



SER-Europe Survey 2021

Wednesday, October 6th 2021

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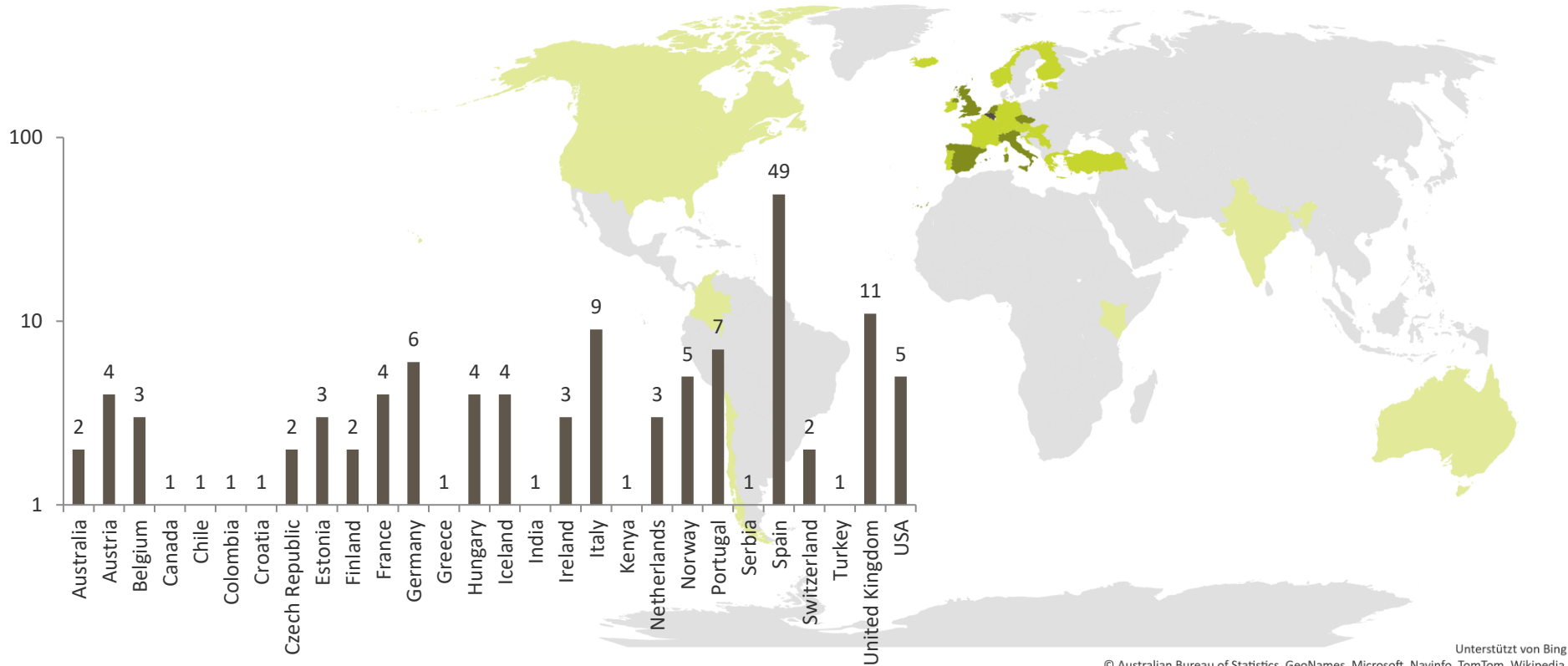
Responses in total

Kick-off: Thursday, September 2nd 2021

End: Wednesday, September 22nd 2021

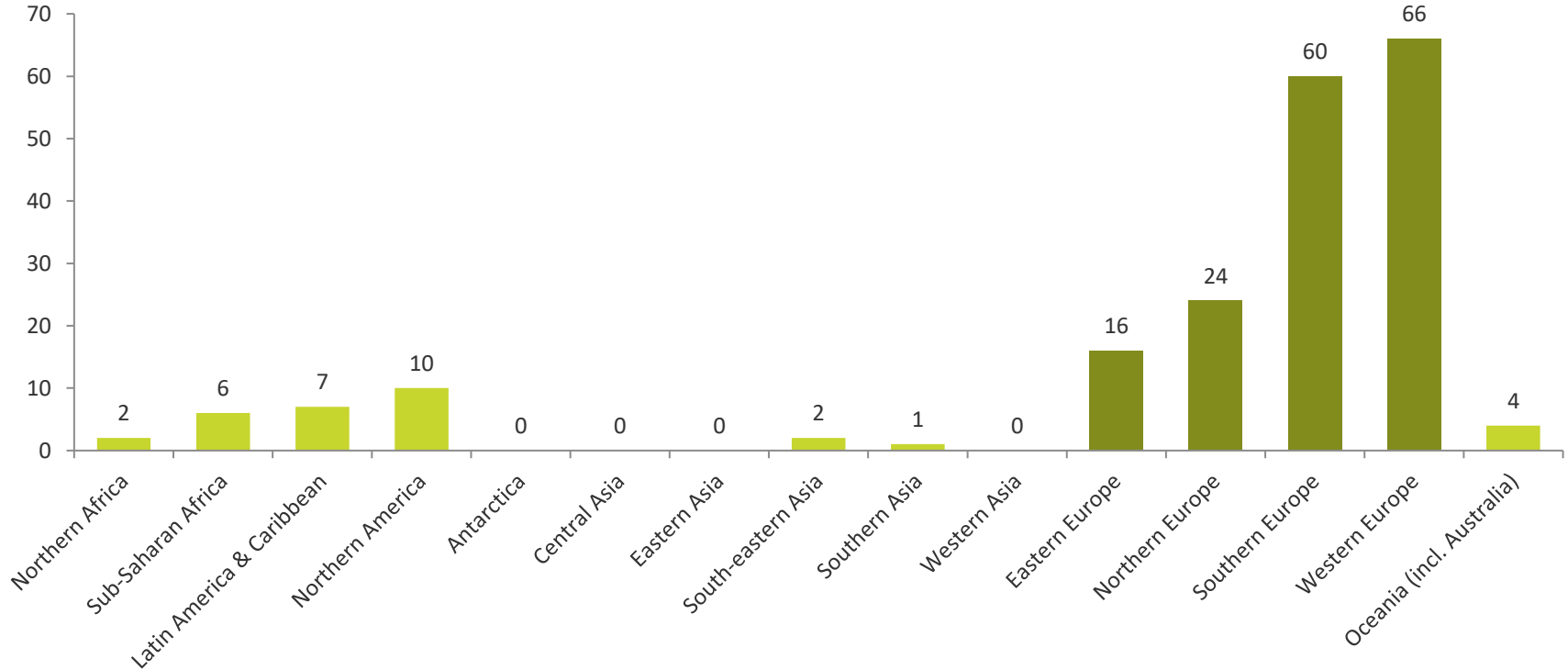
Q1: In what country do you live?

