



11TH EUROPEAN PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE

**Winds of change:
Towards new ways of improving
public health in Europe**

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RESULTS OF THE PARTICIPANTS' EVALUATION

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Summary of main results

A total of 1,675 delegates from 72 countries gathered in Ljubljana, Slovenia to discuss and debate the state of global and European health from the perspective of research, methods and practices. A total of 284 delegates (17% of all invitees) filled out the evaluation form.

Overall outcome:

89% of the participants rated the quality of the Ljubljana 2018 conference as excellent/good

Conference programme:

83% of participants rated the suitability of programme formats as excellent/good

Networking:

68% of the participants rated the possibilities for meeting colleagues as excellent/good

Conference venue and catering:

84% of the participants rated the conference venue as excellent/good

71% of the participants rated the catering as excellent/good

Exhibition:

70% of the respondents confirmed they visited the exhibition area

Conference website, conference app and information:

87% of the respondents rated the conference website as excellent/good

84% rated the conference app as excellent/good

70% rated the Z-card programme as excellent/good

Marseille 2019:

68% of the respondents are planning to attend the Marseille 2019 conference

Introduction

The 11th European Public Health Conference took place in the Cankarjev dom kulturni in kongresni center/Cultural and Congress Centre in Ljubljana, Slovenia from 28 November – 1 December 2018 (Ljubljana 2018). Ljubljana 2018 was organised by the European Public Health Conference Foundation, EUPHA and the National Institute of Public Health in Ljubljana, Slovenia (NIJZ).

A total of 1,675 delegates from 72 countries gathered in Ljubljana discuss and debate the state of global and European health from the perspective of research, methods and practices. The conference included 7 plenary sessions, 14 pre-conferences, 160 workshops, oral and pitch sessions and 20 E-poster walks.

The theme of the 11th European Public Health Conference was *Winds of change: towards new ways of improving public health in Europe*. European health systems are varied, reflecting different societal choices. However, despite these differences, they are built on common values: universality, access to good quality care, equity and solidarity. Over the last decade, European health systems have faced formidable challenges: population ageing associated with a rise of chronic diseases leading to growing demand for healthcare; increasing costs of innovative technology and medicines; shortages and uneven distribution of health professionals; and inequities in access to healthcare.

Ljubljana 2018 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. 1,675 participants received two emails shortly after the conference inviting them to evaluate the conference through a web-based questionnaire. A total of 284 delegates (17% of all invitees) filled out the evaluation form.

The questionnaire was divided in nine parts:

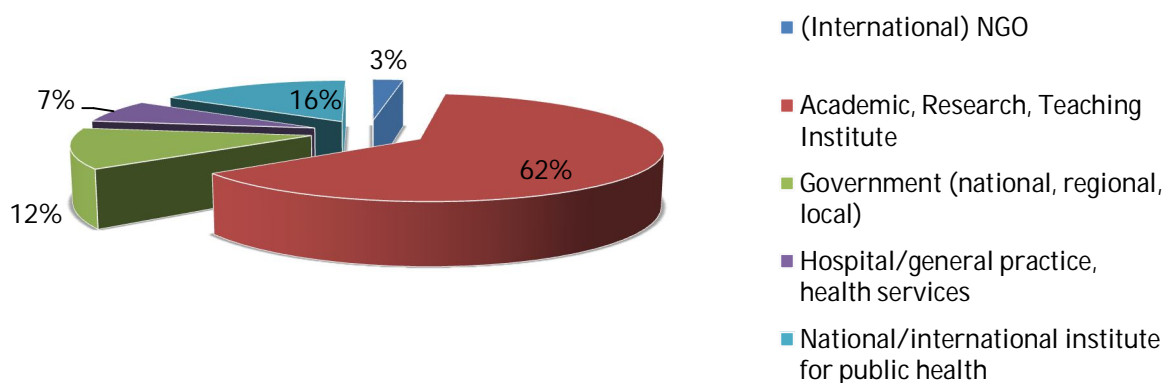
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1. Ljubljana 2018 General

89% of the participants rated the quality of the Ljubljana 2018 conference as excellent/good

EPH Conferences are known for the excellent organisation, the high number of participants and a broad programme covering relevant public health topics. Ljubljana 2018 was no exception to this with 1,675 delegates, scoring high overall satisfaction by delegates and with a varied programme of plenary sessions, workshops, oral, pitch and electronic poster presentations.

