



SHERPA MAP Long-Term Sustainability

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Task 5.3 MAP Long-Term Sustainability

Aim: Develop a strategy for the long-term self-sustainability of the MAPs beyond the end of the project

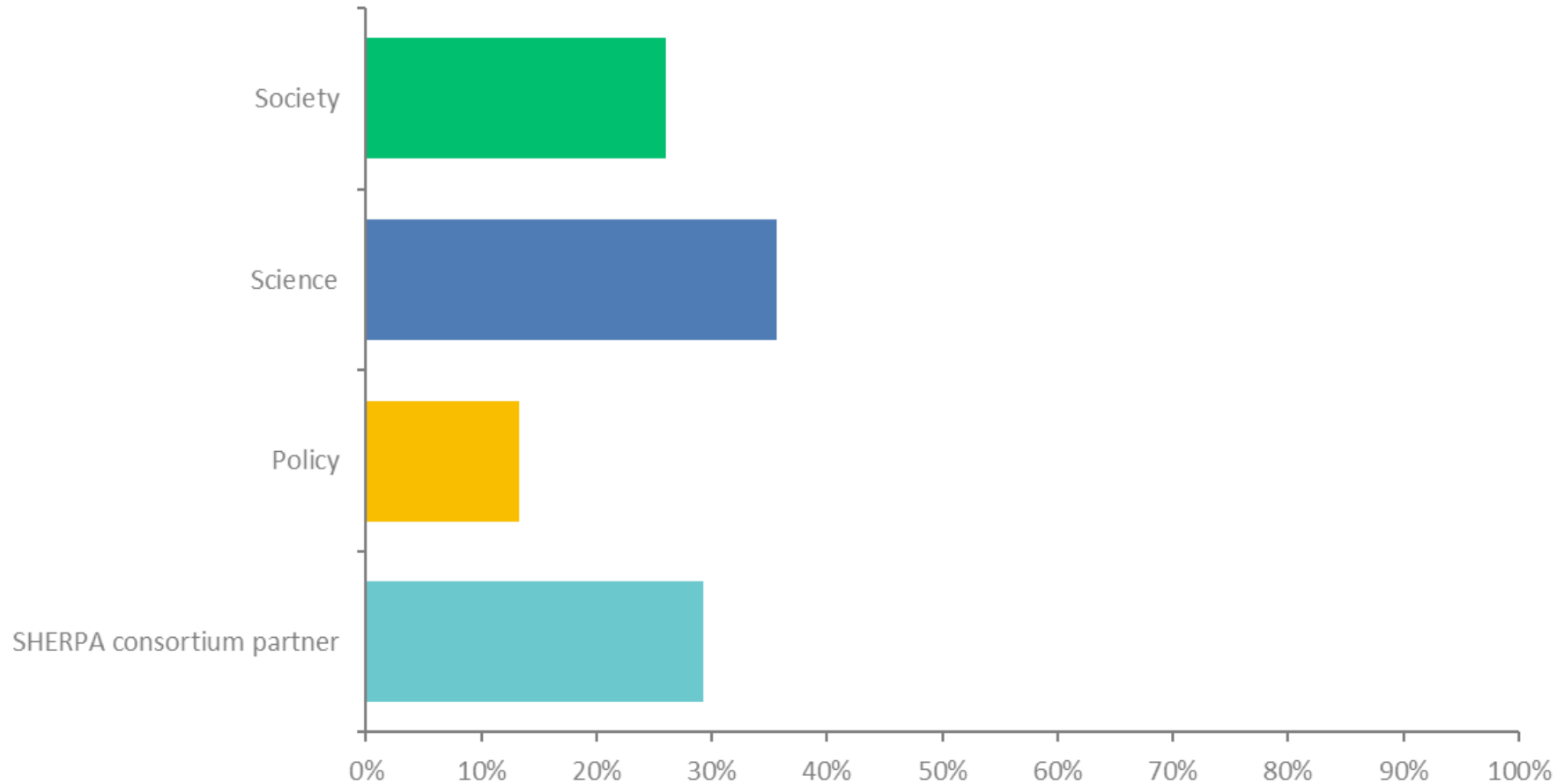
Methods: SHERPA participant survey, participant workshops at annual conference x2, interviews

Outputs: D5.3 Report on capacity building for MAP facilitators and D5.4 Recommendations for self-sustainability of MAPs post-SHERPA



