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PHC MAIMONIDE

Update of the scientific impact of the programme (2005-2021)

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GENERAL PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME

Creation : 2002

Maximum number of selected projects per year : 6

Duration of the projects : 2 years

Maximum annual budget per country: 480 K€

From 2010-2022:

287 applications submitted

79 projects funded

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DATA SOURCES

Campus France

- Information about the PHC Maimonide programme applications (2010-2022 period)
- List of mobilities (2012-2022 period)

Survey *(conducted by the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research and the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs)*

- Target : Principal Investigators of selected projects between 2005 and 2021
- Survey 1 duration : **March and April 2016** (2005-2014 period)
- Survey 2 duration : **June and July 2023** (2015-2021 period)
- **39%** mean response ratio *(50 respondents for 127 funded projects)*

Survey content :

- General information
- Scientific production
- Involvement of young researchers
- Post project
- General opinion on the programme

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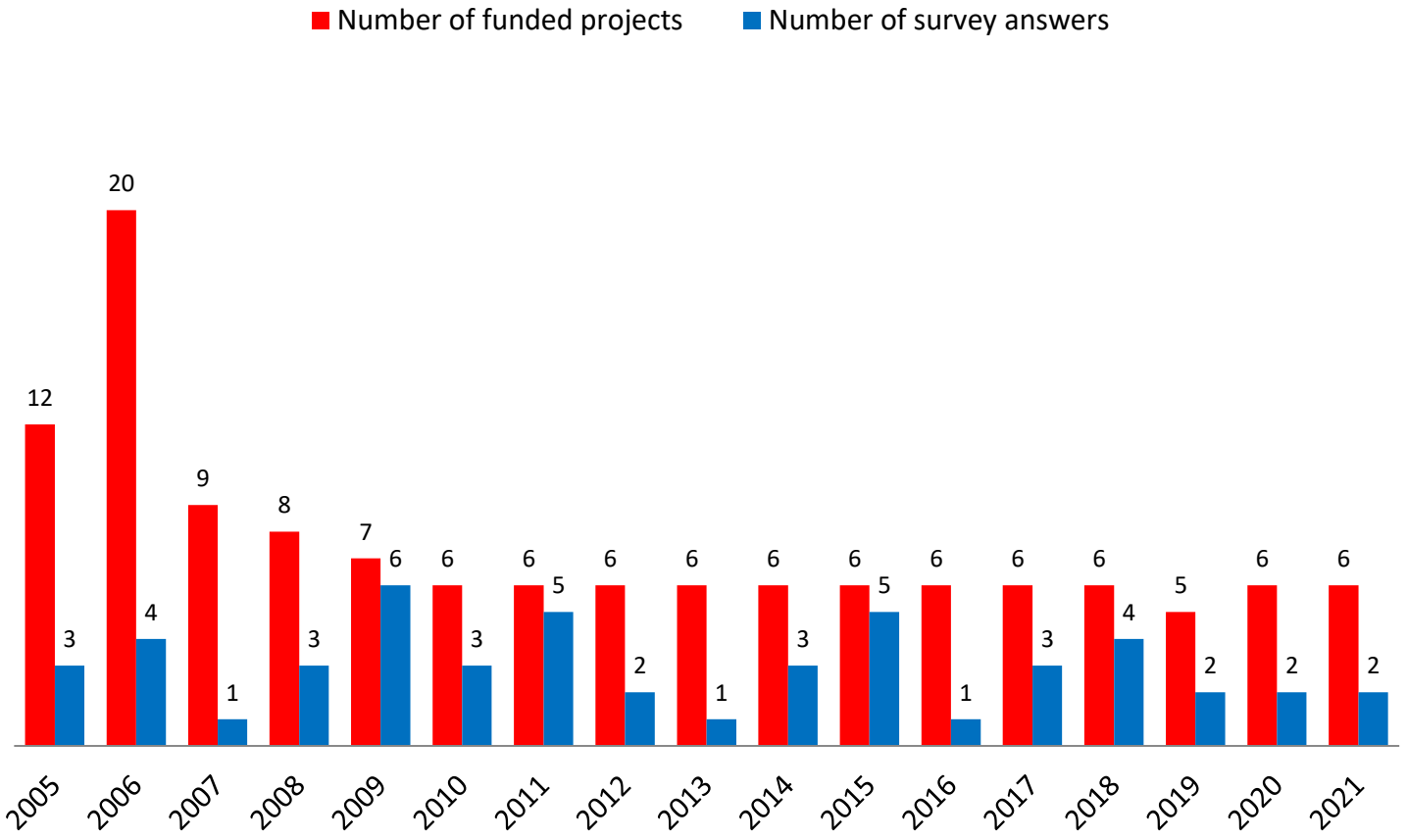
ANSWERS TO THE SURVEYS

Average response rate to the surveys : 39 % (50 answers)



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2005-2021
KEY POINTS

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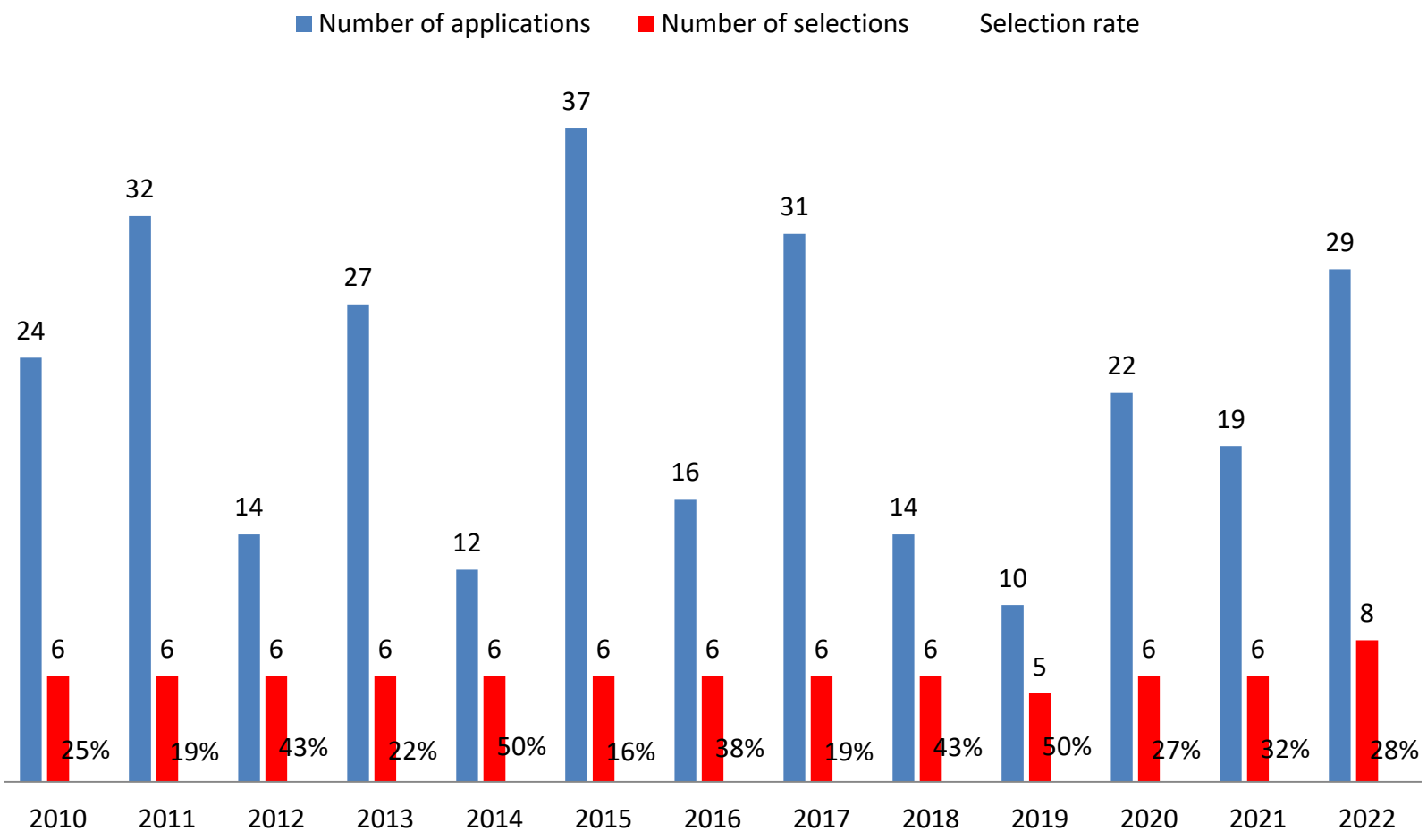
SUCCESS RATE

Average selection rate from 2010-2022: 28 %



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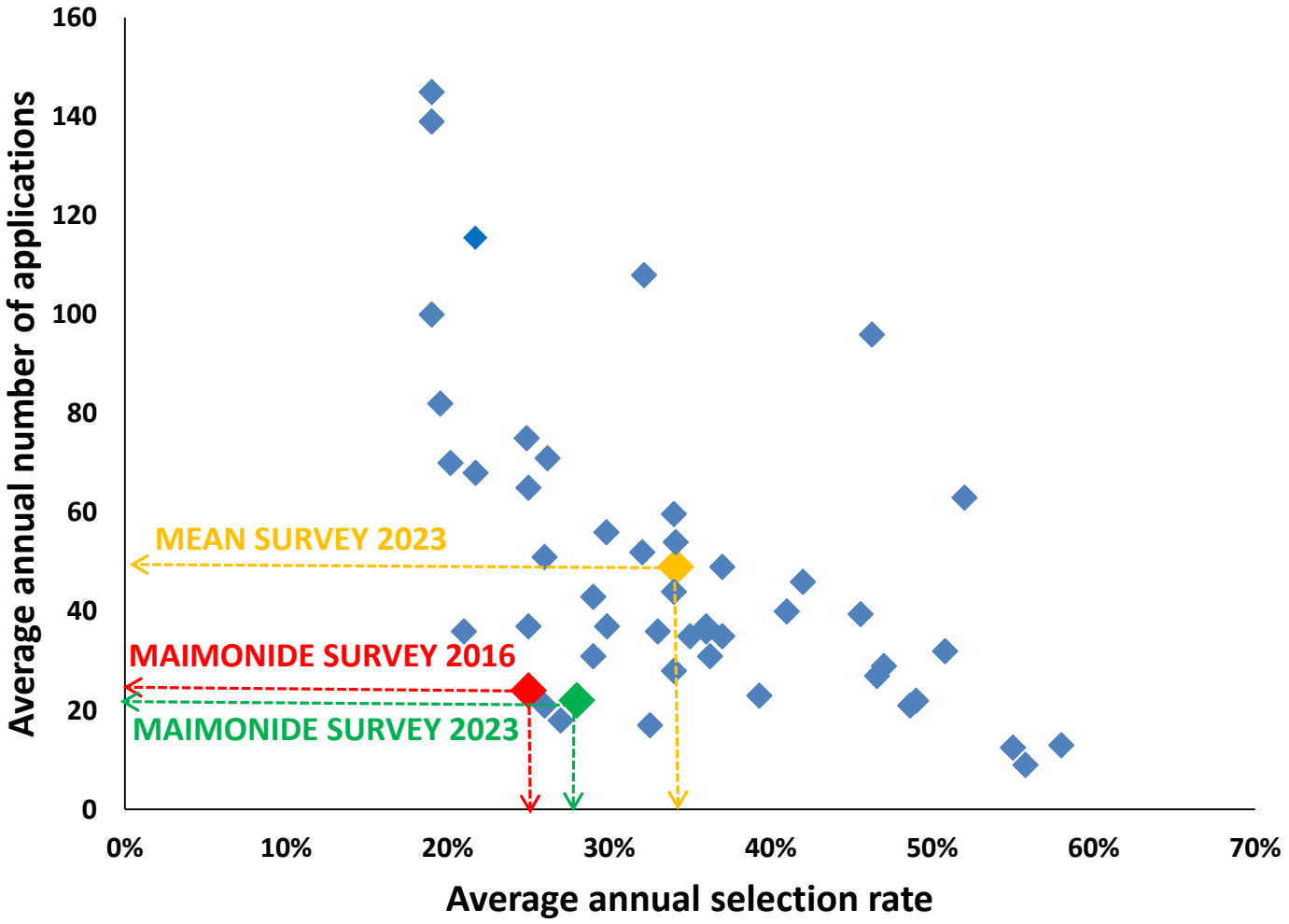
NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS VS SELECTION RATE



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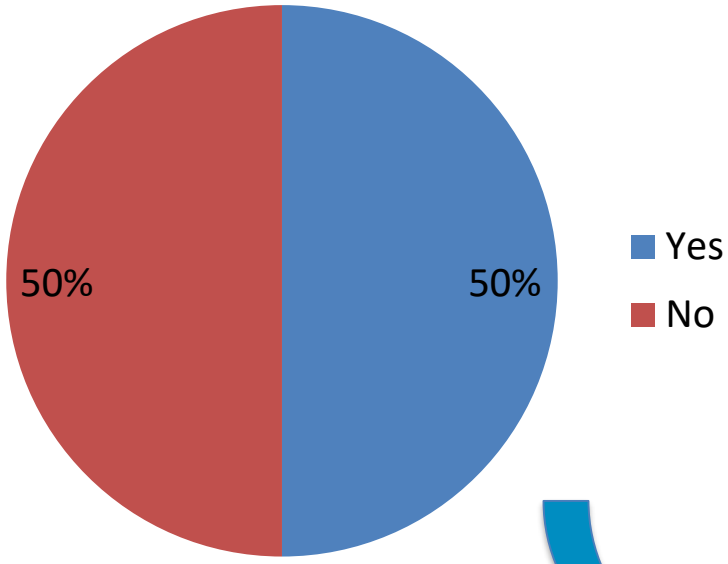
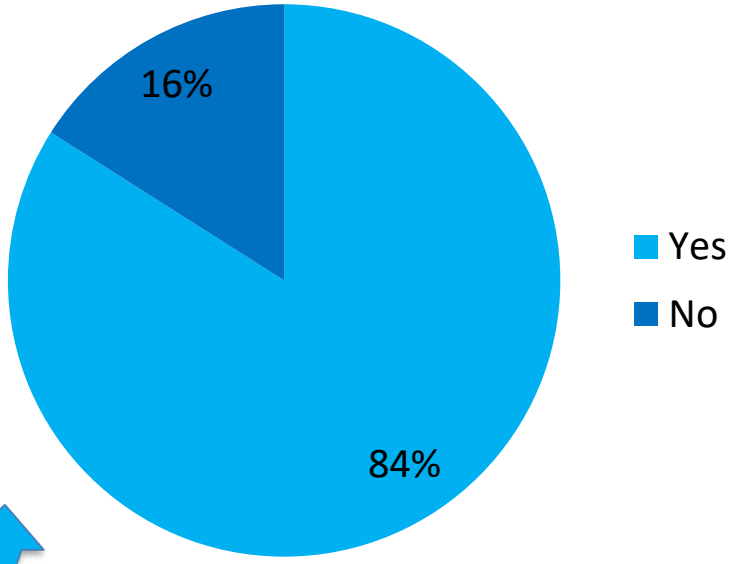
BEFORE THE PHC MAIMONIDE PROJECT (1/2)

Did you already cooperate with Israel in the past ?



Data from 50 responses

If yes, was it with the same partner?



