

FRANCE – SLOVENIA

**Scientific impact of the programme PROTEUS
(2005-2020)**

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2020

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GENERAL PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME

Creation : 1994

The purpose of this programme is to develop excellence scientific and technological exchanges between the French and Slovenian laboratories, by promoting new scientific collaborations and integrating in the projects young researchers and PhD students.

Total budget (France + Slovenia) : 71 000 € / year

>> including budget from the French part : around 31 000 € / year

>> including budget from the Slovenian part : around 40 000 € / year

Average budget per project (France + Slovenia) : around 3 500 € / year

Number of new funded projects per year : around 10

From 2005-2020 :

559 applications submitted

209 projects funded

DATA SOURCES

Campus France (2005-2020)

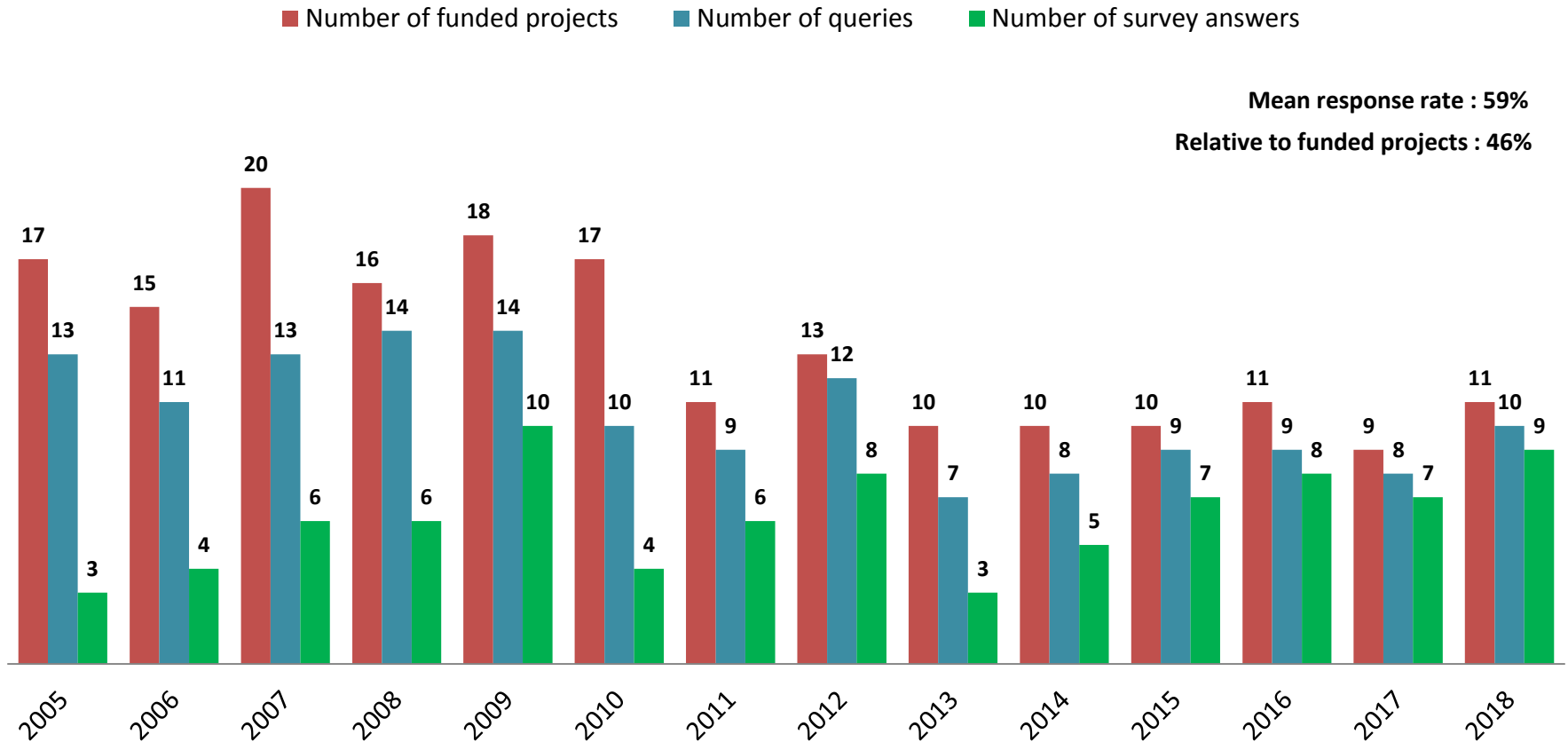
- Information about the PHC Proteus applications
- List of mobilities (from France to Slovenia and from Slovenia to France)

Survey (2005-2018)

- Target : French Principal Investigators of selected projects between 2005 and 2018
- Survey duration : 10 weeks between March and May 2020
- **59%** response ratio (86 respondents for 147 queries)

ANSWERS TO THE SURVEY

Average response rate to the survey : **59 % (86 answers)**

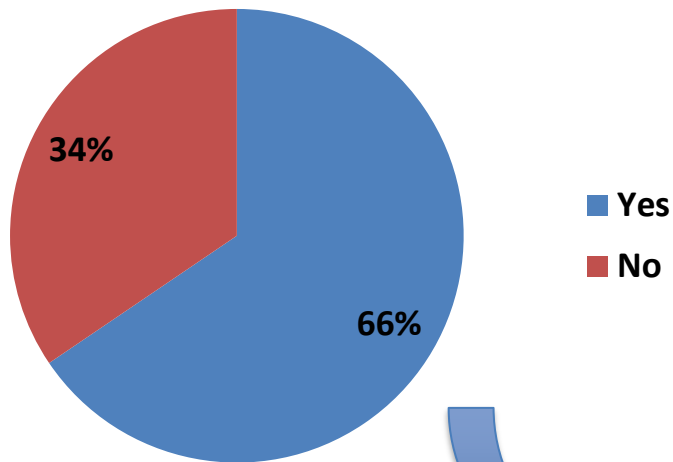


188 funded projects between 2005 and 2018, 147 valid email addresses

2005-2020 Key Points

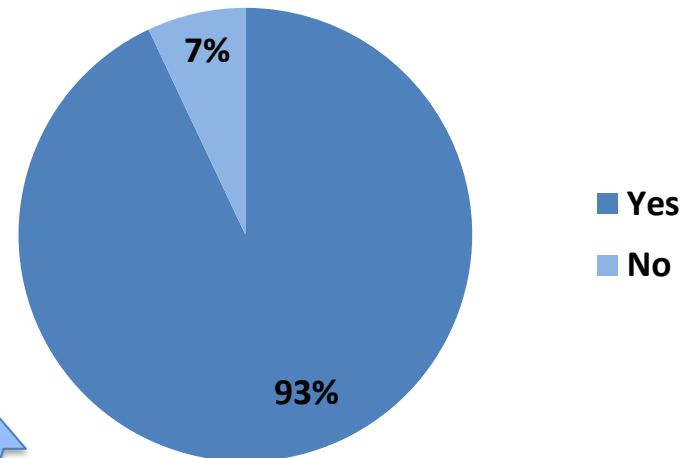
BEFORE THE PROTEUS PROJECT (1/2)

Did you already cooperate with Slovenia in the past ?



Data from 87 responses

If yes, was it with the same partner?



Data from 57 responses

BEFORE THE PROTEUS PROJECT (2/2)