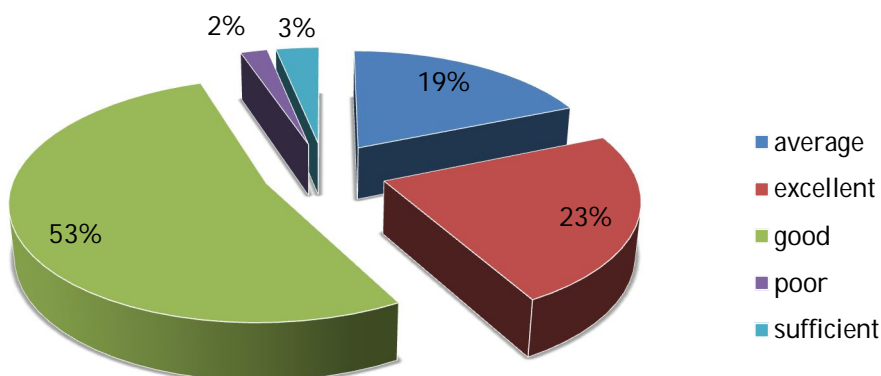
1.1 What is your background/work field?



62% the respondents had a background in research/academia. Otherwise, the professional background of the participants showed a balanced mix of policy, practice and training.

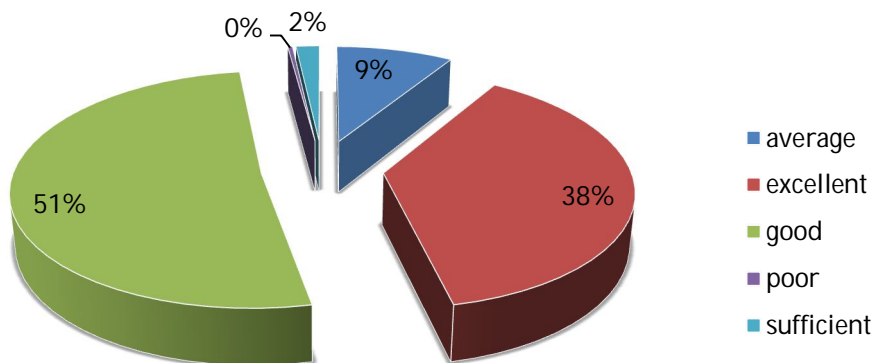
1.2 How would you rate the relevance of the conference for your work?

The theme of the 11th EPH conference was *Winds of change: towards new ways of improving public health in Europe*. 76% of the respondents rated the relevance of the conference as excellent/good for their work.



1.3 How would you rate the quality of the conference as a whole?

89% of the participants rated the quality of the Ljubljana 2018 conference as excellent/good.

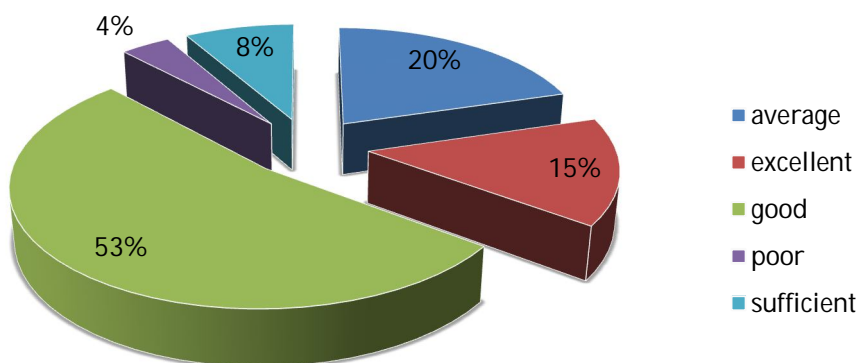


1.4 What were the highlights of the Ljubljana 2018 conference for you?

The following topics were specifically mentioned:

- Plenary sessions and keynote speakers
- Diversity of sessions and speakers
- Networking

1.5 EPH Conference tries to offer ample time for networking. How would you rate the possibilities for meeting colleagues at the EPH Conference?