SHERPA Survey Results

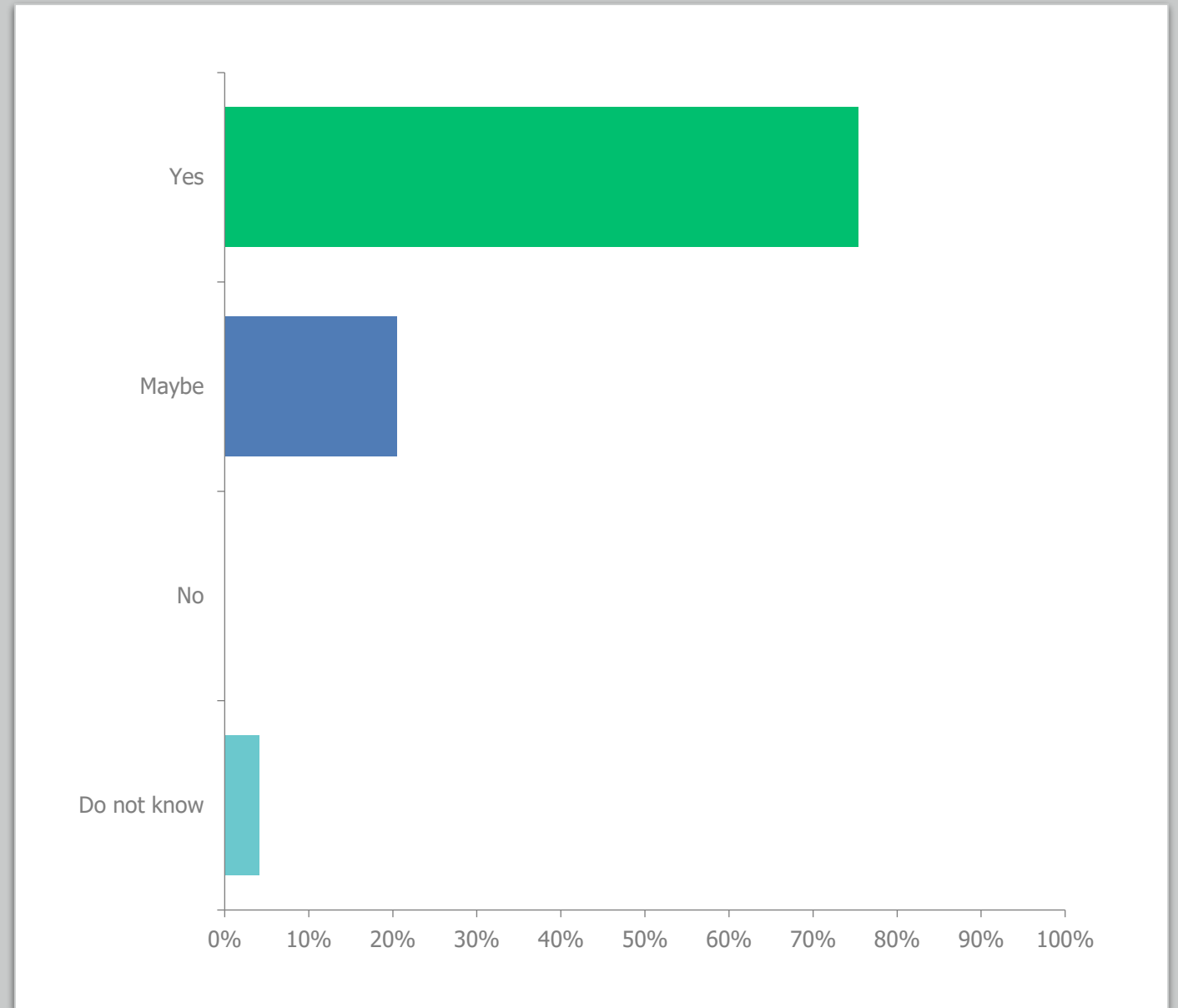
199 respondents to the survey





Support for MAP Continuation

