Interreg Alpine Space
2021 - 2027

Report on the public consultation

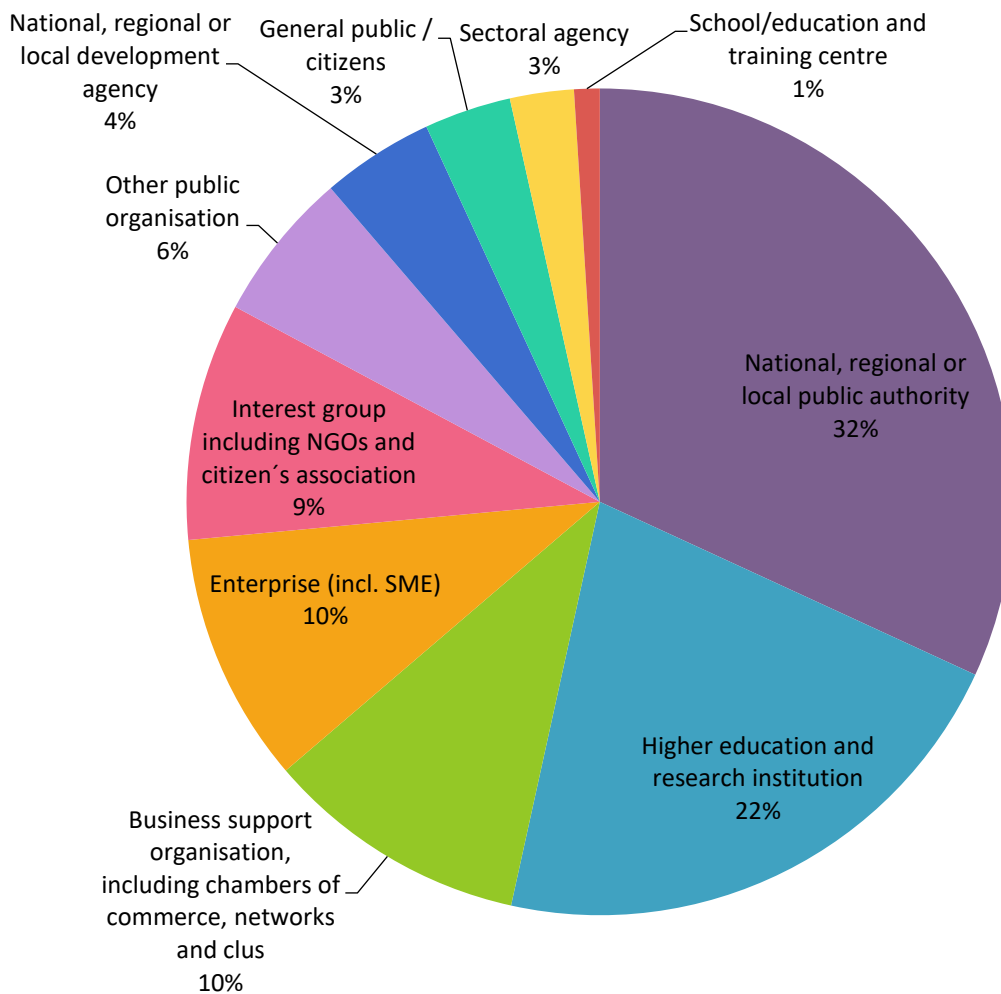14 | 20

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General Information

1. Please choose the category which describes your institution most accurately:

National, regional or local development agency
4%

General public / citizens
3%

Sectoral agency
3%

School/education and training centre
1%

Other public organisation
6%

Interest group including NGOs and citizen´s association
9%

Enterprise (incl. SME)
10%

Business support organisation, including chambers of commerce, networks and clus
10%

National, regional or local public authority
32%

Higher education and research institution
22%

Value	Percent	Count
National, regional or local public authority	31.9%	65
Higher education and research institution	21.6%	44
Business support organisation, including chambers of commerce, networks and clusters	10.3%	21
Enterprise (incl. SME)	9.8%	20
Interest group including NGOs and citizen´s association	9.3%	19
Other public organisation	5.9%	12
National, regional or local development agency	4.4%	9
General public / citizens	3.4%	7
Sectoral agency	2.5%	5
School/education and training centre	1.0%	2
	Totals	204

2. Where is your organisation located (main seat)?
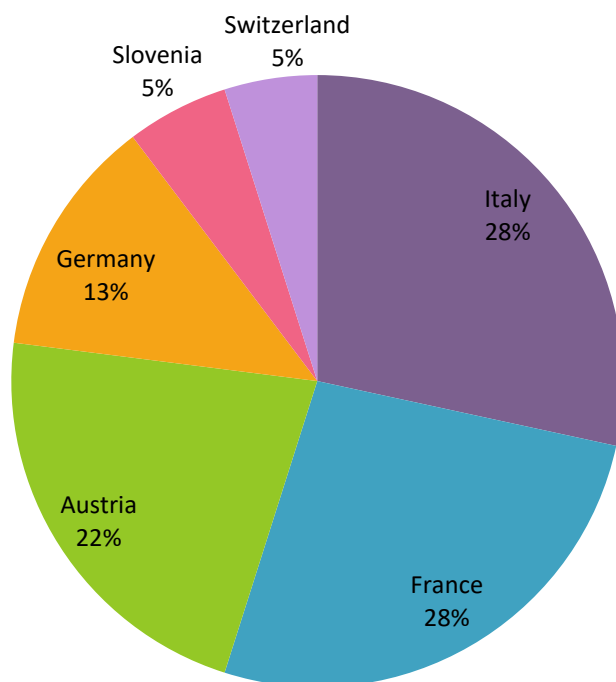
Value	Percent	Count
Italy	28.4%	58
France	26.5%	54
Austria	22.1%	45
Germany	12.7%	26
Slovenia	5.4%	11
Switzerland	4.9%	10
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3. Are you experienced with the Interreg Alpine Space programme?
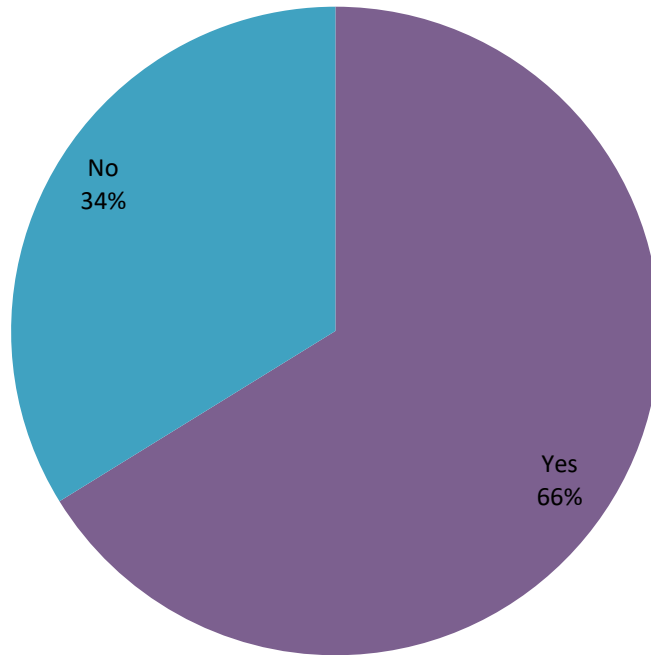
Value	Percent	Count
Yes	66.2%	135
No	33.8%	69
	Totals	204

4. Are you familiar with the European Union Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP)?
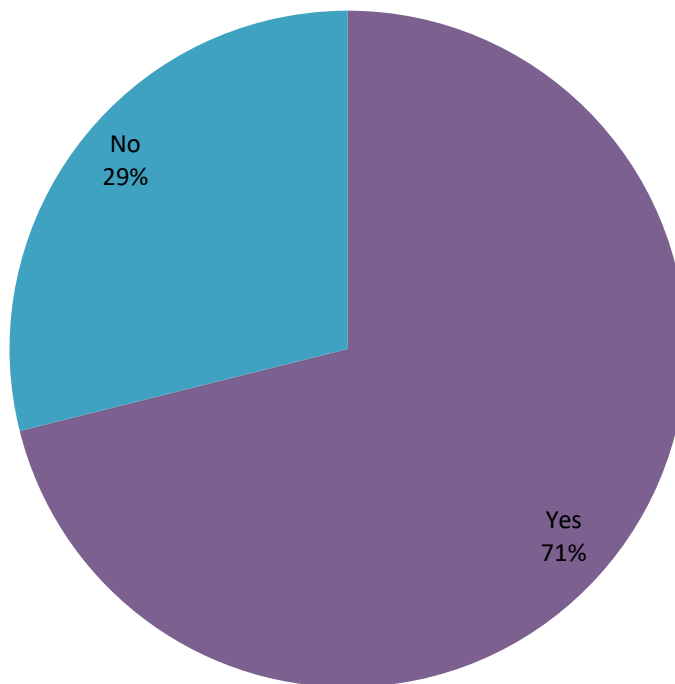
Value	Percent	Count
Yes	71.1%	145
No	28.9%	59
	Totals	204

