

Opening Remarks

The extensive consultation exercise undertaken during 2014, has given the EUROPARC Federation an opportunity to consider its future priorities as expressed by the members.

Having been delayed for some time, the information now gathered should be a platform from which to renew and realign the organisation.

This survey came at a challenging time in the Federation's history. Membership is dropping and finances are becoming critical. Increased expectations and demands test the limited human capacity available.

Some residual malcontent about recent activities and decision in relation to the proposed merger were noted, but did not dominate the written feedback.

A wide range of opinions have been gathered with many disparate and sometimes contradictory views 😊. Clear decisions and difficult priorities are needed to be made in order that resources can be and a structure devised to deliver the aspirations of the network.

Thanks to all who contributed, staff, council and sections. As well as members who took time to reflect and consider.



STATUS:

Current EUROPARC membership = 374 members

Consultation results;

- Online survey = 272 received
- 182 valid entries, taking out empty forms and non-members
- 48% of membership

- ✓ 6 Focus group meetings were also held in, France(19), Hungary (14), Germany(6), Nordic Baltic(7), Low Countries (19), Atlantic Isles(19), totalling 84 participants

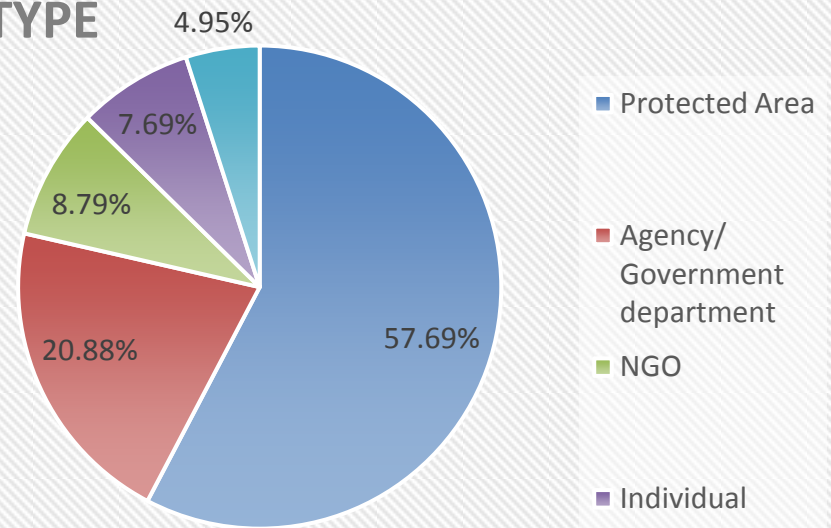
Highest number of entries

ITALY

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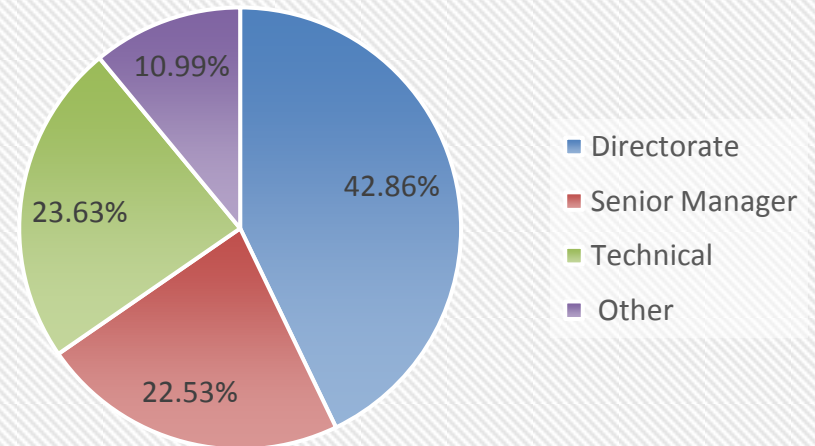
Options	%	Data
Protected Area	57.69%	105
Agency/ Government department	20.88%	38
NGO	8.79%	16
Individual	7.69%	14
Other	4.95%	9
Total	100.00%	182

TYPE



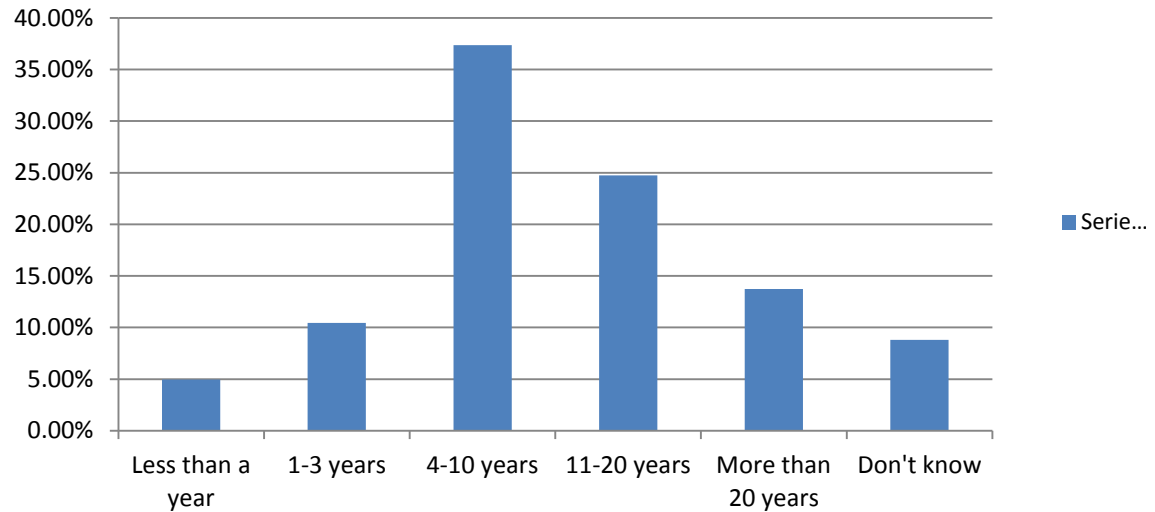
Options	%	Data
Directorate	42.86%	78
Senior Manager	22.53%	41
Technical	23.63%	43
Other	10.99%	20
Total	100.00%	182

LEVEL



Who are you?

YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP

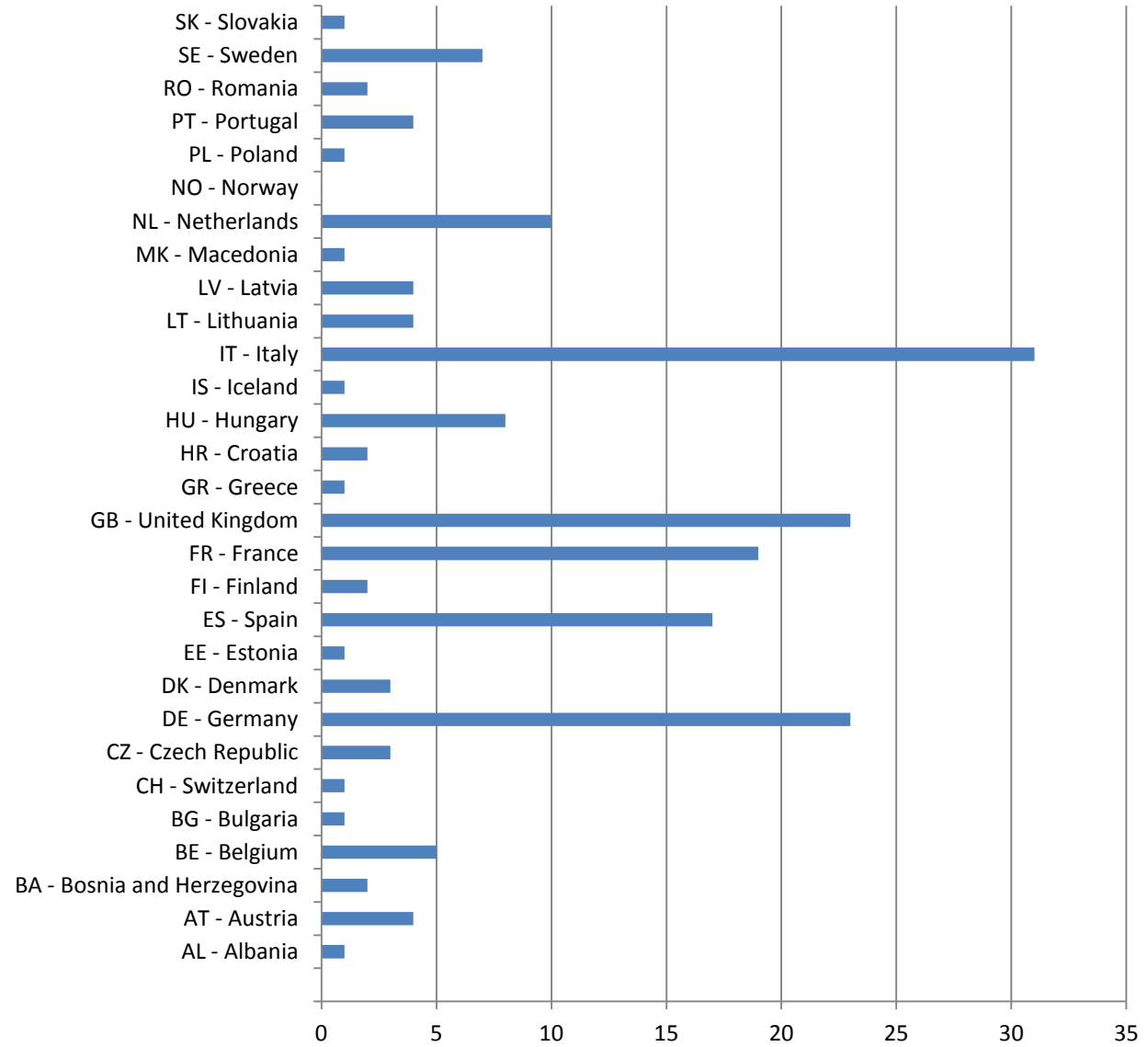


Options	%	Data
Less than a year	4.95%	9
1-3 years	10.44%	19
4-10 years	37.36%	68
11-20 years	24.73%	45
More than 20 years	13.74%	25
Don't know	8.79%	16
Total		182

Where are you from?

AL - Albania	1
AT - Austria	4
BA - Bosnia and Herzegovina	2
BE - Belgium	5
BG - Bulgaria	1
CH - Switzerland	1
CZ - Czech Republic	3
DE - Germany	23
DK - Denmark	3
EE - Estonia	1
ES - Spain	17
FI - Finland	2
FR - France	19
GB - United Kingdom	23
GR - Greece	1
HR - Croatia	2
HU - Hungary	8
IS - Iceland	1
IT - Italy	31
LT - Lithuania	4
LV - Latvia	4
MK - Macedonia	1
NL - Netherlands	10
NO - Norway	0
PL - Poland	1
PT - Portugal	4
RO - Romania	2
SE - Sweden	7
SK - Slovakia	1

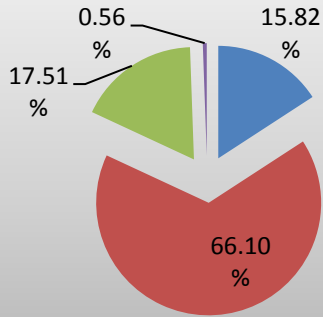
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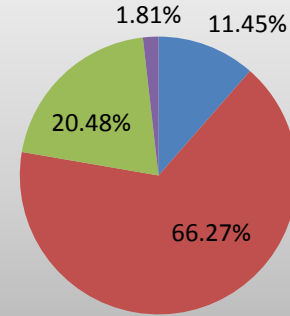
Exchange and networking/
Opportunities to network
through EUROPARC

Count
VS 28
S 117
D 31
VD 1
Total 177



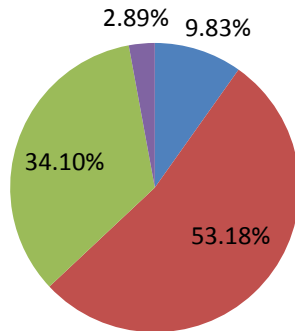
Number of
events/workshops/projects

Count
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S 110
D 34
VD 3
Total 166



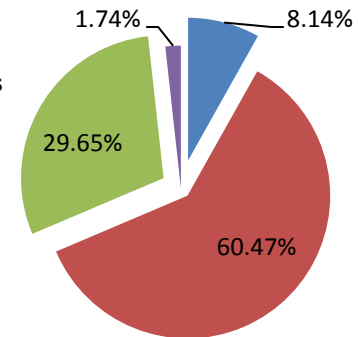
Opportunities to develop
partnerships, e.g.
projects.

