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Feedback analysis on questionnaire: 'first experiences with Horizon 2020'

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Introduction & statistics

Overview on questionnaire results

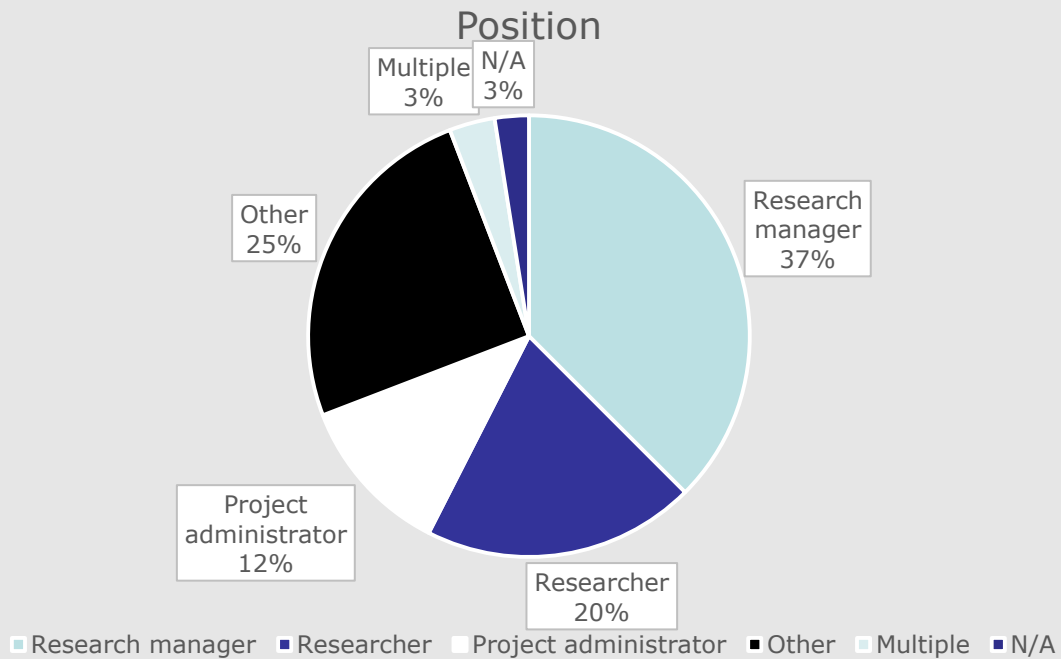
Questionnaires covered four distinct aspects of Horizon 2020 participation with several questions per aspects:

- Topic description in work programmes;
- Participant Portal;
- Evaluations;
- Clarity of legal issues, guidelines and Annotated Model Grant Agreement (AMGA).

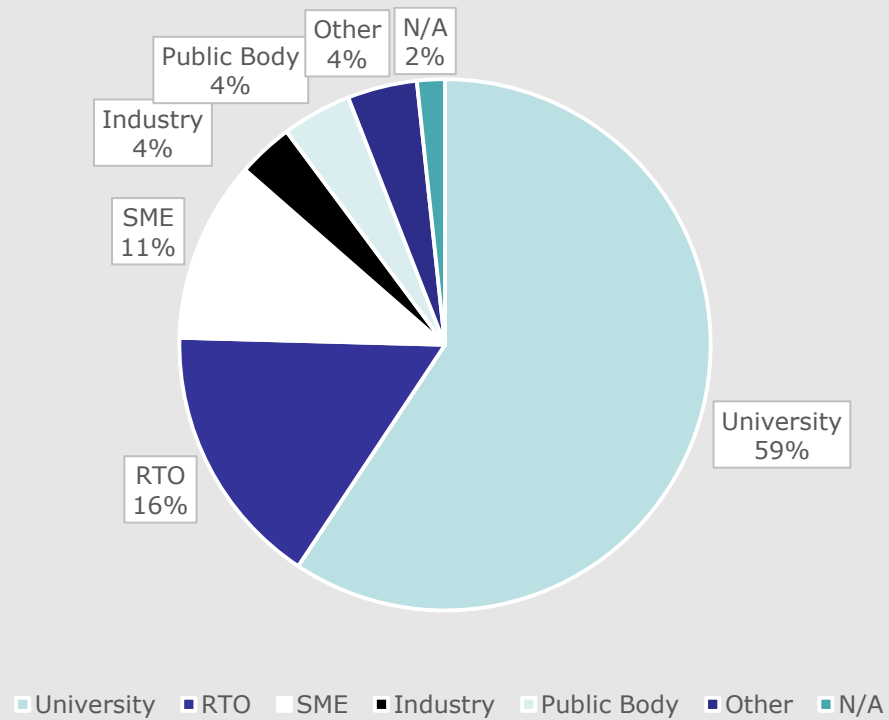
Answers per questions have been compiled and summarised.

Total number of questionnaires analysed: 120.

