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FRANCE – GERMANY

**Scientific impact of the Program PROCOPE PLUS
(2018-2024)**

MESR-DAEI / MEAE

2025

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GENERAL PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAM

Creation : 2018

"Procope Plus" is a program that aims to strengthen Franco-German research cooperation by supporting the organization of scientific symposiums and meetings of experts to structure and develop ambitious research networks. The objective is to help teams build up a structured cooperation and/or prepare for setting up large-scale collaborative projects to apply to national, european or international call for proposals.

Total budget (France + Germany) : around 63 000 € / year

>> including budget from the French part : around 31 500 €/year

>> including budget from the German part : around 31 500 €/year

Average budget per project Research Program : around 5 700 €/year

Number of new funded projects per year : around 11

From 2018-2024 :
226 applications submitted
64 projects funded

DATA SOURCES

French Embassy in Berlin

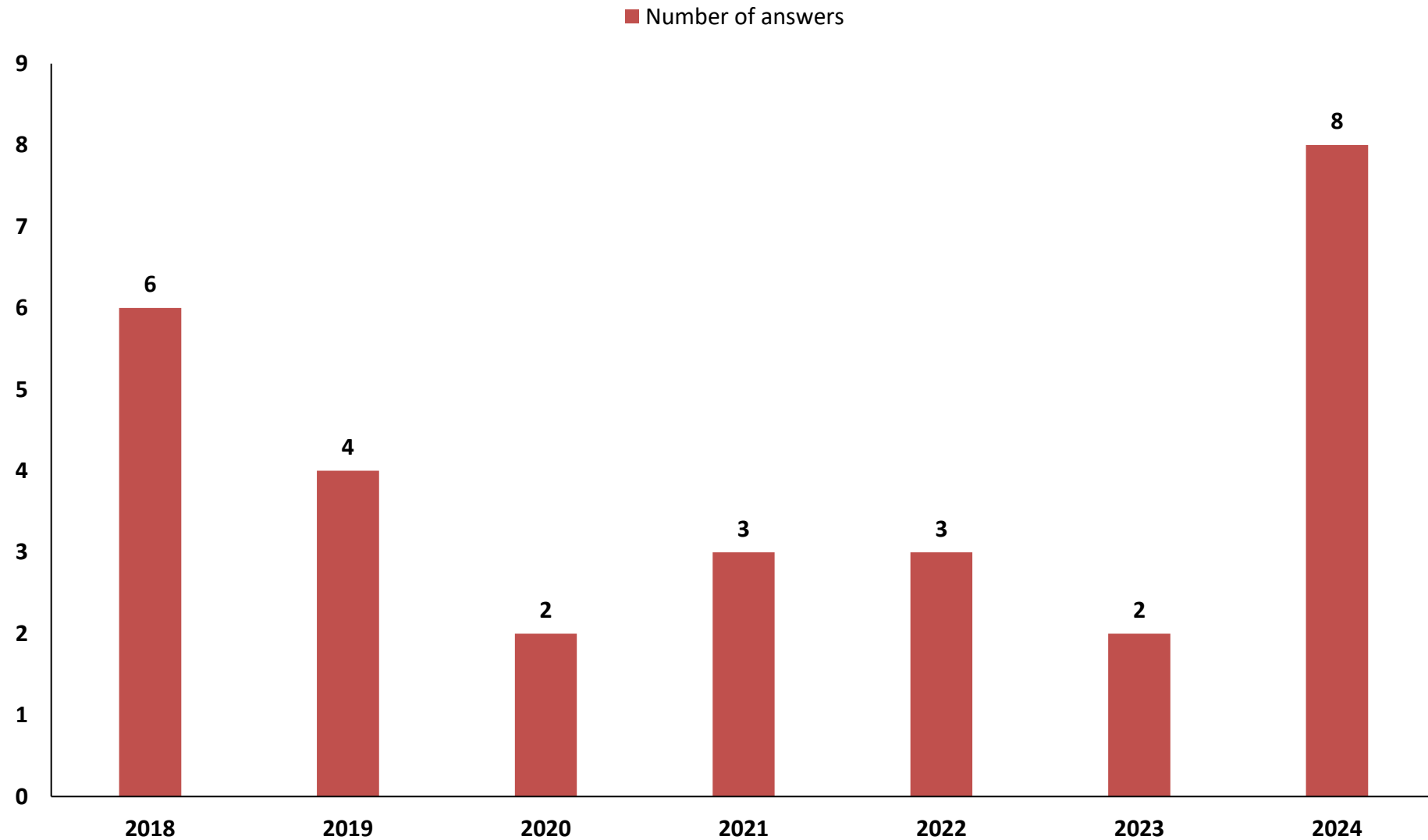
- Information about the PHC PROCOPE PLUS applications

Survey (2018-2024)

- Target : French Principal Investigators of selected projects between 2018 and 2024
- French survey duration : from February 6th to March 16th 2026
49% response ratio (28 respondents for 57 queries)

ANSWERS TO THE SURVEY

Average response rate to the survey : **49 % (28 answers)**



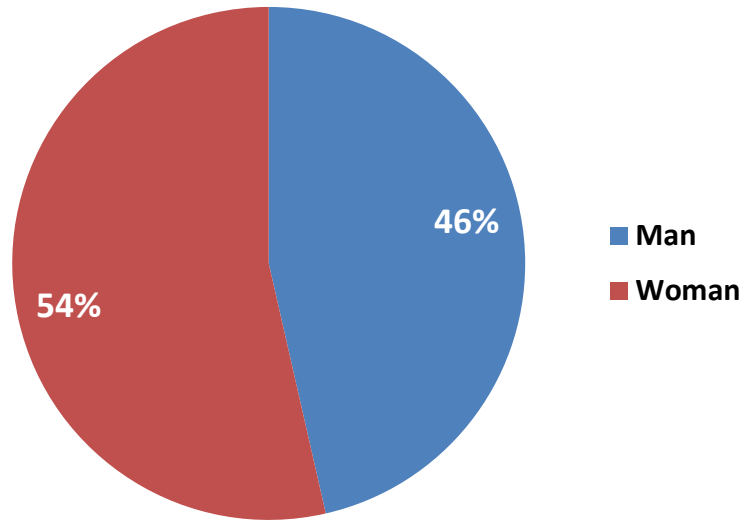


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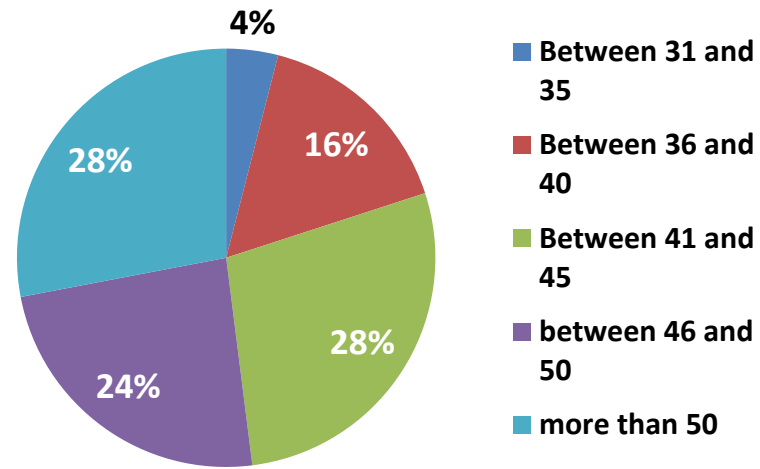
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INFORMATIONS ON FRENCH PIs

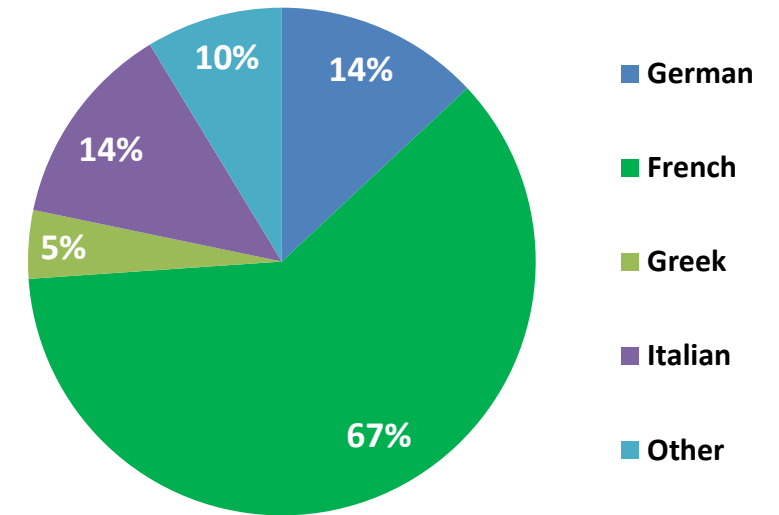
FRENCH PIs : GENDER, AGE AND NATIONALITY



