

# SURVEY ON THE USE OF THE MAASTRICHT RECOMMENDATIONS

## Key outcomes



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# Total: 27 Parties



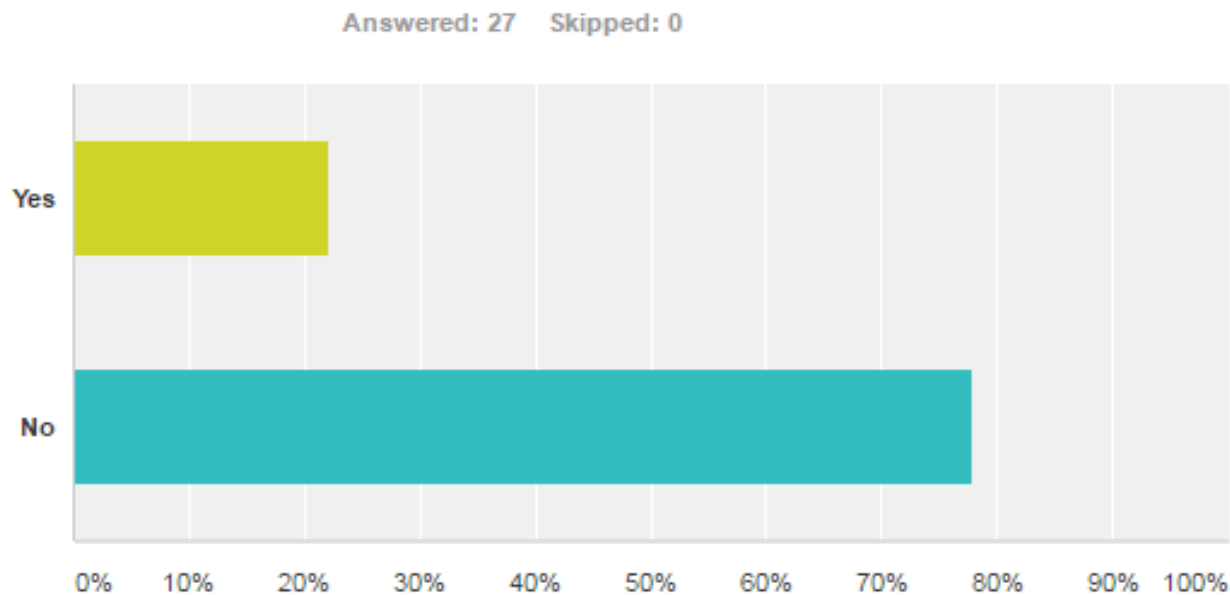
**First round (January-February 2016)**  
(25 Respondents):

Albania, Armenia, Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, European Union, France, Georgia, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Montenegro, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Ukraine,

**Second round (November-December 2016)**  
(9 Respondents):

Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Denmark, Georgia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland.

## Q2: Are the Recommendations translated into relevant national and local languages in your country?



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	22.22%	6
No	77.78%	21
Total		27