5. On which document would you like to take the consultation?
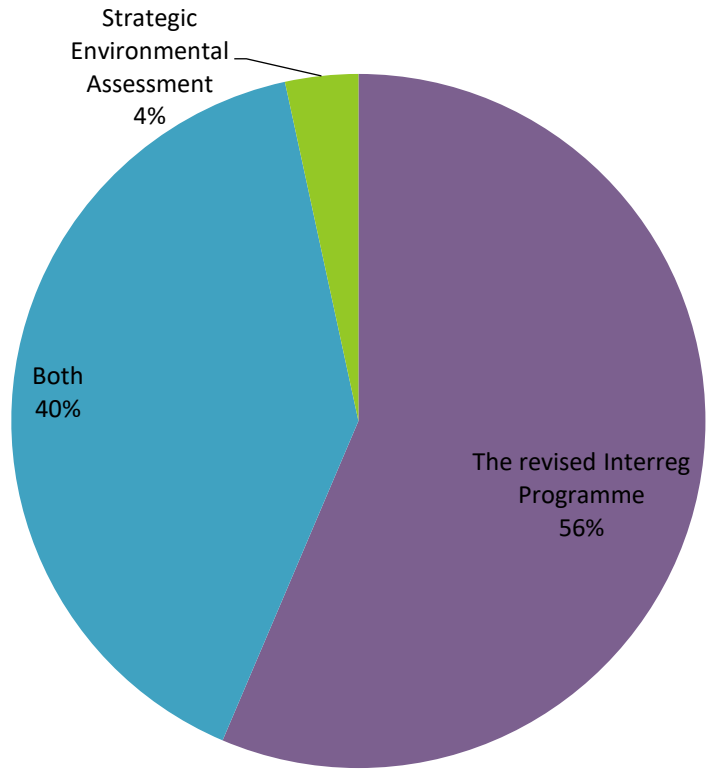
Value	Percent	Count
The revised Interreg Programme	56.4%	115
Both	40.2%	82
Strategic Environmental Assessment	3.4%	7
	Totals	204

6. Have you participated in the online stakeholder consultation launched in spring 2020 on the Interreg Alpine Space programme 2021-2027?
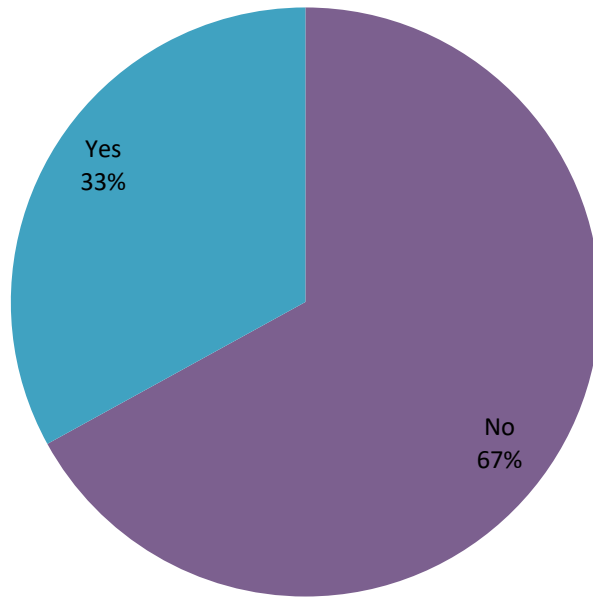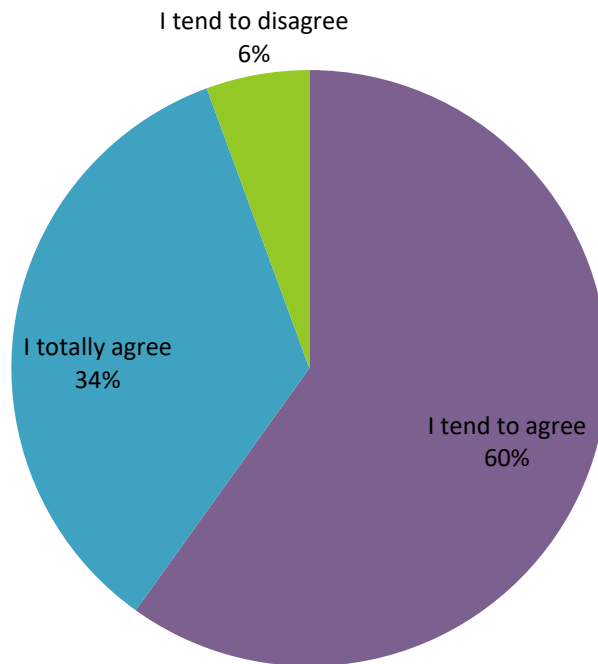

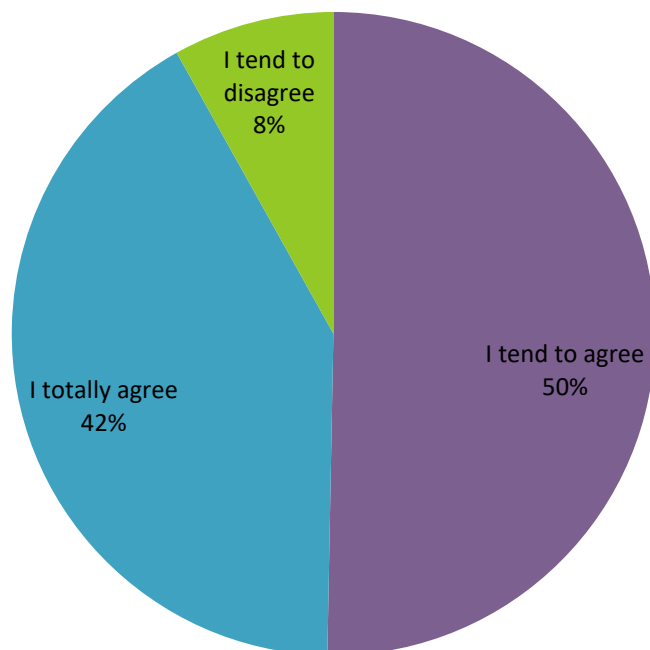| Value	Percent	Count
No	67.0%	132
Yes	33.0%	65
	Totals	197

PART I: Interreg Programme

7. In your opinion, does the strategy of the programme (as described in section 1.2) address the main joint challenges of the programme area adequately?

Value	Percent	Count
I tend to agree	59.9%	118
I totally agree	34.5%	68
I tend to disagree	5.6%	11
	Totals	197

8. In your opinion, are the selected policy objectives relevant for the Alpine Space in the next seven years?

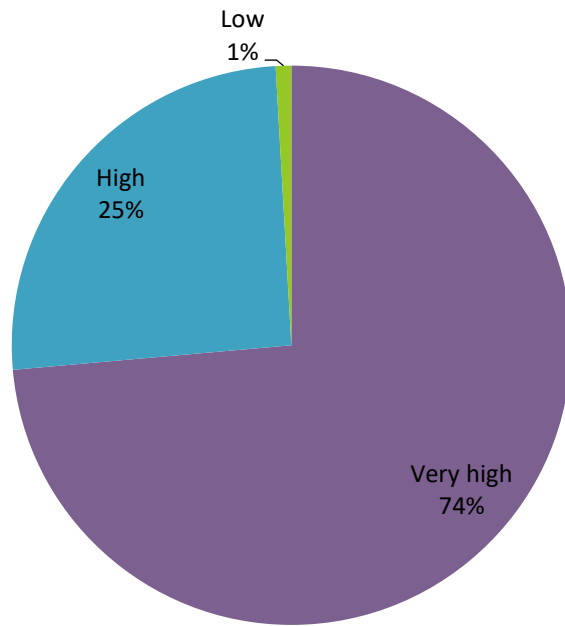| Value	Percent	Count
I tend to agree	50.3%	99
I totally agree	41.6%	82
I tend to disagree	8.1%	16
	Totals	197

