

EGU 2016 General Assembly Feedback

Survey Results

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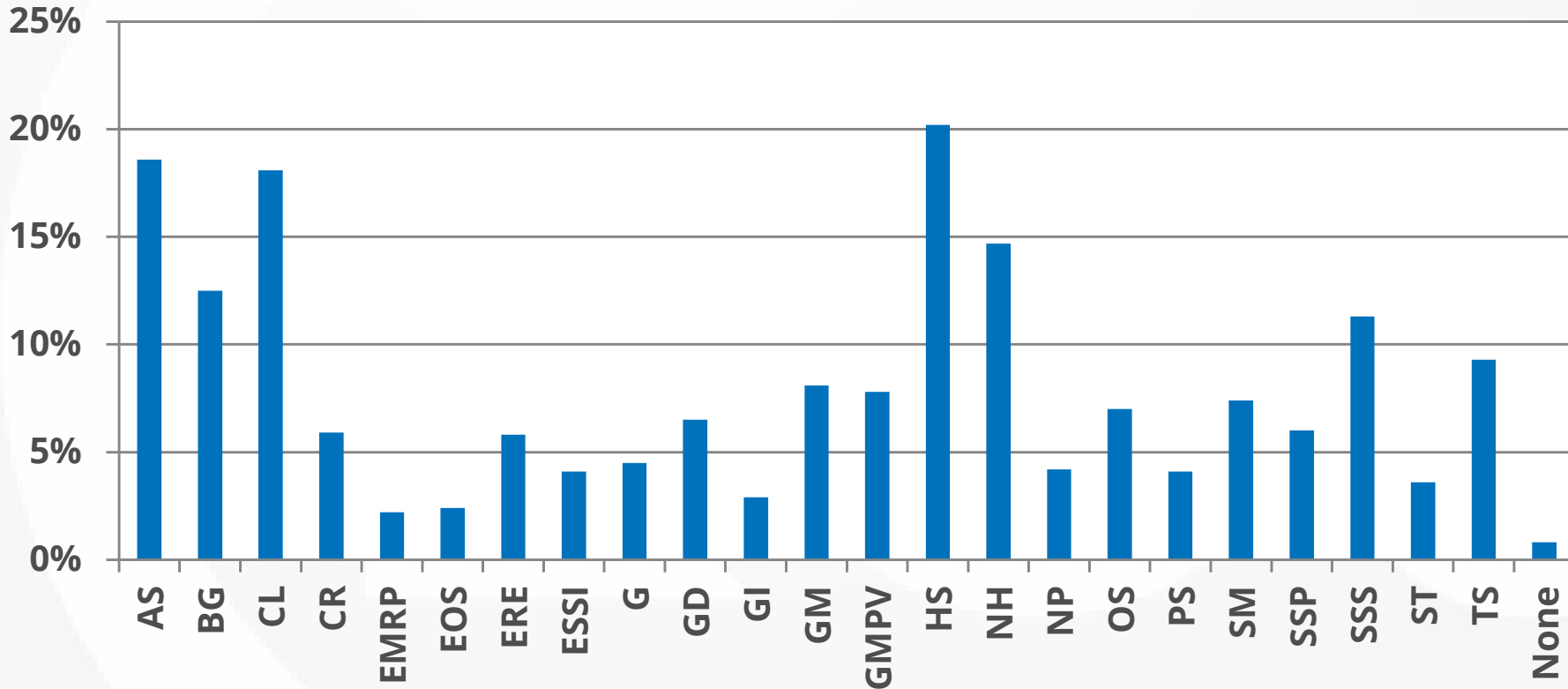


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About the survey

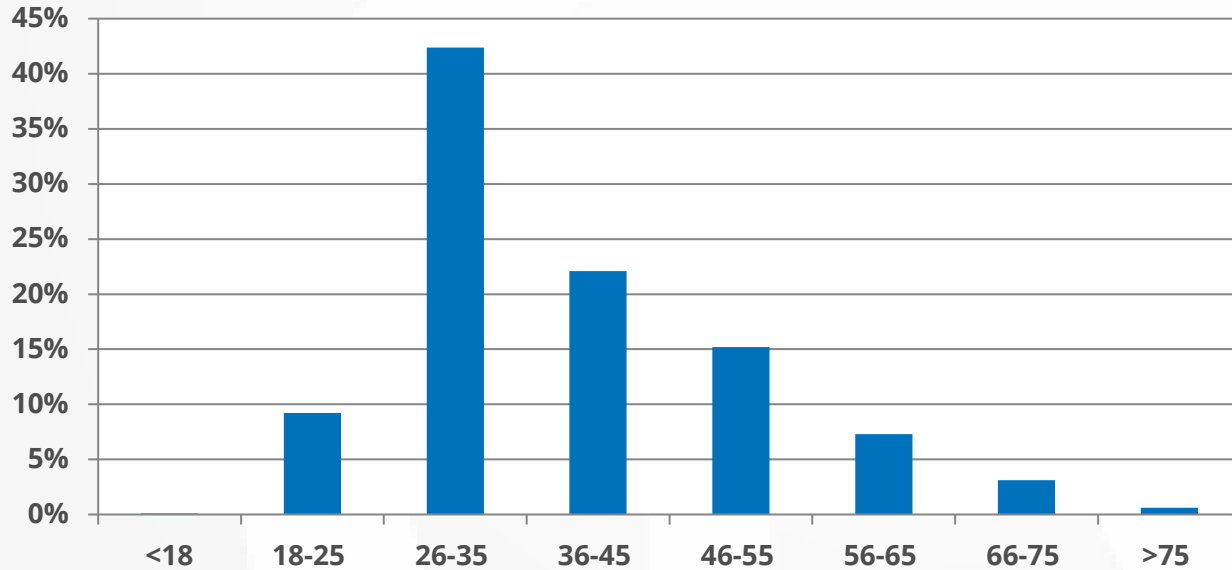
- SurveyGizmo was used to design and conduct the survey
- Links distributed through emails to participants and EGU members, the egu2016.eu homepage, feedback cards handed out at the General Assembly, as well as EGU social media channels
- 1,878 complete responses, 276 partial (2,154 total)
- Survey live from a week before the Assembly to 11 June

What EGU programme groups do you associate most closely with?