Count
VS 17
S 92
D 59
VD 5
Total 173



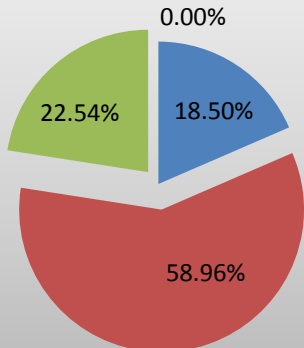
Information available on
other organisations' events

Count
VS 14
S 104
D 51
VD 3
Total 172



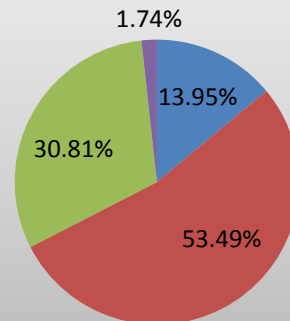
Learning possibilities through
workshops/events organized
by EUROPARC

Count
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S 102
D 39
VD 0
Total 173

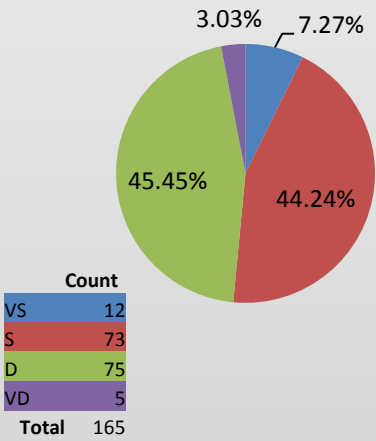


Information about best
practice examples in the field
of protected area management

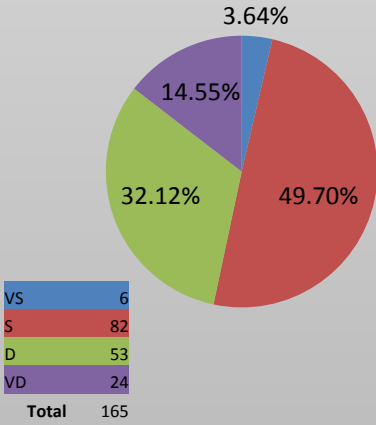
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D 53
VD 3
Total 172



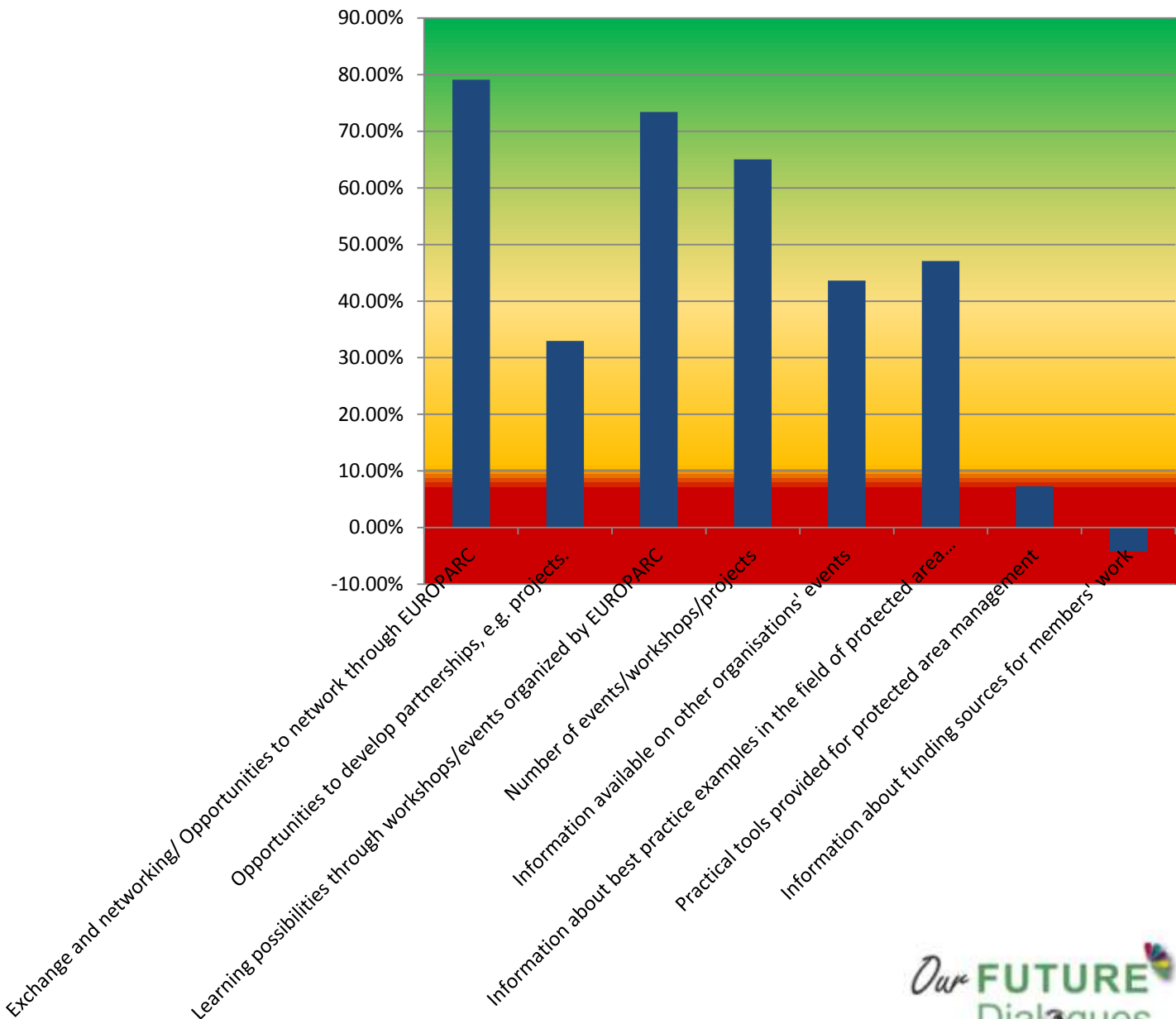
Practical tools provided for protected area management



Information about funding sources for members' work

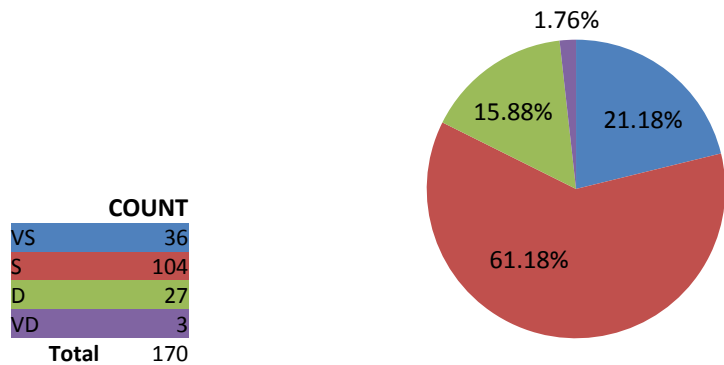


Summary of satisfaction of Federation work

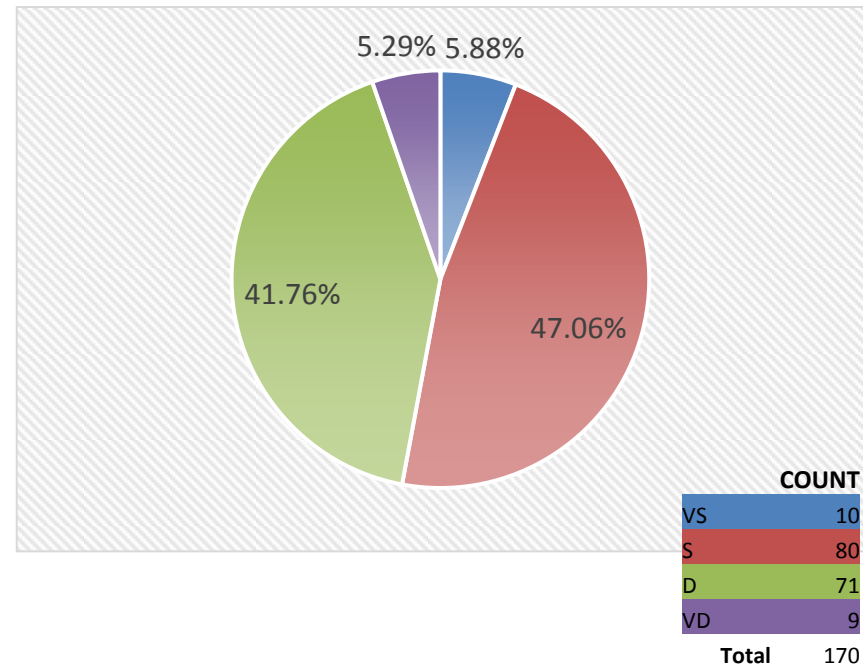


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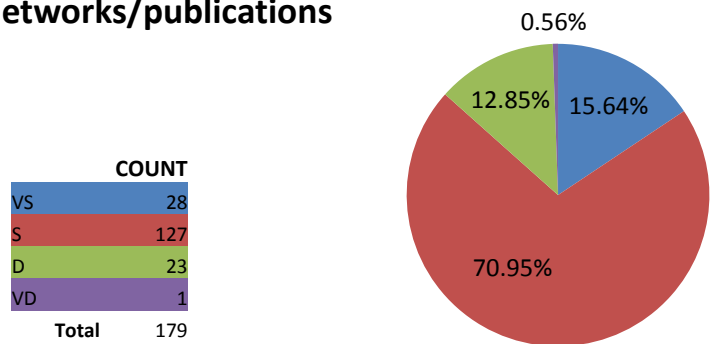
Participation in EUROPARC's projects or programmes (Charter, Junior Ranger, Transboundary)



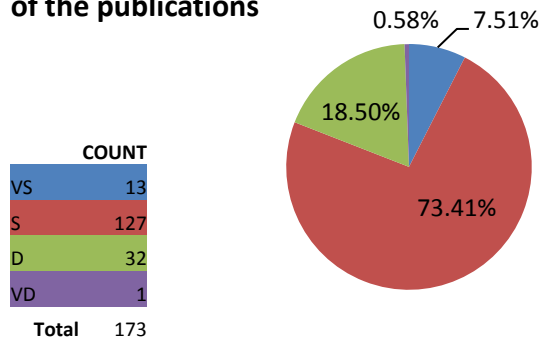
Promotion of my protected area or organisation



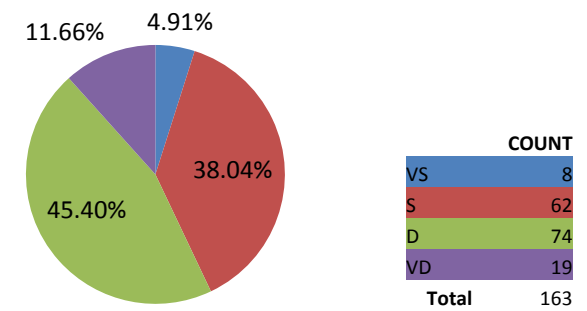
Information provided by EUROPARC through e-News/website/social networks/publications



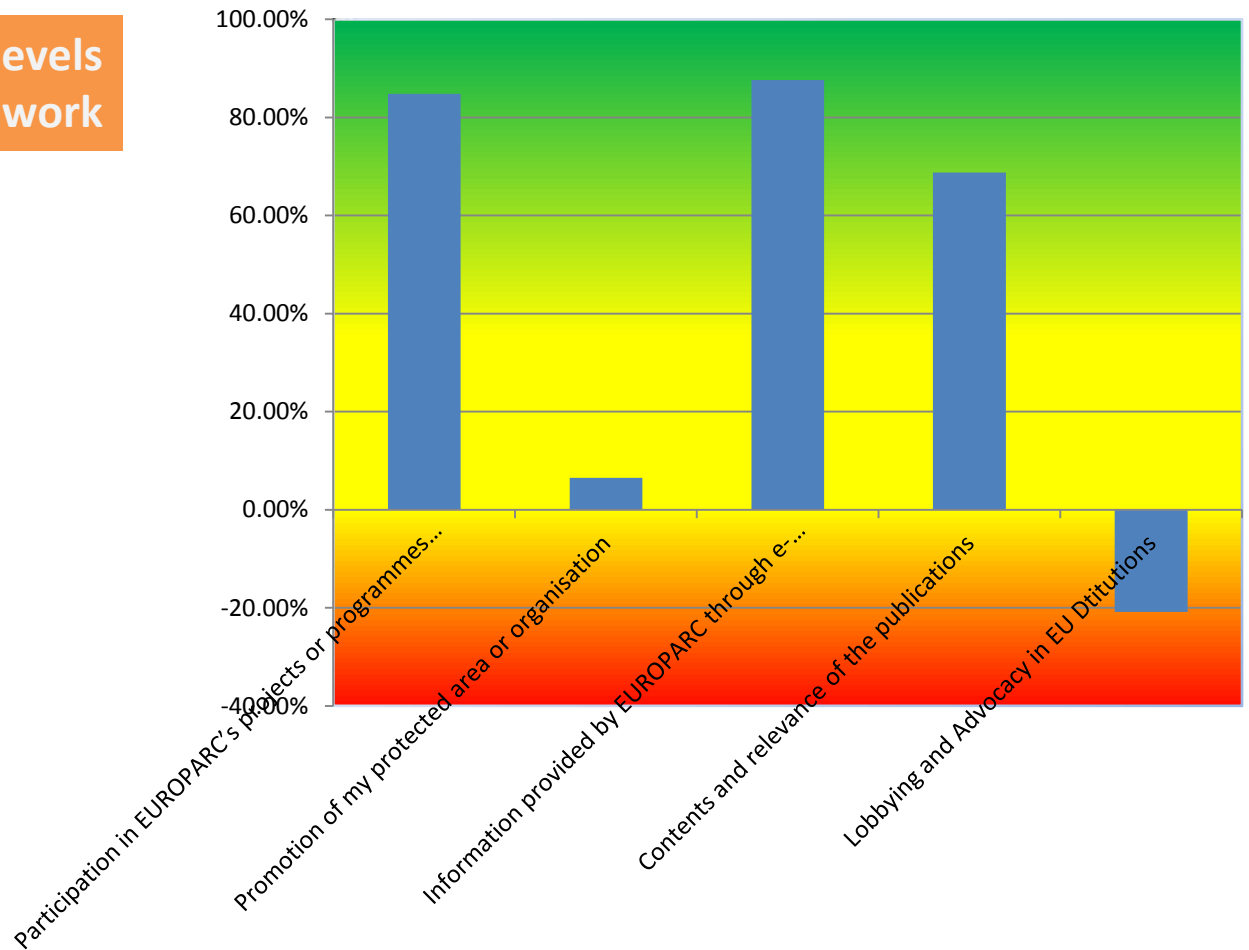
Contents and relevance of the publications