Data from 28 responses



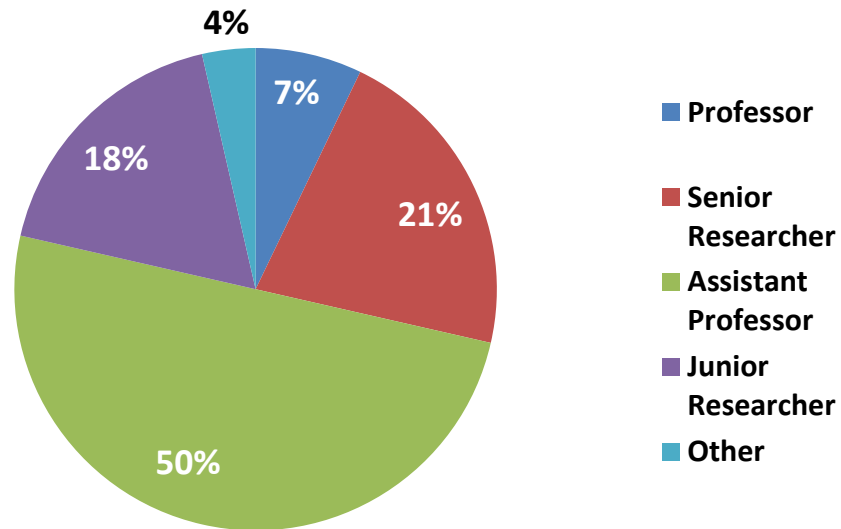
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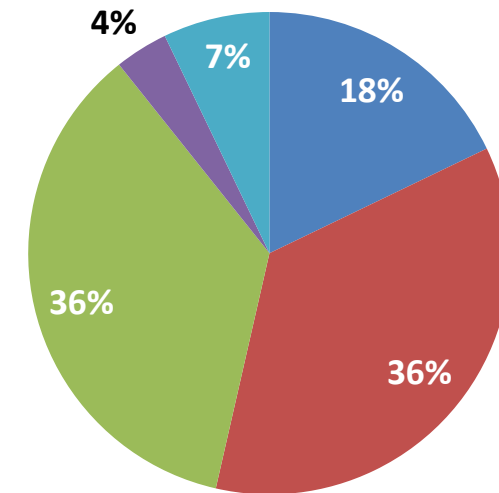
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FRENCH PIs : STATUS

Previous professional status (at the beginning of the project)



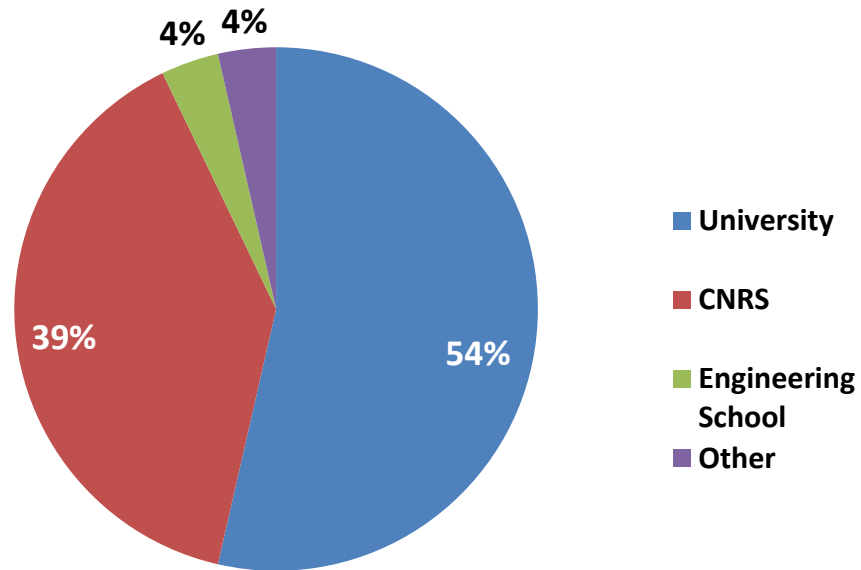
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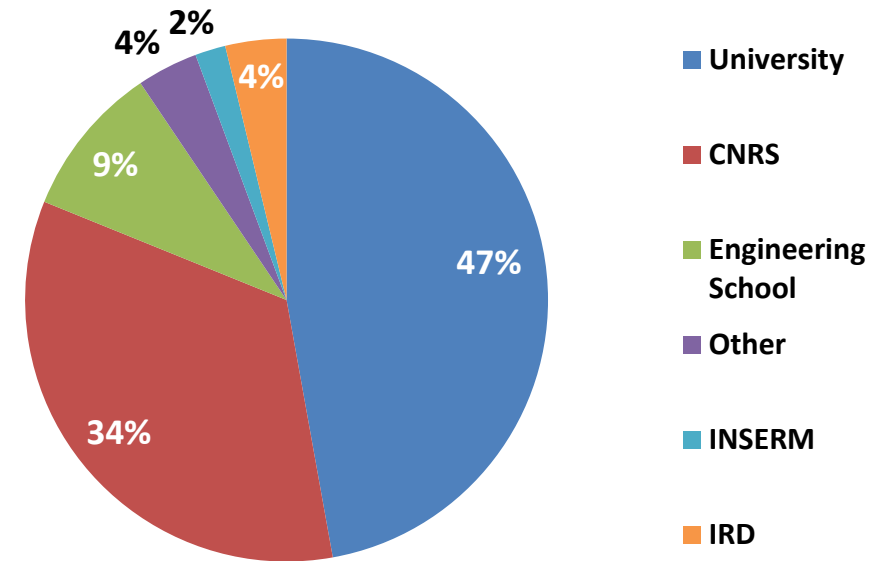
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FRENCH PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

