



**10<sup>TH</sup> EUROPEAN PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE**

# **Sustaining resilient and healthy communities**

**1 - 4 November 2017, Stockholm, Sweden**



**RESULTS OF THE PARTICIPANTS' EVALUATION**

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## Summary of main results

A total of 2,002 delegates from 75 countries gathered in Stockholm, Sweden to discuss and debate the state of global and European health from the perspective of research, methods and practices. A total of 546 delegates (27.3% of all invitees) filled out the evaluation form.

### **Overall outcome:**

*81% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the Stockholm 2017 conference.*

### **Scientific programme:**

*78% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the conference programme.*

### **Networking:**

*73% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the networking possibilities offered at Stockholm 2017.*

### **Skills building activities:**

*80% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the educational content of sessions. 74% of the respondents thought the sessions were relevant for practice. 66% were very satisfied/satisfied with the questions and discussions in the sessions, 78% with the quality of presenters.*

### **Plenary programme:**

*68% of the participants were very satisfied/satisfied with the plenary programme at Stockholm 2017.*

### **Parallel programme:**

*76% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the parallel programme.*

### **Conference venue and catering:**

*77% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the conference venue.*

### **Exhibition:**

*81% of the participants visited the exhibition at least once.*

### **Conference website and information:**

*85% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the conference website. 78% of the participants were very satisfied/satisfied with the online conference programme.*

### **Conference app:**

*60% of the respondents downloaded the conference app.  
65% of the respondents thought the conference App was good or excellent.*

### **Ljubljana 2018:**

*66% of the respondents are planning to attend Ljubljana 2018.*

# Introduction

The 10th European Public Health Conference took place in the Stockholm International Fairs and Congress Centre (Stockholmsmässan) in Stockholm, Sweden from 1-4 November 2017 (Stockholm 2017). Stockholm 2017 was organised by the European Public Health Conference Foundation, EUPHA and the Swedish Association of Social Medicine (SASM).

A total of 2,002 delegates from over 75 countries gathered in Stockholm to discuss and debate the state of global and European health from the perspective of research, methods and practices. The conference included 7 plenary sessions, 20 pre-conferences, 61 workshops, 43 oral sessions, 40 pitch sessions and 20 E-poster walks.

The theme for the 10th EPH Conference was 'Sustaining resilient and healthy communities'. Resilience is the long-term capacity of a system to deal with change and continue to develop. For a society it involves an ability to deal with political uncertainty or natural disasters in a way that is sustainable in the long-term. Resilience is particularly relevant than in these times of dramatic climate change, long-lasting political conflicts and the global migration that follows these developments. Increased knowledge on how to strengthen resilience of societies and health systems to cope with the current challenges is therefore becoming increasingly important. Good health on equal terms for all is the ultimate goal of our efforts.

Stockholm 2017 was organised in collaboration with a vast number of national and international partners.

Each European Public Health Conference is subject to a multi-layered evaluation. The objectives of this evaluation are:

- to learn from our experiences;
- to improve the organisation of future conferences.

The full evaluation report is an internal document that is distributed to our partners and future organisers. This part of the evaluation, the participants' evaluation, is made publicly accessible on the conference website.

The results presented here are based on the evaluation by the conference participants. 2,002 participants received two emails shortly after the conference inviting them to evaluate the conference through a web-based questionnaire. A total of 546 delegates (27.3% of all invitees) filled out the evaluation form.

The questionnaire was divided in nine parts:

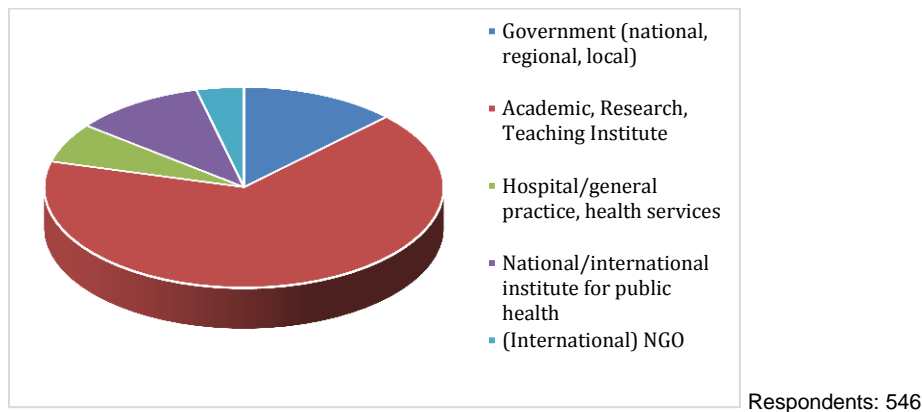
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9. Ljubljana 2018

# 1. General

81% of the participants were very satisfied/satisfied with the Stockholm 2017 conference.

EPH Conferences are known for the excellent organisation, the high number of participants and a broad programme covering relevant public health topics. Stockholm 2017 was no exception to this with 2,002 delegates, scoring high overall satisfaction by delegates and with a varied programme of plenary sessions, workshops, oral, pitch and electronic poster presentations.

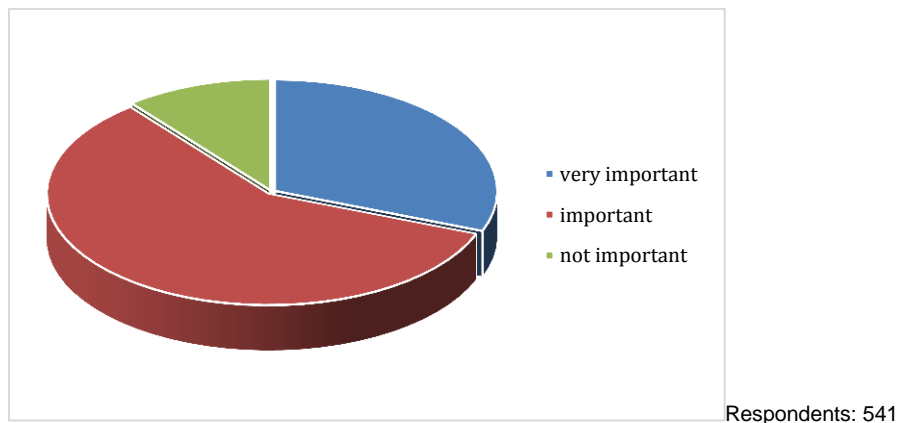
## 1.1 What is your background/work field?