9. Which of the following specific objectives would you like to assess?

Value	Percent
Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience	53.8%
Enhancing biodiversity, green infrastructure in the urban environment, and reducing pollution	56.9%
Promoting energy efficiency measures	41.6%
Promoting the transition to a circular economy	51.3%
Enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies	53.3%
Reaping the benefits of digitisation for citizens, companies and governments	46.2%
All of the above	15.2%

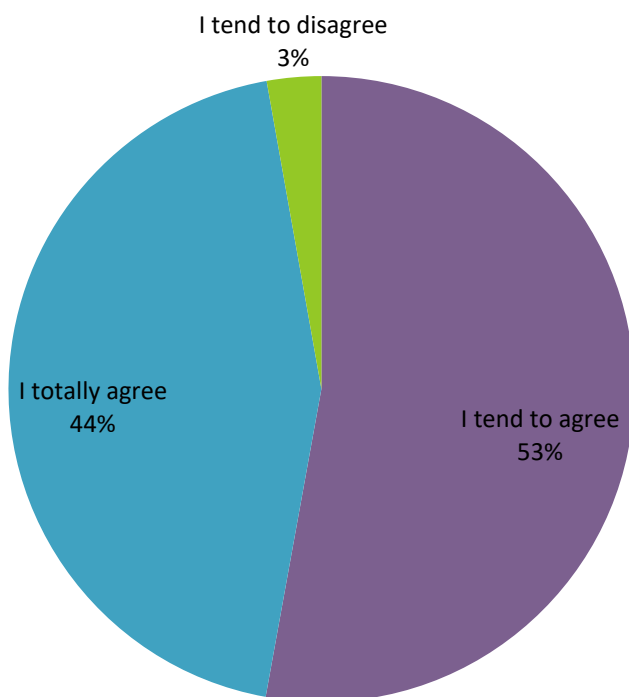**SO 1.1: Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience**

10. I rate the relevance of this specific objective for the next seven years as:

Value	Percent	Count
Very high	73.6%	78
High	25.5%	27
Low	0.9%	1
	Totals	106

11. The thematic focus of the specific objective is clear.

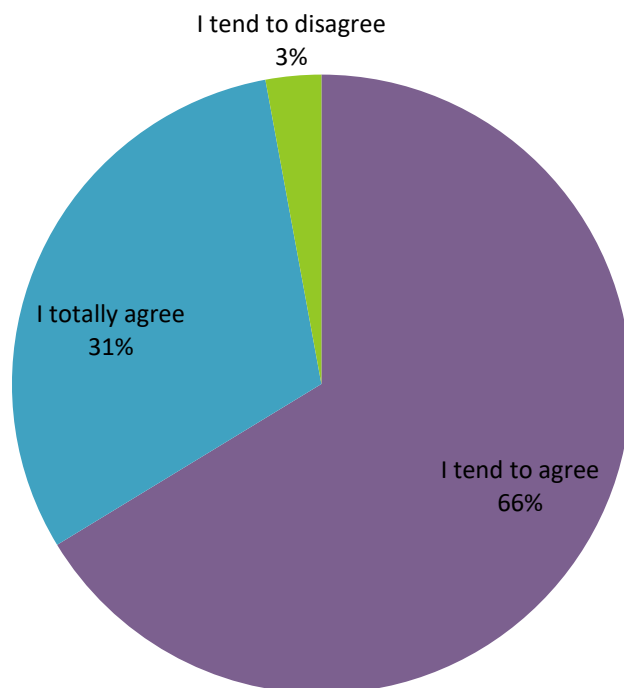| Value	Percent	Count
I tend to agree	52.8%	56
I totally agree	44.3%	47
I tend to disagree	2.8%	3
	Totals	106

12. Which are the most relevant actions that the Interreg Alpine Space programme 2021-2027 should support? Please select up to 3 of those you deem most relevant in the field of climate change adaptation.

Value	Percent	Count
Developing strategies, solutions and pilots to rise the preparedness and adaptive capacity of the alpine society, economy and nature to cope with the impacts of climate change and establish climate services to foster the resilience of the Alpine region (e.g. societal/economic adaptation, health aspects, changes and needs of ecosystem services, financial aspects,…).	83.0%	88
Organising solutions and pilot actions to bridge the gap between climate research and practical implementation and to integrate new research results into the adaptation practice at different levels and for different types of territories.	73.6%	78
Supporting information exchange and knowledge transfer at transnational/regional/local level in order to adapt to changing weather patterns (e.g. heat, precipitation) as well as extreme weather events and to raise awareness of risks and natural hazards among experts, policy makers and citizens.	50.9%	54
Developing methodologies and tools aiming at measuring and monitoring the specific impacts of climate change to the lithosphere-biosphere-hydrosphere-cryosphere.	44.3%	47

13. The proposed indicative actions are clear and they provide the ground for appropriate project proposals.

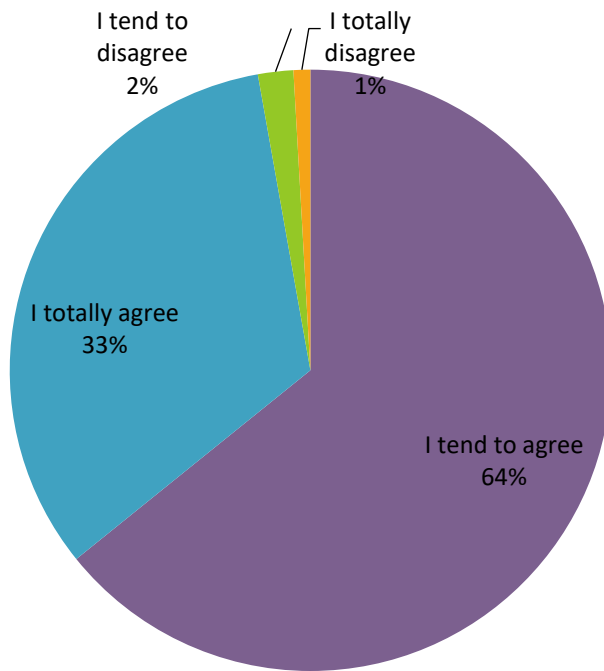| Value	Percent	Count
I tend to agree	66.3%	69
I totally agree	30.8%	32
I tend to disagree	2.9%	3
	Totals	104

14. Which are the most relevant actions that the Interreg Alpine Space programme 2021-2027 should support? Please select up to 3 of those you deem most relevant in the field of risk prevention and disaster resilience.

Value	Percent	Count
Setting-up of preventive planning measures in the fields of spatial planning and risk management through the joint development of tools, interoperable databases; disaster monitoring-, warning- and response- systems at different territorial levels concerning all kind of natural hazards.	62.3%	66
Developing solutions and pilots for different types of territories in highly affected and exposed regions (e.g. high altitude environment with glacial mass reduction, permafrost degradation, or regions specifically hit by draught) as well as exposed main communications axes (e.g. roads, railways).	53.8%	57
Improving skills and competences for policy makers and stakeholders at different policy levels to make better use of digitalization in the field of risk prevention, risk management and climate change adaptation, e.g. by harmonizing and sharing data (incl. open data) and implementing innovative digital tools.	52.8%	56
Developing integrated and participatory concepts and implementing pilot projects in risk management as well as communication measures aiming at raising awareness and preparedness among policy makers at different policy levels as well as among citizens.	50.9%	54
Developing concepts and setting up coordination structures for the sustainable management of multifunctional protective forests and the establishment of Nature Based Solutions, taking into account Green and Blue infrastructure, water management and ecosystem services.	41.5%	44

**15. The proposed indicative actions are clear and they provide the ground for appropriate project proposals**

Value	Percent	Count
I tend to agree	64.2%	68
I totally agree	33.0%	35
I tend to disagree	1.9%	2
I totally disagree	0.9%	1
	Totals	106

