



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

# **Building bridges for solidarity and public health**

**20-23 November 2019, Marseille, France**



**RESULTS  
OF THE PARTICIPANTS' EVALUATION**

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## Summary of main results

A total of 2,429 delegates from 84 countries gathered in Marseille, France to discuss and debate the state of global and European health from the perspective of research, methods and practices. A total of 269 delegates (11% of all invitees) filled out the evaluation form.

### **Overall outcome:**

77% of the participants rated the quality of the Marseille 2019 conference as excellent/good

### **Networking:**

70% of the participants rated the possibilities for meeting colleagues as excellent/good

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

60% of the participants rated the conference venue as excellent/good

58% of the participants rated the catering as excellent/good

### **Exhibition:**

75% of the respondents confirmed they visited the exhibition area

### **Conference website, conference app and information:**

82% of the respondents rated the conference website as excellent/good

70% rated the conference app as excellent/good

74% rated the Z-card programme as excellent/good

### **WCPH 2020:**

74% of the respondents are planning to attend the Rome 2020 conference

### **Greening the conference:**

56% of participants used plane to come to the Marseille 2019 Conference

81% of participants did not carbon offset their travel

# Introduction

The 12<sup>th</sup> European Public Health Conference took place at the Marseille Chanot, Palais des Congrès et des Expositions in Marseille, France, from 20-23 November 2019 (Marseille 2019). Marseille 2019 was organised by the European Public Health Conference Foundation, EUPHA and the Société Française de Santé Publique (SFSP).

A total of 2,429 delegates from 84 countries gathered in Marseille 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, 19 pre-conferences, 100 workshops, 20 oral and 40 pitch sessions and 20 E-poster walks.

The theme of the 12th European Public Health Conference is *Building bridges for solidarity and public health*. Marseille has for centuries been one of the pillars of the cultural and economic bridge across the Mediterranean. For millenniums, people have been crossing the Mediterranean but, in recent years, that journey has been characterized by tragedies among those fleeing oppression and poverty. The Marseille conference offers an opportunity to build new bridges: of working together between the public health communities in Europe and Africa and of seeking solutions to our shared challenges as inhabitants of a small planet now facing global threats, from climate change, emerging infections, and the global epidemic of non-communicable diseases. As a consequence, the focus will be on answering the following questions:

- What can we do to reduce the need for people to move and how can we protect and support those who are forced to move?
- What can we do to provide health promoting and protecting environments for migrants in Europe?
- How can we build bridges between different professions and communities as a means to implement the Sustainable Development Goals?
- What will be the future of public health in Europe? Where should we go from here? How do we ensure health-in-all EU policies?

Through our Marseille Statement, the public health community gathered in Marseille, calls upon national and international decision makers to intensify efforts to build bridges for solidarity in public health.

Marseille 2019 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. 2,429 participants received two emails shortly after the conference inviting them to evaluate the conference through a web-based questionnaire. A total of 269 delegates (11% of all invitees) filled out the evaluation form.

The questionnaire was divided in nine parts:

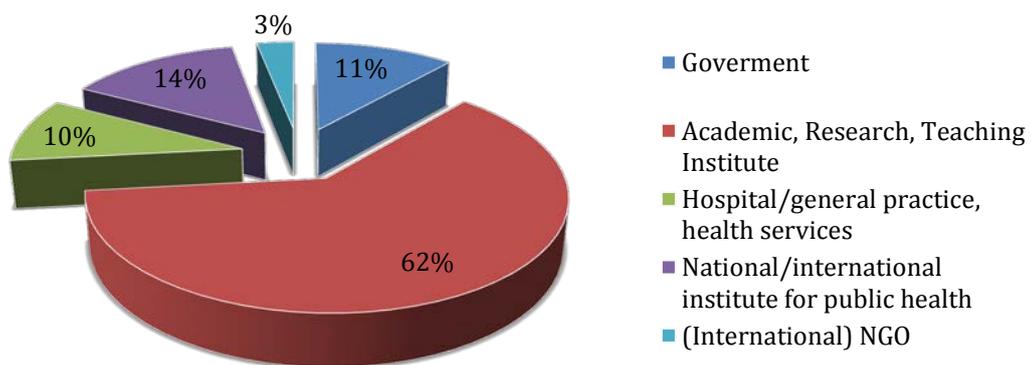
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# 1. Marseille 2019 General

77% of the participants rated the quality of the Marseille 2019 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. Marseille 2019 was no exception to this with 2,429 delegates, scoring high overall satisfaction by delegates and with a varied programme of plenary sessions, workshops, oral, pitch and electronic poster presentations.