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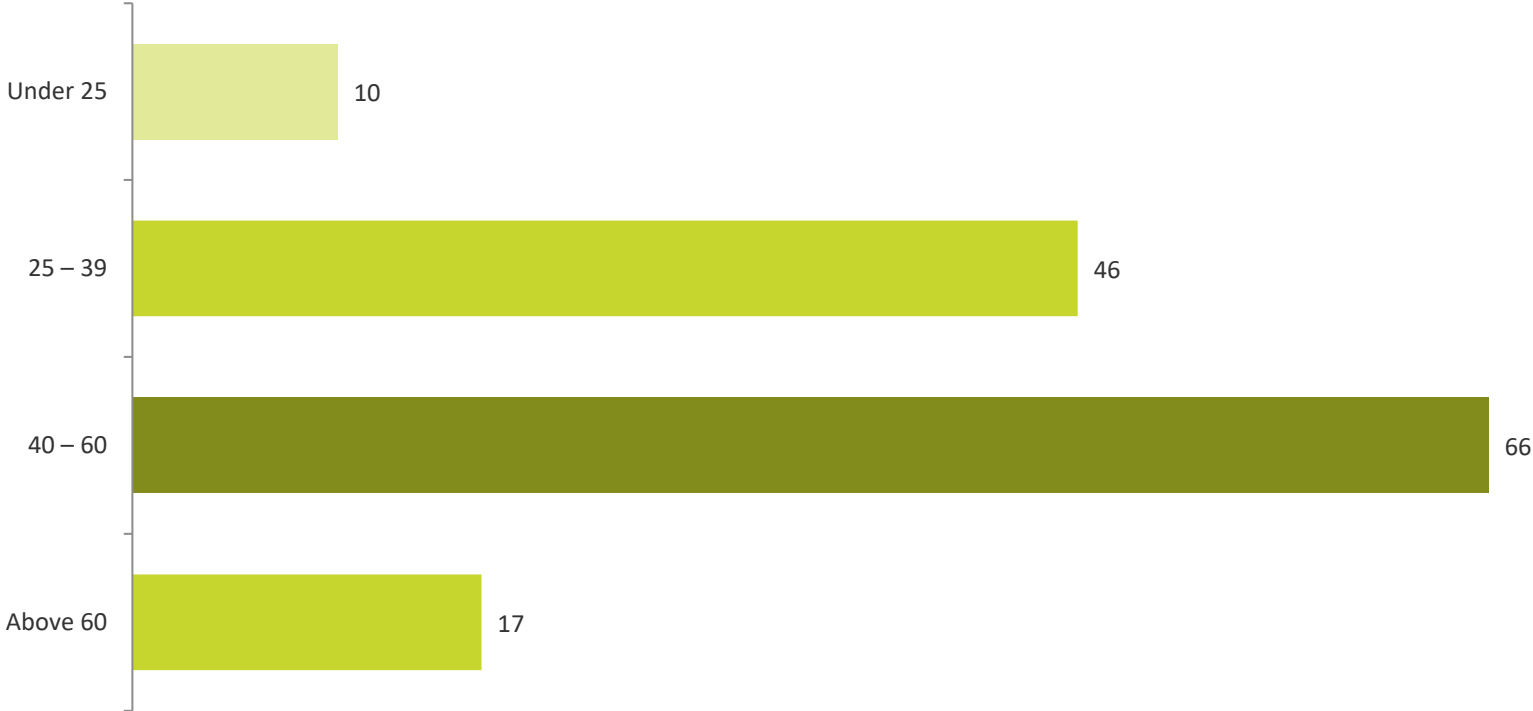
Q2: In which geographical area(s) do you mainly work?

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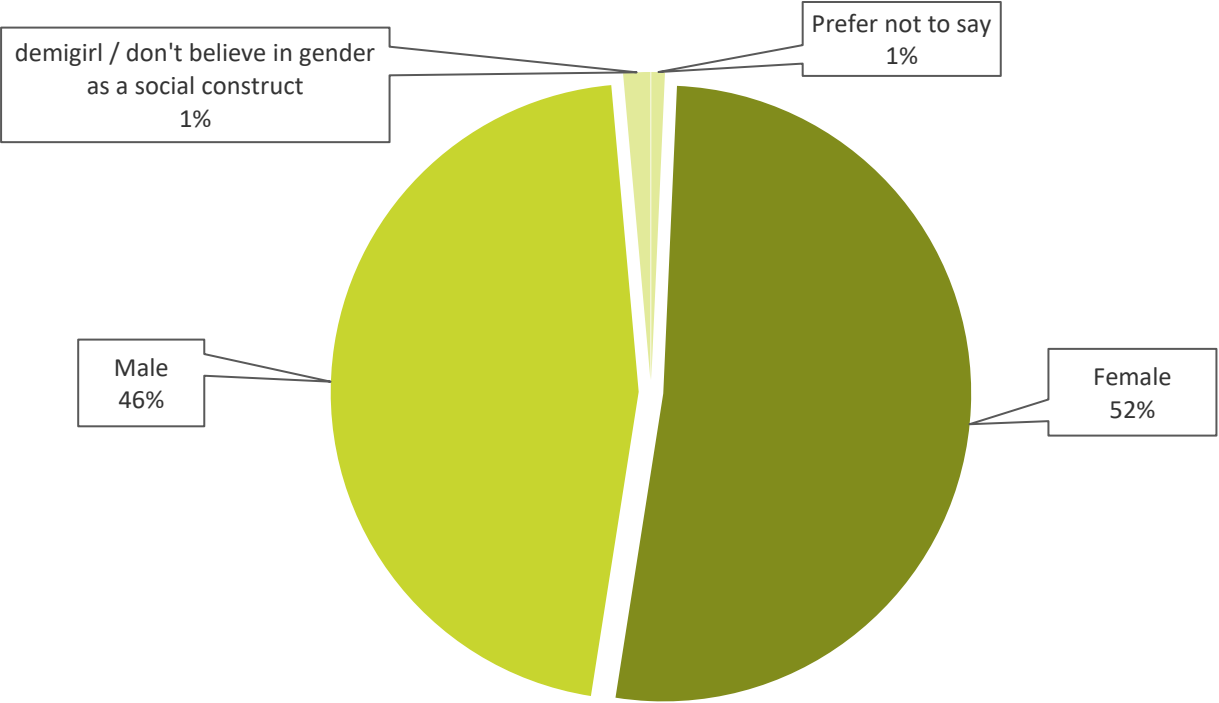
Q3: What is your age group?

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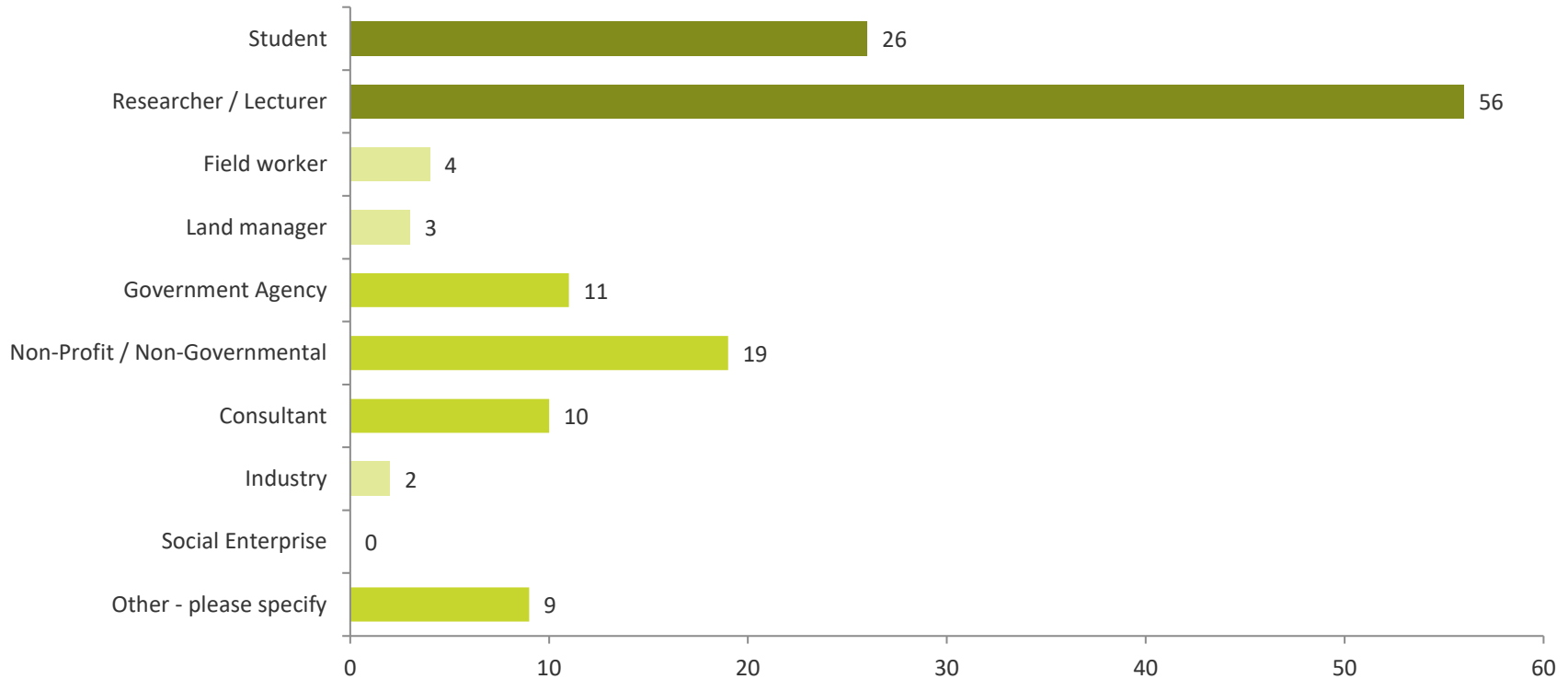
Q4: How would you describe your gender?