PI's employers

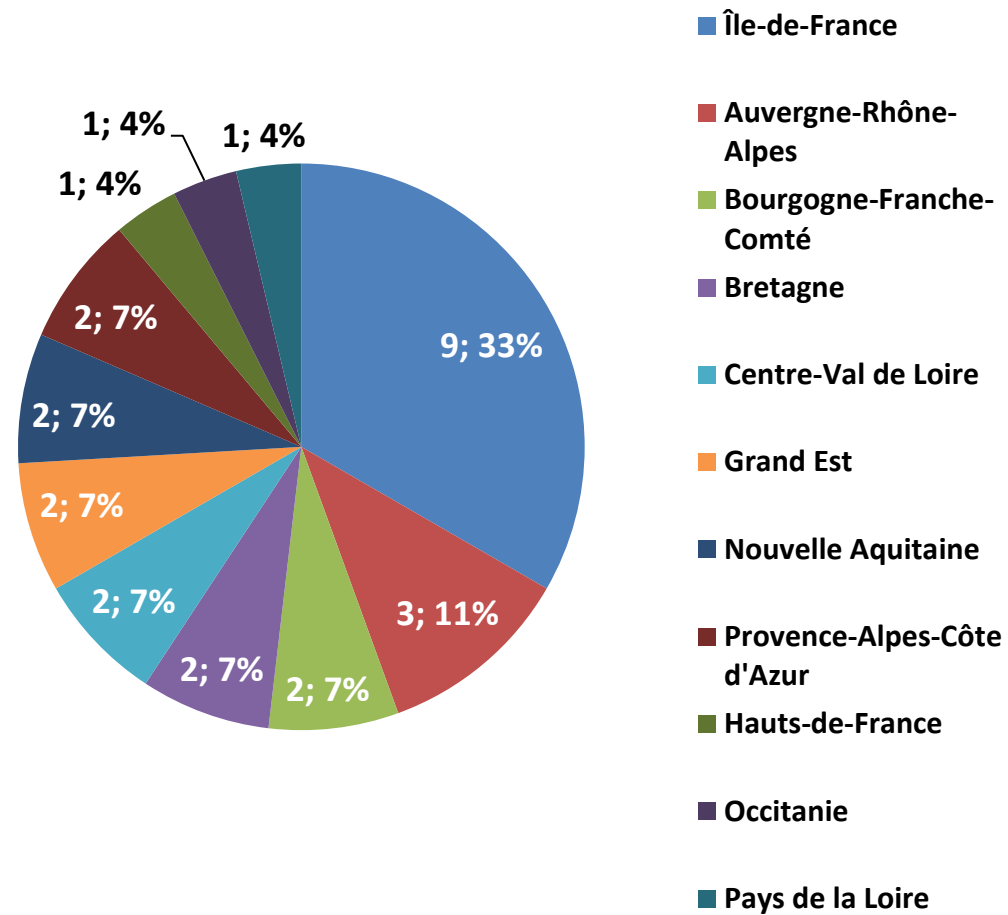


Laboratories authorities



Data from 28 responses

REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF SELECTED PROJECTS DATA FROM THE SURVEY



Data from 27 responses

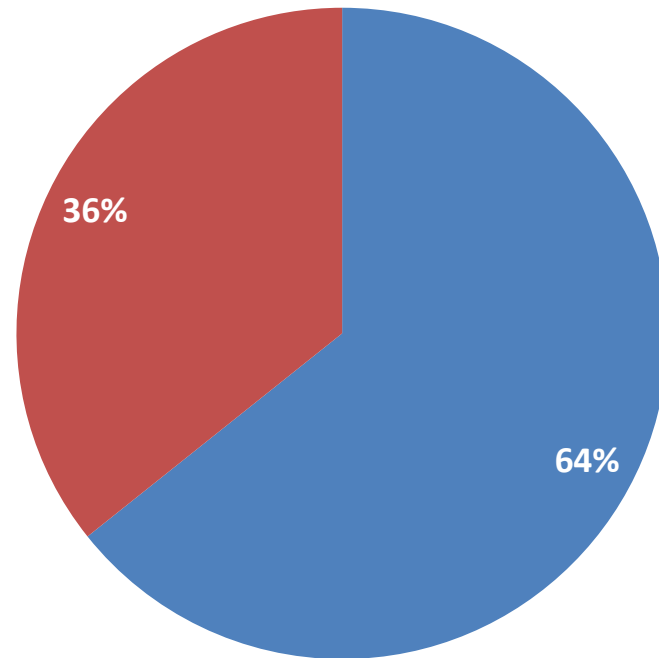


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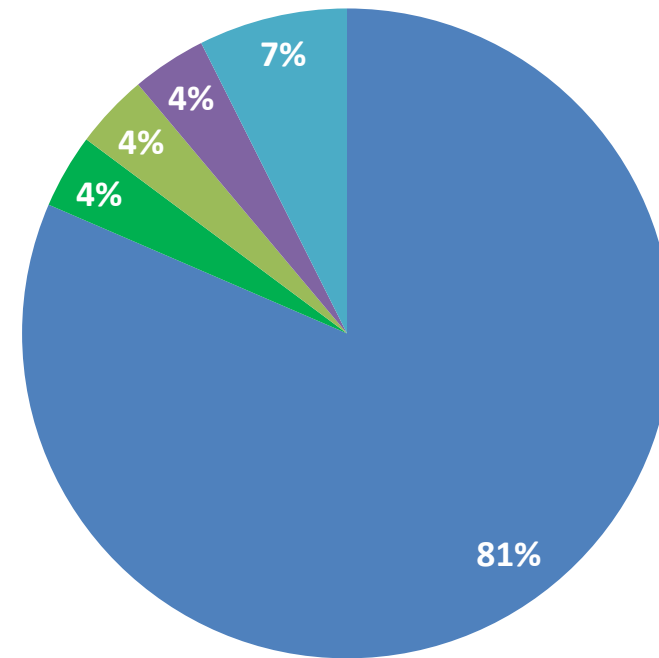
INFORMATIONS ON GERMAN PIs

GERMAN PIs : GENDER AND NATIONALITY



Data from 28 responses

■ Man
■ Woman

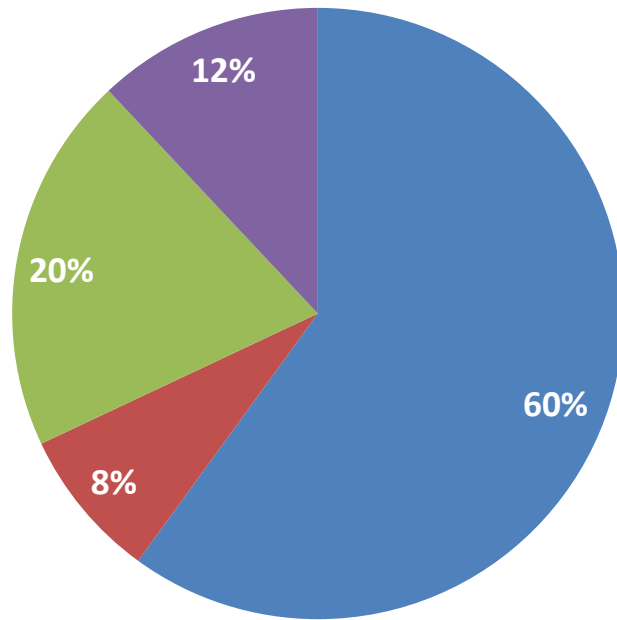


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■ German
■ French
■ Greek
■ Italian
■ Other

GERMAN PIs : STATUS

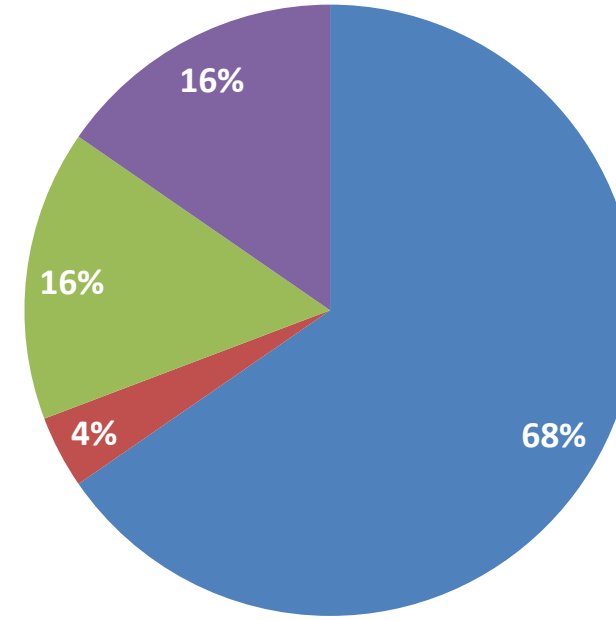
Previous professional status (at the beginning of the project)



Data from 25 responses

- Professor (Professeur)
- Hochschuldozent (Maitre de conférence)
- Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter (collaborateur scientifique)
- Other

Current professional status

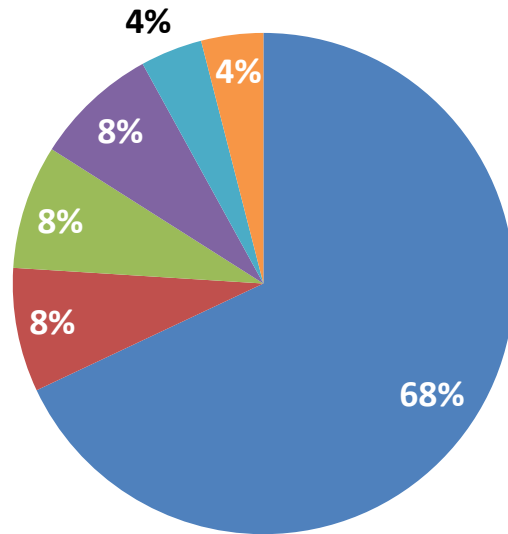


Data from 26 responses

- Professor (Professeur)
- Hochschuldozent (Maitre de conférence)
- Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter (collaborateur scientifique)
- Other

GERMAN PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

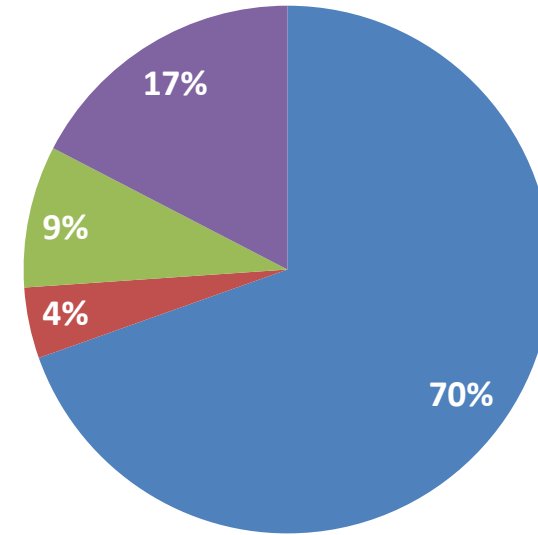
PI's employers



Data from 25 responses

Laboratories authorities

- University
- Applied Sciences University
- Academy of Sciences
- Helmholtz Institute
- Technical University
- Other Research Institute



- University
- German Research Foundation (DFG)
- Helmholtz Institute
- Other

Data from 23 responses



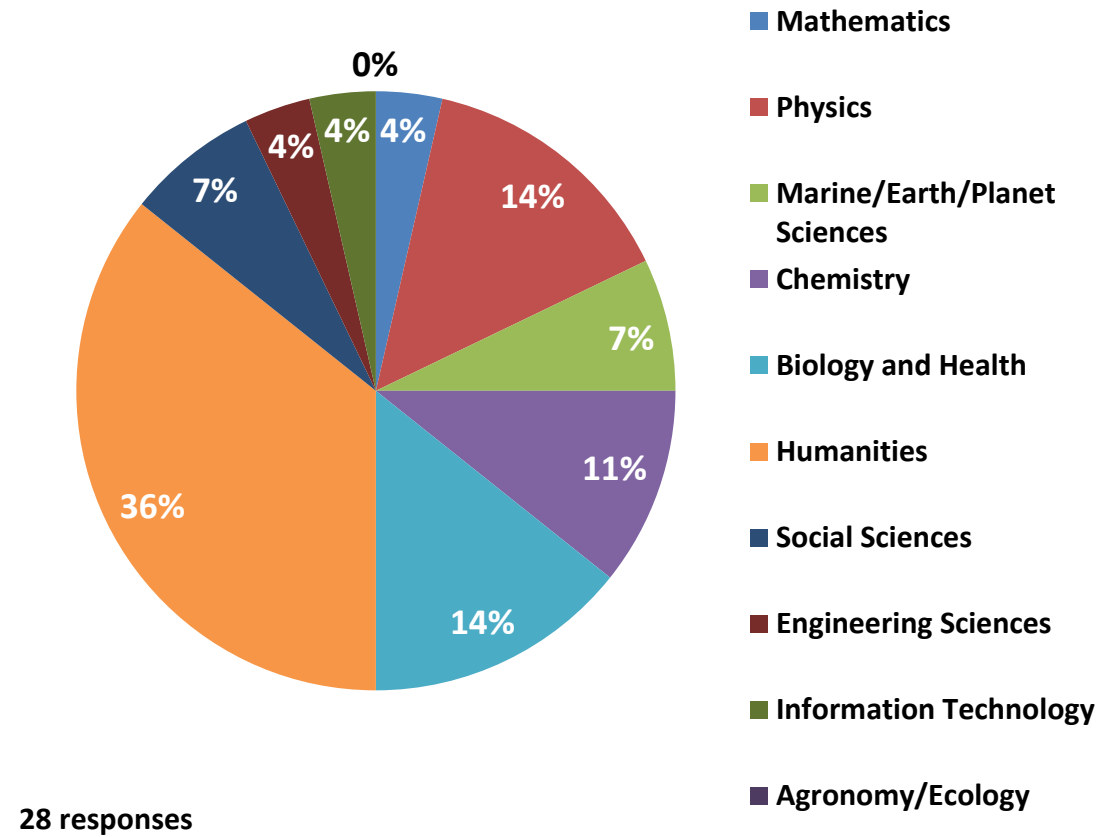
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CONTEXT OF COOPERATION