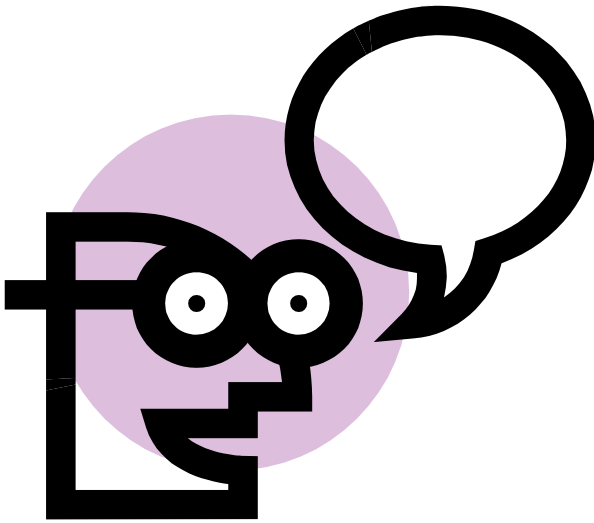
Lobbying and Advocacy in EU Institutions



Summary of Satisfaction levels of areas of Federation's work



What have we learned so far.....



Works in a Protected Area

Is in Senior Management

Has been a EUROPARC member for about 8 years

May be Italian 😊. Certainly Western European.

Is most satisfied with Federations work in

networking

events

information

Is least satisfied with

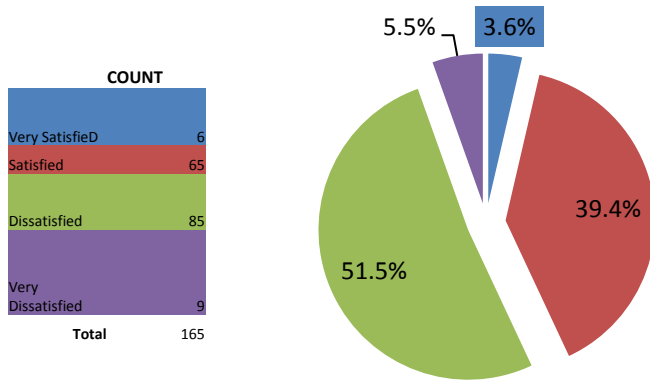
practical tools in PA management

information about funding

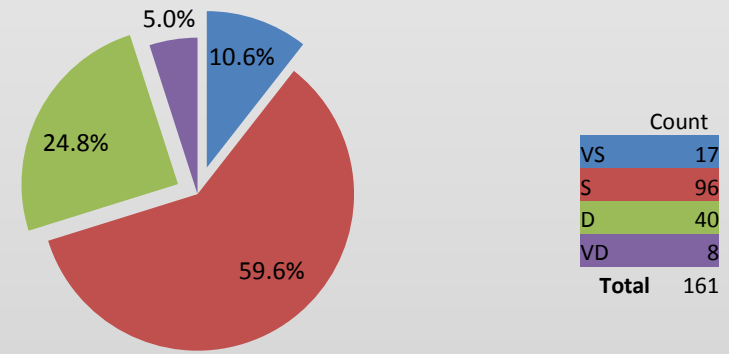
chance to make partnerships/projects

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,Some governance issues.....

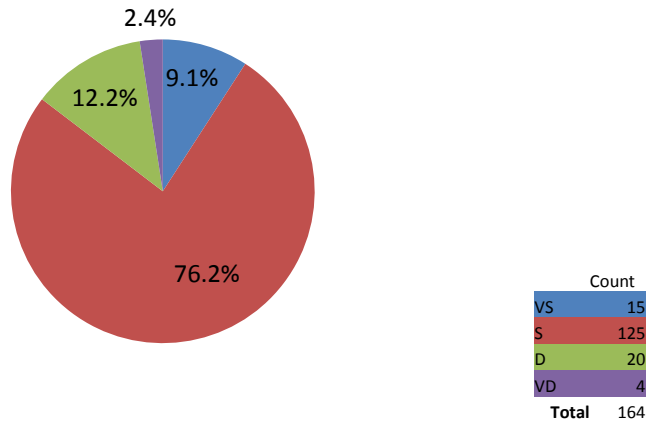
Opportunities to participate in the lobbying work



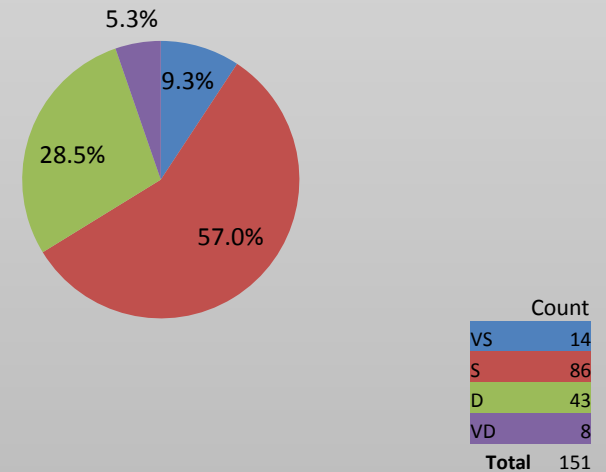
Work of the Directorate



Process of becoming a member

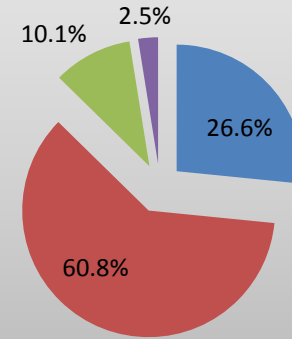


Work of the Council



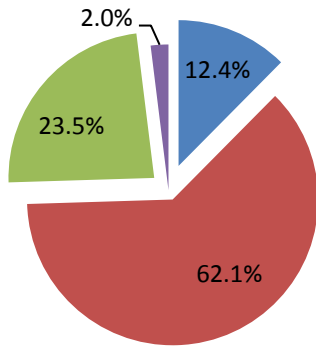
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The EUROPARC Conference



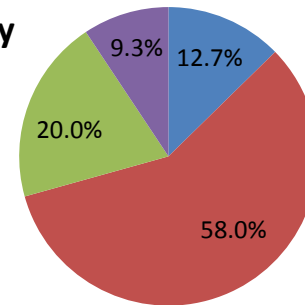
Count	
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S	96
D	16
VD	4
Total	158

Work of the Working Groups



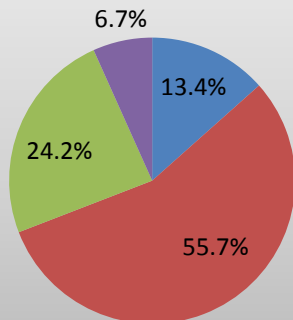
Count	
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S	95
D	36
VD	3
Total	153

The General Assembly



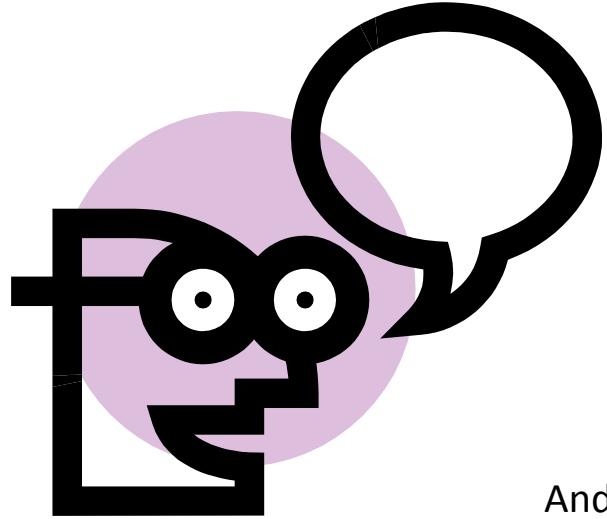
Count	
VS	19
S	87
D	30
VD	14
Total	150

Work of EUROPARC Consulting



Count	
VS	20
S	83
D	36
VD	10
Total	149





Works in a Protected Area
Is in Senior Management
Has been a EUROPARC member for about 8 years
May be Italian 😊. Certainly Western European.
Is most satisfied with
networking
events
information
Is least satisfied with
practical tools
information about funding
chance to make partnerships/projects..

And there's more.....

Not happy with (most very dissatisfied %'s)
•The General Assembly
•The work of the Council



•EUROPARC Consulting
•Directorate
Could do better

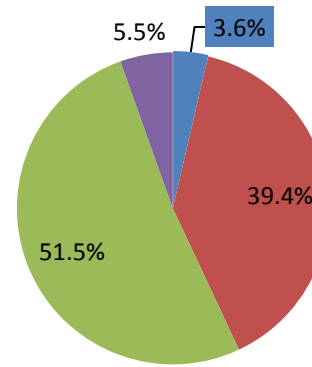
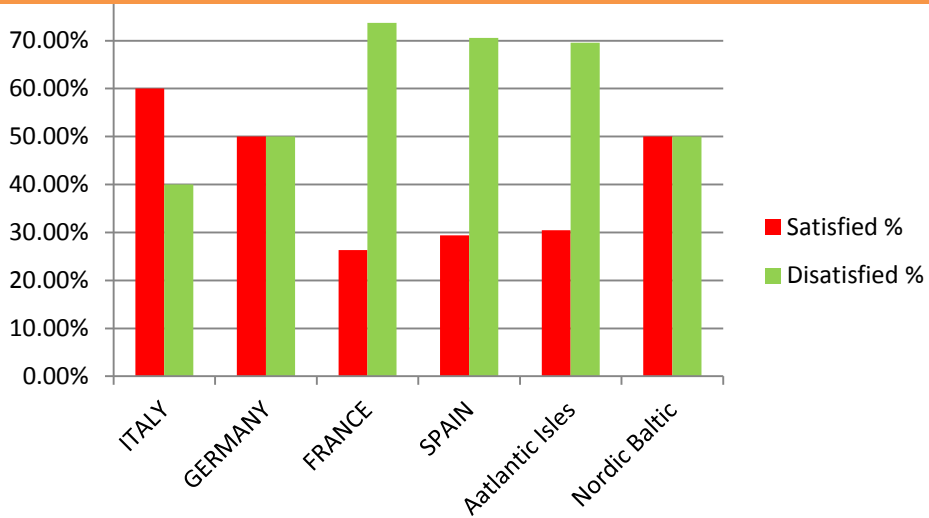


