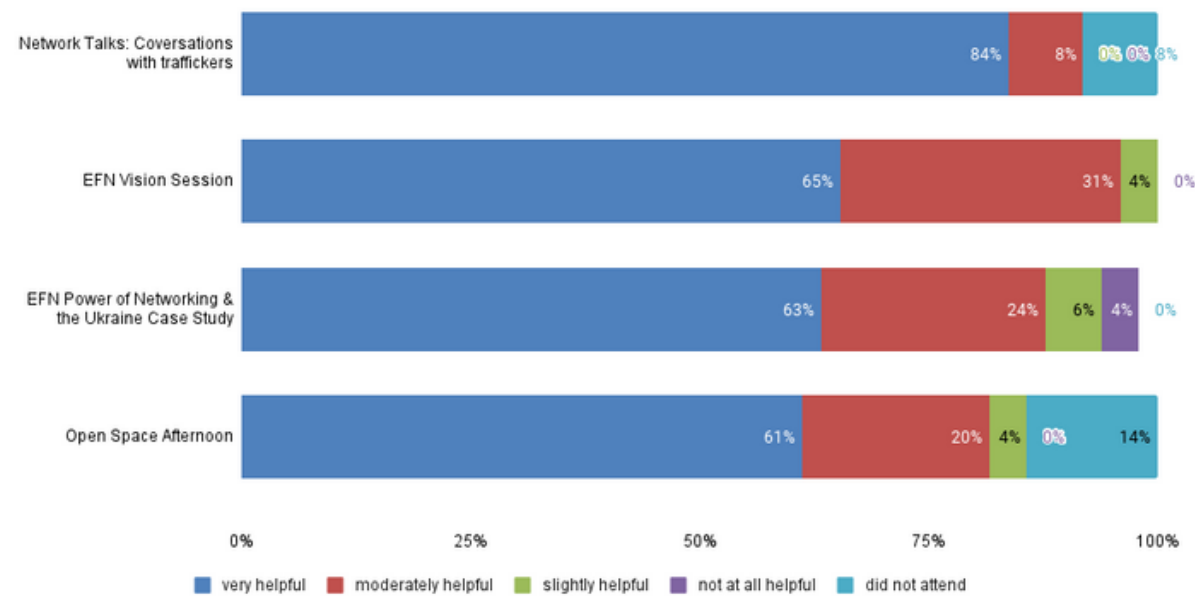
GRAPH 1: ASSESSING HOW HELPFUL CONFERENCE SESSION WERE

Q8. Please indicate how helpful the conference session were



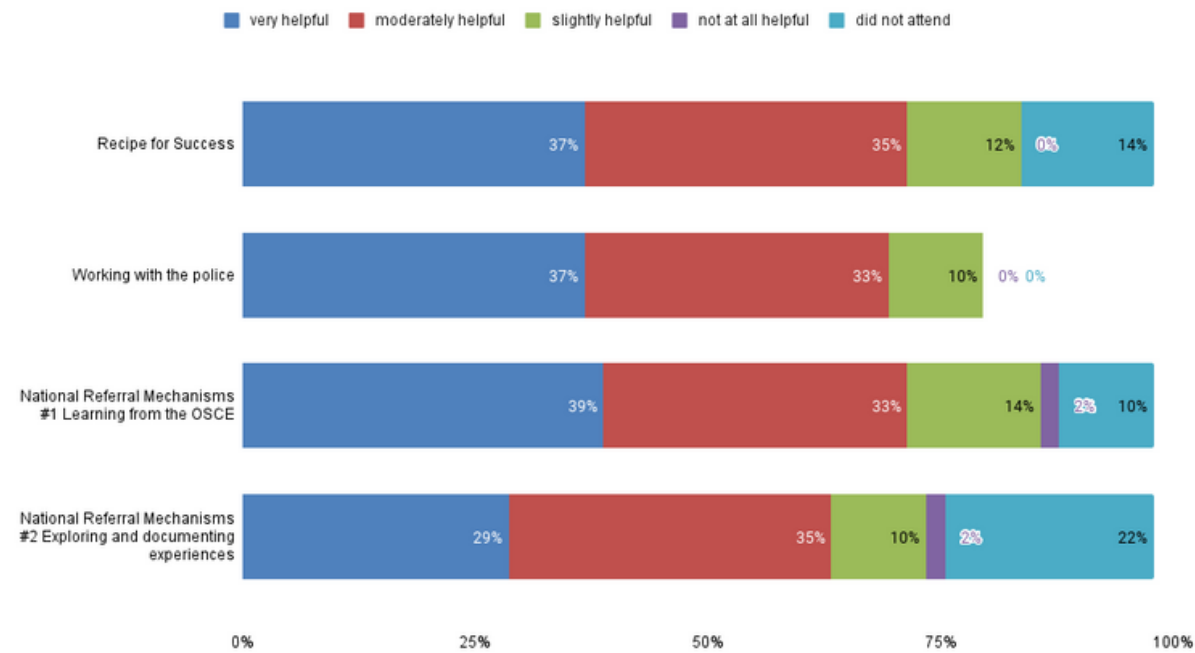
GRAPH 2: FOUR MOST HELPFUL SESSIONS

Q8. Four Most Helpful Sessions



GRAPH 3: FOUR LEAST HELPFUL SESSIONS

Q8. Top 4 Least Helpful Sessions



GRAPH 4: MOST HELPFUL COMMUNITY SESSIONS

Q10. Which community times did you find helpful in creating and/or deepening relationships at Bridge?