Option still  
not been  
considered

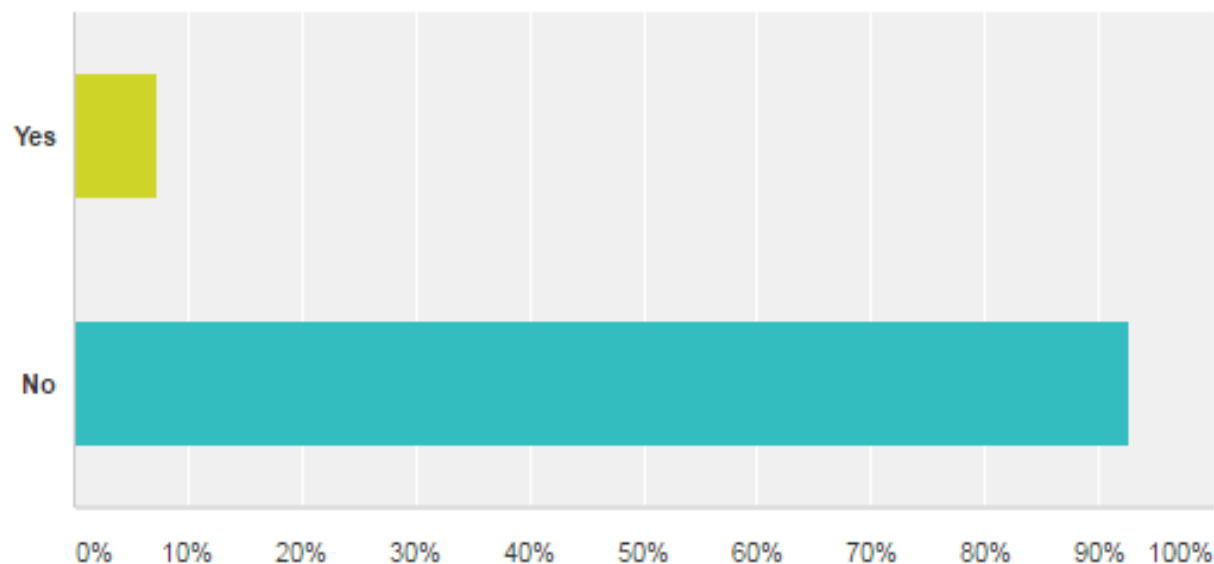
Budgetary  
constraints

**NO  
TRANSLATION**

English, French  
or Russian-either  
widely used and  
understood, or is  
national  
language(s).

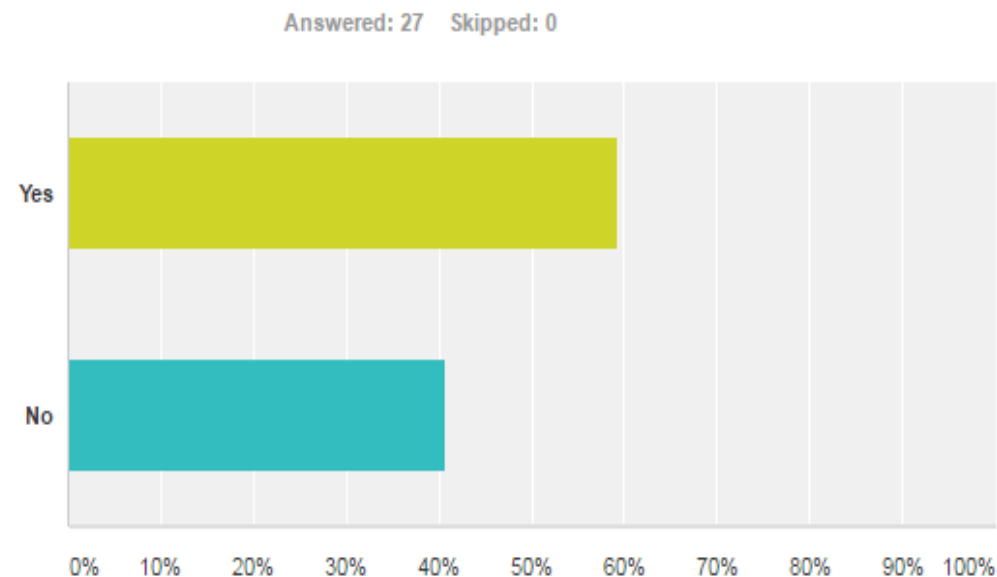
# Q7. Are there any references to the Recommendations in the national legislation in your country?

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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	7.41%	2
No	92.59%	25
Total	27	