But likes
•The process of becoming a member
•The Conference
•The working groups



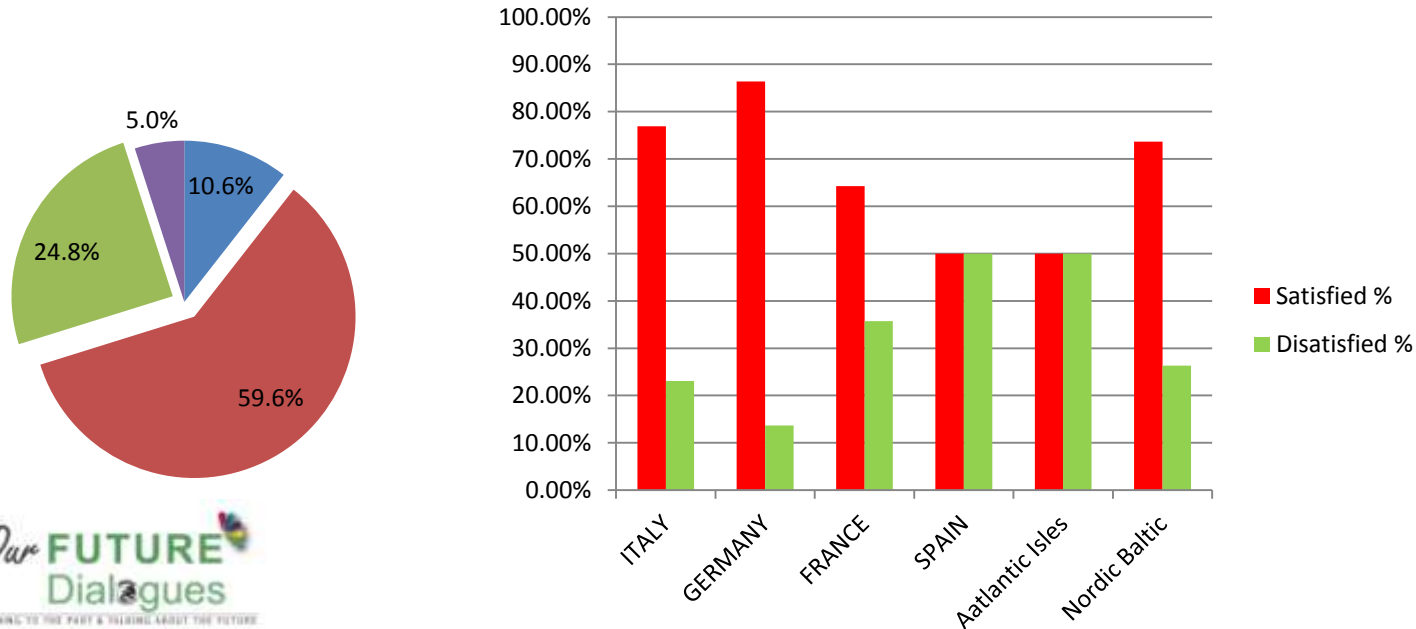
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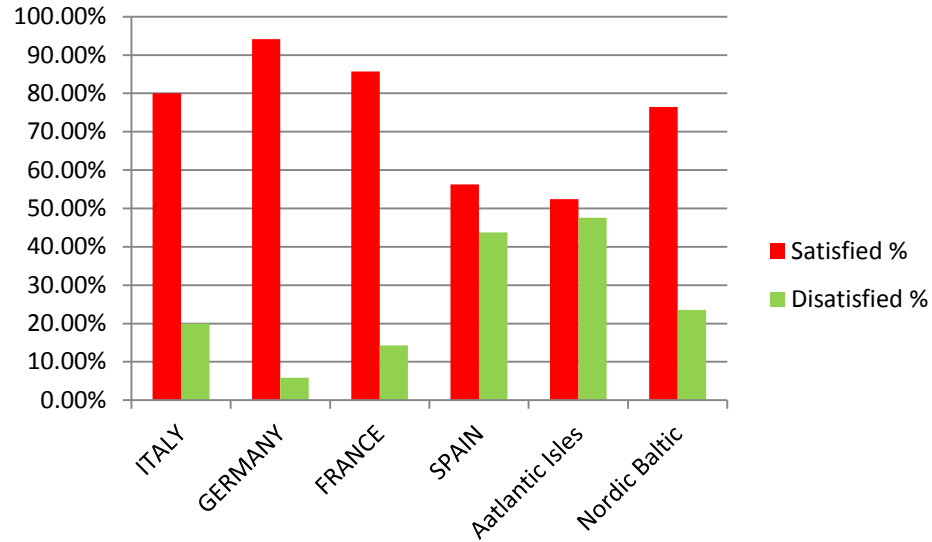
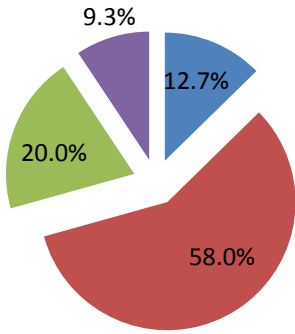
	/Total
Italy	25/31
Germany	18/23
France	19/17
Spain	17/19
Atlantic Isles	23/23
Nordic Baltic	18/20
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Work of the Directorate



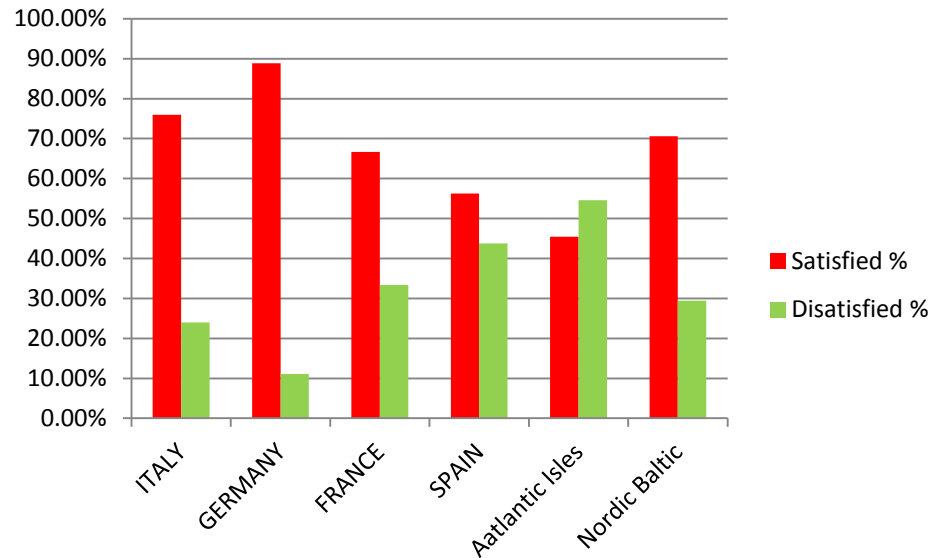
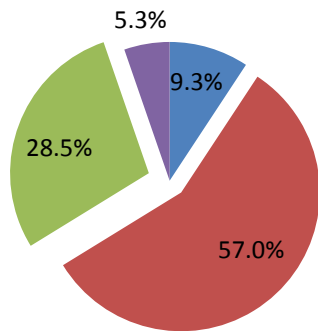
Section	Answered /total
Italy	26/31
Germany	22/23
France	14/17
Spain	16/19
Atlantic Isles	22/23
Nordic Baltic	19/20
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The General Assembly



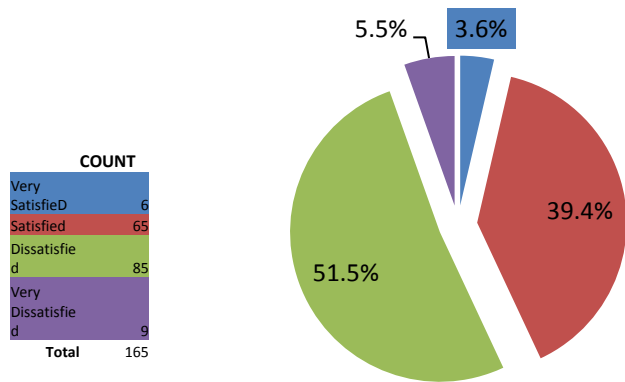
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Work of the Council

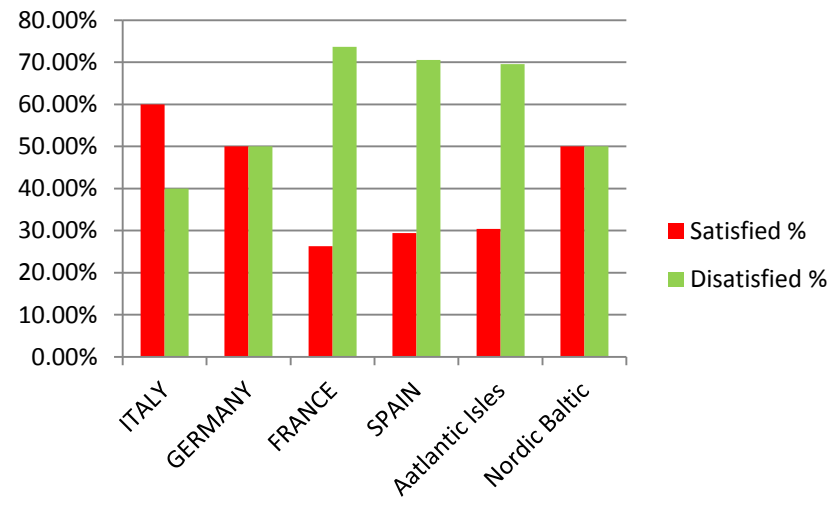


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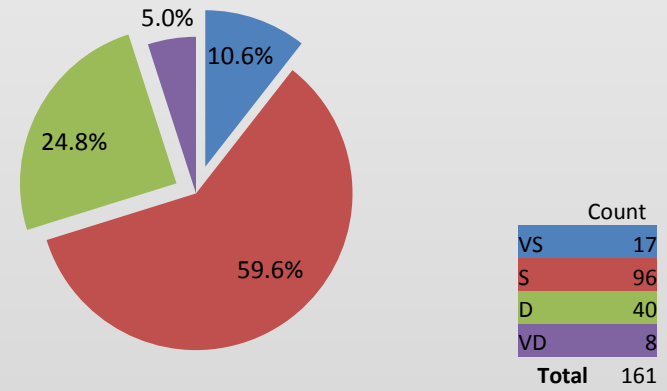
Opportunities to participate in the lobbying work



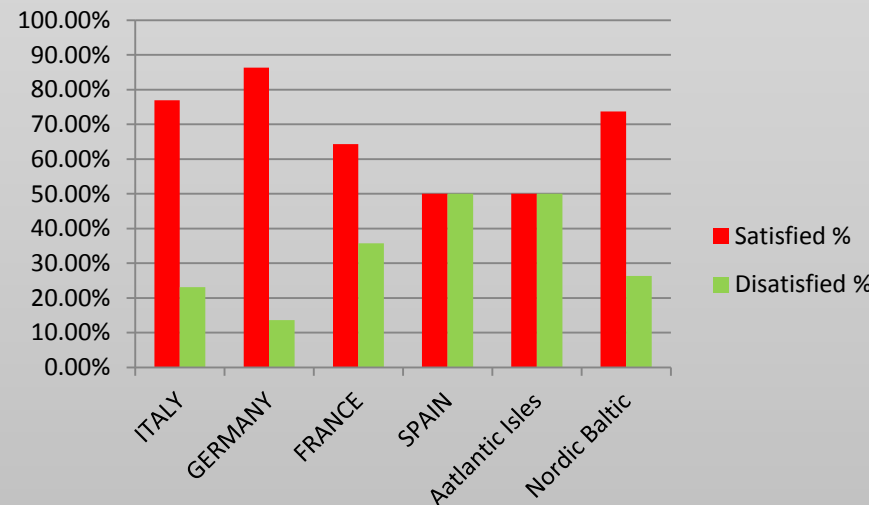
per countries...