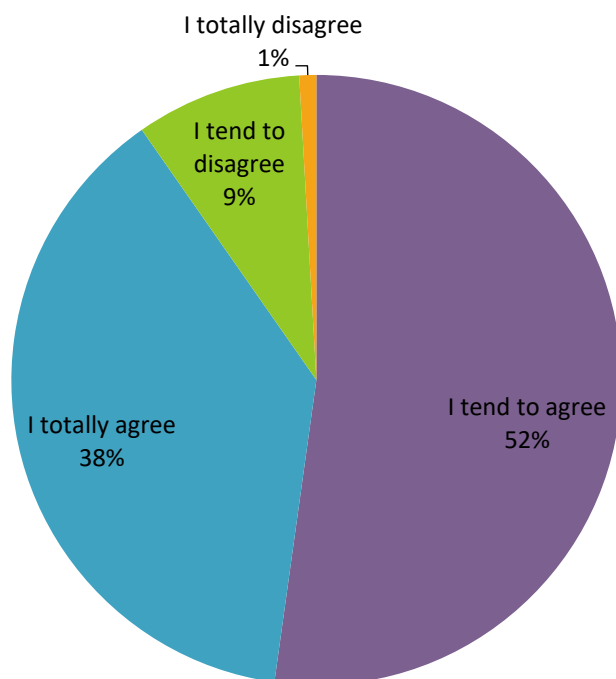**SO 1.2: Enhancing biodiversity, green infrastructure in the urban environment, and reducing pollution**

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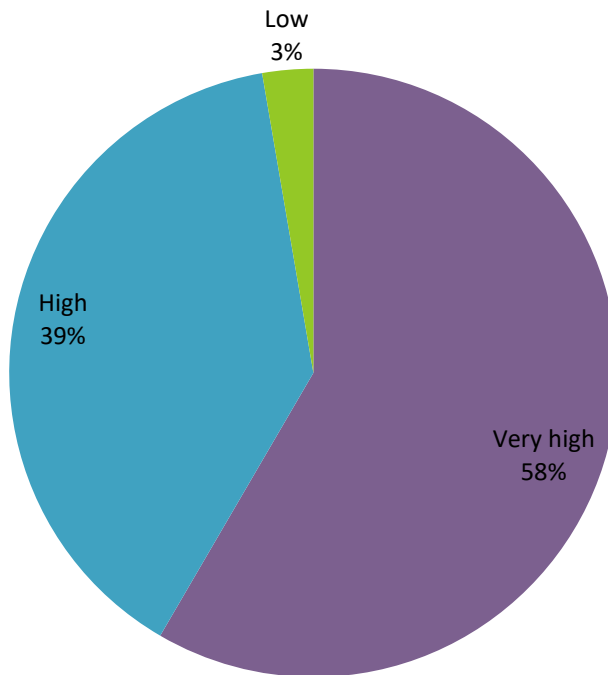
Value	Percent	Count
Very high	58.4%	66
High	38.9%	44
Low	2.7%	3
	Totals	113

17. The thematic focus of the specific objective is clear.

I totally disagree
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I tend to agree
52%

I totally agree
38%

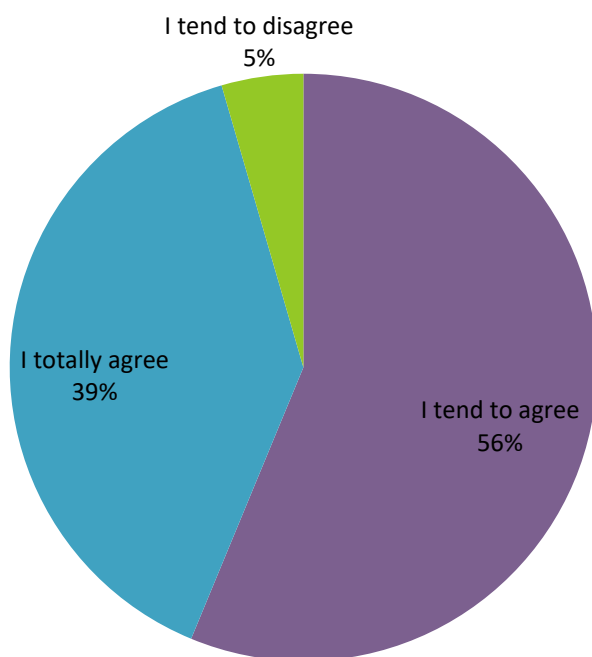| Value	Percent	Count
I tend to agree	52.2%	59
I totally agree	38.1%	43
I tend to disagree	8.8%	10
I totally disagree	0.9%	1
	Totals	113

18. Which are the most relevant types of action that the Interreg Alpine Space programme 2021-2027 should support? Please select up to 3 of those you deem most relevant.

Value	Percent	Count
Implementing pilot projects that support Green and Blue infrastructure-networks ("TEN-G"), Nature Based Solutions (NBS) and innovative planning methodologies in order to strengthen Alpine biodiversity and ecosystem services, taking into account their contribution towards the social, cultural and economic systems (e.g. "One-health-approach"; integrated and sustainable approaches of system integration and valuation).	61.6%	69
Developing transnational solutions and implementing pilot projects on sustainable land use management, climate-friendly settlement development, soil protection and the sustainable valorisation of natural and cultural heritage, including cultural landscapes.	56.3%	63
Supporting transnational cooperation, knowledge-exchange and reinforced research on the concrete impacts of climate change on Alpine biodiversity as well as the impacts of mitigation and adaptation measures for different types of territories, as well as in and for urban regions (e.g. to fight urban heat islands,...).	44.6%	50
Developing strategies and solutions to cope with the impacts of energy management, hydro power, and energy grids on ecosystems and biodiversity.	30.4%	34
Supporting measures of communication and awareness raising among different political levels and citizens concerning the valorisation of ecosystem services as well as Green and Blue infrastructure strategies across borders and their integration into regional and local planning.	29.5%	33
Developing methodologies and tools on transnational biodiversity management and GBI-infrastructure that foster digitalization and new information systems, specifically in the field of data harmonization and data accessibility.	26.8%	30
Elaborating policy frameworks and strategies to deal with wilderness areas and macro-regional scale ecological connectivity priority areas in an integrated approach as well as tools to manage these areas and to valorise them in the context of sustainable tourism.	23.2%	26

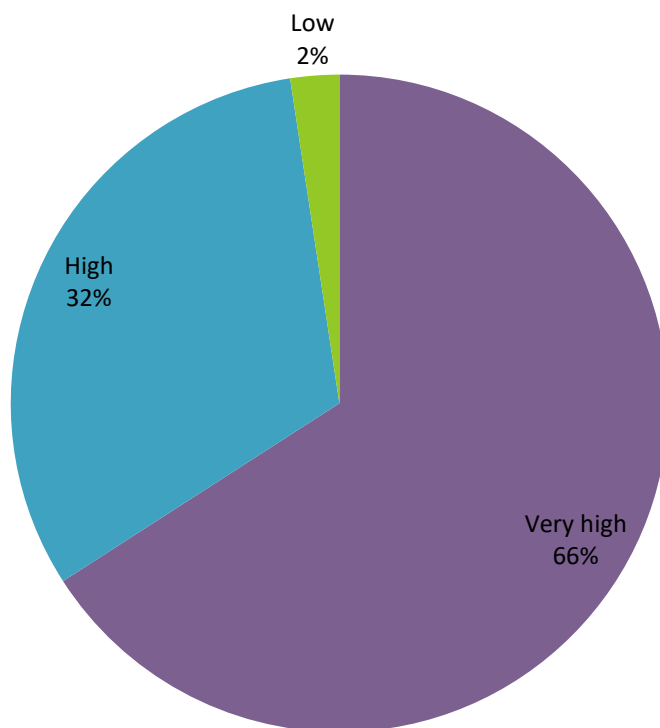**19. The proposed indicative actions are clear and they provide the ground for appropriate project proposals**.