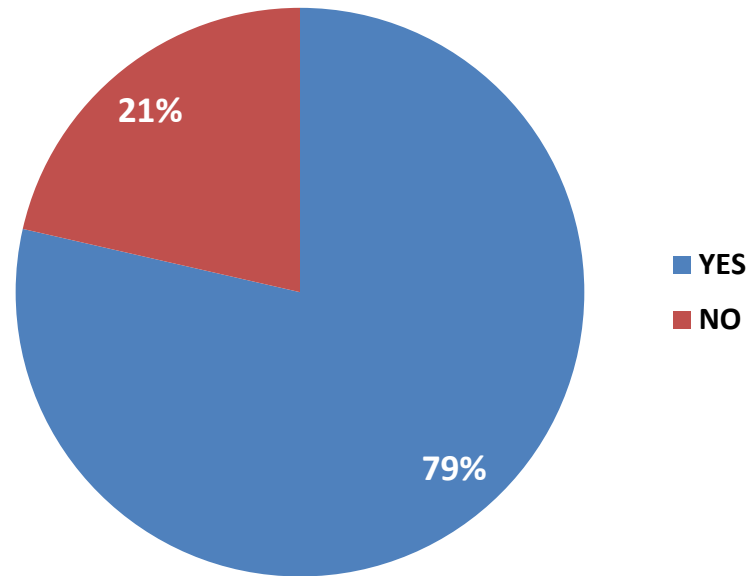
SCIENTIFIC DOMAINS OF SELECTED PROJECTS

DATA FROM THE SURVEY



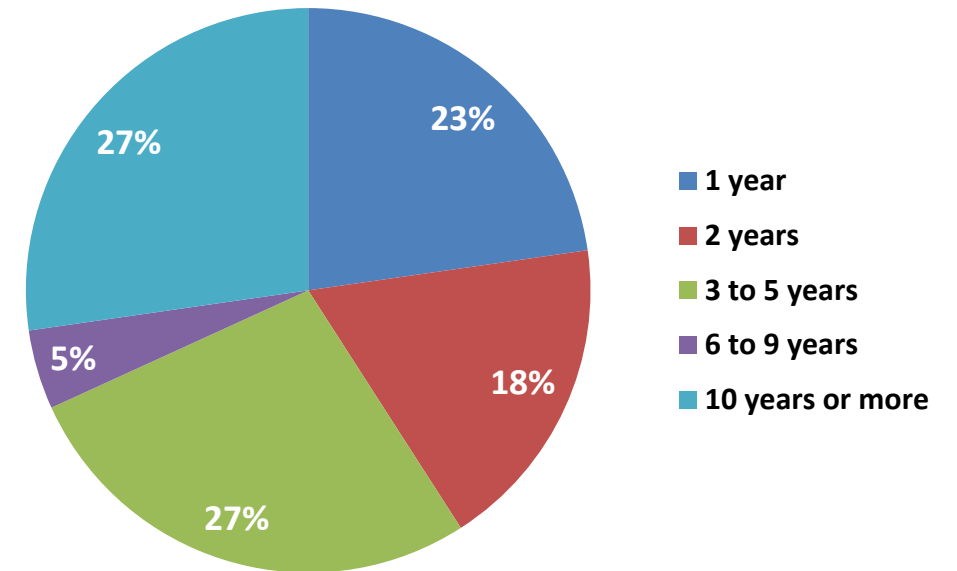
BEFORE THE PROCOPE PLUS PROJECT

Was the cooperation between the French and German partners pre-existing to the Procope Plus project?



28 responses

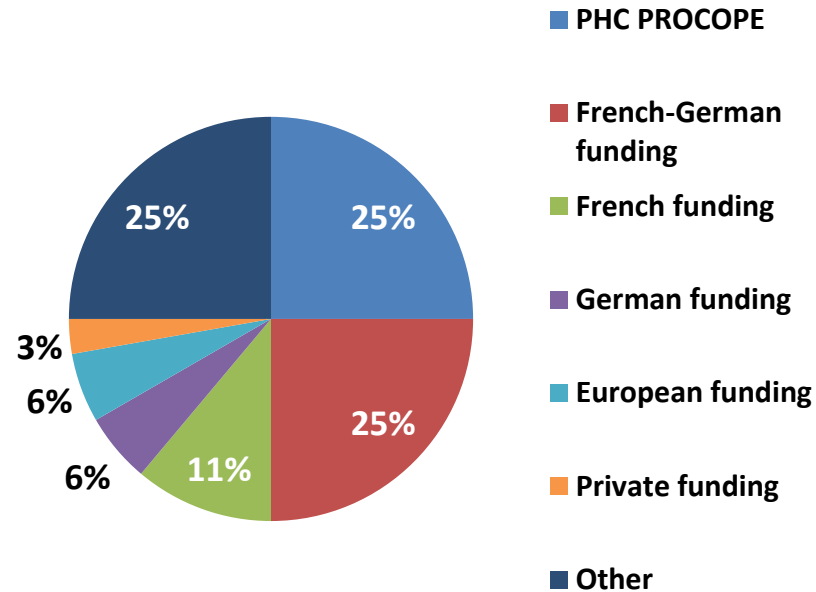
If yes, specify for how long



22 responses

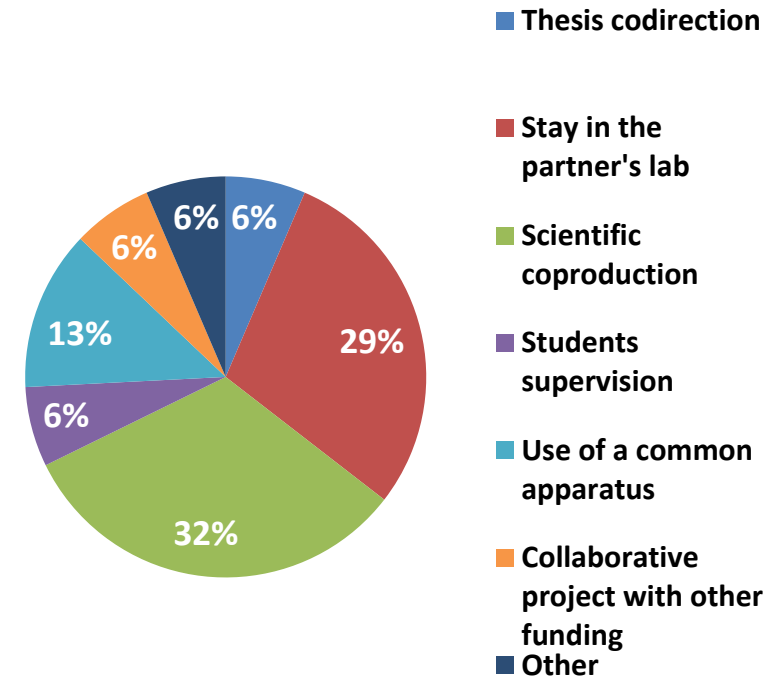
BEFORE THE PROCOPE PLUS PROJECT

In what context did you cooperate with the partner country before this project?



28 responses and 36 occurrences

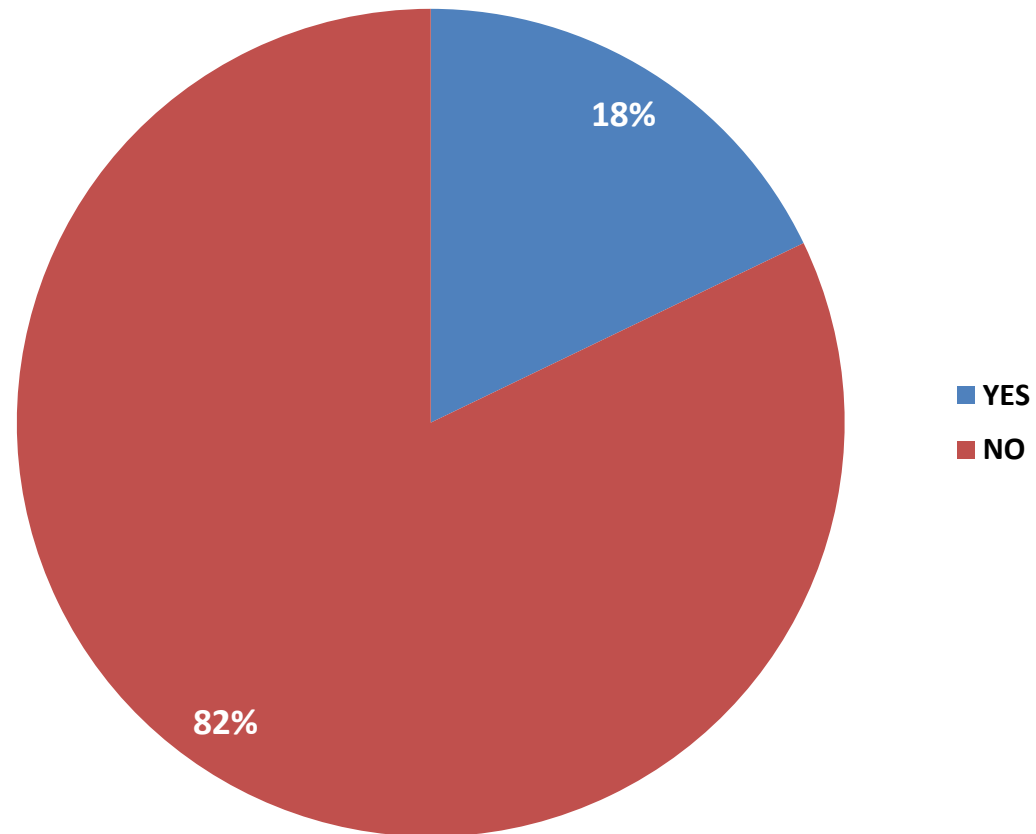
If it was outside the framework of a scientific cooperation programme, specify the modalities of this previous cooperation