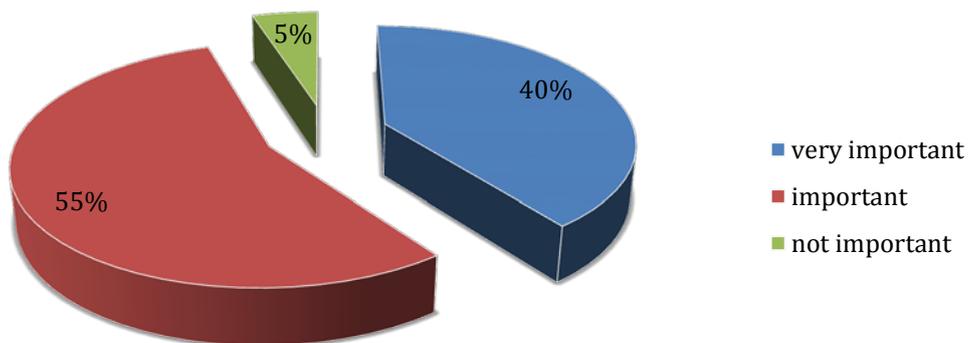
## 1.1. What is your background/work field?



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.

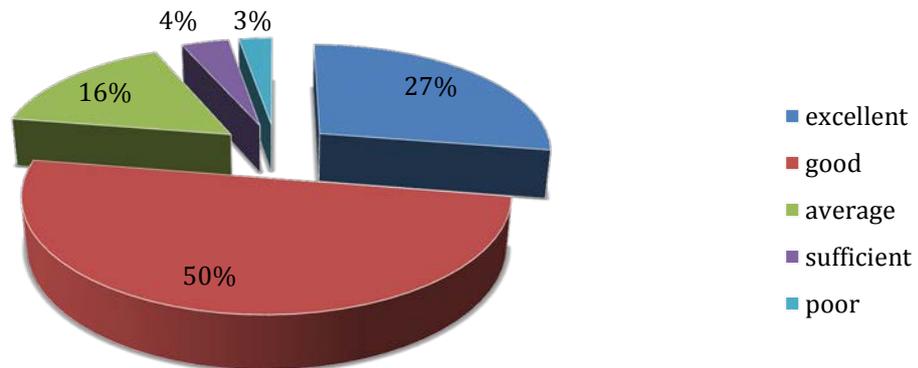
## 1.2. How would you rate the relevance of the conference for your work?

The theme of the 12<sup>th</sup> EPH conference was *Building bridges for solidarity and public health*. 95% of the respondents rated the relevance of the conference as relevant (and very relevant) for their work.



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

77% of the participants rated the quality of the Marseille 2019 conference as excellent/good.

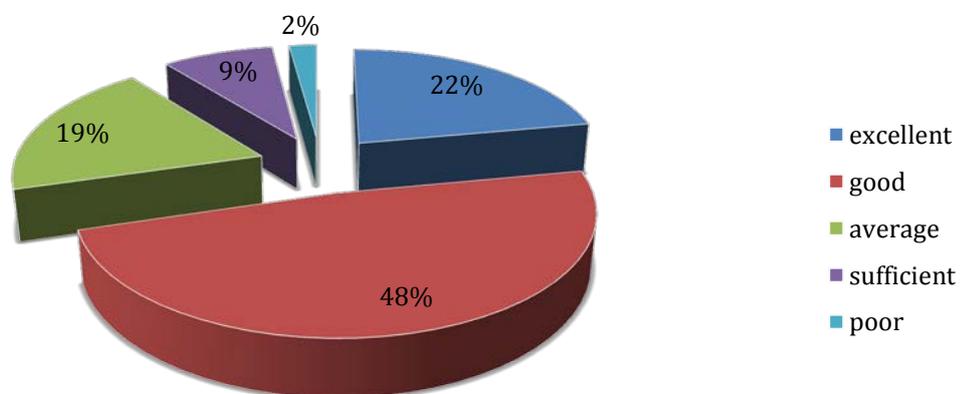


### 1.4. What lessons from the Marseille 2019 conference do you take home?

The following lessons were specifically mentioned:

- Building bridges between research, public health institutions and politics
- Networking
- Collaboration
- Dialogue with public health decision makers is an important aspect of being a public health scientist
- Public Health Strategies for 2020-2025 and research news
- Migration is the most important topic in public health at the moment

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



70% of the participants rated the possibilities for meeting colleagues as excellent/good.