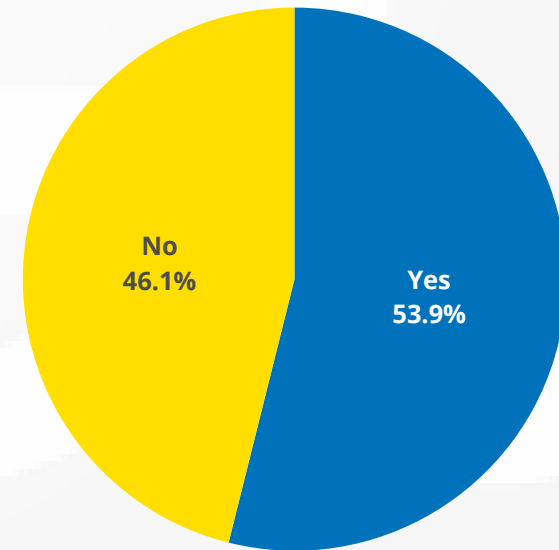


Multiple answers allowed (up to three)

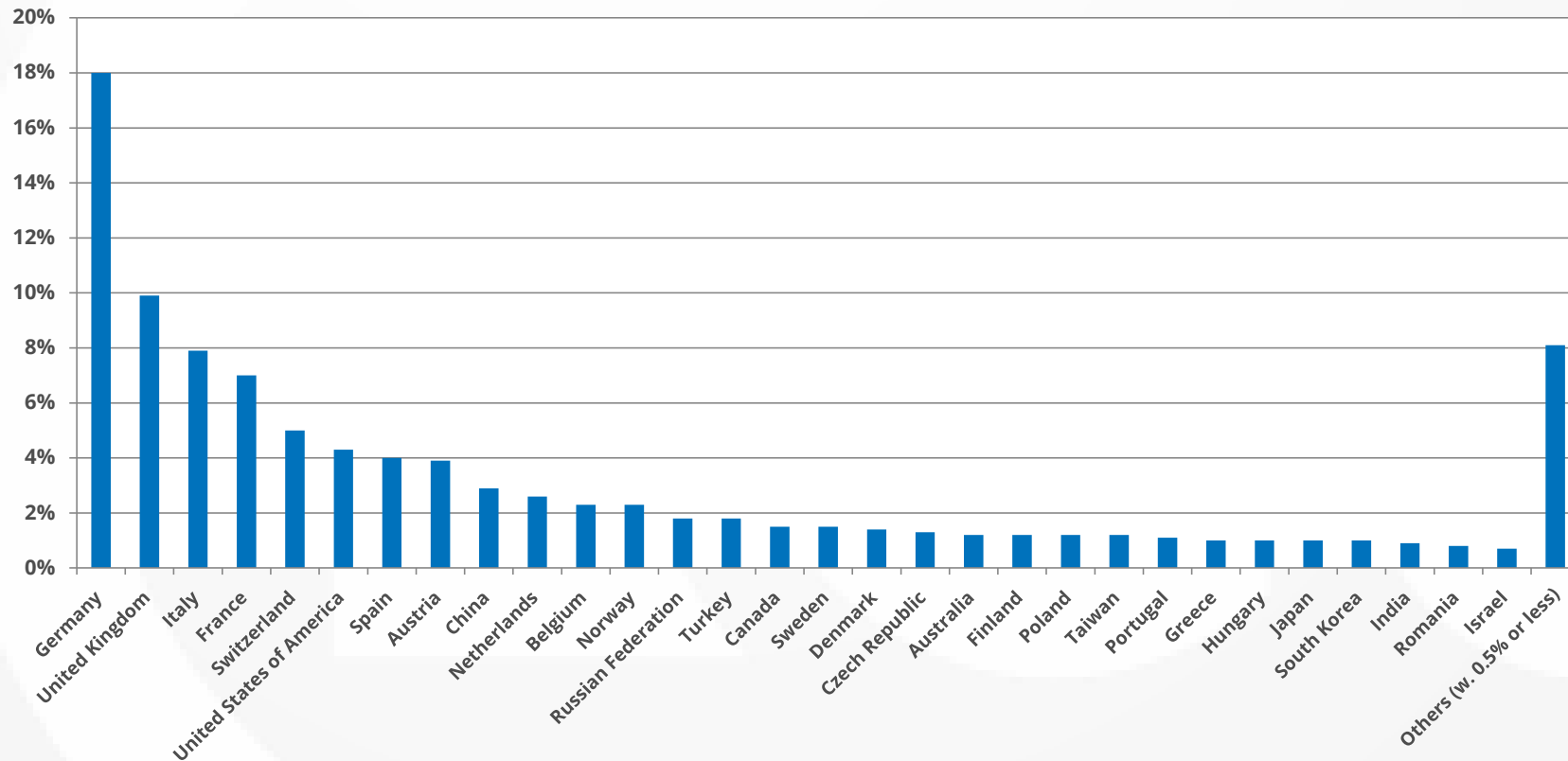
What is your age?



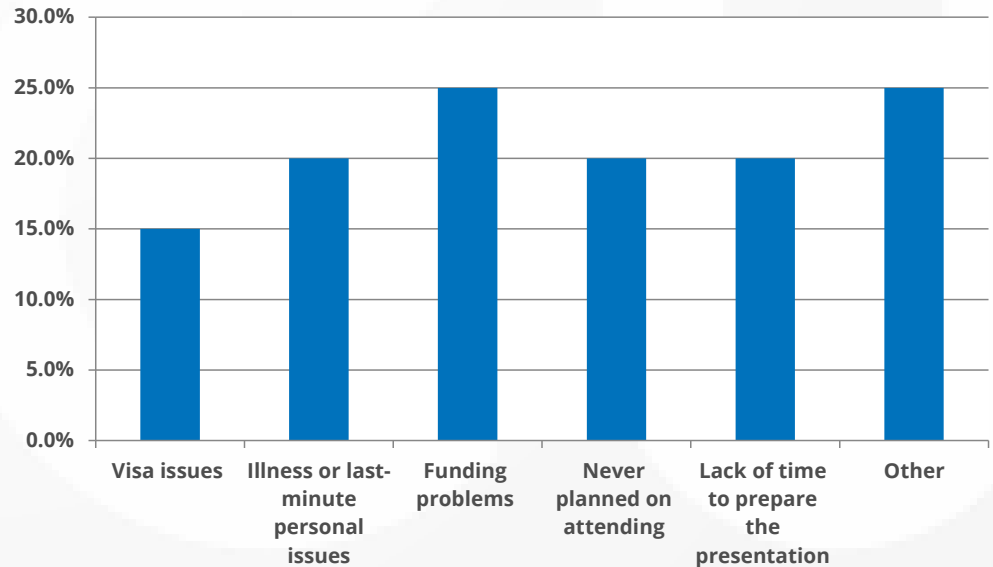
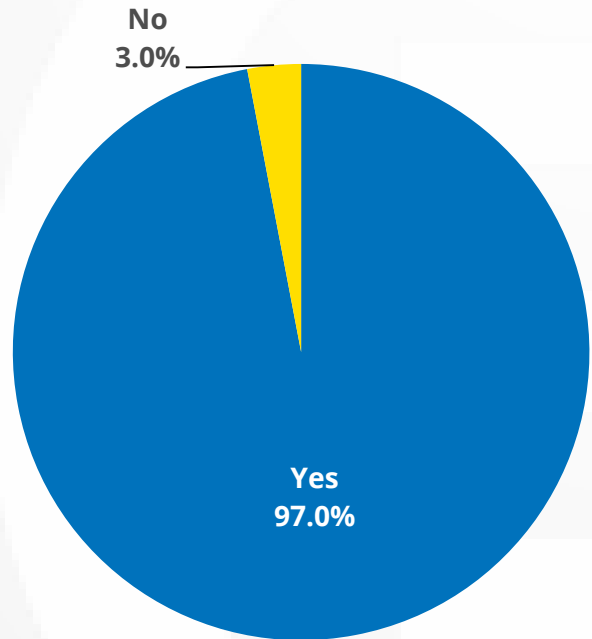
Are you an early career scientist (ECS)?