Value	Percent	Count
I tend to agree	56.3%	63
I totally agree	39.3%	44
I tend to disagree	4.5%	5
	Totals	112

SO 2.1: Promoting energy efficiency measures

20. I rate the relevance of this specific objective for the next seven years as:

Value	Percent	Count
Very high	65.9%	54
High	31.7%	26
Low	2.4%	2
	Totals	82

21. The thematic focus of this specific objective is clear.
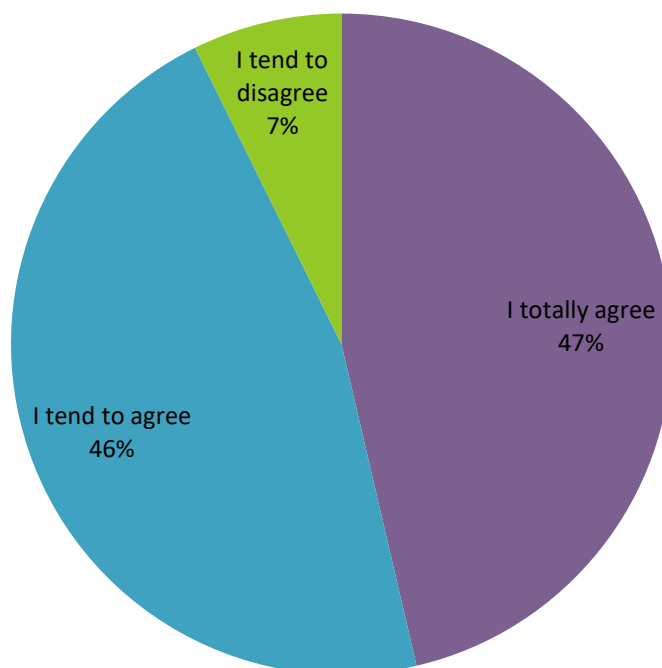
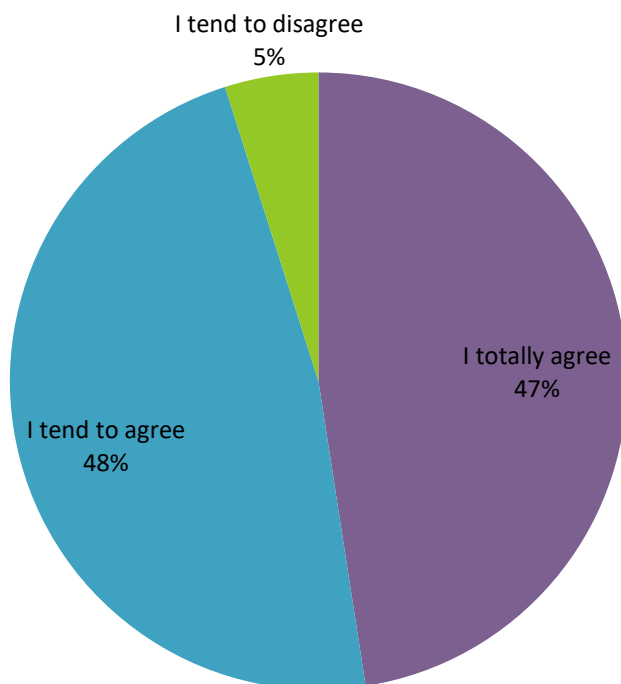| Value	Percent	Count
I totally agree	46.3%	38
I tend to agree	46.3%	38
I tend to disagree	7.3%	6
	Totals	82

22. Which are the most relevant types of action that the Interreg Alpine Space programme 2021-2027 should support? Please select up to 3 of those you deem most relevant.

Value	Percent	Count
Supporting innovative solutions as well as concrete pilot actions that foster sufficiency-oriented-post-carbon lifestyles as well as cross-sectorial approaches for different types of territories, e.g. in the planning/ building/ housing/ residential/ tourism /mobility & transport/ energy sector(s) that take into account the sustainable implementation of new energy-resources (e.g. GNV, hydrogen, bio GNV, electric mobility).	81.7%	67
Improving skills and competences for policy makers, stakeholders at different policy levels as well as energy communities to support the transition from efficiency to sufficiency and post-carbon oriented approaches, e.g. in the planning/ building/ housing/ residential/ tourism/ mobility & transport/ energy sector(s) also taking into account renewable energy sources.	46.3%	38
Supporting the exchange of knowledge, good practices and R&D activities focusing on the transition from energy efficiency to sufficiency oriented approaches and to support the transition towards a post carbon economy and society in the Alpine region considering Multi-Energy-System-Integration and the sustainable use of renewables.	42.7%	35
Developing cooperative and sustainable solutions to improve energy poverty policies concerning adequate and healthy heating, cooling, lighting and energy-to-power-appliances to enhance social inclusion, social innovation and encourage common policies for the Alpine region.	40.2%	33
Supporting knowledge transfer as well as communication measures in order to raise awareness among different policy levels and the citizens/consumers using approaches like behaviour economics and political framing in order to foster the paradigm shift towards sufficiency- and post-carbon approaches.	40.2%	33
Fostering integrated energy data collection, accounting, energy-management solutions and standard systems with a focus on transnationally connecting existing networks and solutions.	25.6%	21

23. The proposed indicative actions are clear and they provide the ground for appropriate project proposals.
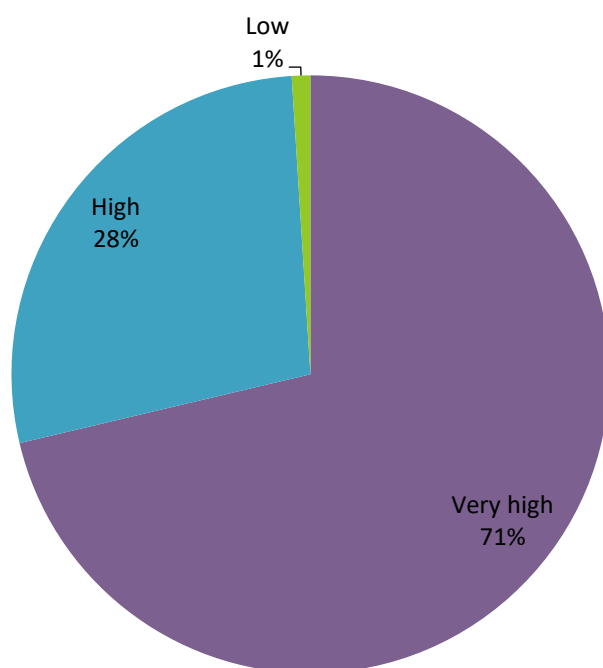

Value	Percent	Count
I totally agree	47.6%	39
I tend to agree	47.6%	39
I tend to disagree	4.9%	4
	Totals	82

SO 2.2: Promoting the transition to a circular economy

24. I rate the relevance of this specific objective for the next seven years as:

Value	Percent	Count
Very high	71.3%	72
High	27.7%	28
Low	1.0%	1
	Totals	101

25. The thematic focus of this specific objective is clear.
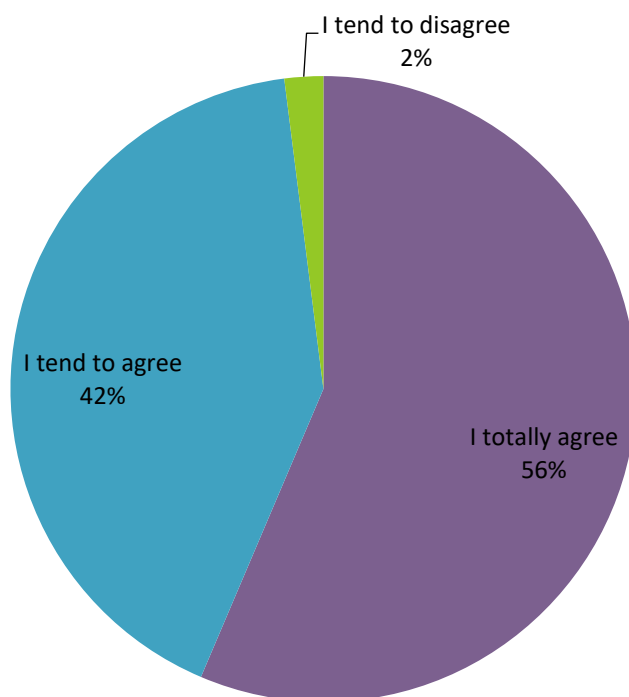
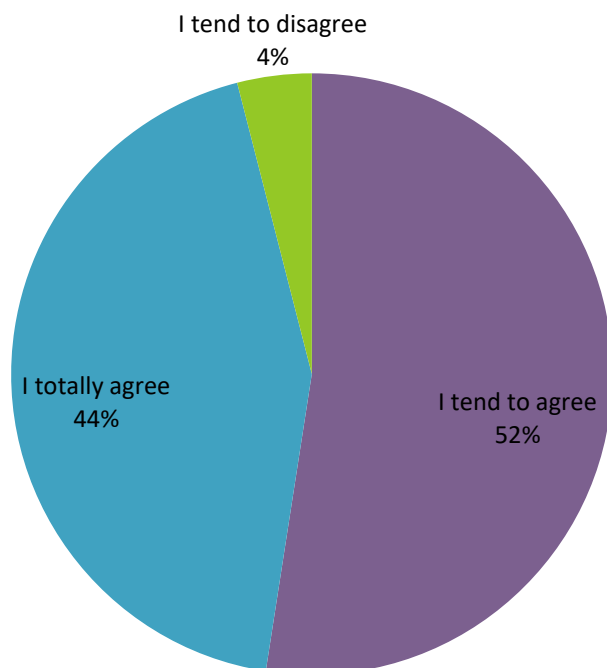| Value	Percent	Count
I totally agree	56.4%	57
I tend to agree	41.6%	42
I tend to disagree	2.0%	2
	Totals	101

26. Which are the most relevant types of action that the Interreg Alpine Space programme 2021-2027 should support? Please select up to 3 of those you deem most relevant.