### 1.6. General comments

Most comments received appreciated the scientific content and organisation. It was an excellent opportunity for networking. Participants had in general very good impression about the conference. Participants pointed out that the surrounding for networking (more space and chairs) should be expanded more. The welcome reception should be suitable for meeting people and networking. It would be also appreciated if all participants could get a snack and a drink at the Welcome Reception. The "join the network" initiatives should have better exposure (in the programme, webpage and meeting hours).

## 2. Conference Programme

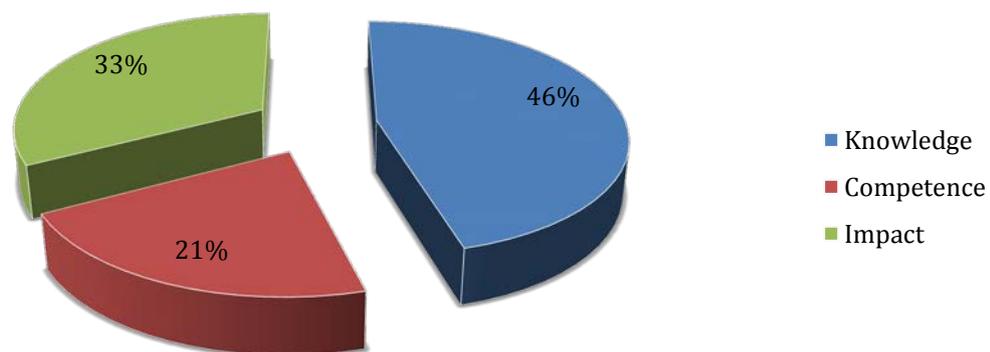
Many different sessions were mentioned as being highly appreciated, which highlights the good quality of the scientific programme. All plenary sessions were mentioned, and many workshops, pre-conferences, poster sessions and others were mentioned here.

### 2.1. Which plenary session was most interesting to you?

Most common answers:

- Plenary 1 - Bridging for an interdisciplinary approach to public health to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Plenary 5 - Migrant inequalities in urban settings and changing public health practice

### 2.2. Which aspects/domains were mostly influenced by this session?

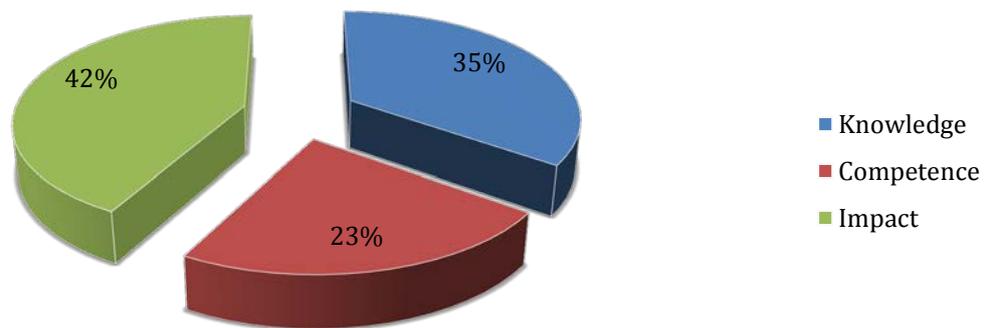


46% of participants indicated knowledge influence.

### 2.3. Which parallel session was most interesting to you?

This question cannot be summarised as so many sessions were mentioned. But many participants mentioned sessions on digital health.

2.4. Which aspects/domains were mostly influenced by this session?

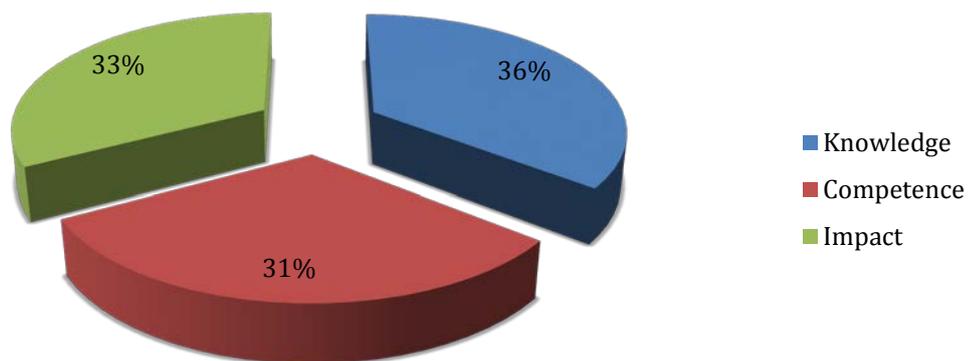


42% of participants indicated impact.