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BEFORE THE PHC MAIMONIDE PROJECT (2/2)

With which scientific collaboration program ?	
European project	40%
Programme MAIMONIDE	10%
INRIA Associated Team	10%
CNRS International Research Project	10%
CNRS International Research Laboratory	10%
Other	20%

Data from 10 responses

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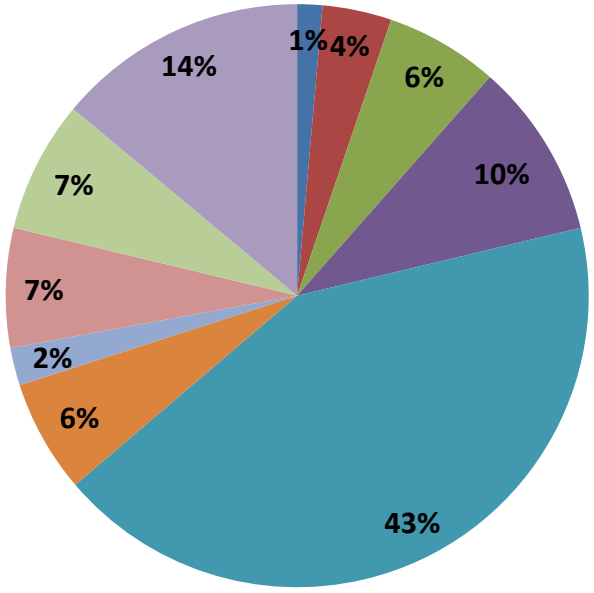
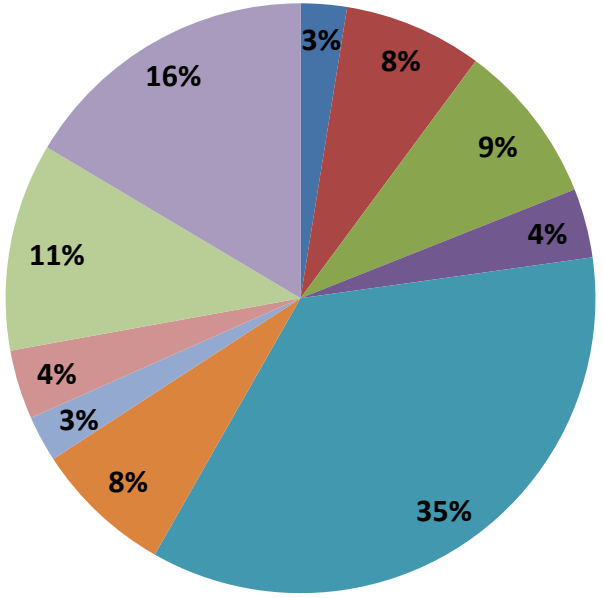
SCIENTIFIC DOMAINS OF PROJECTS

Number of applications : 287



Number of funded projects : 79



- Mathematics
- Physics
- Marine/Earth/Planet Sciences
- Chemistry
- Biology and Health
- Humanities
- Social Sciences
- Engineering Sciences
- Information Technology
- Agronomy/Ecology

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REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF SELECTED PROJECTS

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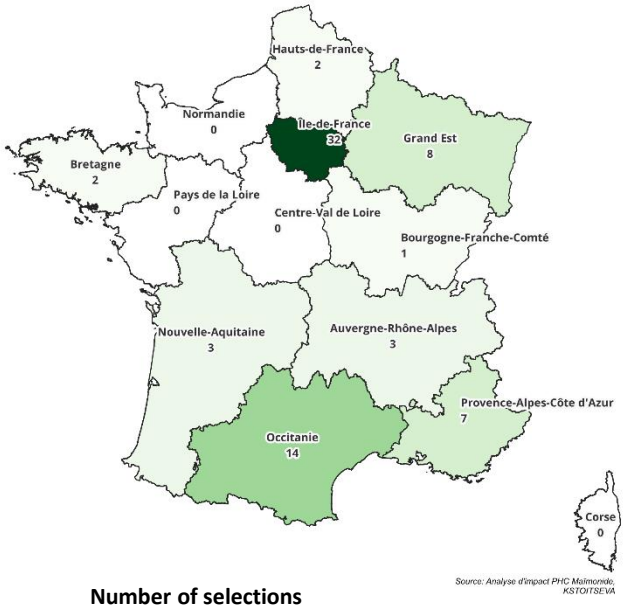
Regional numbers of applications and selections
2010-2022

Number of applications (all domains)



Number of selections (all domains)

The region Ile de France is the main contributor both for applications and selections

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REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF SELECTED PROJECTS

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Regional percentages of applications and selections
2010-2022

% of applications
(all domains)

% of selections
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SCIENTIFIC DOMAINS : REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION

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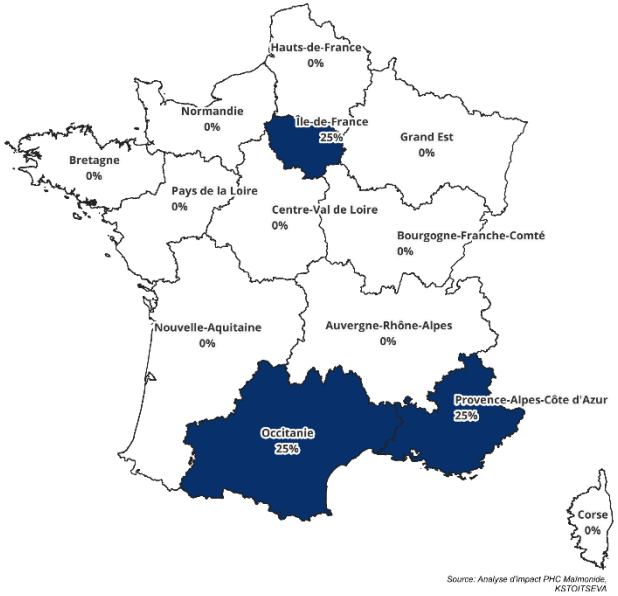
Regional percentages of applications and selections
***Mathematics* 2010-2022**



% of applications (DS1)

% of selections (DS1)

Occitanie and Guadeloupe (not shown) share 50% of selections each

% OF REGIONAL APPLICATIONS/SELECTIONS FOR EACH SCIENTIFIC DOMAIN AS COMPARED TO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS/SELECTIONS IN THE SCIENTIFIC DOMAIN

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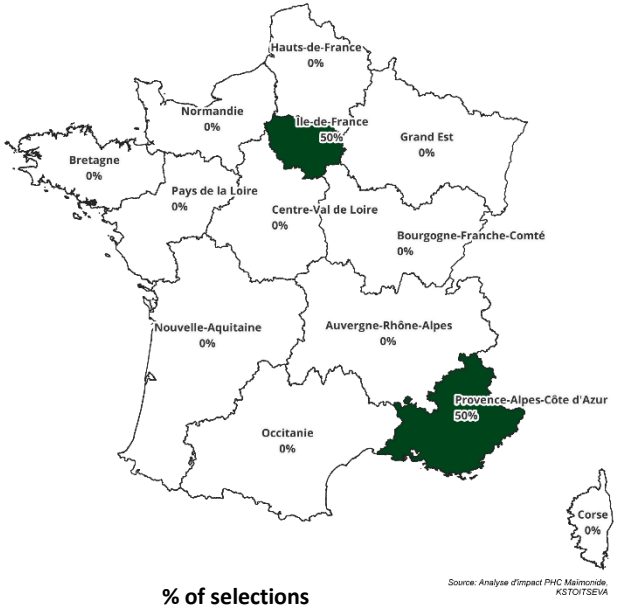
***Physics* 2010-2022**

% of applications (DS2)



% of selections (DS2)

Ile de France and Occitanie share 50% of selections each

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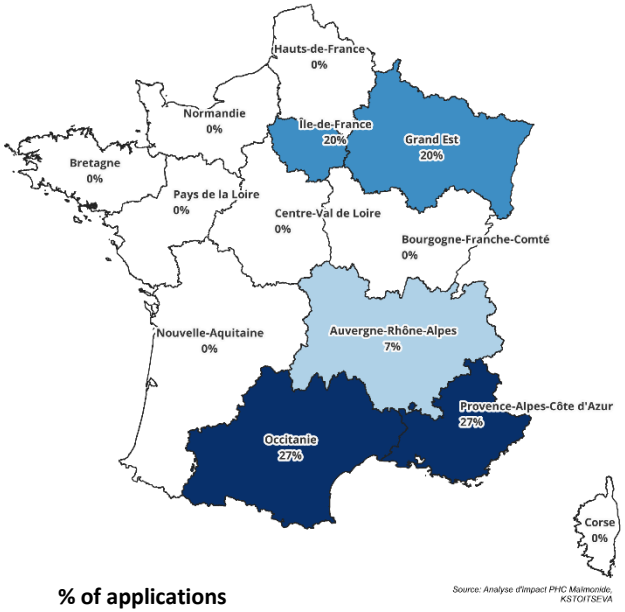
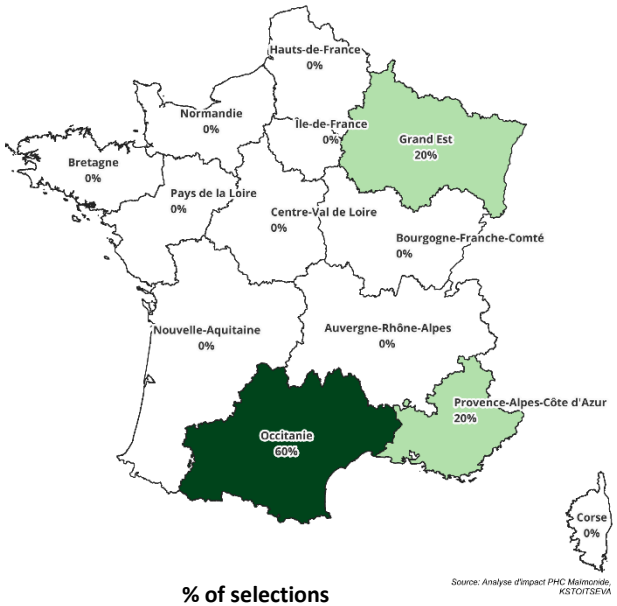
***Marine, Earth, Planet sciences* 2010-2022**



% of applications (DS3)



% of selections (DS3)

Three main regions for the selections : Occitanie (60%), Grand Est et Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (20%)

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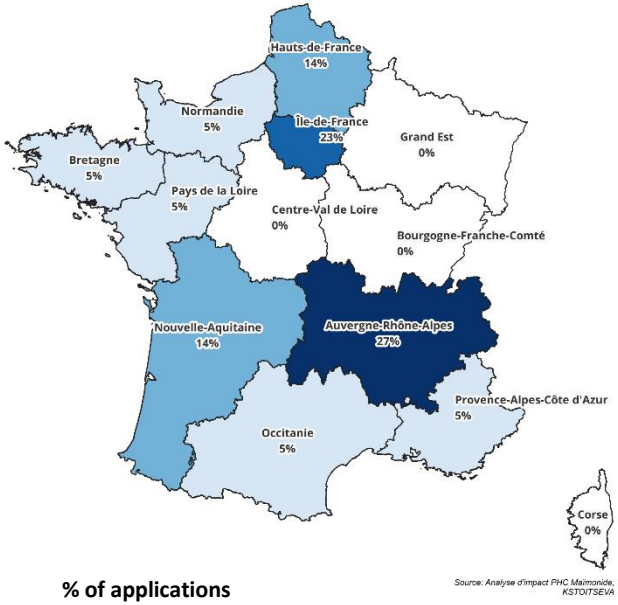
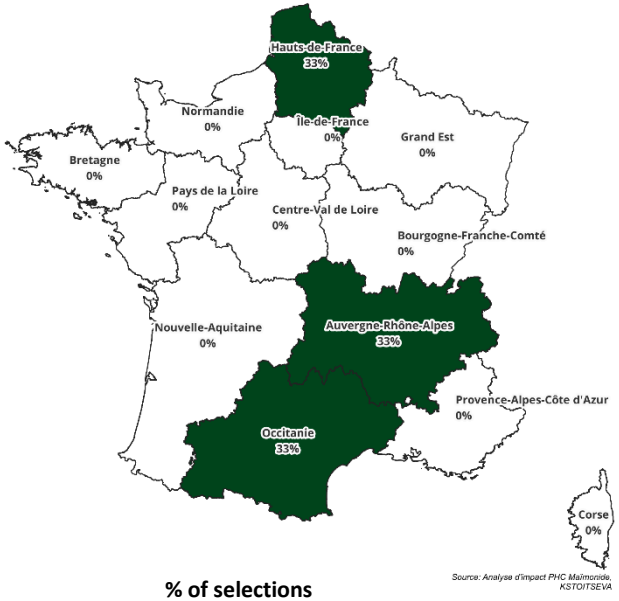
***Chemistry* 2010-2022**



% of applications (DS4)



% of selections (DS4)

Three regions share the selections : Auvergne Rhône Alpes, Hauts de France and Occitanie (33%)

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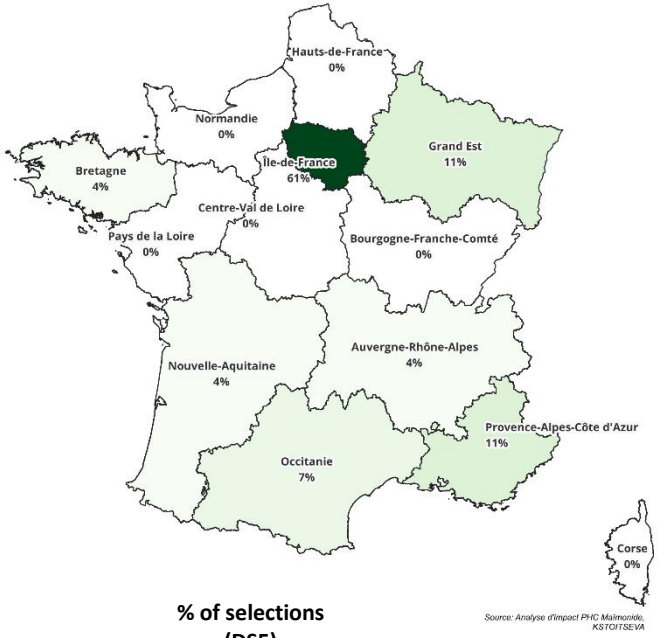
***Biology and Health* 2010-2022**

% of applications (DS5)



% of selections (DS5)

The region Ile de France is the main contributor both for applications (50%) and selections (61%)

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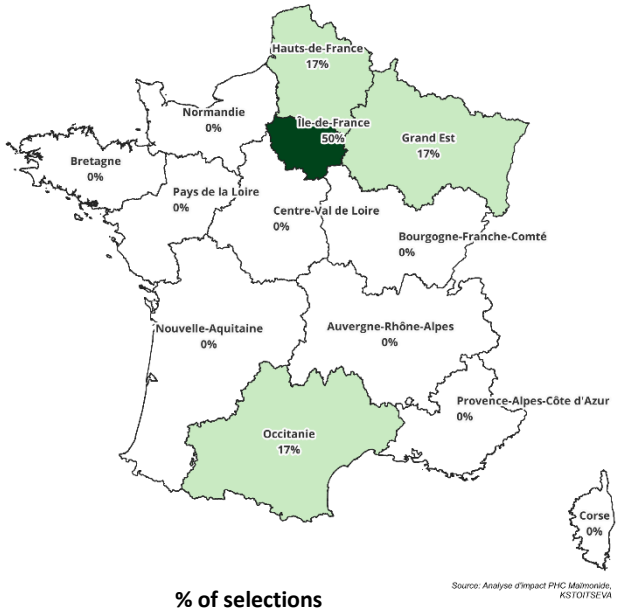
***Humanities* 2010-2022**

% of applications
(DS6)



% of selections
(DS6)

The region Ile de France is the main contributor both for applications (59%) and selections (50%)