Work of the Directorate

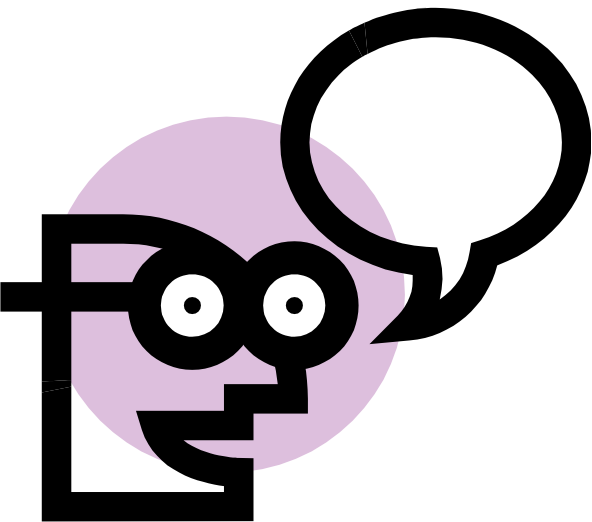


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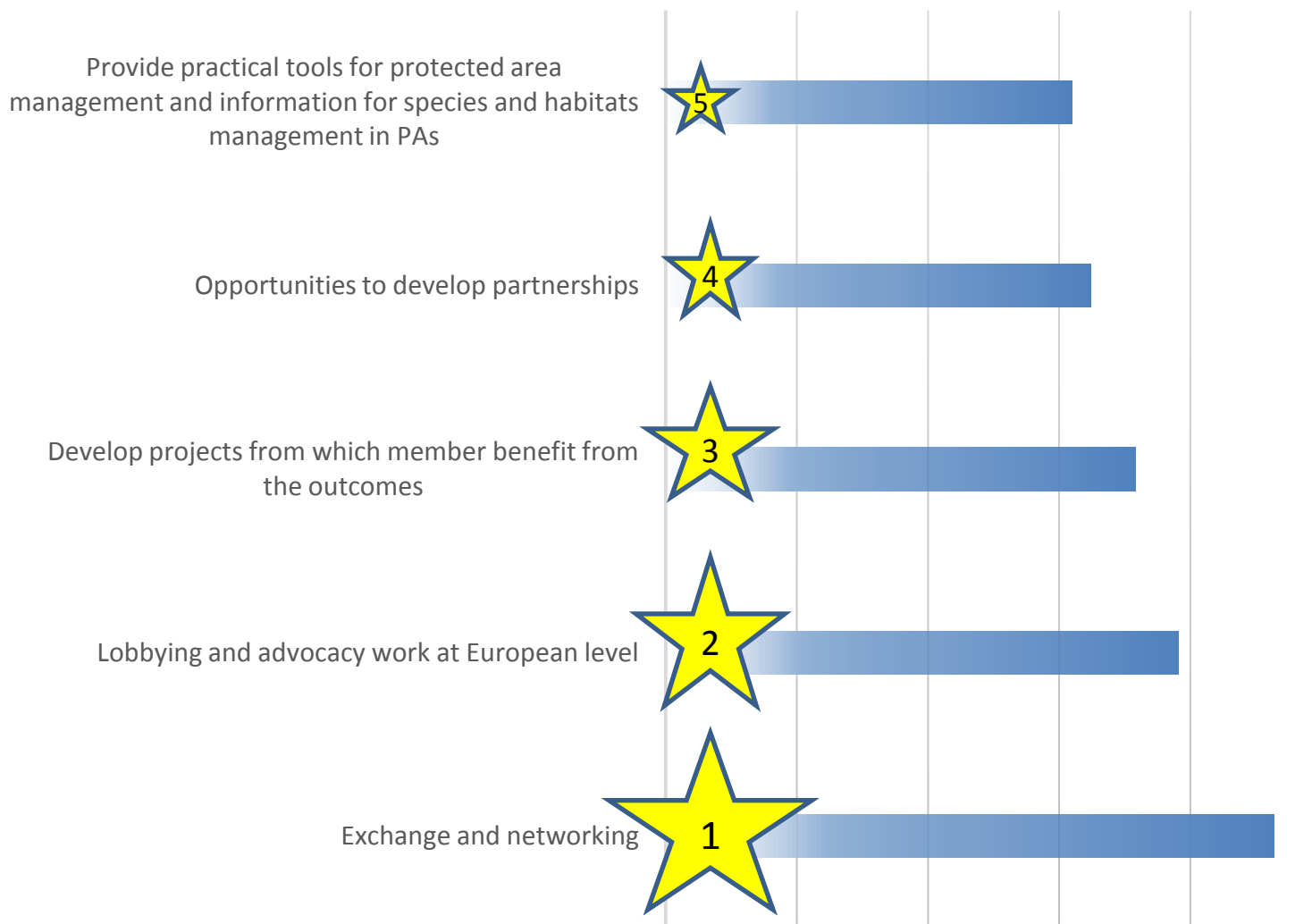
Does it vary by Country??.....

- Everyone pretty much dissatisfied with opportunity to take part in lobbying. NB 50:50
- 70: 30 satisfied with Directorate work, but EAI and Spain 50-50.
- 70:30 satisfied with General Assembly – departure from focus groups, with Spain and EAI showing least (but not majority dissatisfaction)
- Council satisfaction level (lowest but still majority), unlike focus groups. Only EAI show majority dissatisfied.



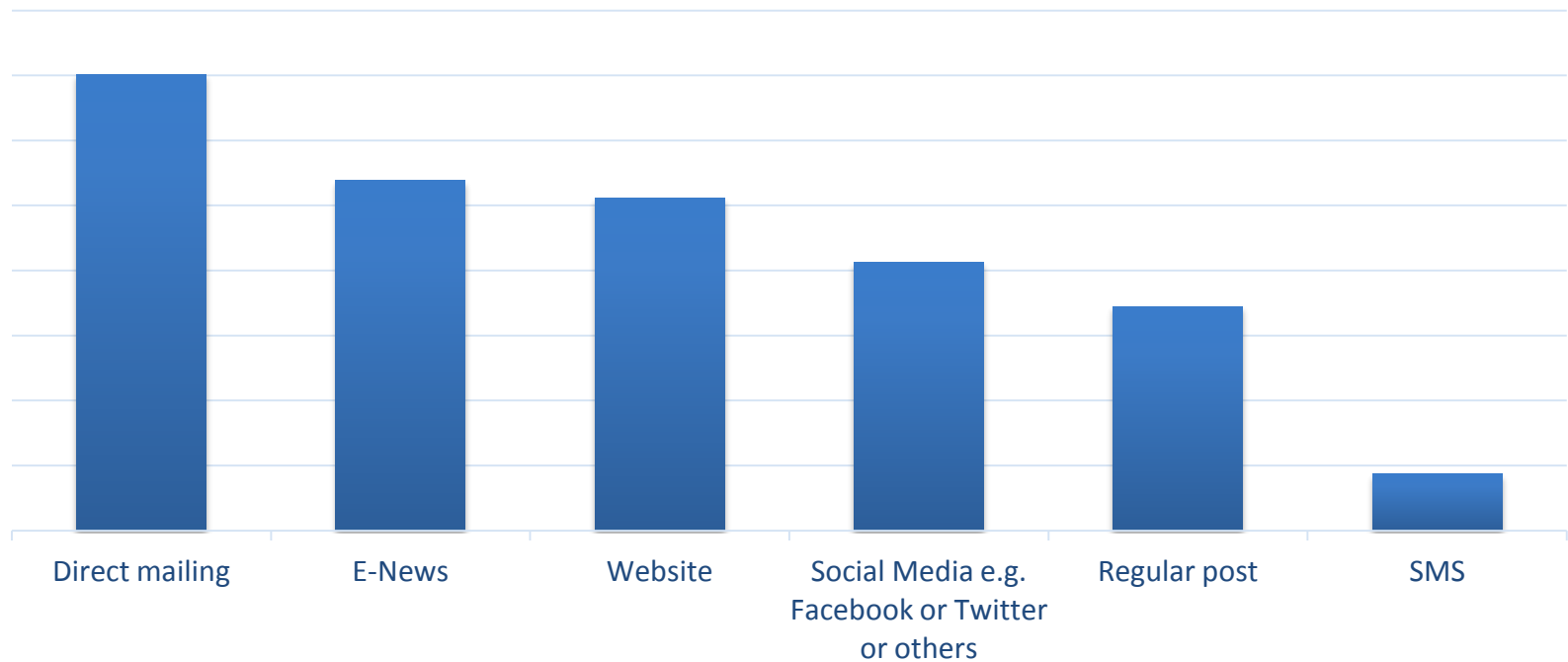
Top 5 priorities for the EUROPARC Federation

Q.9 What should be in your opinion the priorities of EUROPARC in the next 5 years?



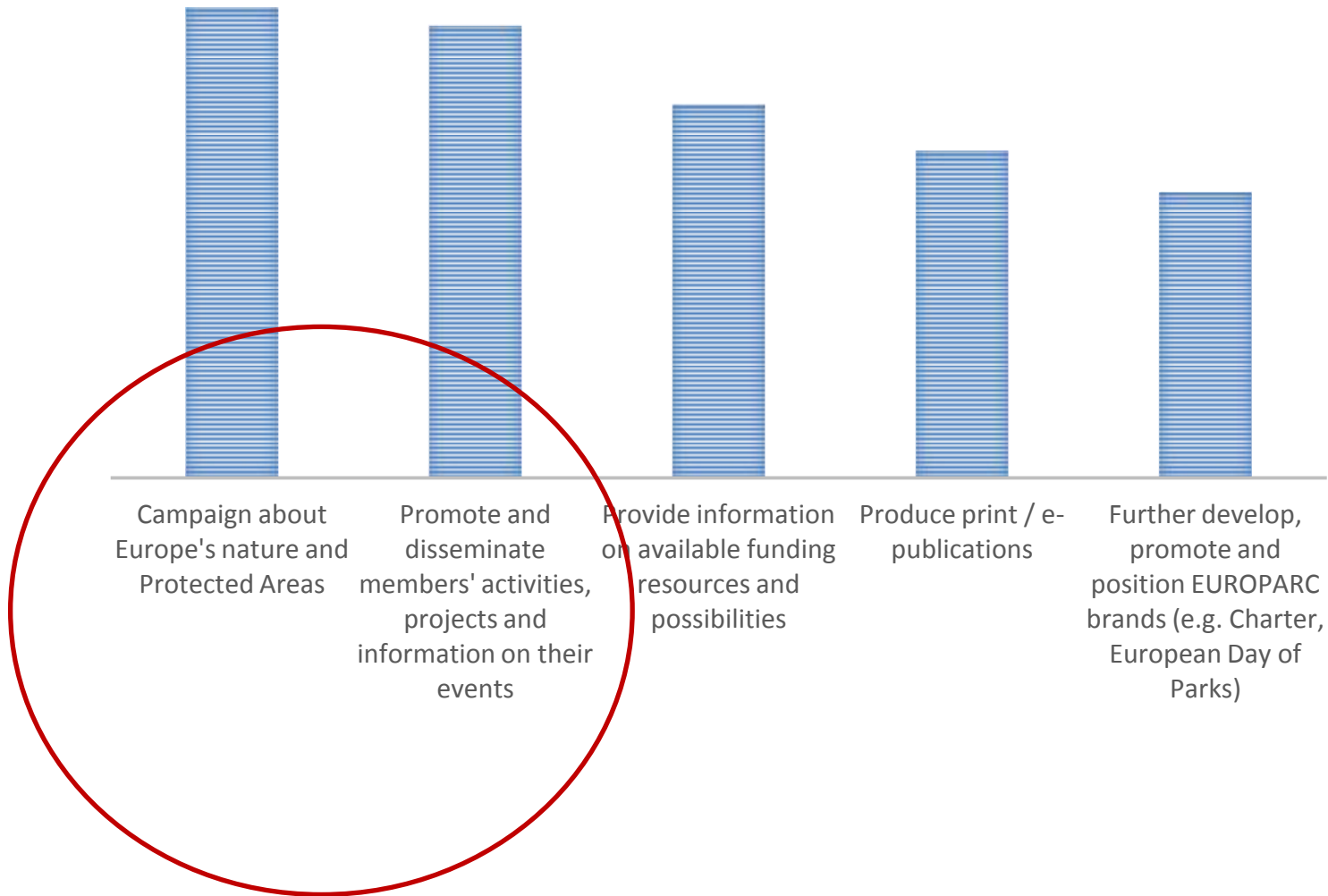
What EUROPARC channel do you prefer when receiving EUROPARC information?
Please choose top 5 and rank 1 - highest priority and 5 - lowest.

Top 5 preferred communication channels

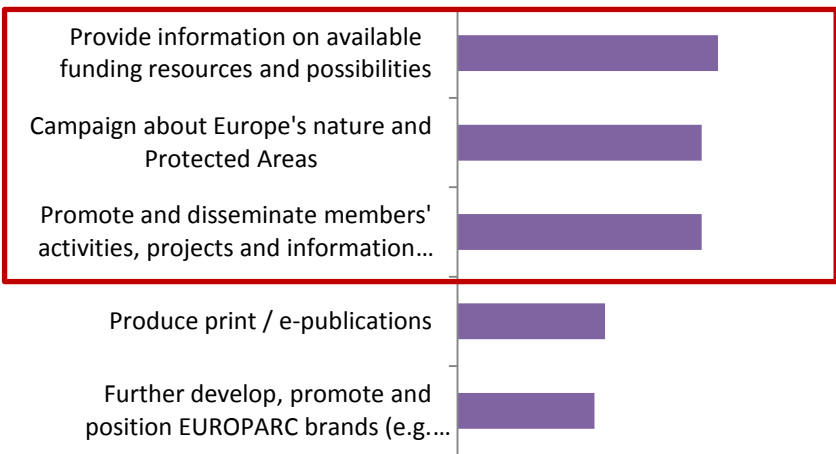


What kind of information would you like to have available through EUROPARC channels?