2.5. Which poster session was most interesting to you?

This question cannot be summarised as so many sessions were mentioned. Sessions on Health workforce were mentioned quite often.

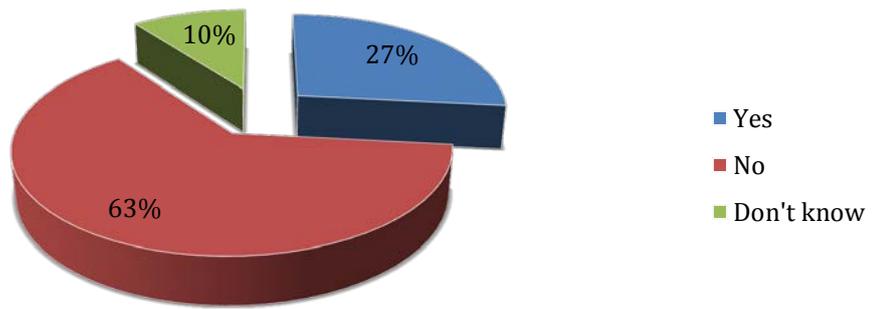
2.6. Which aspects/domains were mostly influenced by this session?



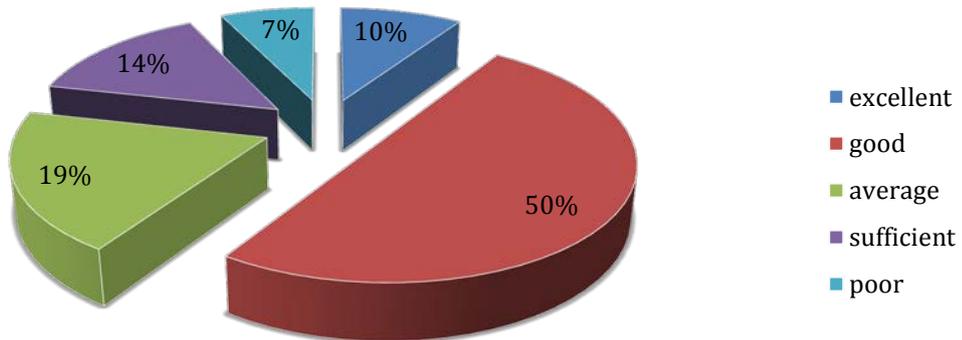
36% of participants indicated knowledge.

2.7. Did you attend sessions of the Digital Public Health (DPH) Conference?

63% of participants did not attend sessions of the Digital Public Health Conference. Only 27% attended.

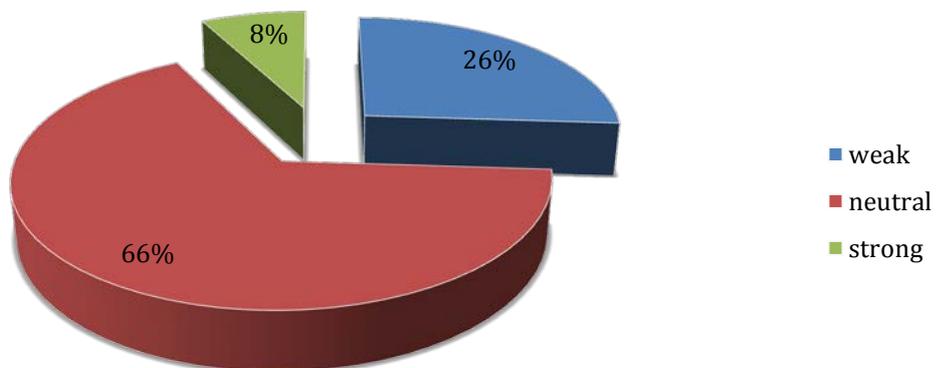


2.8. How do you rate the quality of the Digital Public Health (DPH) Conference?



60% of participants rated the quality of DPH Conference as excellent/good while 7% as poor.

2.9. How do you rate the commercial bias in the Marseille 2019 conference programme?



66% of the participants rated the commercial bias in the conference programme as neutral.