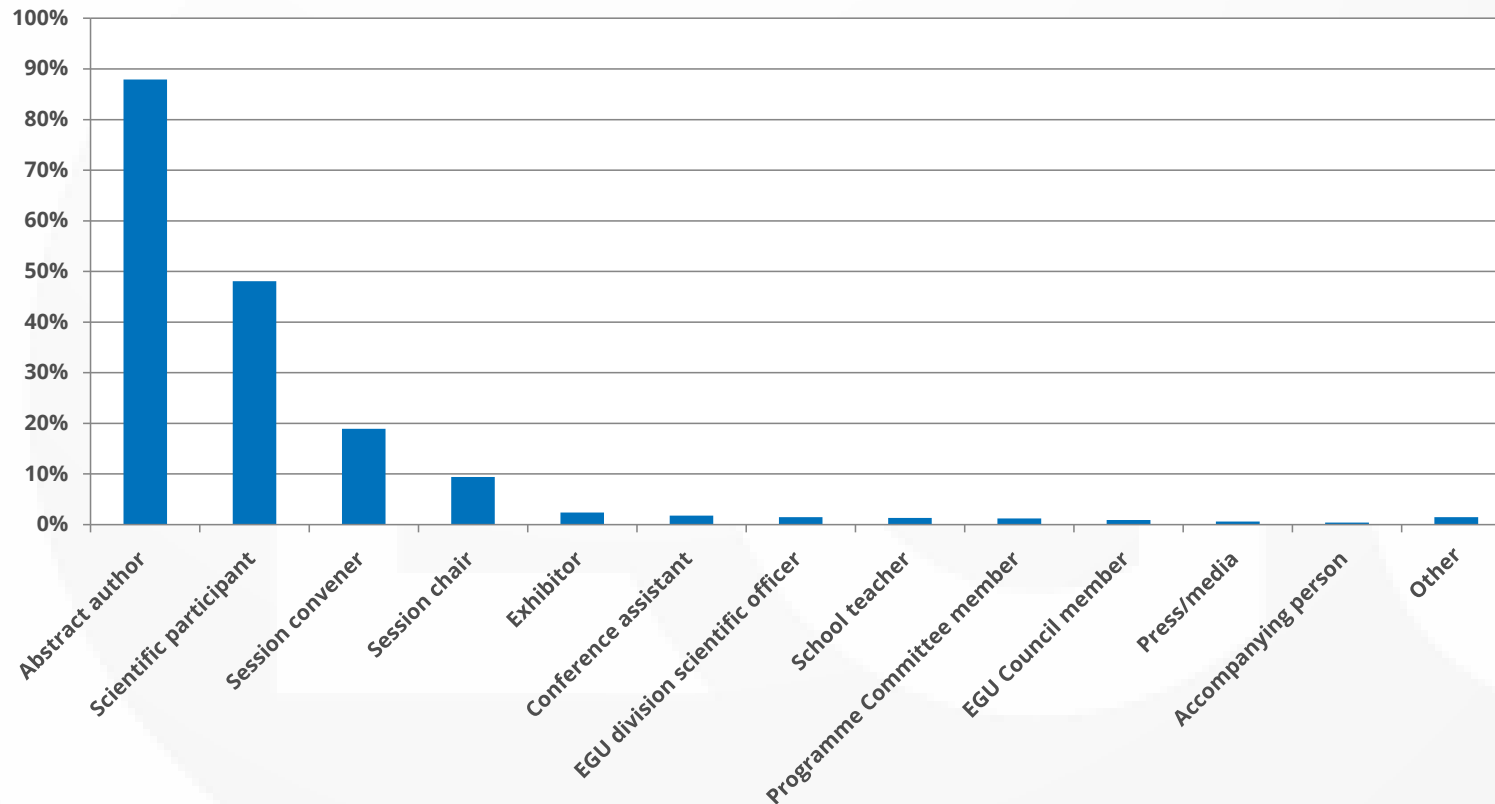
What is your present country of employment/study?



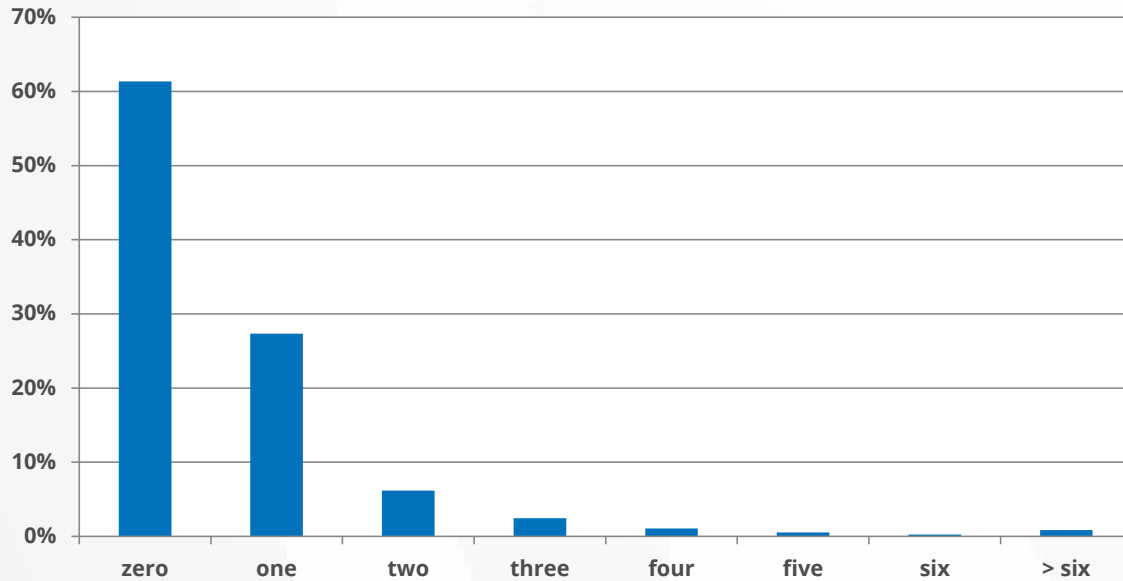
Did you attend the EGU 2016 General Assembly? If not, why (despite abstract acceptance)?