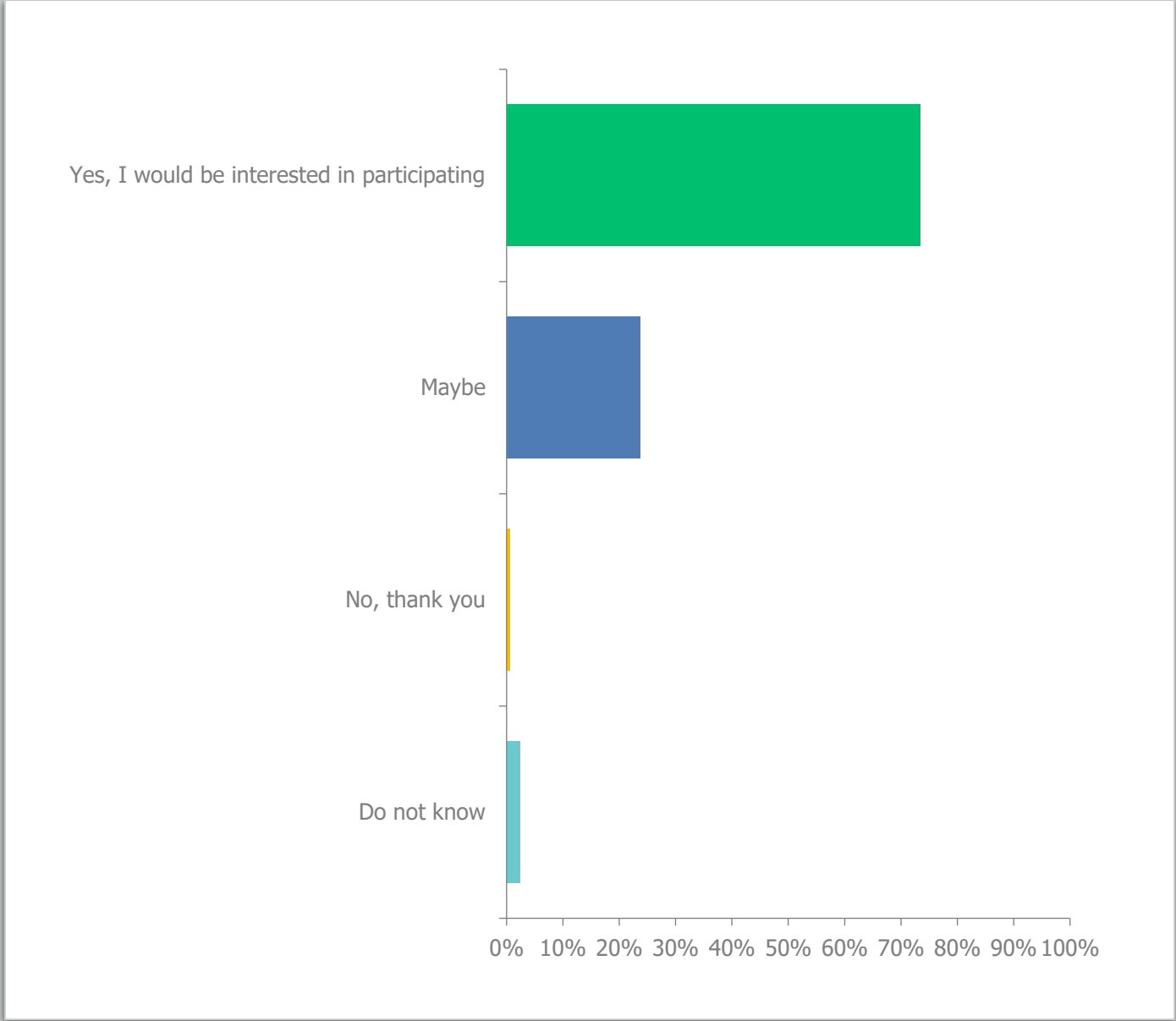
Do you think the
MAP should
continue its
activities after the
completion of the
SHERPA project?