66% the respondents had a background in research/academia. Otherwise, the professional background of the participants showed a balanced mix of policy, practice and training.

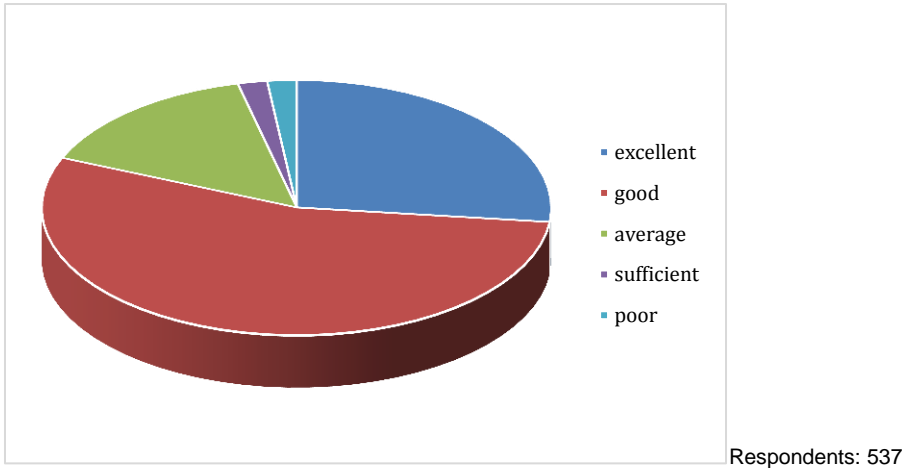
## 1.2 How important was the conference theme 'Sustaining resilient and healthy communities' for your work?

The theme of the 10th EPH conference was 'Sustaining resilient and healthy communities'. 89% of the respondents considered the theme important for their work.



## 1.3 How would you rate the conference as a whole?

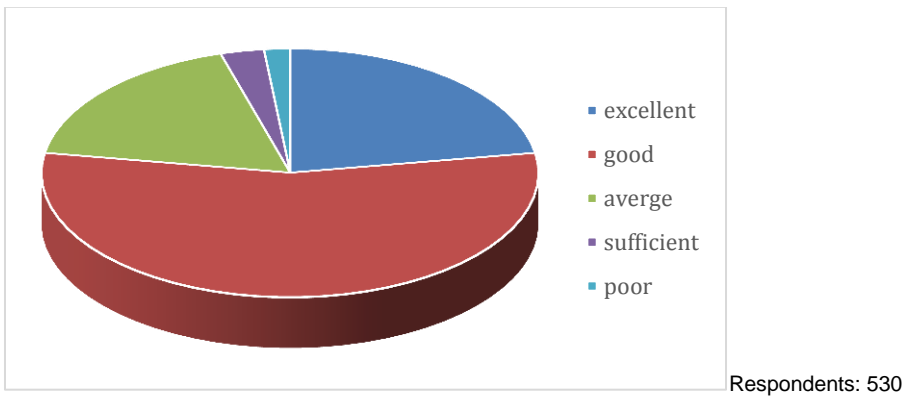
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#### 1.4 How would you rate the content of the programme?

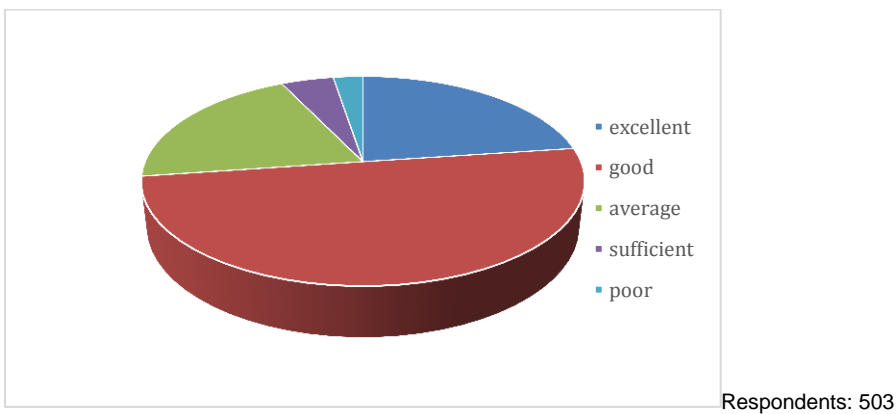
Almost 2,002 delegates from over 75 countries gathered to discuss and debate the state of global and European health from the perspective of research, methods and practices. The scientific part of the programme included 7 plenary sessions, 20 pre-conferences, 61 workshops, 43 oral sessions, 40 pitch sessions and 20 E-poster walks.

78% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the conference programme.



#### 1.5 EPH Conference tries to offer ample time for networking. How would you rate the networking facilities at EPH Conference?

Most respondents (73%) thought that the conference was an excellent/good place to network.



### *1.6 What were the highlights of the Stockholm 2017 conference for you?*

The following topics were specifically mentioned:

- Ola Rosling's keynote speech
- Plenary sessions
- Networking
- Keynote presentations and discussions
- Health promotion
- Welcome Reception

### *1.7. Comments*

Most comments received appreciated the scientific content and technical organisation. The Welcome Reception organised at the Stockholm City Hall was highly scored by the participants.

As the conference is bigger each year, it was quite often suggested to reduce the number of parallel sessions.