18 responses and 31 occurrences

DURING THE PROCOPE PLUS PROJECT

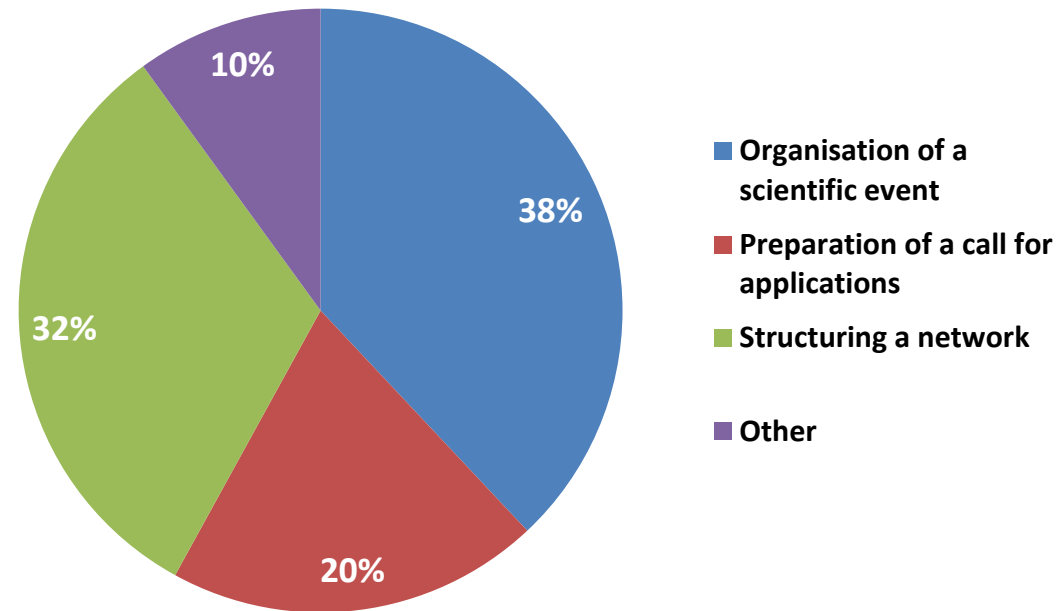
Is the cooperation within the framework
of the Procope Plus project part of the
continuity of a PHC project ?



28 responses

DURING THE PROCOPE PLUS PROJECT

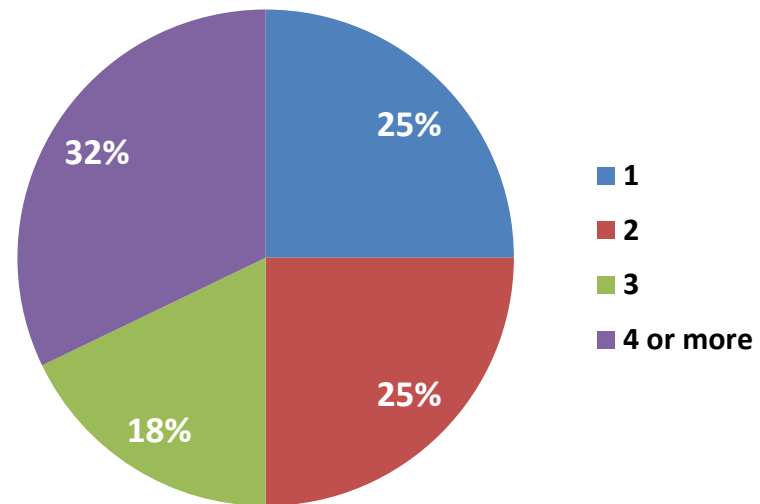
What was the goal of the project?



28 responses and 50 occurrences

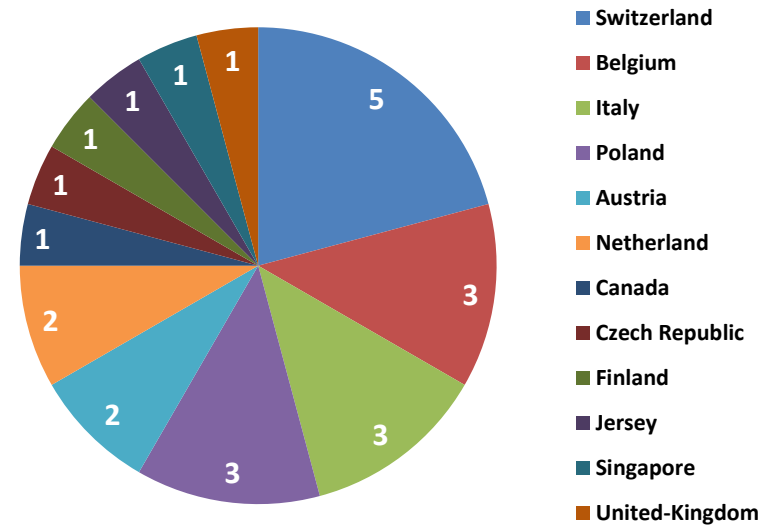
DURING THE PROCOPE PLUS PROJECT

To how many partners has bilateral cooperation extended as part of the Procope Plus project?



28 responses

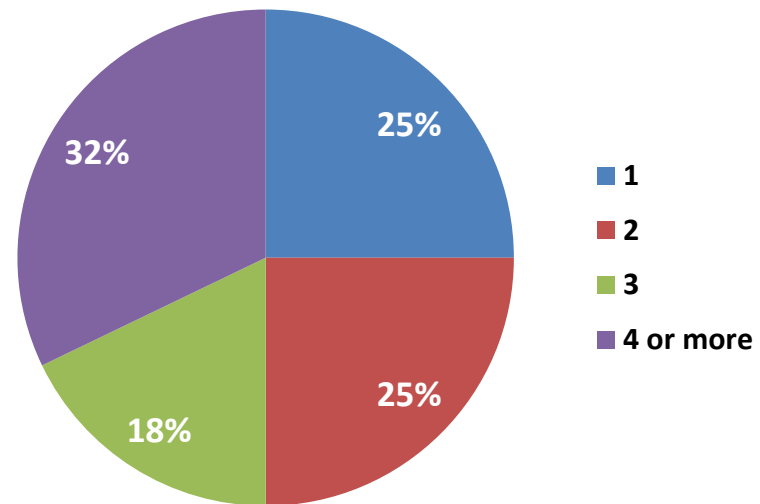
Specify the partner countries other than France and Germany involved in the Procope Plus project



15 responses and 12 countries

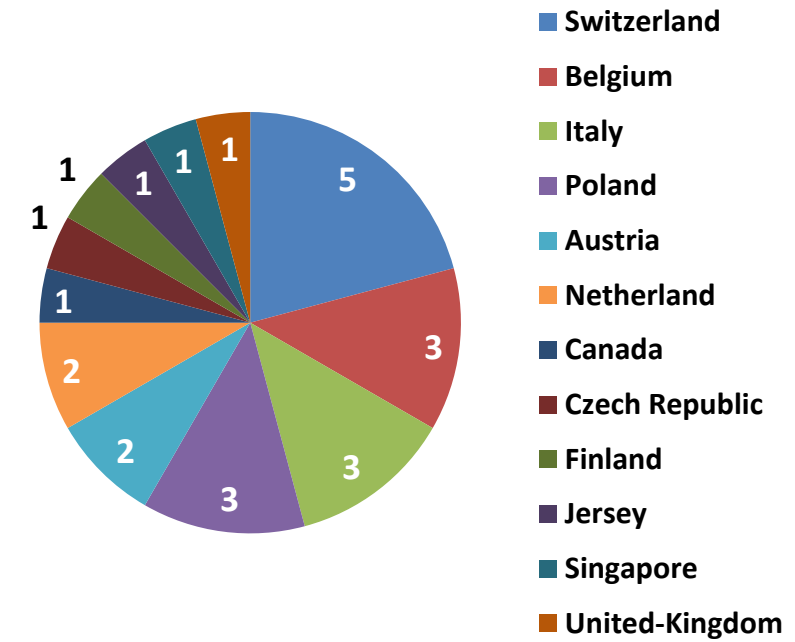
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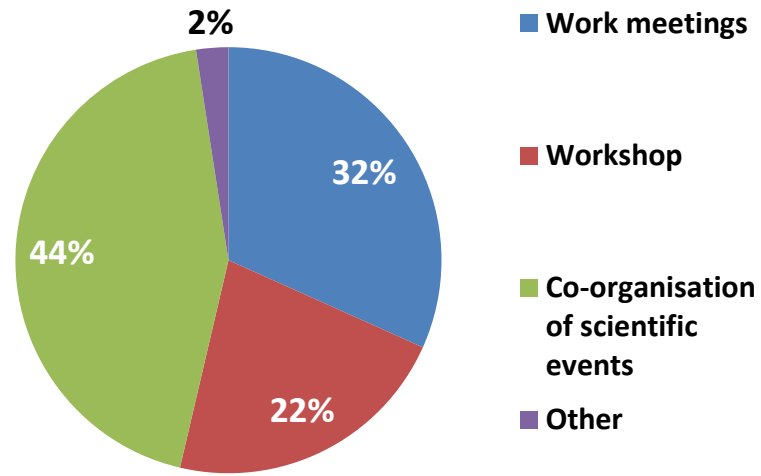
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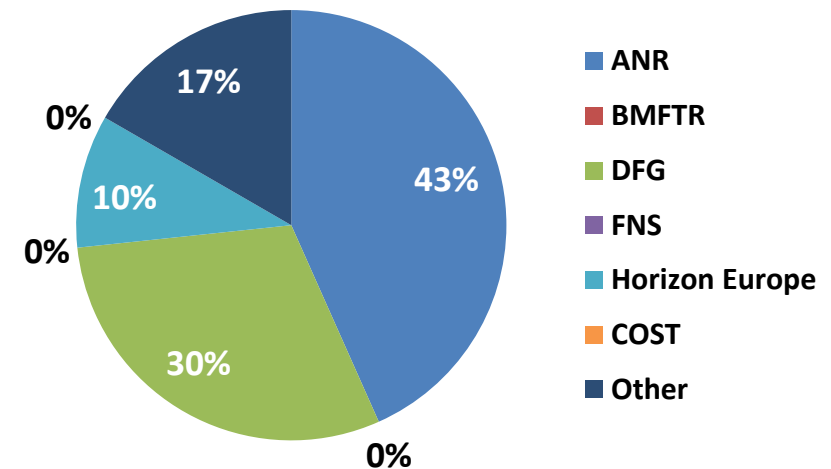
DURING THE PROCOPE PLUS PROJECT

