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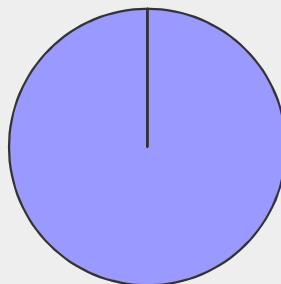
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In regards of Directives 95/46 / EC and 2002/58 / EC, we inform you that the provision of data from respondents is voluntary. The data collected will be used for statistical purposes in anonymous or aggregated form, or rather in a manner that doesn't make identifiable persons concerned. For this purpose we invite the persons concerned to not put any kind of identifying data in the questionnaire

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I accept	100,0%	169
	<i>answered question</i>	169
	<i>skipped question</i>	0

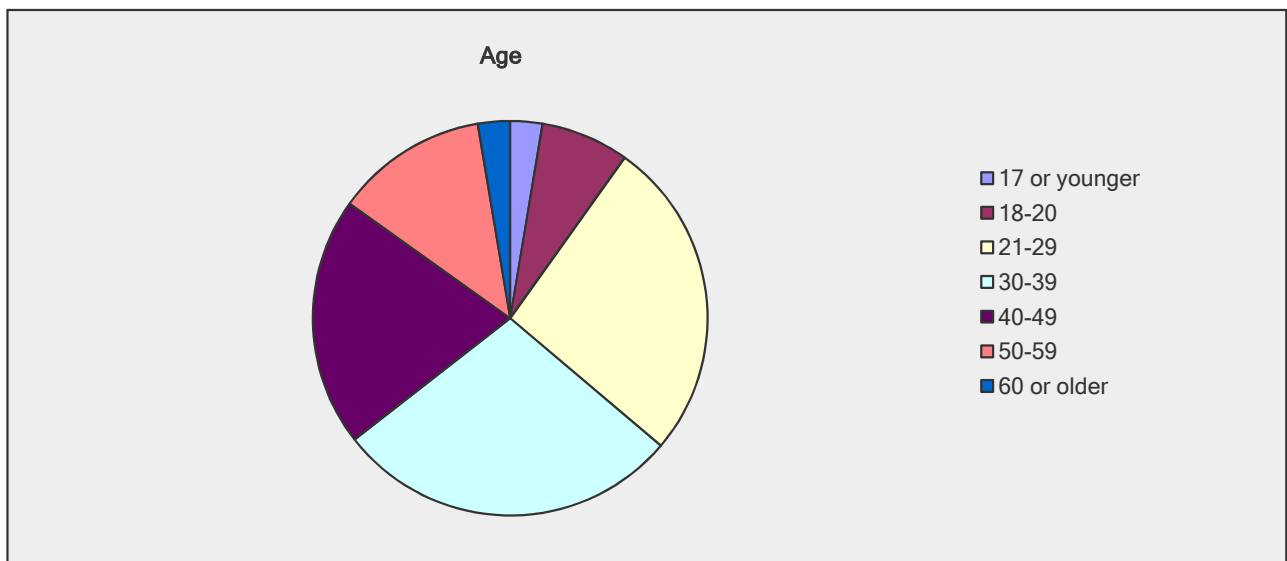
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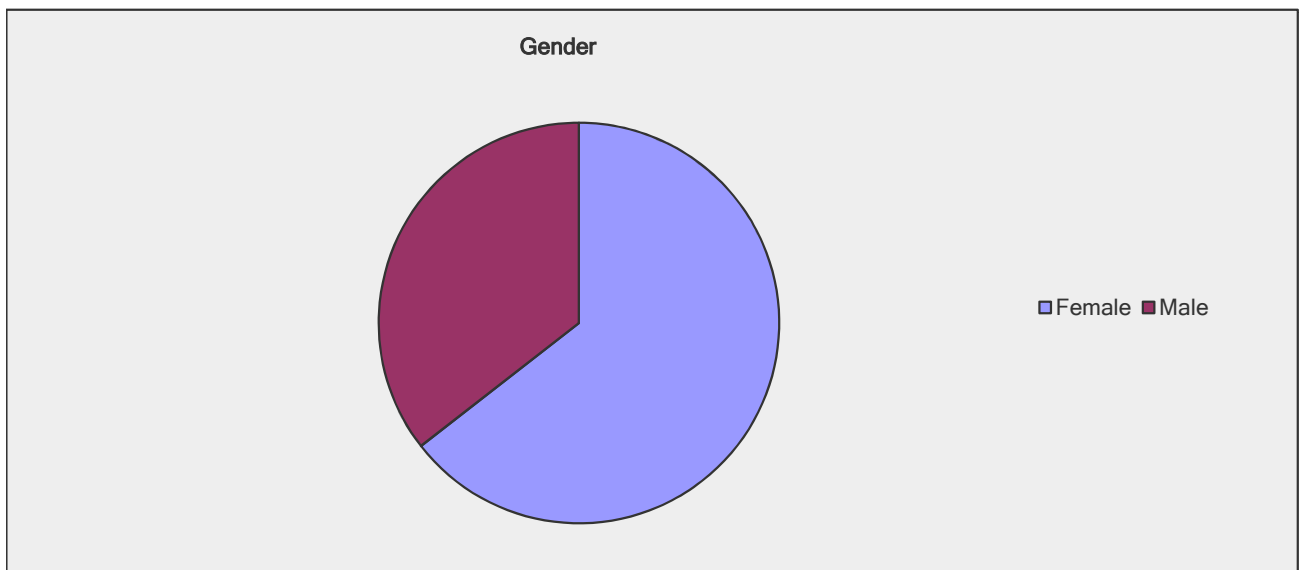
What is your age?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
17 or younger	2,6%	4
18-20	7,2%	11
21-29	26,3%	40
30-39	28,3%	43
40-49	20,4%	31
50-59	12,5%	19
60 or older	2,6%	4
<i>answered question</i>		152
<i>skipped question</i>		17



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What is your gender?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Female	64,5%	98
Male	35,5%	54
<i>answered question</i>		152
<i>skipped question</i>		17

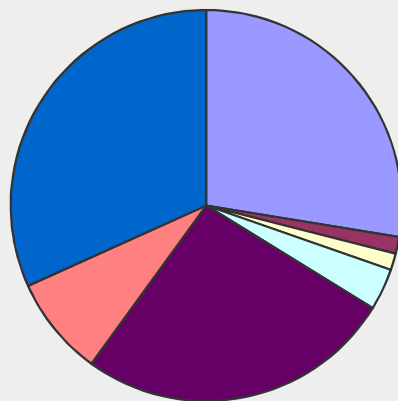


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Which of the following best describes your current relationship status?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Married	27,6%	40
Widowed	1,4%	2
Divorced	1,4%	2
Separated	3,4%	5
In a domestic partnership or civil union	26,2%	38
Single, but cohabiting with a significant other	8,3%	12
Single, never married	31,7%	46
answered question		145
skipped question		24

Which of the following best describes your current relationship status?



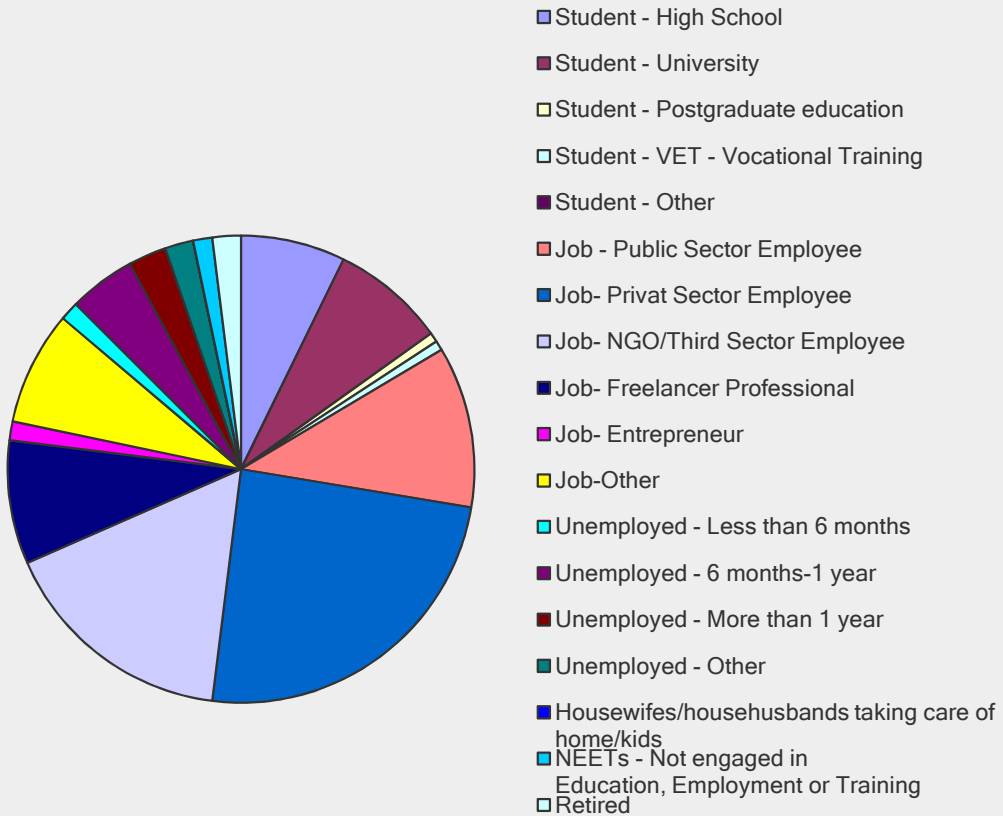
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- Single, never married

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Which of the following best describes your current occupation?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Student - High School	7,2%	11
Student - University	7,9%	12
Student - Postgraduate education	0,7%	1
Student - VET - Vocational Training	0,7%	1
Student - Other	0,0%	0
Job - Public Sector Employee	11,2%	17
Job- Privat Sector Employee	24,3%	37
Job- NGO/Third Sector Employee	16,4%	25
Job- Freelancer Professional	8,6%	13
Job- Entrepreneur	1,3%	2
Job-Other	7,9%	12
Unemployed - Less than 6 months	1,3%	2
Unemployed - 6 months-1 year	4,6%	7
Unemployed - More than 1 year	2,6%	4
Unemployed - Other	2,0%	3
Housewives/househusbands taking care of home/kids	0,0%	0
NEETs - Not engaged in Education, Employment or	1,3%	2
Retired	2,0%	3
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skipped question		17

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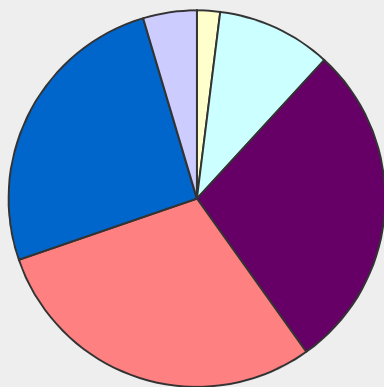


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What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Illiterate	0,0%	0
Not completed primary school	0,0%	0
Primary School	2,0%	3
Secondary School	9,9%	15
High School	28,3%	43
Academic Degree	29,6%	45
Graduate Studies	25,7%	39
Other	4,6%	7
answered question		152
skipped question		17

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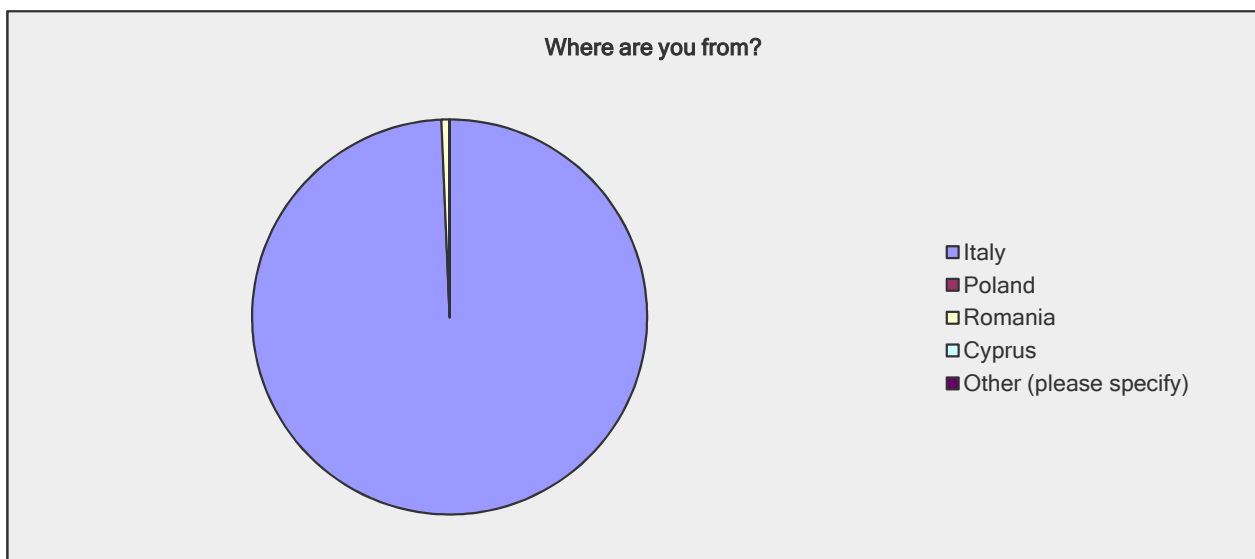


- Illiterate
- Not completed primary school
- Primary School
- Secondary School
- High School
- Academic Degree
- Graduate Studies
- Other

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Where are you from?

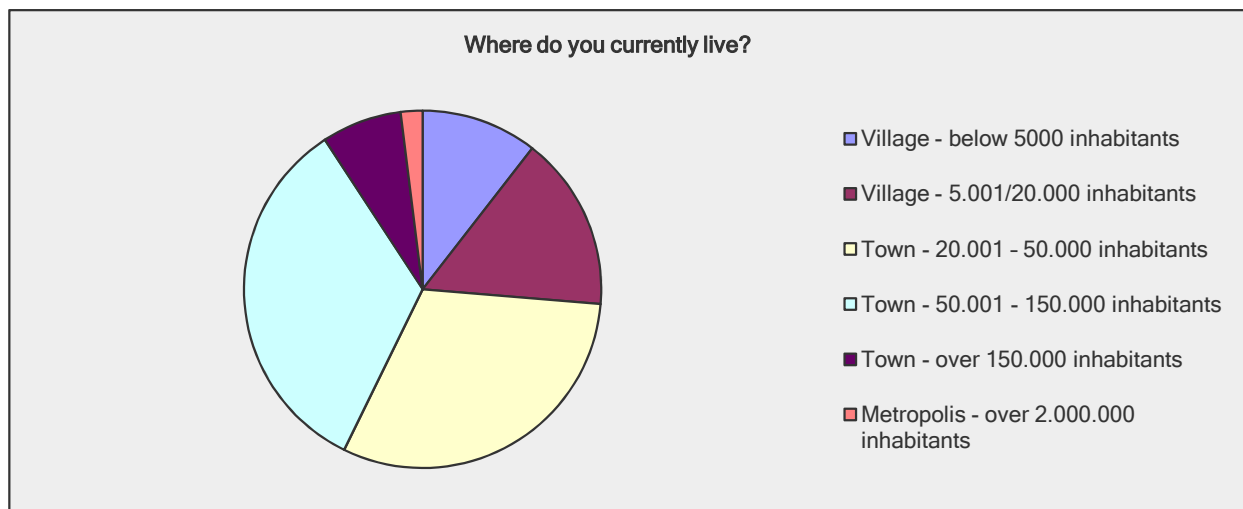
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Italy	99,3%	151
Poland	0,0%	0
Romania	0,7%	1
Cyprus	0,0%	0
Other (please specify)	0,0%	0
<i>answered question</i>		152
<i>skipped question</i>		17