## 2. Building Your Skills

Many different sessions were mentioned as being highly appreciated, which highlights the good quality of the scientific programme. All plenary sessions were mentioned, and many workshops, pre-conferences, poster sessions and others were mentioned here.

### *2.1 Which session on Thursday was most interesting to you?*

To the questions which session on Thursday was the most interesting, most responses indicated:

1. Plenary sessions:
  - Sharing our common wealth: the need to strengthen the social dimension of the EU
  - Winds of Change: from public to private, from collective to individual. How can public health systems adapt to a changing world.
2. Skills building seminar: Health information is beautiful: communicating health information through infographics

### *Comments on Thursday sessions*

Very interesting sessions, good framing of the international challenges.

### *2.2 Which session on Friday was most interesting to you?*

Again, plenary sessions were indicated as the most interesting on that day.

- A paradox of public health leadership: towards resilience in the context of vulnerability.
- Successful health innovation: from the 'what' to the 'how'

### *Comments on Friday sessions*

Interesting sessions and excellent presentations.

### *2.3 Which session on Saturday was most interesting to you?*

Skills building seminars were mostly mentioned.

### *Comments on Friday sessions*

“Big agenda with some real examples... Good!”

### *2.4 Which skills building / educational events did you attend?*

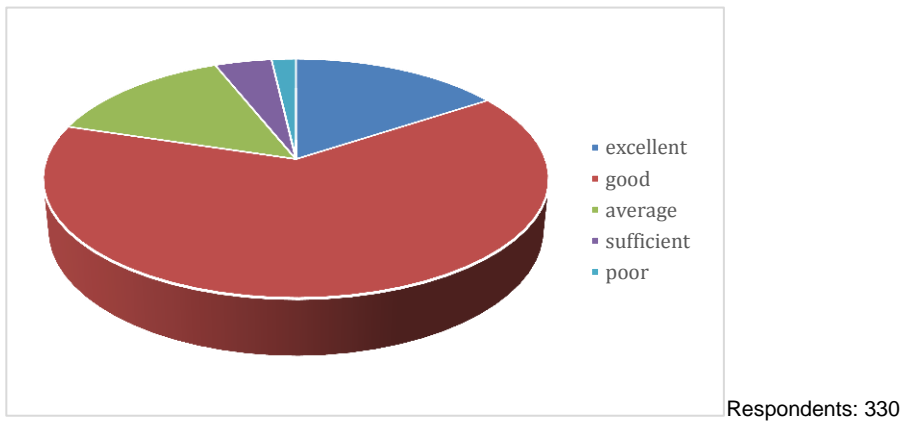
The organisation had given particular attention to identifying the skills building sessions. They were highly appreciated by the respondents.

The following workshops were specifically mentioned:

- Fast and Clear: how to present research finding in 3 minutes to a non-scientific audience? (11)
- Health information is beautiful: communicating health information through infographic (10)
- Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases in WHO/Europe region: demonstrating the impact of public health efforts through the Natural Experiments Study (8)
- Reflecting on community practice in health promotion in Europe - where now? (6)
- Why, when and how to explore stakeholder and implementation risks in complex health interventions (6)
- Conquering the mountain: writing an institutional review board proposal (5)
- Future research priorities for more innovative and accessible health services and systems (TO-REACH) (5)
- Skills building in HTA: how to address the economic impact of public health interventions (3)

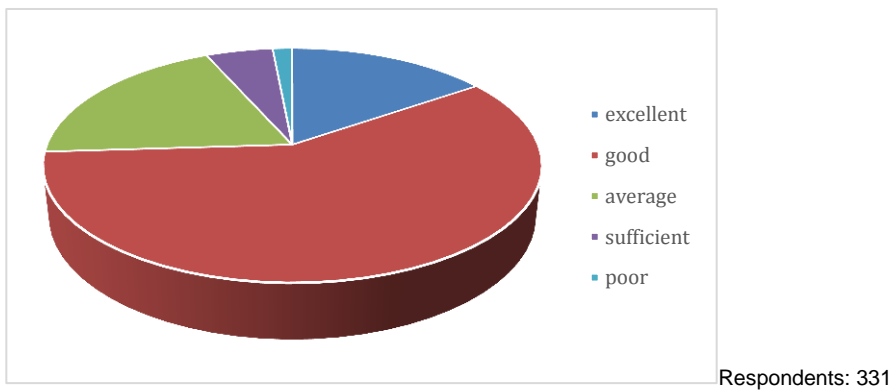
2.5. How would you rate the overall aspects of these sessions on the basis of:

a. Educational content



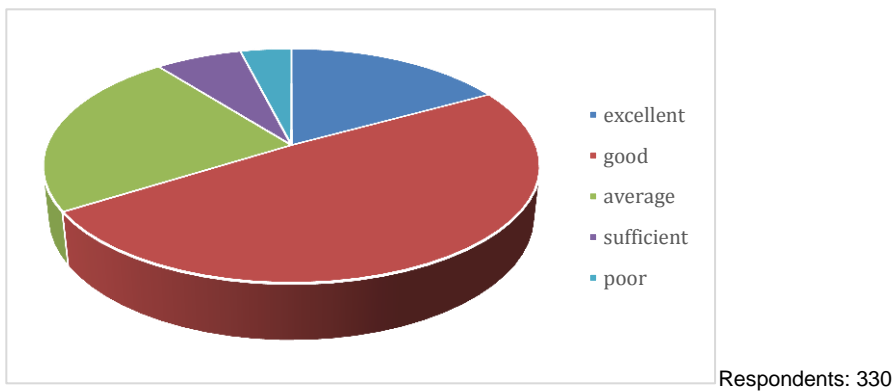
80% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the educational content.