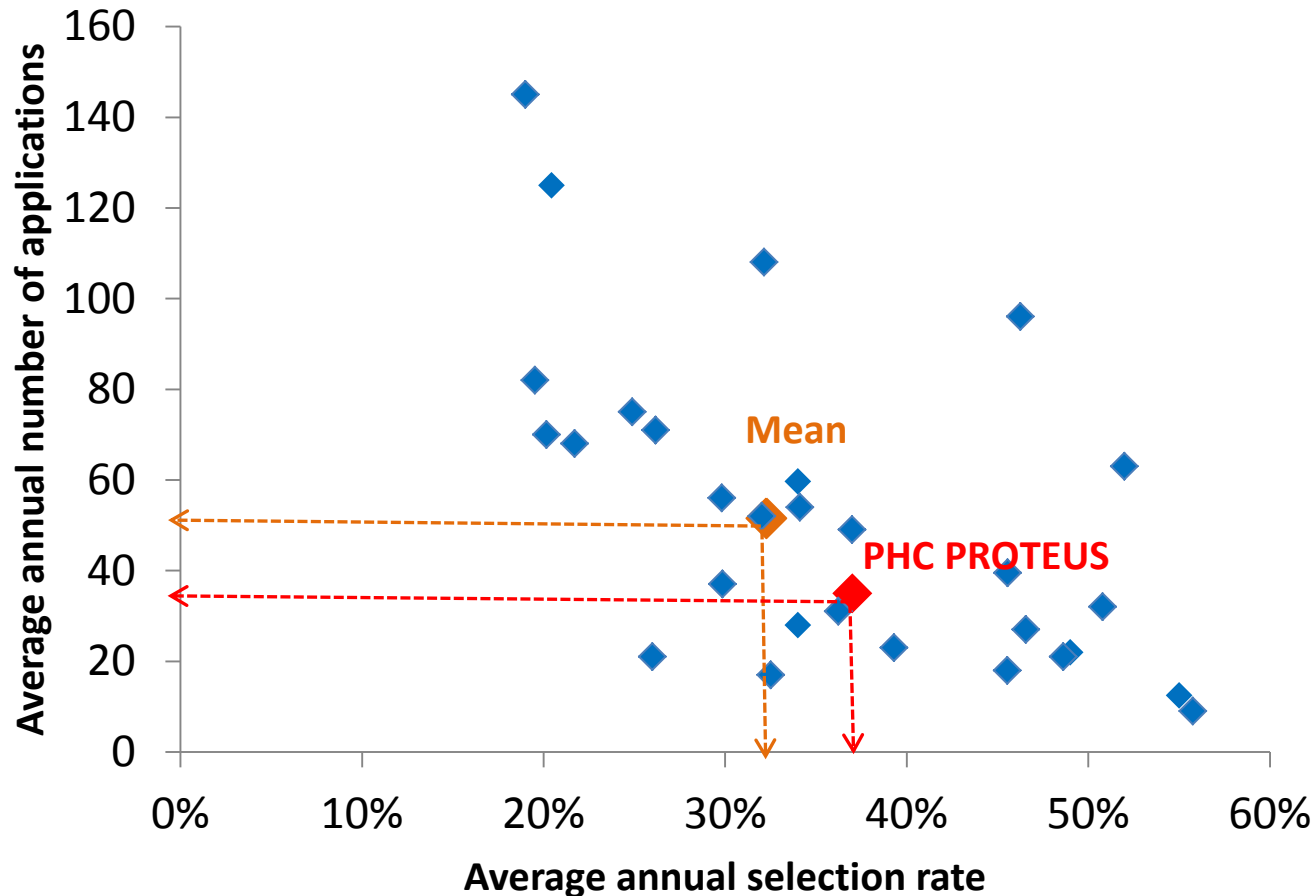
With which scientific collaboration programme ?

PHC Proteus	57%
European projects (FP5, FP6, FP7, COST, H2020)	17%
Others (Erasmus, Networks...)	12%
CNRS (PICS, LEA, LIA)	10%
National Research Agency (ANR)	3%
BGF (French government grants)	1%

Data from 49 responses

Plus 27 previous cooperations based on other exchanges (co-publication, meetings, joint PhD...)

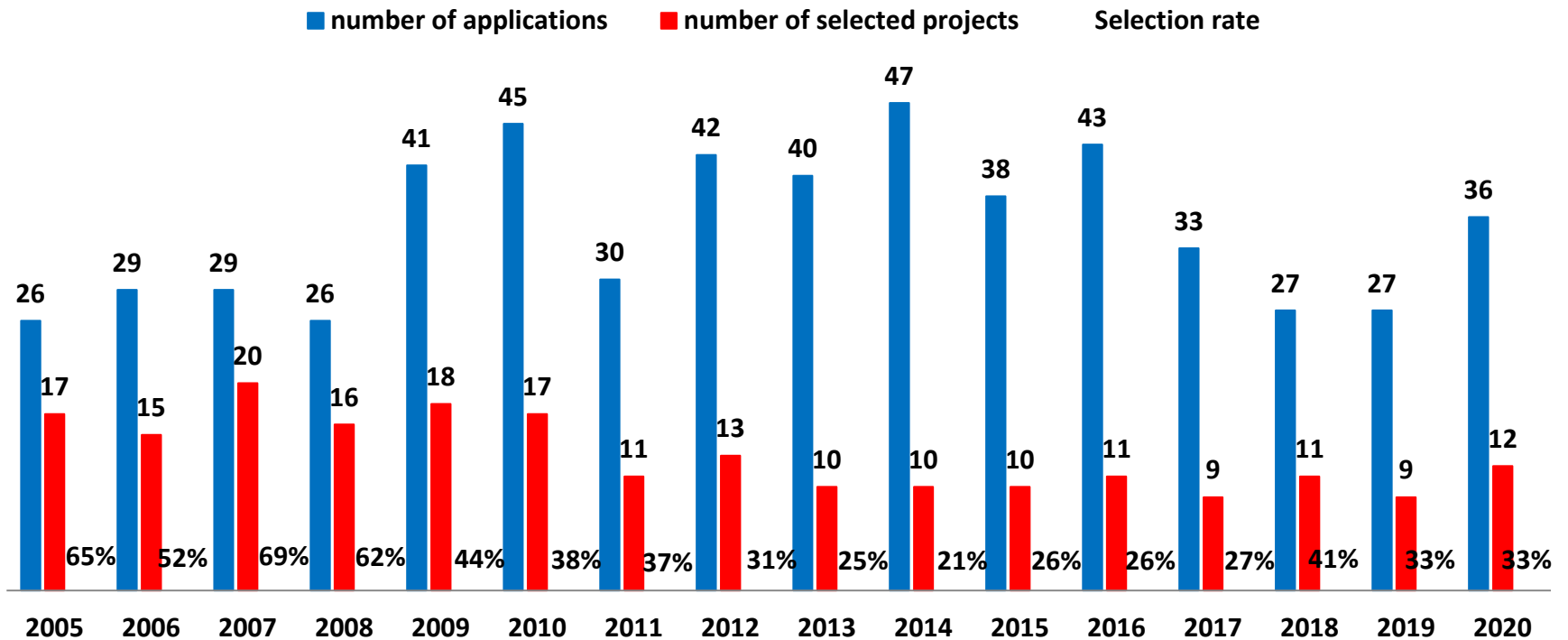
NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS VS SELECTION RATE (COMPARISON BETWEEN 30 DIFFERENT BILATERAL PROGRAMMES)



Average selection rate for 2005-2020 : 37% vs 32% mean
Average number of applications 2005-2017 : 35 vs 52 mean

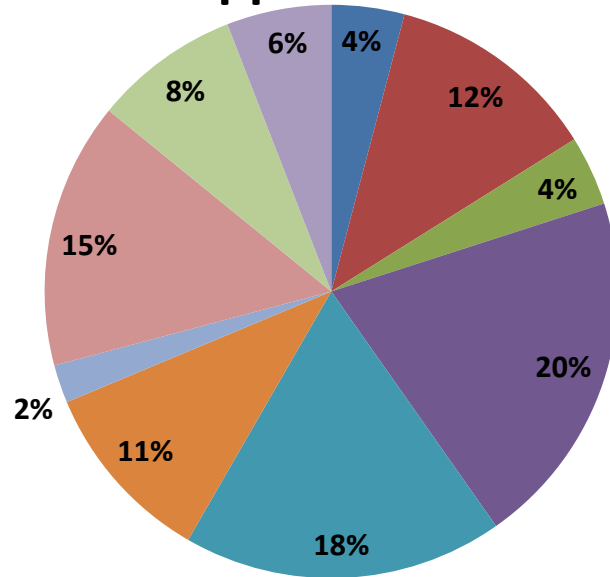
NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND SELECTION RATE

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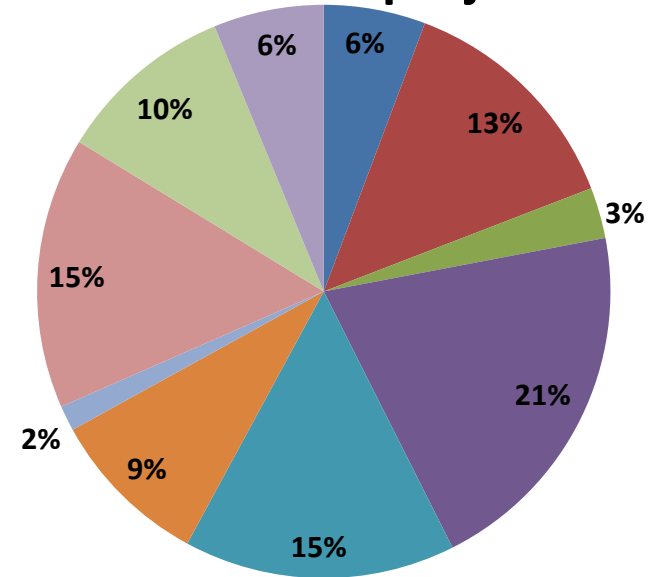