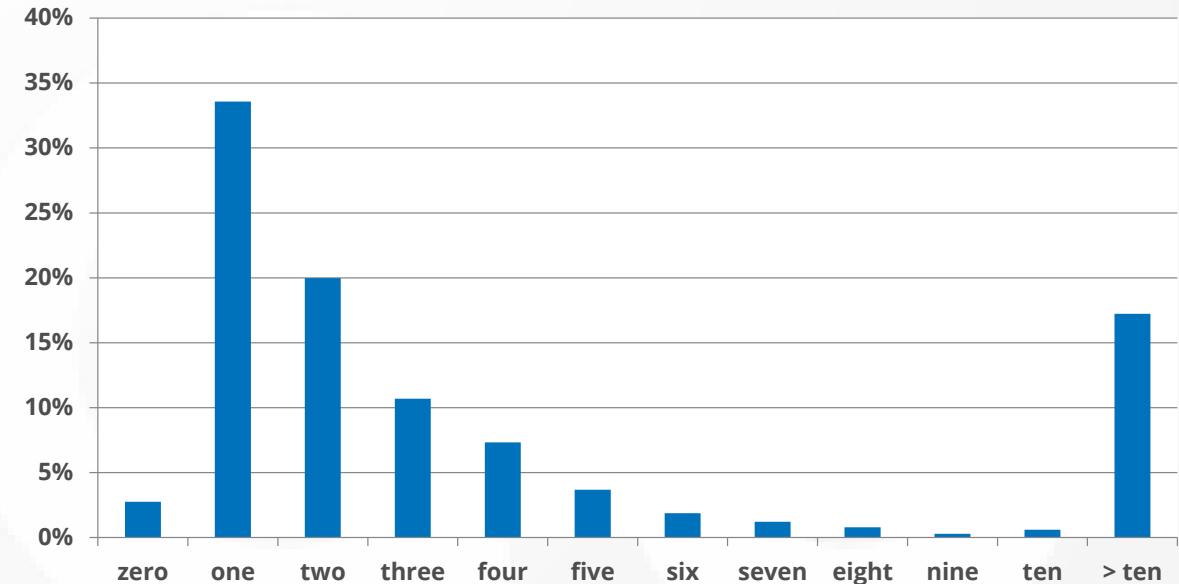
What is your role at EGU General Assembly 2016?



For how many sessions are you listed as...

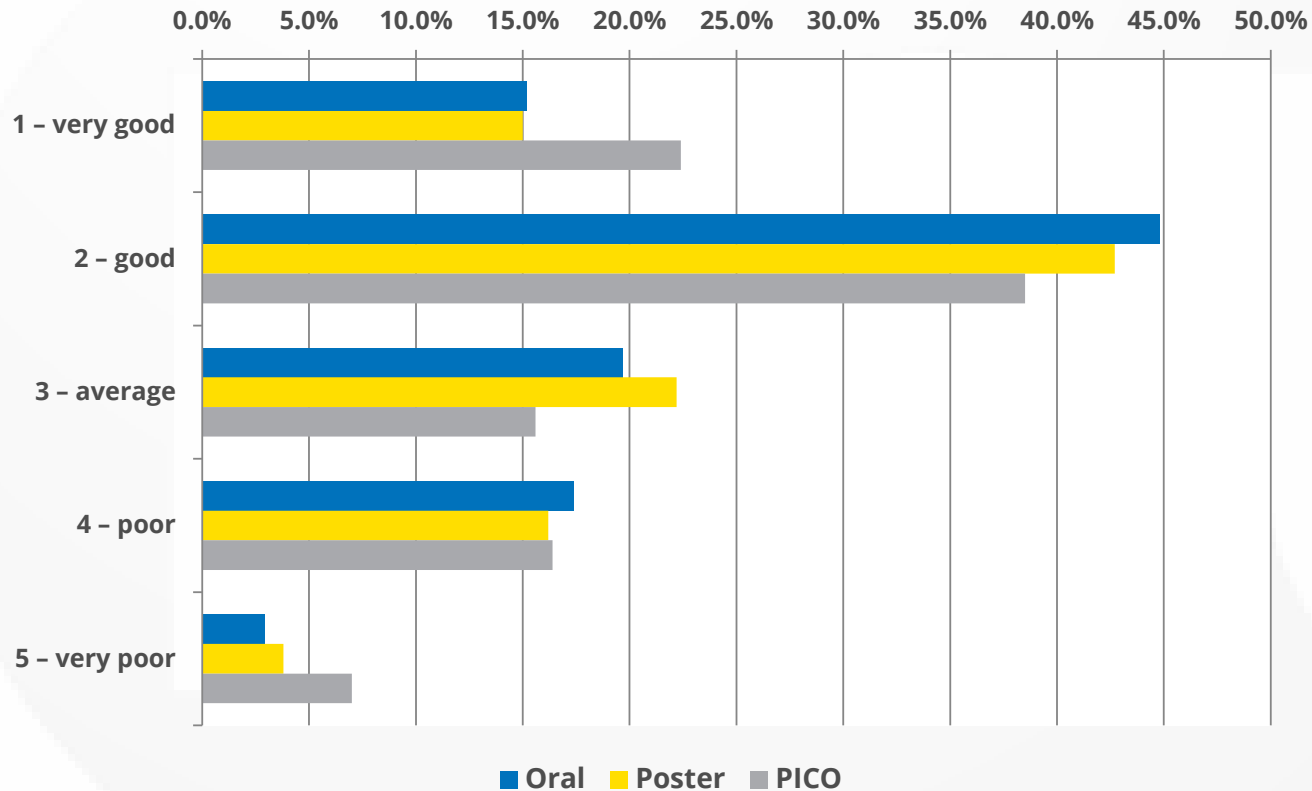


...a convener?

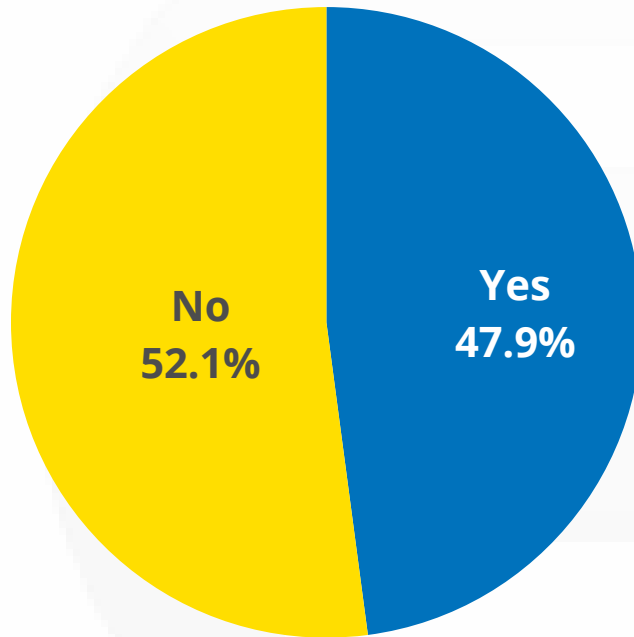


...an author?