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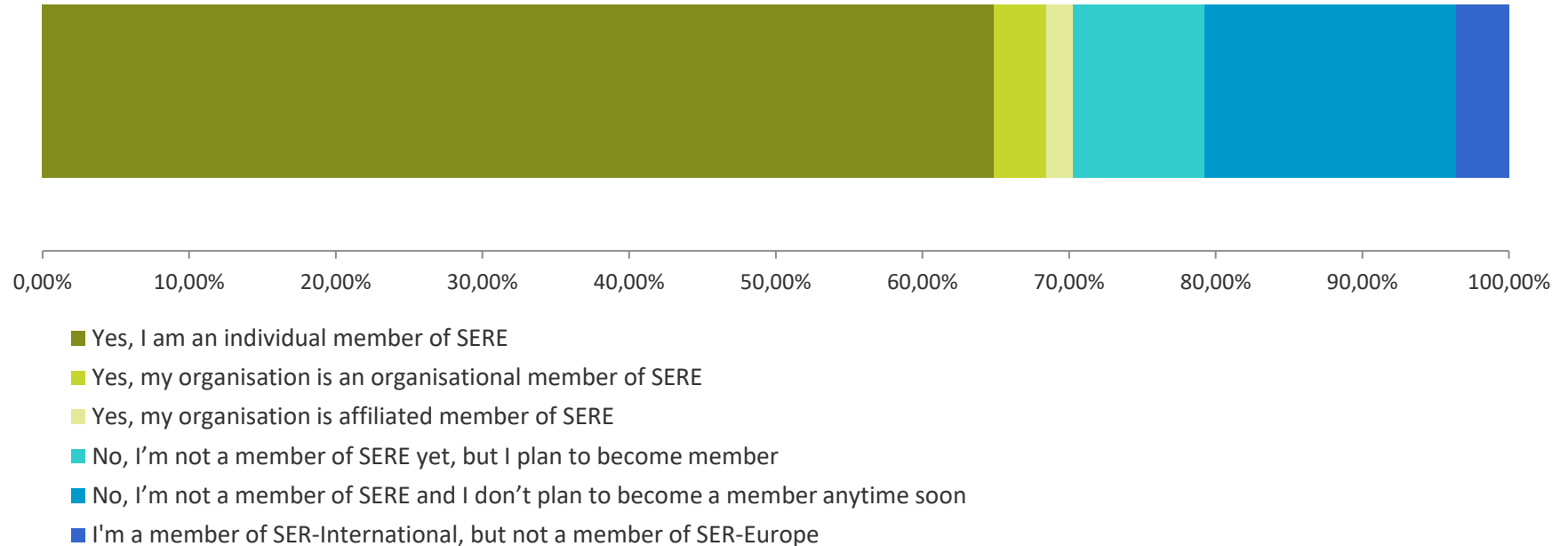
Q5: How would you describe your involvement in ecological restoration?

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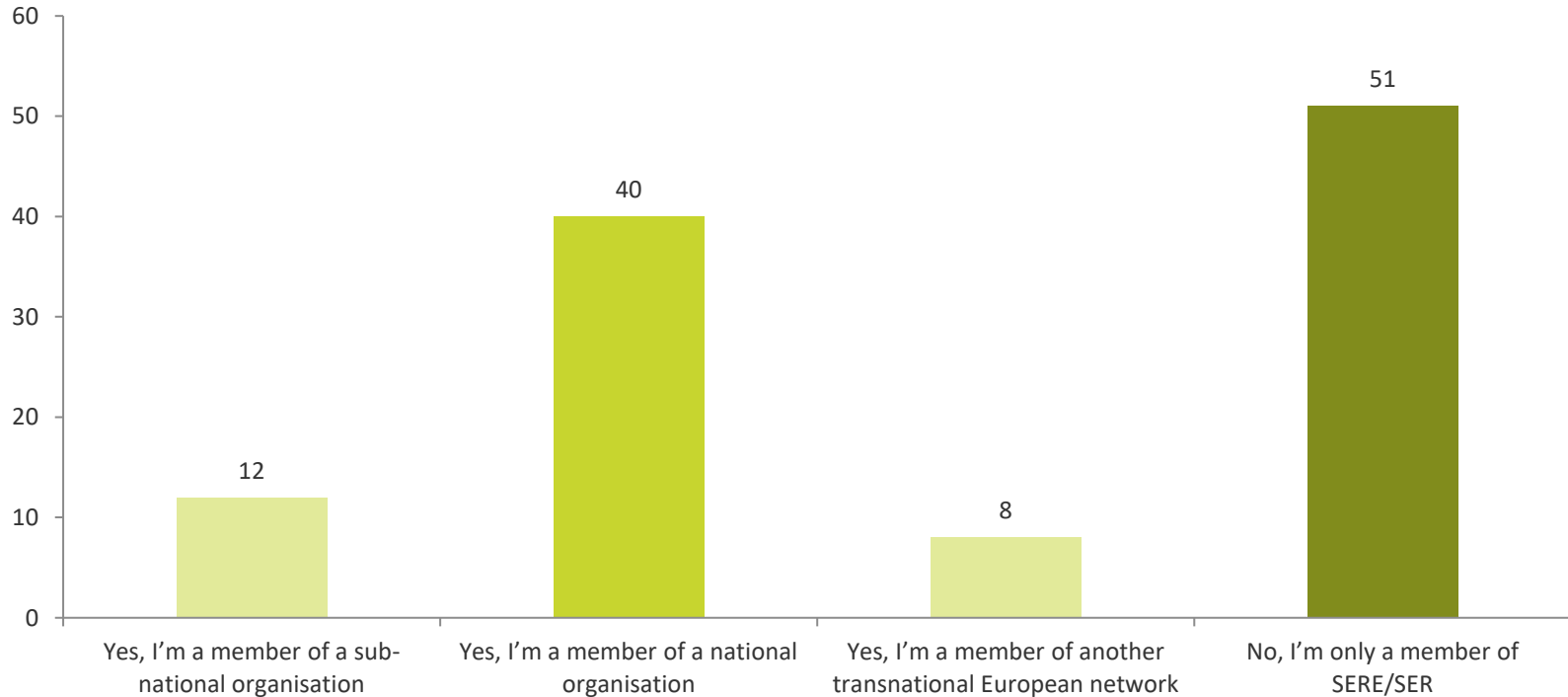
F6: Are you a member of SER-Europe?

Responded: 111 Skipped: 30



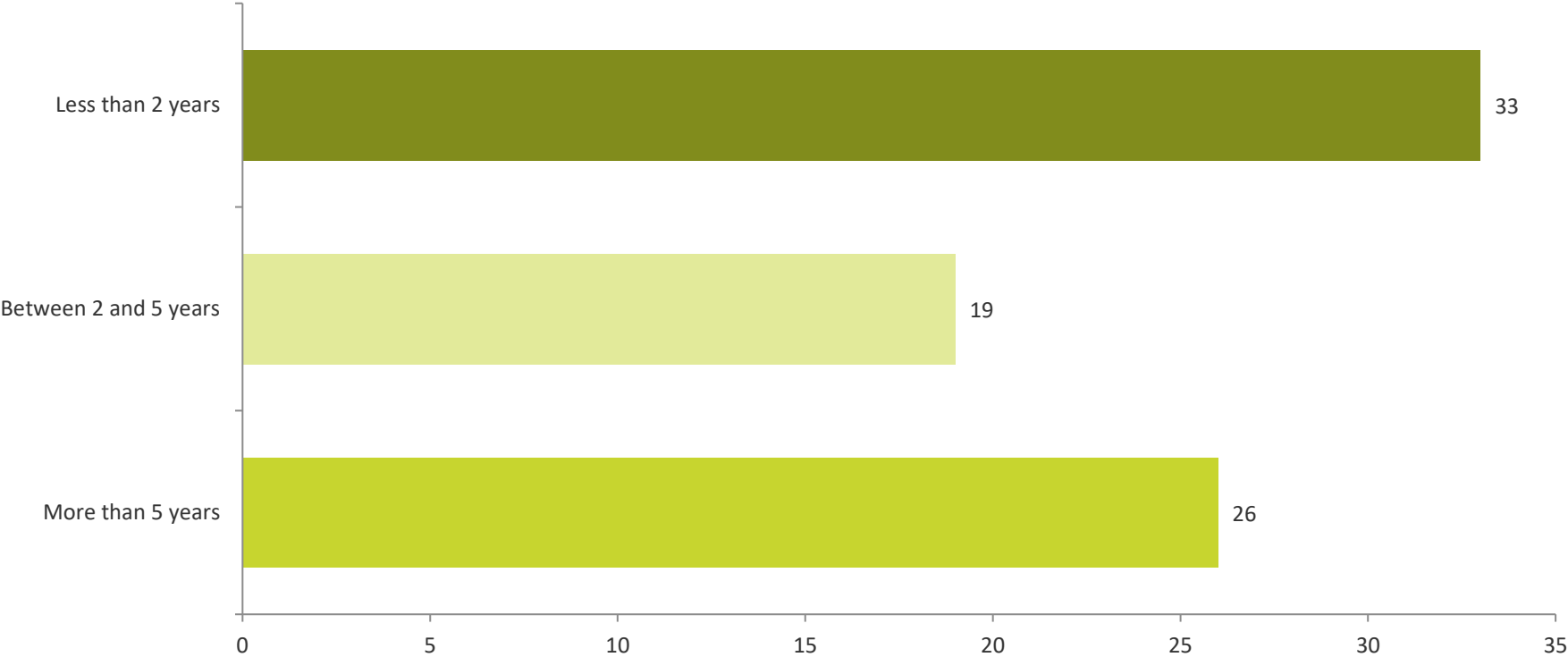
Q7: Are you a member of any other formal organisation or network in Europe that is active in the field of ecological restoration?