SCIENTIFIC DOMAINS OF PROJECTS

Number of applications : **559**



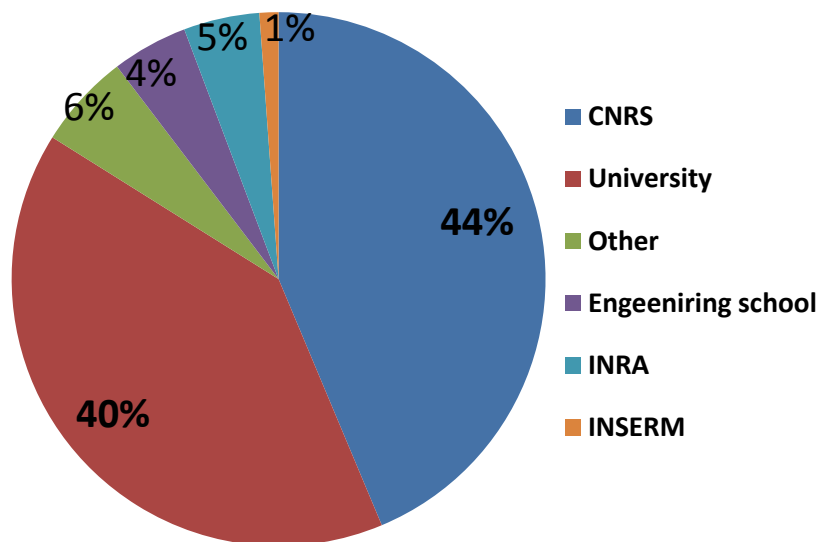
Number of funded projects : **209**



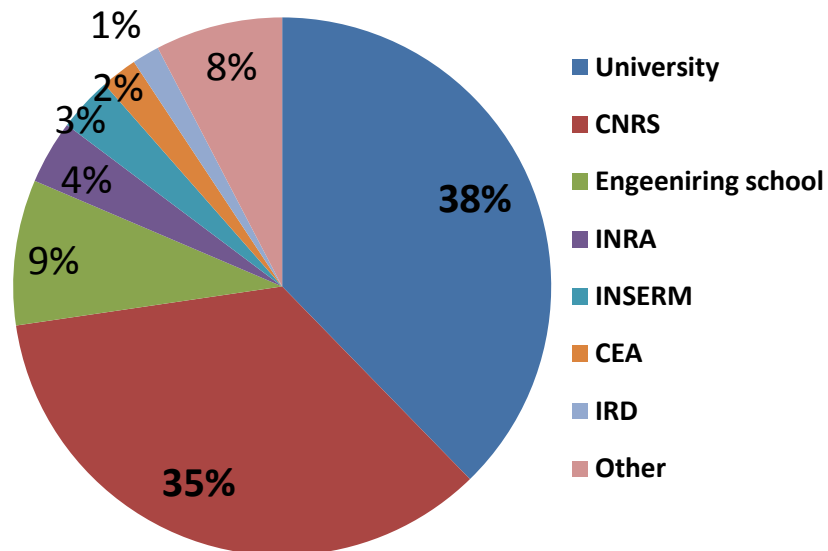
- Mathematics
- Marine/Earth/Planet Sciences
- Biology and Health
- Social Sciences
- Information Technology
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Humanities
- Engineering Sciences
- Agronomy/Ecology

FRENCH PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

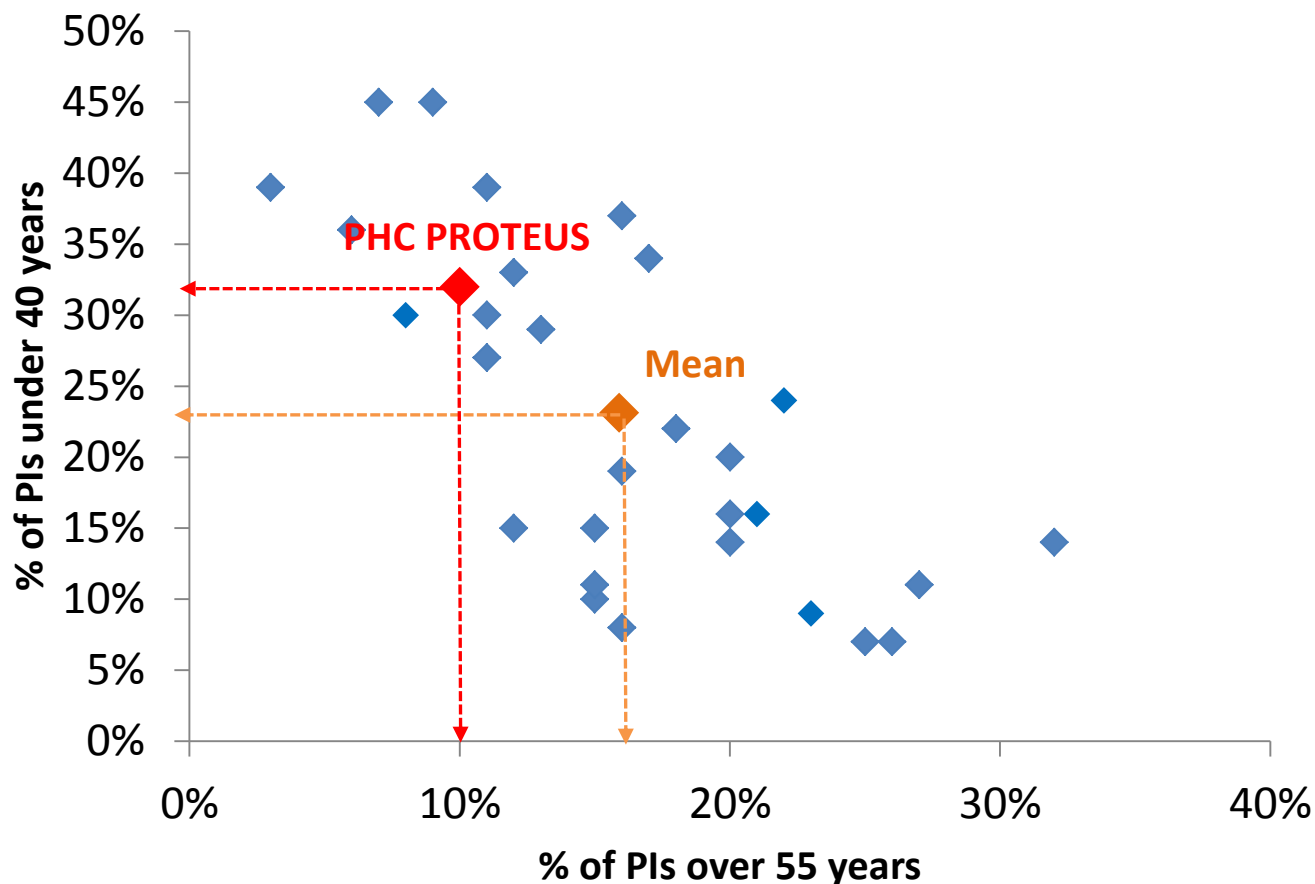
PI's employers



Laboratories authorities



AGE OF PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS (PI) (COMPARISON BETWEEN 30 DIFFERENT BILATERAL PROGRAMMES)



PIs under 40 years : 32% vs 23% mean

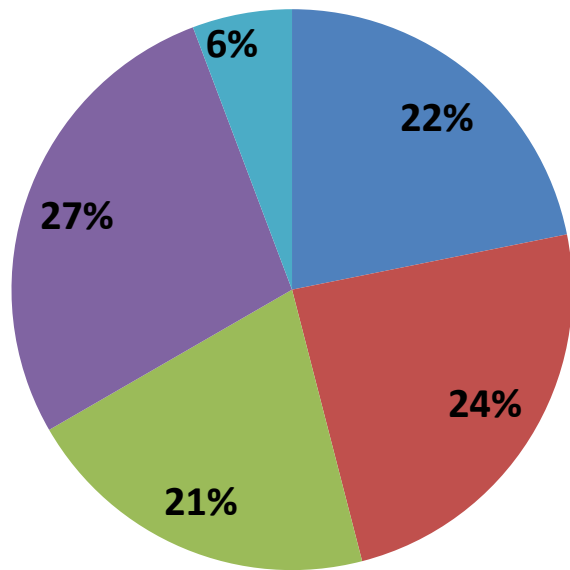
PIs over 55 years : 10% vs 16% mean

58% of the PIs are between 40 and 55 years

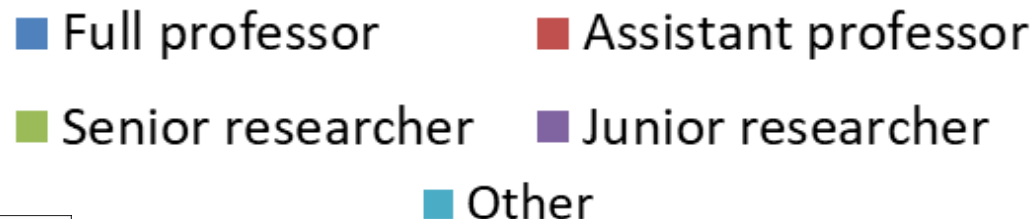
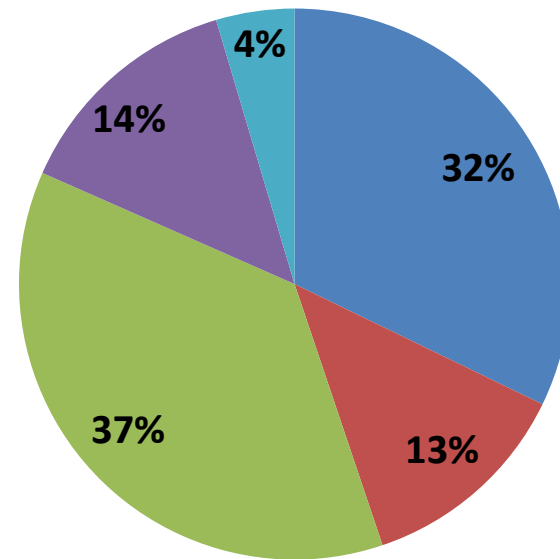
Data from 87 responses