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Where do you currently live?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Village - below 5000 inhabitants	10,5%	16
Village - 5.001/20.000 inhabitants	15,8%	24
Town - 20.001 - 50.000 inhabitants	30,9%	47
Town - 50.001 - 150.000 inhabitants	33,6%	51
Town - over 150.000 inhabitants	7,2%	11
Metropolis - over 2.000.000 inhabitants	2,0%	3
<i>answered question</i>		152
<i>skipped question</i>		17

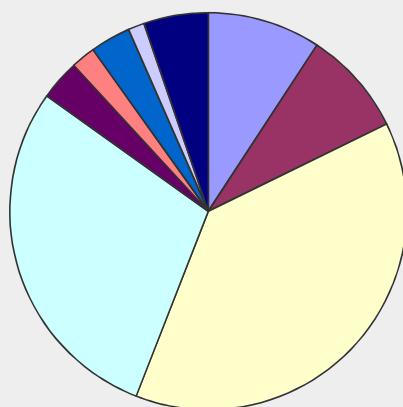


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How did you learn about this survey?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Project Web Page	9,2%	14
Project Facebook Fan Page	8,6%	13
Invitation issued by a friend / acquaintance	38,2%	58
Invitation issued by a project's partner organisation	28,9%	44
Newsletter of the project's partner organisation	3,3%	5
Web page of the project's partner organisation	2,0%	3
Facebook Fan Page of the project's partner organisation	3,3%	5
Article in the Internet portal/press	1,3%	2
Other	5,3%	8
answered question		152
skipped question		17

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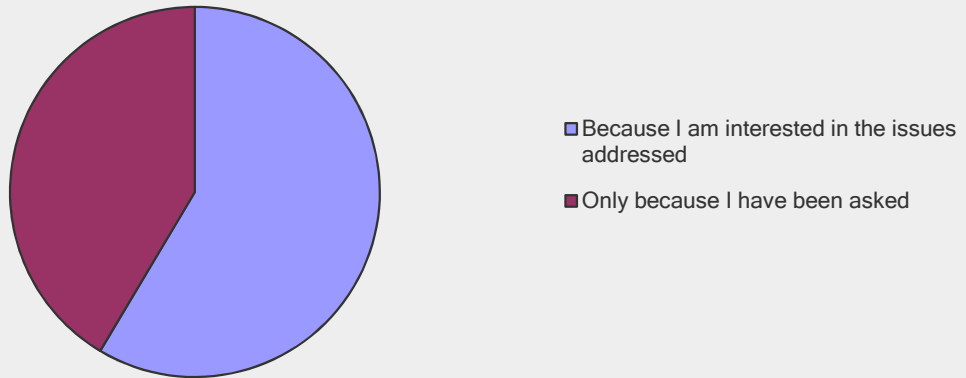
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- Facebook Fan Page of the project's partner organisation
- Article in the Internet portal/press
- Other

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Why did you choose to fill in this questionnaire?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Because I am interested in the issues addressed	58,6%	89
Only because I have been asked	41,4%	63
	<i>answered question</i>	152
	<i>skipped question</i>	17

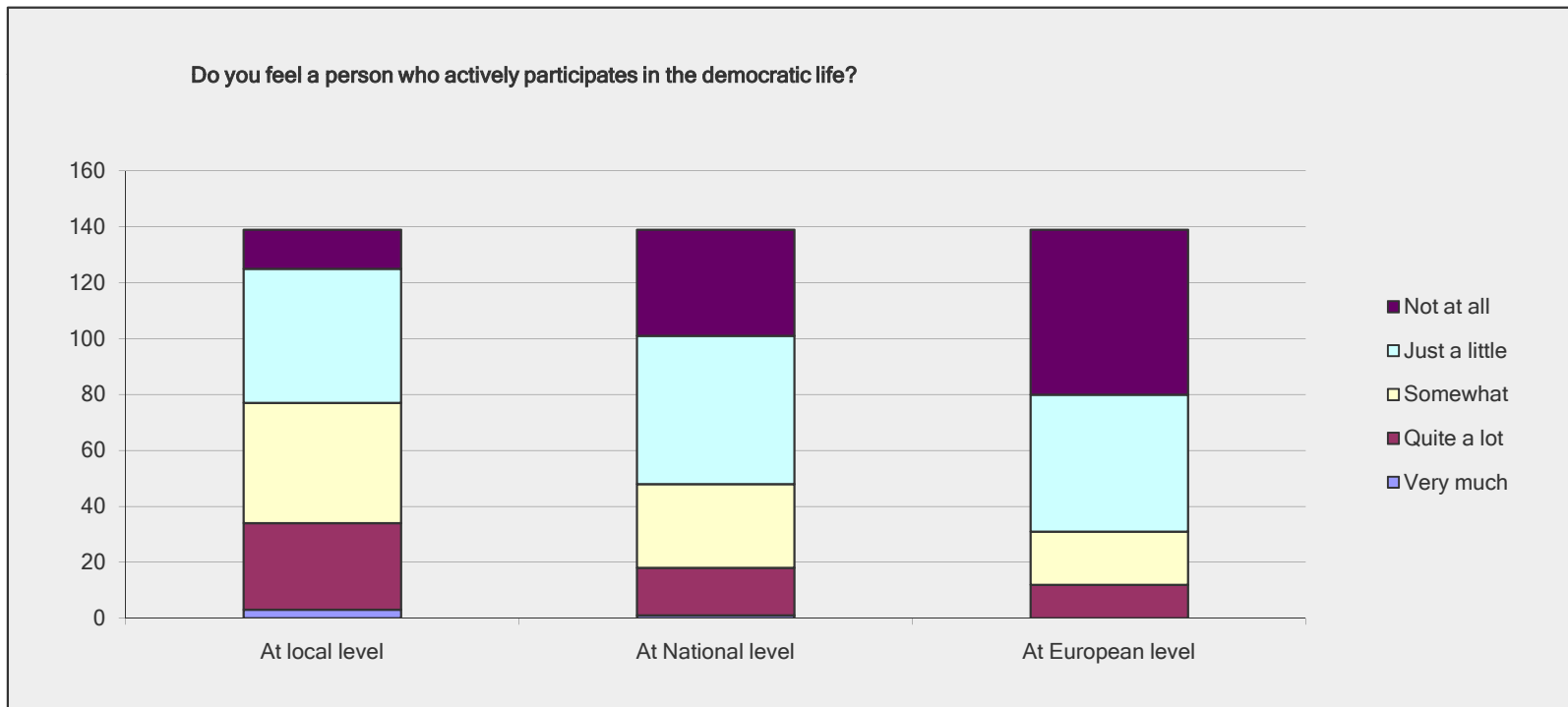
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Participation in democratic life of any community consist in having the rights, the means, the spaces, the opportunities and the support to participate in the decision-making process of the society. Moreover is the ability to engage in activities that contribute to create a better society. Do you feel a person who actively participates in the democratic life?

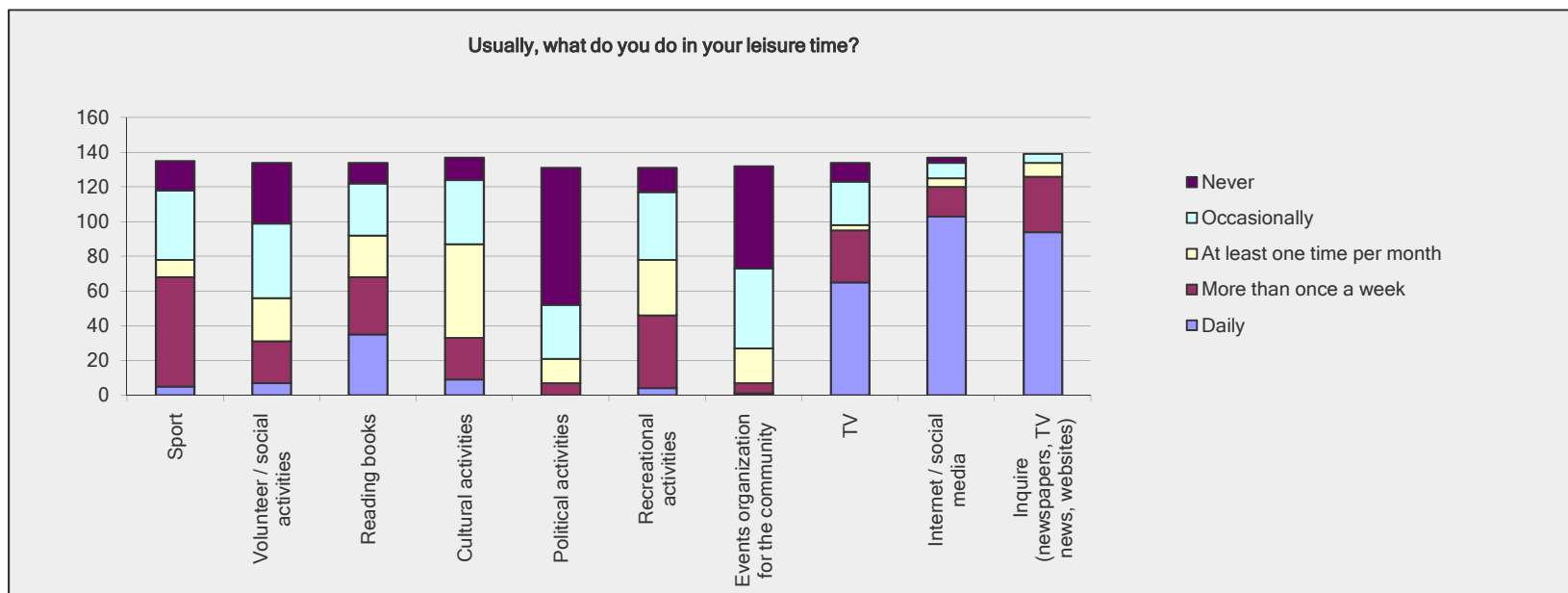
Answer Options	Not at all	Just a little	Somewhat	Quite a lot	Very much	Response Count
At local level	14	48	43	31	3	139
At National level	38	53	30	17	1	139
At European level	59	49	19	12	0	139
<i>answered question</i>						139
<i>skipped question</i>						30



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Usually, what do you do in your leisure time?

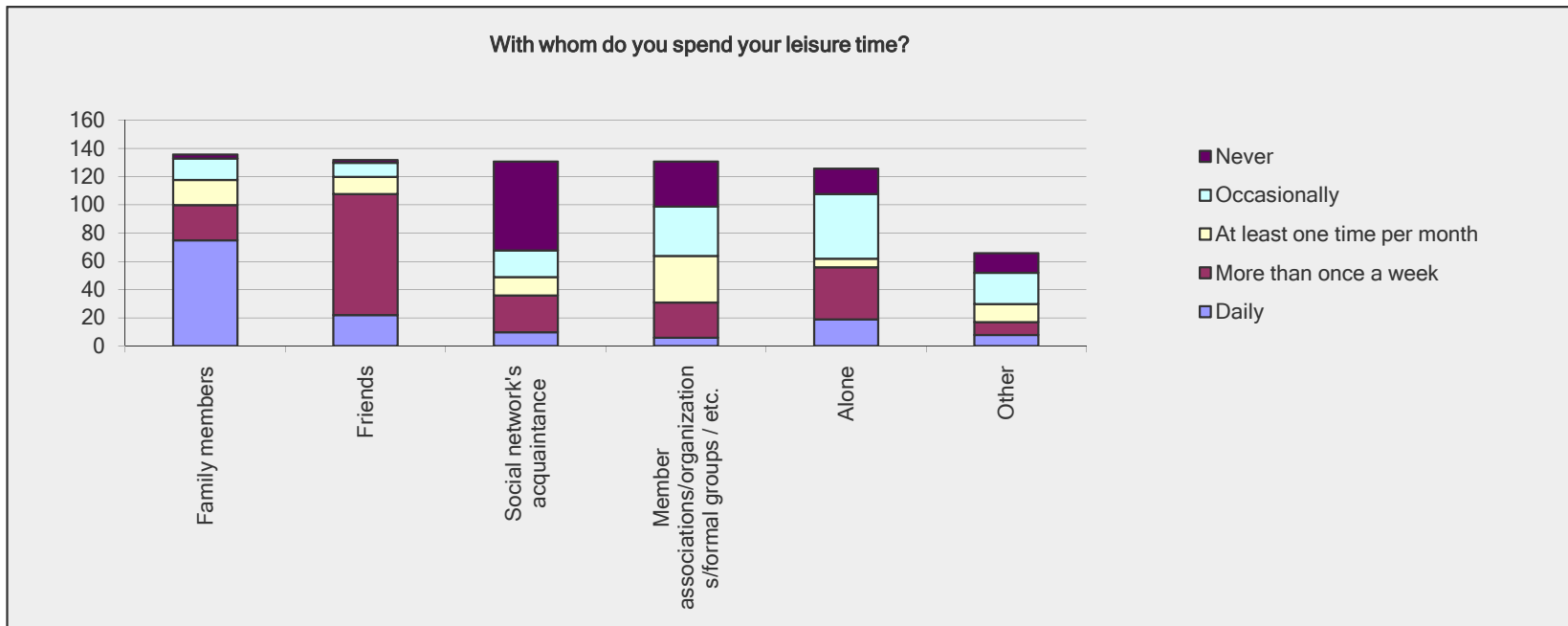
Answer Options	Never	Occasionally	At least one time per month	More than once a week	Daily	Response Count
Sport	17	40	10	63	5	135
Volunteer / social activities	35	43	25	24	7	134
Reading books	12	30	24	33	35	134
Cultural activities	13	37	54	24	9	137
Political activities	79	31	14	7	0	131
Recreational activities	14	39	32	42	4	131
Events organization for the community	59	46	20	6	1	132
TV	11	25	3	30	65	134
Internet / social media	3	9	5	17	103	137
Inquire (newspapers, TV news, websites)	0	5	8	32	94	139
<i>answered question</i>						139
<i>skipped question</i>						30



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With whom do you spend your leisure time?

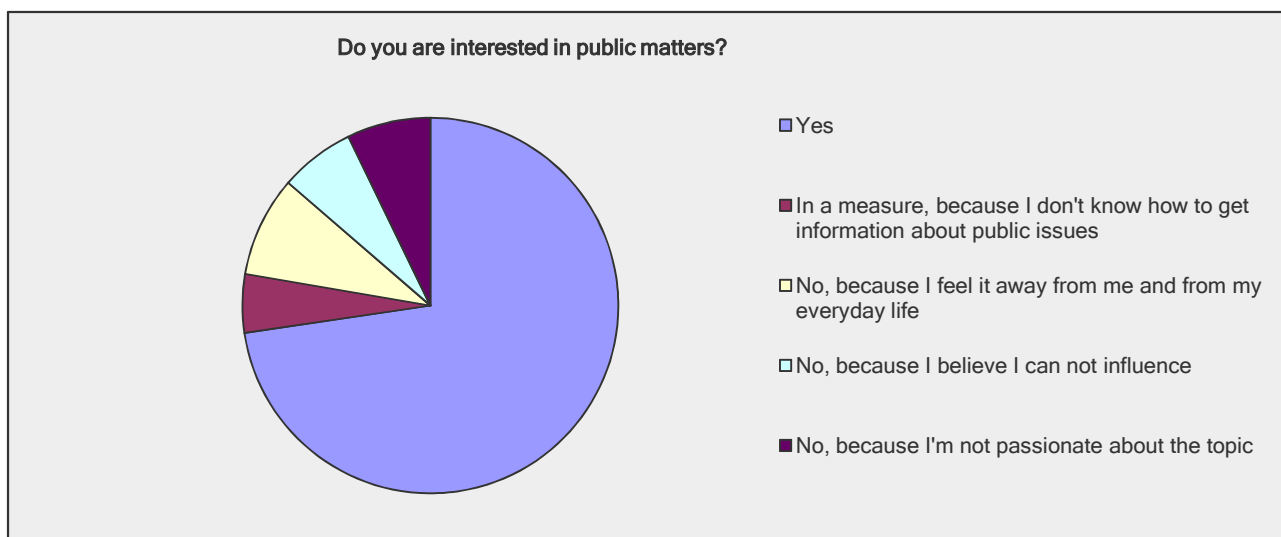
Answer Options	Never	Occasionally	At least one time per month	More than once a week	Daily	Response Count
Family members	3	15	18	25	75	136
Friends	2	10	12	86	22	132
Social network's acquaintance	63	19	13	26	10	131
Member associations/organizations/formal groups / etc.	32	35	33	25	6	131
Alone	18	46	6	37	19	126
Other	14	22	13	9	8	66
						<i>answered question</i> 137
						<i>skipped question</i> 32



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Do you are interested in public matters?