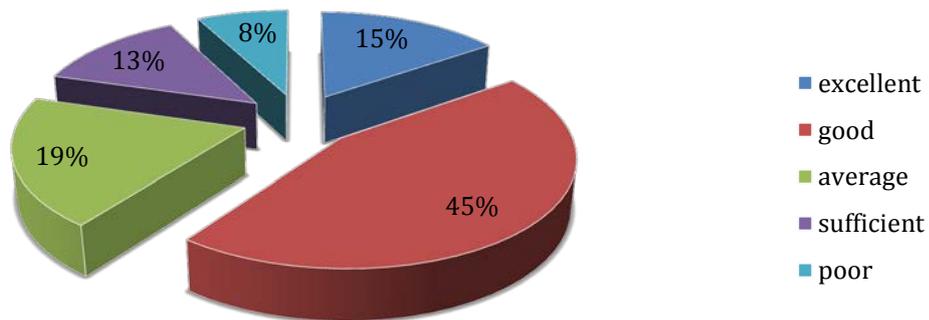
### 2.10. Comments

Few comments mentioned that there should be more discussions, debates and visionary talks.

## 3. Venue and catering

60% of the participants rated the conference venue as excellent/good  
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### 3.1. How would you rate the conference venue?

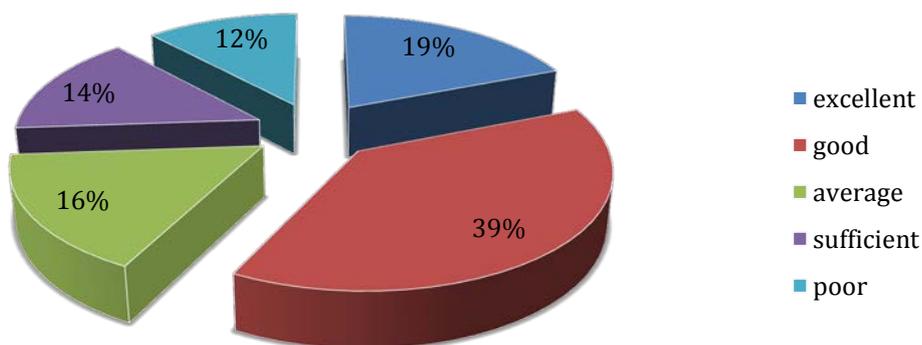


60% of the participants rated the conference venue as excellent/good

### 3.2. Comments

The conference venue was well located, accessible and easy to locate. Some comments mentioned the internet access should be better and the space for networking should be bigger and better equipped.

### 3.3. How would you rate the catering?



58% of the participants rated the catering as excellent/good

### 3.4. Comments

Most respondents said the food was actually very good and very “French”. It was also suggested to have more vegetarian options. The coffee was a weak point and should be available more often throughout the conference. More water distributors are needed. And more food during the Welcome Reception and Dinner would be welcomed.

## 4. Exhibition area

*75% of the participants visited the exhibition area*

The following exhibitors were present at Marseille 2019 conference:

### **PUBLIC HEALTH ORGANISATIONS**

- EPH Conference
- EUPHA
- Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency
- EuroHealthNet
- Observatory
- Société Française de Santé Publique/French Society for Public Health
- World Congress Public Health 2020

### **PUBLISHERS**

- CABI
- Cairn.info
- Enterprise Europe Network
- Frontiers
- MDPI
- Oxford University Press
- Springer Nature
- Taylor & Francis
- Thomson Screening

### **SCHOOLS**

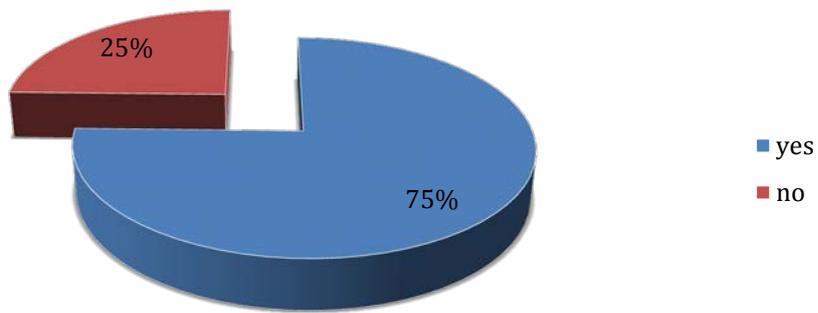
- ASPHER
- DPH Digital Health Village

### **MAISON FRANCE**

- ASN - French Nuclear Safety Authority
- CNAM-TS - National Social Health Insurance Fund
- EHESP - French School of Public Health
- HAS - French National Authority for Health
- HCSP - High Council for Public Health
- Inserm - Institut national de la santé et de la recherche médicale
- IReSP - Institut de Recherche en Santé Publique
- IRD - French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development
- Santé publique France