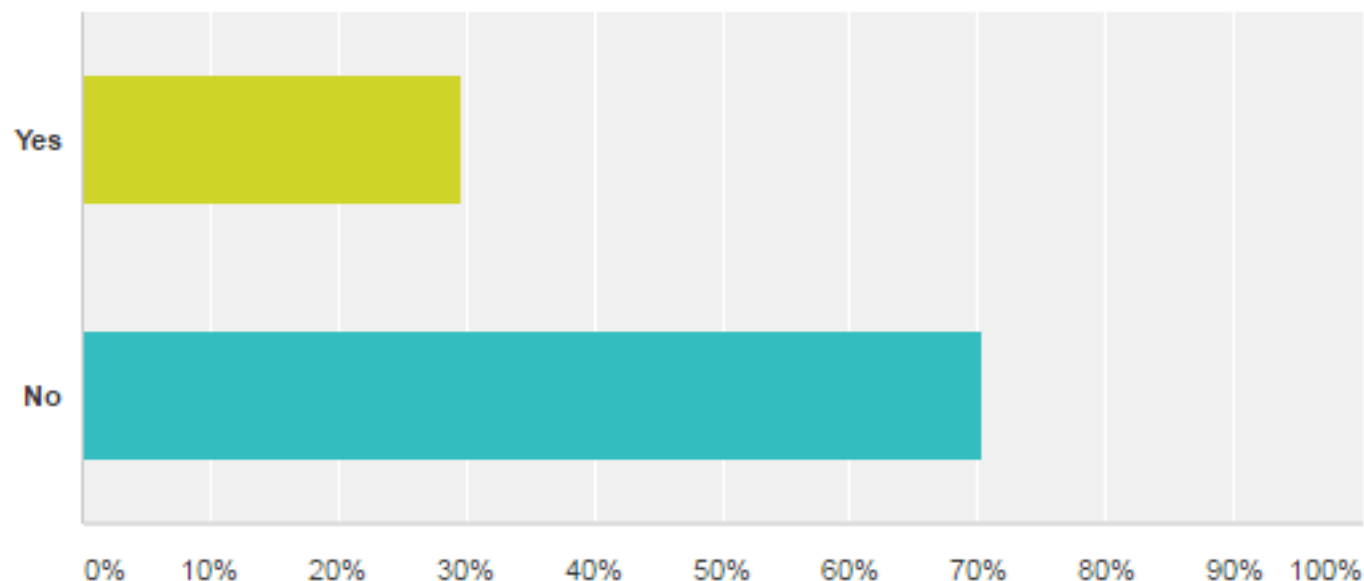
# Q 9. Are the Recommendations distributed to public officials in your country at national (ministerial) level?



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	59.26%	16
No	40.74%	11
Total	27	

# Q 11. Are the Recommendations distributed to public officials in your country at subnational (provincial) or local (municipality) levels:

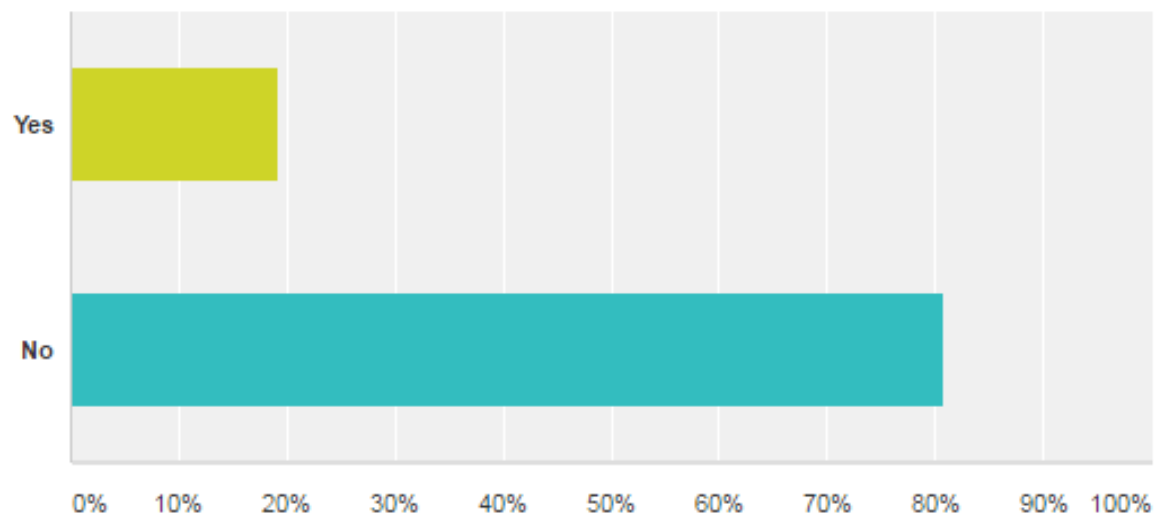
Answered: 27 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	29.63%	8
No	70.37%	19
Total	27	

# Q 13. Are trainings organized for public officials on the use of the Recommendations in your country at national (ministerial) level?