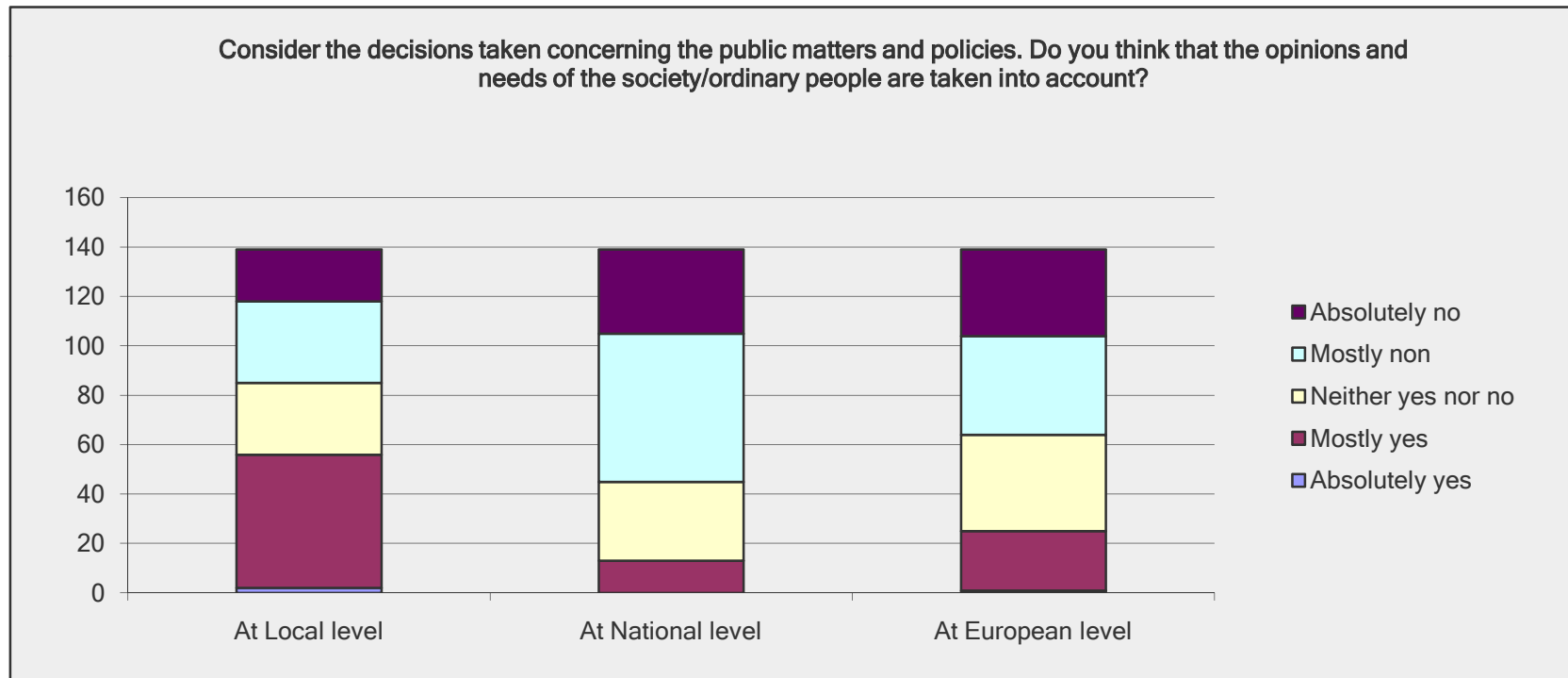
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	72,7%	101
In a measure, because I don't know how to get information about public issues	5,0%	7
No, because I feel it away from me and from my everyday life	8,6%	12
No, because I believe I can not influence	6,5%	9
No, because I'm not passionate about the topic	7,2%	10
<i>answered question</i>		139
<i>skipped question</i>		30



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Consider the decisions taken concerning the public matters and policies. Do you think that the opinions and needs of the society/ordinary people are taken into account?

Answer Options	Absolutely no	Mostly non	Neither yes nor no	Mostly yes	Absolutely yes	Response Count
At Local level	21	33	29	54	2	139
At National level	34	60	32	13	0	139
At European level	35	40	39	24	1	139
					<i>answered question</i>	139
					<i>skipped question</i>	30

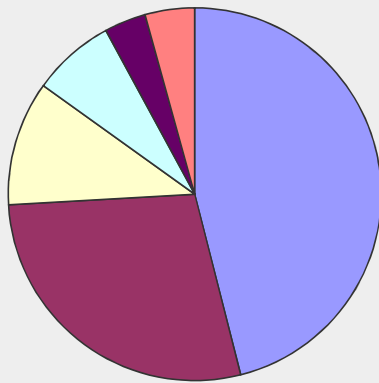


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Would you like to be more informed concerning European public matters and policies?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, I consider important to be always very informed	46,0%	64
Yes, because I don't receive enough information	28,1%	39
Yes, because I don't consider valid and truthful the information being provided	10,8%	15
No, I'm already adequately informed	7,2%	10
No, I'm not interested in these issues	3,6%	5
No, I have not time to devote to these issues	4,3%	6
answered question		139
skipped question		30

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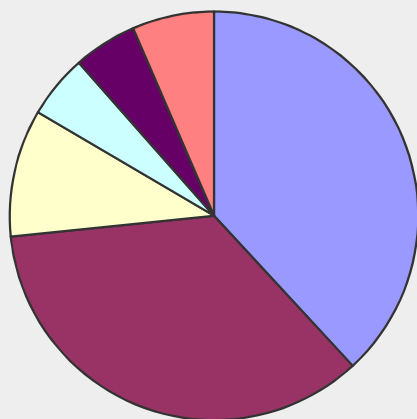
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At European level, do you want to be more involved in decisions concerning public matters and policies?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, I consider important to be always very involved	38,1%	53
Yes, because I don't have enough opportunities to be involved	35,3%	49
Yes, because I don't consider valid the occasion to be involved being provided	10,1%	14
No, I'm already adequately involved	5,0%	7
No, I'm not interested in these issues	5,0%	7
No, I have not time to devote to these issues	6,5%	9
answered question		139
skipped question		30

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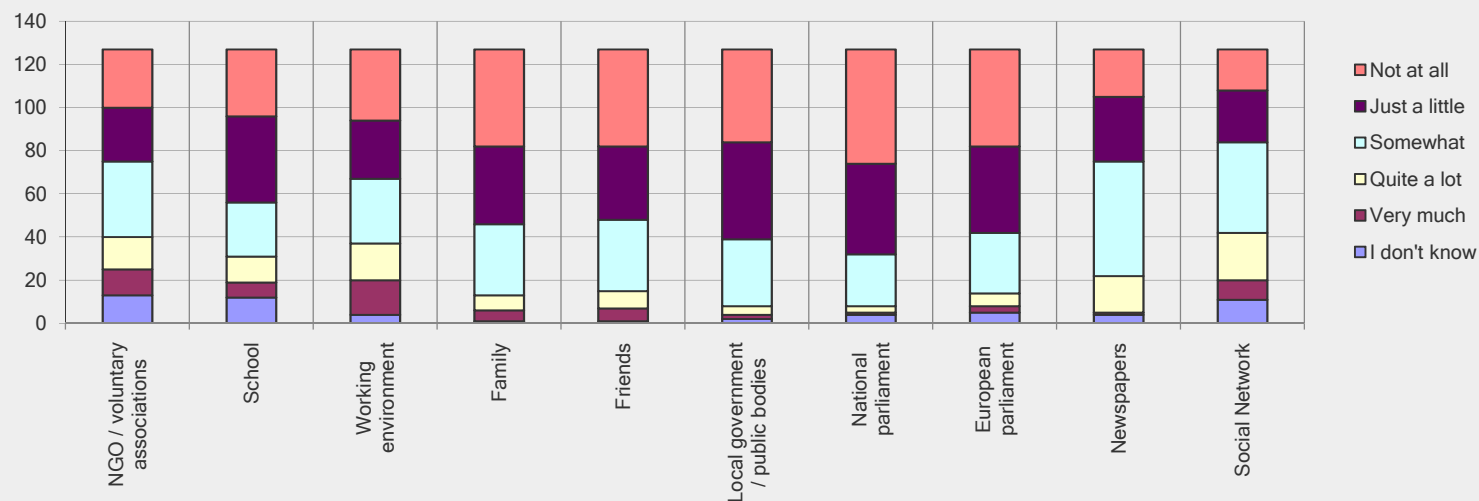
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Considering the below mentioned environments/institutions, please indicate if and to what extend they offer to you incentives to the participation in the democratic life of the EU.

Answer Options	Not at all	Just a little	Somewhat	Quite a lot	Very much	I don't know	Response Count
NGO / voluntary associations	27	25	35	15	12	13	127
School	31	40	25	12	7	12	127
Working environment	33	27	30	17	16	4	127
Family	45	36	33	7	5	1	127
Friends	45	34	33	8	6	1	127
Local government / public bodies	43	45	31	4	2	2	127
National parliament	53	42	24	3	1	4	127
European parliament	45	40	28	6	3	5	127
Newspapers	22	30	53	17	1	4	127
Social Network	19	24	42	22	9	11	127
						<i>answered question</i>	127
						<i>skipped question</i>	42

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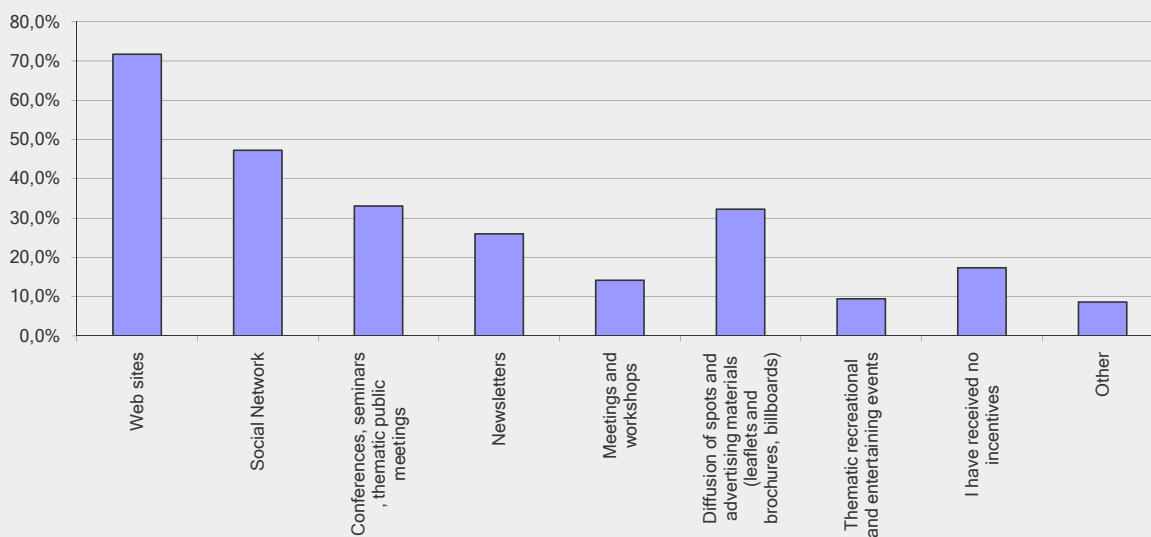


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Consider now the incentives to participation in the democratic life of the EU. Please indicate below all the means by which you received it! (Check all that apply)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Web sites	71,7%	91
Social Network	47,2%	60
Conferences, seminars, thematic public meetings	33,1%	42
Newsletters	26,0%	33
Meetings and workshops	14,2%	18
Diffusion of spots and advertising materials (leaflets and brochures, billboards)	32,3%	41
Thematic recreational and entertaining events	9,4%	12
I have received no incentives	17,3%	22
Other	8,7%	11
answered question		127
skipped question		42

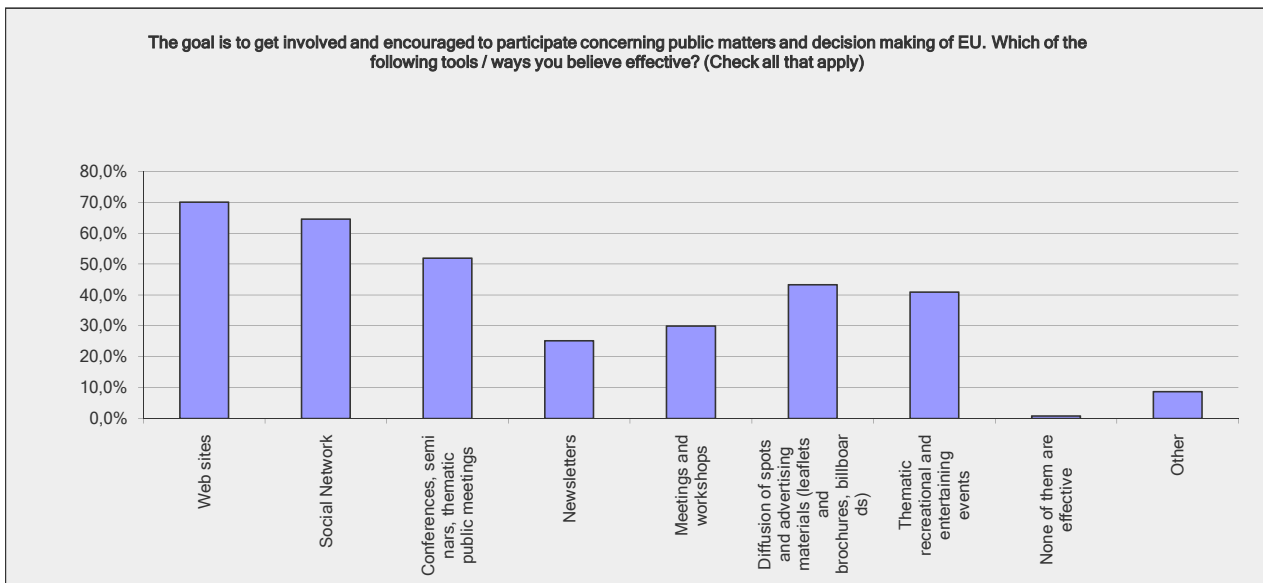
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The goal is to get involved and encouraged to participate concerning public matters and decision making of EU. Which of the following tools / ways you believe effective? (Check all that apply)