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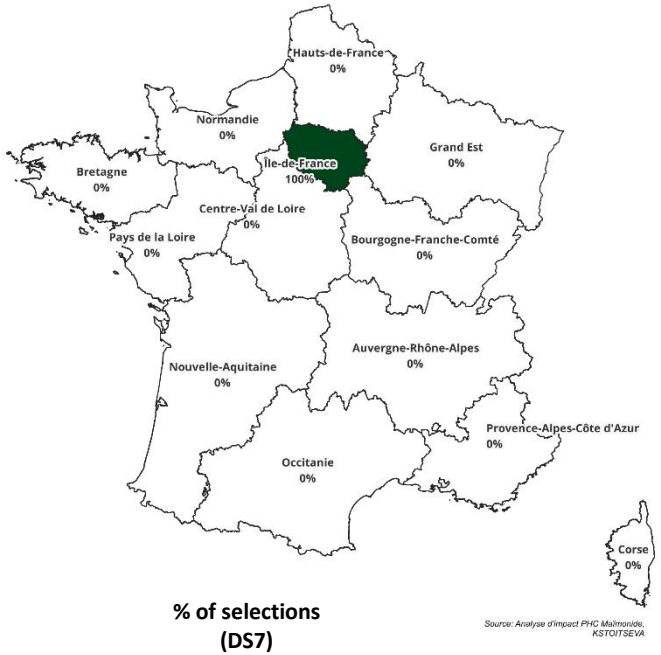
***Social sciences* 2010-2022**

% of applications (DS7)



% of selections (DS7)

The region Ile de France is the main contributor both for applications (83%) and selections (100%)

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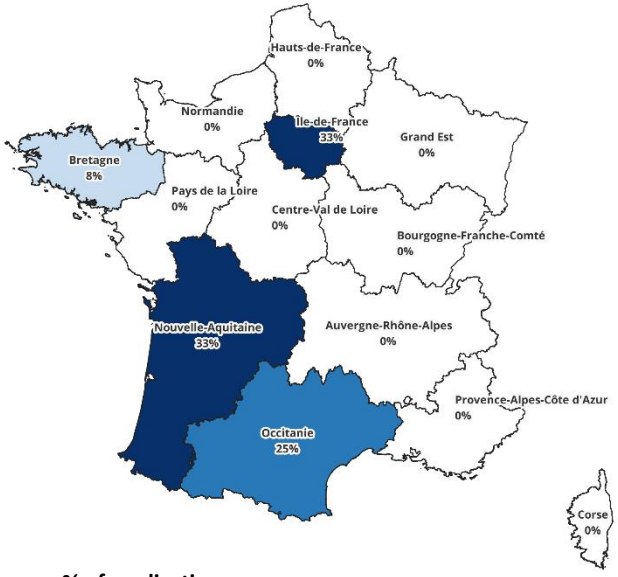
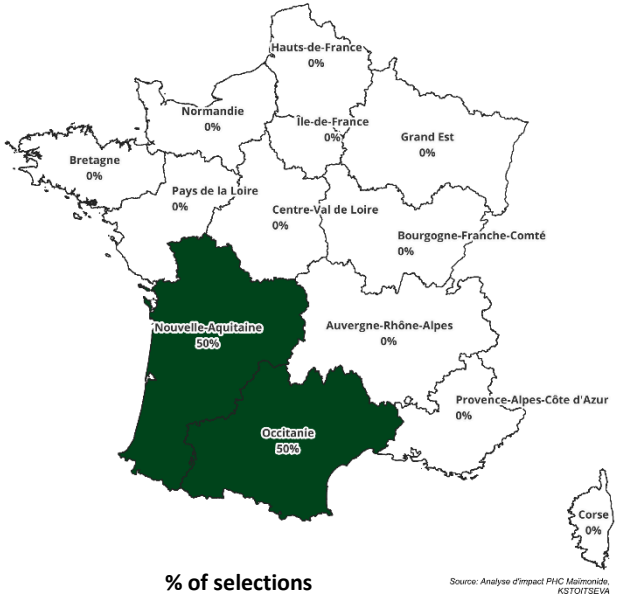
***Engineering sciences* 2010-2022**



% of applications (DS8)



% of selections (DS8)

Two regions share the selections : Nouvelle Aquitaine and Occitanie (50%)

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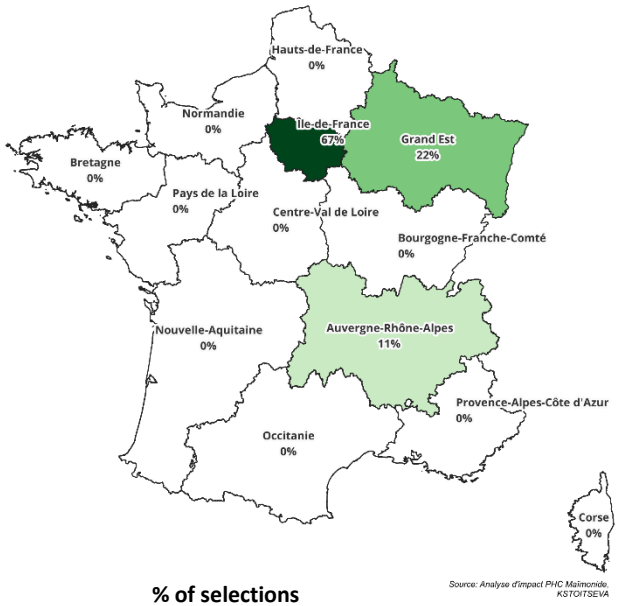
***Information technology* 2010-2022**

% of applications (DS9)



% of selections (DS9)

The region Ile de France is the main contributor both for applications (48%) and selections (67%)

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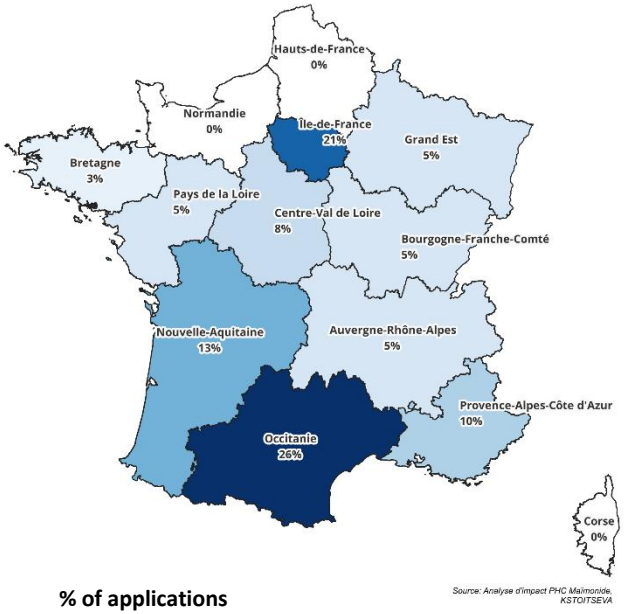
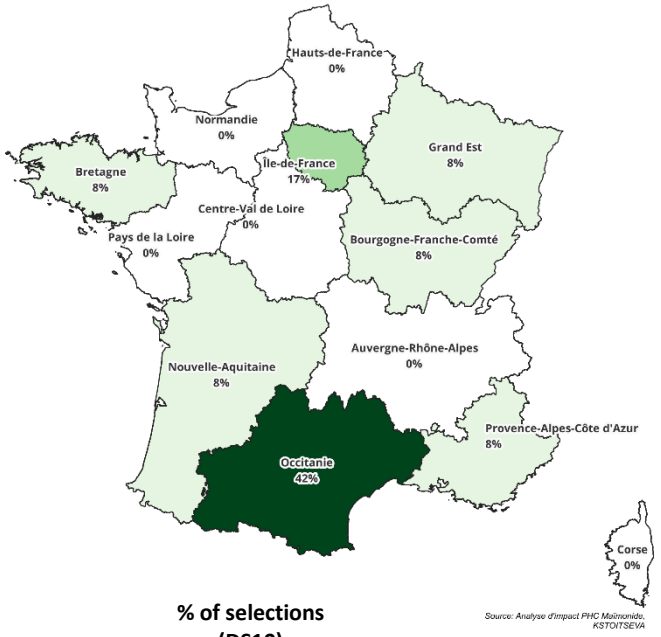
***Agronomy/Ecology* 2010-2022**



% of applications (DS10)



% of selections (DS10)

The region Occitanie is the main contributor both for applications (26%) and selections (42%)

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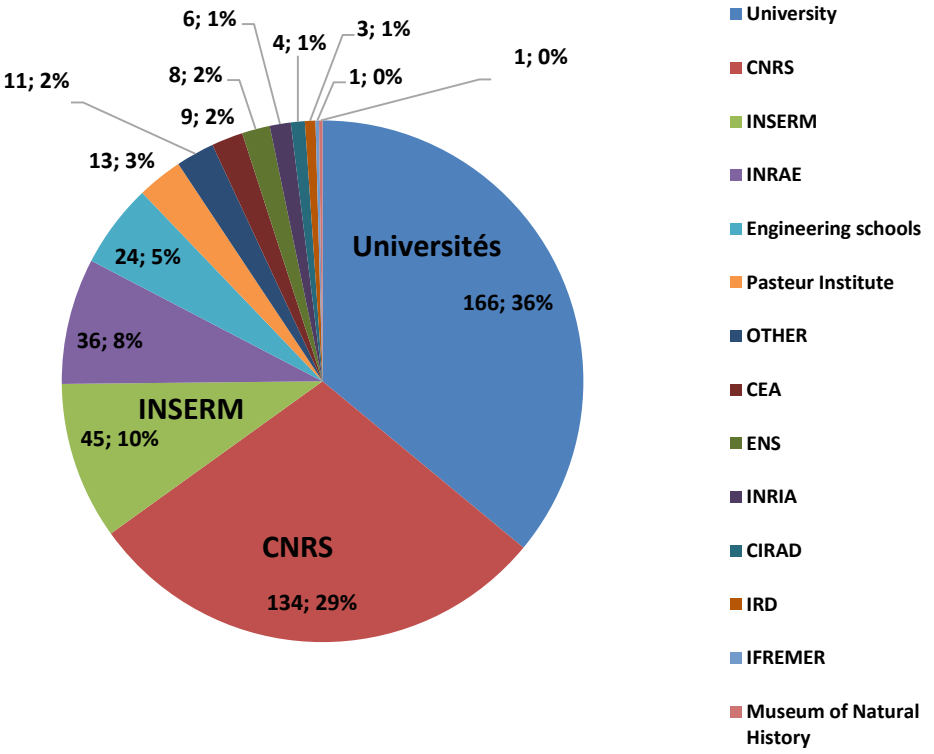
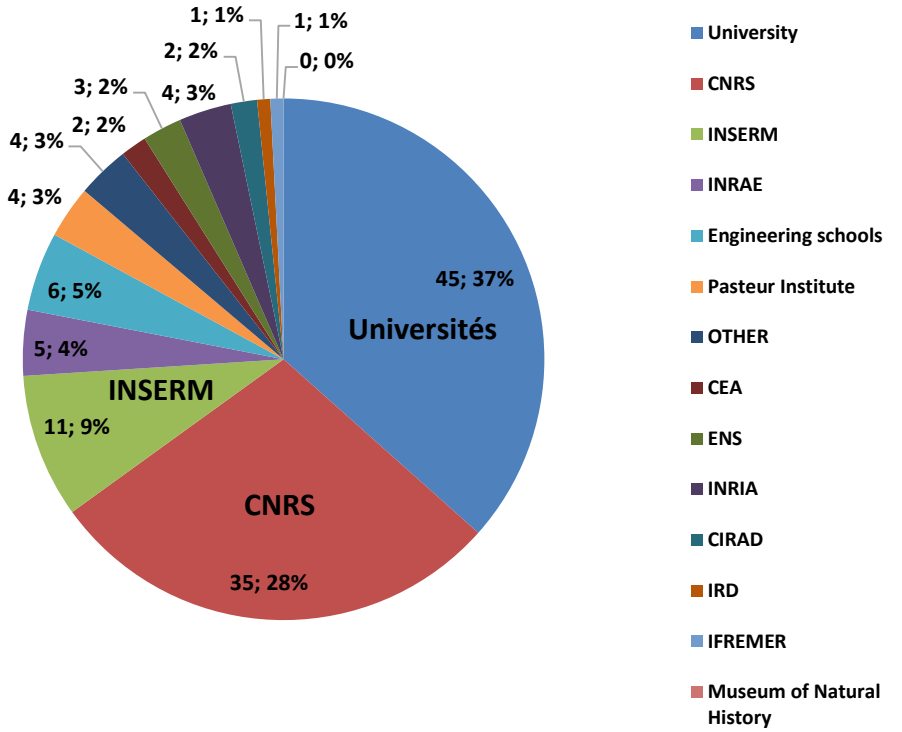
FRENCH PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS
(DATA FROM CAMPUS FRANCE)

Applications by Institutions



Selected applications by Institutions



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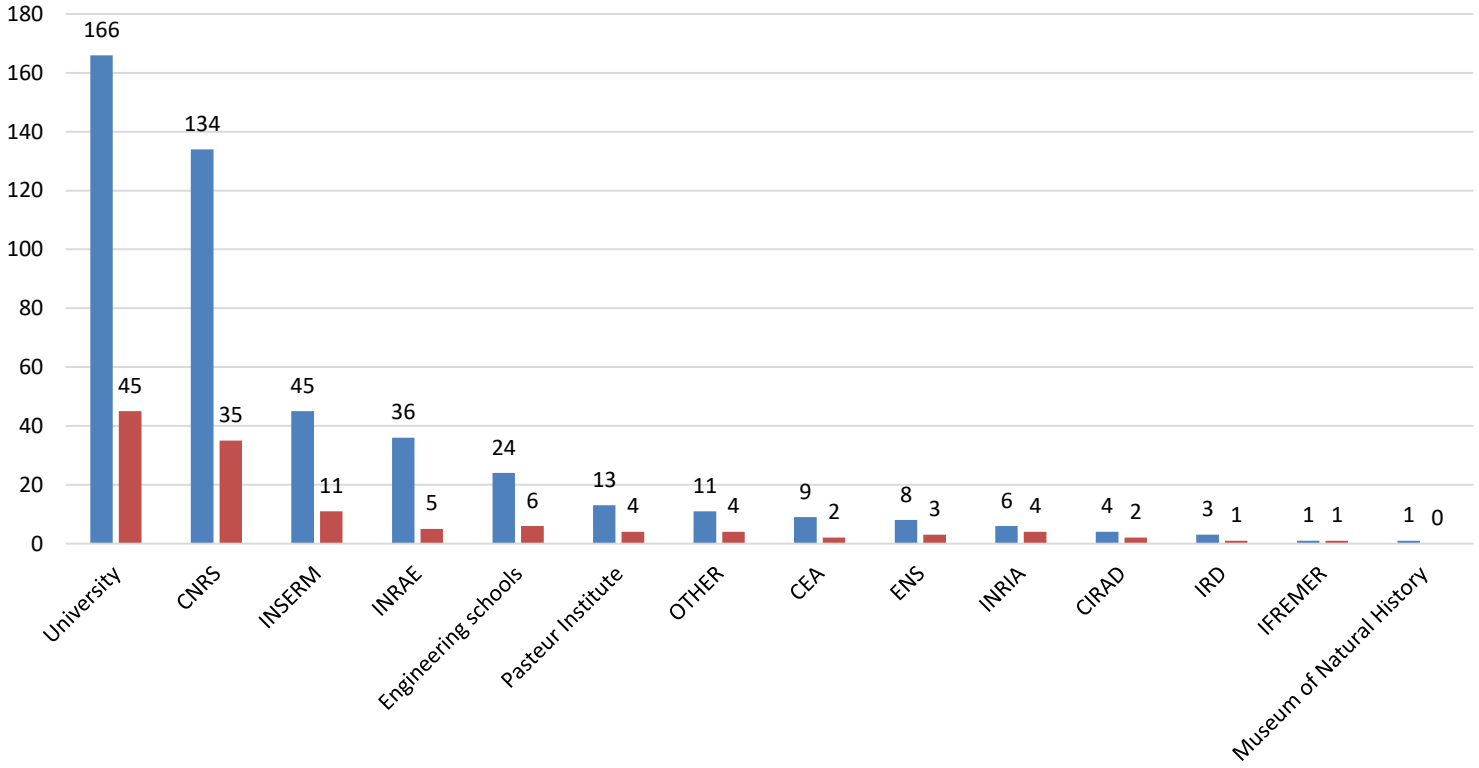
Number of occurencies for each institution
(applications vs selections)