b. Relevance for practice



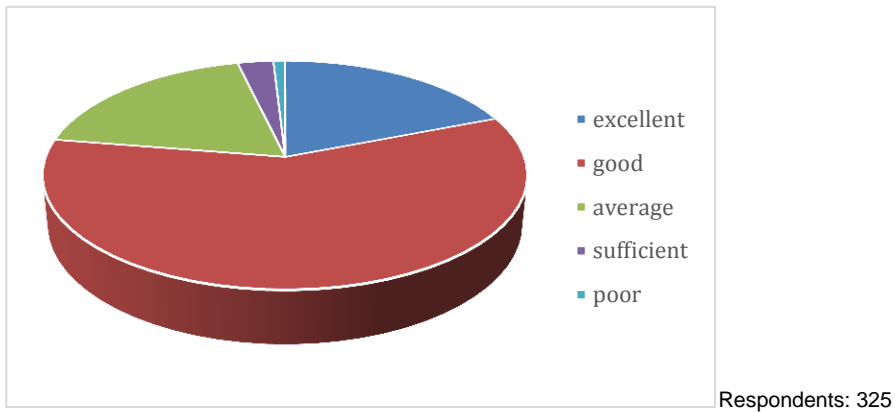
74% of the respondents thought the sessions were relevant for practice.

c. Questions and discussion



66% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the questions and discussion in the sessions.

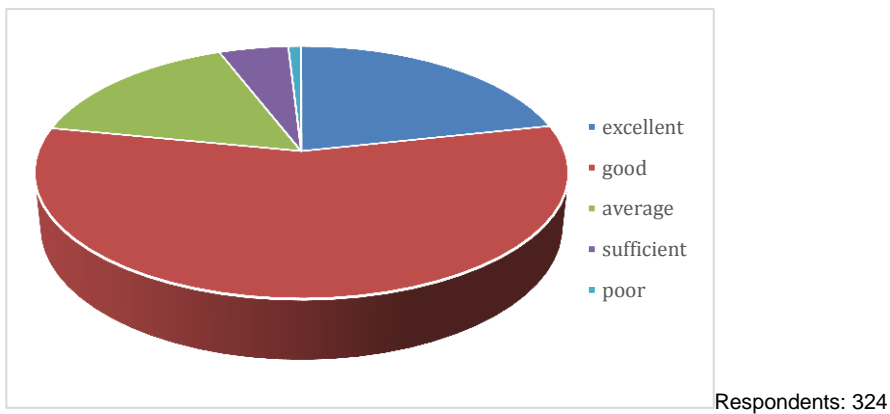
*d. Quality of presenters*



78% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the quality of presenters.

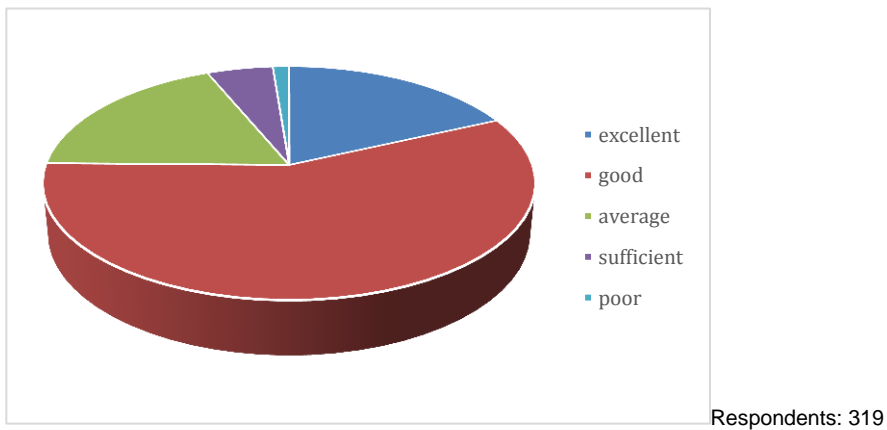
*2.6. How would you rate the overall impact of these sessions on:*

*a. Knowledge*



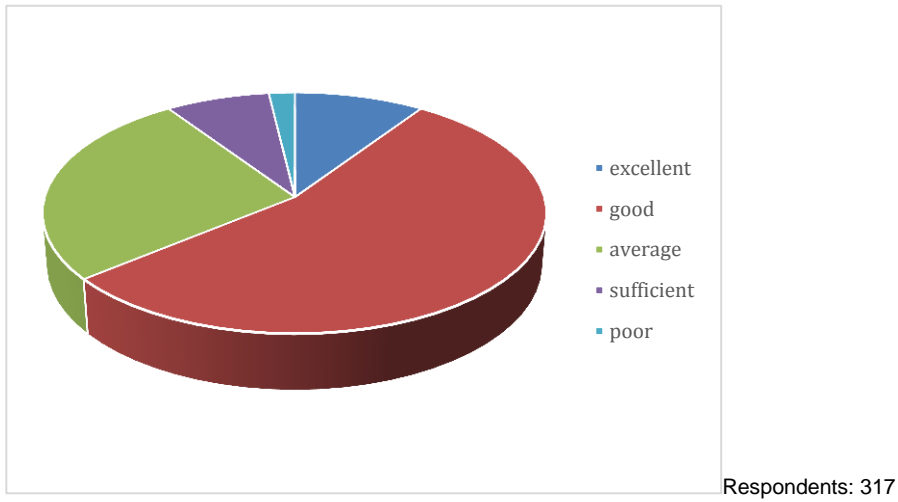
78% of the respondents thought these sessions had a good/excellent impact on knowledge.

*b. Competence*



75% of the respondents thought these sessions had a good/excellent impact on competence.

*c. Impact for practise/patients/clients*



64% of the respondents thought these sessions had a good/excellent impact for practise/patients/clients.

### 3. Plenary Sessions

68% of the participants were very satisfied/satisfied with the plenary programme at Stockholm 2017.

The 10th EPH Conference had 7 plenary sessions, including an opening and a closing session.