68% of the participants rated the possibilities for meeting colleagues as excellent/good.

1.6 General comments

Most comments received appreciated the scientific content and technical organisation. *Innovative, useful event, giving possibilities for popularising your research field and to get new ideas.*

2. Conference Programme

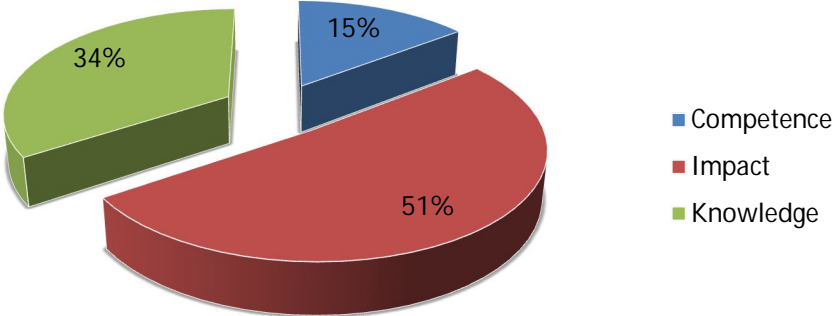
Many different sessions were mentioned as being highly appreciated, which highlights the good quality of the scientific programme. All plenary sessions were mentioned, and many workshops, pre-conferences, poster sessions and others were mentioned here.

2.1. Which plenary session was most interesting to you?

Most common answers:

- Plenary 4: Public's awareness of public health challenges: how to get our public health messages heard?
- Plenary 1: The realities of a digital world, what it means for young people's health

2.1.1 Which aspects/domains were mostly influenced by this session?

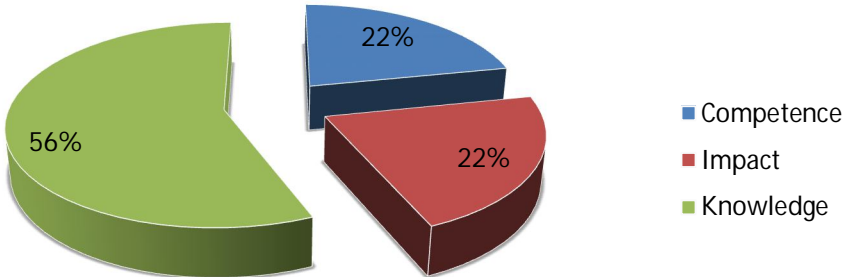


Over 50% of participants indicated impact influence.

2.2. Which parallel session was most interesting to you?

This question cannot be summarised as so many sessions were mentioned. As someone wrote: *Cannot say. There were so many interesting sessions! And so many I would have liked to attend but were in parallel.*

2.2.1 Which aspects/domains were mostly influenced by this session?



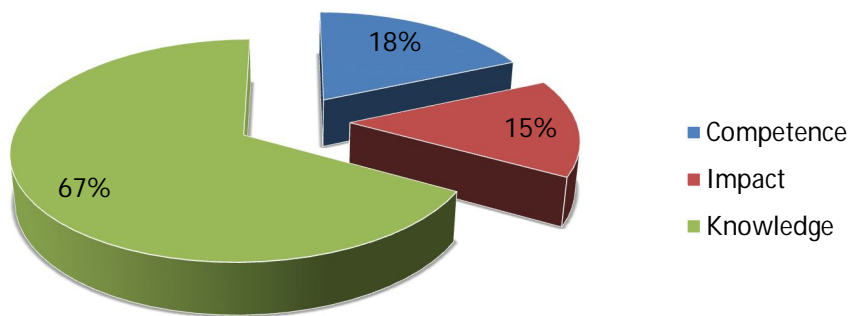
56% of participants indicated knowledge

2.3. Which poster session was most interesting to you?

The most common answer:

- Infectious diseases and vaccinations

2.3.1 Which aspects/domains were mostly influenced by this session?

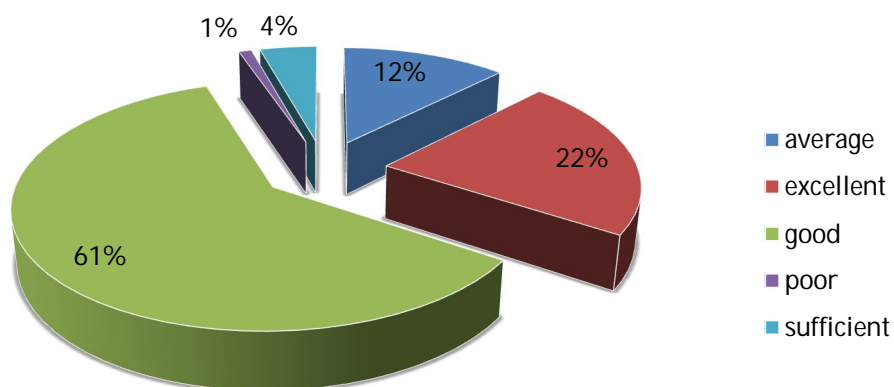


67% of participants indicated knowledge.

2.4. What topic in the conference programme did you miss?

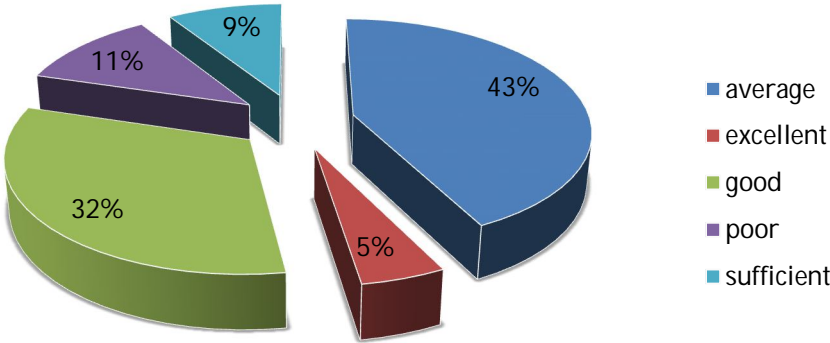
It is a big conference, and it is inevitable that one would miss something the programme. And there were no topics mentioned more than once. And the most common answer was: none

2.5. How do you rate the suitability of programme formats (workshop, round table, skills building)?



83% of participants rated the suitability of programme formats as excellent/good

2.6. How do you rate the commercial bias in the conference programme?

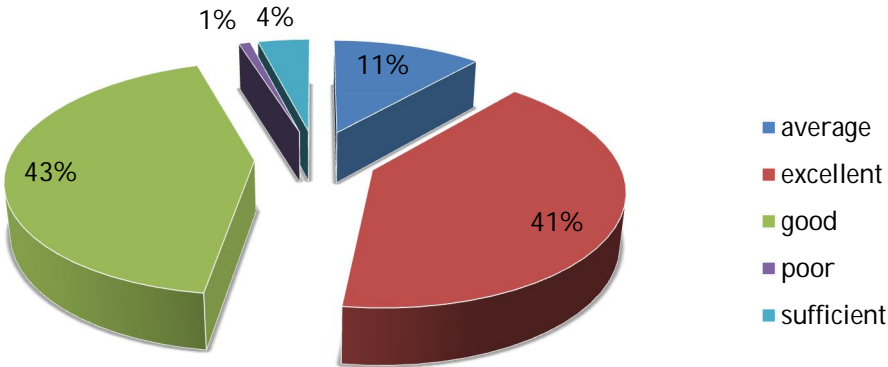


52% of the participants rated the commercial bias in the conference programme as excellent/good.