Responded: 101 Skipped: 40



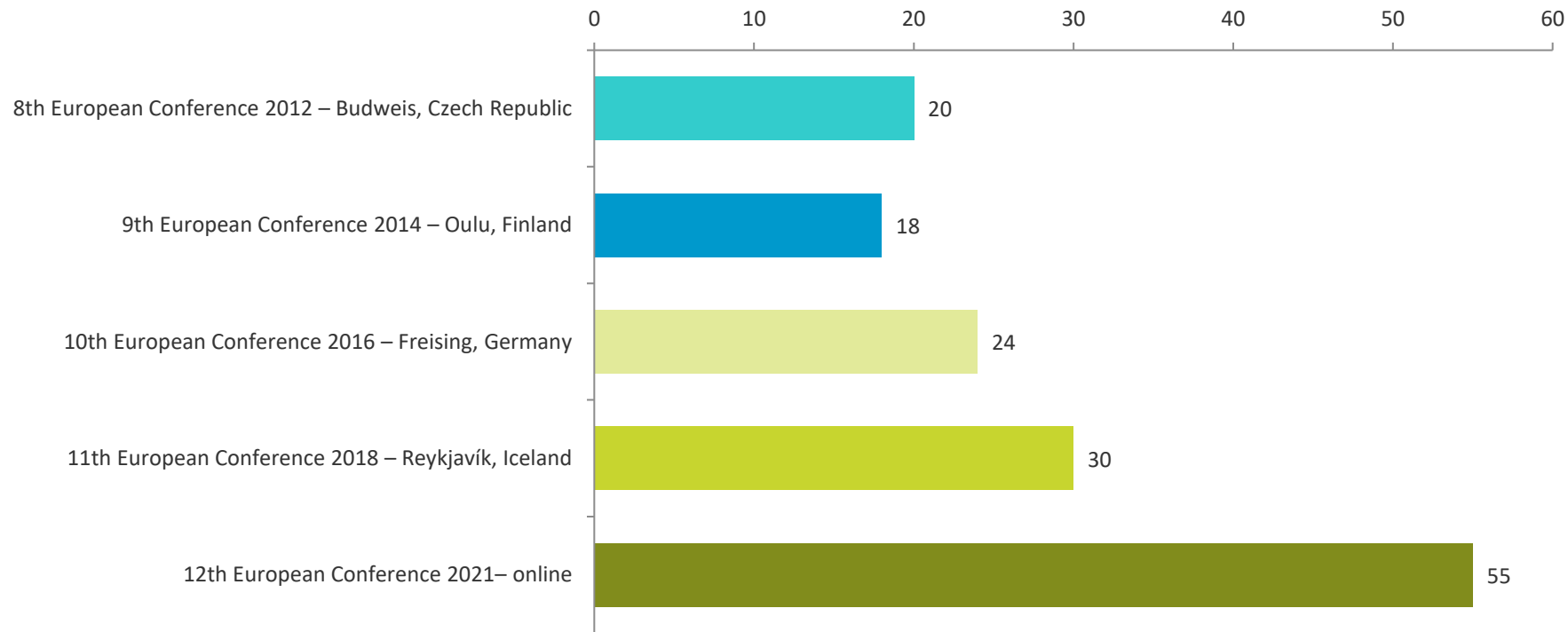
Q8: If you are a member of SER-Europe, how long have you been a member of SER-Europe? (Others please skip this question)

Responded: 78 Skipped: 63



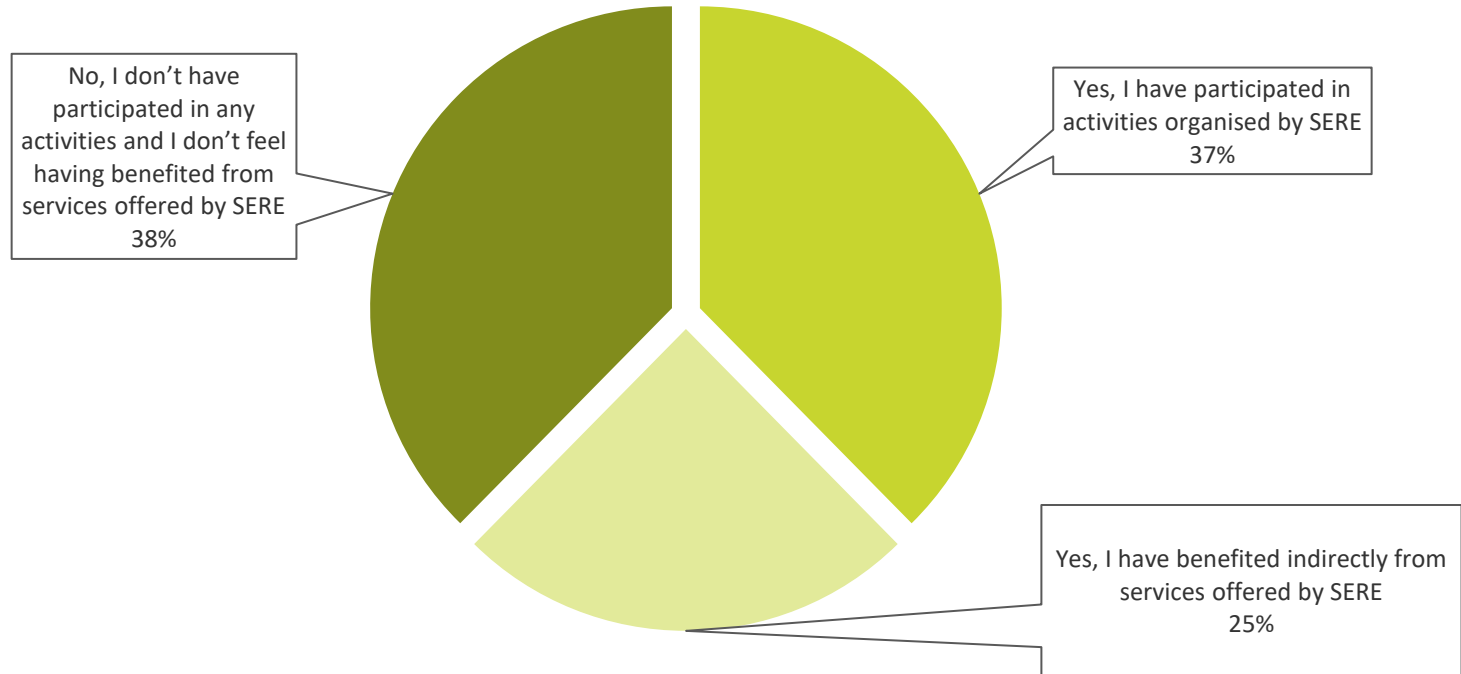
Q9: Have you participated in biannual conference(s) of SER-Europe? Please select:

