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# SESSION 3: Science-Society-Policy interfaces



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# Sustaining the value and benefits of the Science-Society- Policy interfaces





# How to achieve long term sustainability?

## Added value of the MAP function:

- All relevant groups are represented in the MAPS
- MAPs can play a key role in monitoring socio-economic challenges and opportunities
- Focus on policy topics that target the specific needs and challenges of rural areas

## Benefits of the MAP function:

- MAPs in contributing new knowledge and ideas directly into policymaking processes
- MAP function and purpose built around contributing to policymaking processes



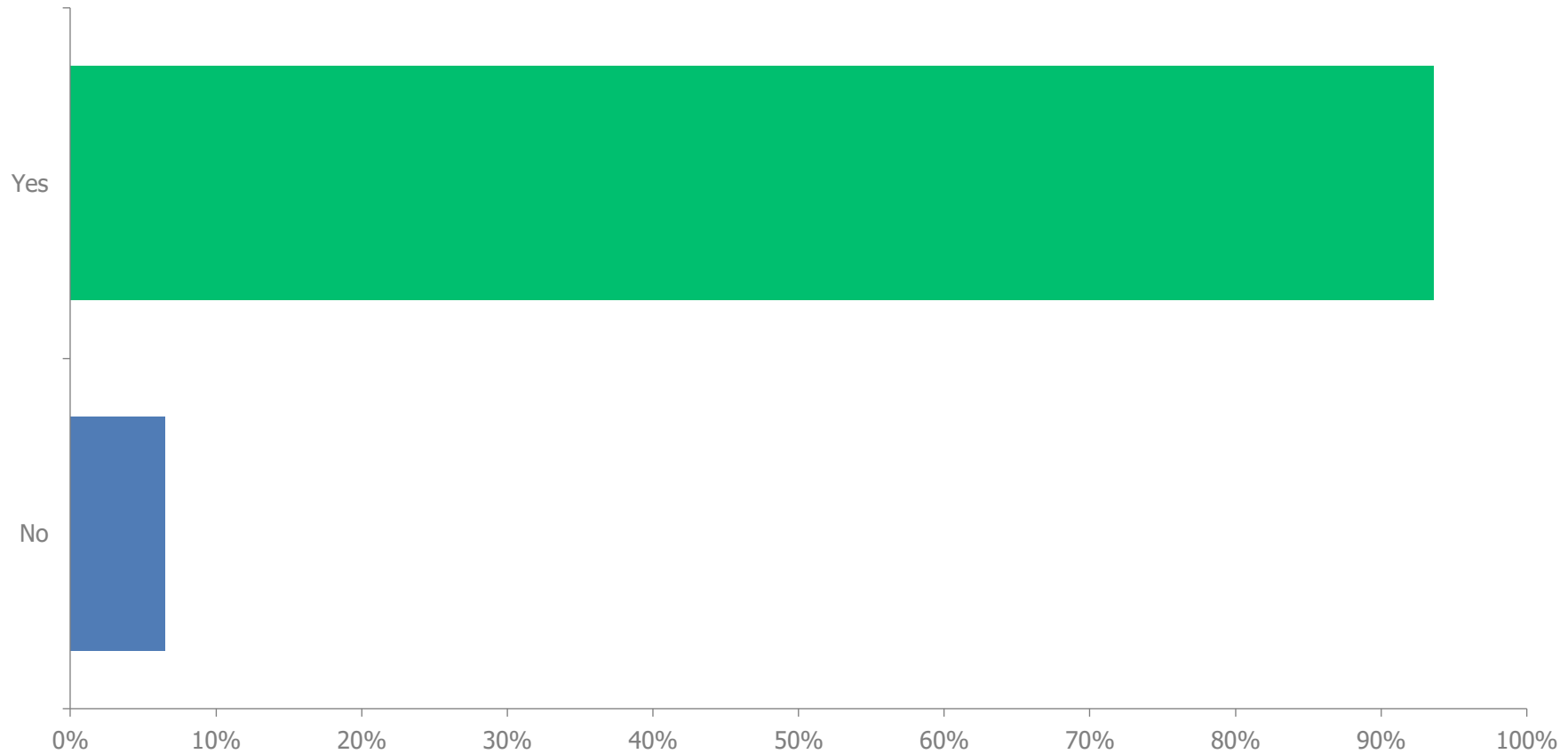
## What role does capacity building play?