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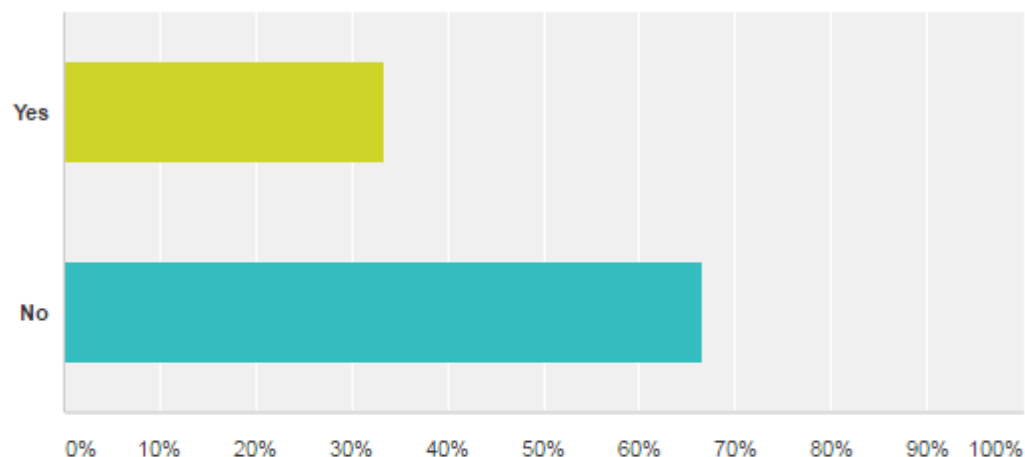


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	19.23%	5
No	80.77%	21
Total		26



# Q19. Are the Recommendations distributed to non-government organizations and private sector involved in decision-making on environmental matters in your country at national level?

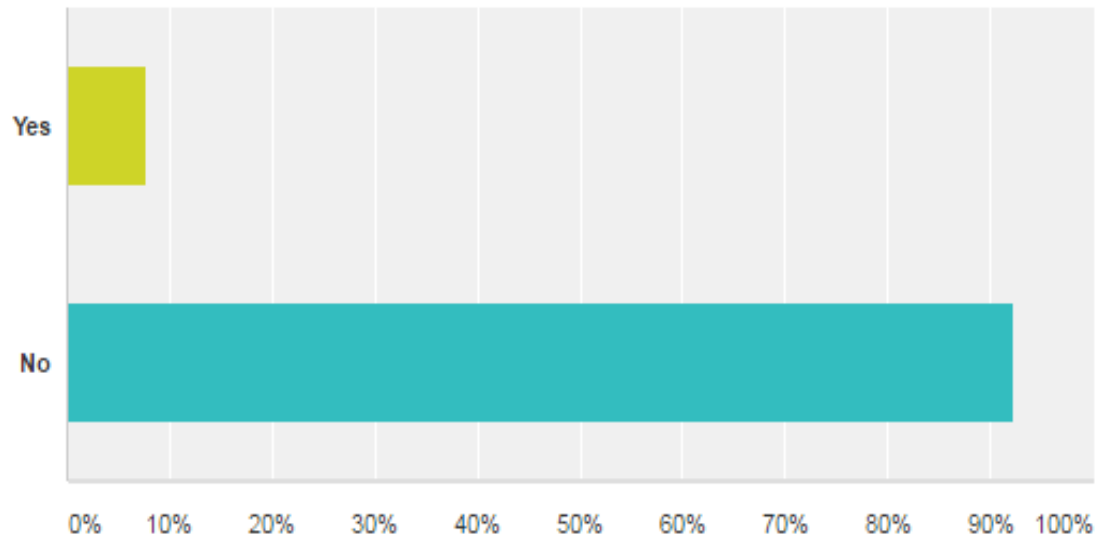
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	33.33%	9
No	66.67%	18
Total	27	