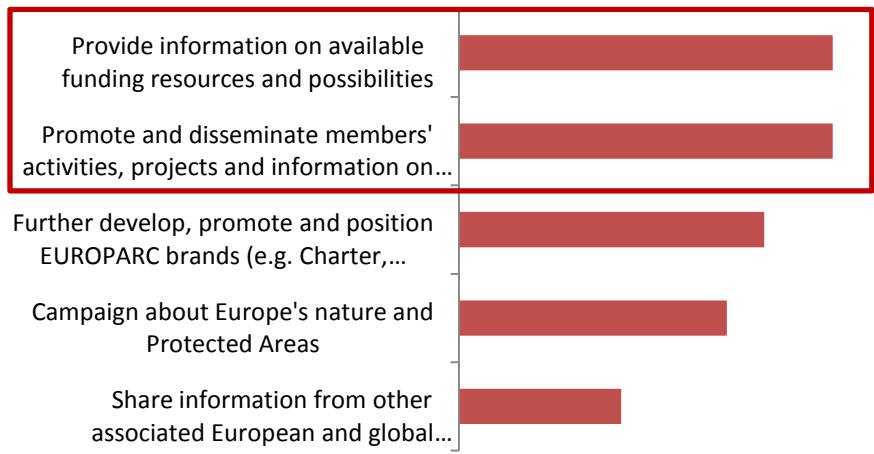
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Communication priorities of EUROPARC for the Italian members



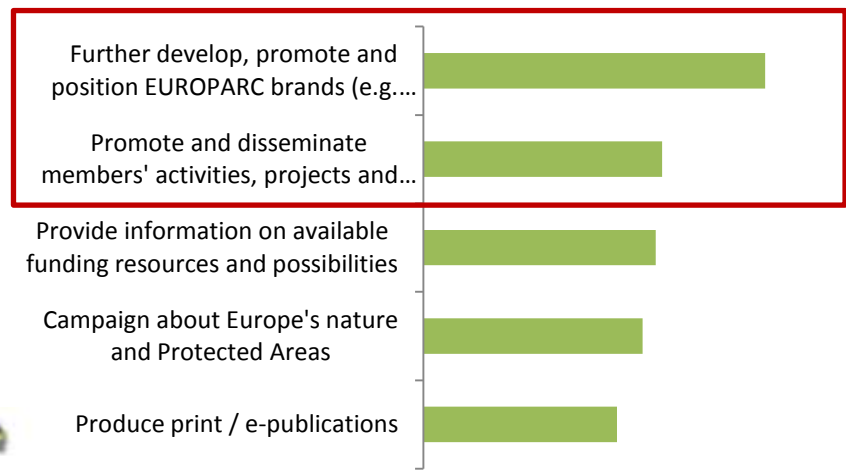
Communication priorities of EUROPARC for the French members



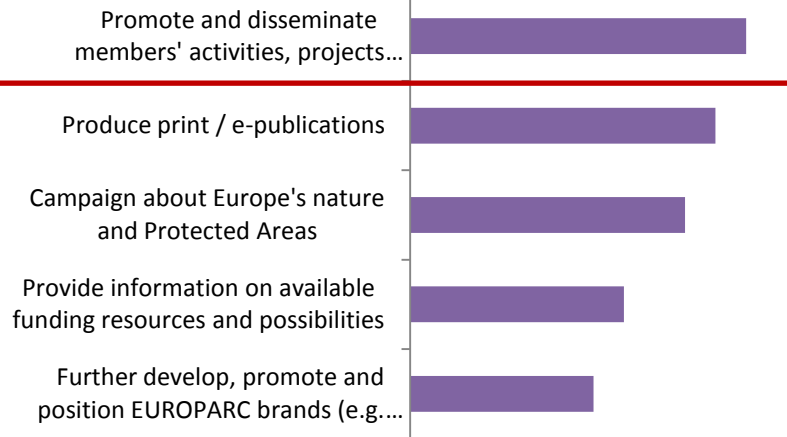
Communication priorities of EUROPARC for the German members



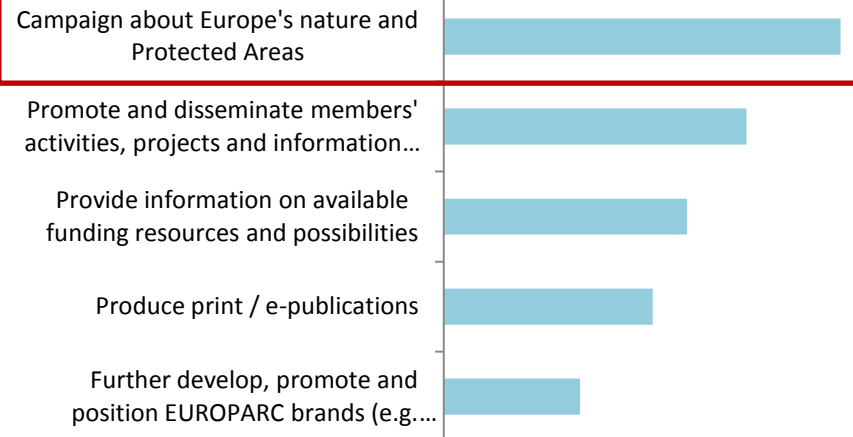
Communication priorities of EUROPARC for the Spanish members



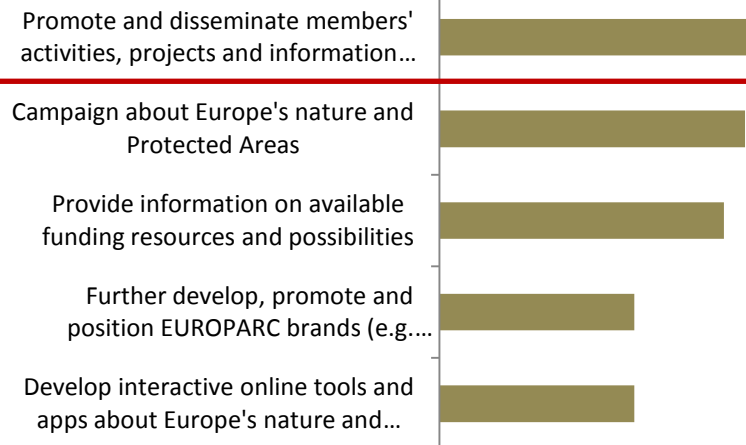
Communication priorities of EUROPARC for the **Czech** members



Communication priorities of EUROPARC for the **Atlantic Isles** members



Communication priorities of EUROPARC for the **Nordic Baltic** members



Atlantic Isles want a campaign about Europe's nature and PA's

Nordic Baltic want more promotion of members activities

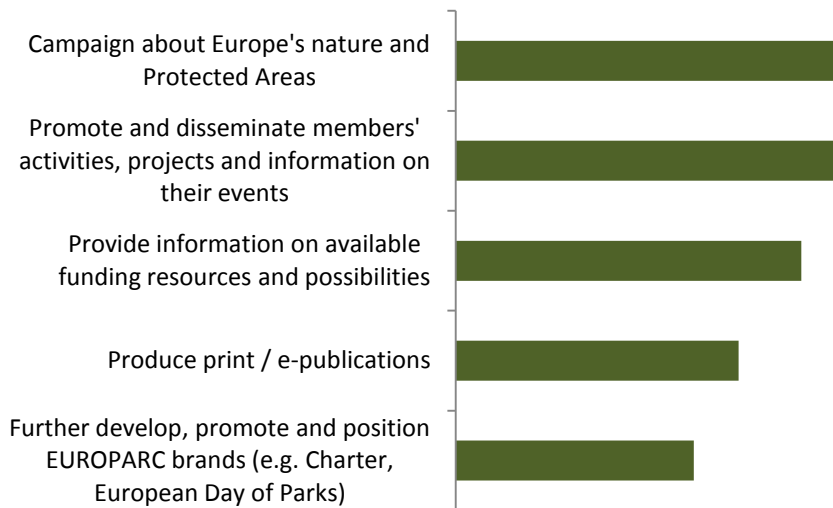
French members want information about funding and to promote members activities

Spanish member want further promotion of EUROPARC brands and to promote members activities

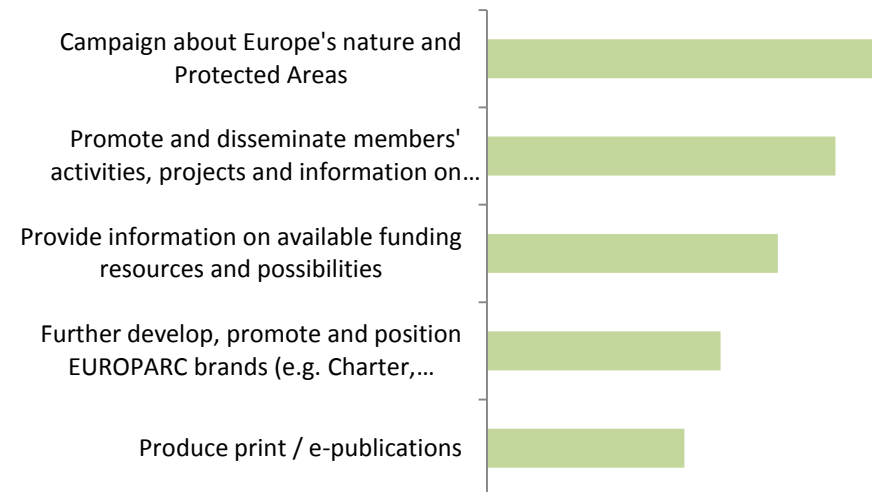
Italians want more information about funding , a campaign and to promote members activities



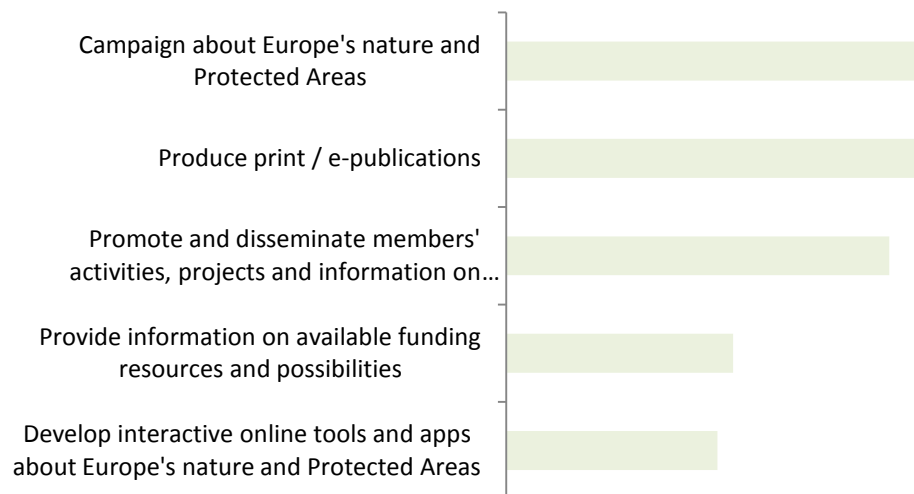
Communication priorities of EUROPARC for the Pas



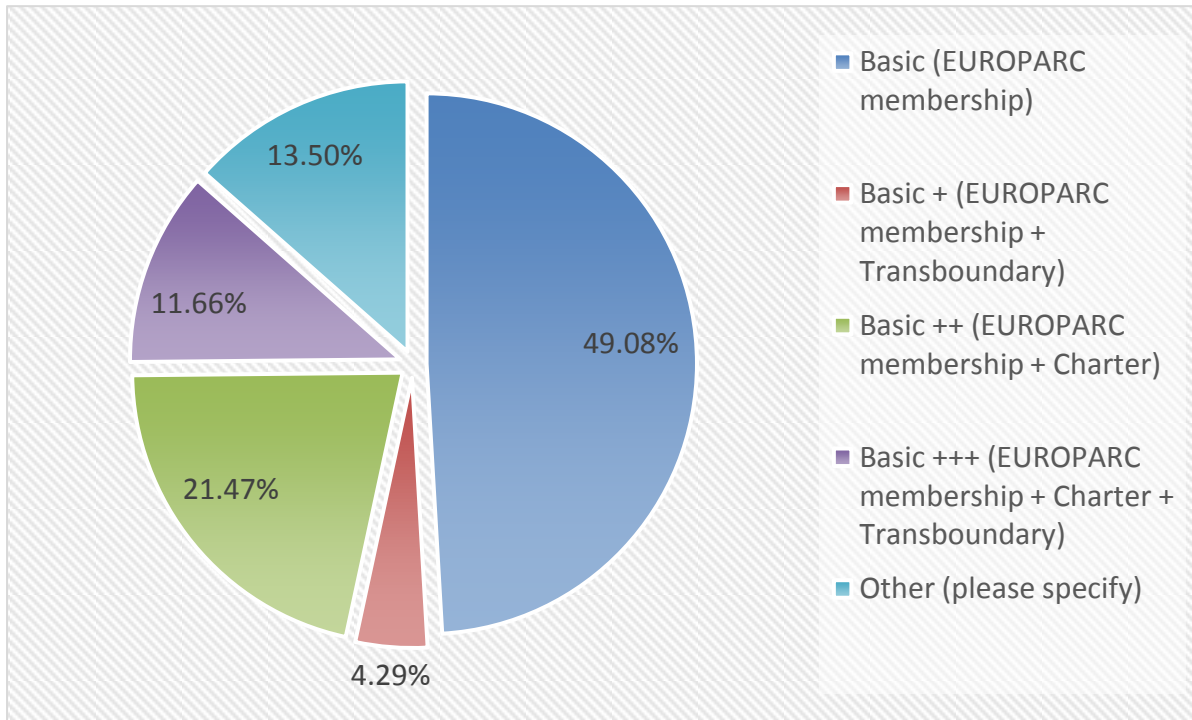
Communication priorities of EUROPARC for Agencies/ Government Dep.