FRENCH PIS (PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS) : STATUS

**Previous professional status
(at the beginning of the project)**

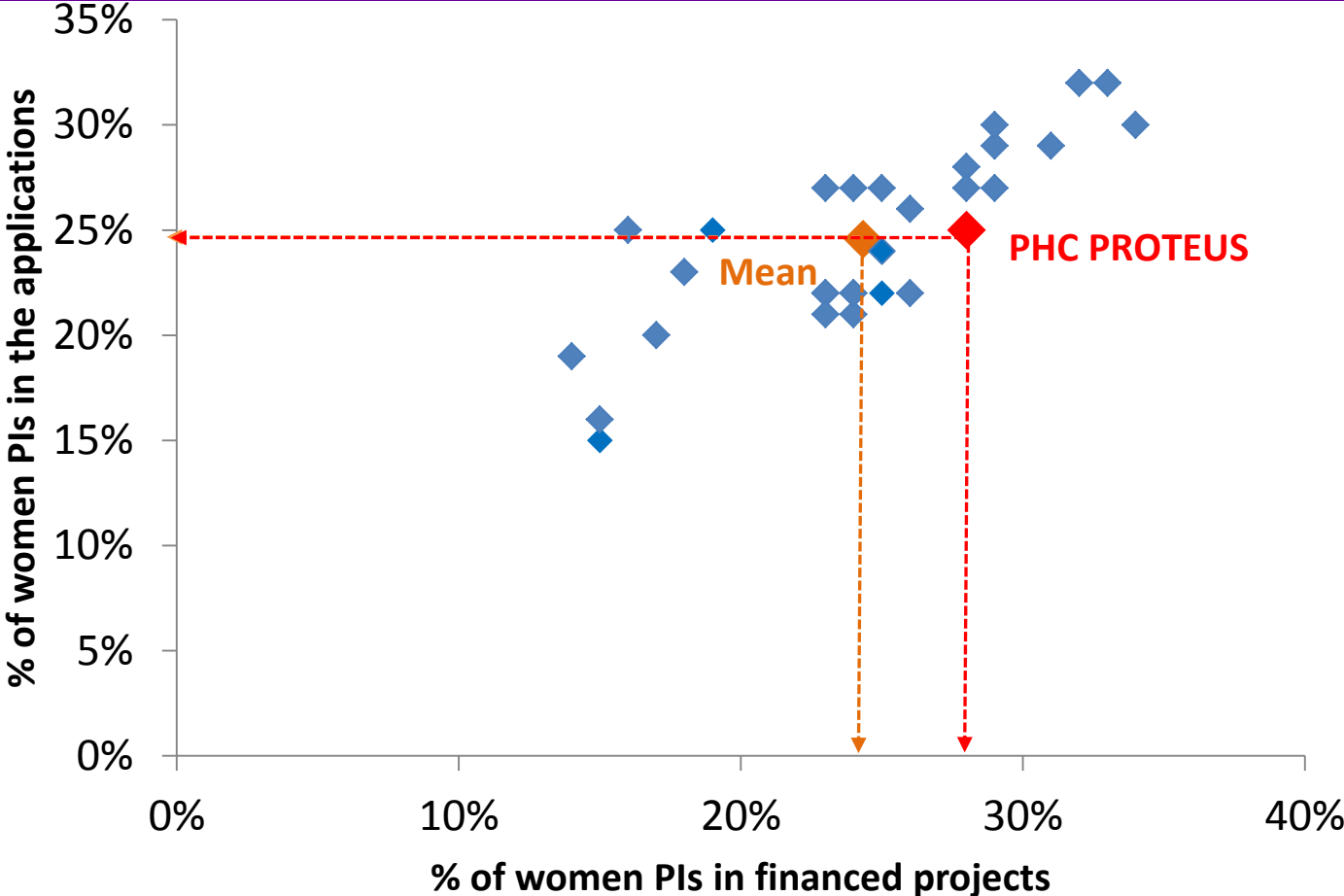


Current professional status



IMPLICATION OF WOMEN (FRANCE)

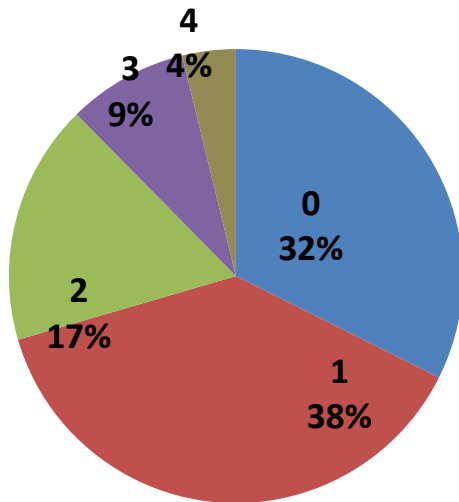
(COMPARISON BETWEEN 30 DIFFERENT BILATERAL PROGRAMMES)



% of women PIs in the applications : 25% vs 25% mean
% of women PIs in the selected projects : 28% vs 24% mean

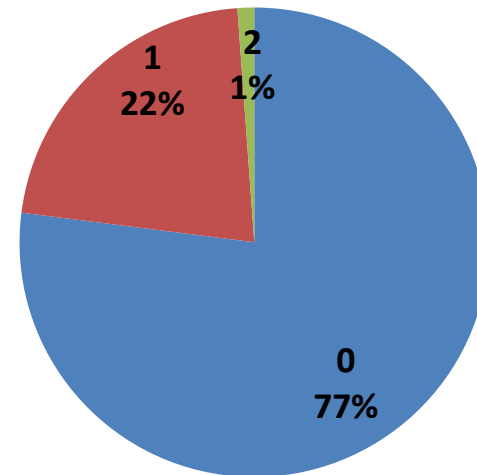
PARTICIPATION OF FRENCH YOUNG RESEARCHERS

Number of PhD students



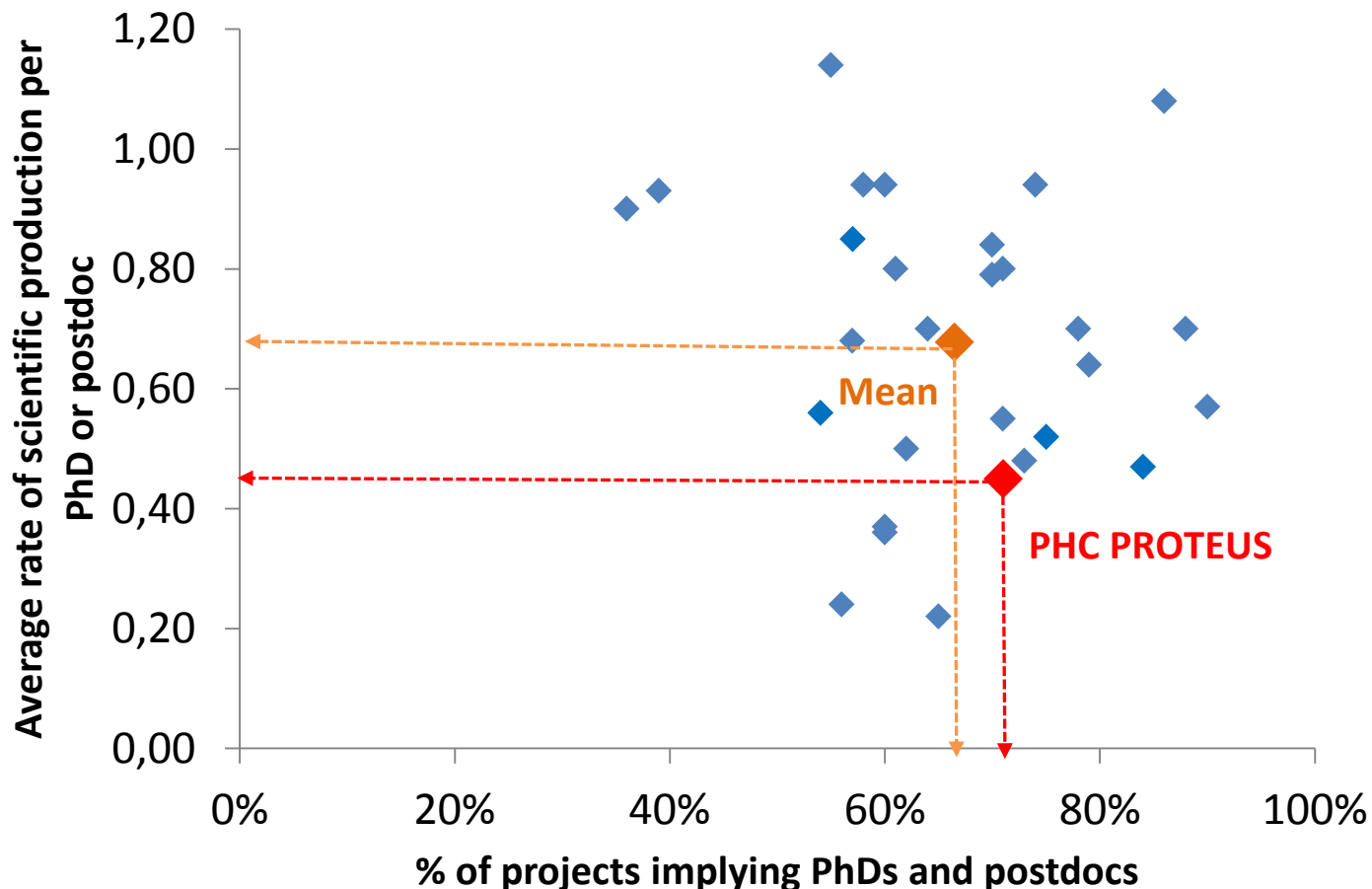
63% of projects involve at least one PhD student