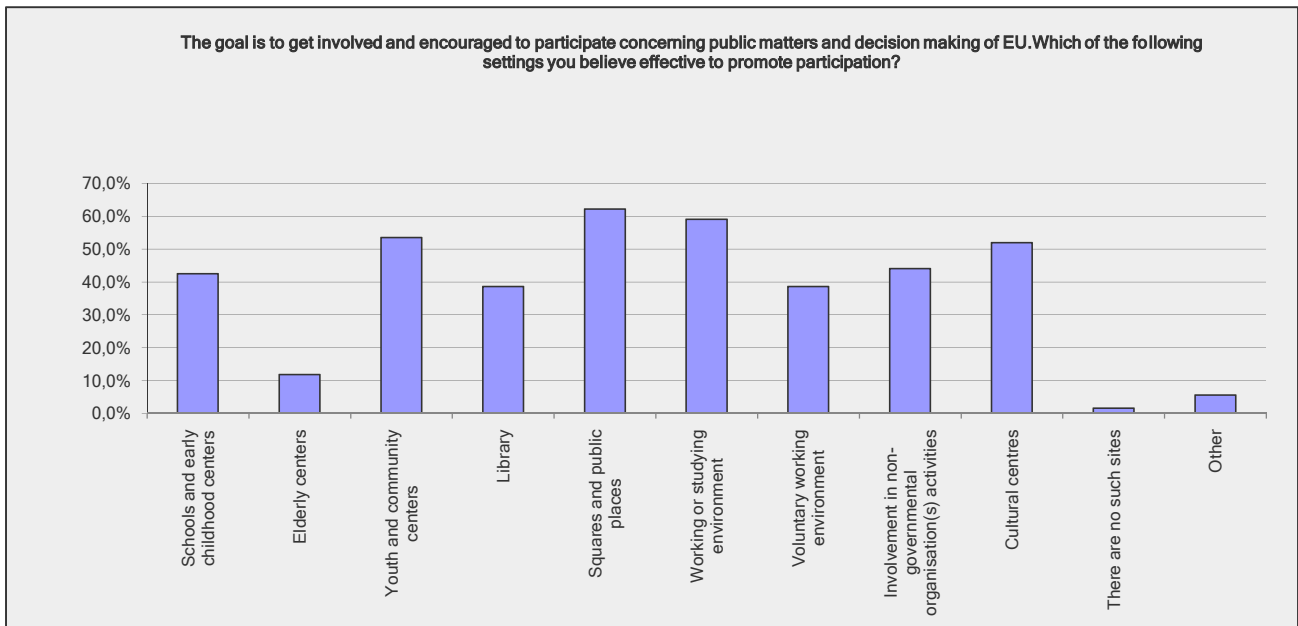
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Web sites	70,1%	89
Social Network	64,6%	82
Conferences, seminars, thematic public meetings	52,0%	66
Newsletters	25,2%	32
Meetings and workshops	29,9%	38
Diffusion of spots and advertising materials (leaflets and brochures, billboards)	43,3%	55
Thematic recreational and entertaining events	40,9%	52
None of them are effective	0,8%	1
Other	8,7%	11
answered question		127
skipped question		42



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The goal is to get involved and encouraged to participate concerning public matters and decision making of EU. Which of the following settings you believe effective to promote participation? (Check all that apply)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Schools and early childhood centers	42,5%	54
Elderly centers	11,8%	15
Youth and community centers	53,5%	68
Library	38,6%	49
Squares and public places	62,2%	79
Working or studying environment	59,1%	75
Voluntary working environment	38,6%	49
Involvement in non-governmental organisation(s) activities	44,1%	56
Cultural centres	52,0%	66
There are no such sites	1,6%	2
Other	5,5%	7
answered question		127
skipped question		42

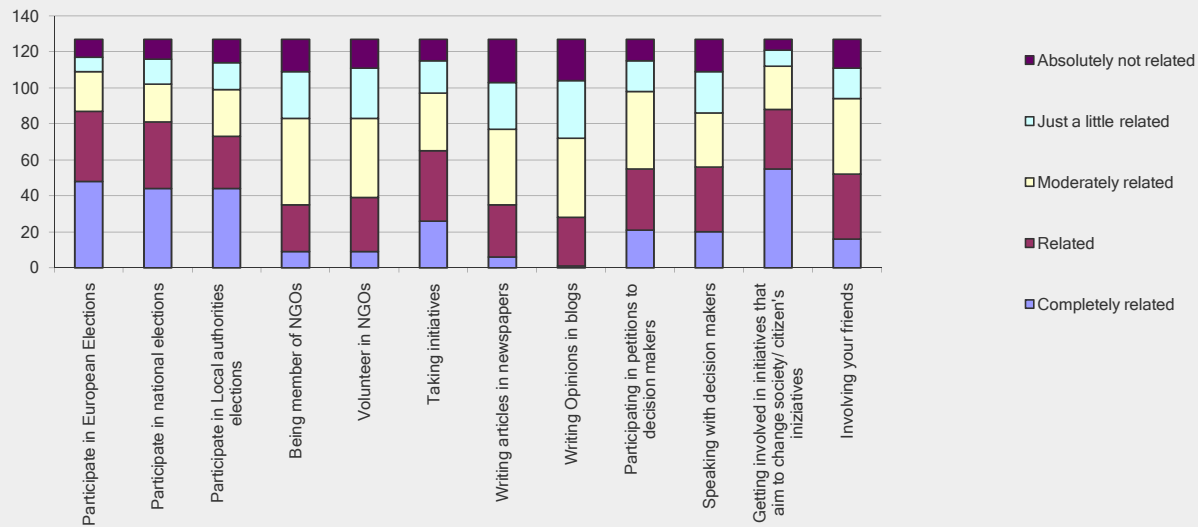


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Reflecting now on the meaning it has for you the "participation in democratic life", rate the following actions

Answer Options	Absolutely not related	Just a little related	Moderately related	Related	Completely related	Response Count
Participate in European Elections	10	8	22	39	48	127
Participate in national elections	11	14	21	37	44	127
Participate in Local authorities elections	13	15	26	29	44	127
Being member of NGOs	18	26	48	26	9	127
Volunteer in NGOs	16	28	44	30	9	127
Taking initiatives	12	18	32	39	26	127
Writing articles in newspapers	24	26	42	29	6	127
Writing Opinions in blogs	23	32	44	27	1	127
Participating in petitions to decision makers	12	17	43	34	21	127
Speaking with decision makers	18	23	30	36	20	127
Getting involved in initiatives that aim to change society/ citizen's initiatives	6	9	24	33	55	127
Involving your friends	16	17	42	36	16	127
					<i>answered question</i>	127
					<i>skipped question</i>	42

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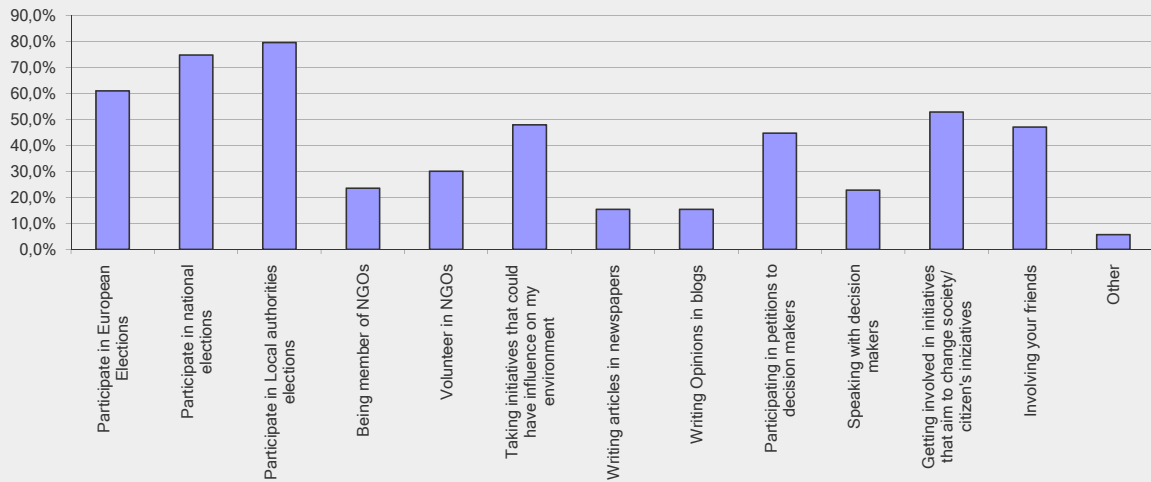


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Which of the following actions have you done at least once? (Check all that apply)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Participate in European Elections	61,0%	75
Participate in national elections	74,8%	92
Participate in Local authorities elections	79,7%	98
Being member of NGOs	23,6%	29
Volunteer in NGOs	30,1%	37
Taking initiatives that could have influence on my environment	48,0%	59
Writing articles in newspapers	15,4%	19
Writing Opinions in blogs	15,4%	19
Participating in petitions to decision makers	44,7%	55
Speaking with decision makers	22,8%	28
Getting involved in initiatives that aim to change society/ citizen's initiatives	52,8%	65
Involving your friends	47,2%	58
Other	5,7%	7
	answered question	123
	skipped question	46

Which of the following actions have you done at least once? (Check all that apply)

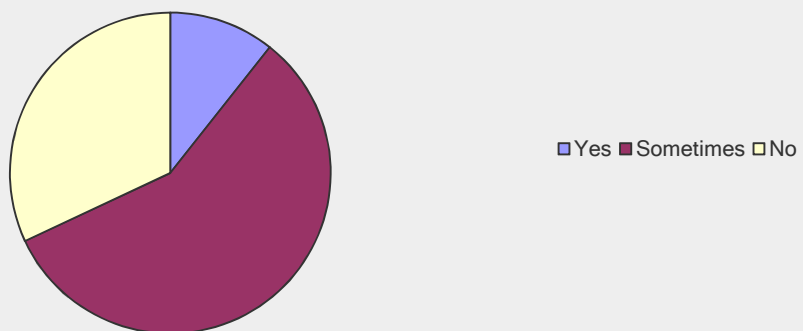


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Do you know, to whom you should turn with your ideas/needs, to have them implemented?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	10,7%	13
Sometimes	57,4%	70
No	32,0%	39
<i>answered question</i>		122
<i>skipped question</i>		47

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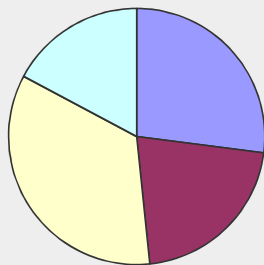


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Do you know any direct democracy tools?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, because I've used it	27,0%	33
Yes, I have information about	21,3%	26
Probably yes, but I don't know that they are direct democracy tools	34,4%	42
No	17,2%	21
answered question		122
skipped question		47

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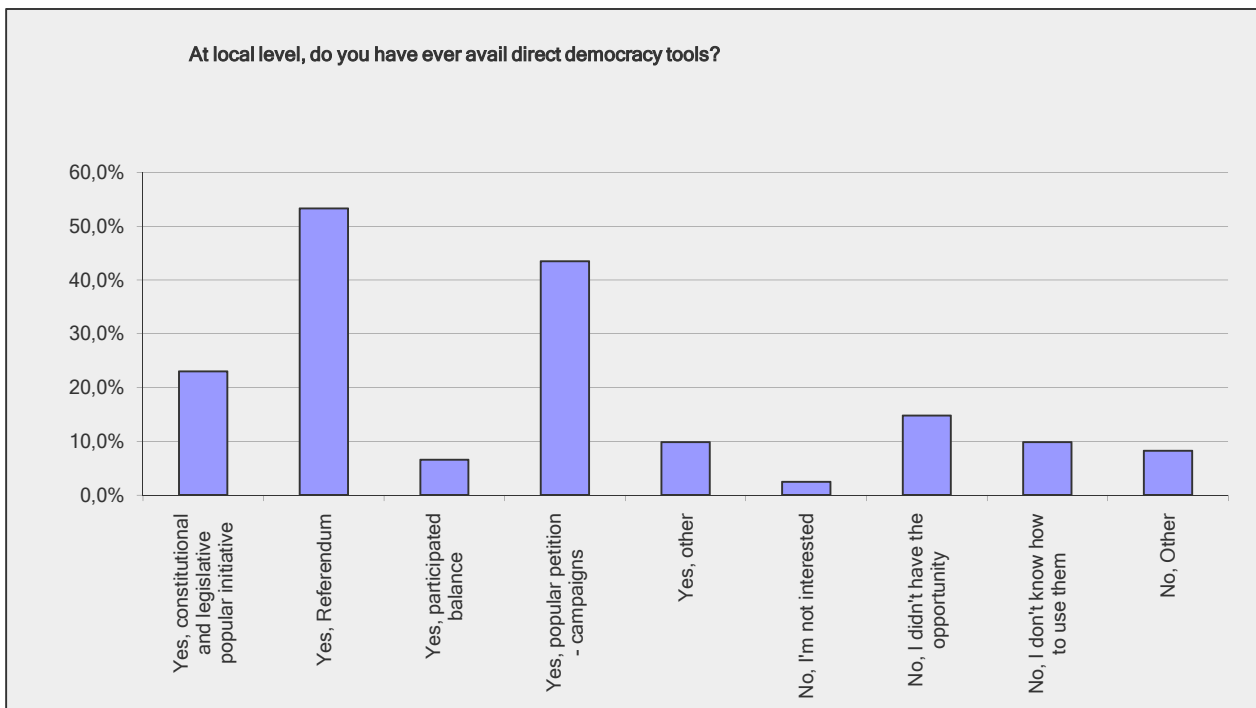


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- No

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At local level, do you have ever avail direct democracy tools?

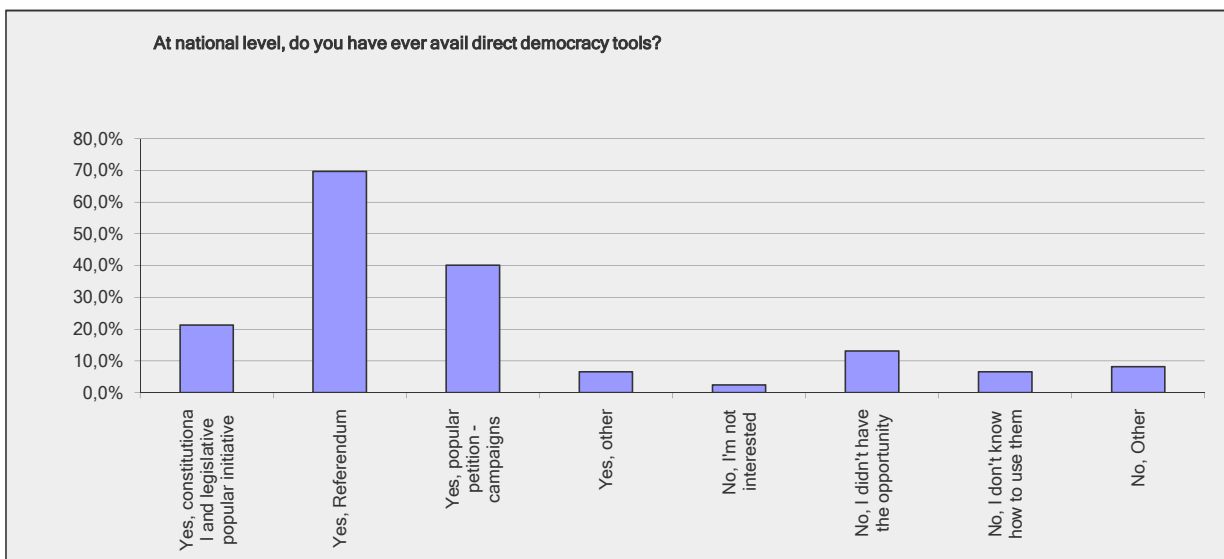
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, constitutional and legislative popular initiative	23,0%	28
Yes, Referendum	53,3%	65
Yes, participated balance	6,6%	8
Yes, popular petition - campaigns	43,4%	53
Yes, other	9,8%	12
No, I'm not interested	2,5%	3
No, I didn't have the opportunity	14,8%	18
No, I don't know how to use them	9,8%	12
No, Other	8,2%	10
answered question		122
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At national level, do you have ever avail direct democracy tools?