Responded: 69 Skipped: 72



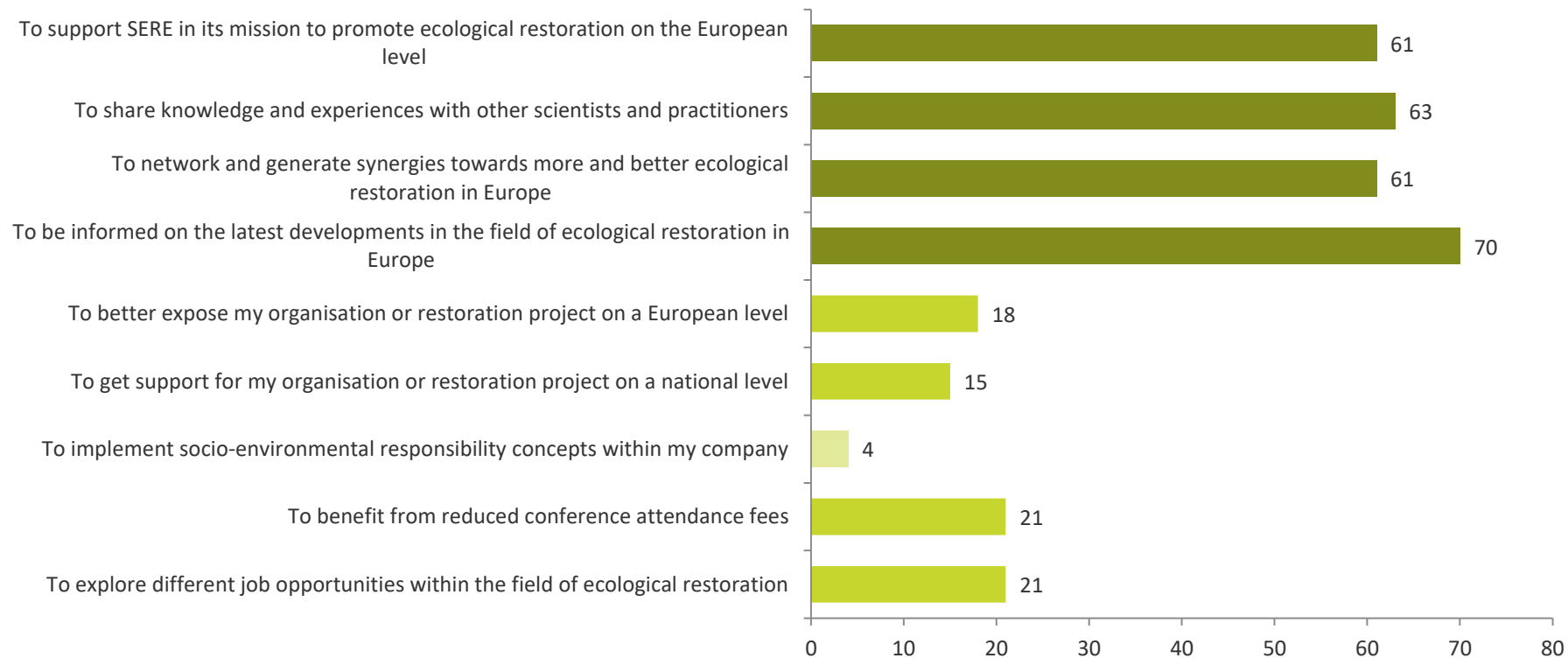
Q10: Have you participated in other activities organised by SER-Europe or benefited from any of its services indirectly?

Responded: 97 Skipped: 44



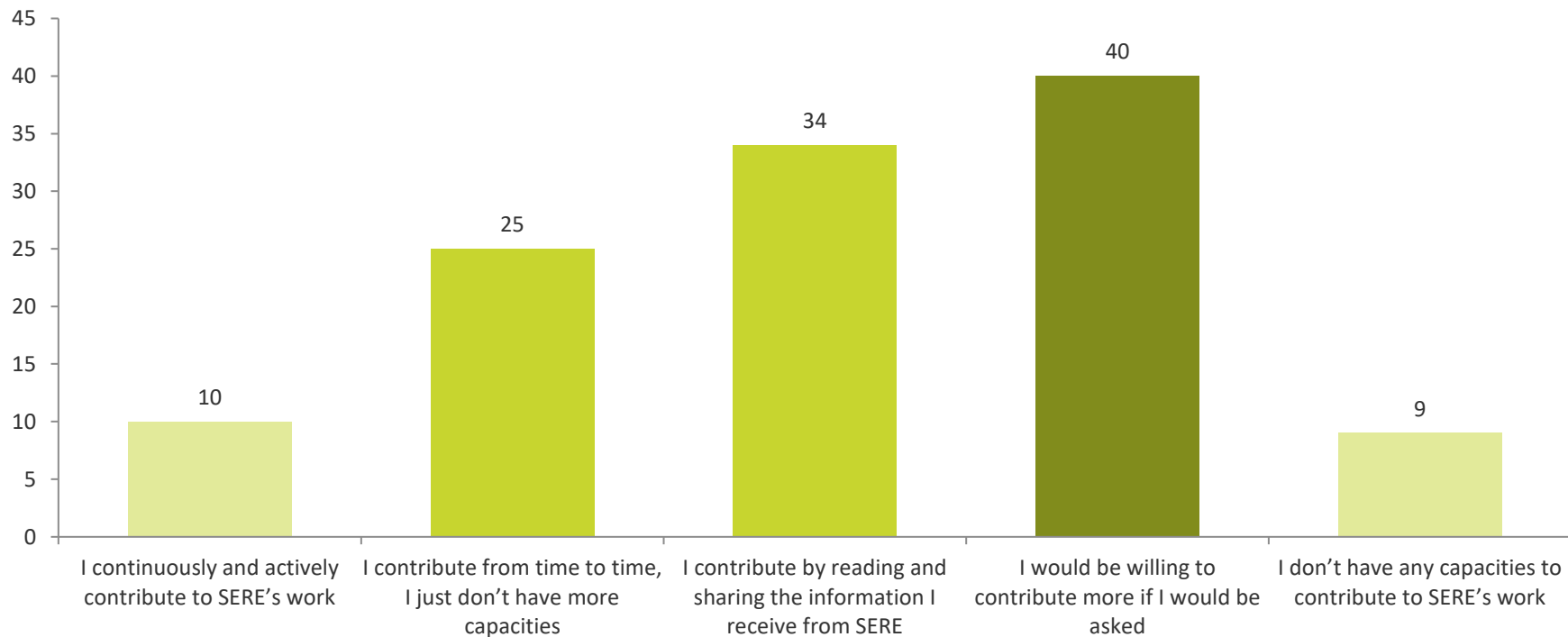
Q11: What describes best your motivation of being a member or following SER-Europe?

Responded: 96 Skipped: 45



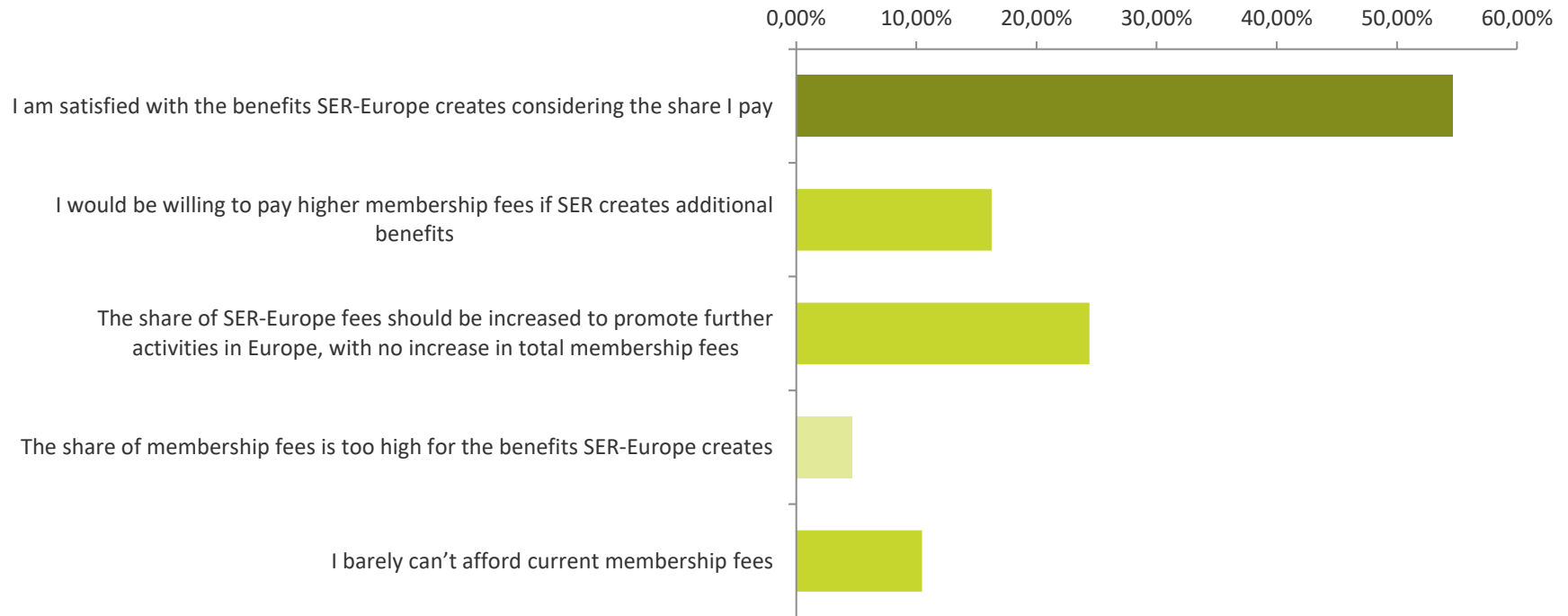
Q12: How would you describe your contribution to SERE-Europe's work?