Number of post-doctoral researchers



25% of projects involve at least one post-doctoral researcher

IMPLICATION OF YOUNG RESEARCHERS (COMPARISON BETWEEN 30 DIFFERENT BILATERAL PROGRAMMES)



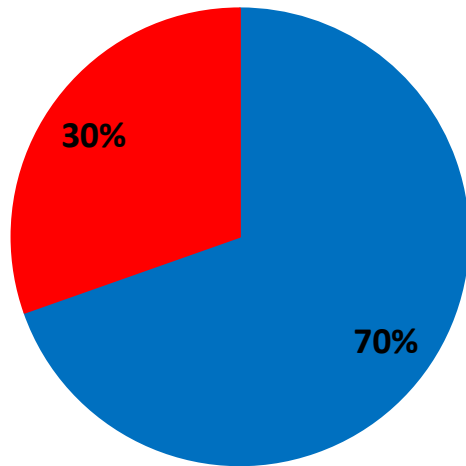
% of projects implying young researchers : 71% vs 66% mean
Average rate of scientific production per young researcher : 0,45 vs 0,68 mean



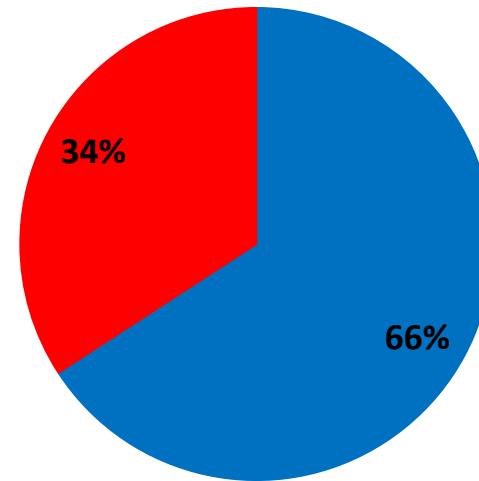
MOBILITY

MOBILITY : GENDER DISTRIBUTION

France → Slovenia



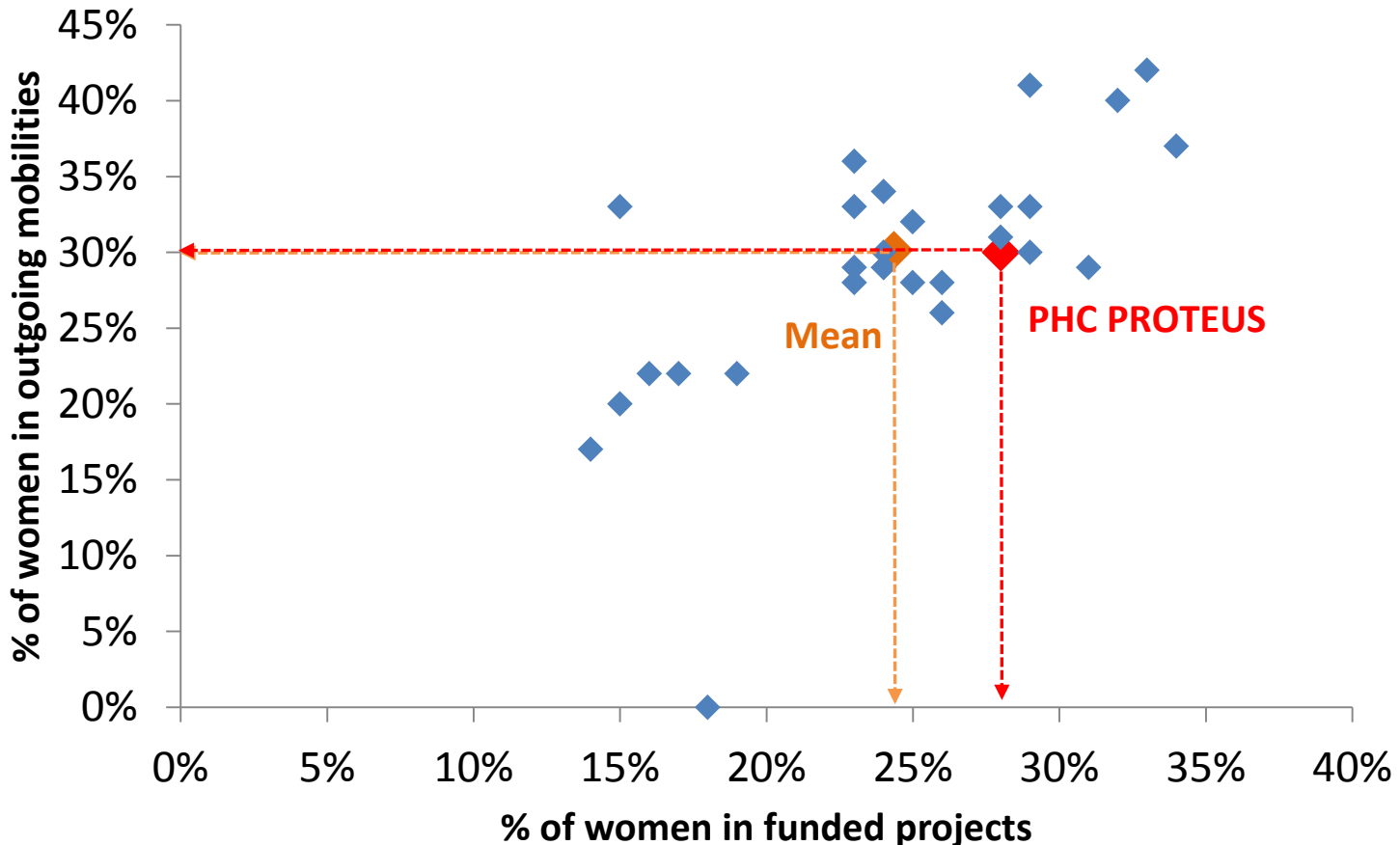
Slovenia → France



■ Men ■ Women

WOMEN MOBILITY FRANCE – SLOVENIA

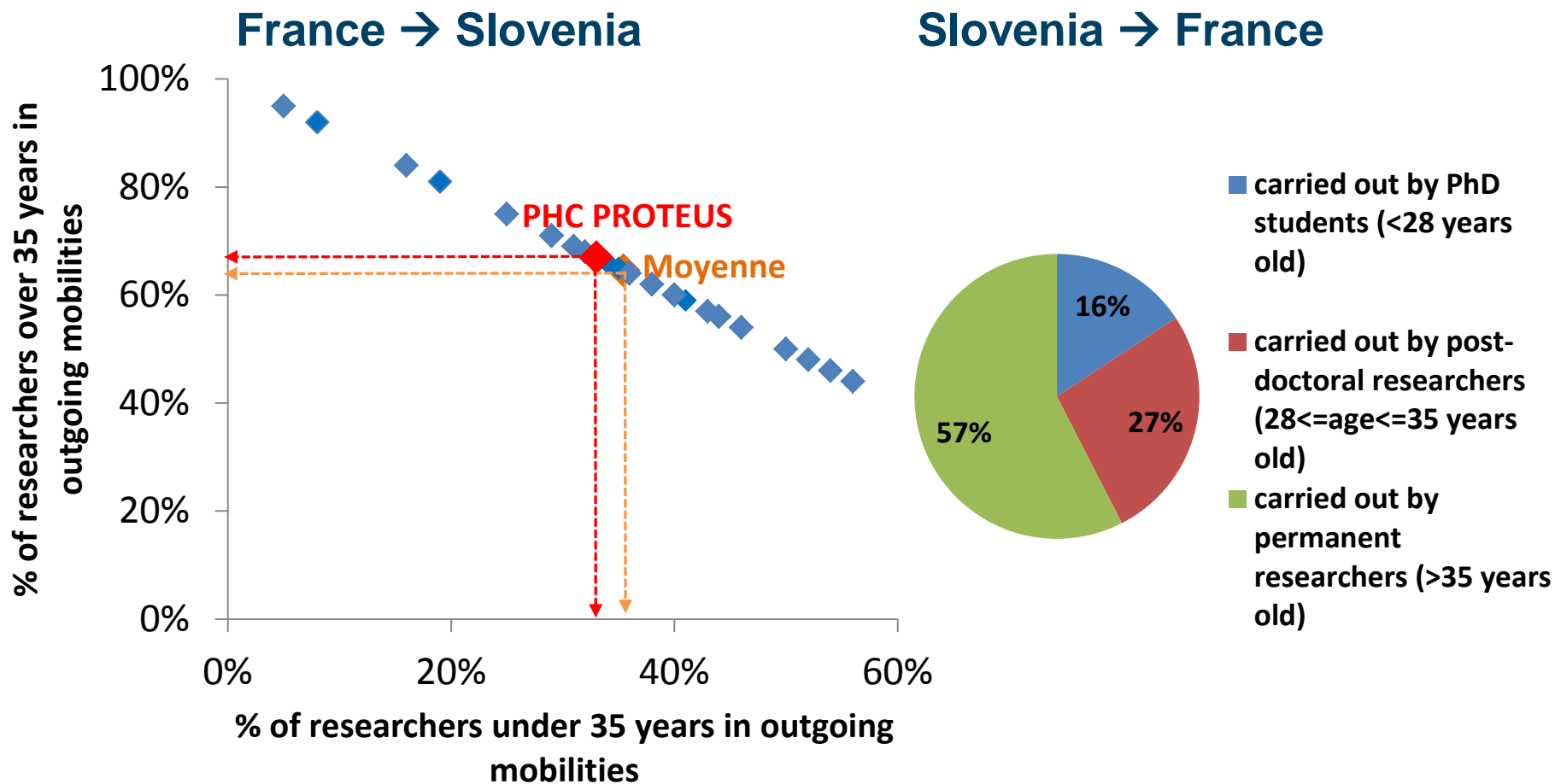
(COMPARISON BETWEEN 30 DIFFERENT BILATERAL PROGRAMMES)