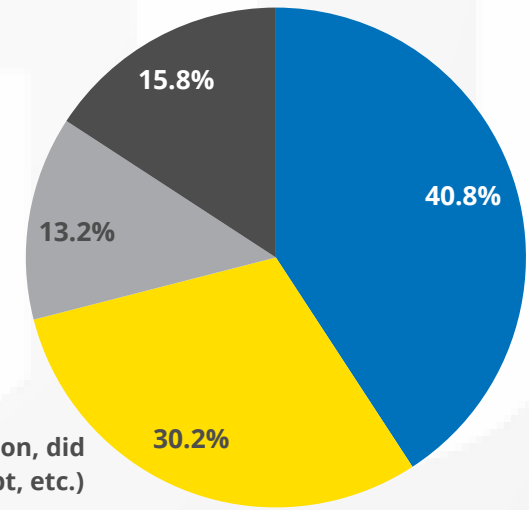
Please rate the presentations at the General Assembly



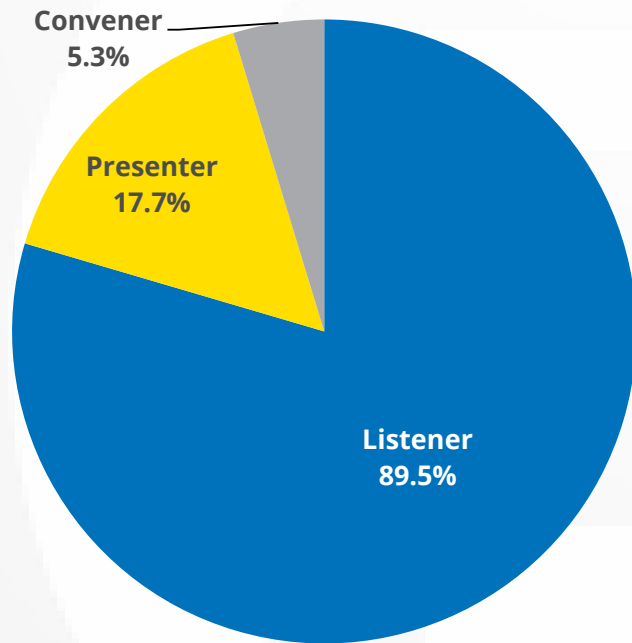
Did you attend one of the PICO sessions? If not, why?



- Conflict
- No interest
- Did not know about it
- Other (No time, no PICOs in my division, did not understand/don't like the concept, etc.)



How did you participate in PICO?

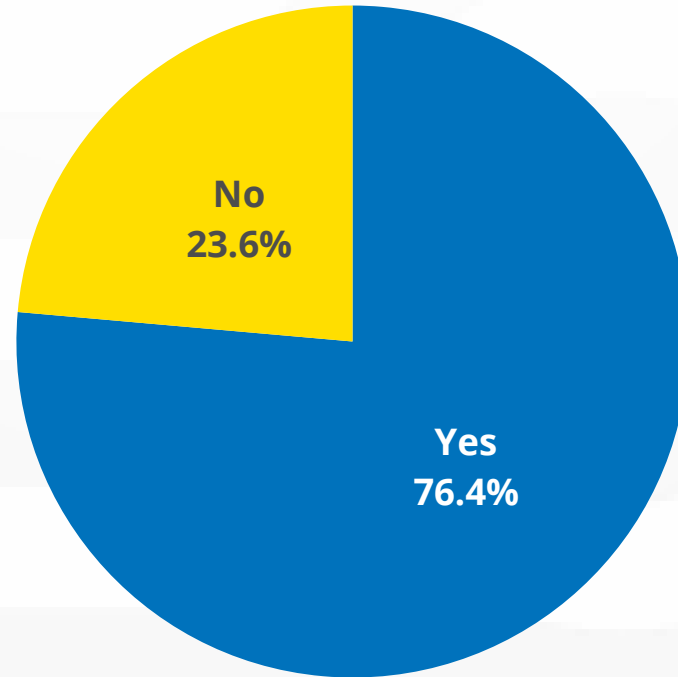


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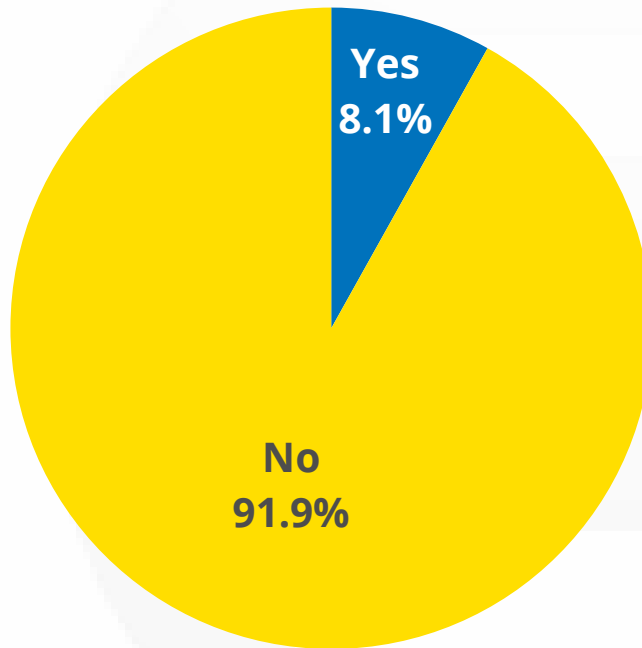
PICO comments and suggestions for improvement

- Improve the acoustics, have noise protection
- 2min introduction too short for some
- Provide guidelines on how to best use the 2min intro and make the most of the format
- Being more strict with time limits during the 2min intros
- More PICO sessions, more divisions covered
- PICO requires larger areas and longer slots
- Better technical assistance at PICO spots
- Better presentations, w. fewer slides

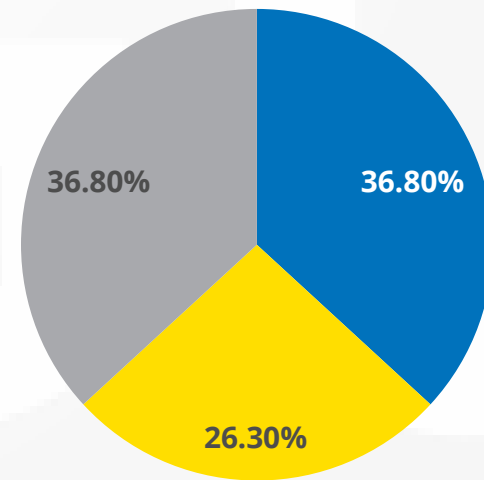
Did you present a poster/PICO at the EGU 2016 General Assembly?