Support for continued MAP involvement

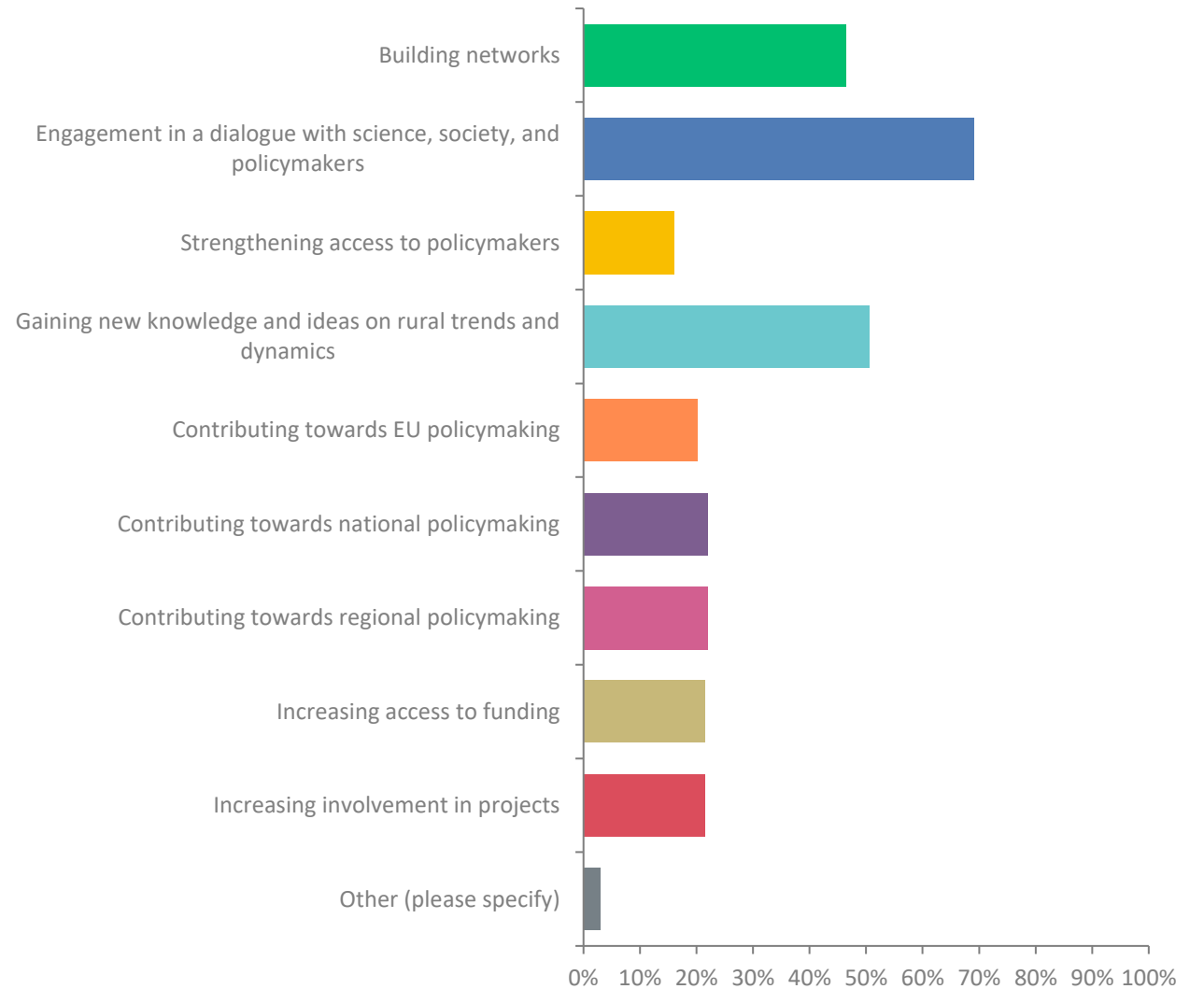
Would you personally be interested in participating in a future MAP?