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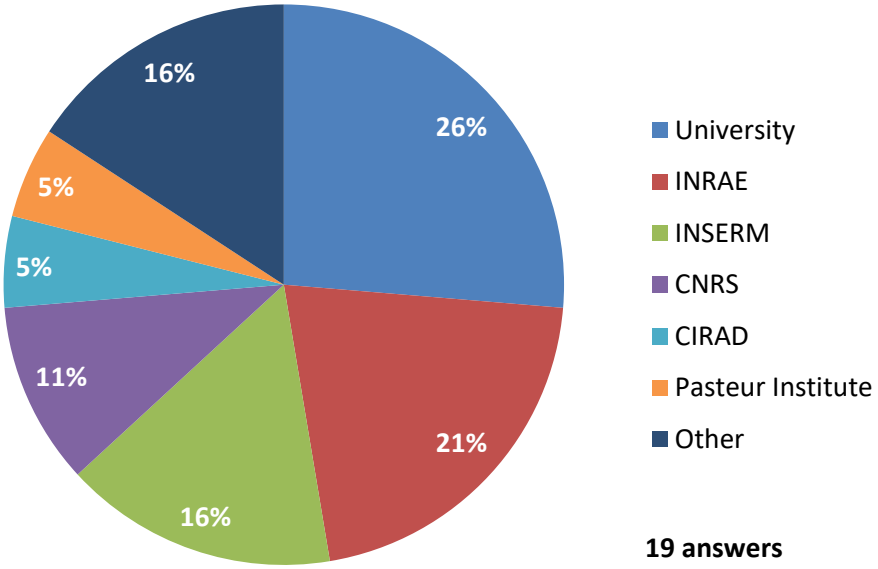
PI's employers



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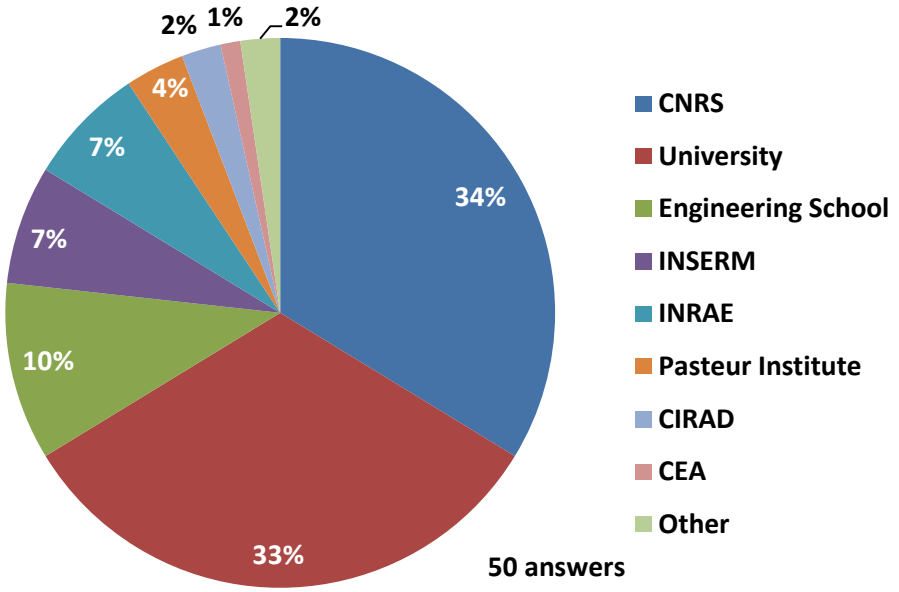

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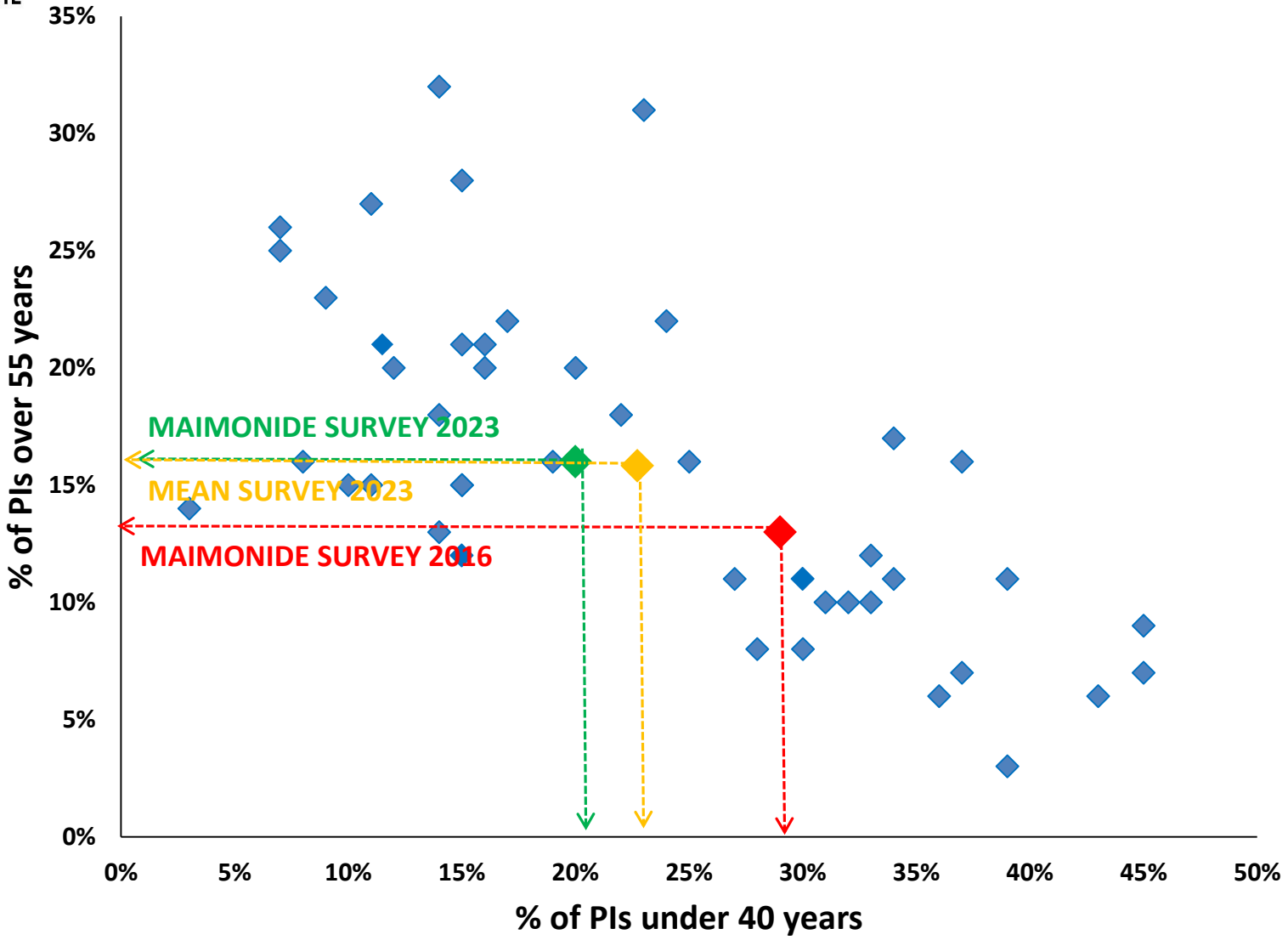
AGE OF PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS (PI)



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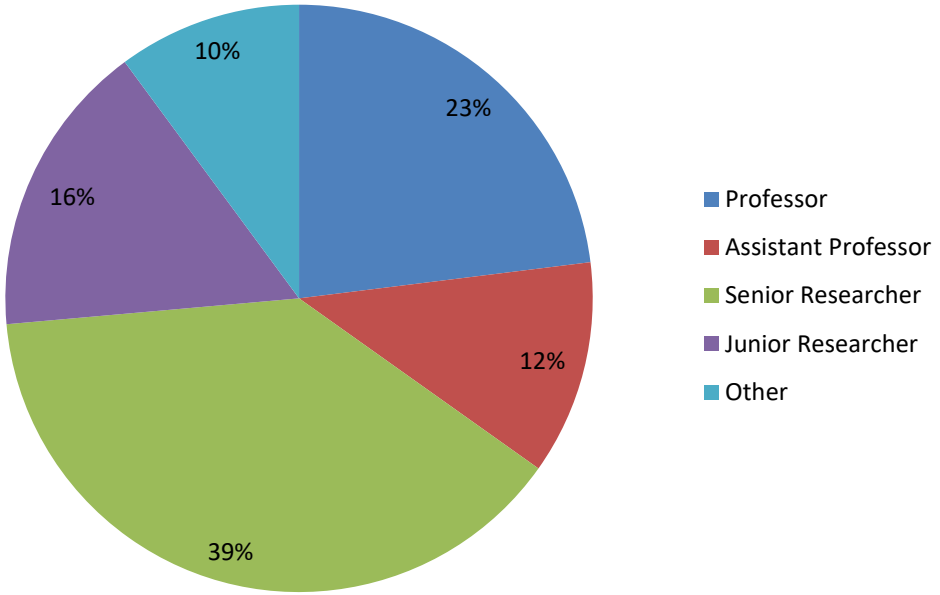
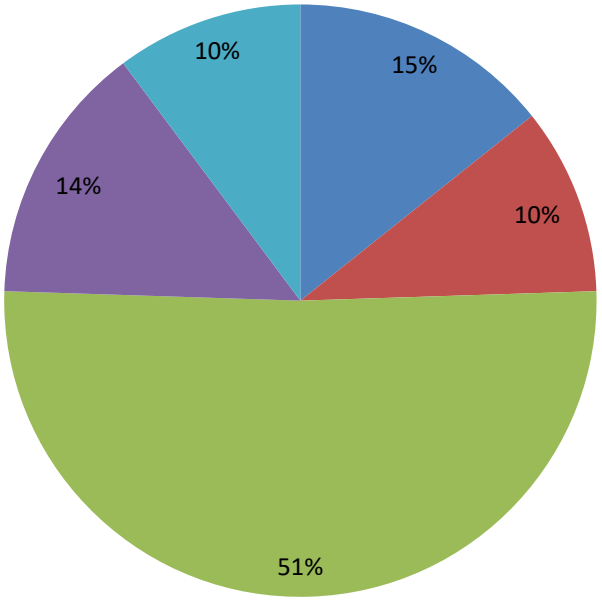
FRENCH PIS (PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS) : STATUS

Applicants professional status



Laureates professional status



Data from 178 candidates and 49 laureates

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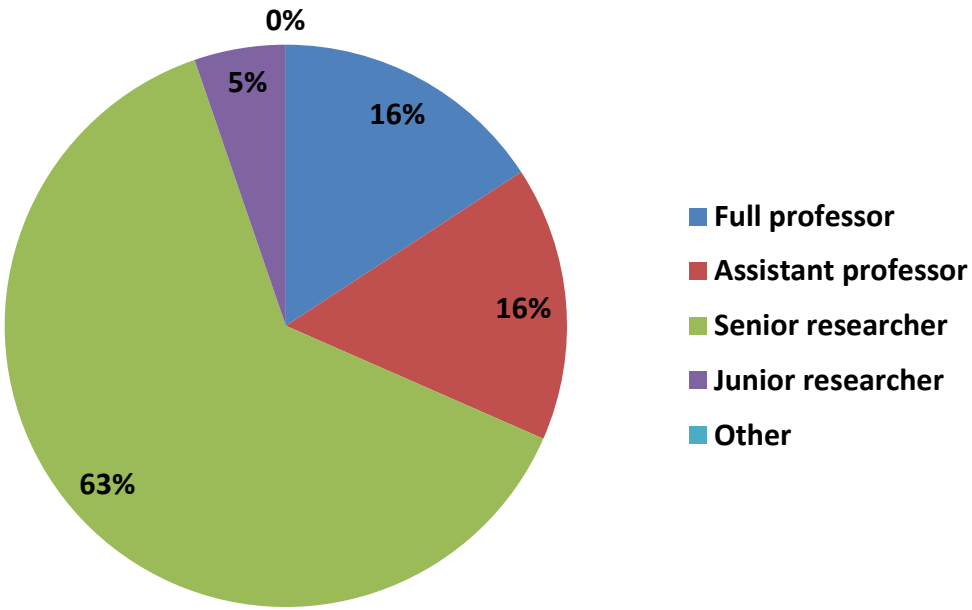
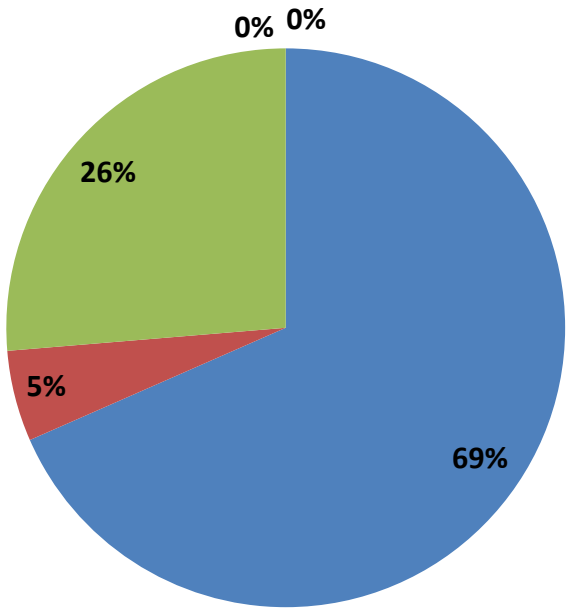
Previous professional status (at the beginning of the project)