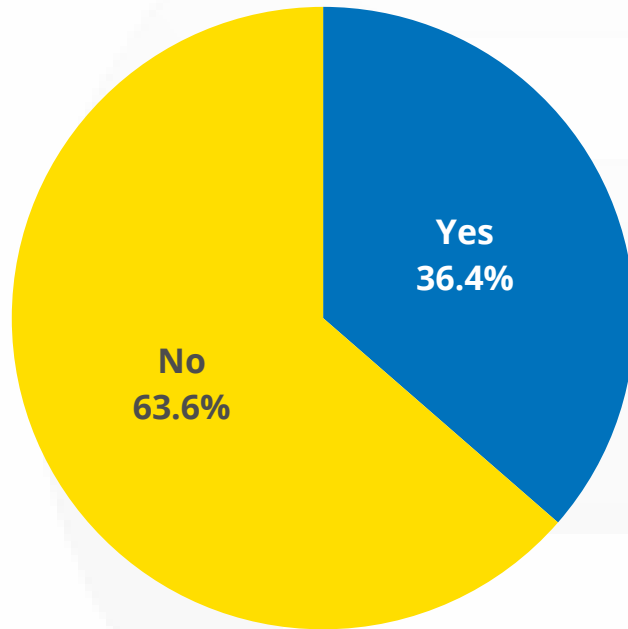
Did you feel uncomfortable as a presenter? If yes, why?



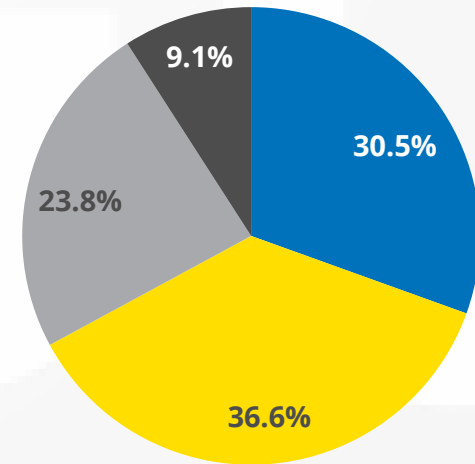
- Lack of attention/interest in presentation
- Insensitive remarks by poster viewers
- Other (noisy and/or hot rooms, etc.)



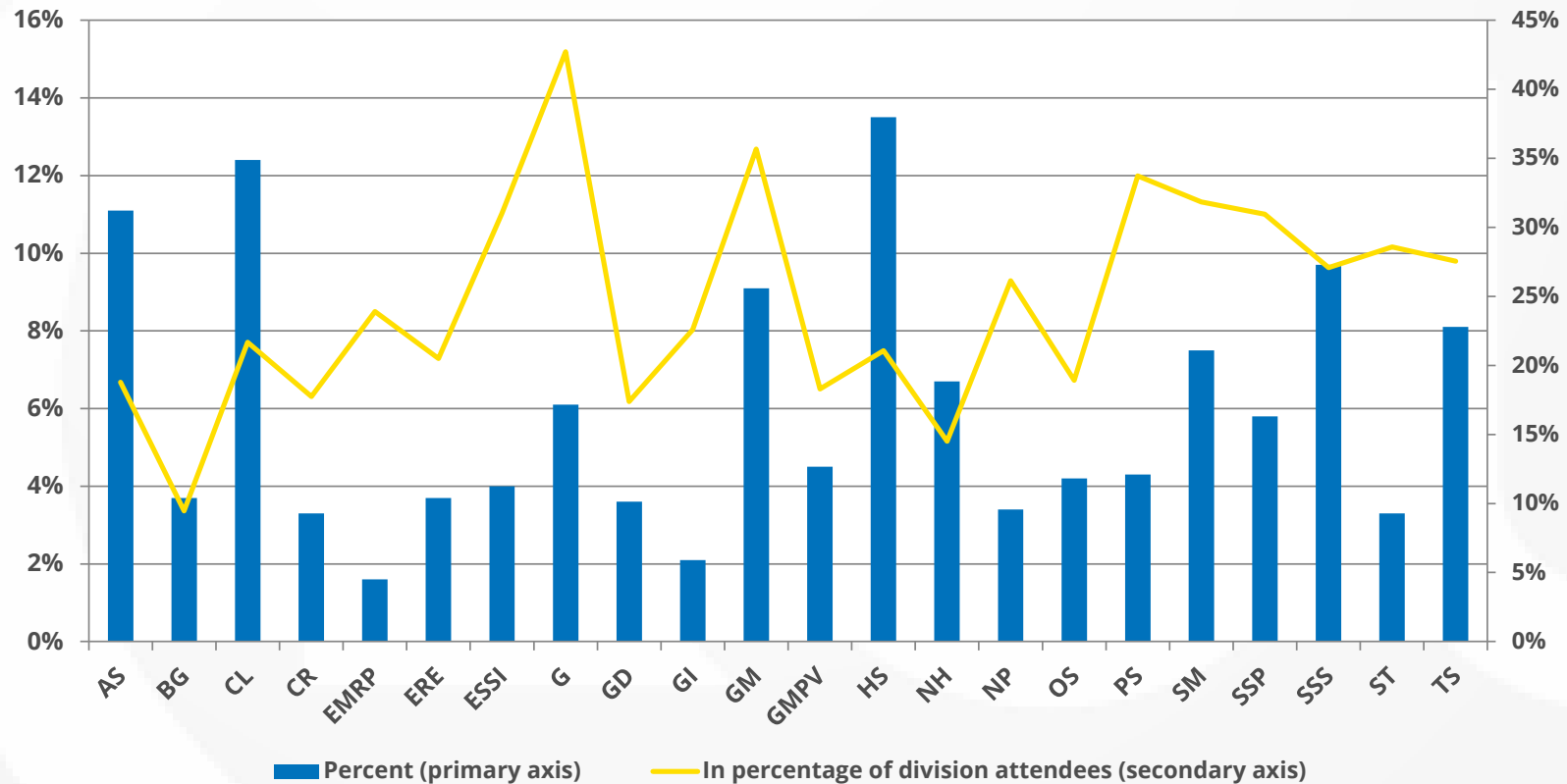
Did you attend any division meetings? If not, why?



- Conflict
- No interest
- Did not know about it
- Other (No time, etc.)