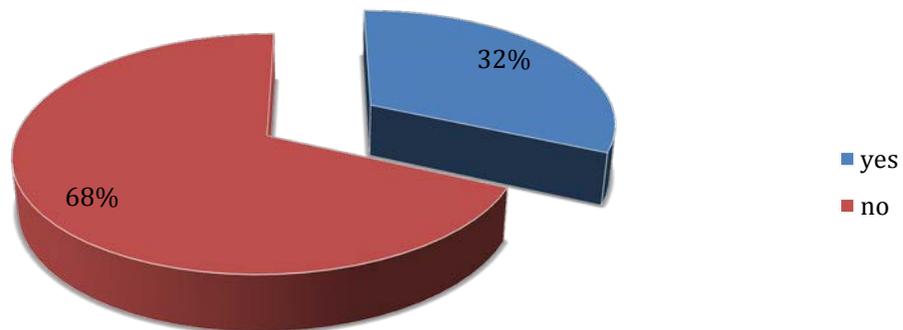
### 4.1 Did you visit the exhibition area?

75% of the respondents confirmed they visited the exhibition area.



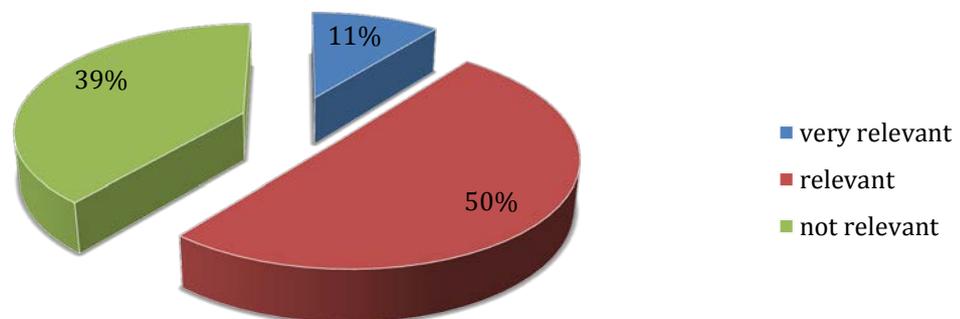
#### 4.2. Did you visit the Maison France?

68% of the respondents did not visit the Maison France at the exhibition area.



#### 4.3. How relevant was the exhibition for your work?

The exhibition stands were seen as very relevant/relevant by 61% respondents.



#### 4.4. Comments

The publishers were the most interesting part of the exhibition. The idea of grouping institutions was appreciated.

# 5. Conference website, conference app and information

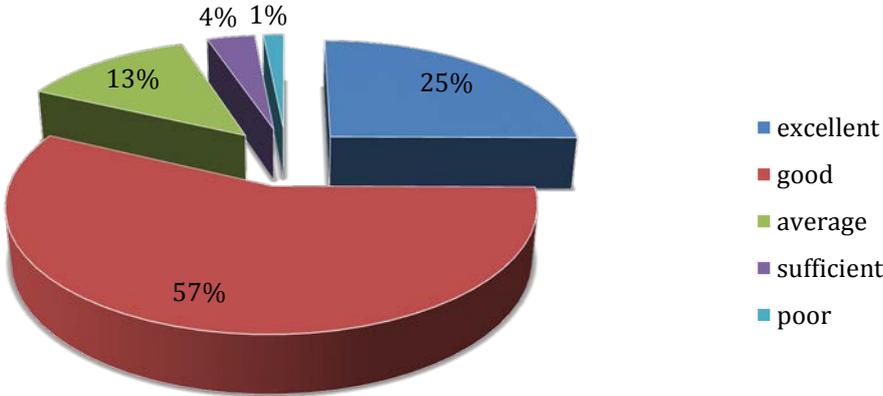
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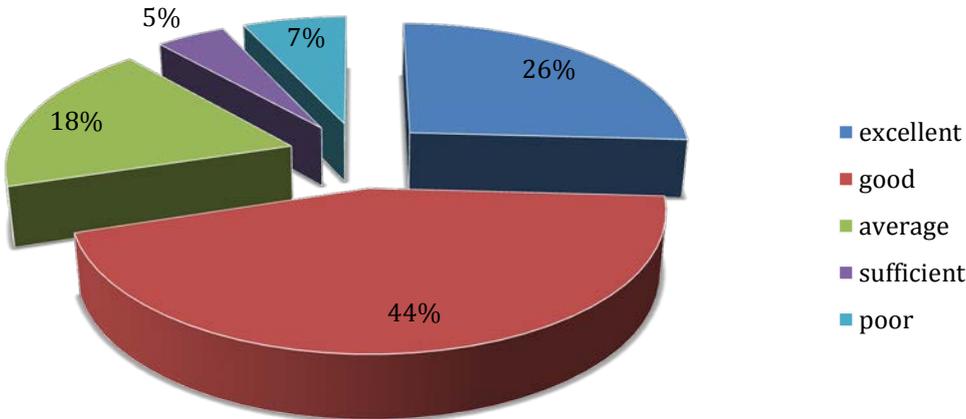
## 5.1. How would you rate the conference website?