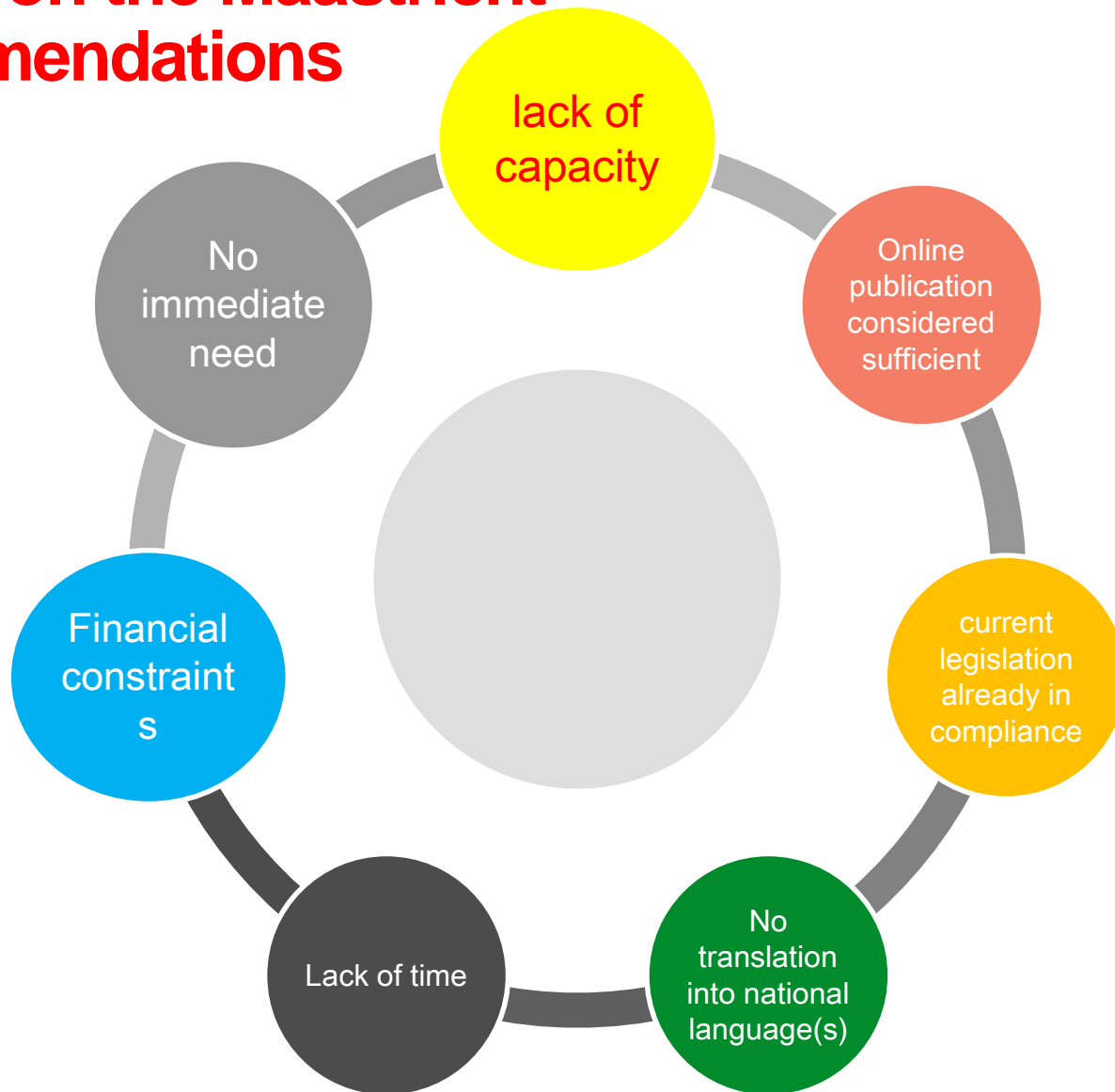
# Q23. Are trainings on the use of the Recommendations organized for the non- government organizations and the private sector in your country?

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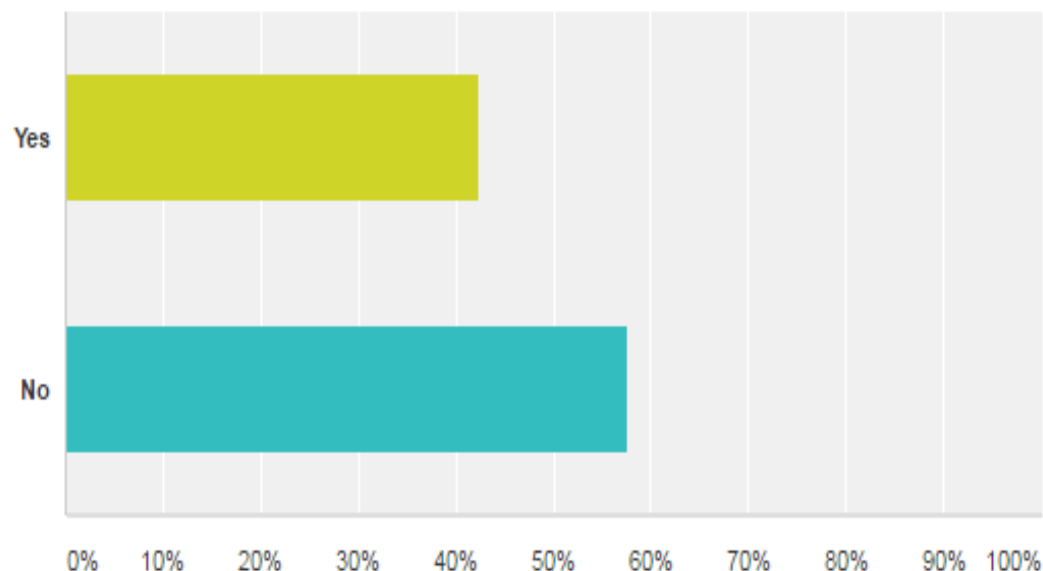
Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	7.69%	2
No	92.31%	24
Total	26	