Benefits of MAP Involvement

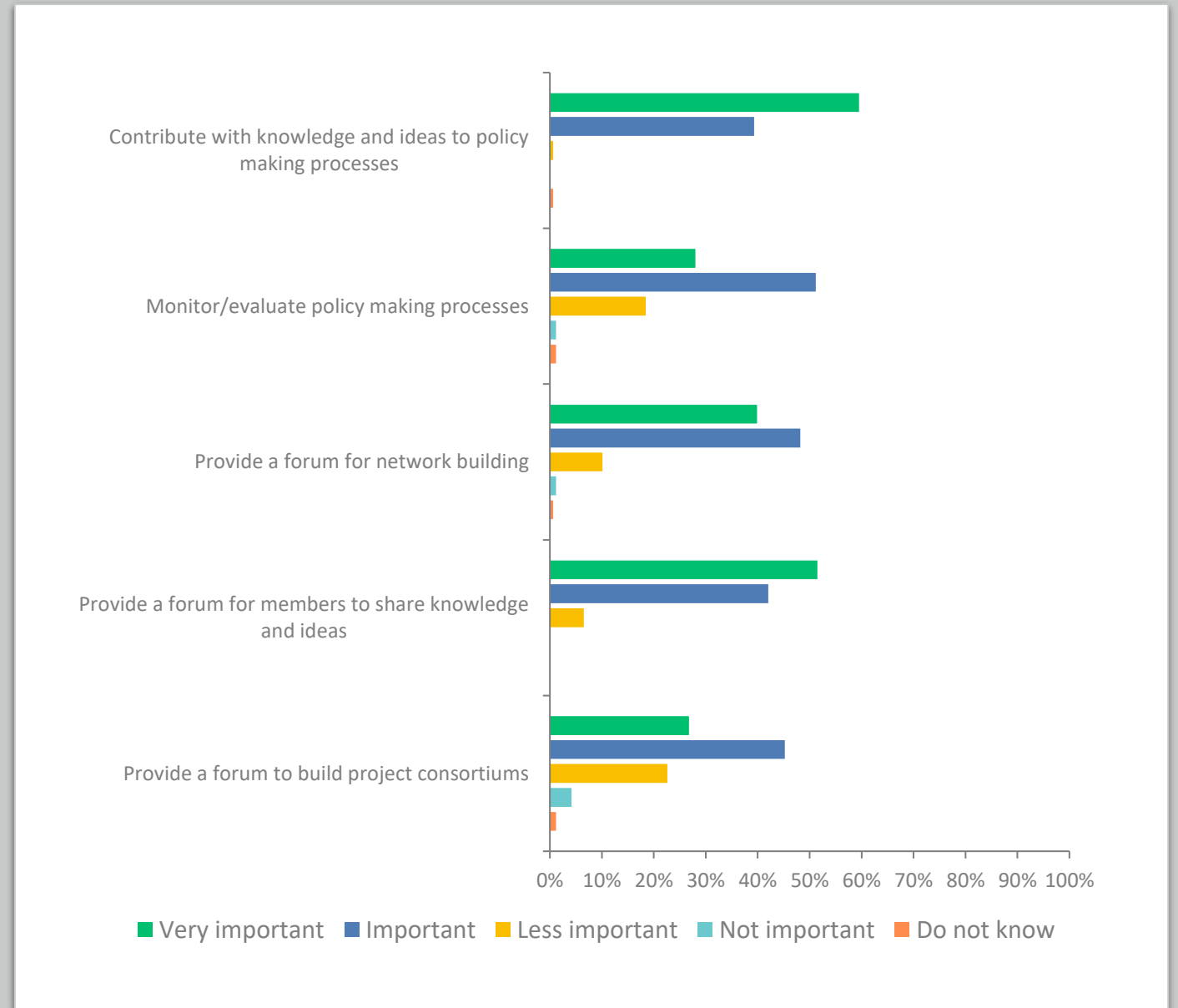
What are the 3 most important factors in order to keep you engaged in MAP activities after the end of the project?