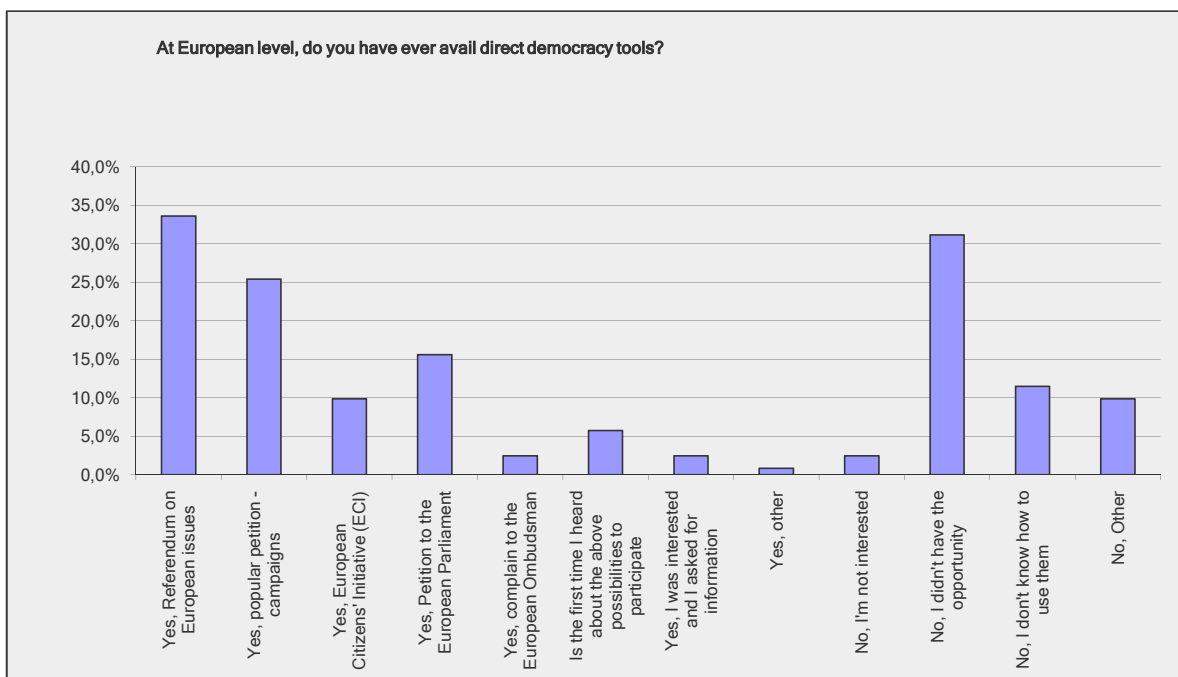
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, constitutional and legislative popular initiative	21,3%	26
Yes, Referendum	69,7%	85
Yes, popular petition - campaigns	40,2%	49
Yes, other	6,6%	8
No, I'm not interested	2,5%	3
No, I didn't have the opportunity	13,1%	16
No, I don't know how to use them	6,6%	8
No, Other	8,2%	10
	answered question	122
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At European level, do you have ever avail direct democracy tools?

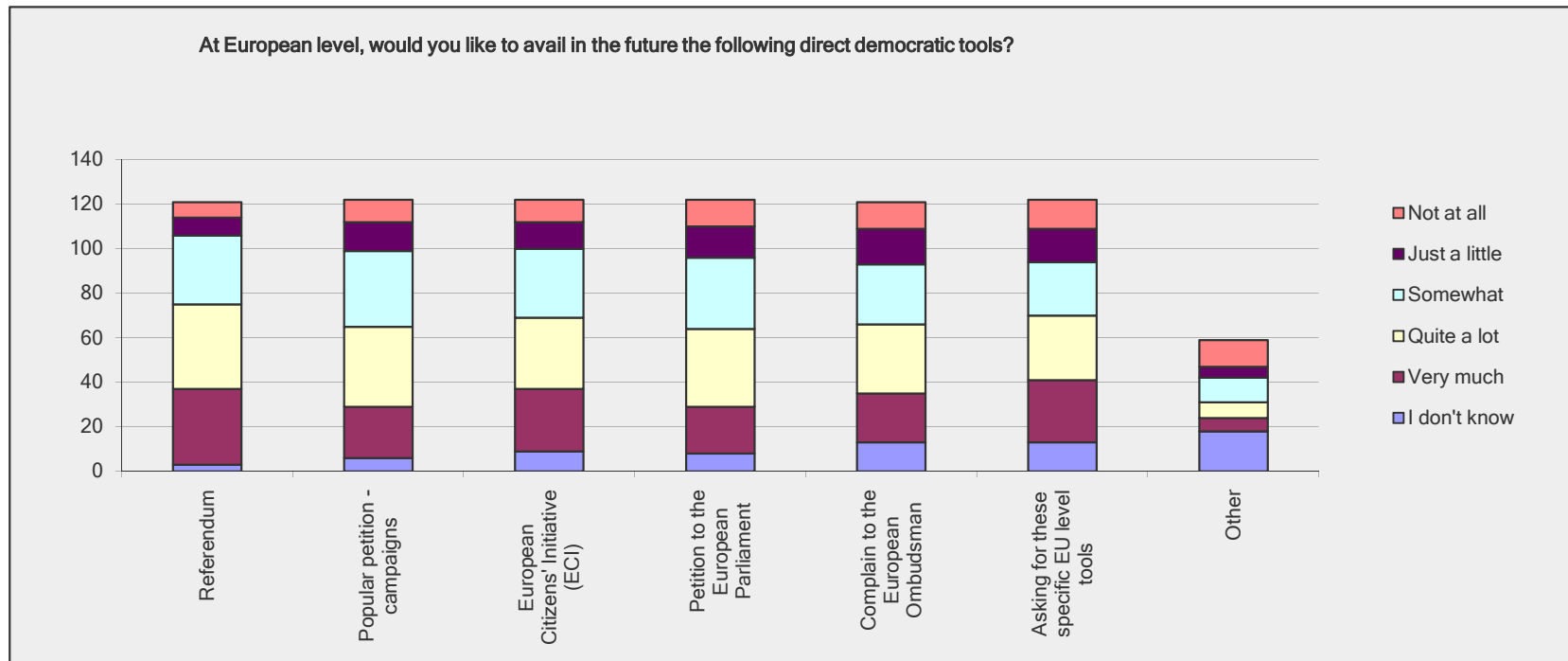
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, Referendum on European issues	33,6%	41
Yes, popular petition - campaigns	25,4%	31
Yes, European Citizens' Initiative (ECI)	9,8%	12
Yes, Petition to the European Parliament	15,6%	19
Yes, complain to the European Ombudsman	2,5%	3
Is the first time I heard about the above possibilities to participate	5,7%	7
Yes, I was interested and I asked for information	2,5%	3
Yes, other	0,8%	1
No, I'm not interested	2,5%	3
No, I didn't have the opportunity	31,1%	38
No, I don't know how to use them	11,5%	14
No, Other	9,8%	12
answered question		122
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At European level, would you like to avail in the future the following direct democratic tools?

Answer Options	Not at all	Just a little	Somewhat	Quite a lot	Very much	I don't know	Response Count
Referendum	7	8	31	38	34	3	121
Popular petition - campaigns	10	13	34	36	23	6	122
European Citizens' Initiative (ECI)	10	12	31	32	28	9	122
Petition to the European Parliament	12	14	32	35	21	8	122
Complain to the European Ombudsman	12	16	27	31	22	13	121
Asking for these specific EU level tools	13	15	24	29	28	13	122
Other	12	5	11	7	6	18	59
<i>answered question</i>							122
<i>skipped question</i>							47

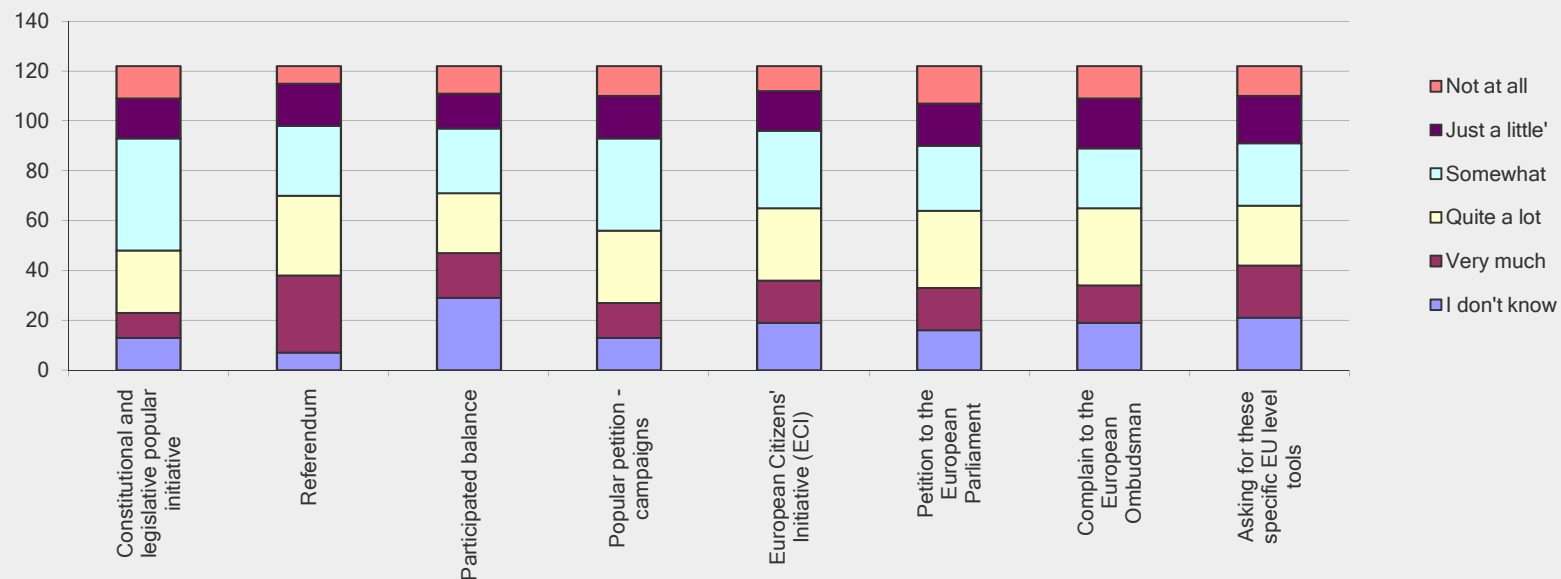


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In your opinion, are the following democratic tools effective?

Answer Options	Not at all	Just a little	Somewhat	Quite a lot	Very much	I don't know	Response Count
Constitutional and legislative popular initiative	13	16	45	25	10	13	122
Referendum	7	17	28	32	31	7	122
Participated balance	11	14	26	24	18	29	122
Popular petition - campaigns	12	17	37	29	14	13	122
European Citizens' Initiative (ECI)	10	16	31	29	17	19	122
Petition to the European Parliament	15	17	26	31	17	16	122
Complain to the European Ombudsman	13	20	24	31	15	19	122
Asking for these specific EU level tools	12	19	25	24	21	21	122
<i>answered question</i>							122
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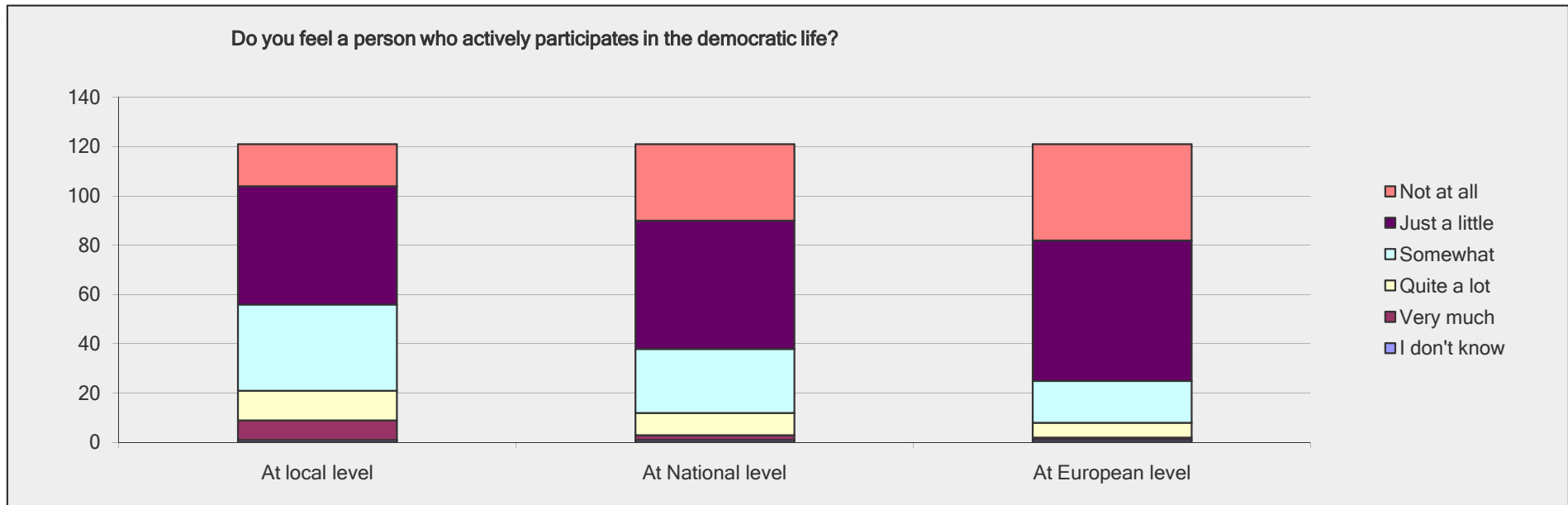
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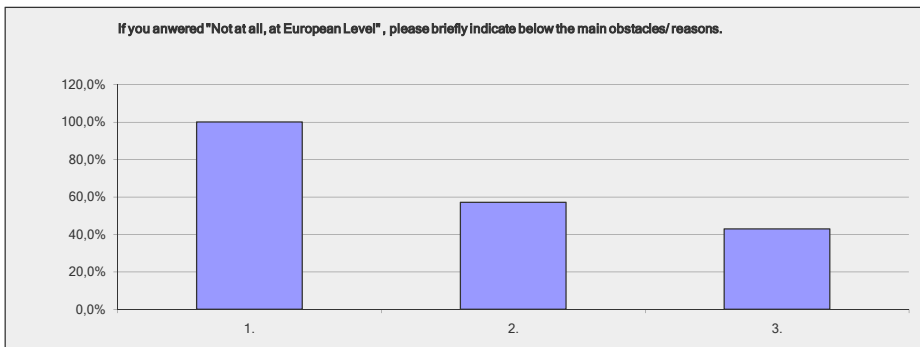
Do you feel a person who actively participates in the democratic life?