% of women researchers in the selected projects : 28% vs 24% mean
% of women researchers in outgoing mobilities : 30% vs 30% mean

YOUNG RESEARCHERS MOBILITY FRANCE – SLOVENIA

(COMPARISON BETWEEN 30 DIFFERENT BILATERAL PROGRAMMES)

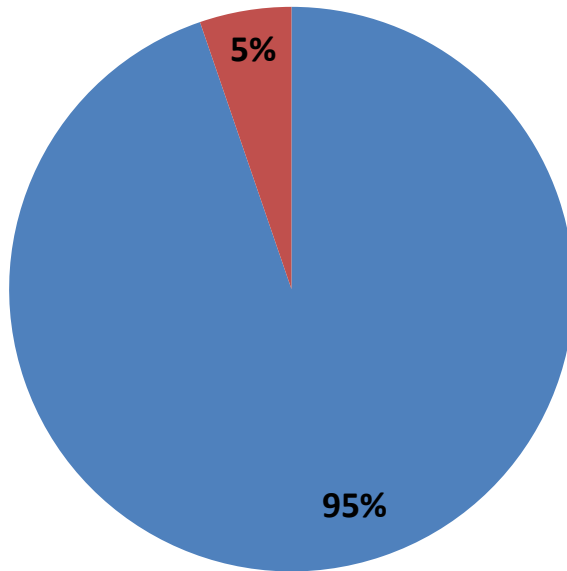


% of french young researchers in outgoing mobilities : 33% vs 35% mean

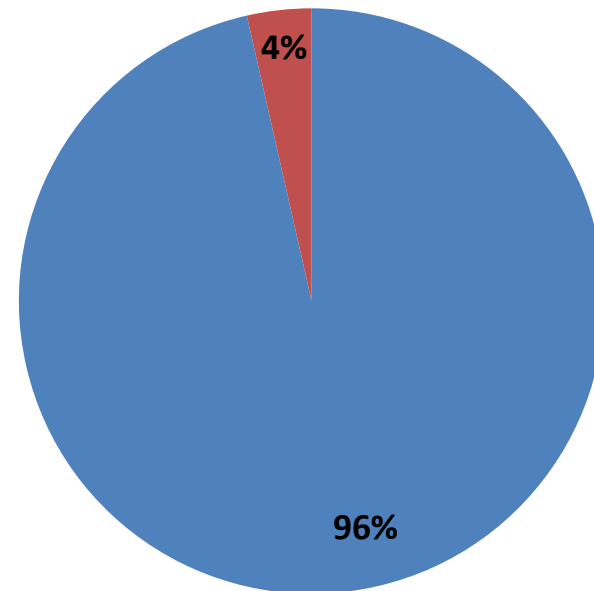
% of slovenian young researchers in incoming mobilities : 43%

MOBILITY : DURATION

France → Slovenia



Slovenia → France



■ < 15 days

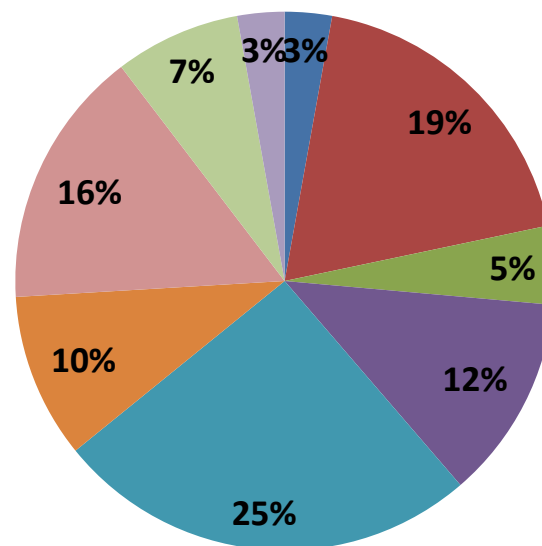
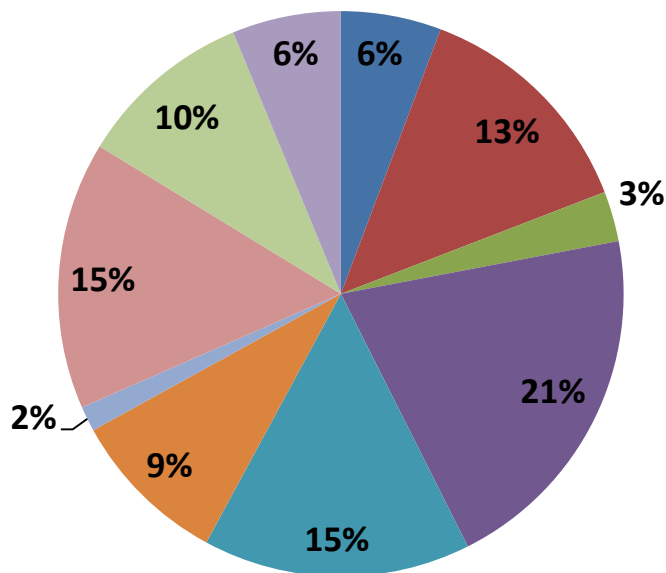
■ between 15 days and 3 months

SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTION

SCIENTIFIC OUTPUT (1/2)

Number of funded projects : **209**

Percentage of copublications (87 responses)



- Mathematics
- Physics
- Marine/Earth/Planet Sciences
- Chemistry
- Biology and Health
- Humanities
- Social Sciences
- Engineering Sciences
- Information Technology
- Agronomy/Ecology

SCIENTIFIC OUTPUT (2/2)

Data from 87 funded projects

	Number of financed projects in the survey	Average number of co-publications per project
Mathematics	4	1,5
Physics	10	4,0
Marine/Earth/Planet Sciences	5	2,0
Chemistry	18	1,4
Biology and Health	14	3,9
Humanities	6	3,5
Social Sciences	0	0
Engineering Sciences	16	2,1
Information Technology	9	1,8
Agronomy / Ecology	5	1,2
TOTAL	87	2,4