MAP Functions

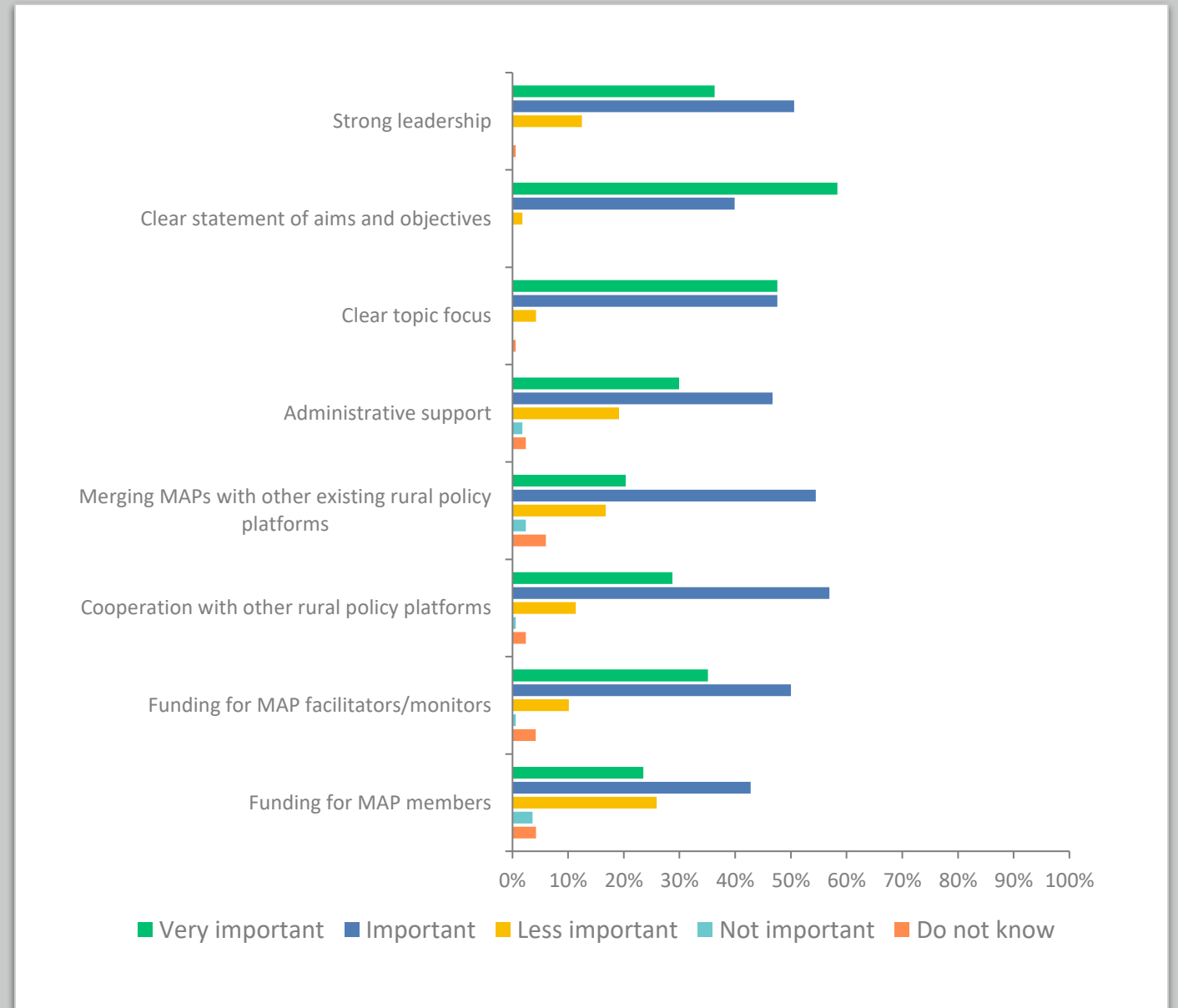
What are the most important functions of the MAPs moving forward?