Value	Percent	Count
Setting-up circular/green/ bio-economy-solutions to facilitate the development and implementation of circular and green economy-approaches among different actors with a focus on the Alpine key resources and key sectors above mentioned and implement innovative (pilot)projects.	65.3%	66
Exchanging good practices and implementing pilot projects supporting inter-regional circular economy approaches that promote bio-economy ,the use of indigenous biological and regional products and that support waste reduction specifically in the above mentioned key sectors (including e.g. refurbishment activities, enhancing supply chains, …).	59.4%	60
Developing and implementing "transnational value chains"-concepts based on regional assets and resources, competences and needs referring to the EU-key-concept of "strategic value chains", supporting industrial and innovation stakeholders in the Alpine region.	43.6%	44
Improving skills and competences of stakeholders at all policy levels and in the relevant business sectors to pave the way towards the implementation of circular, green economy- as well as bio-economy approaches including the set-up of indicators and monitoring systems.	41.6%	42
Supporting the development of clusters specialized in circular and green economy-approaches as well as circular bio-economy fostering research, innovation, implementation and cooperation particularly in the in the above mentioned key sectors.	39.6%	40
Supporting measures of communication, capacity building and awareness raising for stakeholders at different policy and implementation levels (e.g. including SMEs etc.)as well as citizens/consumers using approaches like behaviour economics and political framing concerning the concept of "circular economy", "green economy" as well as "bio-economy" to support a better understanding for the needed transformation processes.	37.6%	38

**27. The proposed indicative actions are clear and they provide the ground for appropriate project proposals**

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Value	Percent	Count
I tend to agree	52.5%	53
I totally agree	43.6%	44
I tend to disagree	4.0%	4
	Totals	101

SO 3.1: Enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies
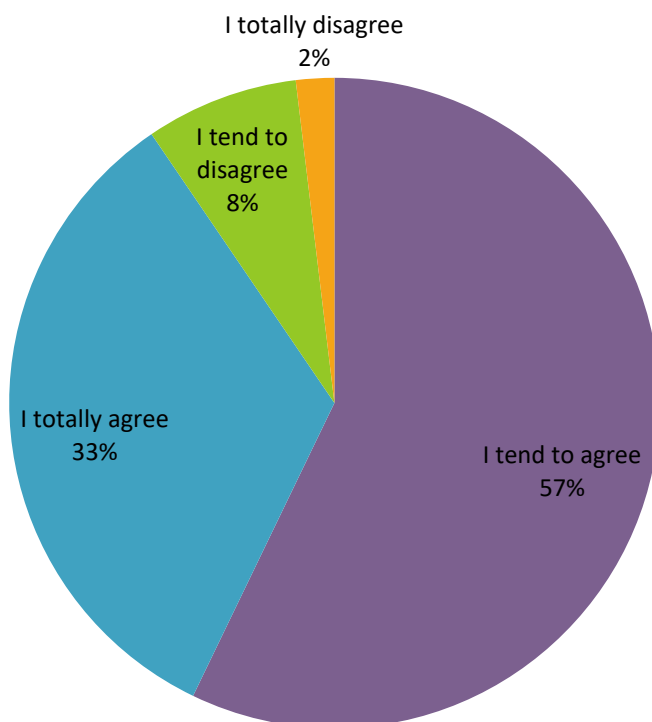
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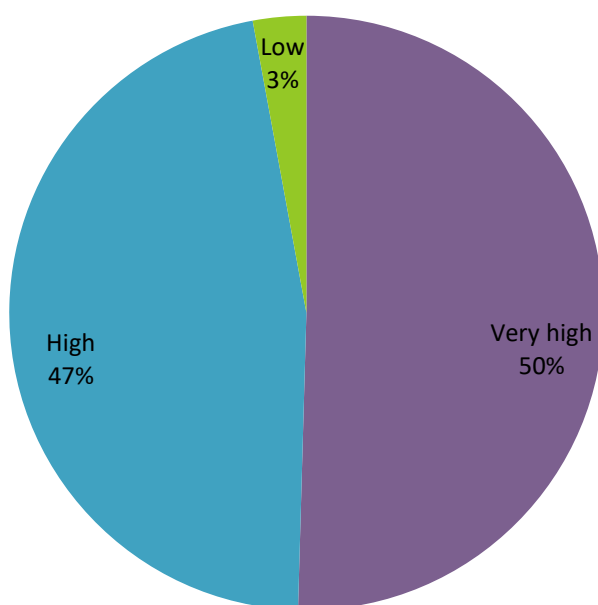
Value	Percent	Count
Very high	50.5%	53
High	46.7%	49
Low	2.9%	3
	Totals	105

29. The thematic focus of this specific objective is clear.

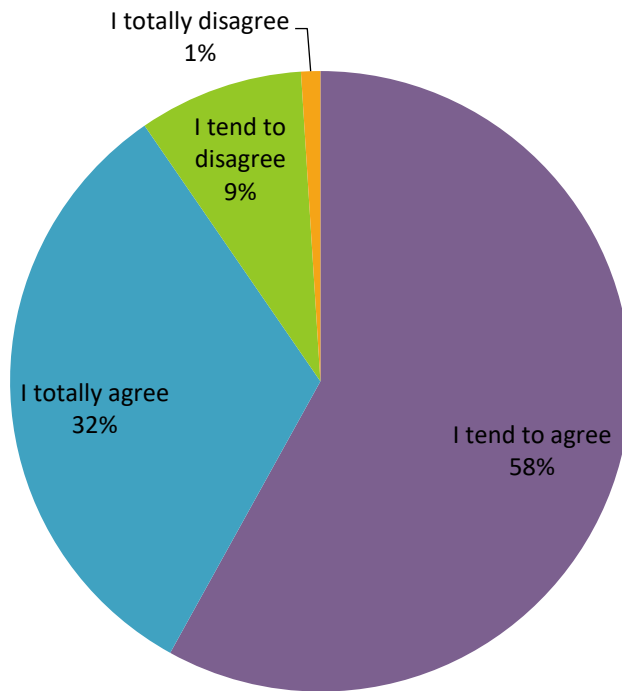| Value	Percent	Count
I tend to agree	57.1%	60
I totally agree	33.3%	35
I tend to disagree	7.6%	8
I totally disagree	1.9%	2
	Totals	105

30. Which are the most relevant types of action that the Interreg Alpine Space programme 2021-2027 should support? Please select up to 3 of those you deem most relevant.

Value	Percent
Developing or supporting common strategies, actions plans and other solutions (e.g. policy instruments and management tools) as well as pilot projects or activities to support innovation and uptake of advanced technologies considering involvement of policy-level and open and inclusive culture, and place particular focus on thematic foci such as Priorities 1 and 2, SGI, health and medicine, and sustainable tourism that can be addressed through social innovation. For example: • Shaping an innovation ecosystem that builds on the natural resources of the area, and supporting the development of new sustainable value chains (or better integration of existing ones) with involvement of all relevant actors, including individuals and social stakeholders, promoting and exploring solutions for eco-innovation and green economy as a trigger for regional development; • Addressing innovation gaps in non-urban areas, reinforcing urban-rural linkages in the field of innovation, support access of rural businesses to the urban innovation support services and diffusion of innovation support services; • Supporting clusters and innovation hubs cooperation in different territories, focusing particularly on urban-rural links; • Supporting innovation models which better address topics of highest relevance in the Alpine region and involve greening practices; ideas for "greening" of transnational innovation activities and entrepreneurship in all sectors, processes and ecosystems in the Alpine region, solutions for identifying and mitigating adverse environmental impacts; • Promoting and exploring application of social innovation to SGIs, health and medical innovations, sustainable tourism with particular consideration of bottom-up and open and inclusive approaches such as co-creation and living labs.	88.6%
Implementing networking activities, networking tools, advisory services and exchange platforms to support the innovation potential in areas of highest relevance in the Alpine region.	56.2%
Supporting the coordination between innovation activities and policies and other policy domains of highest relevance in the Alpine region P1 and P2 as well as other topics of particular relevance.	45.7%
Develop common data collection, indicators and monitoring systems harmonized across borders, ensure the update and sustainability of data collection and monitoring systems.	42.9%