Answer Options	Not at all	Just a little	Somewhat	Quite a lot	Very much	I don't know	Response Count
At local level	17	48	35	12	8	1	121
At National level	31	52	26	9	2	1	121
At European level	39	57	17	6	1	1	121
						<i>answered question</i>	121
						<i>skipped question</i>	48



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If you answered "Not at all, at European Level" , please briefly indicate below the main obstacles/ reasons.		
Answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
1.	100,0%	28
2.	57,1%	16
3.	42,9%	12
<i>answered question</i>		28
<i>skipped question</i>		141

Number	1.	2.	3.
1	Access to information and tools not using Internet	Age	Knowledge of the issues and the EU dimension, which for me is something new
2	Information often hidden or altered by the mass media		
3	I don't know how and to whom I should turn with.		
4	Desire	Communication	Information
5	Lack of interest	Lack of time	Lack of tools
6	I never had the opportunity		
7	Structures	Possibilities	
8	Knowledge of the topics	Age	Communications are given mainly with means of communication that I don't use
9	I do not believe in the functionality of the European Parliament		
10	I don't know other ways of participation, aside from European elections.	I do not know "places" where you can discuss and eventually deepen the tools of democratic participation at European level: desks? offices?	There are no guarantees that my voice, as single person or small group, can get to European levels
11	Limited free time	Difficulties in obtaining information	
12	Incompetence regarding the appropriate tools		
13	I'm not informed concerning the participation in democratic life at European level		
14	Lack of information and of knowledge to whom should turn with		
15	I haven't information	I haven't opportunities to participate	
16	Europe is so far...	I don't believe that Europe is linked	Each European country looks as self-serving
17	I don't know how I can do it		Finding the right information channels
18	I am ever more convinced that at each level does not exist the citizen, but the elector		
19	Knowledge of the laws	Knowledge of means for effective action towards European Parliament	Knowledge of people which can effectively have power in Europe
20	Lack of information		
21	Lack of coordination and of centres for the collection of information.		
22	If you locally participate in democracy, you will participate even at other levels above	Absence of democracy in the choices of people who represent us	Absence of representative democracy
23	Lack of information	Lack of clarity in the information	I feel it as something far
24	References/connections	Possibility of communication	Attention by the counterpart
25	Mancanza di informazioni		
26	Lack of information	Lack of time	Lack of trust in institutions
27	Difficulty in believing that we can really affect from the bottom	Finding the right information channels	To create a community
28	Lack of information	Lack of time	

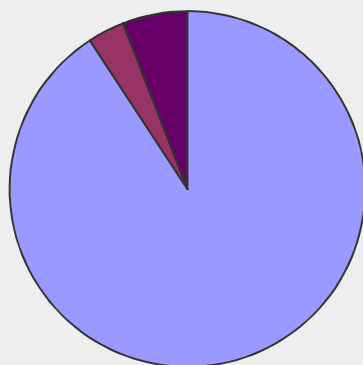


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Do you usually vote in the election to local government?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	90,8%	108
No, because there are no candidates who represent me	3,4%	4
No, because I have no trust in the elections process and I think that it is a waste of time	0,0%	0
No, because I'm not interested in politics matter and I don't know how could my voting/ not voting influence my everyday life	0,0%	0
No, for other reasons	5,9%	7
<i>answered question</i>		119
<i>skipped question</i>		50

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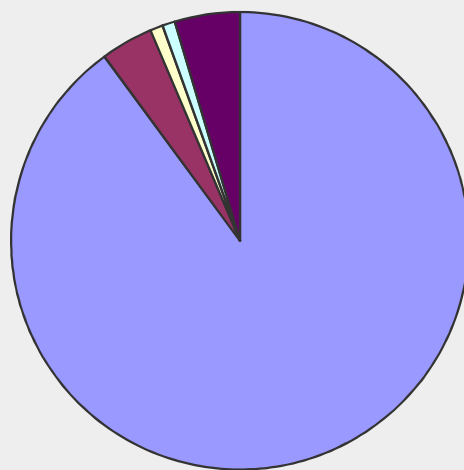
- Yes
- No, because there are no candidates who represent me
- No, because I have no trust in the elections process and I think that it is a waste of time
- No, because I'm not interested in politics matter and I don't know how could my voting/ not voting influence my everyday life

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Do you usually vote in the election to country parliament?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	89,9%	103
No, because there are no candidates who represent me	3,7%	5
No, because I have no trust in the elections process and I think that it is waste of time	0,9%	1
No, because I'm not interested in politics matter and I don't know how could my voting/ not voting influence my everyday life	0,9%	1
No, for other reasons	4,6%	9
answered question		119
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Do you usually vote in the election to country parliament?



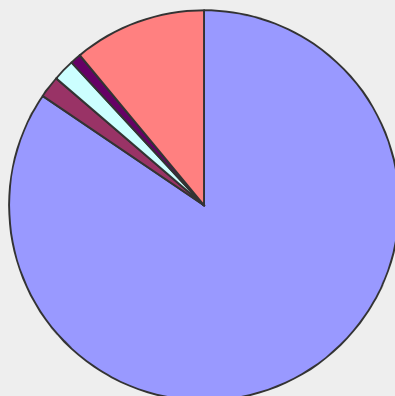
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- No, because there are no candidates who represent me
- No, because I have no trust in the elections process and I think that it is waste of time
- No, because I'm not interested in politics matter and I don't know how could my voting/ not voting influence my everyday life
- No, for other reasons

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Do you usually vote in the election to European parliament?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	84,4%	97
No, the European Parliament has nothing to do with the national matters	1,8%	2
No, this is waste of time	0,0%	0
No, because I don't feel any need to vote	1,8%	3
No, because I don't know how could my voting/ not voting influence my everyday life	0,9%	1
No, for other reasons	11,0%	16
<i>answered question</i>		119
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Do you usually vote in the election to European parliament?



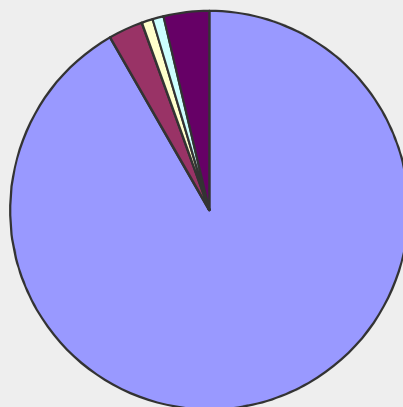
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- No, this is waste of time
- No, because I don't feel any need to vote
- No, because I don't know how could my voting/ not voting influence my everyday life
- No, for other reasons

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Do you usually vote in the referendum?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	91,7%	105
No, because I think the results are not taken into account	2,8%	3
No, because I think it is an ineffective tool	0,9%	1
No, because I'm not interested	0,9%	1
No, for other reasons	3,7%	9
<i>answered question</i>		119
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Do you usually vote in the referendum?



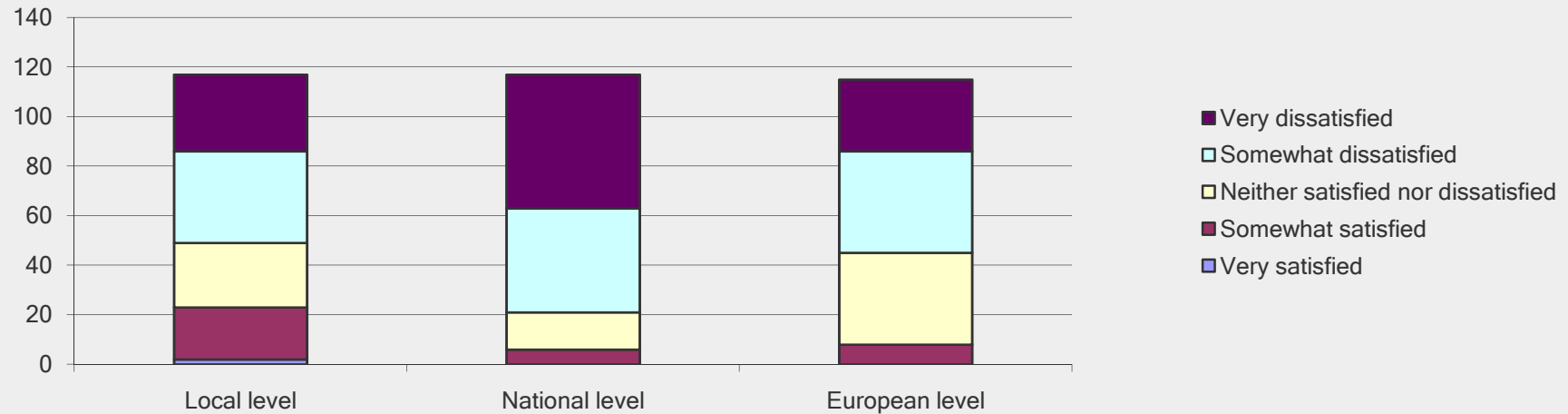
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- No, because I think it is an ineffective tool
- No, because I'm not interested
- No, for other reasons

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Consider the quality of the actions taken, the achievement of objectives, transparency, accountability, etc. Overall, are you satisfied with the way the following Authorities do their job?

Answer Options	Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied	Response Count
Local level	31	37	26	21	2	117
National level	54	42	15	6	0	117
European level	29	41	37	8	0	115
<i>answered question</i>						117
<i>skipped question</i>						52

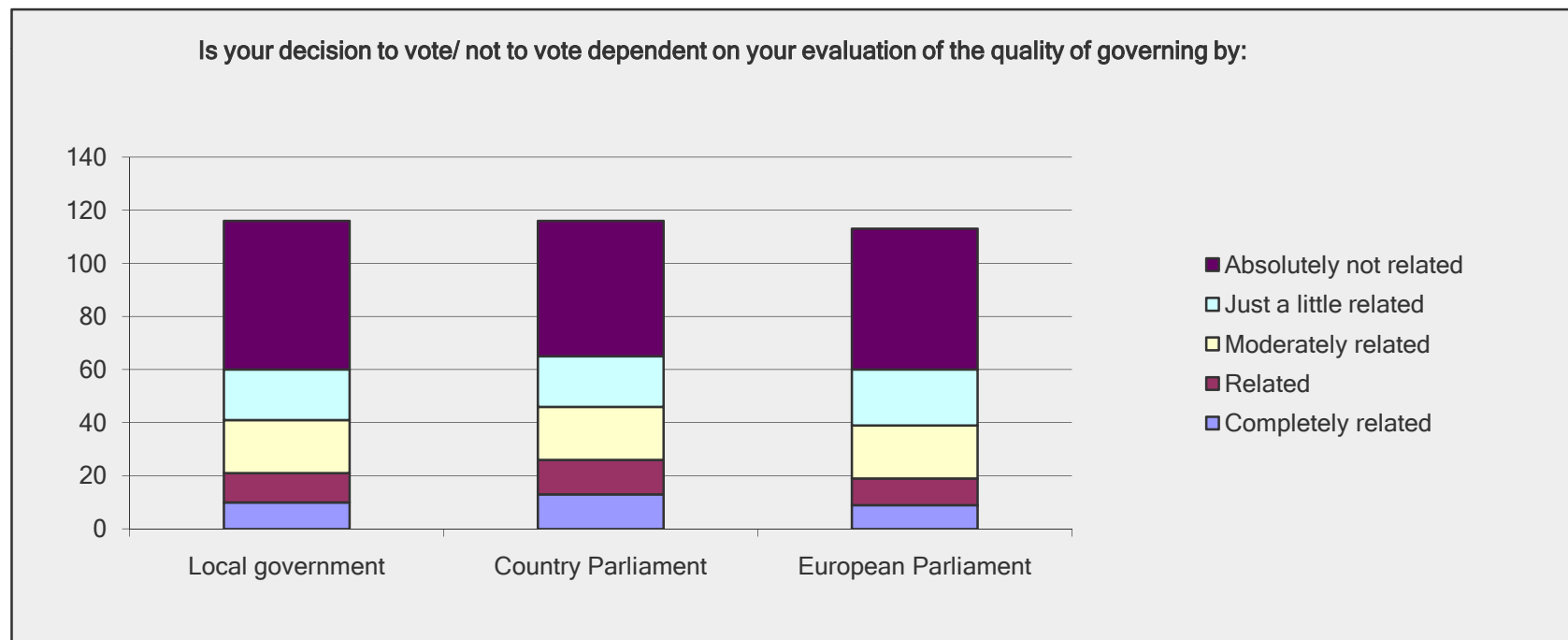
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Is your decision to vote/ not to vote dependent on your evaluation of the quality of governing by:

Answer Options	Absolutely not related	Just a little related	Moderately related	Related	Completely related	Response Count
Local government	56	19	20	11	10	116
Country Parliament	51	19	20	13	13	116
European Parliament	53	21	20	10	9	113
<i>answered question</i>						116
<i>skipped question</i>						53

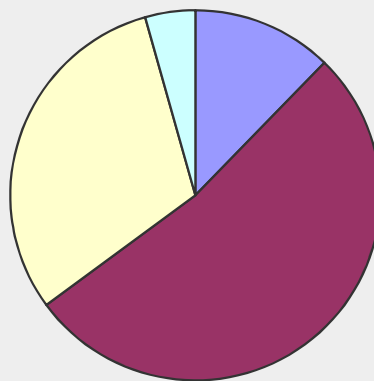


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Do you think that the general elections are the only effective tool to influence the way the community/ country is managed?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	12,3%	14
Partially	52,6%	60
No	30,7%	35
I don't know	4,4%	5
<i>answered question</i>		114
<i>skipped question</i>		55

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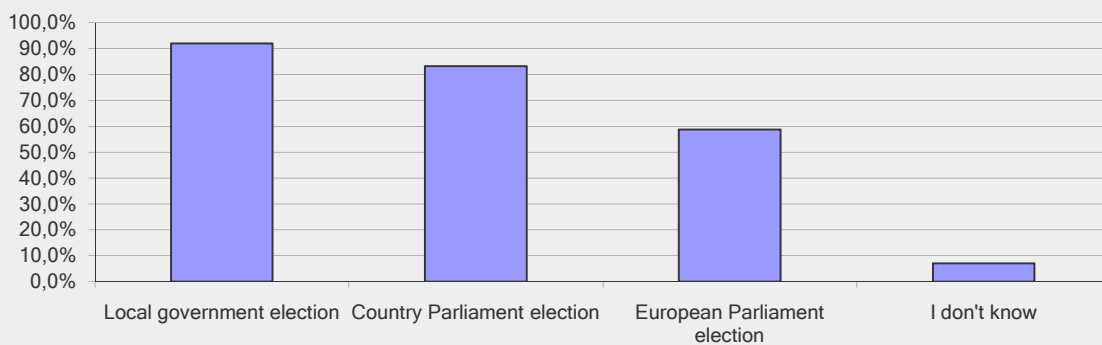
- Yes
- Partially
- No
- I don't know

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Considering the persons you are close with (family members, friends), please indicate in which of the following elections they vote in:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Local government election	92,1%	105
Country Parliament election	83,3%	95
European Parliament election	58,8%	67
I don't know	7,0%	8
<i>answered question</i>		114
<i>skipped question</i>		55

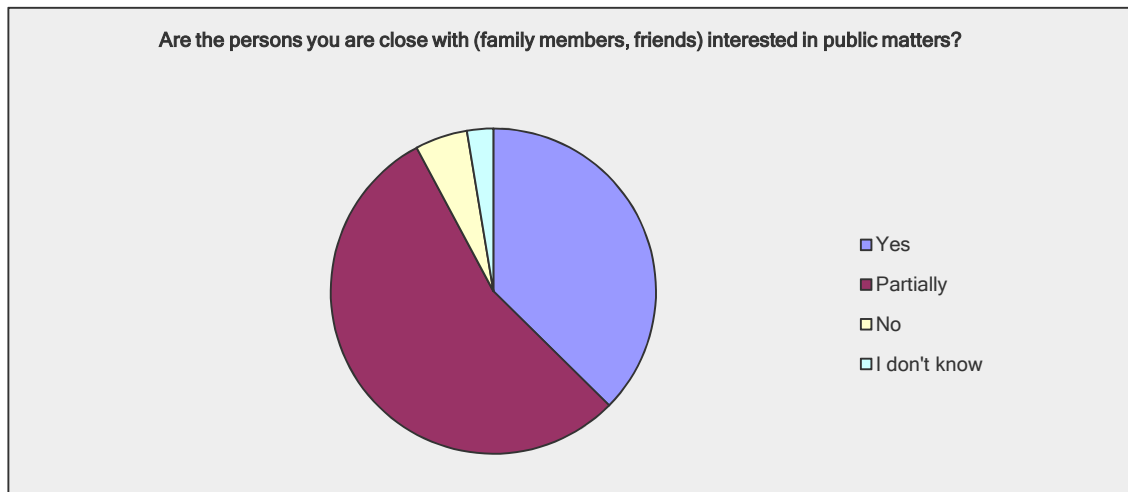
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Are the persons you are close with (family members, friends) interested in public matters?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	37,4%	43
Partially	54,8%	63
No	5,2%	6
I don't know	2,6%	3
answered question		115
skipped question		54

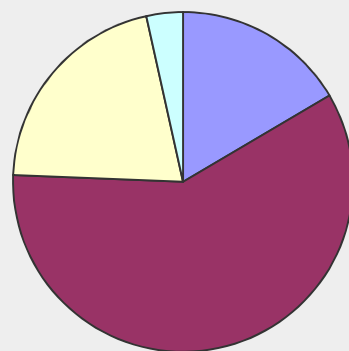


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Do the persons you are close with (family, friends) actively participate in the public activity?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	16,5%	19
Partially	59,1%	68
No	20,9%	24
I don't know	3,5%	4
<i>answered question</i>		115
<i>skipped question</i>		54

Do the persons you are close with (family, friends) actively participate in the public activity?