Communication priorities of EUROPARC for NGOs

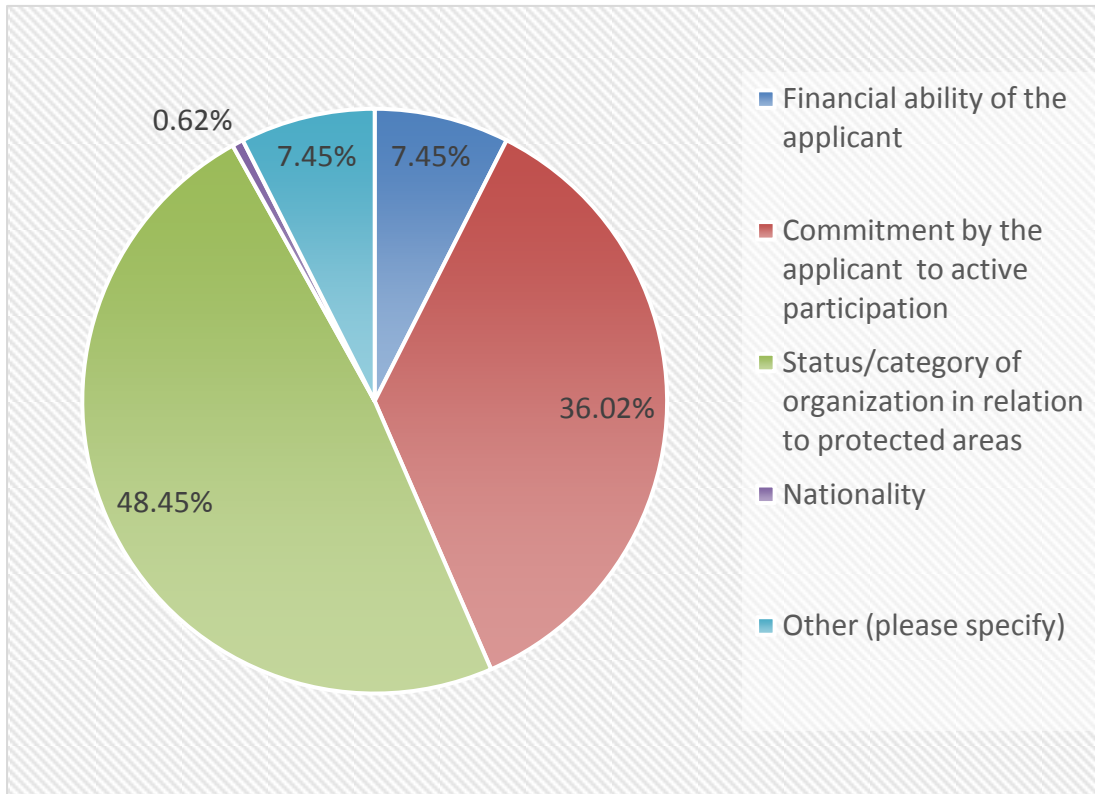


Currently some EUROPARC services are paid separately, e.g. Charter and Transboundary. If these were combined with a basic membership fee, which package of membership fee would be most useful for you?



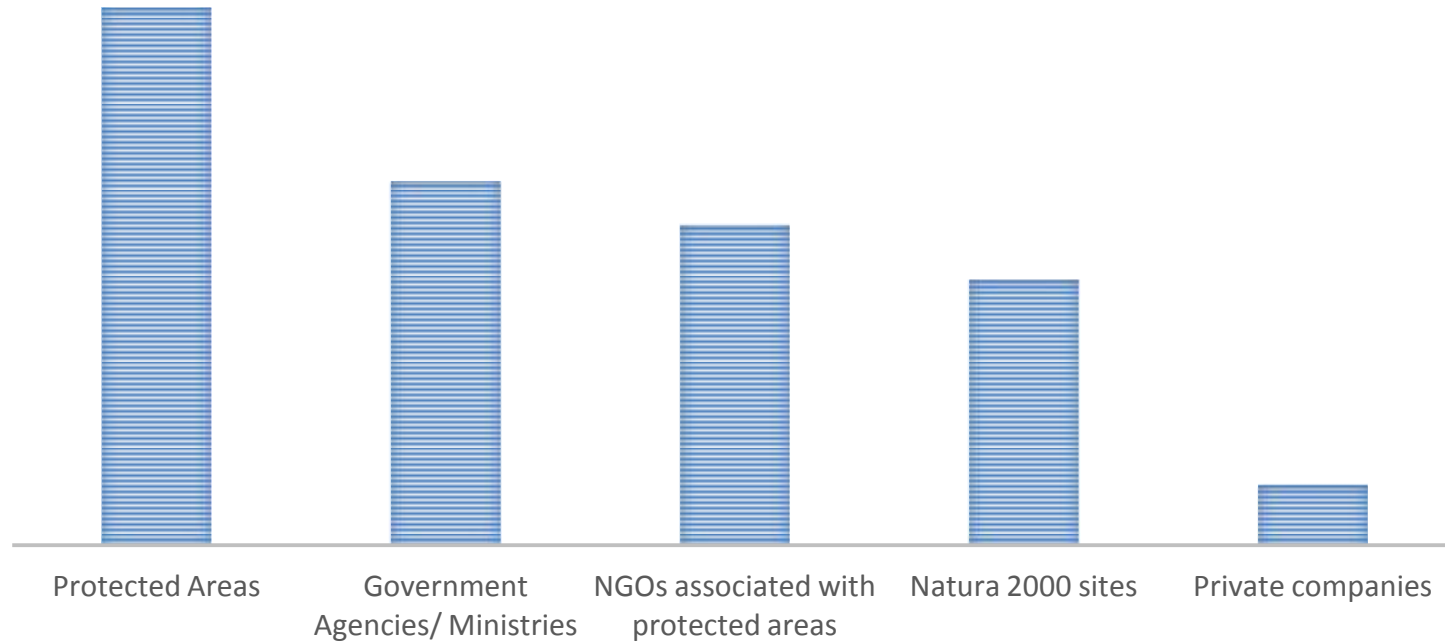
Option	Count	%
Basic (EUROPARC membership)	80	49.08%
Basic + (EUROPARC membership + Transboundary)	7	4.29%
Basic ++ (EUROPARC membership + Charter)	35	21.47%
Basic +++ (EUROPARC membership + Charter + Transboundary)	19	11.66%
Other (please specify)	22	13.50%
Total	163	

What should be the selection criteria to join the Federation?

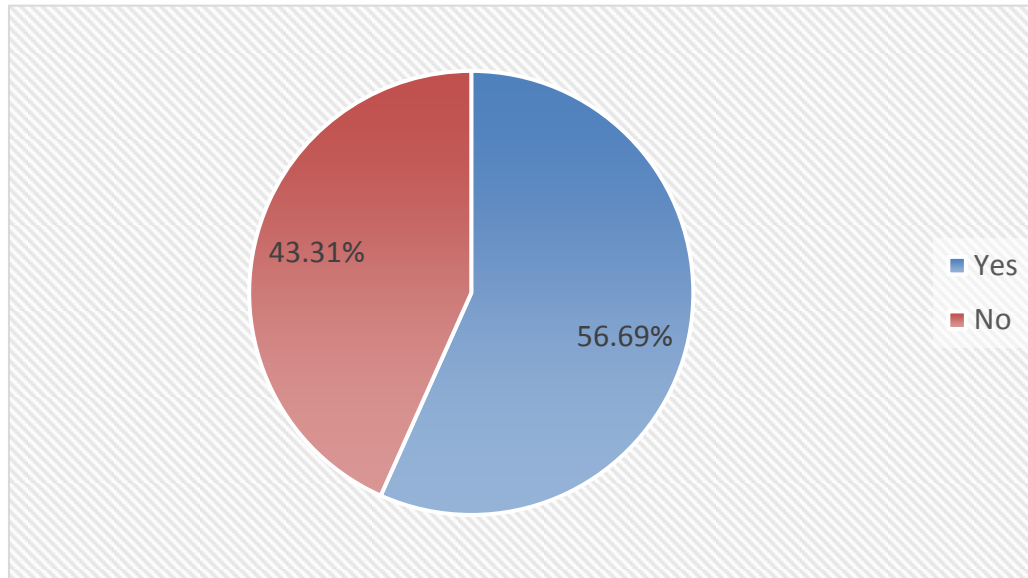


OPTION	COUNT	%
Financial ability of the applicant	12	7.45%
Commitment by the applicant to active participation	58	36.02%
Status/category of organization in relation to protected areas	78	48.45%
Nationality	1	0.62%
Other (please specify)	12	7.45%
Total	161	100.00%

Who should be the members of EUROPARC?

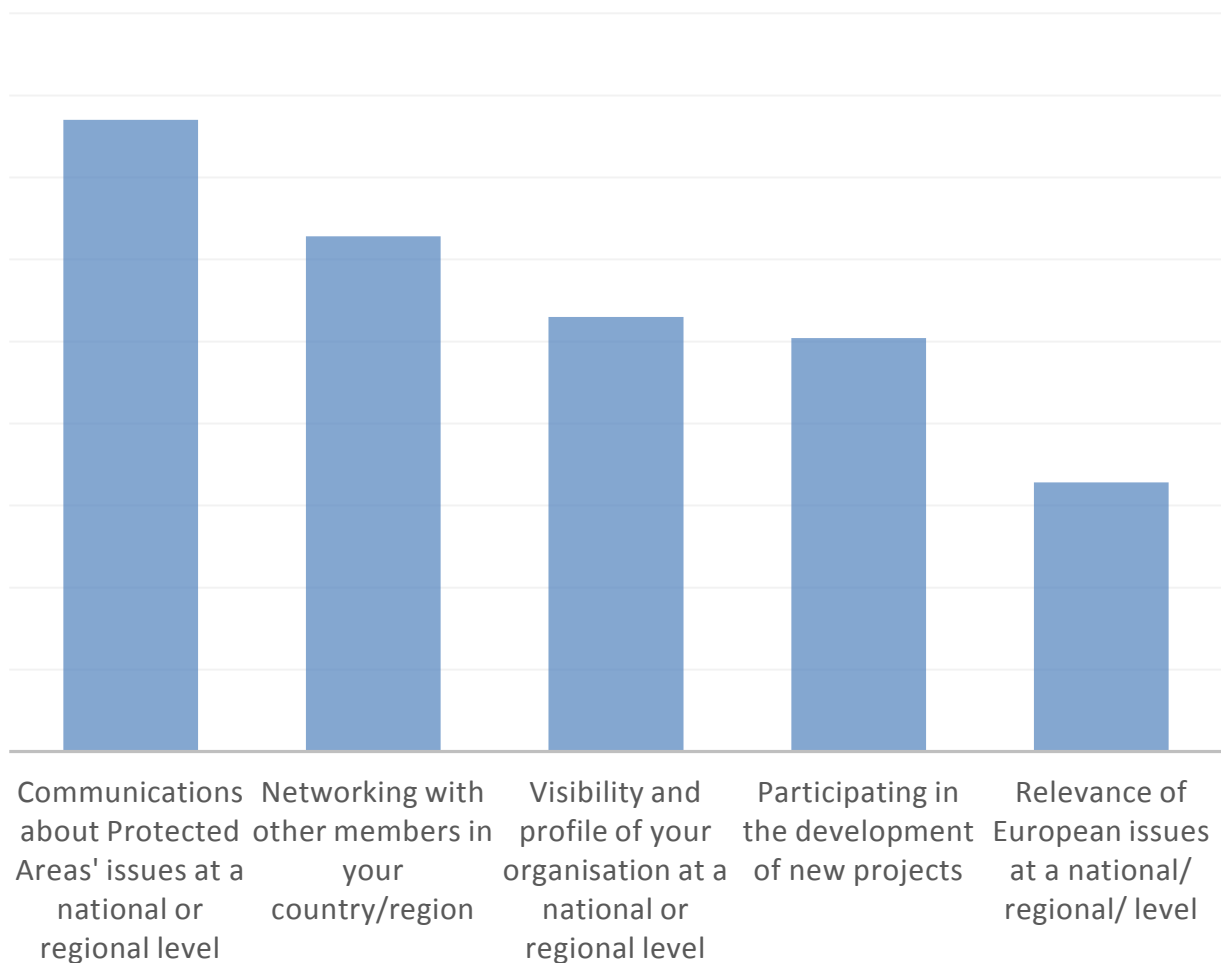


Are you member of a Section?.