Key Sustainability Factors

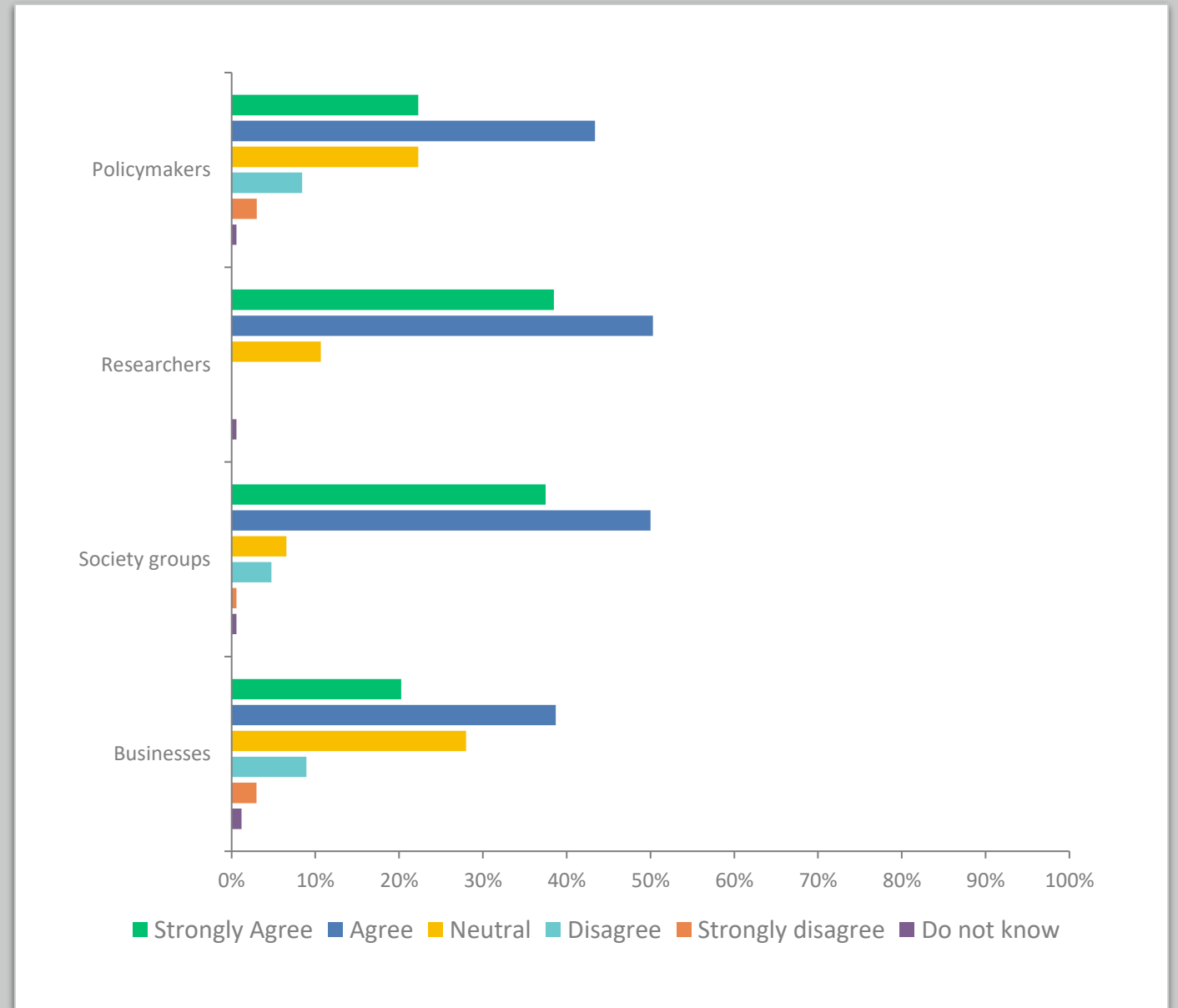
Which of the following factors are important for the continuation of the MAP?