# Reasons for non-distribution of / no training on the Maastricht Recommendations



## Q26. Do the public authorities use the Recommendations for procedures of public participation in environmental decision-making in your country at national level?

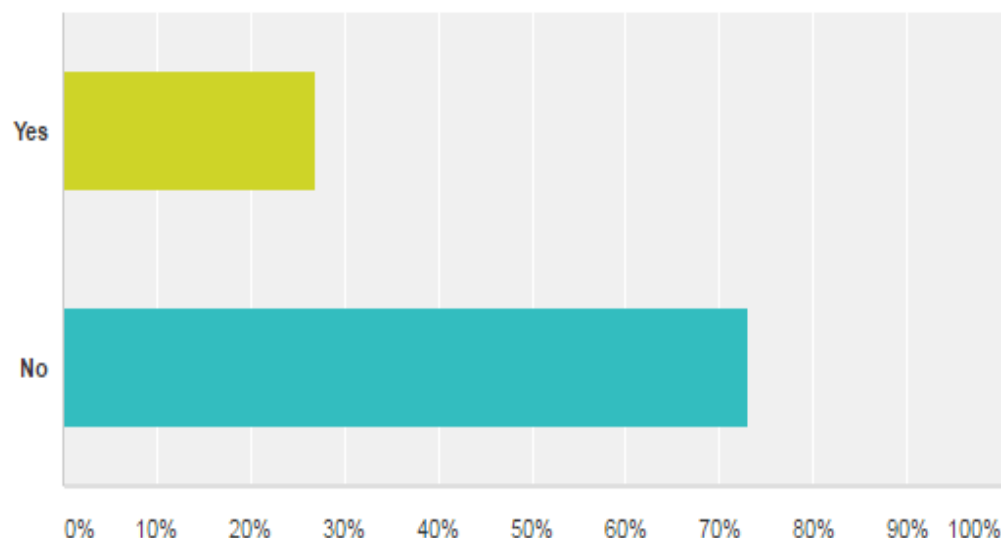
Answered: 26 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	42.31%	11
No	57.69%	15
Total		26

## Q29: Do the public authorities use the Recommendations for procedures of public participation in environmental decision-making in your country at subnational (provincial) or local (municipality) levels?

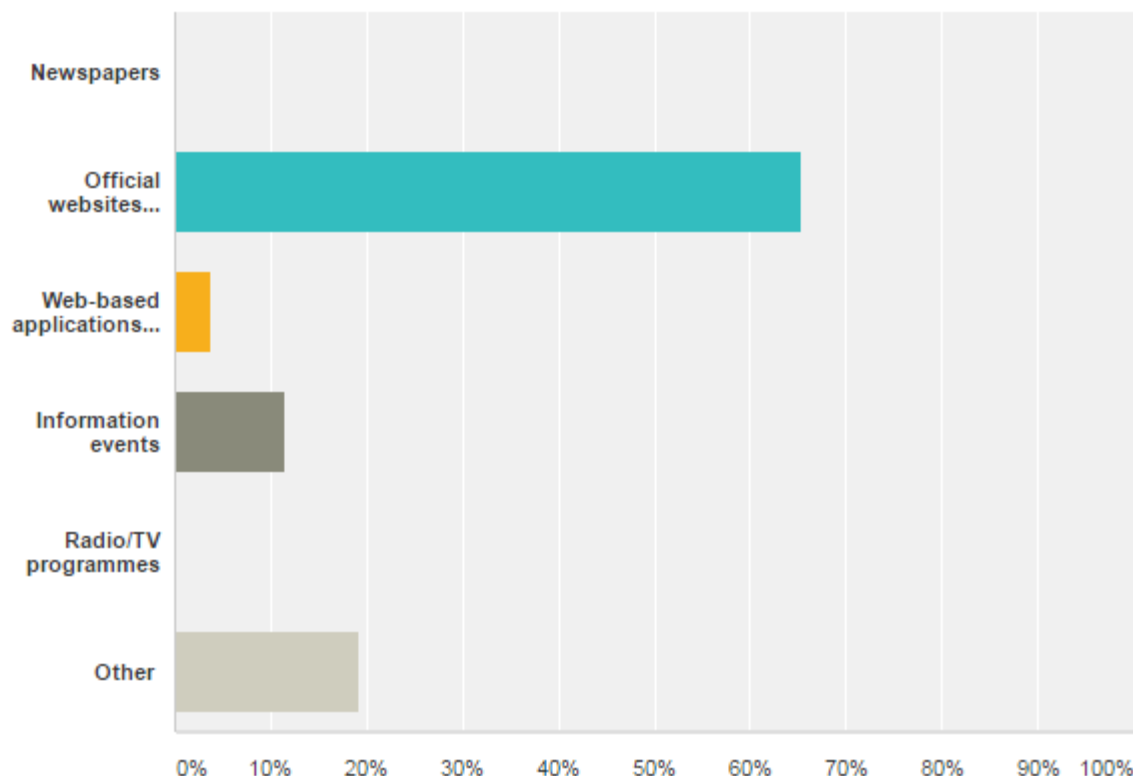
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	26.92%	7
No	73.08%	19
Total	26	