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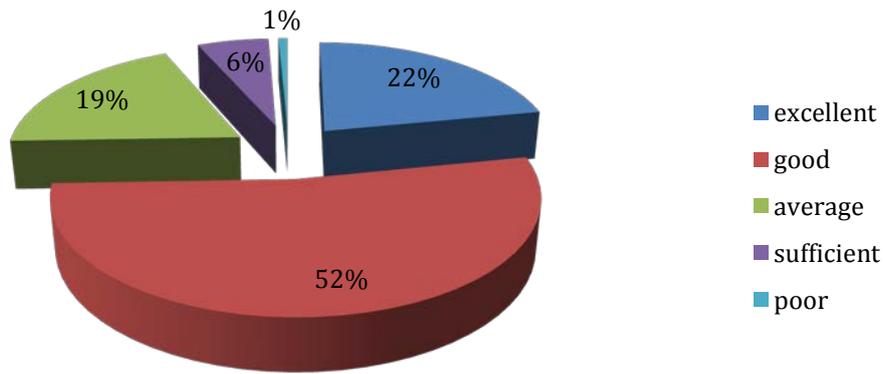
## 5.2. How would you rate the conference App?

70% of the participants rated the conference app as excellent/good.



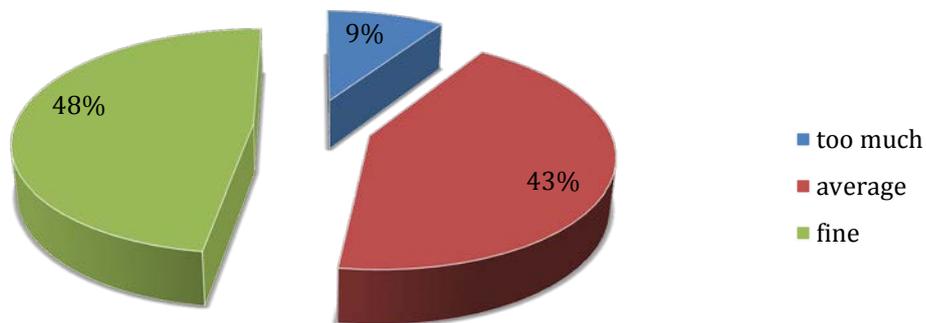
## 5.3. How would you rate the abridged conference programme in the Z-card?

74% of the respondents rated the Z-card programme as excellent/good.

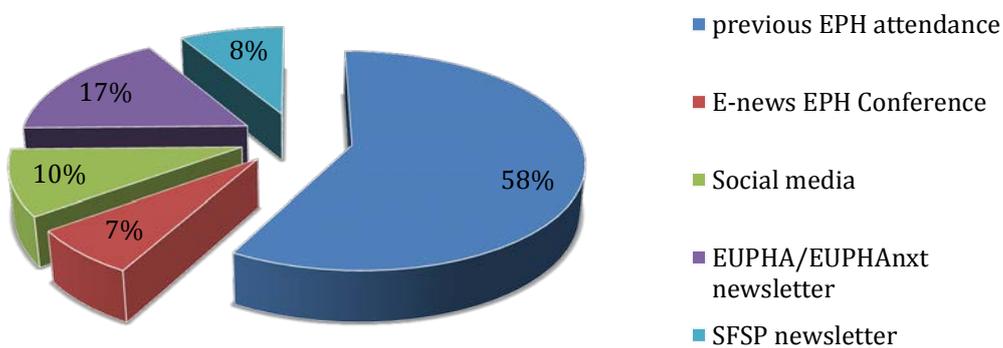


#### 5.4. How would you rate the information received before the conference?

48% of respondents rated the information received before the conference as just fine.