Responded: 97 Skipped: 44



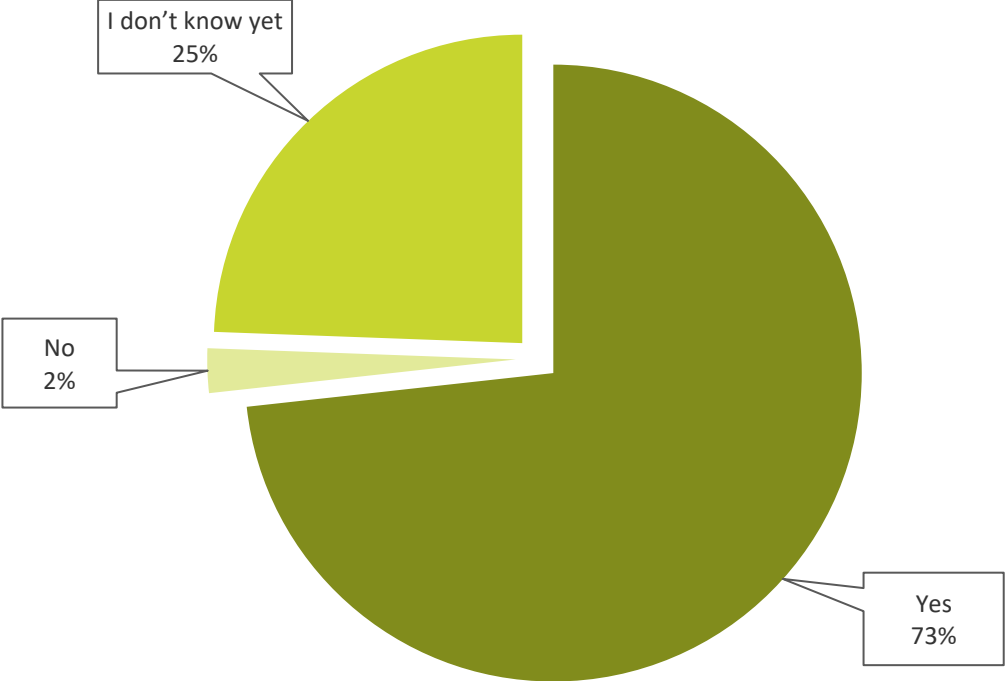
Q13: Considering that the share of SER-Europe membership fees is \$15 USD/year of total \$85 USD/year SER membership fees, how would you rate the overall value of your membership in SER-Europe?

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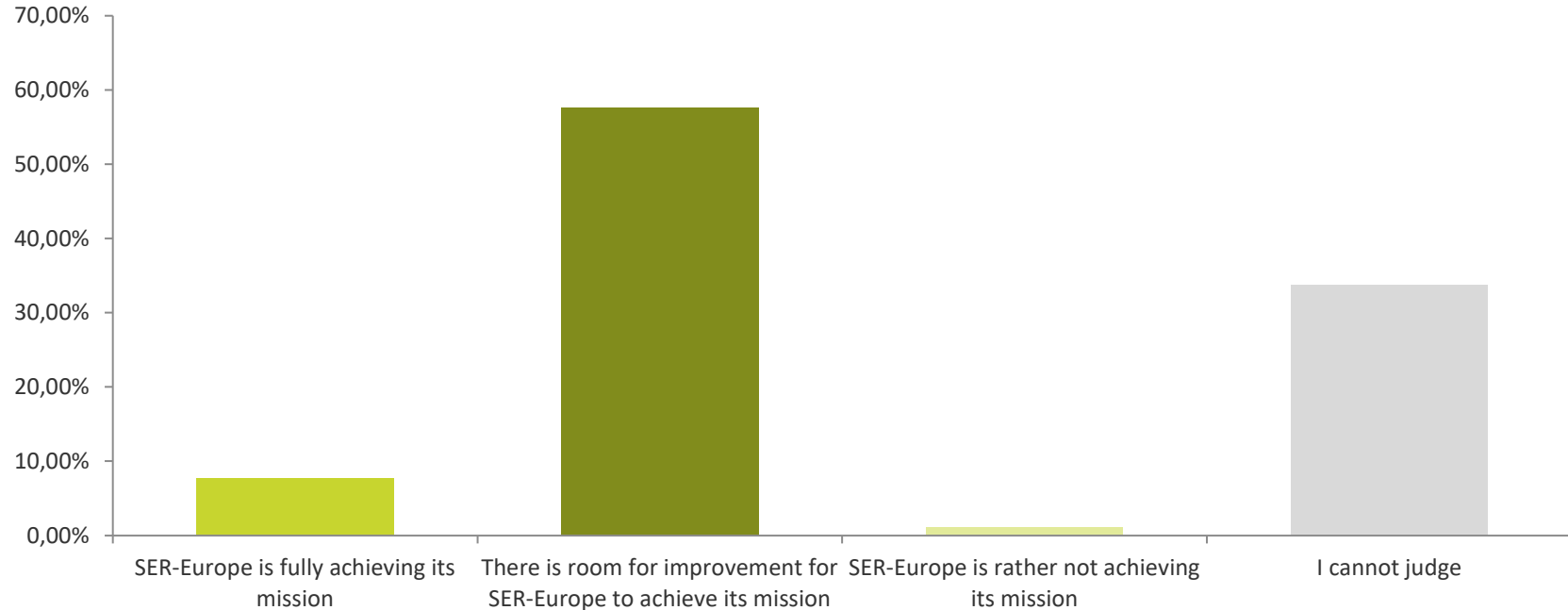
Q14: When your membership is up for renewal, do you plan to renew?

Responded: 86 Skipped: 55



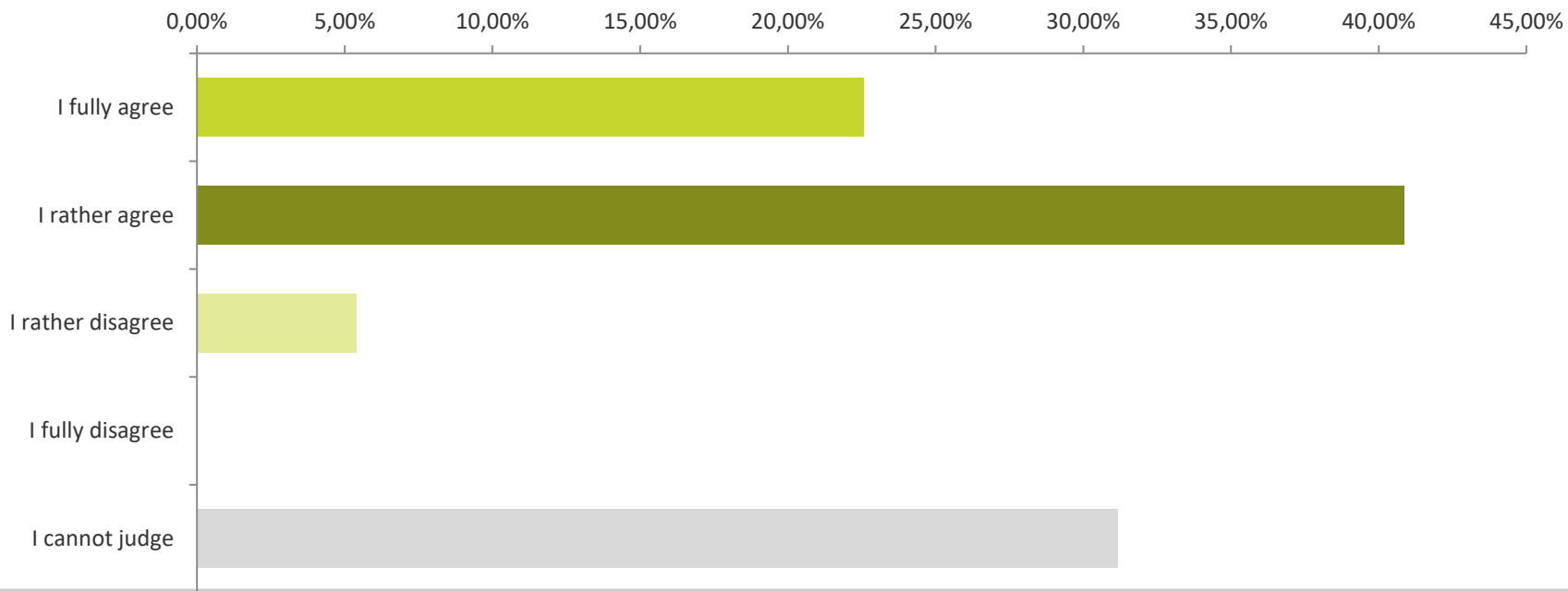
Q15: According to you, how good is SER-Europe achieving its mission? SER Europe's mission is "To promote ecological restoration in Europe as a means of sustaining the diversity of life on Earth and re-establishing an ecologically healthy relationship between nature and culture."