Current professional status



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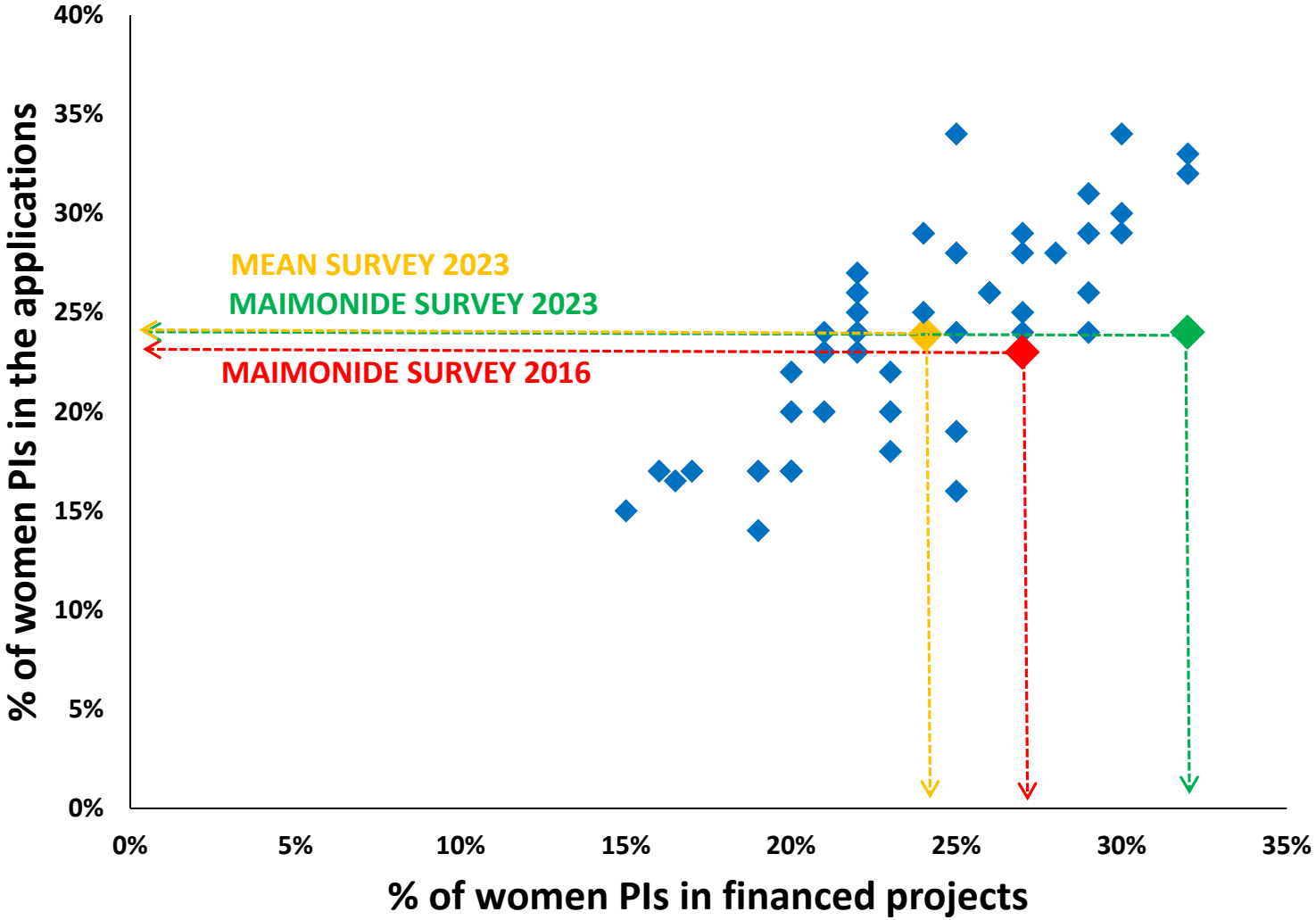
IMPLICATION OF WOMEN (FRANCE)



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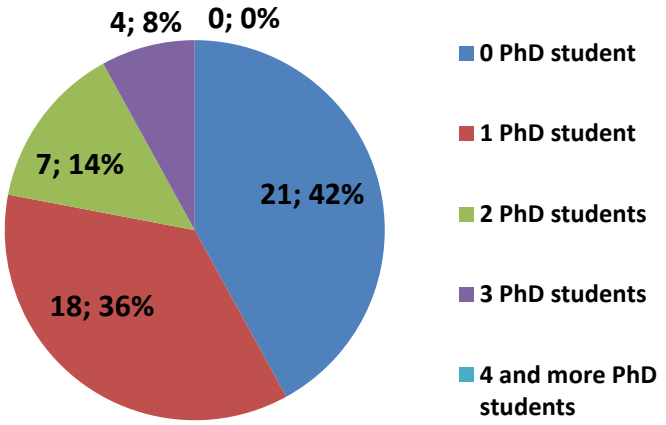
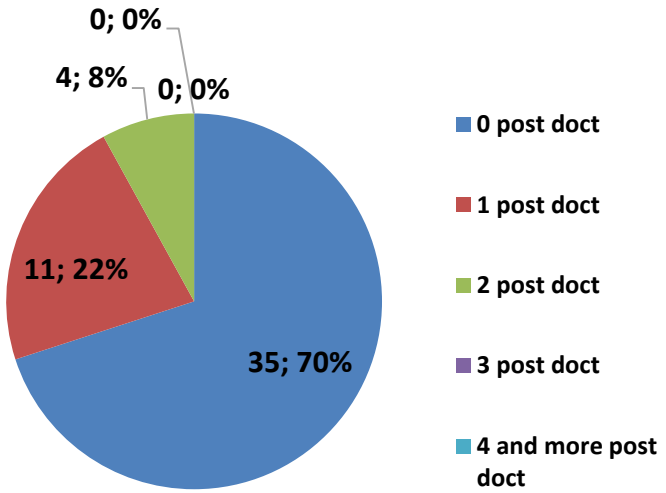
PARTICIPATION OF FRENCH YOUNG RESEARCHERS

Number of French PhD students



58% of projects involve at least one French PhD student

Number of French post-doctoral researchers



30% of projects involve at least one French post-doctoral researcher

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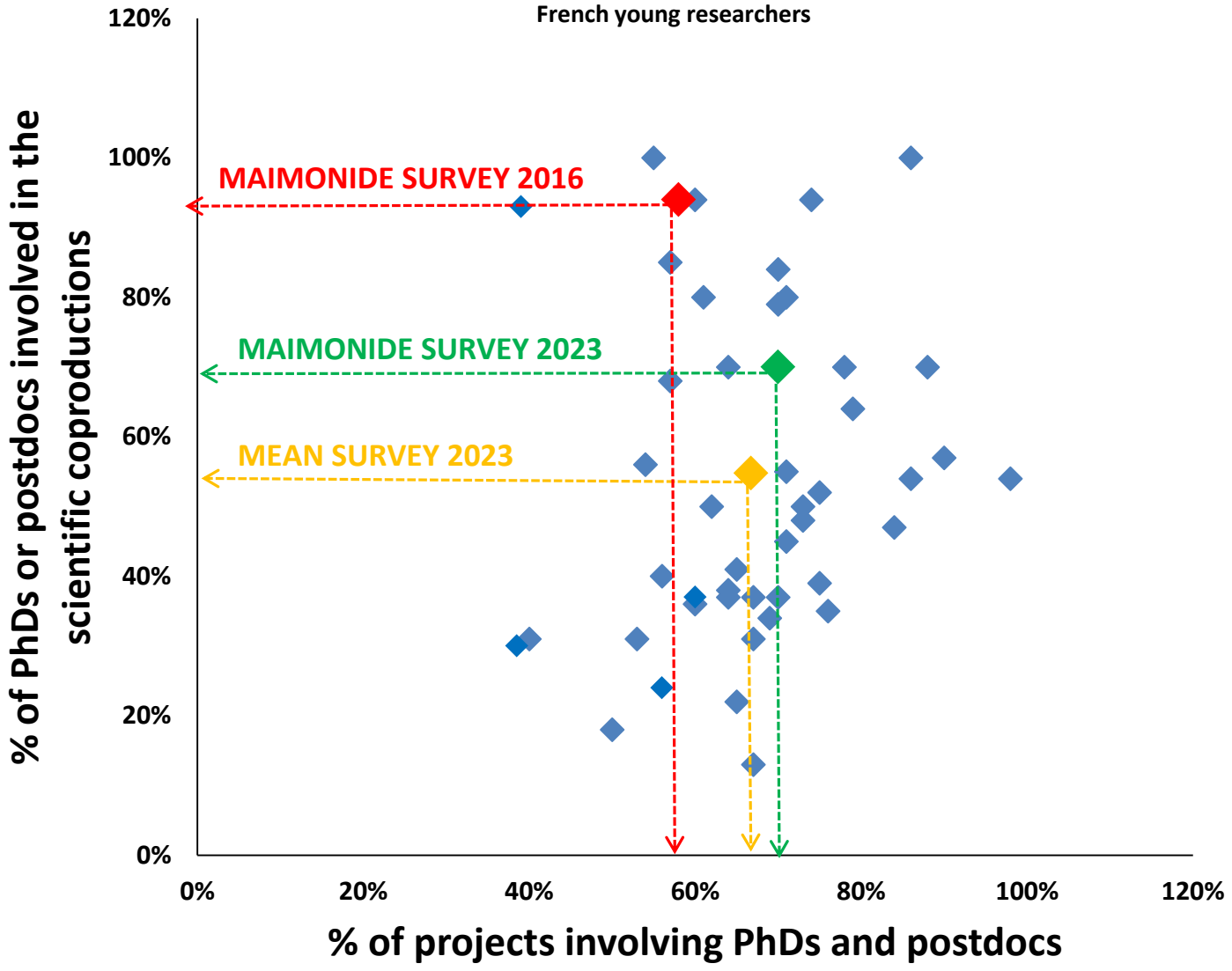
IMPLICATION OF FRENCH YOUNG RESEARCHERS IN THE PUBLICATIONS



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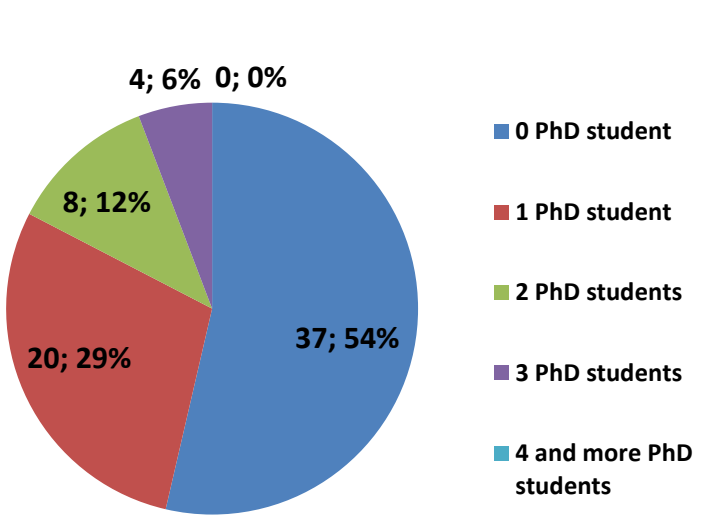
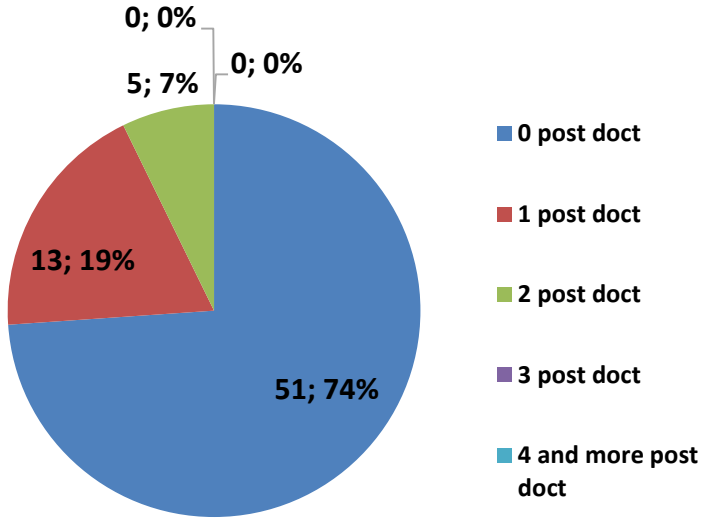
PARTICIPATION OF BOTH FRENCH AND ISRAELI YOUNG RESEARCHERS

Number of PhD students



64% of projects involve at least one PhD student

Number of post-doctoral researchers



34% of projects involve at least one post-doctoral researcher

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Data from 19 responses for israelian young researches (survey 2023)

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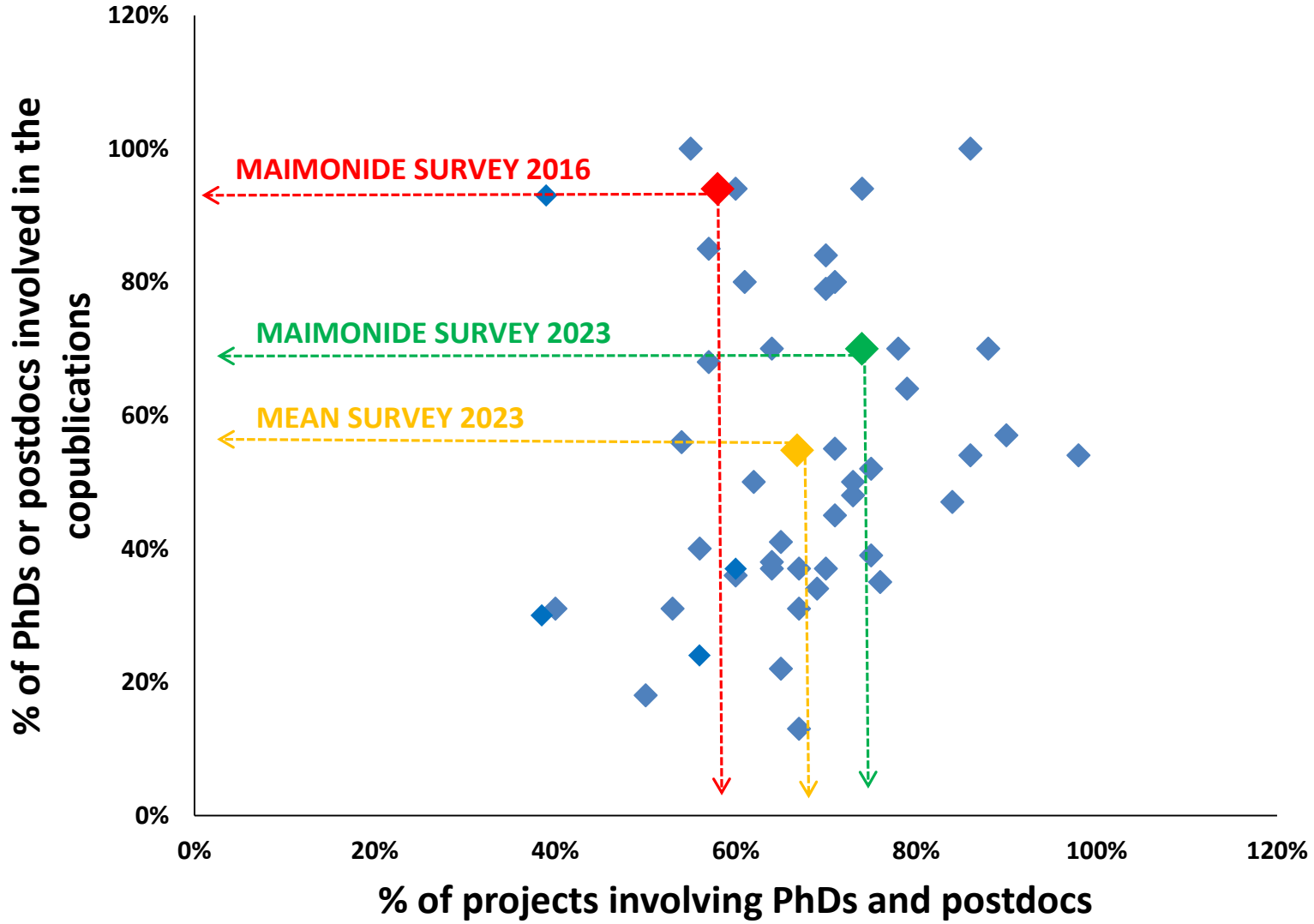

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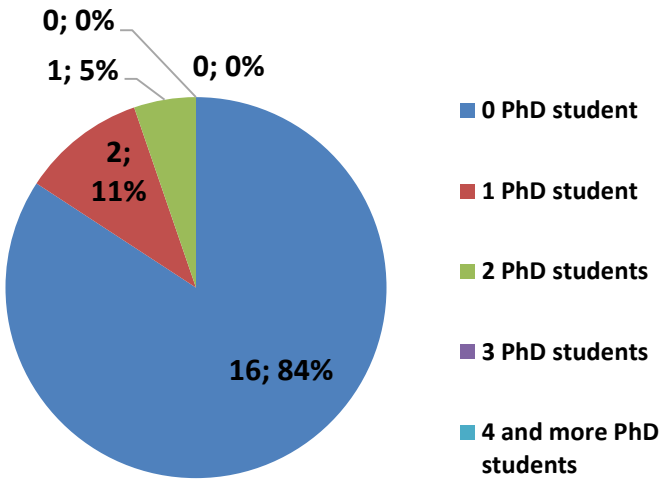
PARTICIPATION OF ISRAELI YOUNG RESEARCHERS