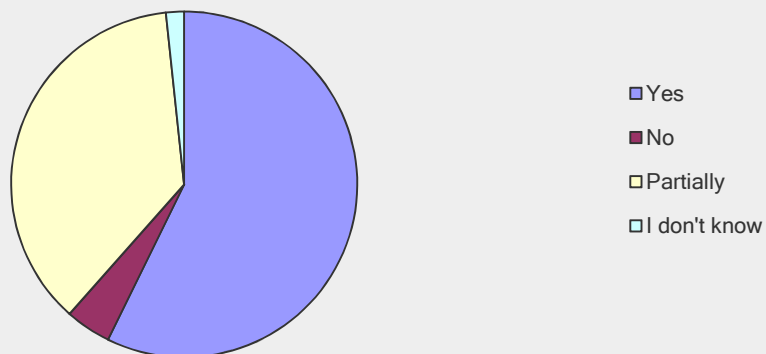
- Yes
- Partially
- No
- I don't know

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Participation in EU democratic life, is in your opinion connected to that of your country?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	57,3%	67
No	4,3%	5
Partially	36,8%	43
I don't know	1,7%	2
<i>answered question</i>		117
<i>skipped question</i>		52

Participation in EU democratic life, is in your opinion connected to that of your country?

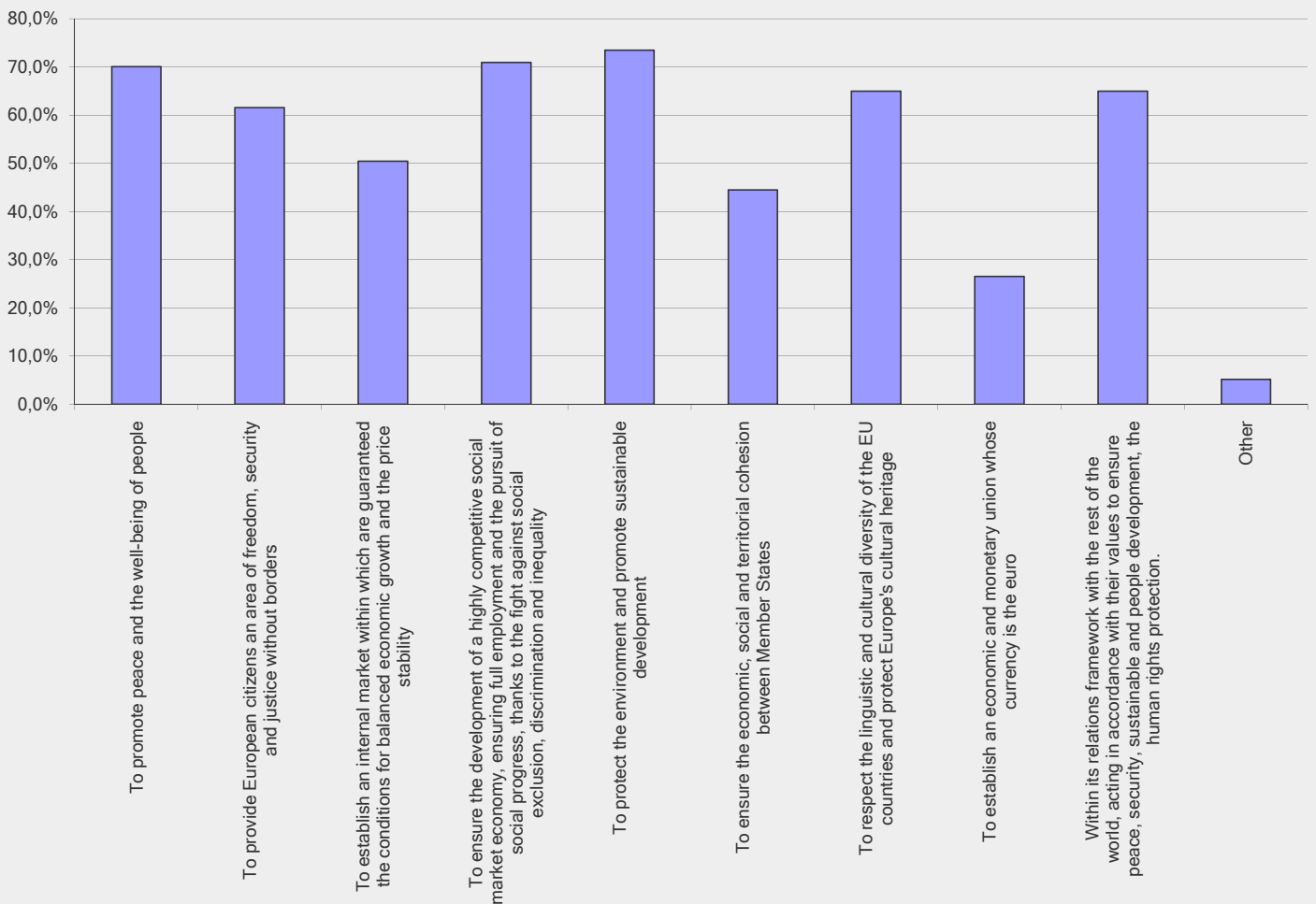


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Which of the following objectives of EU, would you consider most important? (Check all that apply)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
To promote peace and the well-being of people	70,1%	82
To provide European citizens an area of freedom, security and justice without borders	61,5%	72
To establish an internal market within which are guaranteed the conditions for balanced economic growth and the price stability	50,4%	59
To ensure the development of a highly competitive social market economy, ensuring full employment and the pursuit of social progress, thanks to the fight against social exclusion, discrimination and inequality	70,9%	83
To protect the environment and promote sustainable development	73,5%	86
To ensure the economic, social and territorial cohesion between Member States	44,4%	52
To respect the linguistic and cultural diversity of the EU countries and protect Europe's cultural heritage	65,0%	76
To establish an economic and monetary union whose currency is the euro	26,5%	31
Within its relations framework with the rest of the world, acting in accordance with their values to ensure peace, security, sustainable and people development, the human rights protection.	65,0%	76
Other	5,1%	6
answered question		117
skipped question		52

Which of the following objectives of EU, would you consider most important? (Check all that apply)

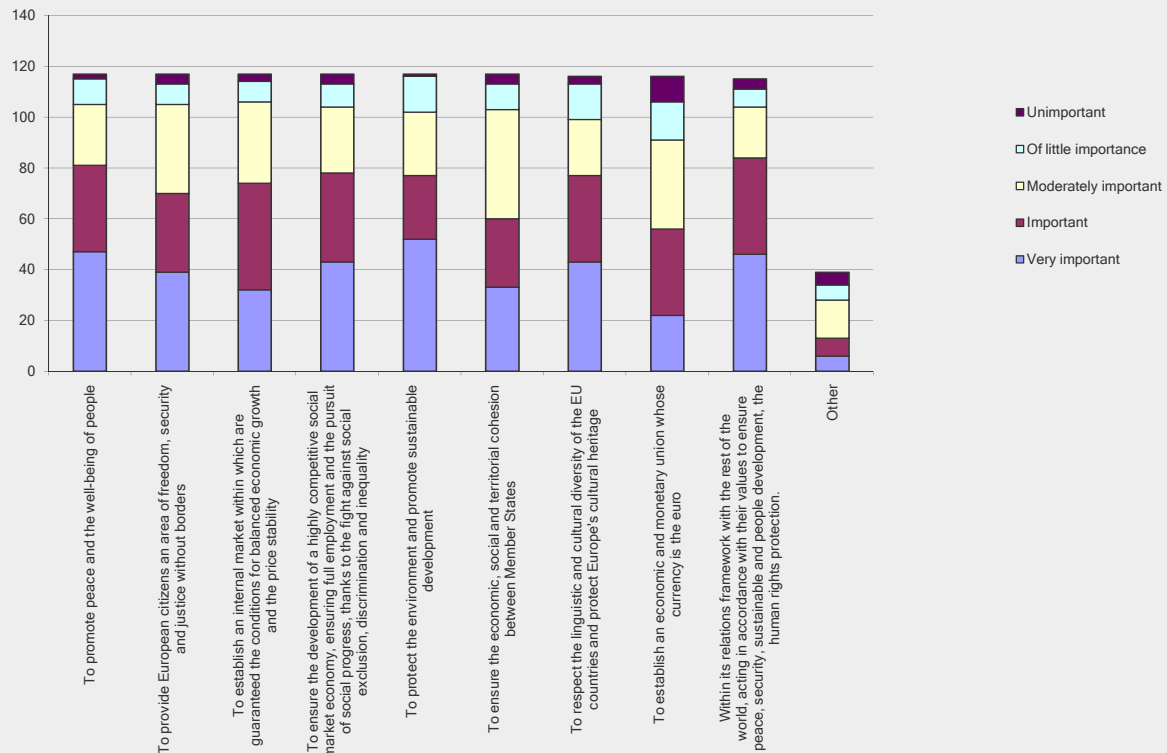


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In your opinion, are the following values / objectives relevant for EU policies shaping?

Answer Options	Unimportant	Of little importance	Moderately important	Important	Very important	Response Count
To promote peace and the well-being of people	2	10	24	34	47	117
To provide European citizens an area of freedom, security and justice without borders	4	8	35	31	39	117
To establish an internal market within which are guaranteed the conditions for balanced economic growth and the price stability	3	8	32	42	32	117
To ensure the development of a highly competitive social market economy, ensuring full employment and the pursuit of social progress, thanks to the fight against social exclusion, discrimination and inequality	4	9	26	35	43	117
To protect the environment and promote sustainable development	1	14	25	25	52	117
To ensure the economic, social and territorial cohesion between Member States	4	10	43	27	33	117
To respect the linguistic and cultural diversity of the EU countries and protect Europe's cultural heritage	3	14	22	34	43	116
To establish an economic and monetary union whose currency is the euro	10	15	35	34	22	116
Within its relations framework with the rest of the world, acting in accordance with their values to ensure peace, security, sustainable and people development, the human rights protection.	4	7	20	38	46	115
Other	5	6	15	7	6	39
<i>answered question</i>						117
<i>skipped question</i>						52

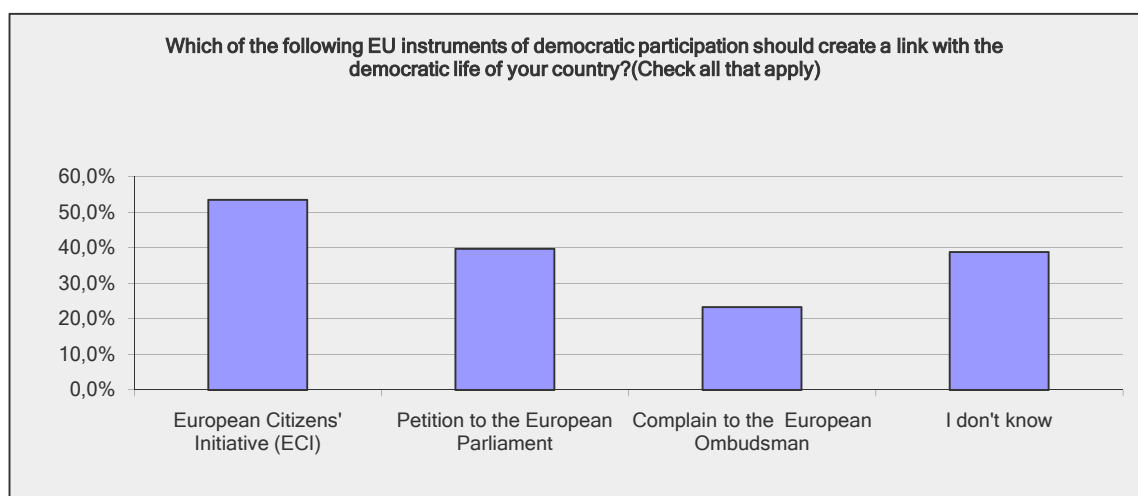
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Which of the following EU instruments of democratic participation should create a link with the democratic life of your country?(Check all that apply)

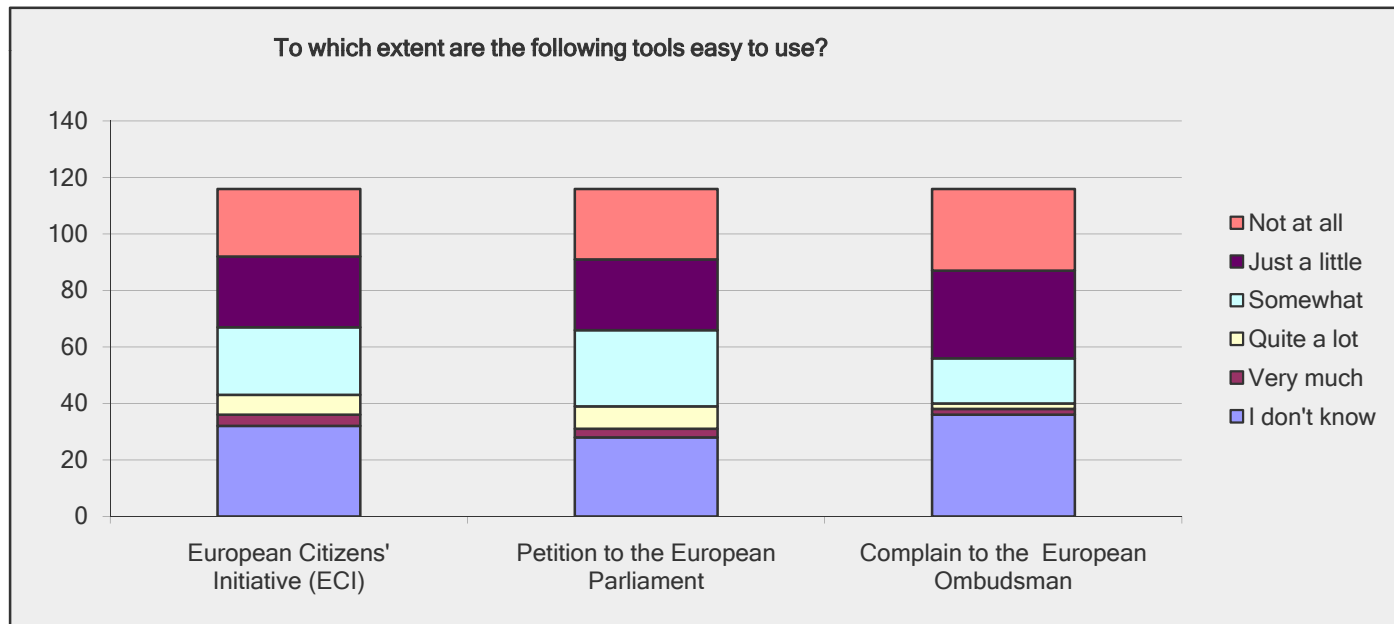
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
European Citizens' Initiative (ECI)	53,4%	62
Petition to the European Parliament	39,7%	46
Complain to the European Ombudsman	23,3%	27
I don't know	38,8%	45
answered question		116
skipped question		53



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To which extent are the following tools easy to use?