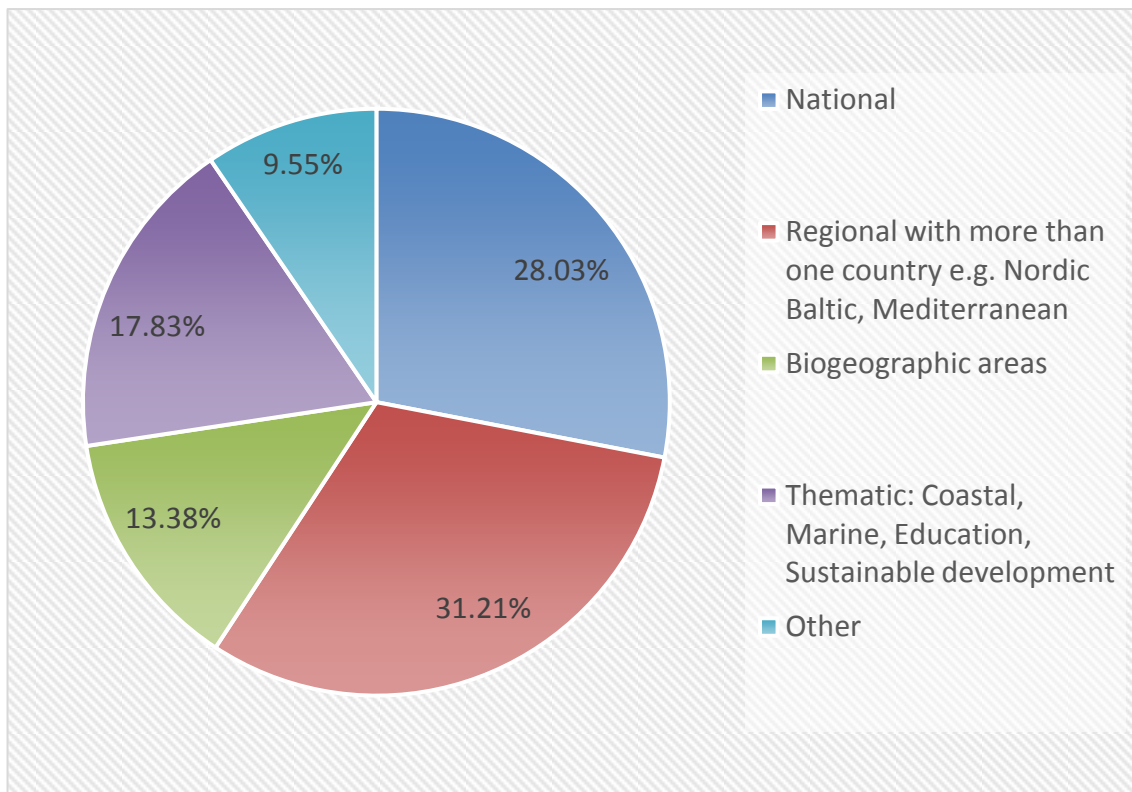


**Low Countries , Dutch /Belgium members at the point of the survey only 4 /15 answered yes so we have not included them as section results*

How does your organisation benefit from being a member of a Section?



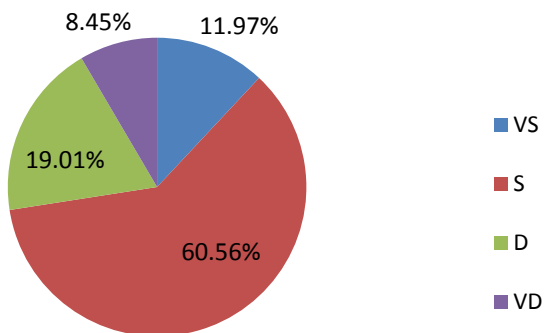
At which level do you think EUROPARC sections should work?



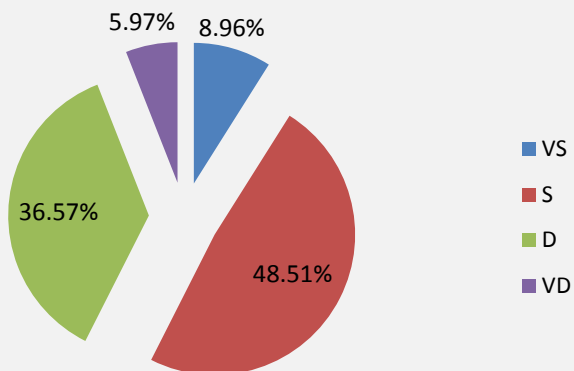
OPTIONS	COUNT	%
National	44	28.03%
Regional with more than one country e.g. Nordic Baltic, Mediterranean	49	31.21%
Biogeographic areas	21	13.38%
Thematic: Coastal, Marine, Education, Sustainable development	28	17.83%
Other	15	9.55%
Total	157	100.00%

How satisfied are you with the following aspects that deal with the management of the EUROPARC Federation?

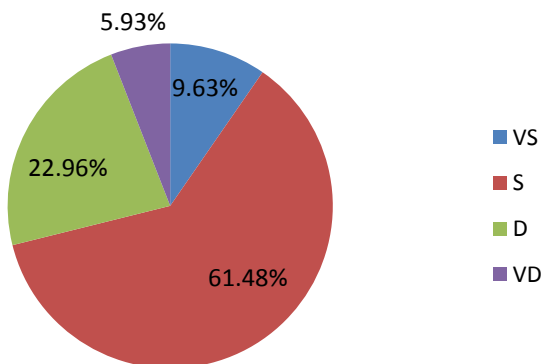
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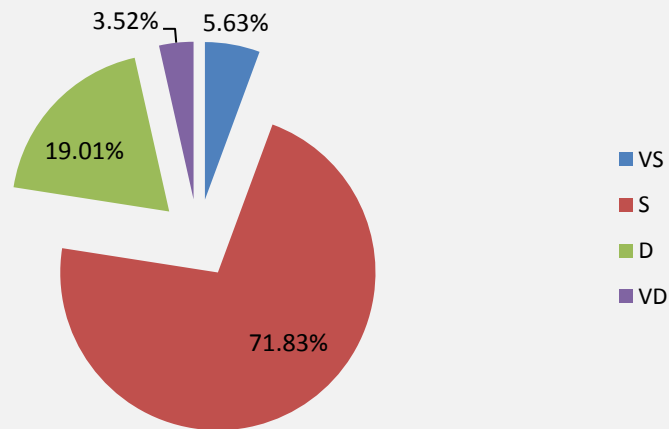
Contacts with council members



Elections of President and Council members

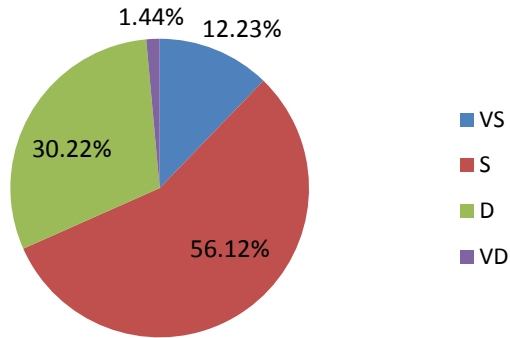


Access to official documents (statutes, regulations etc.)

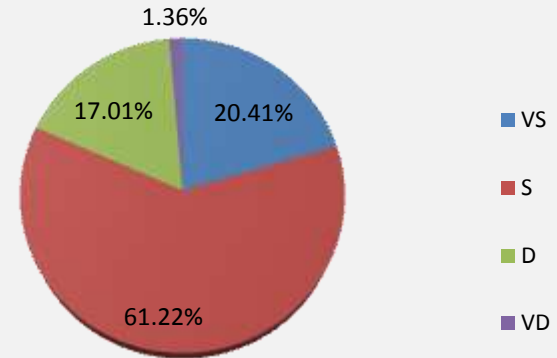


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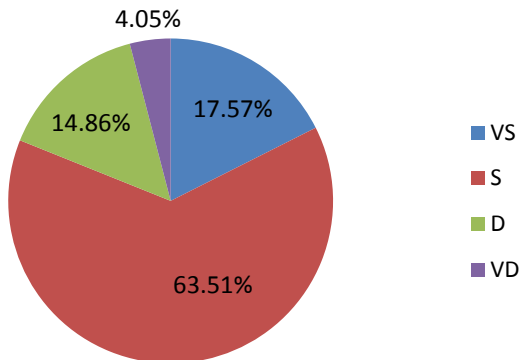
Working Groups



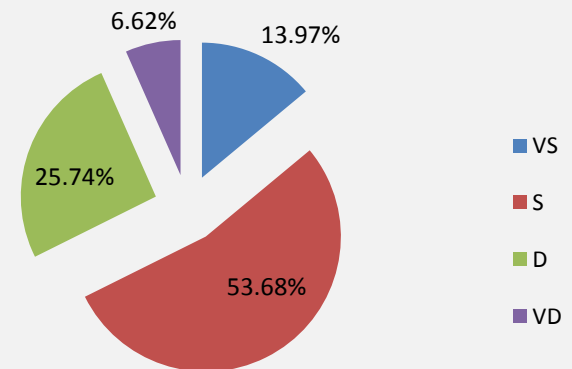
Conferences, workshops, events



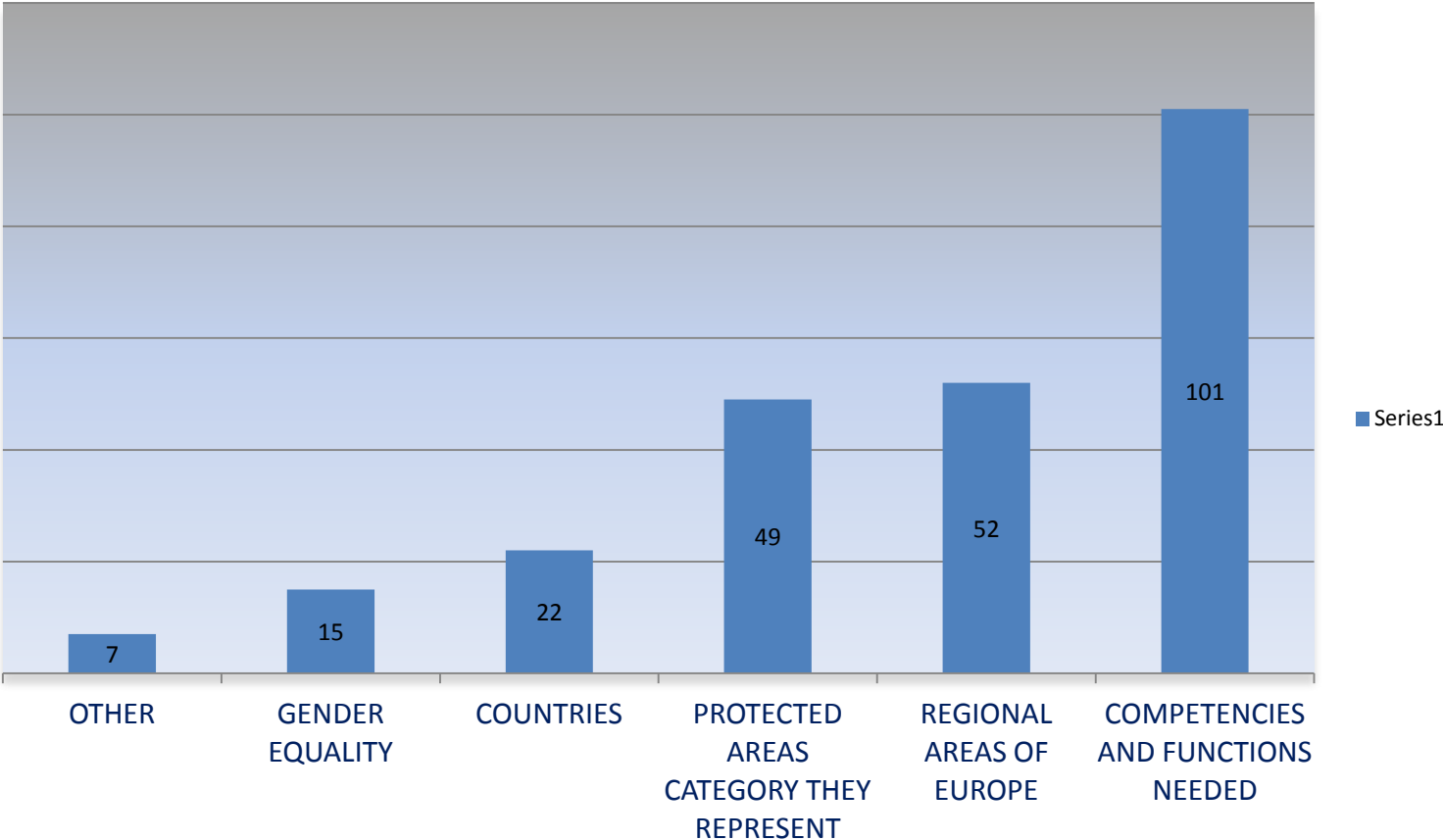
EUROPARC programmes e.g. Charter, Transboundary



Communications with the Directorate



To better answer the needs of the members of the Federation, under which criteria should the members of the Council be elected?



Do you think that the introduction of the following could be an advantage for the Federation?

	Honorary President	Vice Presidents	Board	Co-opted representatives e.g. businesses, politicians	Youth representation
Yes	40	69	80	60	84
No	83	48	34	45	31
Other Opinions	2	6	7	10	4
Yes %	32.00%	56.10%	66.12%	52.17%	70.59%
No%	66.40%	39.02%	28.10%	39.13%	26.05%

In the next 5 years members want



- Exchange and networking , lobbying and advocacy and chance to develop partners and projects as EUROPARC priorities
- They also want communication to focus on
- A campaign about Europe's nature and PA's
 - Promotion of member activities
 - Information about funding.

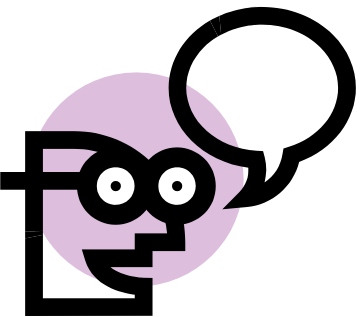
Is most satisfied with

- networking
- events
- information



Not happy with -most very dissatisfied %'s

- The General Assembly
- EUROPARC Consulting
- The work of the Council



Is least satisfied with

- practical tools
- information about funding
- chance to make partnerships/projects..



But likes

- The process of becoming a member
- The Conference
- The working group