3. Venue and catering

84% of the participants rated the conference venue as excellent/good
 71% rated the catering as excellent/good

3.1. How would you rate the conference venue?

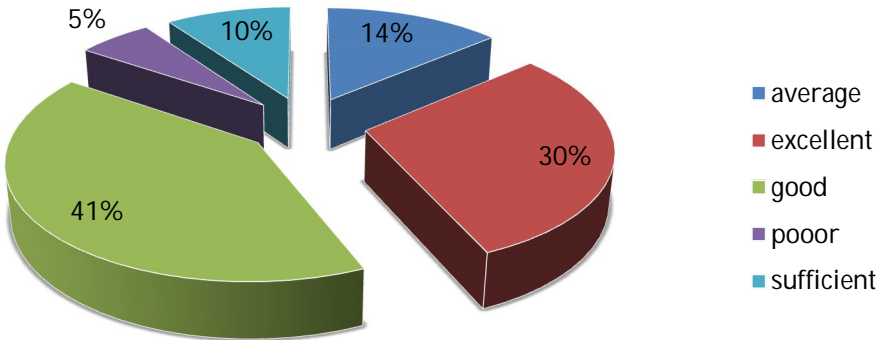


84% of the participants rated the conference venue as excellent/good

3.2. Comments

The conference venue was appreciated. Also the fact it was in the city centre and within walking distance. The confusing corridors were mentioned few times.

3.3. How would you rate the catering?



71% of the participants rated the catering as excellent/good

3.4. Comments

Most respondents appreciated catering and variety of vegetarian food. The coffee was a weak point. Quite few respondents criticized the poor food at the Gala Dinner.

4. Exhibition area

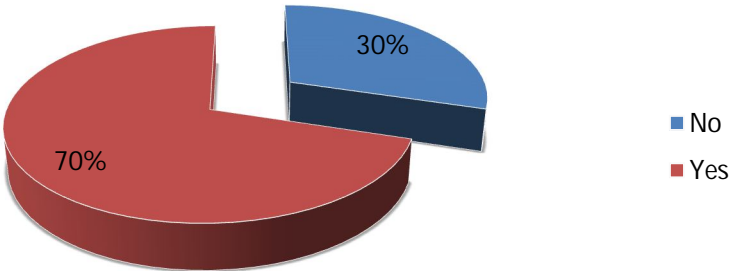
70% of the participants visited the exhibition area

The following exhibitors were present at the conference:

- CHAFEA
- EUPHA
- ASPHER
- European Observatory
- EPH Conference
- EuroHealthNet
- Oxford University Press
- Frontiers in Public Health
- Taylor & Francis Group
- Springer Nature
- WHO

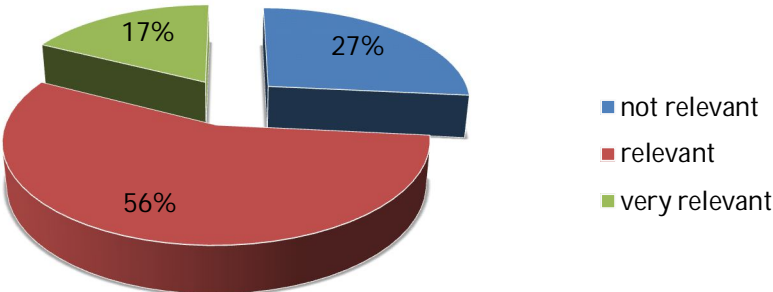
4.1 Did you visit the exhibition area?

70% of the respondents confirmed they visited the exhibition area.



4.2. How relevant was the exhibition for your work?

The exhibition stands were seen as very relevant/relevant by 73% respondents.