#### Opening session of the 10th EPH Conference

*Thursday 2 November 2017, 17:15 – 18:00*

- Birger Forsberg, Chair of the 10th European Public Health Conference (moderator)
- Ola Rosling, Gapminder, Sweden, in commemoration of Hans Rosling
- Agneta Karlsson, State Secretary to the Minister for Health Care, Public Health and Sport, Sweden
- Claudia Stein, WHO Regional Office for Europe

#### Plenary 1: Sharing our common wealth: the need to strengthen the social dimension of the EU

*Thursday 2 November 2017, 11:00 - 12:00 - Organised by EuroHealthNet*

- Caroline Costongs, EuroHealthNet (moderator)
- Karl Falkenberg, Senior Adviser to the European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC), European Commission
- Gaetan Lafortune, Senior Economist at the Health Division, OECD
- Clare Bamba, Professor of Public Health at the Institute of Health & Society, Newcastle University, United Kingdom
- Taru Koivisto, Director of the Department for Promotion of Welfare and Health, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland

#### Plenary 2: Winds of Change: from public to private, from collective to individual. How can public health systems adapt to a changing world?

*Thursday 2 November 2017, 13:15 – 14:15 - Organised by EUPHA*

- Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, EUPHA President (moderator)
- Aaron Reeves, London School of Economics, United Kingdom
- Holly Jarman, School of Public Health, University of Michigan, USA
- Erio Ziglio, former WHO Regional Office for Europe
- Anna Sarkadi, Swedish Association of Social Medicine, Sweden
- Dineke Zeegers Paget, EUPHA

#### Plenary 3: A paradox of public health leadership: towards resilience in the context of vulnerability

*Friday 3 November 2017, 9:40 – 10:40 - Organised by ASPHER and WHO Regional Office for Europe*

- Katarzyna Czabanowska, ASPHER and Anna Cichowska Myrup, WHO Regional Office for Europe (moderators)
- Elina Hemminki, National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), Finland
- Darren Shickle, Leeds Institute of Health Sciences, United Kingdom
- Caity Jackson, Women in Global Health
- Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, EUPHA President
- Jaap van Dissel, Centre for Infectious Disease Control, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), The Netherlands

#### Plenary 4: Successful health innovation: from the 'what' to the 'how'

*Friday 3 November 2017, 13:40 – 14:40 - Organised by WHO Regional Office for Europe, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies and TO-REACH consortium*

- David Hunter, Newcastle University, United Kingdom (moderator)
- Hans Kluge, WHO Regional Office for Europe
- Walter Ricciardi, National Institute of Health, Italy
- Josep Figueras, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies
- Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, EUPHA President

- Anna Korotkova, Federal Research Institute for Health, Ministry of Health, Russian Federation

**Plenary 5: Preparing communities for public health emergencies**

*Saturday 4 November 2017, 14:10 – 15:10 - Organised by: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and EUPHA Section on Infectious diseases control*

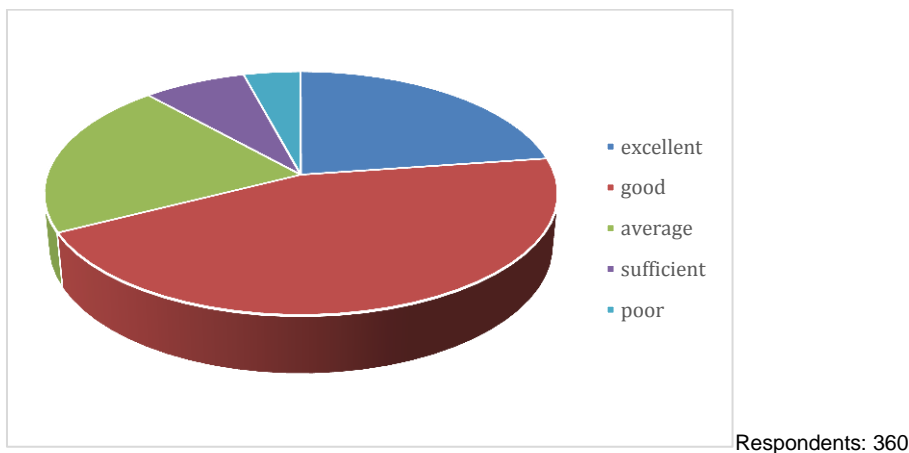
- Karl Ekdahl, ECDC and Aura Timen, President EUPHA Section on Infectious diseases control (moderators)
- Andrea Ammon, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)
- Dominique Monnet, Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare-Associated Infections (ARHAI) Programme, ECDC
- Jaap van Dissel, Centre for Infectious Disease Control, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), The Netherlands
- Qudsia Huda, World Health Organization

**Closing session of the 10th EPH Conference**

*Saturday 4 November 2017, 15:10 – 16:00*

- Birger Forsberg, Chair of the 10th European Public Health Conference
- Carolina Klüft, Generation Pep, Sweden
- Ivan Erzen, Chair of the 11th European Public Health Conference

*3.1. What is your opinion of the content of the plenaries?*

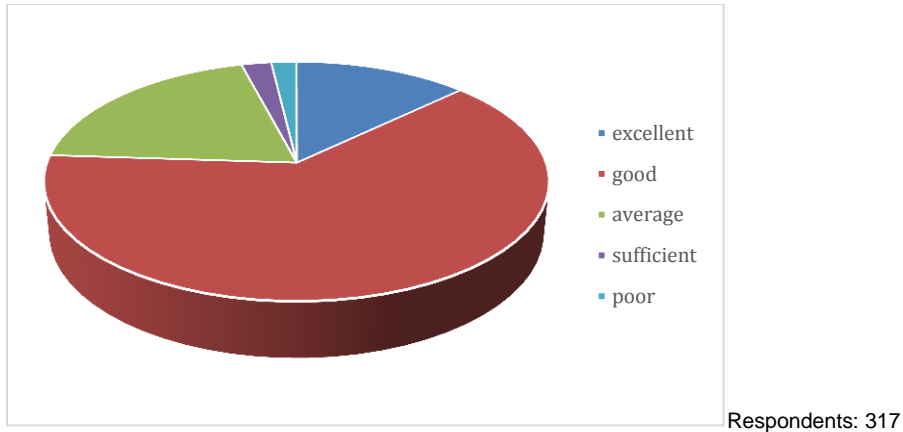


68% of the participants were very satisfied/satisfied with the plenary programme at Stockholm 2017.