MAP Leadership

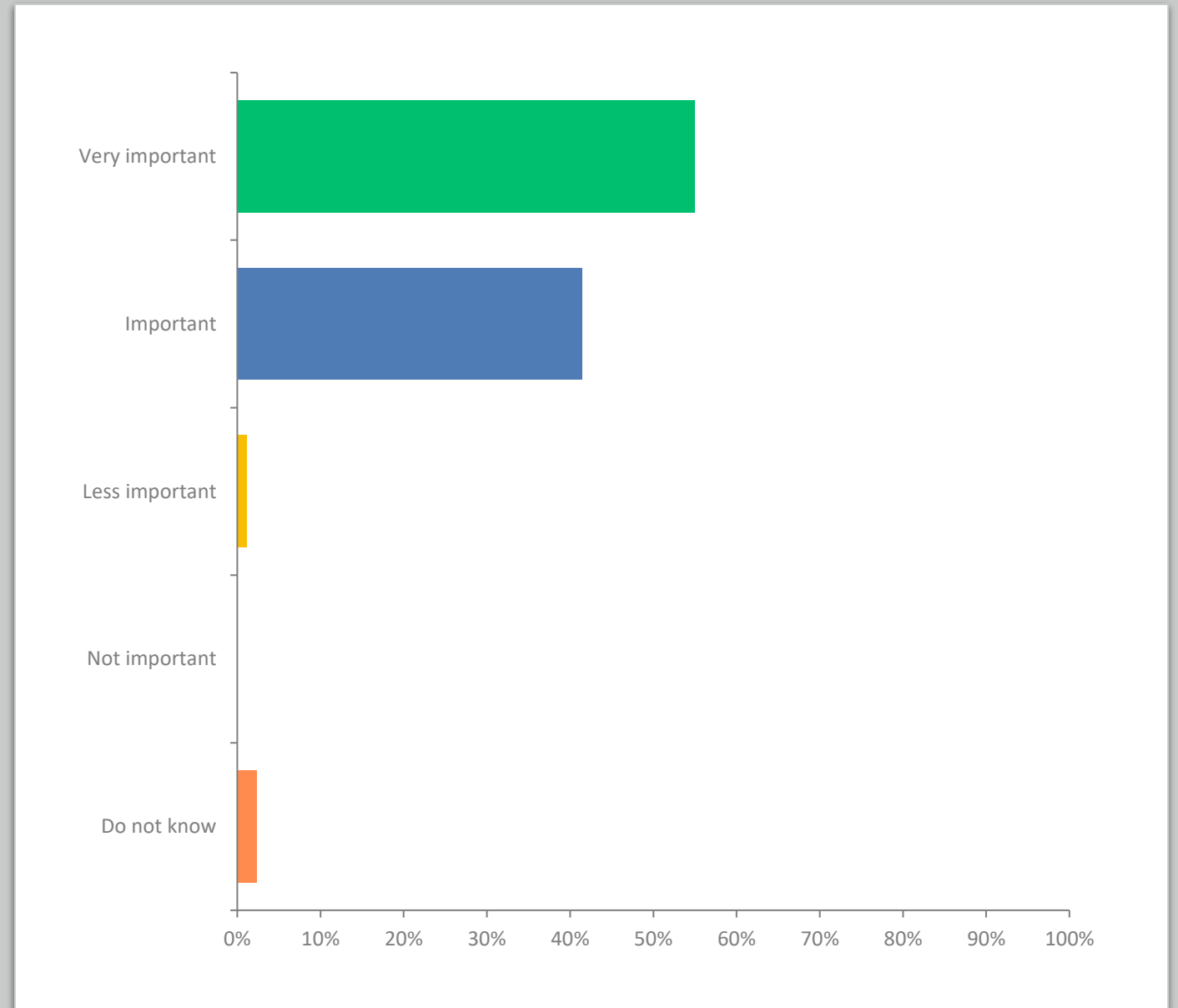
The following groups are most suitable to organize MAP activities moving forward:





Science-Society Policy Model

How important is the role of independent evidence-based academic research for informing the work conducted in the MAP?





MAP Sustainability Recommendations

MAP Benefits

- Advertise the unique role of MAPs in contributing new knowledge and ideas directly into policymaking processes
- Market the unique SSP selling point at heart of the MAP model

MAP Functions

- Establish a clear MAP function and purpose built around contributing to policymaking processes
- MAPs can play a key role in monitoring socio-economic challenges and opportunities
- MAPs can help facilitate citizen engagement in rural policymaking processes



MAP Sustainability Recommendations cont...

MAP Integration

- Consider whether the MAP model should replace or merge with existing rural networks
- Create stronger connections between EU, national and regional level MAPs and other rural networks

MAP Internal Processes

- Establish a core MAP leadership team with members from each key sector group (e.g. science, society and policy)
- Ensure that independent evidence-based research continues to have central role in guiding MAP internal processes
- Beneficial if MAP facilitators and monitors come from an independent research background



MAP Sustainability Recommendations cont...

MAP Composition

- Ensure that all relevant groups are represented in the MAPS
- Flexibility and adaptability are needed in the composition of MAP membership

MAP Future Policy Directions

- Focus on policy topics that target the specific needs and challenges of rural areas

MAP Impacts

- Establish target group recipient/s for MAP outputs
- Enhance visibility of MAP impacts on policy processes



Premium_EU (Policy REcommendations to Maximise the beneficial Impact of Unexplored Mobilities in and beyond the European Union)

Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes:

- Analyse the demographic, economic, social and cultural effects of mobility in European countries, from a sending and receiving side.
- Envisage policies that counter brain drain and labour exploitation phenomena and enhance joint building of human capital across regions and countries.
- Identify effective policies to promote rural development and sustainability and address regional inequalities.

Total budget - €2,999,673

3-year project – April 2023 – March 2026



Multi-Actor Platforms (MAPs)

Premium_EU will build on the achievements of SHERPA.

In our project, Premium_EU partners will select 10 MAPs representing different rural regions from across Europe.

These 10 MAPs shall continue their work for one additional year after the end of SHERPA.

Open to any of the MAPs but have a preference for those from southern and eastern Europe, emphasize rural-urban linkages, or otherwise meet the outcomes

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