Number of Israeli PhD students



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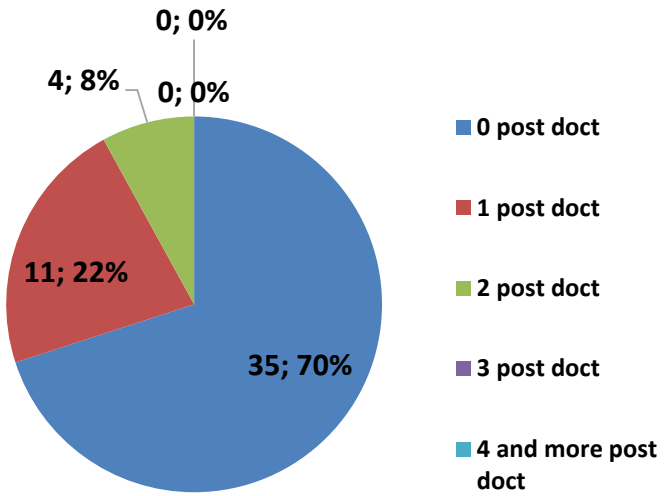

21% of projects involve at least one Israeli PhD student

21% of projects involve at least one Israeli post-doctoral researcher

Data from 19 responses (survey 2023)

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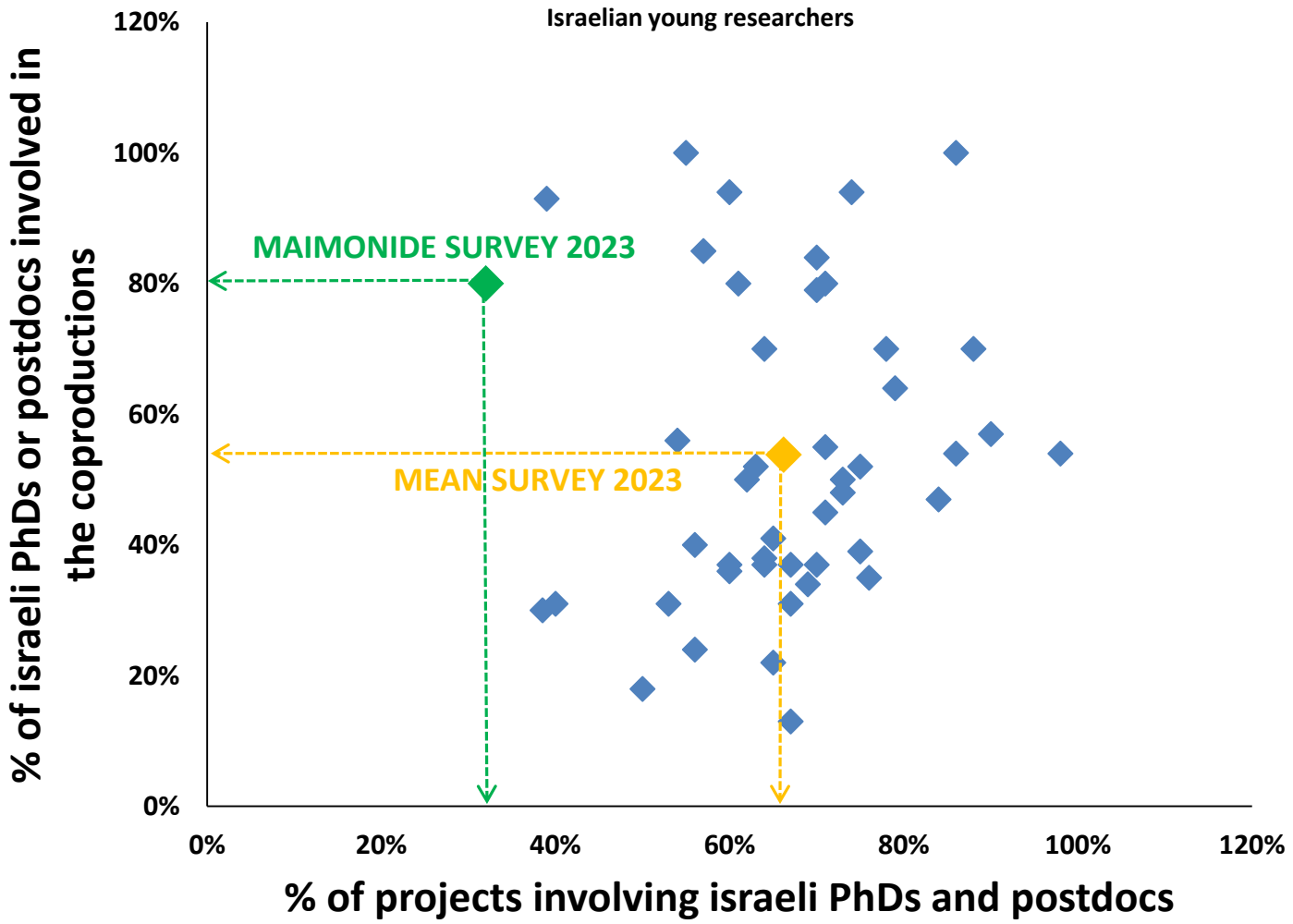

Survey 2023 : 46 programmes

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MOBILITY

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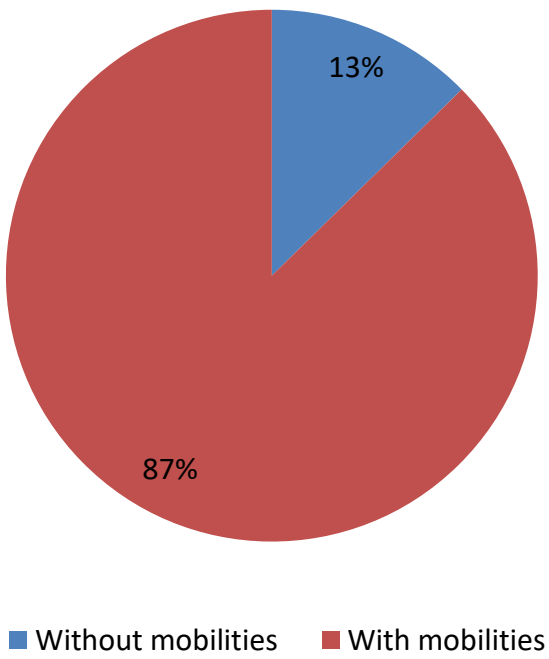
MOBILITIES

Projects with/without mobilities
(67 selected projects)



Number of mobilities per project
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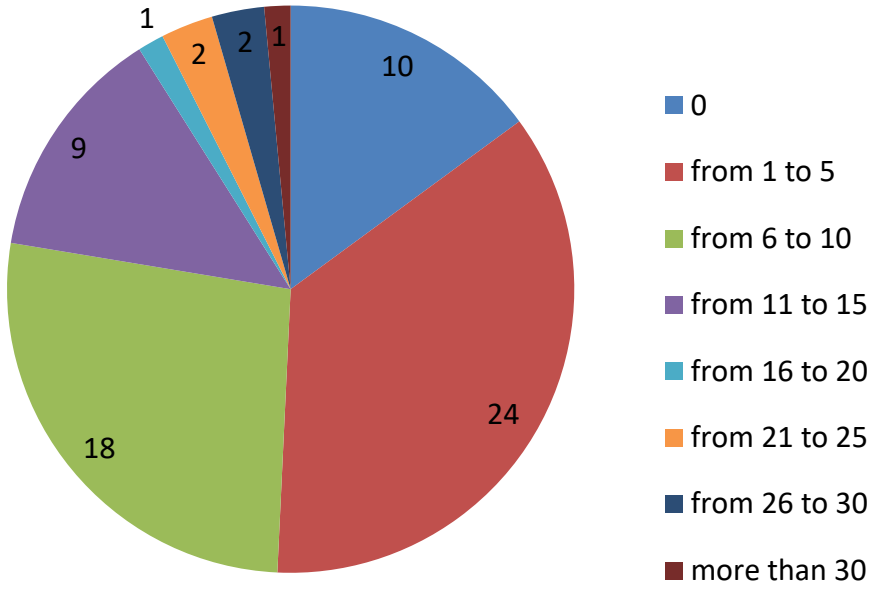

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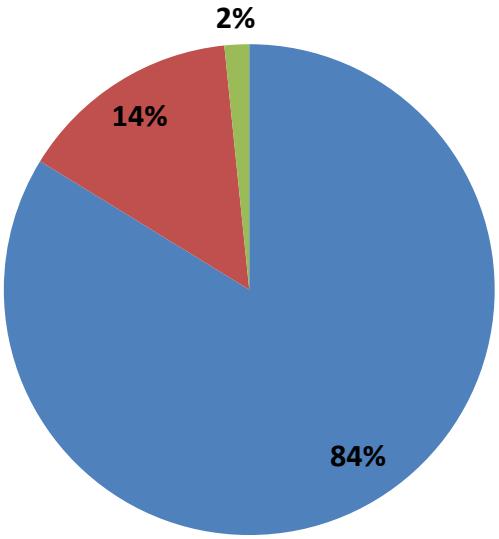
MOBILITY : DURATION

France → Israel



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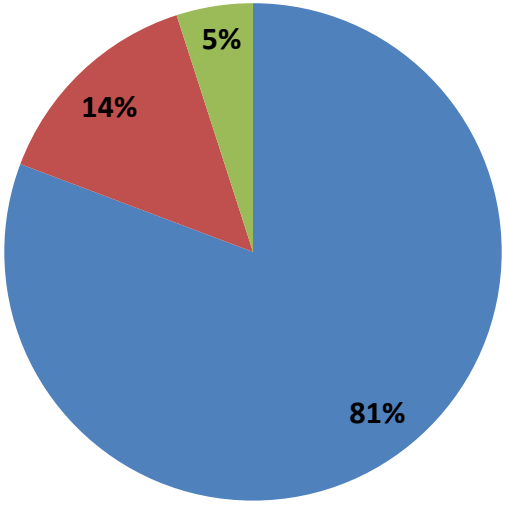

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Data from 308 outgoing mobilities and 161 incoming mobilities

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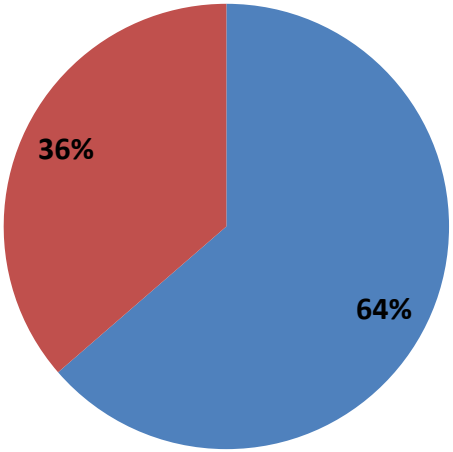
MOBILITY : GENDER DISTRIBUTION

France → Israel



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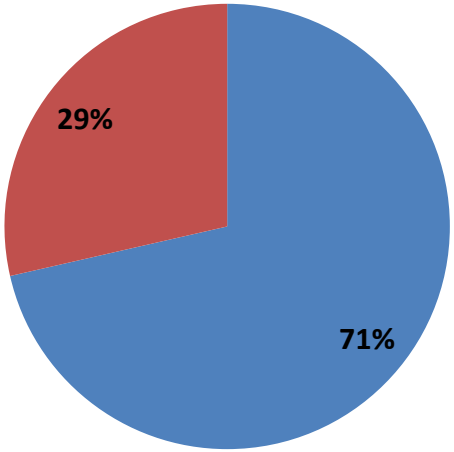

Men Women

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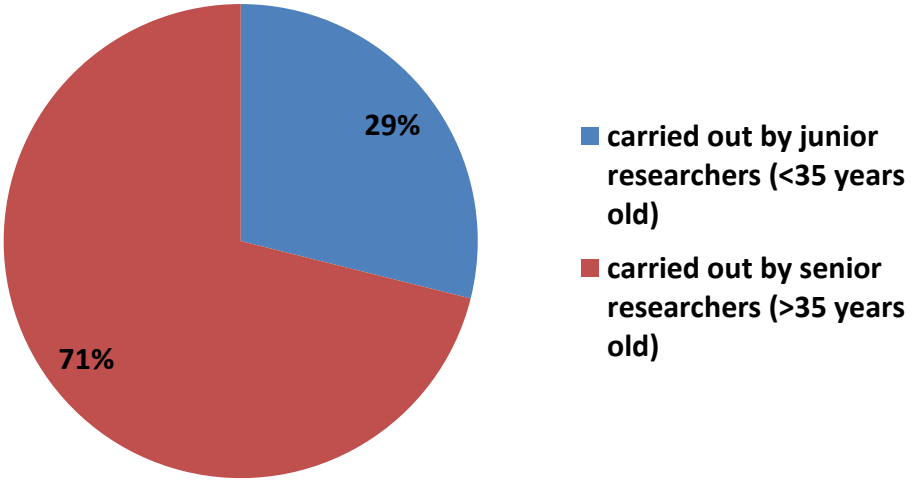
MOBILITIES : STATUS

France → Israel



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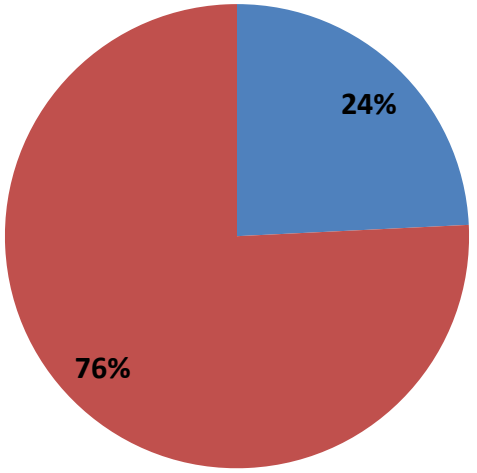