#### 5.5. How did you find us? From which source?



The majority of participants (58%) new about the Marseille 2019 Conference from previous attendance.

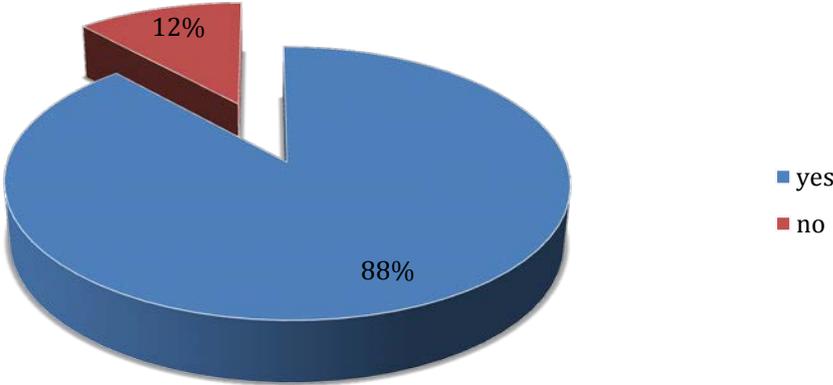
#### 5.6 Comments

Participants asked for the possibility to mark the interest of 2 simultaneous sessions in the personal programme. The App should also be improved as it required logging each time the personal programme was checked.

# 6. World Congress on Public Health 2020

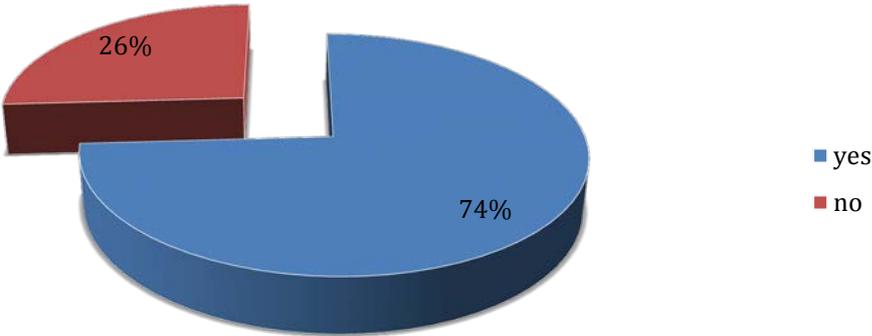
74% of the respondents planning to attend WCPH 2020

## 6.1. Did you receive the Announcement for the World Congress?



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

## 6.2. Do you have plans to attend the World Congress?

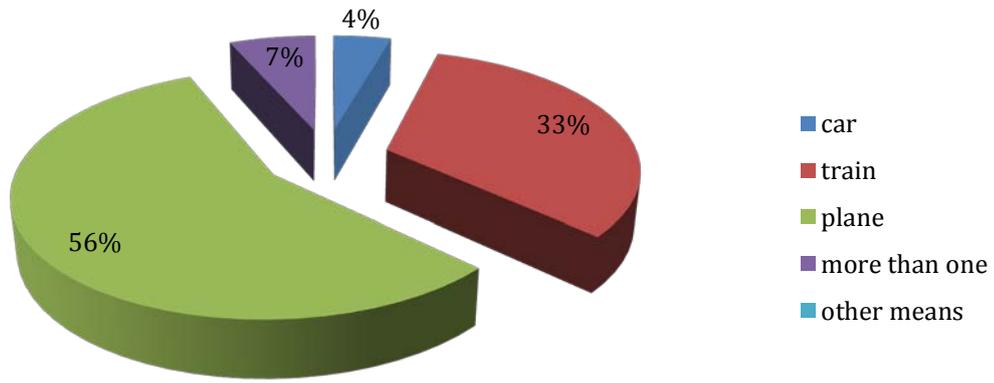


74% of the respondents are planning to attend the World Congress on Public Health 2020 in Rome, Italy.

# 7. Greening the Conference

## 7.1. How did you get to Marseille?

56% of participants used the airplane to come to the Marseille 2019 Conference.



*7.2. Did you carbon offset your travel?*

81% of participants did not carbon offset their travel.