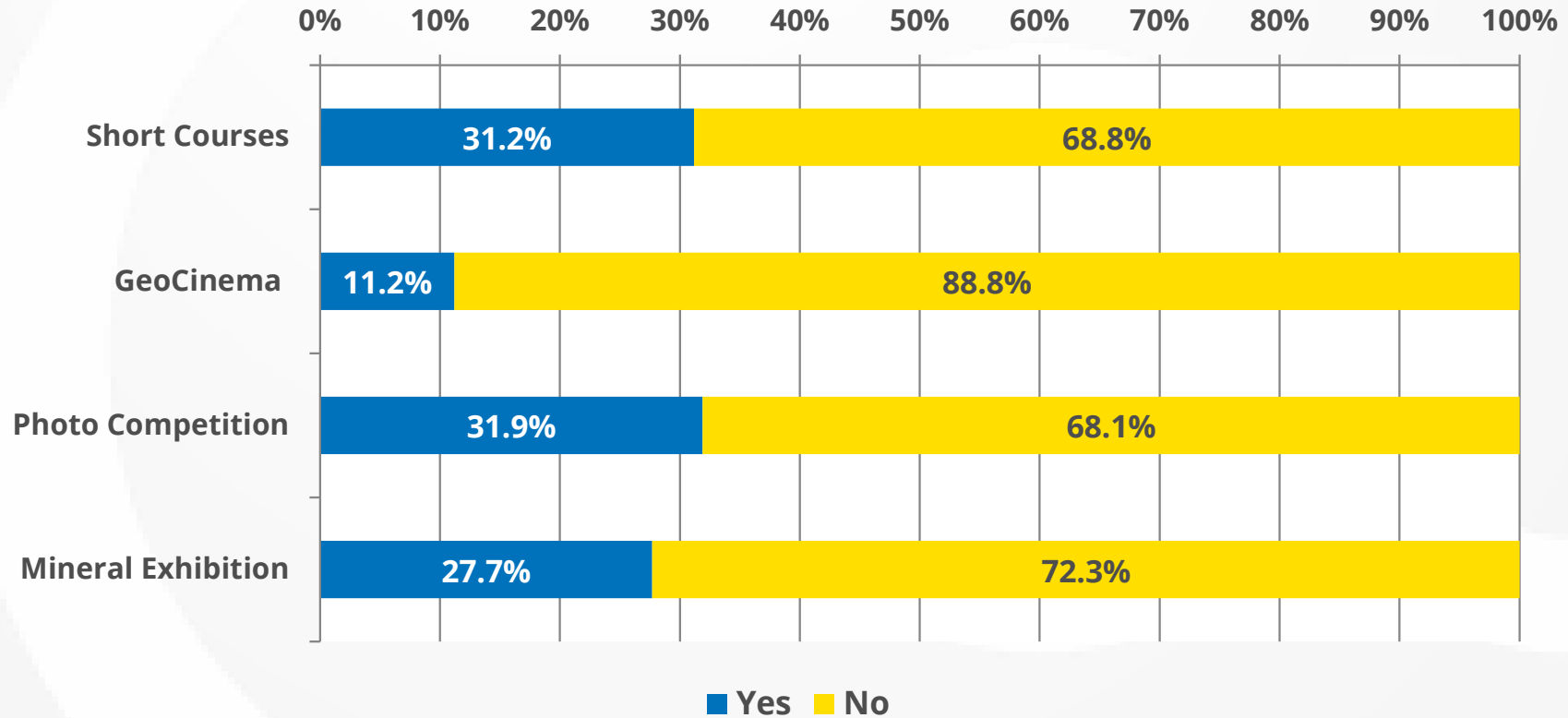


If yes, which division meetings did you attend?



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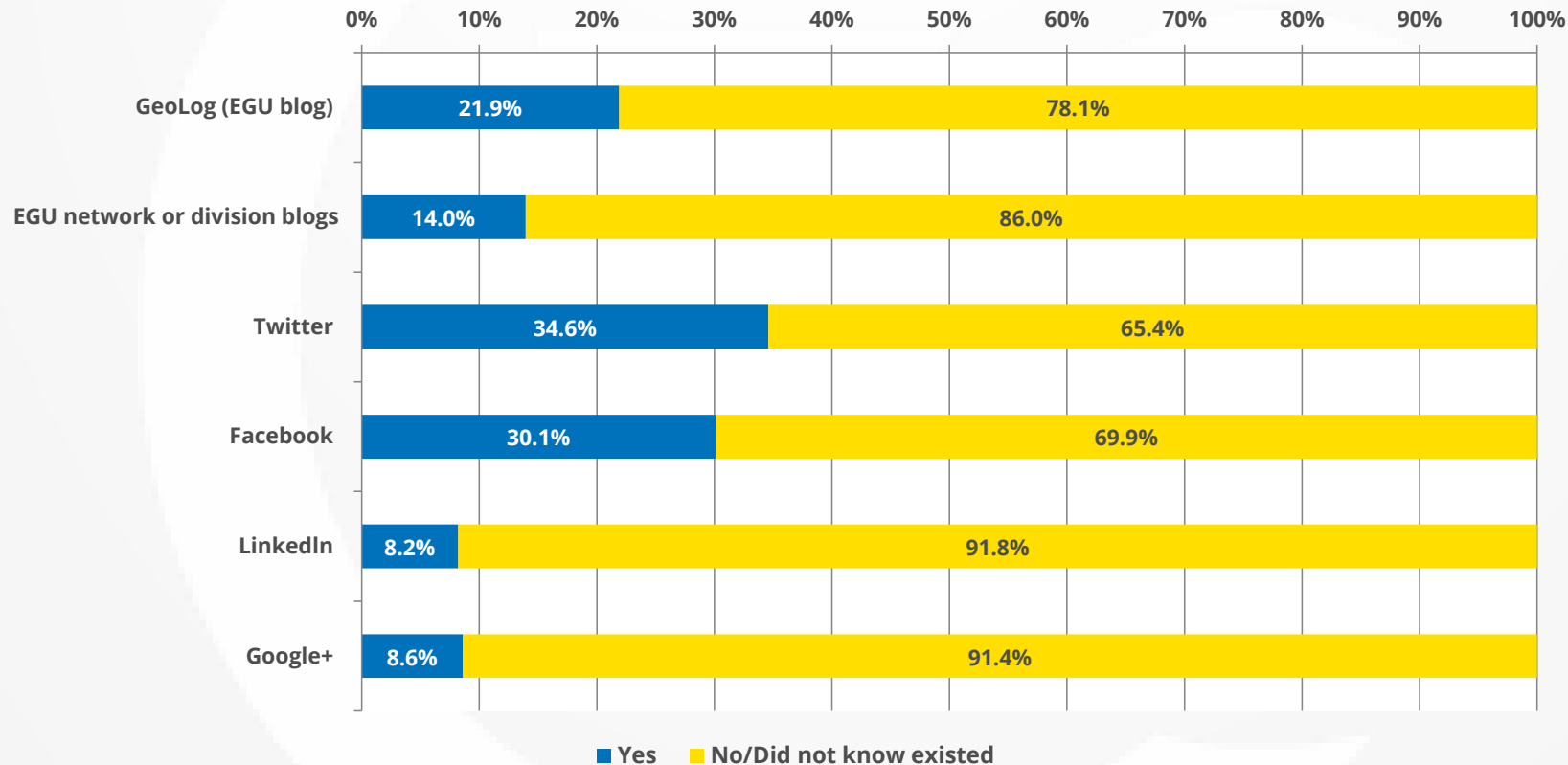
Did you attend any of the events below?



Comments on these events

- *Short courses:* lots of respondents said these were excellent/very useful but many people mentioned the **rooms were too small for the audience**
- *GeoCinema:* many said the movies were excellent/great but quite a few people mentioned they had no time to attend, or did not know about it
- *Photo Competition:* most commented the photos were excellent and that they voted, but a few people were not interested or did not know about it
- *Mineral Exhibition:* most commented the exhibition was excellent, but a few people were not interested or did not know about it

Did you visit or follow the EGU social media channels or blogs during the General Assembly?