4.3 Comments

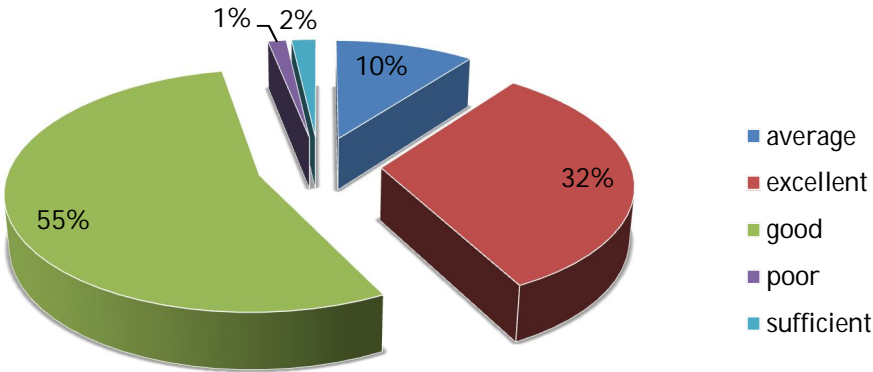
The publishers were the most interesting part of the exhibition.

5. Conference website, conference app and information

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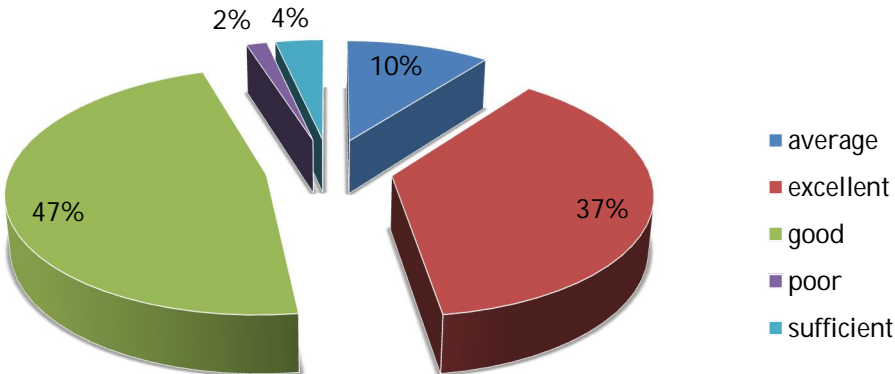
5.1. How would you rate the conference website?

87% of the respondents rated the conference website as excellent/good.

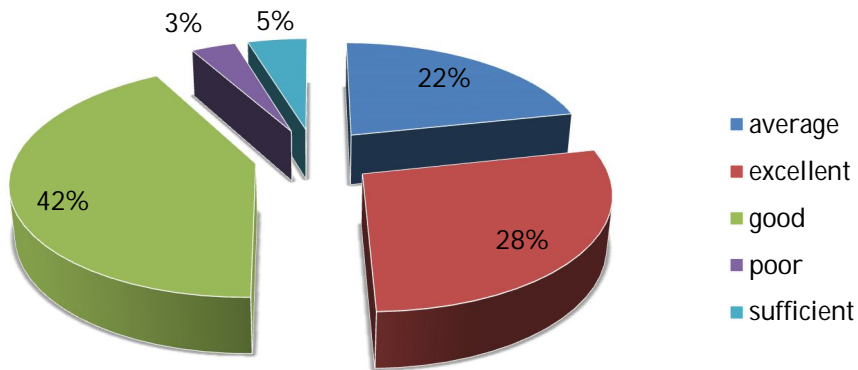


5.2. How would you rate the conference App?

84% of the participants rated the conference app as excellent/good.