## 4. Parallel Programme

76% were very satisfied/satisfied with the parallel programme.

### 4.1 How would you rate the quality of the parallel programme?



76% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the parallel programme.

### 4.2 What topic did you miss?

The respondents were interested in learning more about the following topics:

- injury prevention
- gender
- mental health

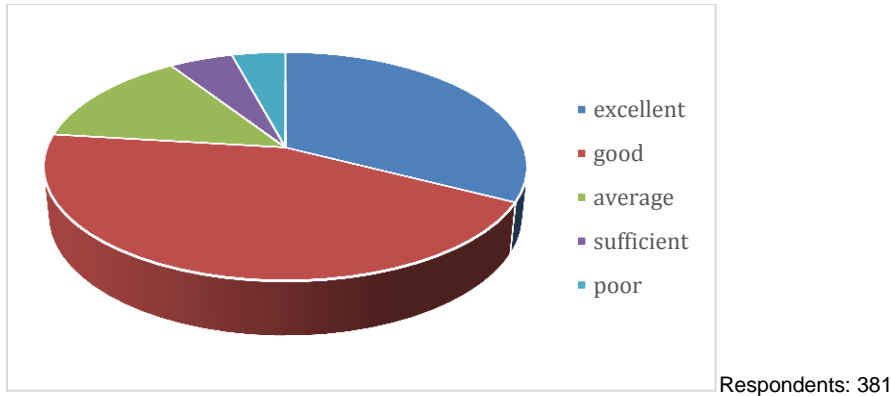
### Comments

The main comment received here concerned the high number of parallel sessions, which sometimes caused an overlap of topic and sometimes difficulty in selecting the most interested sessions. As one respondent observed: *"It is impossible to be in the same time in several places"*.

## 5. Venue and catering

*77% of the participants were very satisfied/satisfied with the conference venue and catering*

### 5.1 How would you rate the conference venue incl. the catering?



77% of the participants were very satisfied/satisfied with the conference venue and catering at Stockholm 2017

#### Comments

The catering was highly appreciated by most respondents. Most respondents would appreciate some more sweets/cakes for the coffee breaks. It was stated that more attention should be paid for vegetables.

The conference venue was also highly appreciated. The fact that the Welcome Reception and the Conference Dinner were not available to all participants was mentioned as undesirable. The food at the Conference Dinner was evaluated as poor and not worth its high price.



## 6. Exhibition area

81% of the participants visited the exhibition area

There were 17 exhibitors present at the conference. They can be categorised as follows:

### Organisers & Partners:

- EUPHA - European Public Health Association
- EPH Conference Foundation
- EPH Conference Stockholm 2017

### Health organisations:

- European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)
- EuroHealthNet
- Public Health Agency of Sweden
- VSO International, United Kingdom

### Schools of public health:

- ASPHER
- Emergency Medicine International, USA

### Publishers:

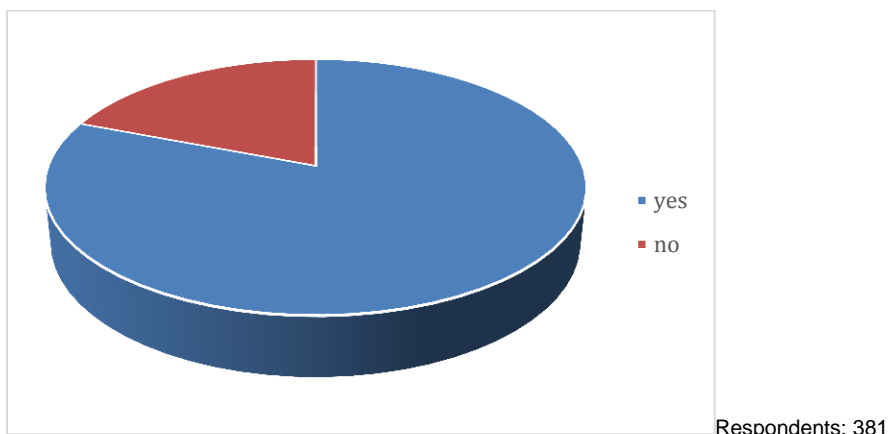
- Emerald Insight, United Kingdom
- MDPI, Switzerland
- Oxford University Press, United Kingdom
- Springer Nature, United Kingdom
- The Lancet, United Kingdom
- Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group, United Kingdom
- Wisepress Ltd, United Kingdom

### Industrial partner:

- Colgate Palmolive, USA

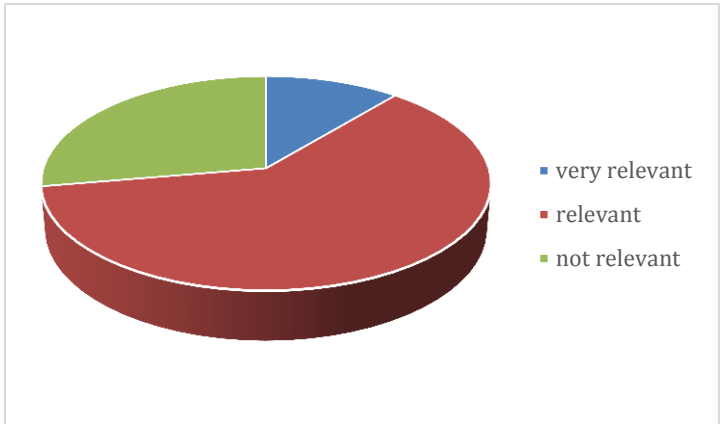
### 6.1 Did you visit the exhibition area?