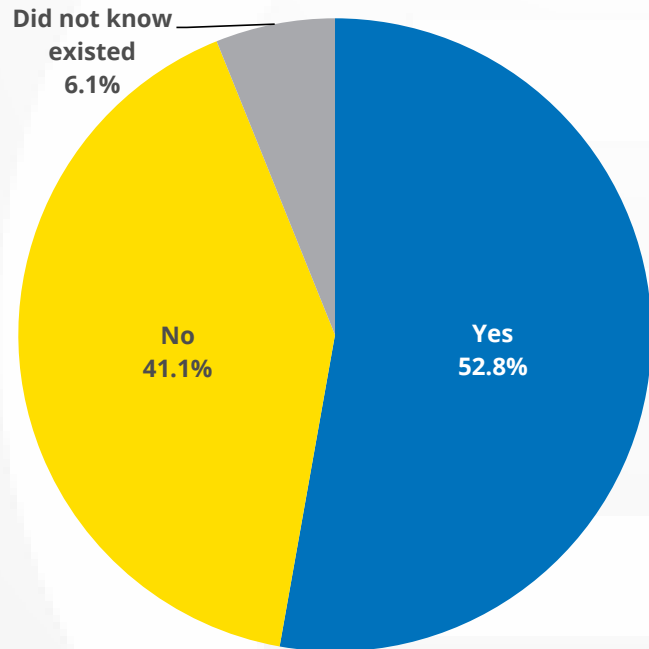


NB: This chart merges the answers to two questions. The "No" option was mistakenly not included in the answers to the question about social media and GeoLog, but it was included in the question about the EGU network and division blogs. 67.2% mentioned they did not follow these blogs, while 18.9% said they did not know they existed.

Comments on EGU social media

- The majority of participants do not use social media (with a few actively disliking it), but those who do vastly commented the EGU options in this area were excellent/useful/important
- Constructive suggestions for improvement include having more updates on disciplinary/scientific sessions & better advertising of the various social media channels (including division ones)
- For Twitter users, the tweetwall (collection of tweets with the #EGU16 hashtag) was an appreciated addition this year
- Six people commented they were flooded with information, other six people asked for more activity/more updates on social media

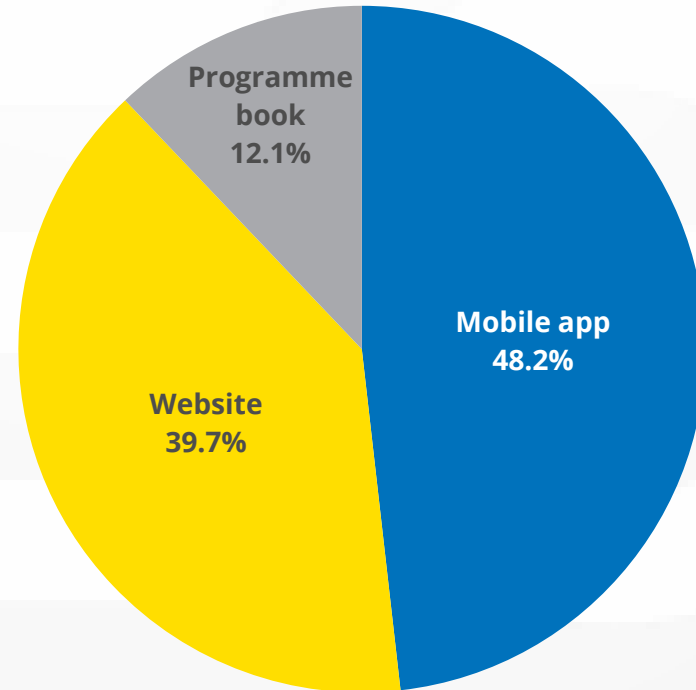
Did you read the daily newsletter EGU Today?



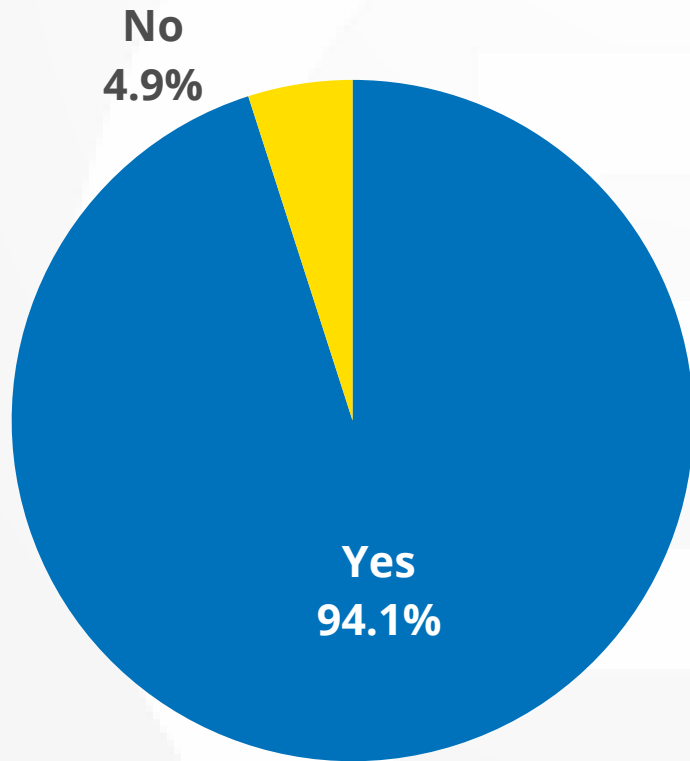
EGU Today comments and suggestions for improvement

- Daily overview is very useful
- Print fewer paper copies a day (for a greener EGU meeting)
- Better highlight electronic version now available in app
- Have some copies inside the conference centre for those who arrive later (EGU Today 'stand')

What is your major source of information on the General Assembly programme?



Is the broad spectrum of geosciences sufficiently represented at the EGU General Assembly? If not, why?



- Needs **more geochemistry** and (surface) geophysics
- Needs more palaeontology and sedimentology
- Ocean sciences are underrepresented
- Needs more biological sciences/integration with biology
- Needs more interdisciplinary research

What would you liked to see improved at the EGU 2017 General Assembly? Any other comments?

- **The conference needs bigger rooms with more seats for busy sessions**
- **More possibilities to get free or low-priced food & drinks, especially coffee**
- Improve mobile app (have app for Windows phone, abstracts as text, in personal programme current day should be the default view, improve search, improve synchronisation of personal programme app-website)
- Better internet connection
- Better avoidance of session topic overlapping
- More networking events/spaces
- More PICOs

What would you liked to see improved at the EGU 2017 General Assembly? Any other comments? (cont'd)

- Better signage/room numbering in the ACV
- Increase quality and reduce number of sessions/abstracts
- Reduce environmental impact of the conference: more environmentally friendly food and drink packaging, reduce carbon footprint
- Some want longer PICO and poster sessions, but some asked for no sessions on Friday afternoon or late in the day during the week
- Cheaper registration fees and more financial support for ECS
- Better airconditioning inside ACV/individual rooms
- Better assistance to the authors regarding preparation, equipment, designing the slides/posters, how to keep a set time limit