What type of event have you organized as part of the Procope Plus project?



28 responses and 41 occurrences

What call for applications has the consortium prepared as part of the Procope Plus project?



22 responses and 30 occurrences



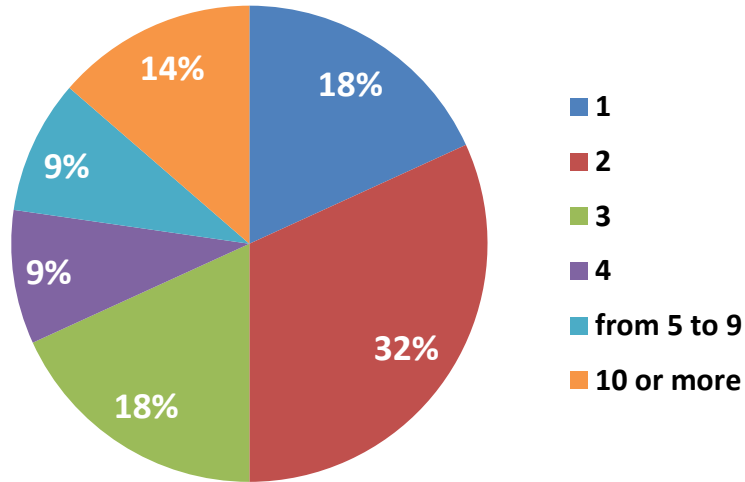
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YOUNG RESEARCHERS

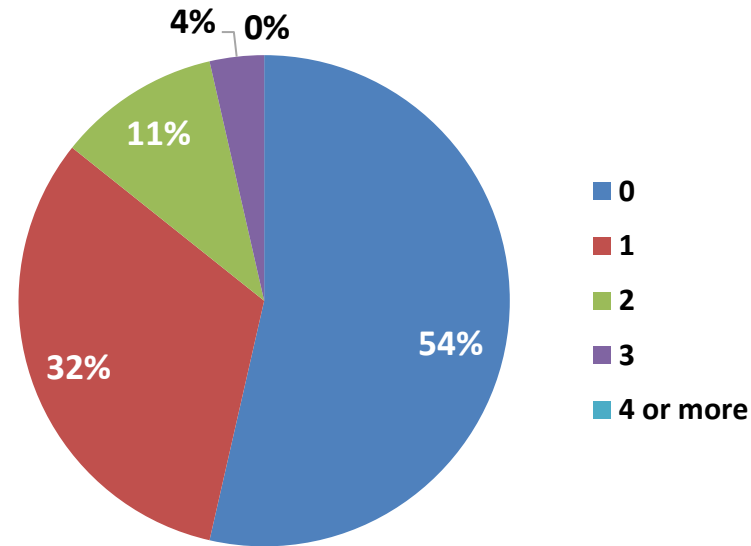
PHD STUDENTS

Total number of PhD students involved in the Procope Plus project (if known)



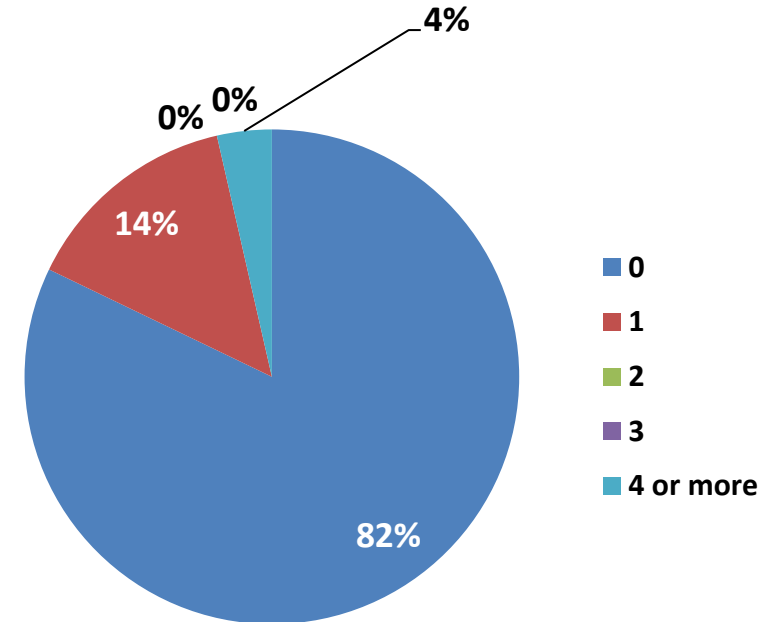
22 responses for 84 PhD

Number of French PhD students involved in the Procope Plus project (if known)



28 responses for 18 PhD

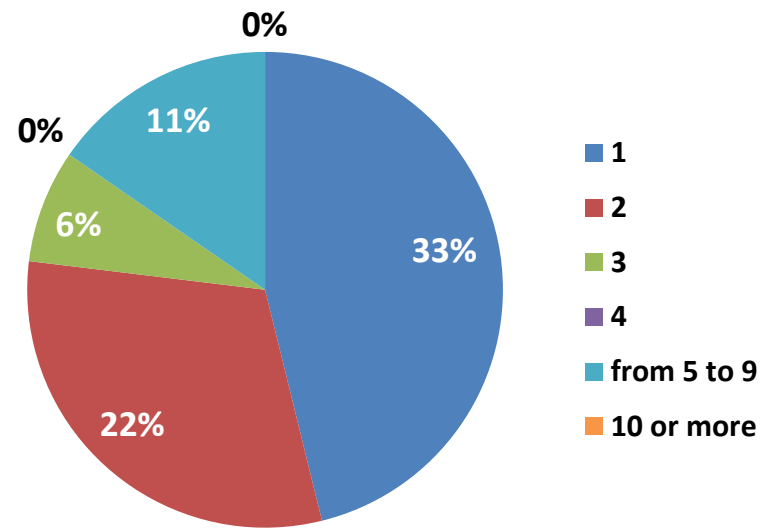
Number of French PhD students under co-supervision or co-direction with the German partner



28 responses for at least 8 PhD

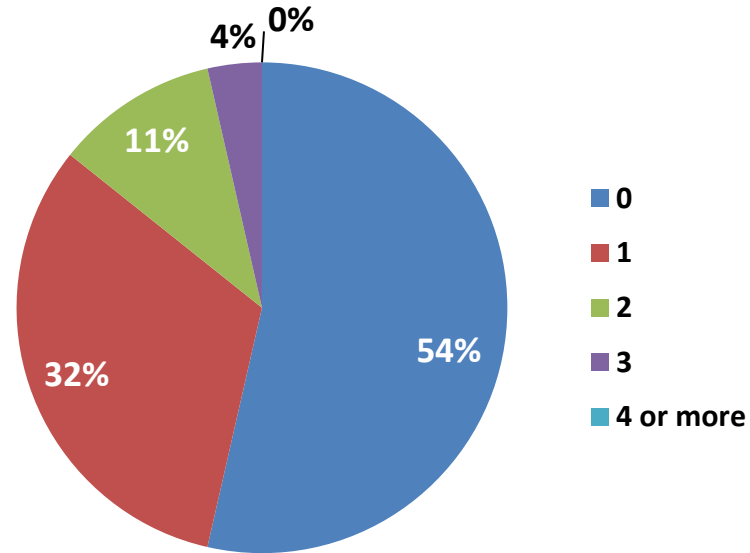
POSTDOC STUDENTS

Total number of postdoc students involved in the Procope Plus project (if known)