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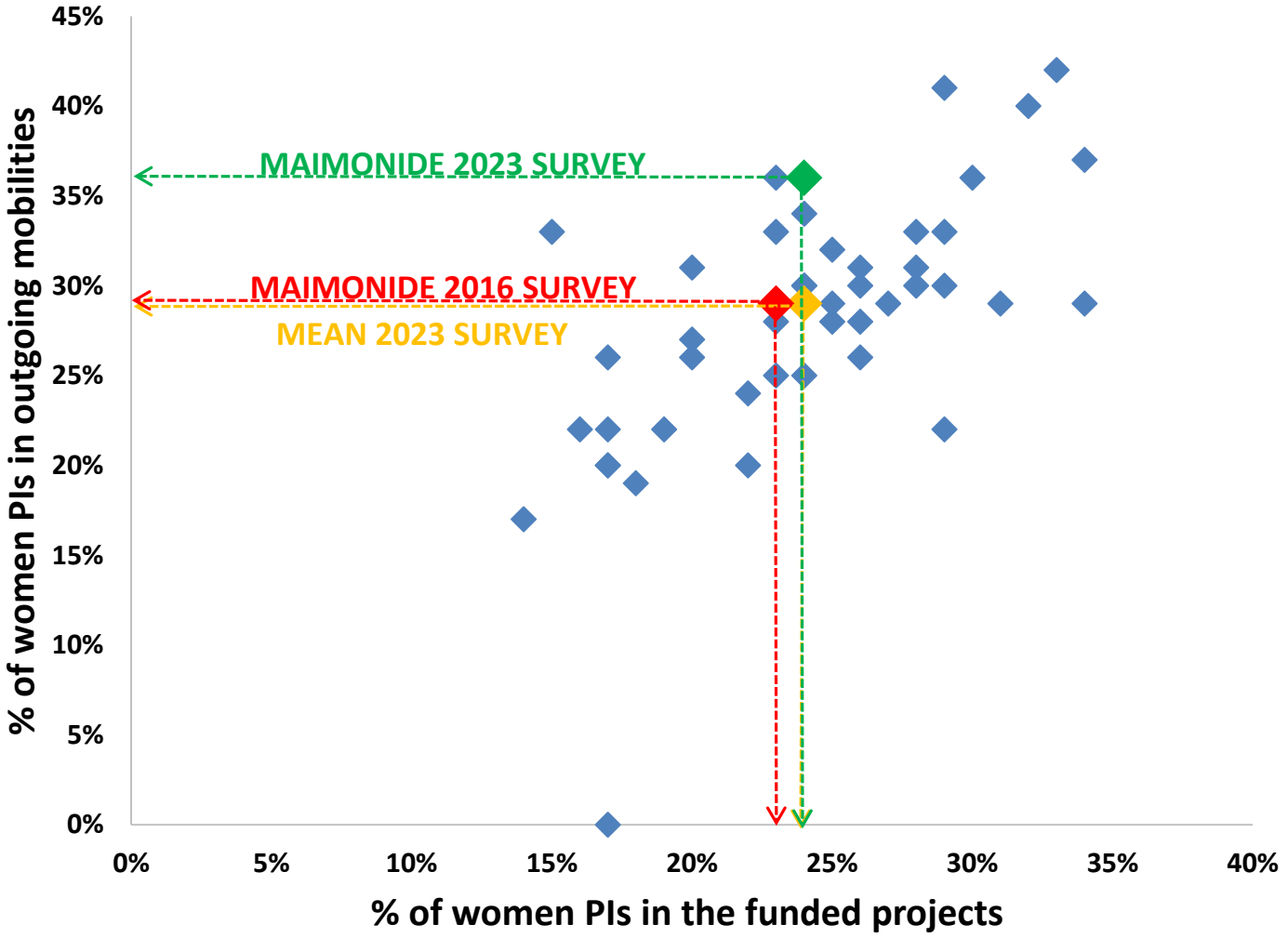
WOMEN MOBILITY FRANCE – ISRAEL



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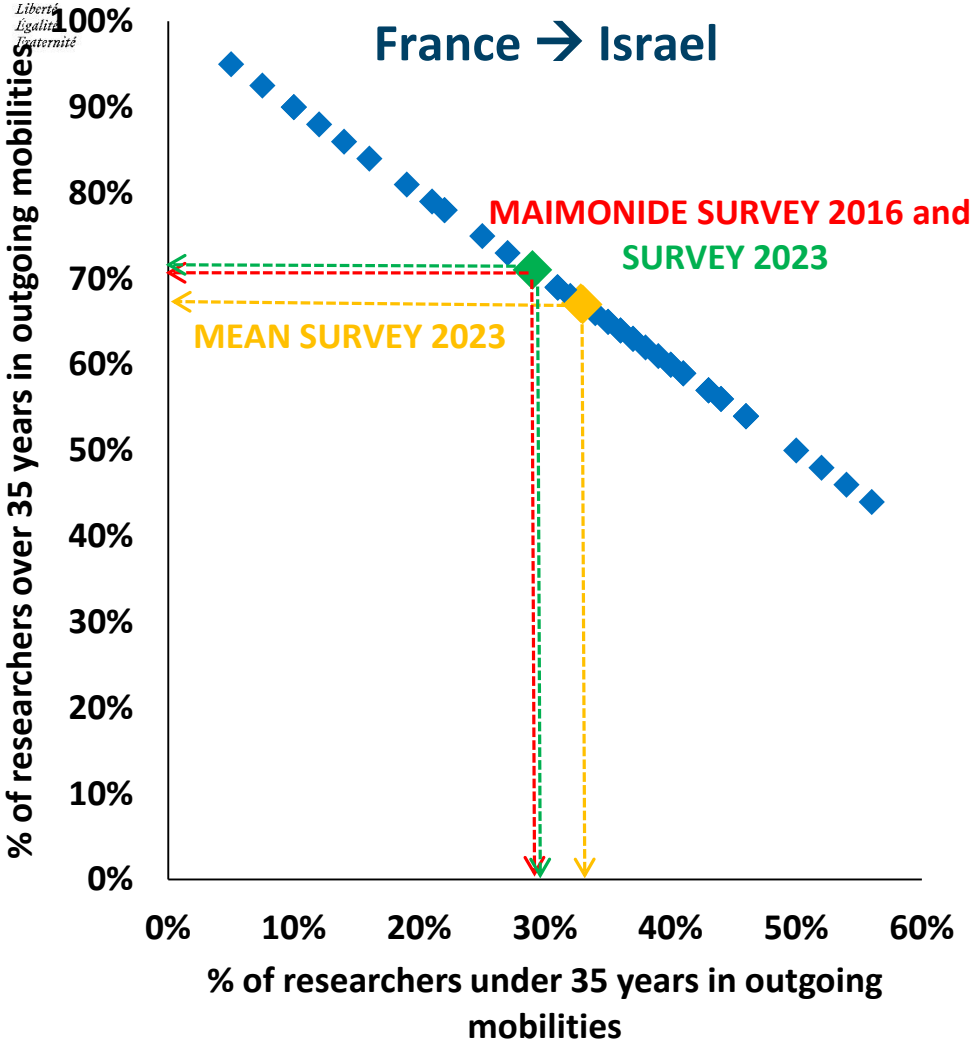
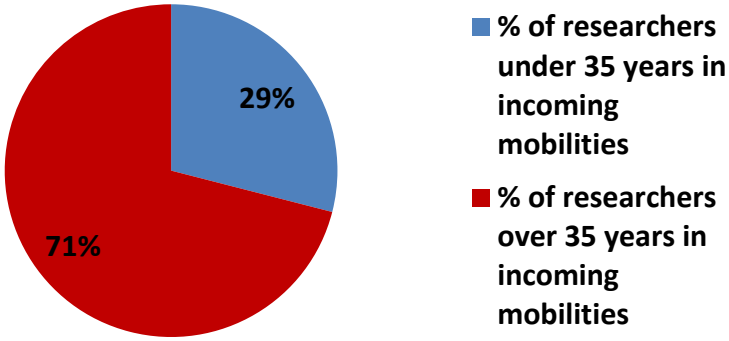
YOUNG RESEARCHERS MOBILITY FRANCE – ISRAEL

France → Israel



Israel → France

MAIMONIDE SURVEY 2016



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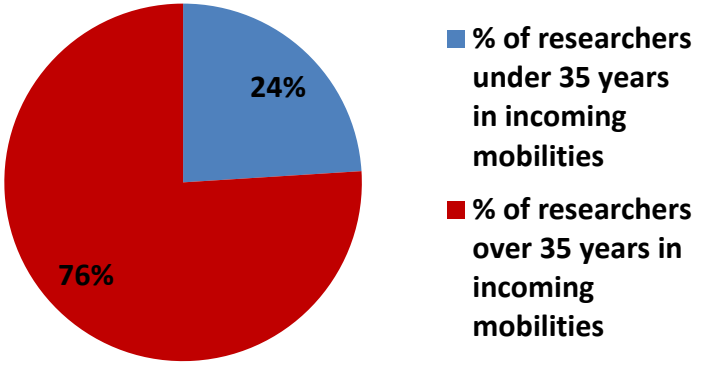

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SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTION (2005-2022)

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SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTION (2/2)
ENQUETE 2016+2023

	Number of funded projects 2016 survey	Number of funded projects 2016+2023 surveys	Average annual number of scientific coproductions per project 2016 survey	Average annual number of scientific coproductions per project 2016+2023 surveys
Mathematics	3	5	0,0	0,6
Physics	2	2	2,5	2,5
Marine/Earth/Planet Sciences	4	4	1,3	1,3
Chemistry	2	4	2,5	2,0
Biology and Health	8	16	3,1	2,4
Humanities	0	3		2,7
Social Sciences	0	0		
Engineering Sciences	3	3	3,3	3,3
Information Technology	3	6	1,7	1,8
Agronomy / Ecology	3	7	0,7	1,7
TOTAL/MOYENNE	28	50	2,0	2,0

Overall average annual number of scientific coproductions per project 2016 : 1,0 vs 0,96 mean
Overall average annual number of scientific coproductions per project 2016+2023 : 1,0

Enquête 2016+2023

62% of funded projects led to at least 1 scientific coproduction (vs 64% survey 2016)
53% scientific coproductions involve at least 1 young researcher (vs 44% survey 2016)
The average annual rate of publication of young researchers involved in the projects is 0,46 (vs 0,22 survey 2016)
The average annual rate of young researchers involved in the scientific coproductions is 0,66 (no data from survey 2016)

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WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A MAIMONIDE PROJECT ?

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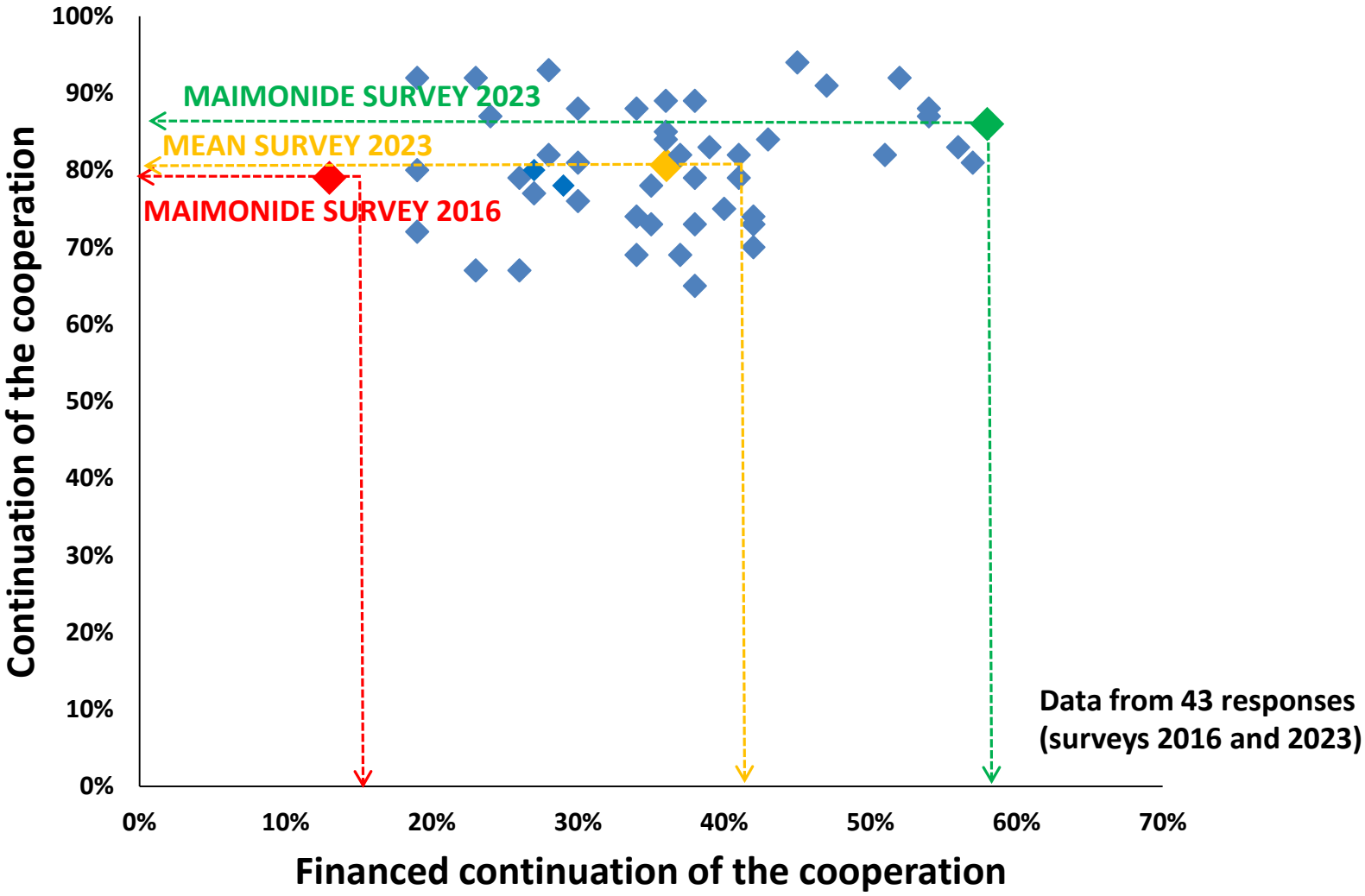
CONTINUATION OF THE COOPERATION (1/7)



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CONTINUATION OF THE COOPERATION (2/7)

86% of the collaborations continued after the MAIMONIDE project

Which activities?	
Cooperative research	84%
Scientific co-productions	57%
Researchers mobilities	43%
Joint participation to conferences	32%
Co-organisation of scientific events	16%
PhD mobilities	5%
Joint diplomas (Master, PhD…)	3%
Other	19%

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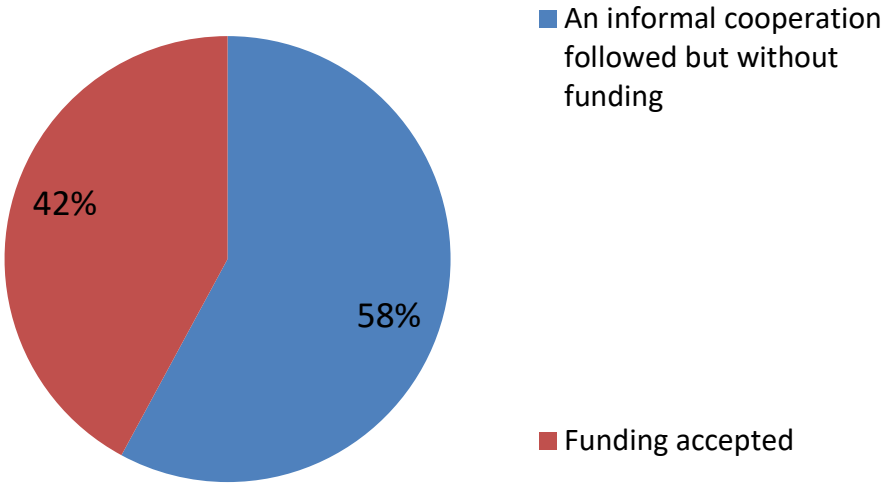
CONTINUATION OF THE COOPERATION (3/7)

42% of cooperations have been funded following the project



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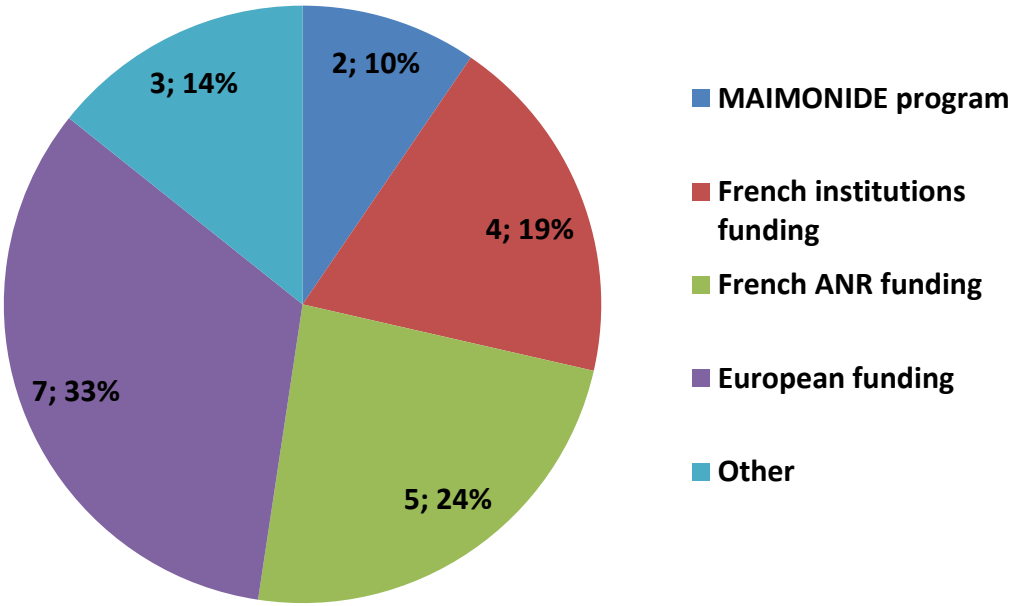
CONTINUATION OF THE COOPERATION (4/7)

What kind of funded collaborations after the MAIMONIDE project ?