Responded: 92 Skipped: 49



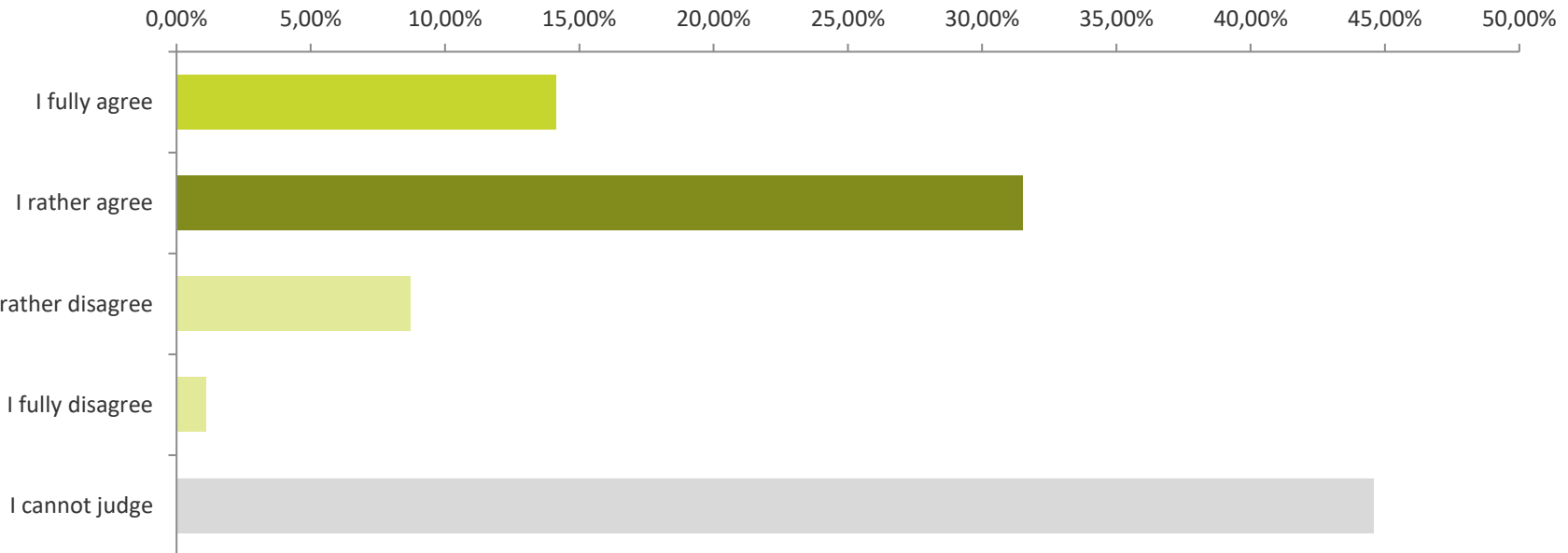
Q16: Strategic objectives 2016-2021: A) “Events”, SER-Europe has met its objectives in promoting a web-based platform, organising courses, workshops and conferences for discussing and disseminating content with regard to ecological restoration.

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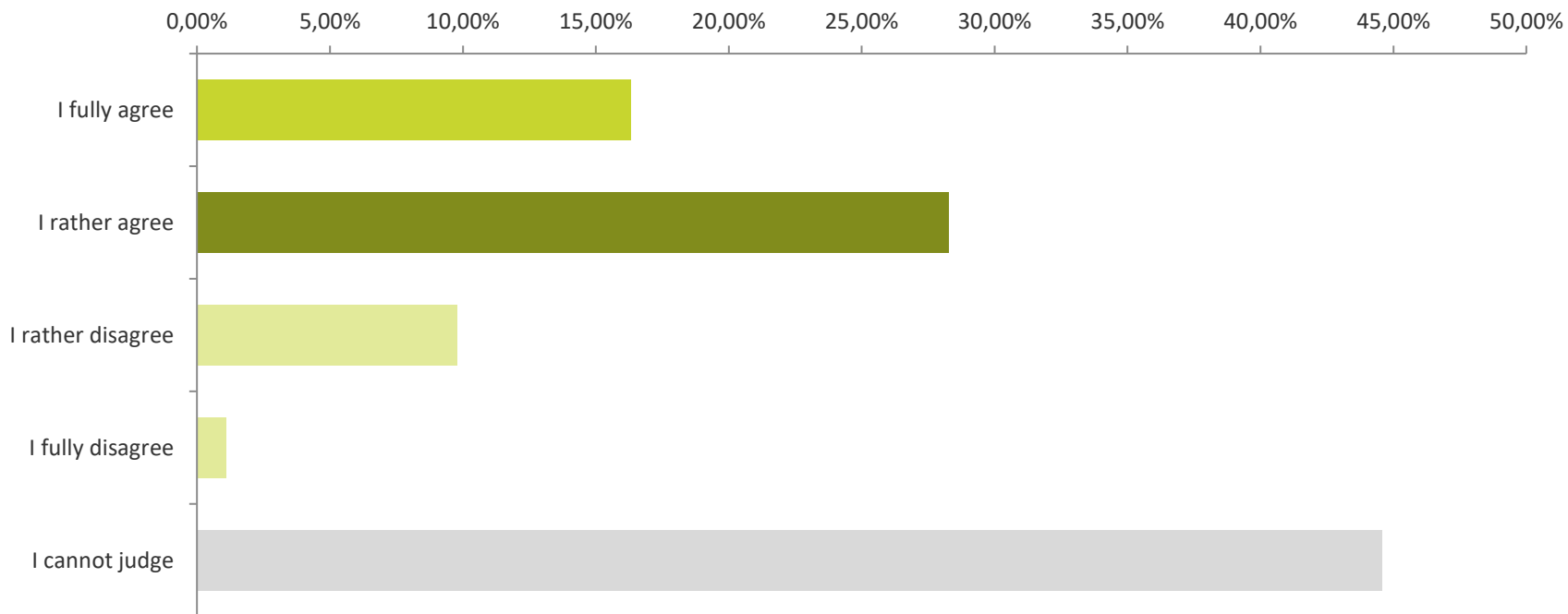
Q17: Strategic objectives 2016-2021: B) “Tools”, SER-Europe has met its objectives in diffusing information via Twitter and Newsletters, in establishing and promoting the use of a SERE Knowledge Base, in supporting writing of Restoration Prioritization Frameworks of European countries and developing ER standards for different sectors.