**31. The proposed indicative actions are clear and they provide the ground for appropriate project proposals.**

Value	Percent	Count
I tend to agree	58.1%	61
I totally agree	32.4%	34
I tend to disagree	8.6%	9
I totally disagree	1.0%	1
	Totals	105

SO 3.2: Reaping the benefits of digitisation for citizens, companies and governments

32. I rate the relevance of this specific objective for the next seven years as:
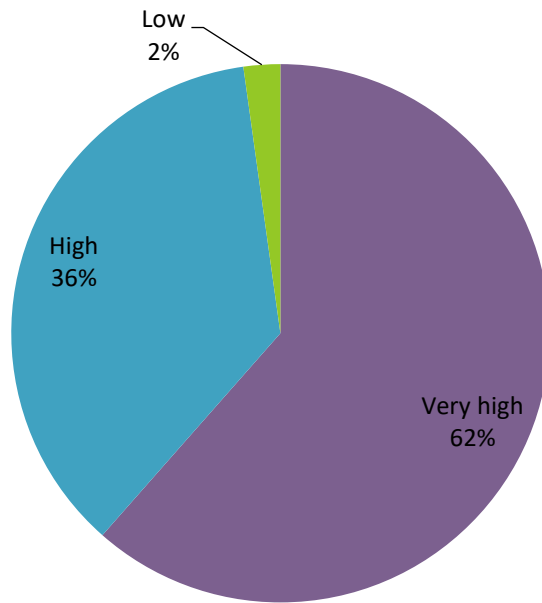
Value	Percent	Count
Very high	61.5%	56
High	36.3%	33
Low	2.2%	2
	Totals	91

33. The thematic focus of this specific objective is clear.
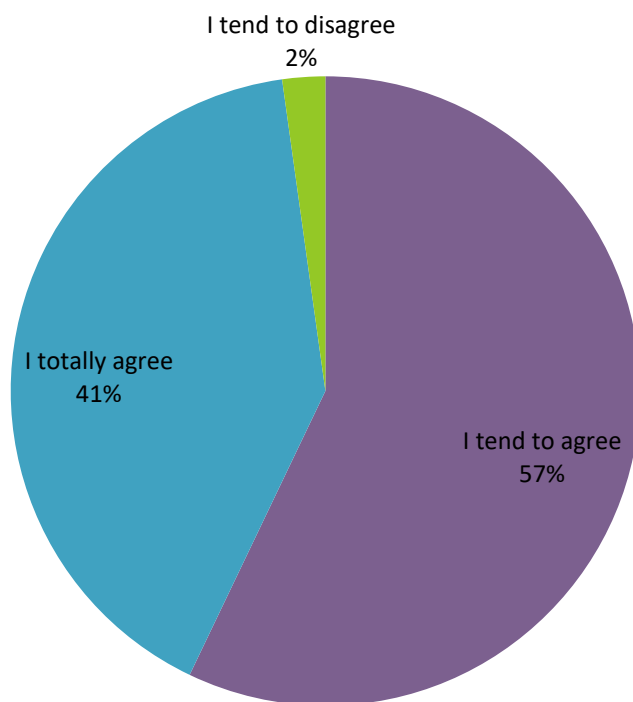
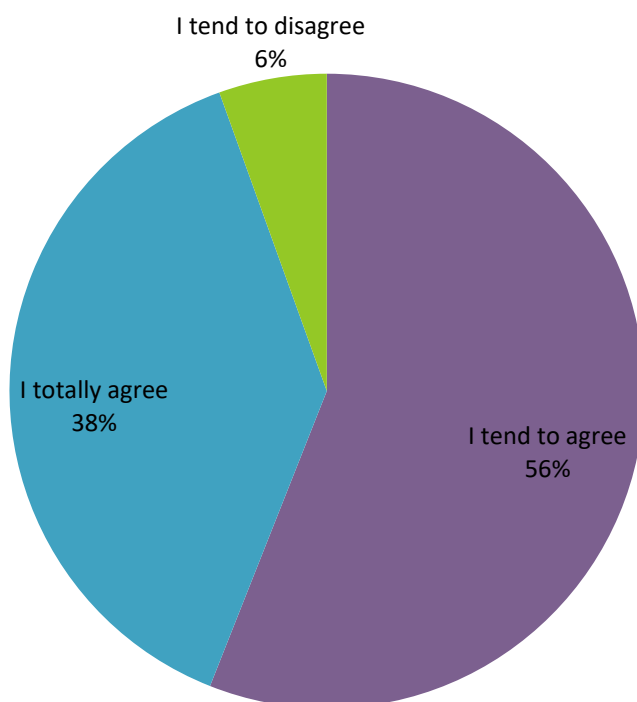| Value	Percent	Count
I tend to agree	57.1%	52
I totally agree	40.7%	37
I tend to disagree	2.2%	2
	Totals	91

34. Which are the most relevant types of action that the Interreg Alpine Space programme 2021-2027 should support? Please select up to 3 of those you deem most relevant.

Value	Percent
Developing or supporting pilot projects or activities as well as common strategies, actions plans and other solutions (e.g. policy instruments and management tools) to support reaping the benefits of digitalisation in different fields to bring about socially and environmentally sustainable change. For example: • Developing and testing solutions that better address the response to sustainable development efforts, and to contribute to solutions for climate resilience, resource sensitivity, green and carbon neutrality; • Developing and testing solutions to support flexible SGI provision in all types of areas and for all types of users with regards to e-health/smart health, e-government as well as telemedicine, to be applicable in general and not only in times of health crises; • Developing and testing solutions to support e-learning, new working structures (home-office and other forms of flexible working) in order to provide more attractive living possibilities in remote areas; • Developing and testing solutions to support business development opportunities, product and service development, strengthening of regional value chains and regional marketing; • Contributing to elaboration and implementation of Smart Villages and Smart Cities concepts; • Implementing pilot projects or other activities to accompany SMEs in their digital transformation, with the overarching aim to increase environmental sustainability (e.g. using digitalisation to showcase carbon positive integrated solutions that reduce their carbon footprint and increase competitiveness).	84.6%
Implement activities to facilitate networking activities, networking tools, advisory services and exchange platforms: • Setting up or supporting transnational network structures and platforms for sharing exchange of good practices and knowledge with regards to policy solutions supporting digitalisation; • Setting up or supporting Digital Innovation Hubs.	62.6%
Promoting integration of digitalisation as a transversal policy issue: supporting coordination between digitalisation activities and policies and other policy domains of highest relevance in the Alpine regions and in response to sustainable development efforts, demographic trends and increase in well-being, particularly focusing in the following policy issues • Developing and testing solutions and policies to mitigate digitalisation-related security risks such as cyber security, privacy, data-protection; • Developing and testing solutions and policies to closing the digital divide between regions (including explore synergies between rural and urban areas through digital solutions), as well as between more and less fluent users.	60.4%
Developing common data collection, indicators and monitoring systems harmonized across borders, ensure the update and sustainability of data collection and monitoring systems.	31.9%

35. The proposed indicative actions are clear and they provide the ground for appropriate project proposals

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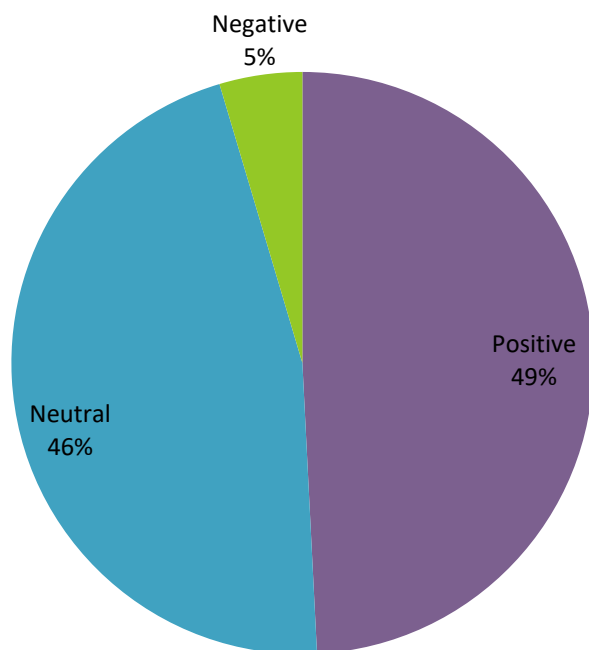| Value	Percent	Count
I tend to agree	56.0%	51
I totally agree	38.5%	35
I tend to disagree	5.5%	5
	Totals	91

36. Which of the following approaches do you consider most appropriate to bring the Interreg Alpine Space programme 2021-2027 closer to the citizens?