Of the 381 respondents, 81% confirmed they visited the exhibition area.



### 6.2 How relevant was the exhibition for your work?

The exhibition stands were seen as very relevant/relevant by 72% respondents.



Respondents: 325

*Comments*

The comments included:

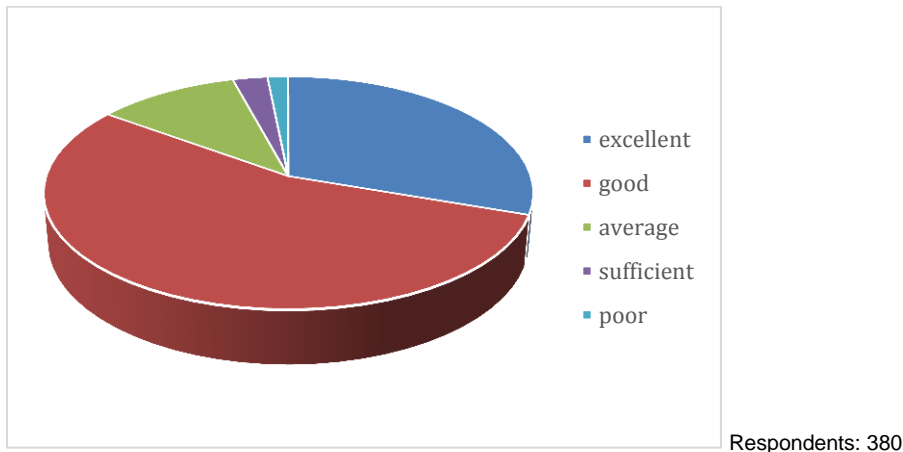
- Quite small comparing with previous years
- Publishers were the most interesting

## 7. Conference website and materials

85% of the respondents indicated that the information provided at the conference website is either excellent or good.

### 7.1 How would you rate the conference website?

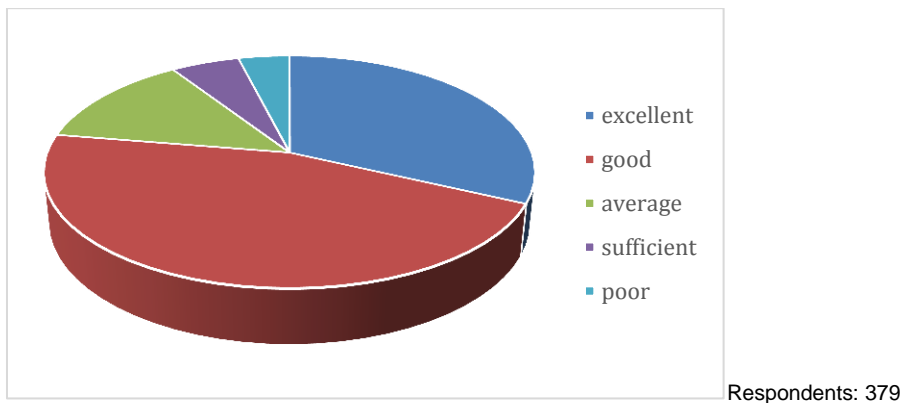
85% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the conference website.



### 7.2 How would you rate the online conference programme?

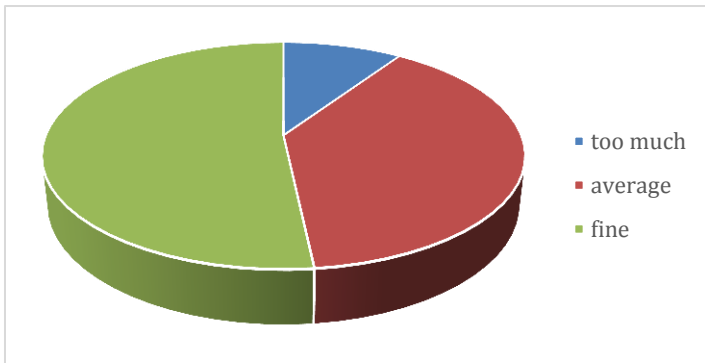
The preliminary version of the online programme was available in early July and allowed participants to plan their activities before the conference.

78% of the participants were very satisfied/satisfied with the online conference programme.



### 7.3 How would you rate the information received before the conference?

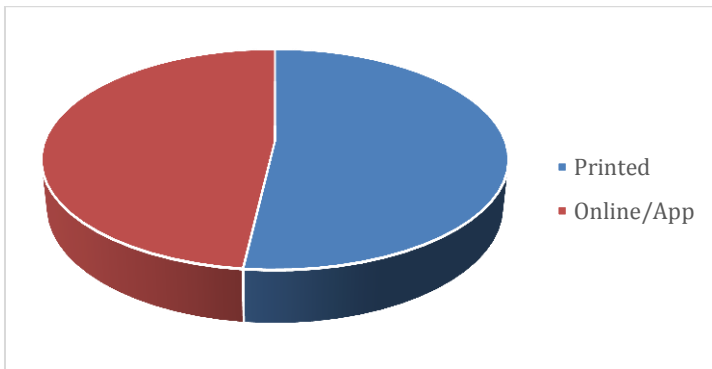
Most respondents (52%) indicated that the amount of emails received before the conference was fine. However, 10% of the respondents also suggested that it was too much.



Respondents: 381

*7.4 For the Stockholm 2017 we printed the programme book only on request. How would you prefer to receive the programme in 2018?*

52% of respondents would like to get the printed programme versus 48% who would like to stay with the online programme and Conference app.