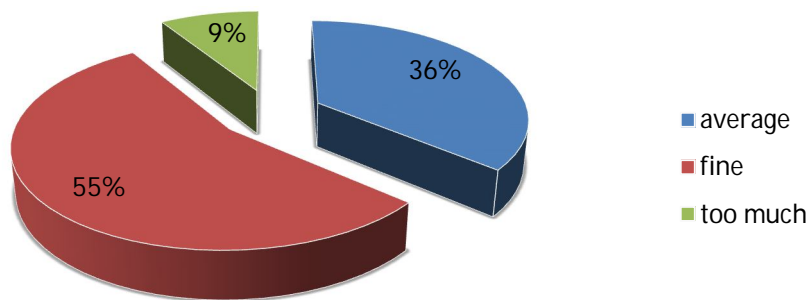
5.3. How would you rate the abridged conference programme in the Z-card?



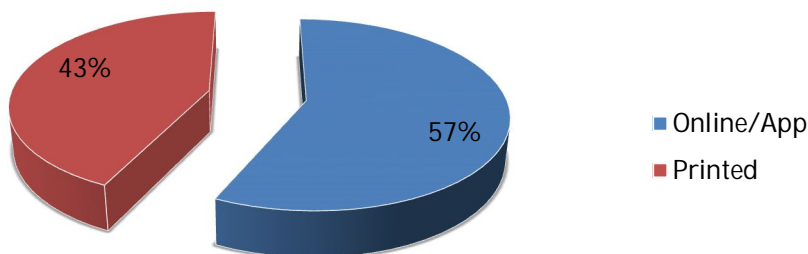
70% of the respondents rated the Z-card programme as excellent/good

5.4. How would you rate the information received before the conference?

55% of respondents rated the information received before the conference as just fine.



5.5. For Ljubljana 2018 we printed the Programme Book only on request. For next year, would you prefer to receive the programme:



57% of participants would like to use the online/App programme during Marseille 2019

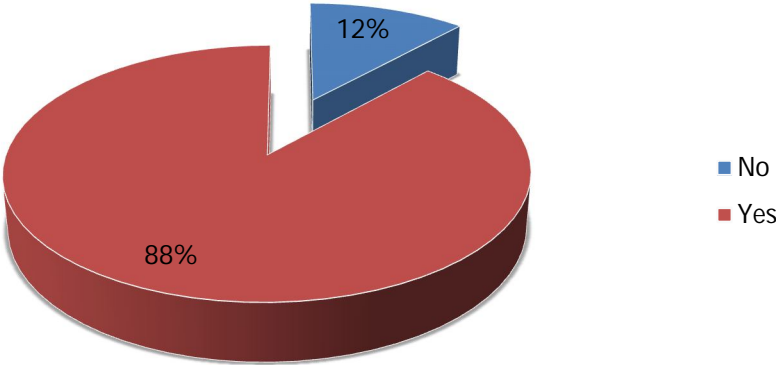
5.6 Comments

- The App was very appreciated as we should protect the environment. And it was also very useful.
- The Z-card was very helpful.

6. Marseille 2019

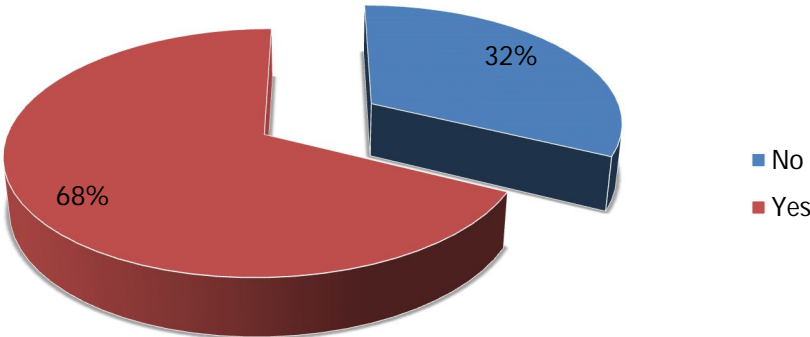
68% of the respondents planning to attend Marseille 2019

6.1. Did you receive the Announcement for the Marseille 2019 conference?



88% of the respondents received the announcement for Marseille 2019.

6.2. Do you have plans to attend Marseille 2019?



68% of the respondents are planning to attend the Marseille 2019 conference.