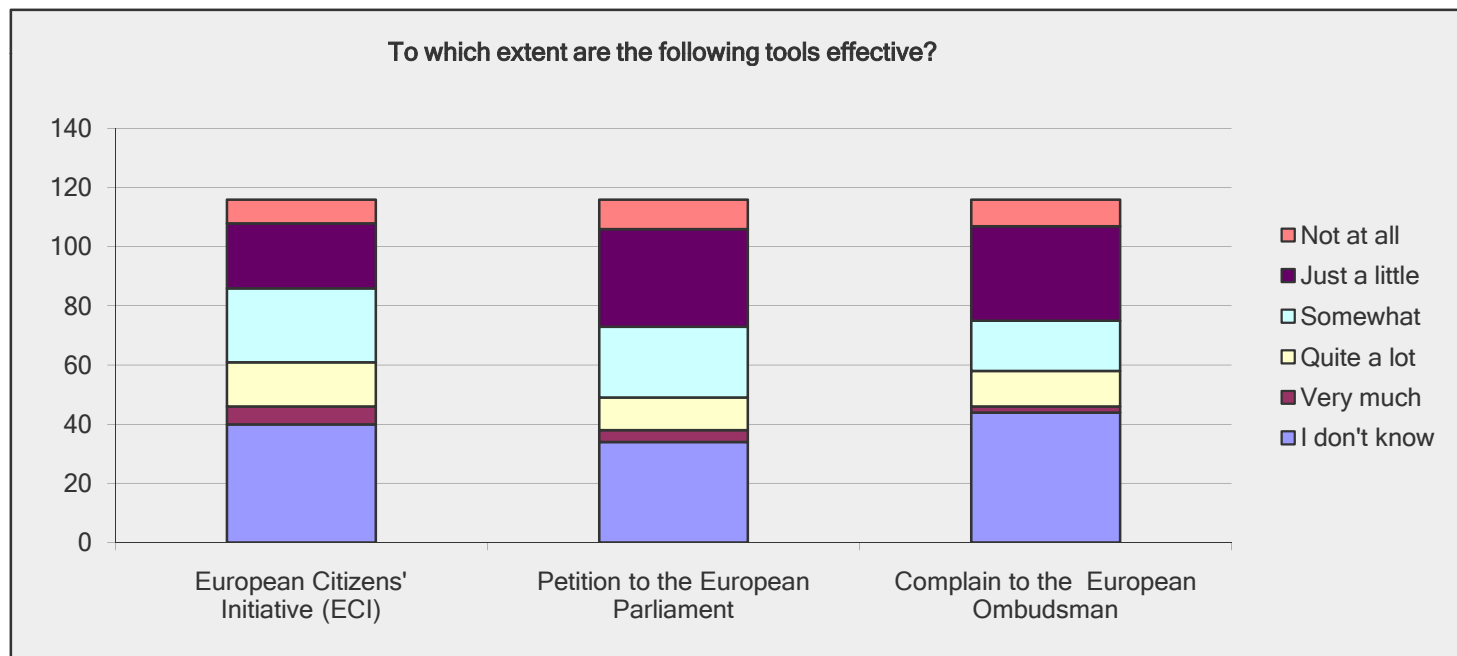
Answer Options	Not at all	Just a little	Somewhat	Quite a lot	Very much	I don't know	Response Count
European Citizens' Initiative (ECI)	24	25	24	7	4	32	116
Petition to the European Parliament	25	25	27	8	3	28	116
Complain to the European Ombudsman	29	31	16	2	2	36	116
						<i>answered question</i>	116
						<i>skipped question</i>	53



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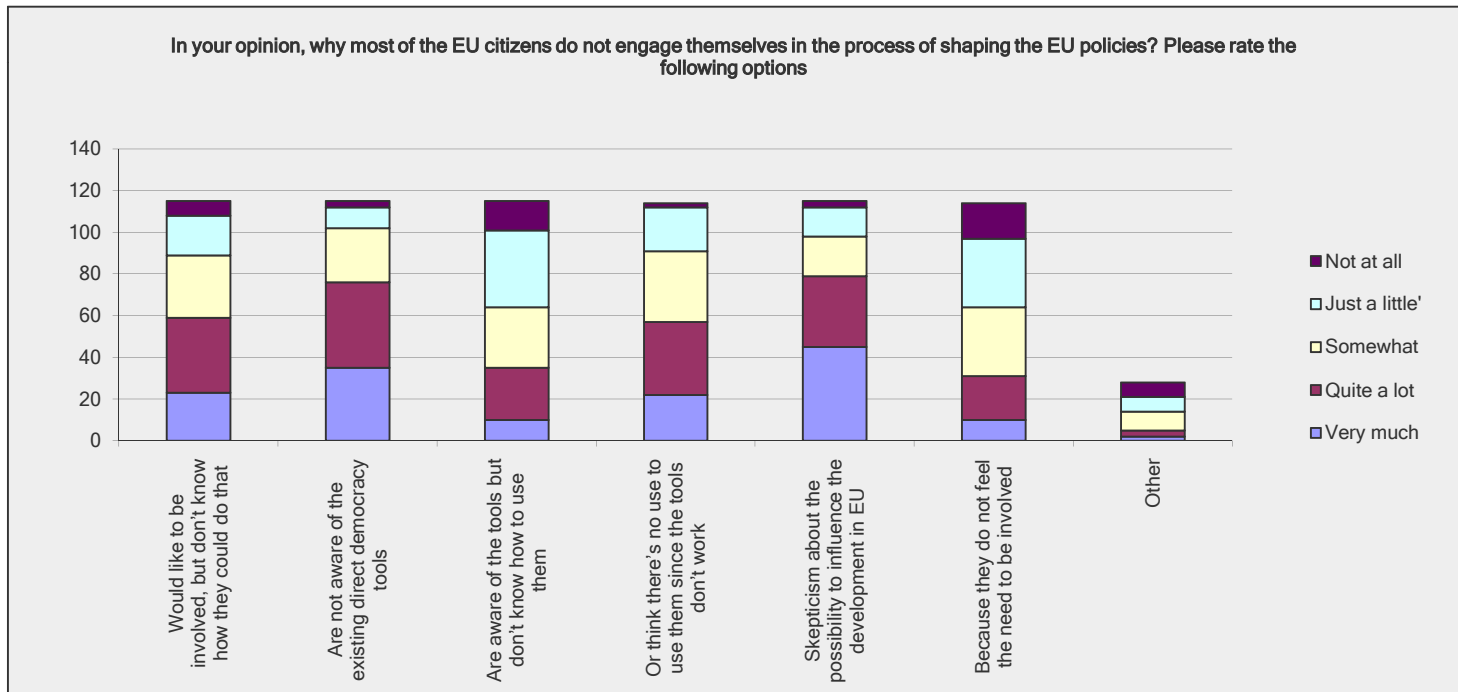
To which extent are the following tools effective?

Answer Options	Not at all	Just a little	Somewhat	Quite a lot	Very much	I don't know	Response Count
European Citizens' Initiative (ECI)	8	22	25	15	6	40	116
Petition to the European Parliament	10	33	24	11	4	34	116
Complain to the European Ombudsman	9	32	17	12	2	44	116
<i>answered question</i>							116
<i>skipped question</i>							53



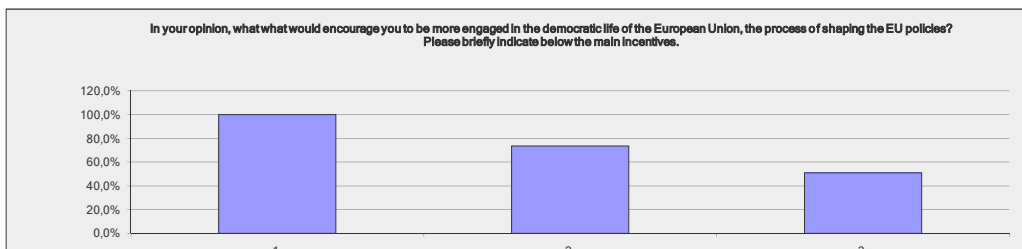
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Answer Options	Not at all	Just a little	Somewhat	Quite a lot	Very much	Response Count
Would like to be involved, but don't know how they could do that	7	19	30	36	23	115
Are not aware of the existing direct democracy tools	3	10	26	41	35	115
Are aware of the tools but don't know how to use them	14	37	29	25	10	115
Or think there's no use to use them since the tools don't work	2	21	34	35	22	114
Skepticism about the possibility to influence the development in EU	3	14	19	34	45	115
Because they do not feel the need to be involved	17	33	33	21	10	114
Other	7	7	9	3	2	28
						<i>answered question</i> 115
						<i>skipped question</i> 54



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In your opinion, what what would encourage you to be more engaged in the democratic life of the European Union, the process of shaping the EU policies? Please briefly indicate below the main Incentives.		
Answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
1.	100,0%	57
2.	73,7%	42
3.	50,9%	29
answered question		57
skipped question		112

Number	1.	2.	3.
1	easy access and simplifying the information	direct involvement of associations or organizations	issues related to my daily life
2	Knowledge of the methodology		
3	Information		
4	Youth projects and relating visibility at school and institutional level	Increased promotion of youth intercultural exchange	More opportunity for participation and proper promotion
5	Proper information	awareness	connection of personal problems with EU policies
6	exit from Euro or its revaluation	be more respectful for human rights and to the Constitutions	Social protection
7	more information on the tools for active participation	more projects affecting the European Union	
8	More information about the tools that can be used	Possibility to present ideas, proposals and suggestions in a simple and effective way	Updates regarding such initiatives and projects in which you participate
9	to know to be effective	feel to be involved	not to feel exploited
10	More information	more transparency	
11	Prospects	Life improvements	concrete opportunities
12	To know the tools to participate	Information at local level	information in schools
13	Information	Understand that actually the proposals already done are taken into account	
14	Change of direction of European policies		
15	support of younger people	direct communication in the local environment	Simplicity of information
16	qualitative guarantee	political seriousness	integrity
17	Knowing the tools: what they are, how to use them, what effects they produce (I don't know what ICE is and I never heard about it)	A greater proximity of EU to citizens, bypassing national and local governments, because too many steps bring a loss of importance both concerning the content and motivations	
18	to know how to engage	to have more free time	
19	knowledge of the effectiveness of the tools		
20	Easier methodologies to communicate with EU	More communication via TV and social	
21	More information	more transparency	
22	More information about participation opportunities	Greater awareness on issues concerning a global dimension which reflected later on the local one	Increased transparency overall (effects of participation and initiatives)
23	request for direct adhesion	More information about tools	Validation of the EU interest in citizens' contributions
24	Information in schools	Closer relationship with the MEPs elected	more information on the tools for active participation
25	More information		
26	involvement	Information	
27	direct consultation about decisions on EU policies	direct elections of members of the European Parliament	more information about the EU policies and initiatives, through newspapers and TV
28	Knowledge of other cultures	Exchanges between countries	foreign language skills
29	Make public the "things" that are decided at the European Parliament	Stop paying MEPs who are in Strasbourg just to take the salaries. Often they don't go there and are paid without doing anything.	Stop financing specular projects, in which who benefits are the same that profit also in the country where they live.
30	More work/employment	Respect for the environment	integration / social peace
31	More information	Increased use of tools for participation	Upbringing on the importance of participation
32	the certainty that my opinion can be heard through the organization which is representing me		
33	Information	Transparency	Simplicity
34	Media: advertisement	Organisations	Local public bodies
35	Therefore: I can't devote a lot of time to things which have little effect. I work a lot for little gain. I don't have the time and desire to explain this issues to whom is not interested in understand.		
36	the presence of an institution at local level that really collects the needs of citizens and their demands towards europe	To verify that the European institutions undertake actions to improve the economic conditions of the citizens and of the labor market, changing the structure of production which now has to aim only at environmental protection and improvement of the lifestyle of citizens. To resume the old concept of GDP understood as wellbeing of citizens and not only basket of things that become redundant.	To establish preventive measures and large fines, to punish Countries like Italy, for political corruption at government and local level (regions, provinces, municipalities)
37	They are not involved		
38	More information at local level	To have the opportunities to participate at round tables	
39	More information	More events	to arouse more interest
40	Dissemination of the tools	Easy access to tools	increased involvement in the selection of representatives
41	To solve before individual problems (in my case I'm unemployed from 5 years. Participation in EU policies is not among my priorities!)		
42	to see concrete results	ease of access	
43	It would be enough to see fulfilled the demands of the popular initiative		
44	more power to the European Parliament	To be able to verify the effectiveness of European policies	Clear sharing at national level of the EU proposal and policies
45	See the results		
46	Information about the democracy tools		
47	Possibility to be heard	use of simpler tools	
48	Trust in national institution and consequently in EU institutions.		
49	Easy access to information		
50	More information and involvement by the institutions		
51	a local government closer to EU policies	raising awareness in schools and therefore better employment prospects	advertising concerning EU initiatives
52	Information	Testimony of relevant personalities in terms of civic education	Education to "participation" while the school life, since childhood
53	Rewarding training courses		
54	Information	Being part of an interested and concerned community	To feel to being able to influence
55	Advertisement and spot	Diffusion of video through social network	
56	More political union	An effective parliament	Solidarity between the members and the EU vision
57	Yes	No	bho



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Do you have personal considerations about the questionnaire topics? Please share with us, your answers count!

Answer Options	Response Count
	27
<i>answered question</i>	27
<i>skipped question</i>	142

Number	Response Text
1	To consider senior citizens with their specific needs and peculiarities, encouraging their participation in supporting them and involving them personally,
2	I believe that the EU can improve themselves as much, especially in the field of supply and promotion of activities. I think that it is important to train an ideal of cohesion and common growth especially during the years of school education, in order to tackle the increasingly strong presence of racial prejudice, which found voice in the extremist political propaganda. I think and hope that, both at European and national level, could be found new models of aggregation and participation, because the ones we have right now are really inadequate. I would have great pleasure to participate much more actively than limiting myself to vote
3	To know the answers to the questionnaire/survey. To raise awareness concerning the impact of the questionnaire on EU
4	I believe that these issues are very important and vast, so much so that sometimes is difficult to choose priorities or values, as between "very" and "very much". This also helps to reflect more on definitions. The label " Neither yes nor no " in question no. 15, would seem neutral, in fact I think that there is a certain involvement in some respects as others, therefore this answer option seems an average between "yes and no".
5	I will try to continue to inform me on this survey and on the project in general.
6	No
7	Interesting and engaging topics, which sometimes are too far because of lack of personal information
8	Unfortunately I was not aware of many of the options listed in the answers, so I answered as best I could
9	Of course !
10	I count on it to do everything possible to get information and transparency on the decision taken in Europe
11	The theme of immigration and how to deal with it, in a perspective of a wider "active" participation
12	Before starting to talk about active participation in the democratic life, we should "CLEAN" Europe and several countries, first of all Italy, where all the "Puppets" who govern us "EAT"; "CHEAT" and they are not "ASHAMED" of what they're doing. ... How disgusting!
13	Important, it encourages the reflection on oneself and on its own community, as first step to active involvement in democracy
14	More information, practical and faster ways to find information, learning to participate.
15	We need to increase the sense of responsibility of citizens and their sense to be considered with rights, needs and obligations.
16	It is essentially useless look at this issue: an active person is doing it for the love of it. Of course a questionnaire, with the umpteenth contingent platform, with the awareness of contingent rights, can not improve the situation. There's so many information, too many . We all have several areas of interest. If politics is not one of these, important or not that is, it is not. Basically, the elected members are chosen to avoid us their work, It is like calling the plumber: if I call him is because I have no desire / I have no means / I'm not able to do it alone. If the plumber does a bad job, I do not call him anymore. If it does damage I throw him out the house. Finally, if he doesn't represent my interests as his client, but serves the interests of the electrician as
17	It is the first time in my life that someone is interested in my opinion.
18	A lot.
19	I believe that the EU membership is important, but lack the tools to participate.
20	No.
21	If there is no participation it is because citizens perceive EU policies as the result of strong pressure from lobbies, which influence the legislative process of the European directives. Too much power given to the Commission and too little power to the A Union is established on social basis, not on economics' one. The EURO represents not the problem, the problem is the welfare of the participating countries and the duties of citizens in each countries. A union is based on the duties before than on rights.
22	I would like the results of the questionnaire will be disseminated
23	PEOPLE DOES NOT PARTICIPATE BECAUSE UE IS NOT A POLITICAL UNION: THIS TOPIC IS NOT COSIEDRED AT ALL. PARTICIPATION IS NOT JUST ABOUT MEANS, IS ABOUT GOALS.
24	Very interesting
25	no
26	boring
27	No