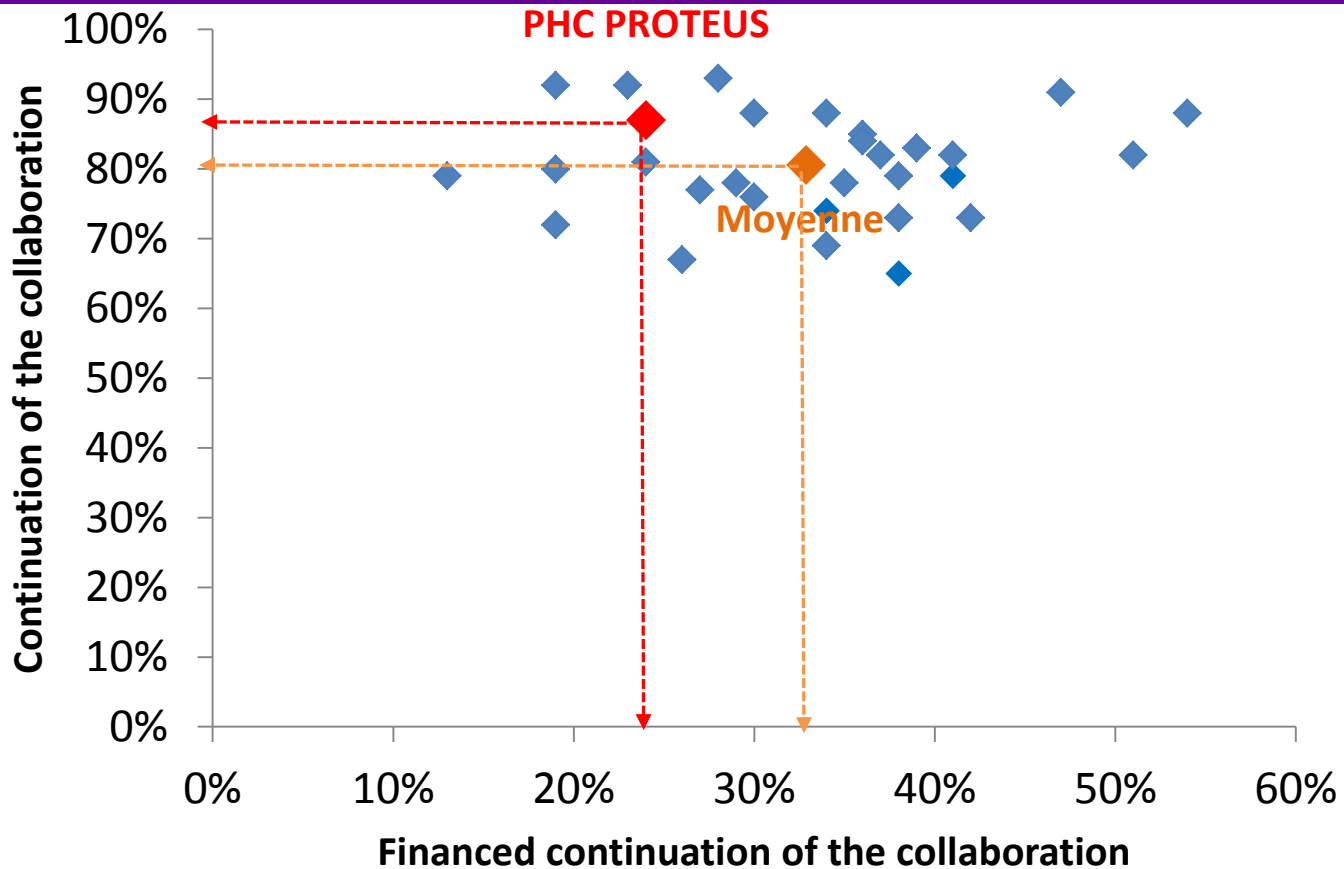
Overall average annual number of copublications per project : 1,20 vs 0,93 mean

67% of funded projects led to one co-publication at least

30% of copublications include at least 1 PhD or PostDoc

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A PROTEUS PROJECT ?

CONTINUATION OF THE COLLABORATION (1/5) (COMPARISON BETWEEN 30 DIFFERENT BILATERAL PROGRAMMES)



Continuation of the collaboration : 87% vs 81% mean

Continuation of the collaboration with other sources of subvention : 24% vs 33% mean

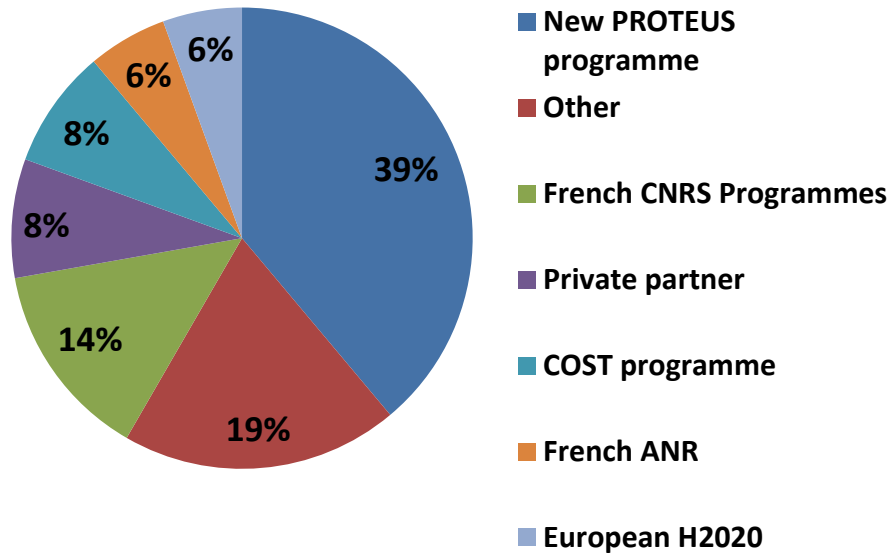
CONTINUATION OF THE COLLABORATION (2/5)

88% of the collaborations continued after the Proteus project

Which activities?	
Collaborative research	74%
Co-publications	64%
Researchers mobility	53%
Joint participation to conferences	51%
PhD mobility	26%
Others	18%
Co-organisation of scientific events	15%
Joint participation to PhD thesis jury	8%

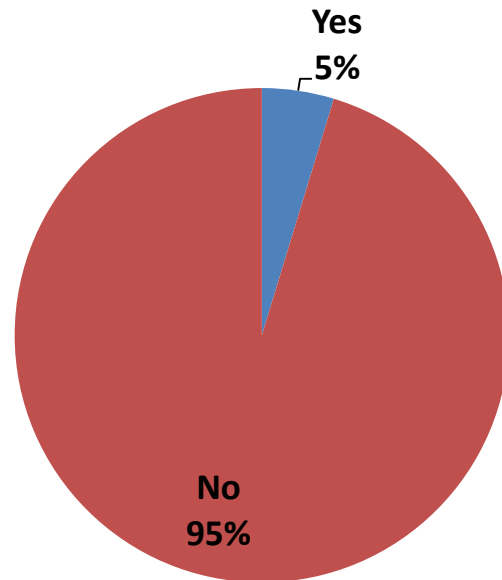
CONTINUATION OF THE COLLABORATION (3/5)

What kind of funded collaborations after the Proteus project ?



CONTINUATION OF THE COLLABORATION (4/5)

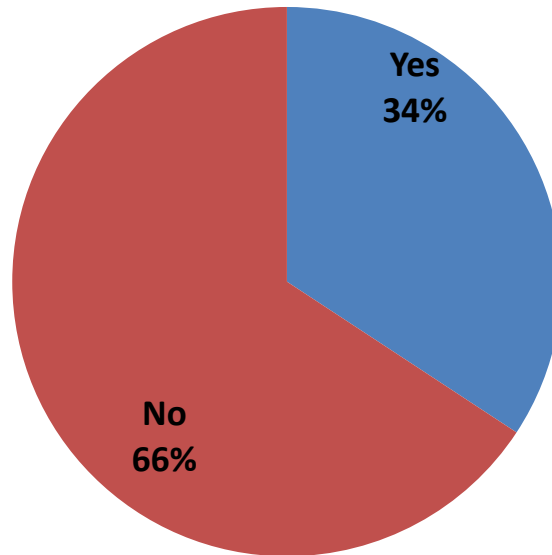
Has the Proteus project led to the set-up of joint structures?



2 CNRS Associated European Laboratories
1 Network Paris, Ljubljana, Prague
1 Network IUF

CONTINUATION OF THE COLLABORATION (5/5)

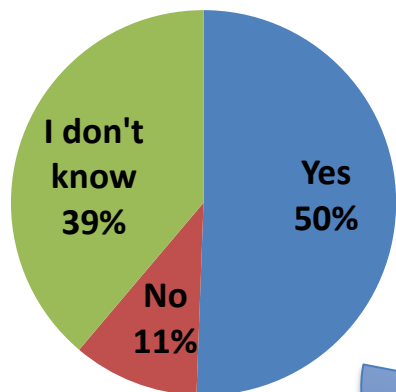
Has the French-Slovenian collaboration involved new partners?



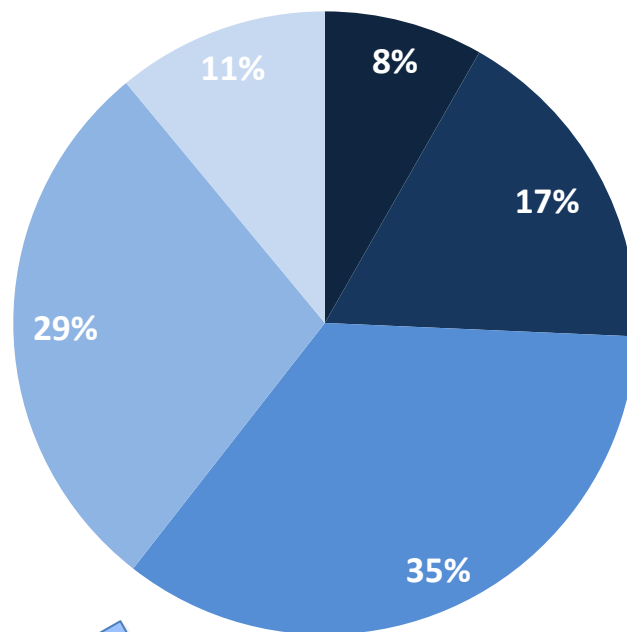
For a total of 42 new partners from 24 different countries

IMPACT ON YOUNG RESEARCHERS' CAREER (1/2)

Was young researchers' career impacted by the Proteus programme ?