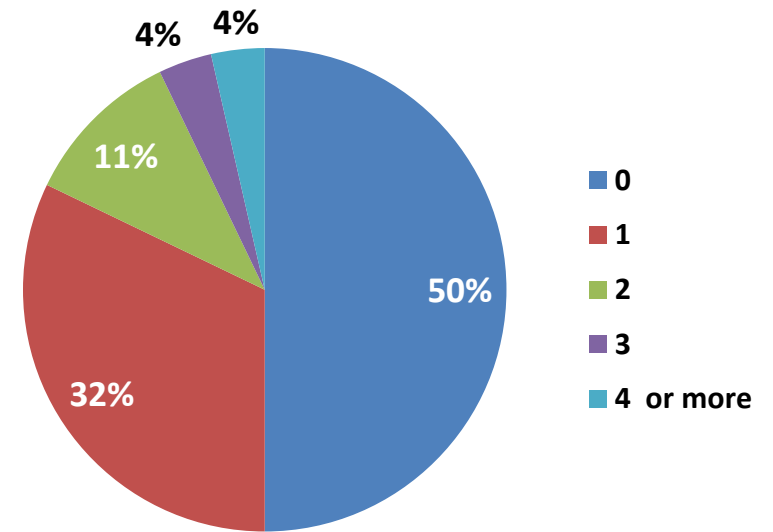
18 responses for 27 postdocs

Number of French PhD students involved in the Procope Plus project (if known)



28 responses for 18 postdocs

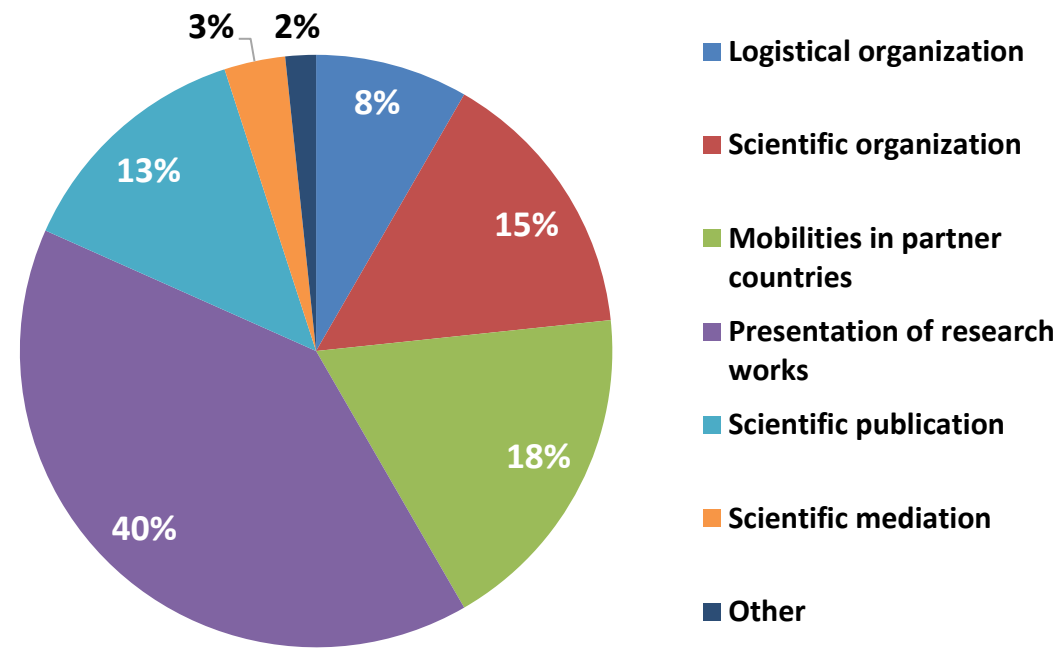
Number of German PhD students involved in the Procope Plus project (if known)



28 responses for at least 22 postdocs

PHD AND POSTDOC STUDENTS

How were the young researchers involved
in the Procope Plus project?



28 responses and 60 occurrences



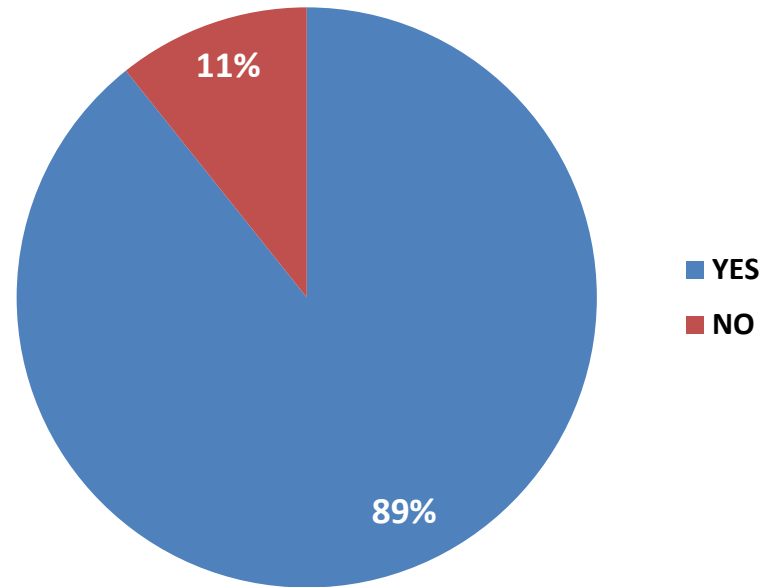
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IMPACT OF THE PROGRAM

AFTER THE PROCOPE PLUS PROJECT

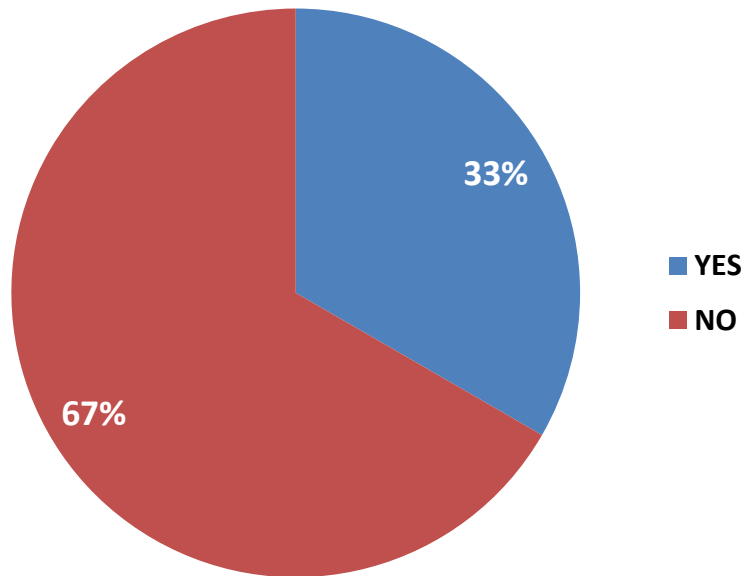
Are the results obtained during the project in accordance with those originally set?



28 responses

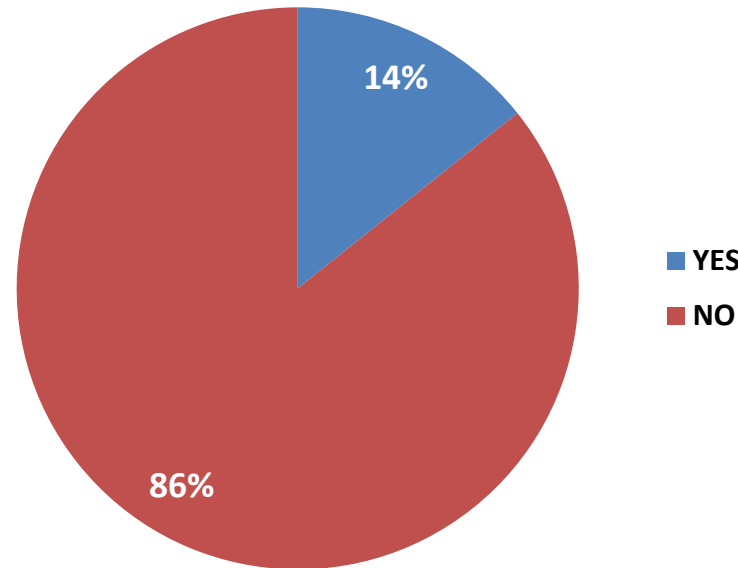
AFTER THE PROCOPE PLUS PROJECT

Did the consortium apply for European fundings ?



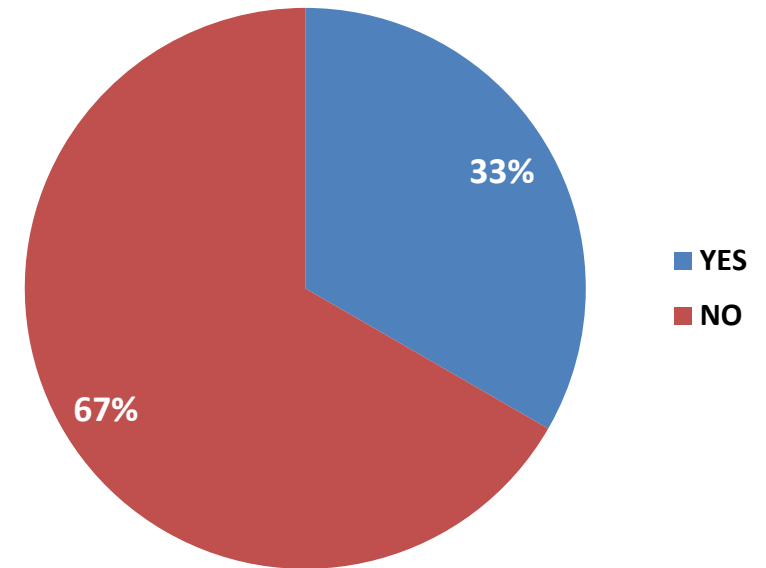
27 responses

If you answered yes to the previous question, has the expected funding been obtained ?