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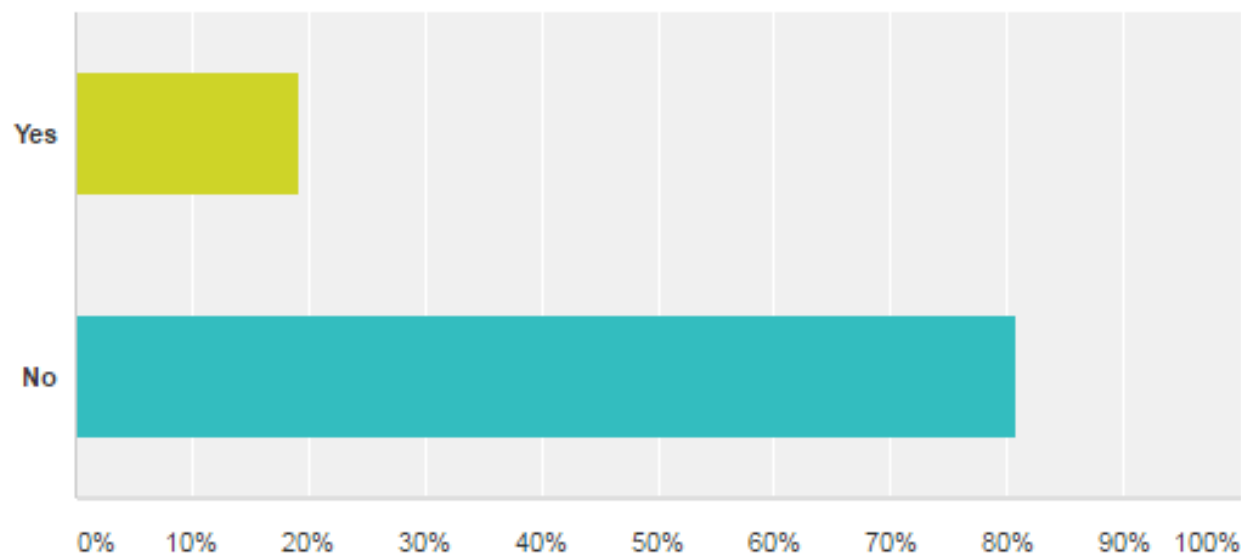
## Q32. How public authorities raise public awareness about the Recommendations in your country?



Answer Choices	Responses
Newspapers	0.00% 0
Official websites	65.38% 17
Web-based applications (e.g. online forums, social networks)	3.85% 1
Information events	11.54% 3
Radio/TV programmes	0.00% 0
Other	19.23% 5
Total	26

# **Q35. Are there any mechanisms for raising awareness about the Recommendations among public that is difficult to reach (e.g. vulnerable and/or marginalized groups) in your country?**

Answered: 26 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	19.23%	5
No	80.77%	21
Total	26	

Public Hearings (Albania)

Guidance Material (Austria)

Wide distribution (Bulgaria)

Trainings (Montenegro)

Website/Online information (Austria, Portugal)



# Thank you



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