Responded: 92 Skipped: 49



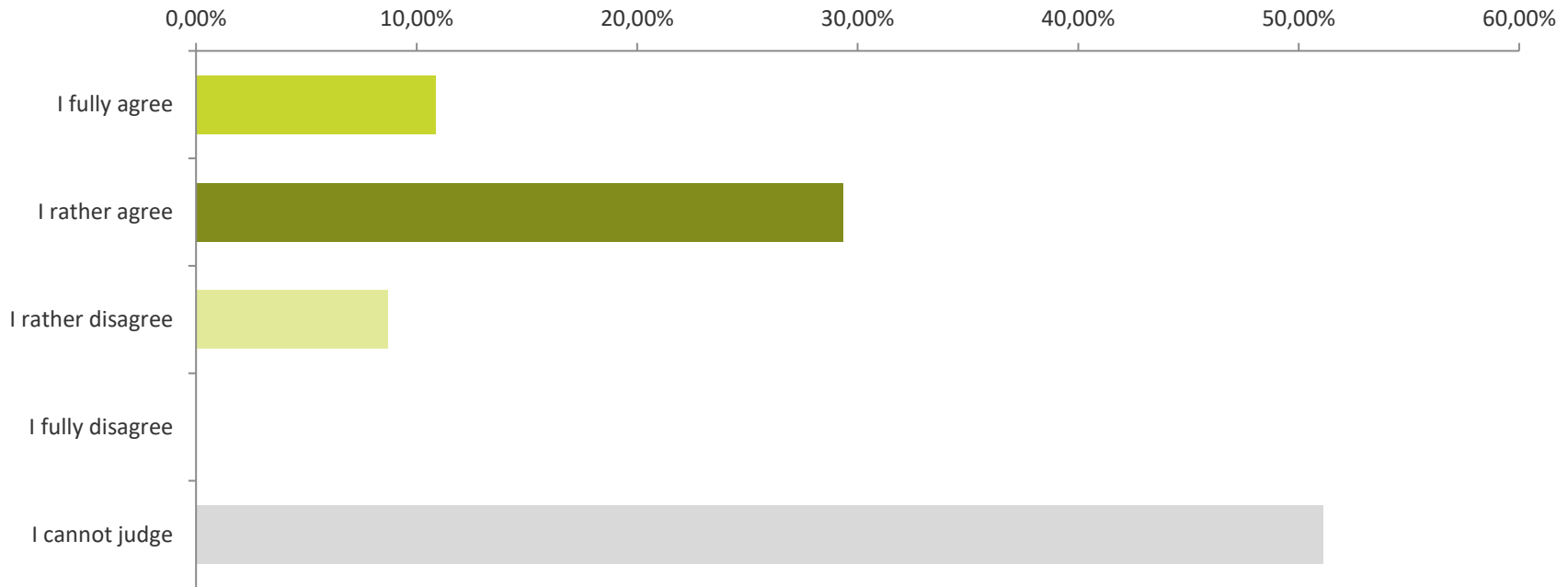
Q18: Strategic objectives 2016-2021: C) “Policy”, SER-Europe has met its objectives in fostering European Commission and member states policy on Ecological Restoration, and providing support as needed.

Responded: 92 Skipped: 49



Q19: Strategic objectives 2016-2021: D) “SERE Governance”, SER-Europe has met its objectives in connecting with major national organizations dealing with Ecological Restoration, in improving structures to link with affiliated organizations and in negotiating reciprocal benefits.

Responded: 92 Skipped: 49



Q22 Please share your opinions, ideas or concerns with us:

Responded: 30 Skipped: 111

„As a new member I have not engaged at all with the organisation, mainly due to time commitments else where. I will probably sign up again next year and look at ways to become more engaged. Many of my answers stem from a lack of engagement and I do believe that more engagement = more reward.“

Q22 Please share your opinions, ideas or concerns with us:

Responded: 30 Skipped: 111

“I feel that students like me should be given better opportunities to find jobs and internships where they can learn and network with professionals.”

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“SER must reaffirm that ecological restoration actions do not allow the continued intensification of natural resources exploitation and ecosystem degradation. If it is necessary to restore degraded ecosystems, it is also necessary at the same time to promote actions limiting the erosion of biodiversity and the degradation of ecosystem functioning in relation to global changes induced by human activities. The SER has undoubtedly a role to play in influencing public policies on these issues.”

Q22 Please share your opinions, ideas or concerns with us:

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“SERE is visible within restoration community. Maybe more strongly to make the difference on national level. To get support for introducing restoration in countries, where politicians won’t fancy restoration. Lobbying strongly politicians.”

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“SER practice and policies is not keeping up with the latest advances in science and concepts.”

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“The American-biased communications of the SER is undoubtedly a factor that puts off many in Europe from joining to support SERE (I speak for myself as I was not sure what value i would get for my money - I'm shocked what a small proportion of the membership fee that SERE get). However, having just attended my first conference, I'm so impressed by the work of SERE members and its community, and am keen to support and promote its activities. I am surprised and ashamed how few British members attended given how many scientists and practitioners we have working in ecological restoration. I would like to help encourage more UK members to be aware of and join SERE if I can.”

Q22 Please share your opinions, ideas or concerns with us:

Responded: 30 Skipped: 111

“Why not applying for H2020 as the whole SERE including all members?”

Q22 Please share your opinions, ideas or concerns with us:

Responded: 30 Skipped: 111

“The language barrier is one of the biggest issue, on the other hand there are many materials focused on restoration of various habitats across Europe. Thus, the support of translation (including financial sources) to various European language should be considered.”

Q22 Please share your opinions, ideas or concerns with us:

Responded: 30 Skipped: 111

“Here I share some ideas on what I believe SER could do:

- A single repository for volunteer and workshop opportunities in restoration (website)*
- Connecting researchers/supervisors and potential PhD programmes and opportunities (database of opportunities in SERe website)*
- job advertisements”*

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Responded: 30 Skipped: 111

“The social and economical benefits of ecological restoration must be clearly and widely communicated, even in "rich" industrial countries, and farmers who engage in ecological restoration activities must receive good counsel, trust and adequate remuneration.”

Q22 Please share your opinions, ideas or concerns with us:

Responded: 30 Skipped: 111

“I would like to see more opportunities for on-site courses and trainings”

Q22 Please share your opinions, ideas or concerns with us:

Responded: 30 Skipped: 111

“Do some large-scale restoration and promote it, share it, take schoolkids there. Demonstrate that it can be done, we can make big improvements.”

Q22 Please share your opinions, ideas or concerns with us:

Responded: 30 Skipped: 111

“I would like a greater involvement and opportunities for free lanced people to the SERE community. Universities and research centers are often limiting the progress to get the restoration goals, because they are focusing on the competition among them to publish and obtaining fundings rather than academic recognition.”

Q22 Please share your opinions, ideas or concerns with us:

Responded: 30 Skipped: 111

“This is a very good exercise to do and quantify our engagement. However, I sense we may create engagement for a Strategy that goes beyond our capacity to implement it. The Strategy might create a gap to wide to jump from where we are.”

Q22 Please share your opinions, ideas or concerns with us:

Responded: 30 Skipped: 111

“SERE/SER shall pay more attention to the restorative efforts of private landowners”

Q22 Please share your opinions, ideas or concerns with us:

Responded: 30 Skipped: 111

“There is immense opportunity and potential now with EU supporting legally binding restoration targets and SERE can have a very strong voice/role in mainstreaming, prioritising and documenting ecosystem restoration for terrestrial, coastal AND marine ecosystems”

Q22 Please share your opinions, ideas or concerns with us:

Responded: 30 Skipped: 111

“Restoration ecology generally and especially in the southern hemisphere needs more grassroots members and sponsors and champions!”

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“The language barrier is a problem, in our case, practitioners in Flanders (Belgium) do not know SER and would not be able to read its technical information in English. Working together with national and subnational nature organizations is needed more and may help overcome this problem. How to get the more educated practitioners to join SER and its conferences?”

The next SER conference should be organized in Belgium or The Netherlands and local nature organizations should be involved in the organization.”

Q22 Please share your opinions, ideas or concerns with us:

Responded: 30 Skipped: 111

“SER-Europe must run exemplary demonstrative projects in different countries and ecosystem types”

Q22 Please share your opinions, ideas or concerns with us:

Responded: 30 Skipped: 111

“You must publicize your work to non-scientific people who would be interested and support you. I had not heard of you until becoming a student member despite being interested and involved with wildlife conservation and restoration projects in the UK.”

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“I can't clearly identify the problem, but SERE lacks cohesion. Some individuals put in a great deal of effort, but real dynamism is lacking. I'm as responsible for this as anyone else, but I find it hard to make time for SERE activities. Perhaps my focus is more national - - and broadly international. Specifically, I wonder whether holding the SERE conference this year just months after the Int Conf was a good idea. Perhaps we need a conf dedicated to building SERE Europe as a more active entity. Or perhaps we need to build more active chapters at State level, and then try to build a federal level?”