Respondents: 380

*Comments*

Comments included:

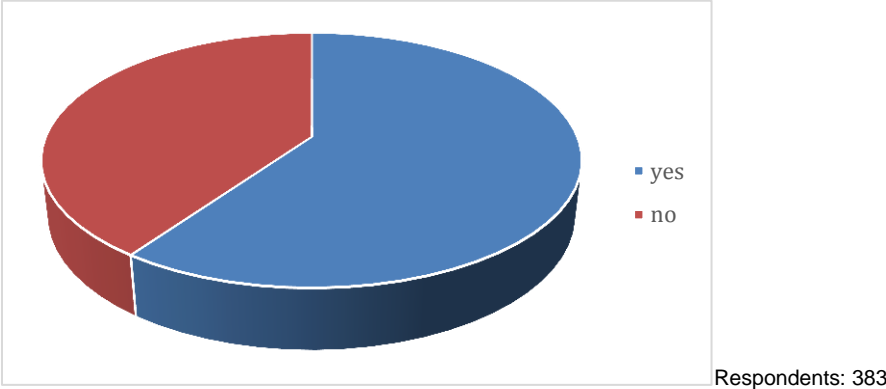
- Printed version is good for future references
- When registering, there could be a second alert that the printed version is on demand
- App should be more personalized
- Printed overview for everybody would be helpful

# 8. Conference App

65% of the respondents thought the conference App was good or excellent.

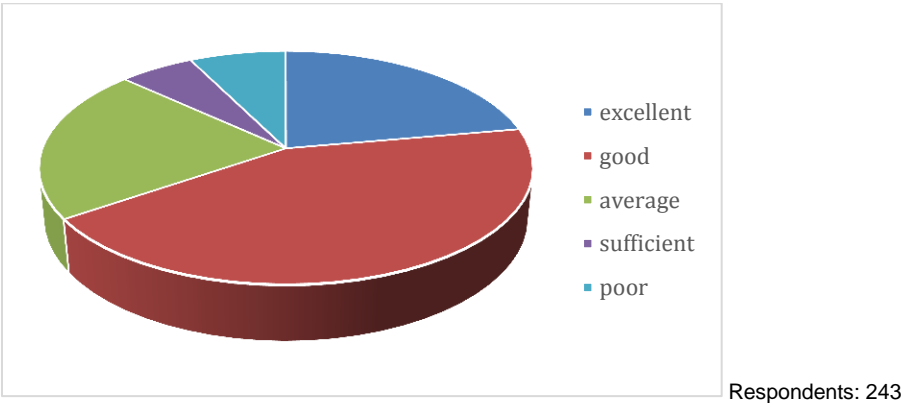
## 8.1 Did you download the conference app?

60% of the respondents downloaded the conference app.



## 8.2 How would you rate the conference app?

65% of respondents were highly appreciative of the conference app.



## Comments

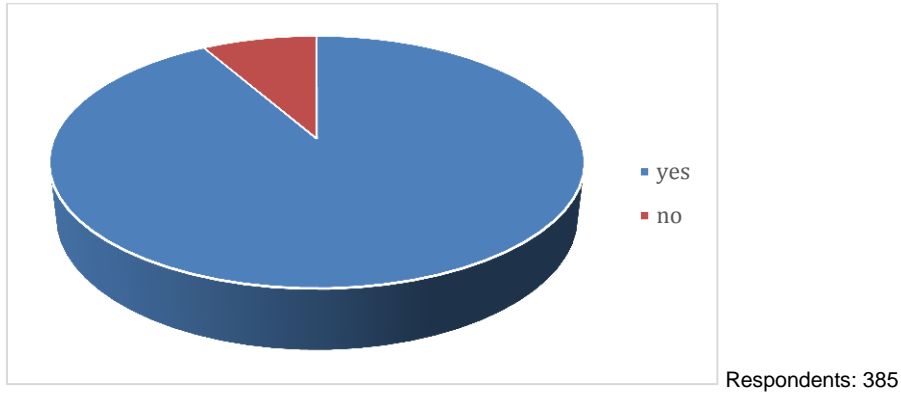
Although the conference app was much appreciated, there were some basic comments:

- Annoying to have to log in whenever you wanted to look at the programme
- App should not ask to access your phone folders (photos, etc.)
- Not really necessary, since you were redirected to the webpage to access the programme
- Should also contain the list of participants

## 9. Ljubljana 2018

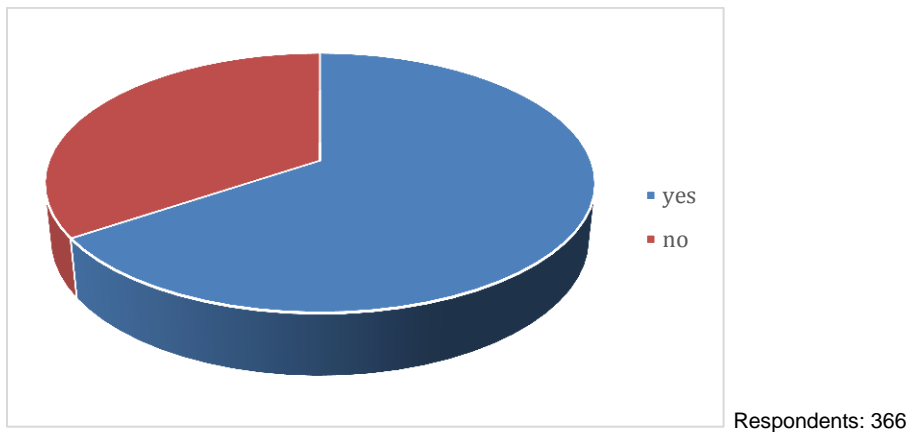
66% of the respondents is planning to attend Ljubljana 2018.

9.1 Did you receive the first announcement for the Ljubljana 2018 conference?



92% of the respondents received the first announcement for Ljubljana 2018.

9.2 Are you planning to attend the Ljubljana 2018 conference?



66% of the respondents are planning to attend the Ljubljana 2018 conference.