	Very high		High		Low		Very low	
	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count	Row %
Awareness raising measures (e.g. social media campaigns to foster waste recycling in communities or circular economy approaches in tourism)	69	35.0%	86	43.7%	35	17.8%	7	3.6%
Participatory approaches (e.g. workshops with local stakeholders when developing concepts for new digital services)	89	45.2%	85	43.1%	20	10.2%	3	1.5%
Pilot projects (e.g. in risk management to better make use of nature based solutions or to develop sufficiency-oriented approaches in the housing sector)	112	56.9%	67	34.0%	14	7.1%	4	2.0%
Integrating operational and policy stakeholders (e.g. involve social, sectoral and business support organisations in the development of e-health services or digital innovation hubs)	56	28.4%	101	51.3%	33	16.8%	7	3.6%
Integrating local stakeholders and citizens (e.g. involve local stakeholders and citizens in the development of concepts for reducing waste or implementing risk management measures)	85	43.1%	86	43.7%	25	12.7%	1	0.5%
Integrated territorial approaches (e.g. develop Green/Blue infrastructure networks that bring benefits to rural and urban areas, or foster territorially integrated value chains to reduce transport needs)	64	32.5%	95	48.2%	35	17.8%	3	1.5%

48. What is your opinion on the changes introduced in the further elaborated draft of the Interreg Alpine Space programme 2021-2027 since the online consultation of May/June 2020?
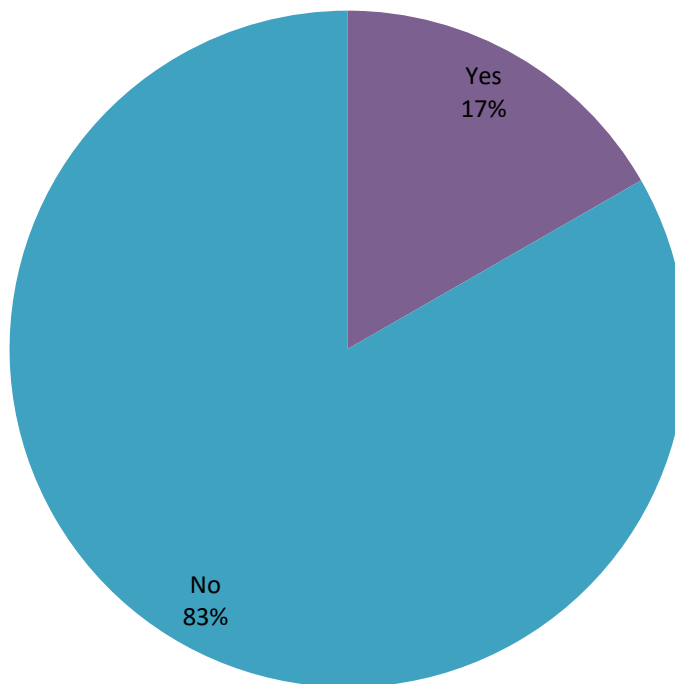

Value	Percent	Count
Positive	49.2%	32
Neutral	46.2%	30
Negative	4.6%	3
	Totals	65

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49. Would you suggest additional data sources and/or thematic aspects to be considered based on the state of the Alpine Space's environment and the likely future development without the programme?

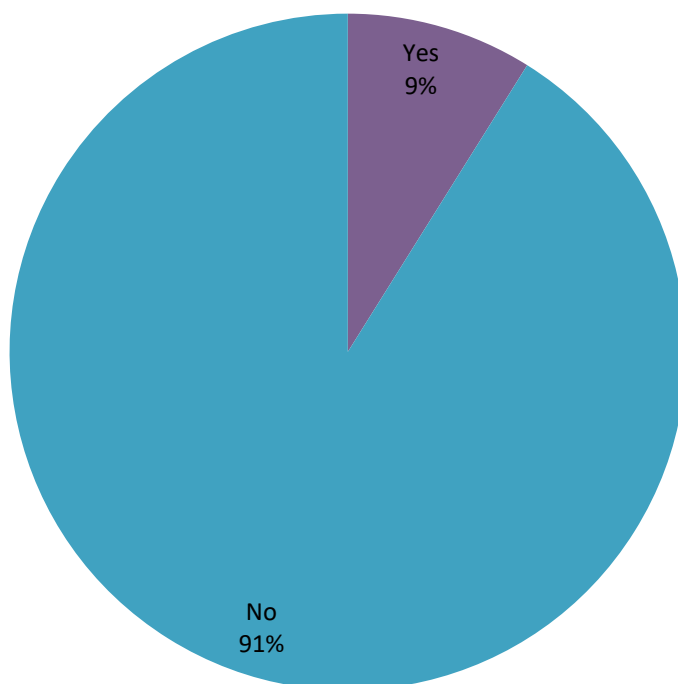| Value	Percent
Yes	16.7%
No	83.3%

51. Are there significant environmental impacts (positive or negative) not yet mentioned in the environmental report with relevance to the priorities and specific objectives subject to this SEA?
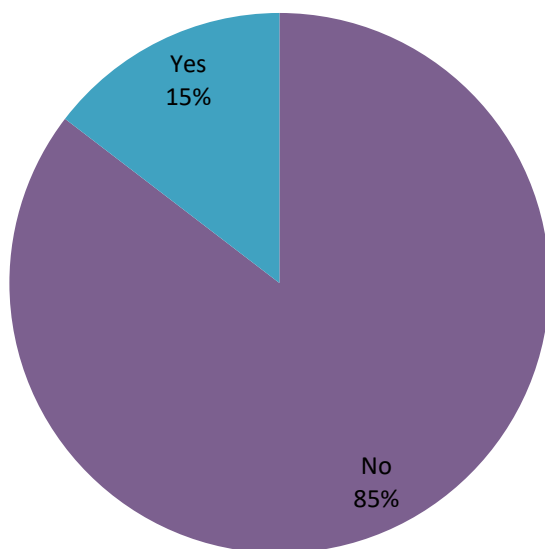
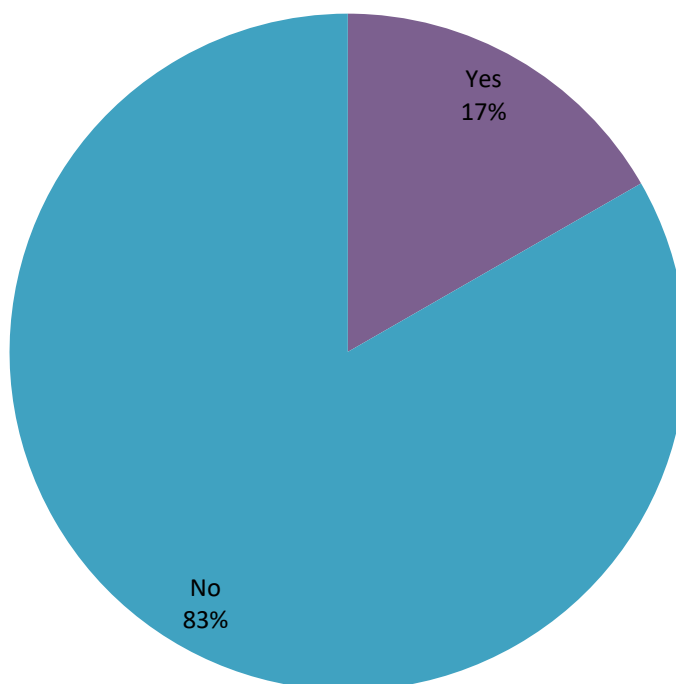| Value	Percent
Yes	14.6%
No	85.4%

53. Would you like to contribute alternative formulations or alternative wording/small-scale changes in thematic aspects regarding the actions of the programme with particular relevance for the environmental assessment?

Value	Percent
Yes	8.9%
No	91.1%

55. Do you see any cumulative effects (both positive and negative) with other funding programmes and/or major strategies for the programme territory relevant for environmental issues worth mentioning in the SEA report?

Value	Percent
Yes	16.7%
No	83.3%