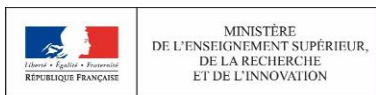


Type of impacts



- Researcher in a public research institution (permanent position)
- Teacher/Researcher (permanent position)
- Postdoc/Teacher/Researcher (temporary position)
- Employed in a private company in link with the field of Higher Education - Research
- Other

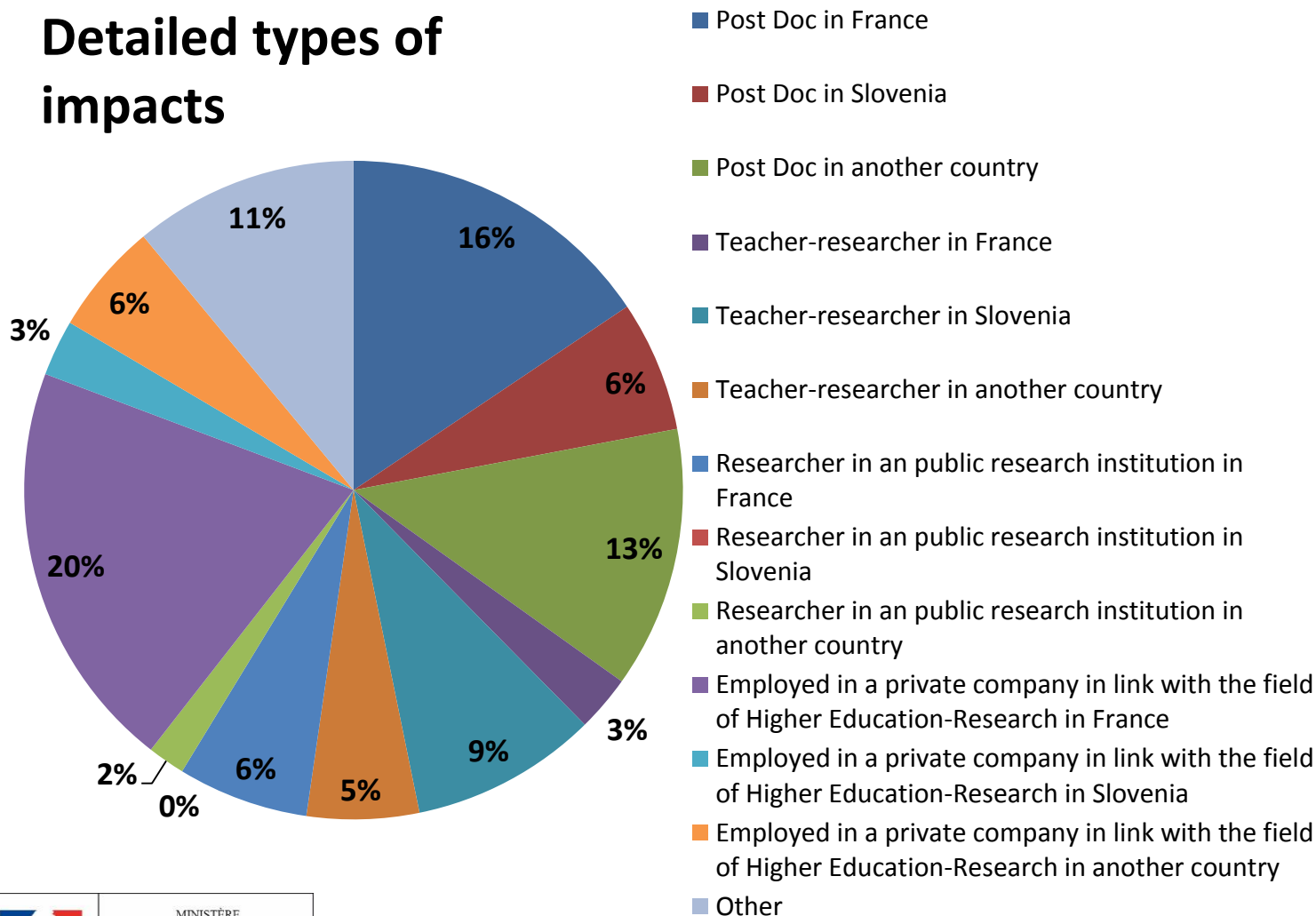
Data from 85 responses



Data from 52 responses for a total of 109 young researchers

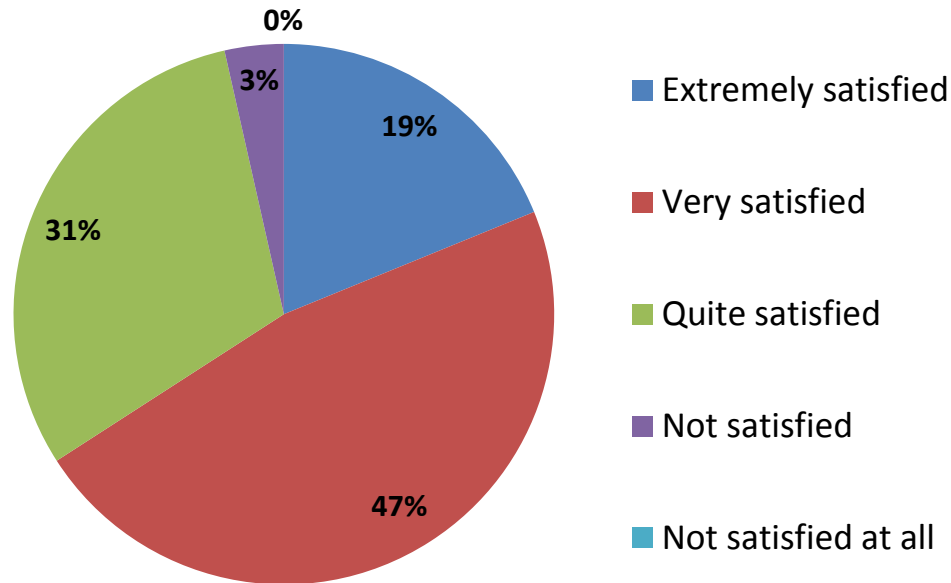
IMPACT ON YOUNG RESEARCHERS' CAREER (2/2)

Detailed types of impacts



GENERAL OPINION OF FRENCH PIS ON THE PROGRAMME

97% of French principal investigators are satisfied



GENERAL OPINION OF FRENCH PIS ON THE PROGRAMME (2/3) POSITIVE COMMENTS



SURVEY OF 85 FUNDED PROJECTS

Strengths of this program	Number of occurrences (out of 455)	% (out of 85)
Allows the mobility of the researchers	70	80%
Allows an international scientific collaboration	61	70%
Simplicity of the application process	55	63%
Allows exchanges which allow a scientific production	49	56%
Allows the training of the young researchers	46	53%
Easy implementation (administrative flexibility)	38	44%
Good scientific appreciation compared to the financial investment	30	34%
Allows a knowledge of the country partner	27	31%
Financial means sufficient for the expenditure of mobility	21	24%
Is used as starting for raising other funds	17	20%
Sufficiently long duration of the projects	17	20%
Duration of mobilities adapted to the needs	15	17%
Transparency of the methods for selecting the projects	6	7%
Others	3	3%
<i>Total number of occurrences</i>	<i>455</i>	

GENERAL OPINION OF FRENCH PIS ON THE PROGRAMME (3/3) NEGATIVE COMMENTS



SURVEY OF 84 FUNDED PROJECTS

Weaknesses of this program	Number of occurrences (out of 238)	% (out of 84)
No funding of the operation and capital expenditures	42	48%
Too short duration of the projects	33	38%
Financial means insufficient for the expenditure of mobility (transport)	25	29%
Difficult perpetuation of collaboration	24	28%
Lack of transparency on the methods of projects selection	23	26%
Financial means insufficient for the expenditure of mobility (per diem)	22	25%
Too short duration of mobilities	21	24%
Insufficient communication on the evaluation's results	17	20%
Heaviness of the process of applications	10	11%
Too low number of mobilities	8	9%
Other	5	6%
Administrative heaviness of the missions management	5	6%
Too long duration of mobilities	3	3%
<i>Number of occurrences</i>	238	

PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS

Preliminary conclusions suggest that the funding scheme has efficiently contributed to create (or to maintain) fruitful and long-term cooperation, despite the relatively low financial support, which is to be considered as “seed money”.

 *High percentage of young PIs (32%)*

High percentage of projects implying young researchers (71%)

Good scientific production higher than the mean (1,20 vs 0,93)

 *Proteus programme should initiate more new collaborations (only 34%)*

Too many applications to Proteus programme after a Proteus funding (39%)

33% of funded projects with no co-publications

Insufficient rate of scientific production (0,45) and outgoing mobilities (33%) for young researchers

Only 30% of co-publications include at least one young researcher

PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ***Promote REAL new cooperations***
- ***Explore new financial supports after the Proteus funding***
- ***Promote co-publications (33% of projects with no co-publications)***
- ***Encourage PIs to increase the implication of young researchers in the publications and the mobilities***
- ***Consider a “PROTEUS +” to help PIs at the end of their financing to develop a European application ?***

French national ministries (MESRI / MEAE) will provide a complete analysis of the survey. It will be sent to the recipients of the funding and participants in this symposium.

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