7 responses

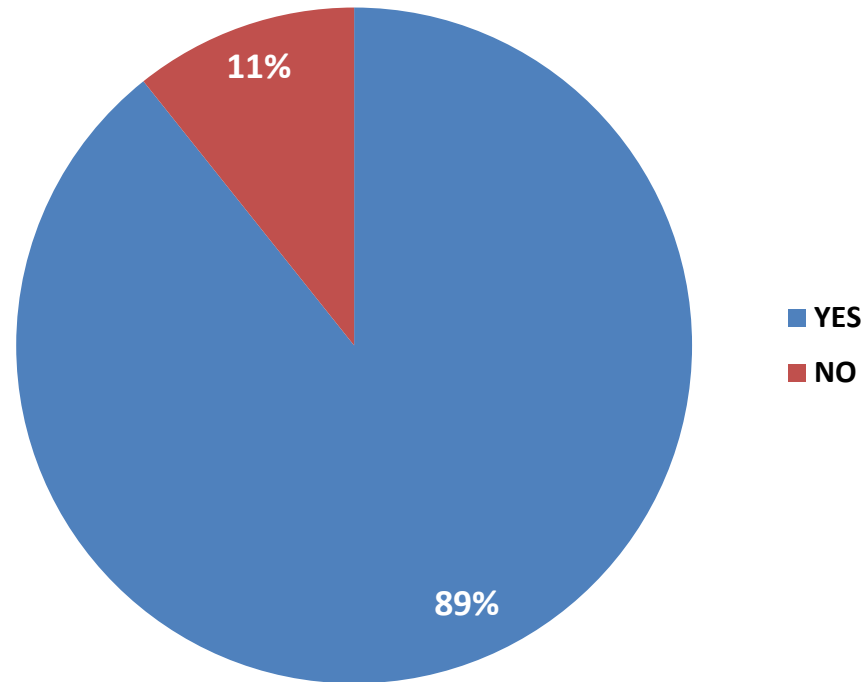
If you answered yes to the previous question, would you have been able to apply for and/or obtain the expected funding without the preparatory activities funded under the Procope Plus programme ?



6 responses

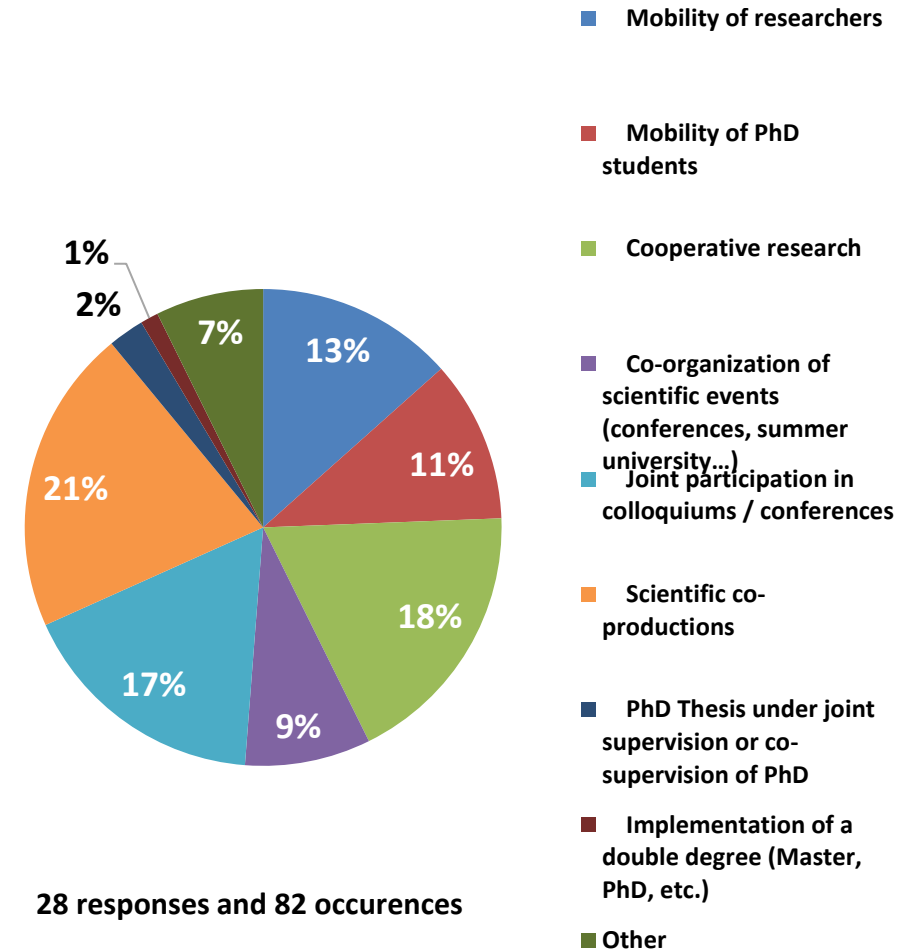
AFTER THE PROCOPE PLUS PROJECT

Did Franco-German cooperation continue in another framework once the project was completed?



28 responses

If yes, please indicate in the context of which activities?



28 responses and 82 occurrences



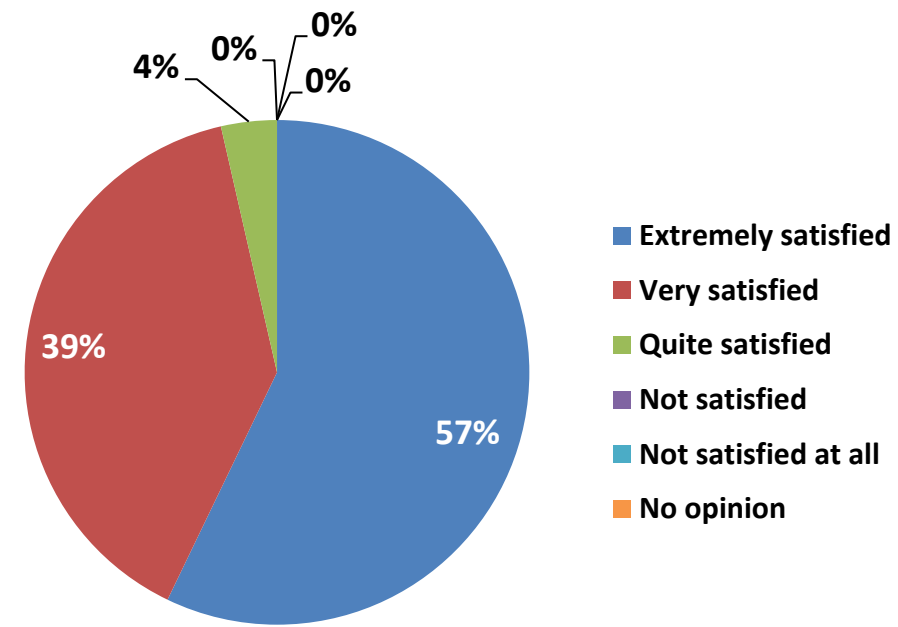
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OPINION ON THE PROGRAM

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What is your general level of satisfaction with this program?



28 responses

OPINION ON THE PROGRAM

Comment le Service pour la Science et la Technologie pourrait-il – notamment par ce programme – mieux accompagner la préparation de projets européens ?

En simplifiant la gestion administrative et financière

En améliorant l'information sur le programme et les appels à projet

En valorisant mieux les résultats du programme et des projets

PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS



- Implication of new partners (50% of 3 and more)
 - Implication of countries other than France and Germany (57% of respondents)
 - Cooperation on new call for applications (79% of respondents)
 - Strong implication of PhD students (79% of respondents) and postdoctorates (67% of respondents)
 - Continuation of the cooperation for 89% of respondents
 - 96 % of the respondents are very satisfied with the program . For those who have applied for a funding, 2/3 of them that this would not have been possible without the Procope+ funding
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- Only 33 % of respondents applied for European funding, among them only 14 % were successful. Only 18 % of the respondents have continued to work with their partner through cooperative research
- Only 25 % of the respondents had a prior cooperation within the PHC Procope/ PP Frankreich program
- While most of the respondents are very satisfied, the programme has not fully reached its objectives regarding the scaling up of cooperation

PRELIMINARY RECOMMANDATIONS

- 1) To reinforce the continuity of Procope + with the PHC Procope / PPP Frankreich program by identifying as early as possible the research teams who wish to reinforce and structure their initial cooperation at a higher level, whether through Franco-German calls for proposal (ex: ANR-DFG) or European calls for proposal (ex: Horizon Europe). Preferably, the projects should be selected among consortia that have consumed the largest part of their budget during their PHC Procope / PPP Frankreich program**

- 2) To ensure that the selected projects meet the objectives –which should be defined with more precision regarding the type of expected follow up- of the program regarding the scaling up of Franco-German projects, the Procope+ call for proposal could include a list of future calls for proposal to target. The consortia should commit to preparing and submitting an application within future calls for proposal to be opened within two years after the beginning of the Procope+ funding, i.e. targeting a specific call for proposal within Horizon Europe**

- 3) Accordingly, the program should target to support less projects each year, but investing more in their development towards a larger scale of cooperation.**



French national ministries (MESRE / MEAE) will provide a complete analysis of the survey. It will be sent to the recipients of the funding who participated in this survey.

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