Capacity building refers to the process of improving the:

- **Skills, knowledge, network, resources** of individuals or organizations. With increased capacity there is an ability to easier resolve issues.
- To build capacity it may involve training, education, and development in a variety of areas, such as **leadership**, management, technical skills, or specific knowledge related to a particular field.
- The survey explored what **new capacities** the facilitators and monitors in the MAP cycles experienced.

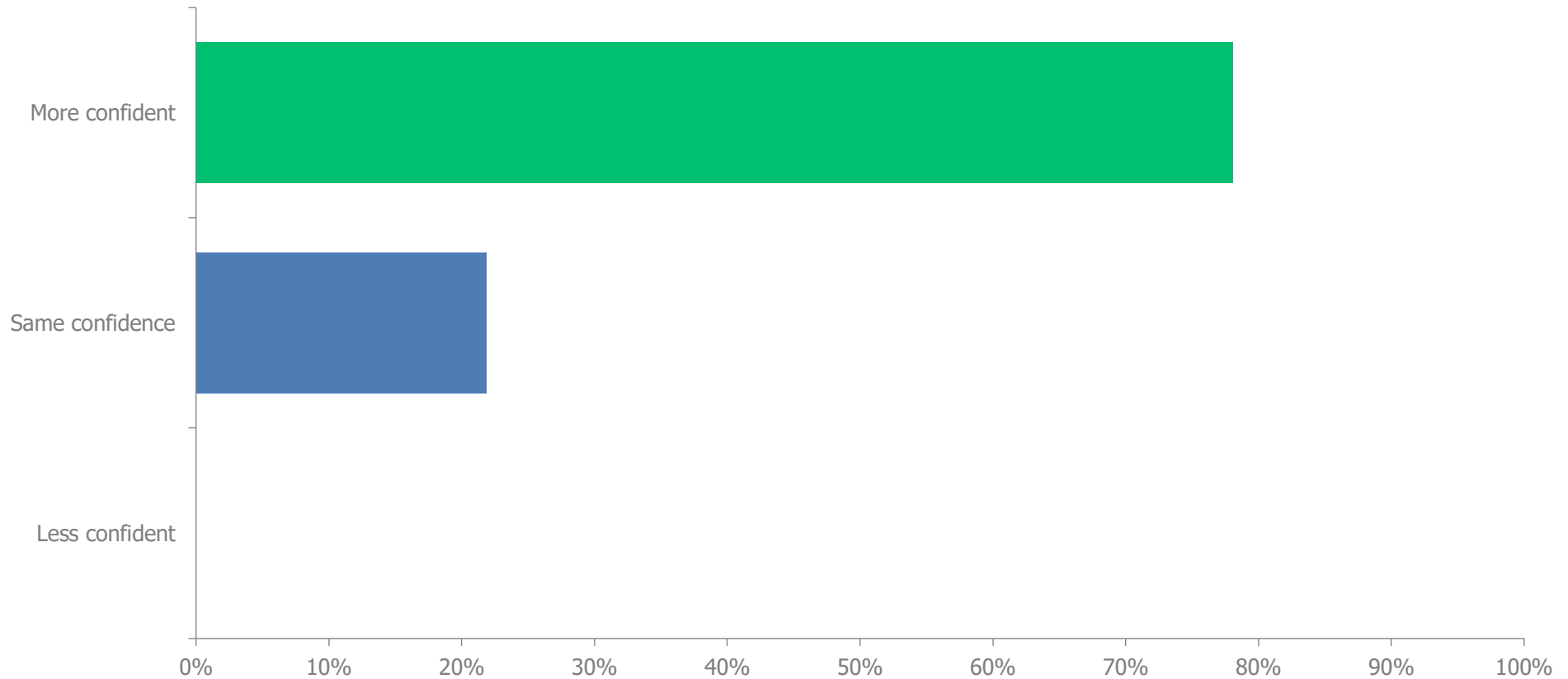


# Did you feel that the MAP process was helpful in improving your skills as a facilitator and monitor?





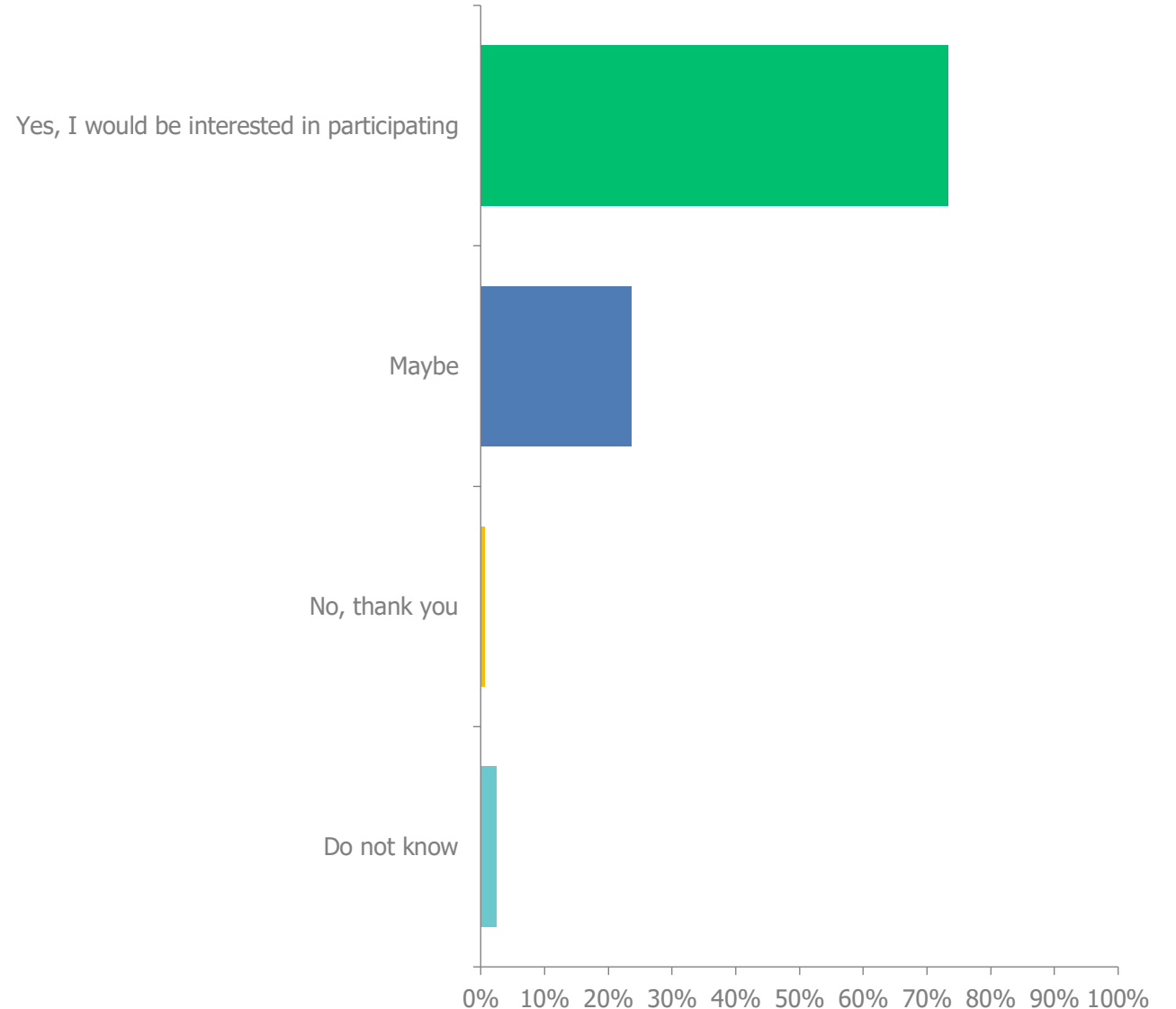
# How confident do you feel in your skillset to facilitate and monitor a group after the MAP process?