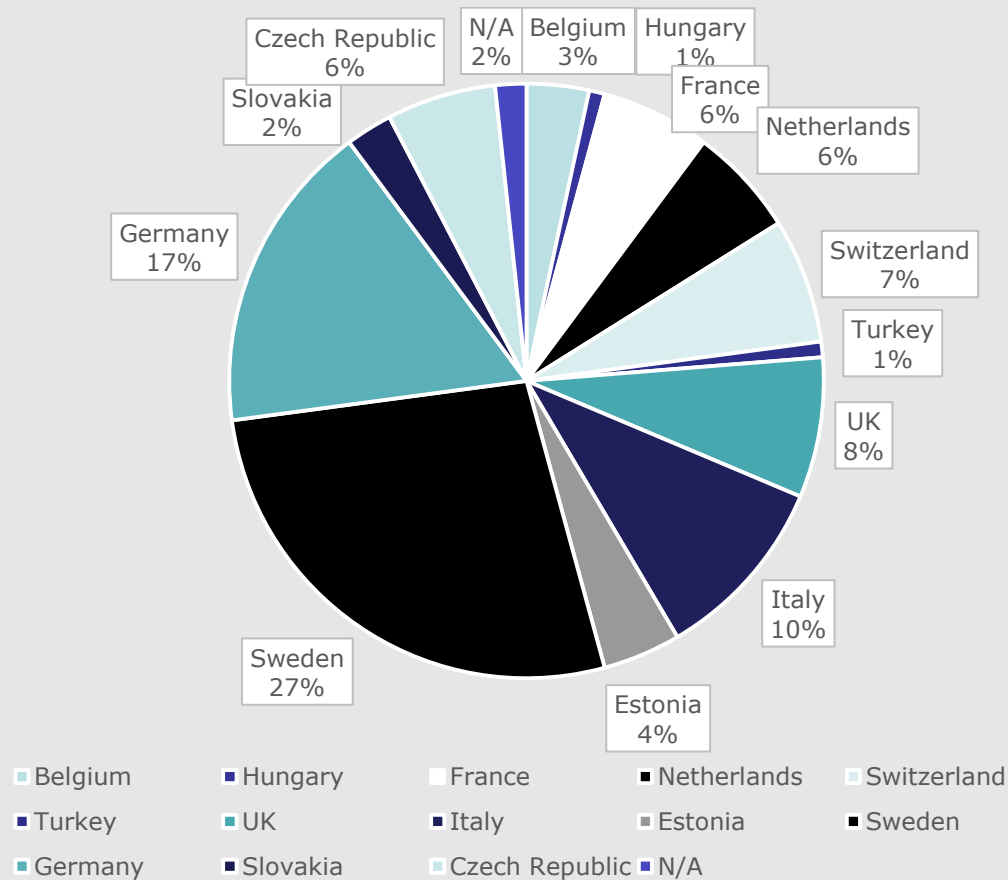
Position of participant



Organisation type



Country of Organisation





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About 15.000.000 results (0.40 seconds)

PART I: Topic description in Work Programmes

Problems & Suggestions

- Broader topic means more intellectual freedom but also a lower success rate.
- Uncertain if proposals can cover parts of call text.
- Wording vague with Scope/Impact hard to assess .
- Budget range confusions.
- Interdisciplinarity leads to crucial consortium building.
- Clarification of the political thinking or aim from the EC.
- 'Innovation' and 'Interdisciplinarity' shouldn't be the only guiding approaches to H2020 topics.
- NCPs, Infodays, Liaison Offices in Brussels and EC scientific officers were generally very helpful.



PART II: Technical aspects of Participant Portal

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Problems & Suggestions

- Call and topic search function is still difficult to use. Participants actually used google.
- Necessary documents' location inconsistent between topics or simply unexpected.
- IT requirements should be specified on PP.
- Still IT issues with omitted forms or submitted draft proposals disappearing immediately after submission.
- Helpdesk phone number.
- Mapping of European funded projects.
- Mitigated experiences with IT helpdesk and RES.



PART III: Evaluations

Problems & Suggestions

- Success rate 1st stage to be kept to a minimum.
- Very few comments and score explanations were given in the ESR compared to the size of the proposal.
- Links are missing between scores and justifications in ESR.
- There seems to be a gambling effect on evaluation rather than serious evaluation.
- Clear matrices should be used for impact evaluation and points deductions to show clear link between the weakness of a proposal and the attributed score.
- Stricter selection of evaluators.
- Consensus evaluators' meetings should be organised or become mandatory.



PART IV: Clarity of legal issues, guidelines and AMGA

Problems & Suggestions

- Very long documents.
- Inconsistencies between guidelines and online forms.
- Cost management and categories and financial support to third parties are still not very clear.
- All documents should be dated.
- AMGA should include a table of content, check list, user friendly media communications.
- 'Financial guidelines' as in FP7.

General observations

- Proposal preparation is very time consuming (for SMEs: loss of interest).
- ESR didn't allow participants to improve their future proposals as the comments were very short and vague.
- Small differences in documentation between topics leads to confusion.
- Scientists were discouraged by the vocabulary.
- 'Interdisciplinarity' was confused with 'multidisciplinarity'.
- More SMEs and Industry were involved.

Opportunities for future collaboration

- ERA in action.
- Future organisation.

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