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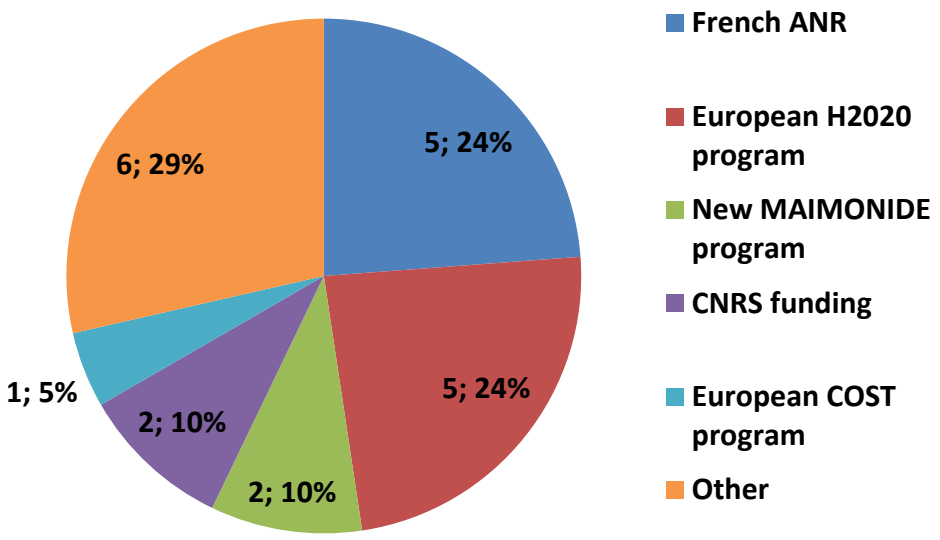
CONTINUATION OF THE COOPERATION (5/7)

Detailed fundings following the MAIMONIDE project



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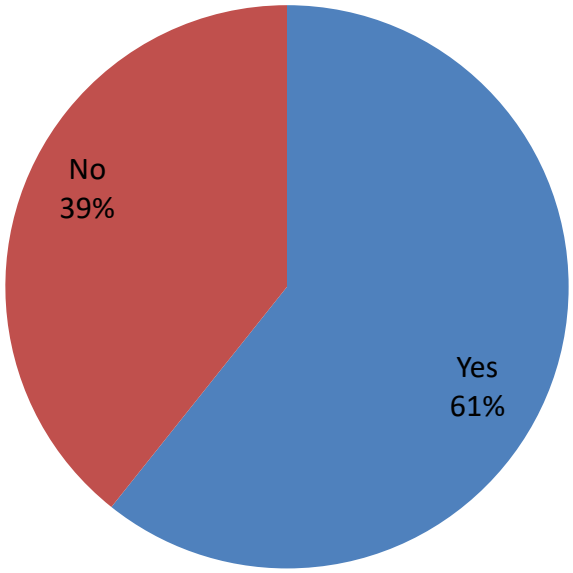
CONTINUATION OF THE COOPERATION (6/7)

Has the French-Israeli cooperation involved new partners?



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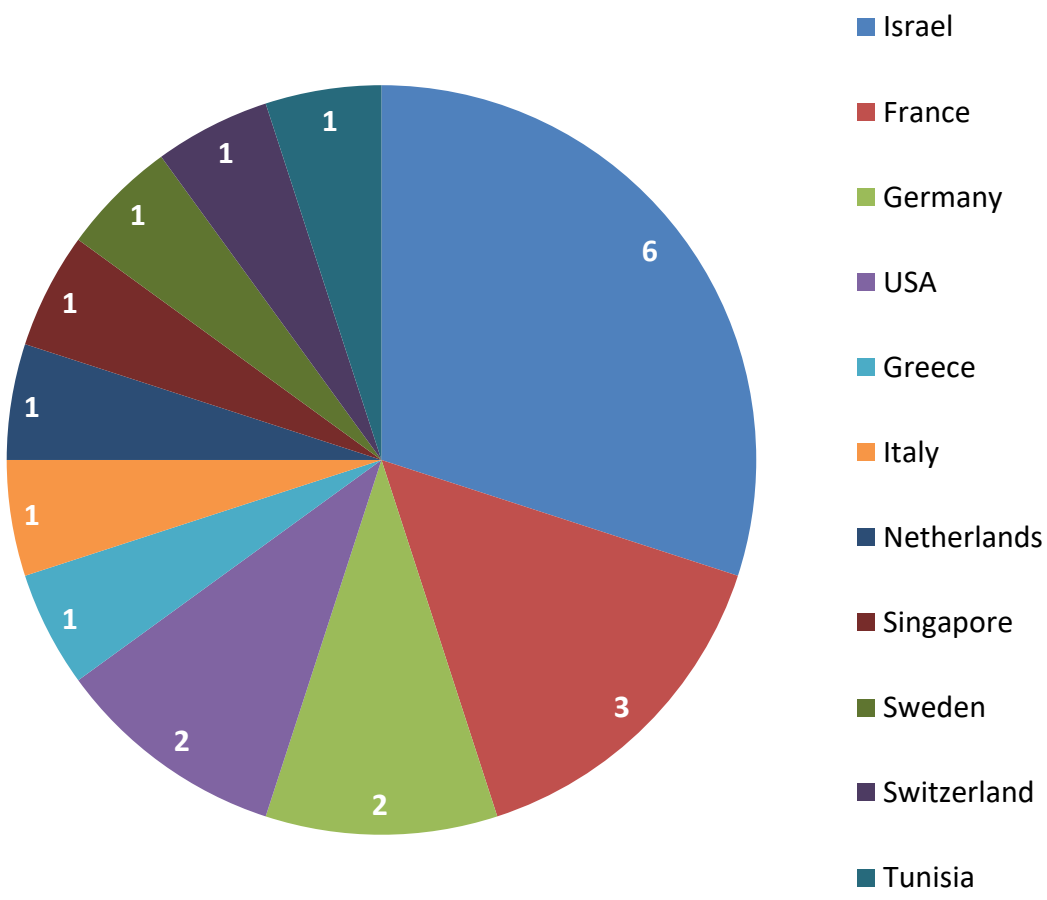
CONTINUATION OF THE COOPERATION (7/7)

If the French-Israeli cooperation involves new partners, list with which countries



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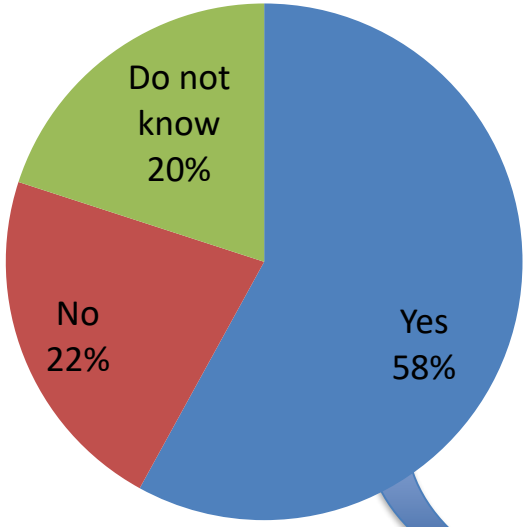
IMPACT ON YOUNG RESEARCHERS' CAREER (1/2)

Was young researchers' career impacted by the MAIMONIDE program ?



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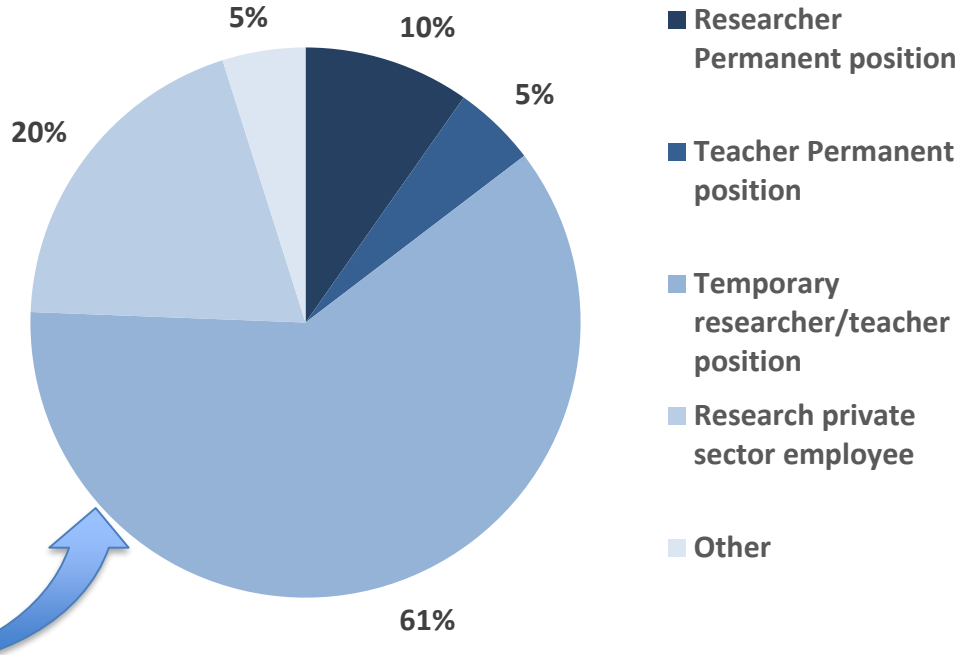

Data from 29 positive responses
for a total of 41 young researchers

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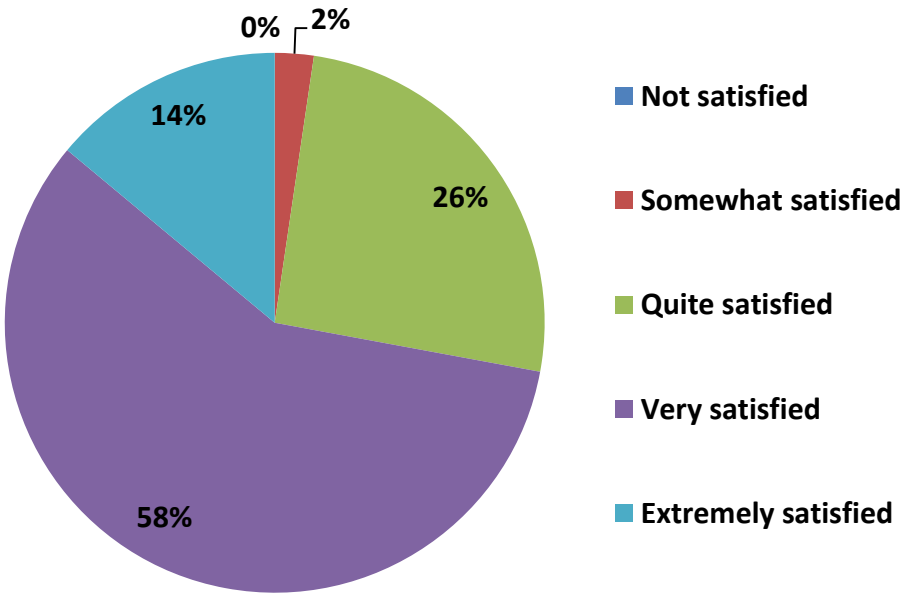
GENERAL OPINION OF FRENCH PIS ON THE PROGRAMME

98% of French principal investigators are satisfied



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GENERAL OPINION OF FRENCH PIS ON THE PROGRAMME (2/3)
POSITIVE COMMENTS

Strengths of this program	Number of occurencies (out of 168)	% of funded projects
Fostering an international scientific cooperation	31	62%
Sufficient financial means for the mobility costs	27	54%
Easy implementation (administrative flexibility)	16	32%
Fostering researchers' mobility	15	30%
Flexibility of the programme for actions co-financed with the Israeli partner **Survey 2023**	5	26%*
Financial autonomy towards your institution **Survey 2023**	5	26%*
Fostering exchanges enabling scientific production	12	24%
Simplicity of the application process	11	22%
Fostering the training of the young researchers	9	18%
Helpful to initiate other fundraising	6	12%
Implementation schedule **Survey 2023**	2	11%*
Helping to know the partner country	5	10%
Good scientific-added value on financial investment	5	10%
Sufficient amount of mobility time given to collaborate	4	8%
Transparency of the selection process	3	6%
Sufficiently long duration of the projects	2	4%
Other	0	0%
Total number of occurencies	168	

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GENERAL OPINION OF FRENCH PIS ON THE PROGRAMME (3/3) NEGATIVE COMMENTS

Weaknesses of this program	Number of occurencies (out of 75)	% of funded projects
Insufficient financial means to cover a project	15	30%
Financial means insufficient for the expenditure of mobility (transport)	13	26%
Financial means insufficient for the expenditure of mobility (per diem)	11	22%
Length of support too short	10	20%
Administrative complexity	9	18%
Difficult to continue the collaboration	5	10%
Heaviness of the process of applications	3	6%
Flexibility of the programme for actions co-financed with the Israeli partner **Survey 2023**	1	5%*
Financial autonomy towards your institution **Survey 2023**	1	5%*
Implementation schedule **Survey 2023**	1	5%*
Lack of transparency in the selection process	1	2%
Insufficient communication on the evaluation's results	1	2%
Too short duration of mobilities	0	0%
Too long duration of mobilities	0	0%
Too low number of mobilities	0	0%
Other	4	8%
Total number of occurencies	75	

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PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS

Preliminary conclusions suggest that the funding scheme has efficiently contributed to create (or to maintain) fruitful and long-term cooperation.

Stable number of applications with a small increase over last years
50% of new cooperations
A good implication of french and israeli young researchers in the scientific coproductions
Scientific coproductions in the mean of the other programmes
Continuation of the cooperation in the mean of the other programmes but a better rate of financed continuation
33% of post-project fundings are european fundings
Ongoing cooperation involves new partners in 61% of the projects

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80% of applicants are older than 40 years
Rather low implication of young researchers in the mobilities

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COMPARISON SURVEY 2016 – SURVEY 2023

- Response rate : 2016 : 39% (31 responses), 2023 : 43% (19 responses)
- Stable average annual number of applications (-0,9%)
- Decrease in the number of selected projects carried by young researchers (-9%)
- Increase in the number of women applicants (+5%) and laureates (+1%)
- Clear progression of the participation of young researchers to the projects (+12%) but apparent decrease of their involvement in the scientific coproductions (-26%)
- No evolution in the mobilities of young researchers
- Stable average annual number of scientific coproductions per project (1,0)
- Very significant progression of cooperations continued with financing (+45%)

PRELIMINARY RECOMMANDATIONS

- Encourage young researchers applications (only 20% of laureates under 40 years old)
- Encourage women researchers applications (only 32%)
- Enhance scientific coproductions (38% of projects with no scientific coproduction, 1.0 coproduction in average per project and per year)
- Promote both outgoing (29%) and incoming (24%) mobilities of young researchers

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French national ministries (MESR / MEAE) will provide a complete analysis of the survey. It will be sent to the recipients of the funding who participated in this survey.

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