## Support for continued MAP involvement

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

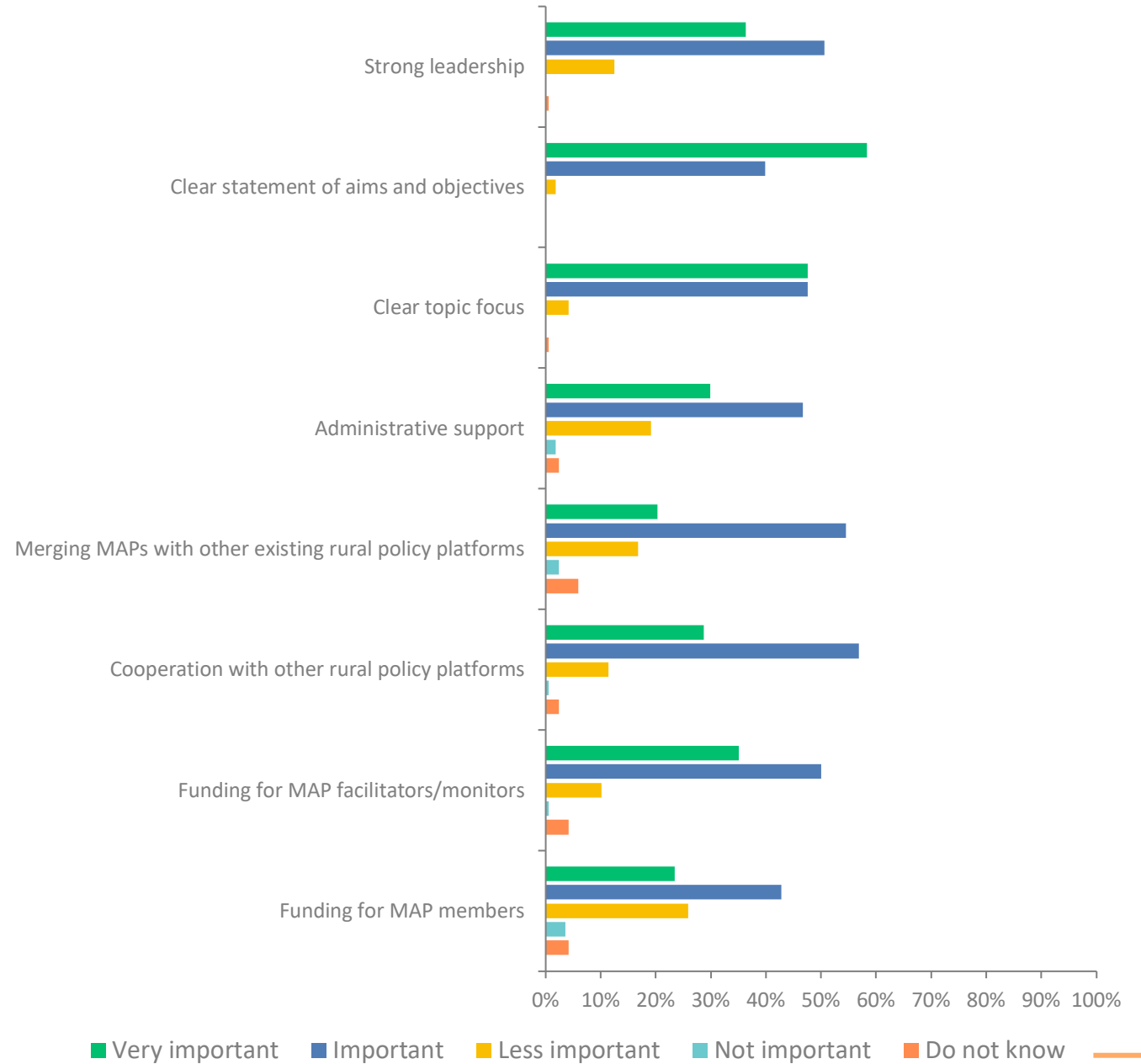






# Key sustainability factors

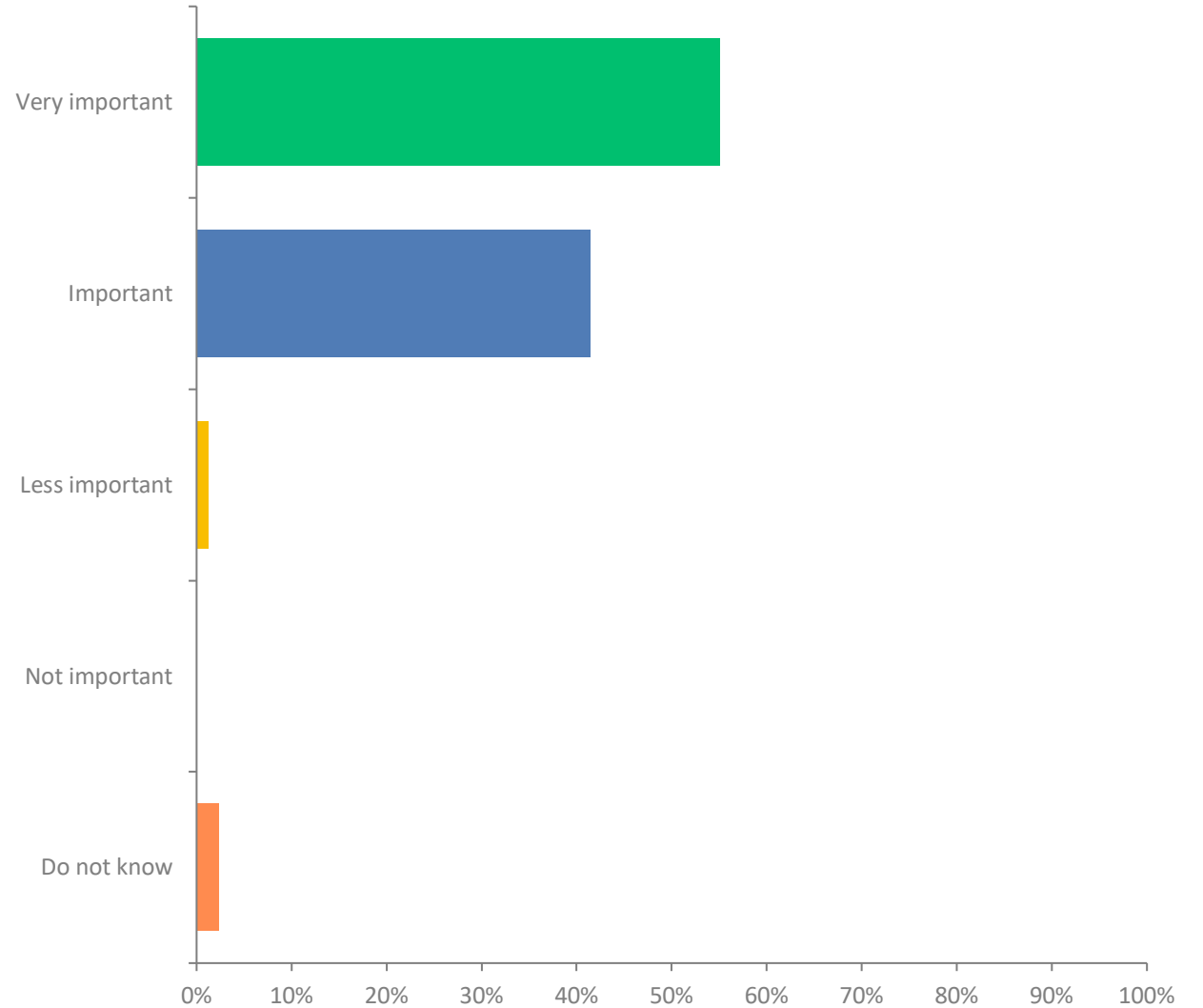
Which of the following factors are important for the continuation of the MAP?





# 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 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 impacts

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



# MAP Sustainability Recommendations

## MAP integration

- Consider whether the MAP model should replace or merge with existing rural networks (Rural Pact and LEADER).
- Prioritise the network of the MAPs in future rural activities on EU, national, regional and local level.

