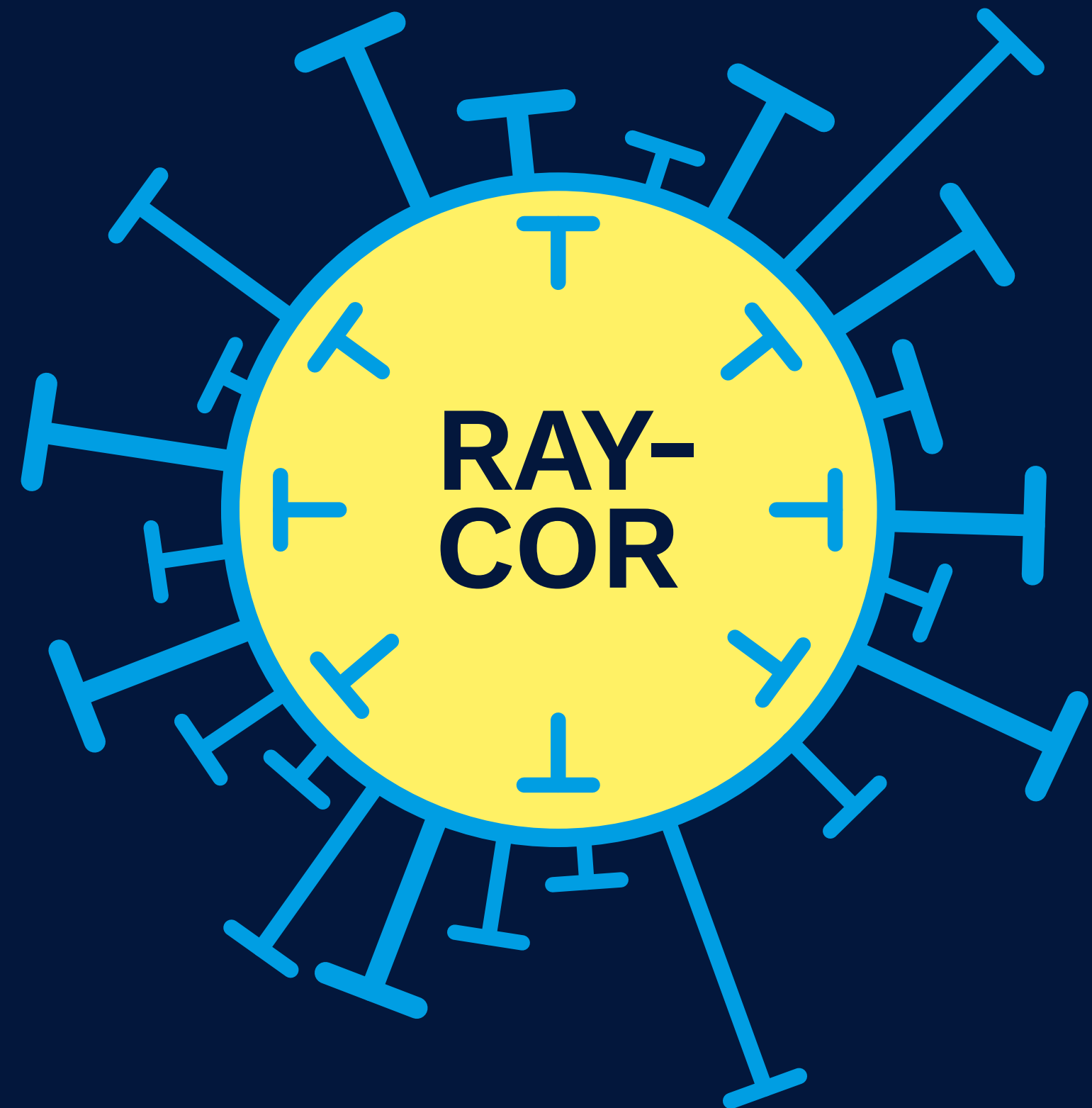


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Overview of research projects – and key findings on the impact of the corona pandemic on youth work



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MOVING NEWS

RAY stands for “Research-based analysis of European youth programmes” and is the self-governed network of 36 National Agencies of the European youth programmes and their research partners.

researchyouth.net/network/

Founded in 2008 to contribute to

- » quality assurance & quality development in the implementation of the European Youth Programmes
- » evidence-based & research-informed youth policy development in the youth field in Europe
- » the recognition of non-formal education and learning
- » the dialogue between research, policy & practice



RAY COORDINATION

» Coordination Office

Since 2021 at EDUFI, Finnish National Agency for Education

» Research Coordination

GENESIS = Generation and Educational Science Institute
and YPL = Youth Policy Labs

B

SEARCHING NEWS

Three network-wide research programmes

- MON** » monitoring of Erasmus+ Youth in Action
- SOC** » monitoring of European Solidarity Corps
- STRAT** » contribution of programmes to strategies

Three research projects concluding in 2021

- COR*** » the corona virus pandemic and youth work
- INNO** » fostering innovation in the youth sector
- PART** » learning approaches fostering participation

* we hope anyway

Concluding research projects

One research project continuing

LEARN » **organisational learning through and in the European youth programmes**

Two research projects starting in 2021

DIGI » the role of digitalisation in youth work and non-formal learning in the context of the European youth programmes

COMP » competence development and capacity building for youth work and training in the European youth programmes

Three research projects starting after 2021

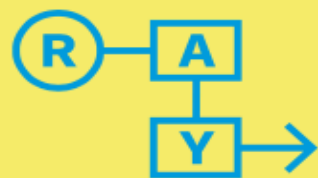
EQUAL » effects of inequalities on learning outcomes

MISS » exploring who is missing – and why

POL » the political dimension of youth work

C

FINDING NEWS

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Research-based analysis of European youth programmes


We are a research network with partners in 34 European countries with 29 languages.

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Where to find us



RAY-COR

“The aim of this research project is to document and analyse the effects of the coronavirus pandemic on youth work in Europe, including the European youth programmes, and the response of youth work across Europe to the pandemic and its effects.”

RAY-COR

20+ countries, 5 modules

- 1 Literature snapshots (2 + 1)**
- 2 Monolingual survey (Spring)**
- 3 Expert interviews & focus groups**
- 4 Multilingual survey (Autumn)**
- 5 Response case studies**
- 6 Needs survey (Spring)**



Young
people



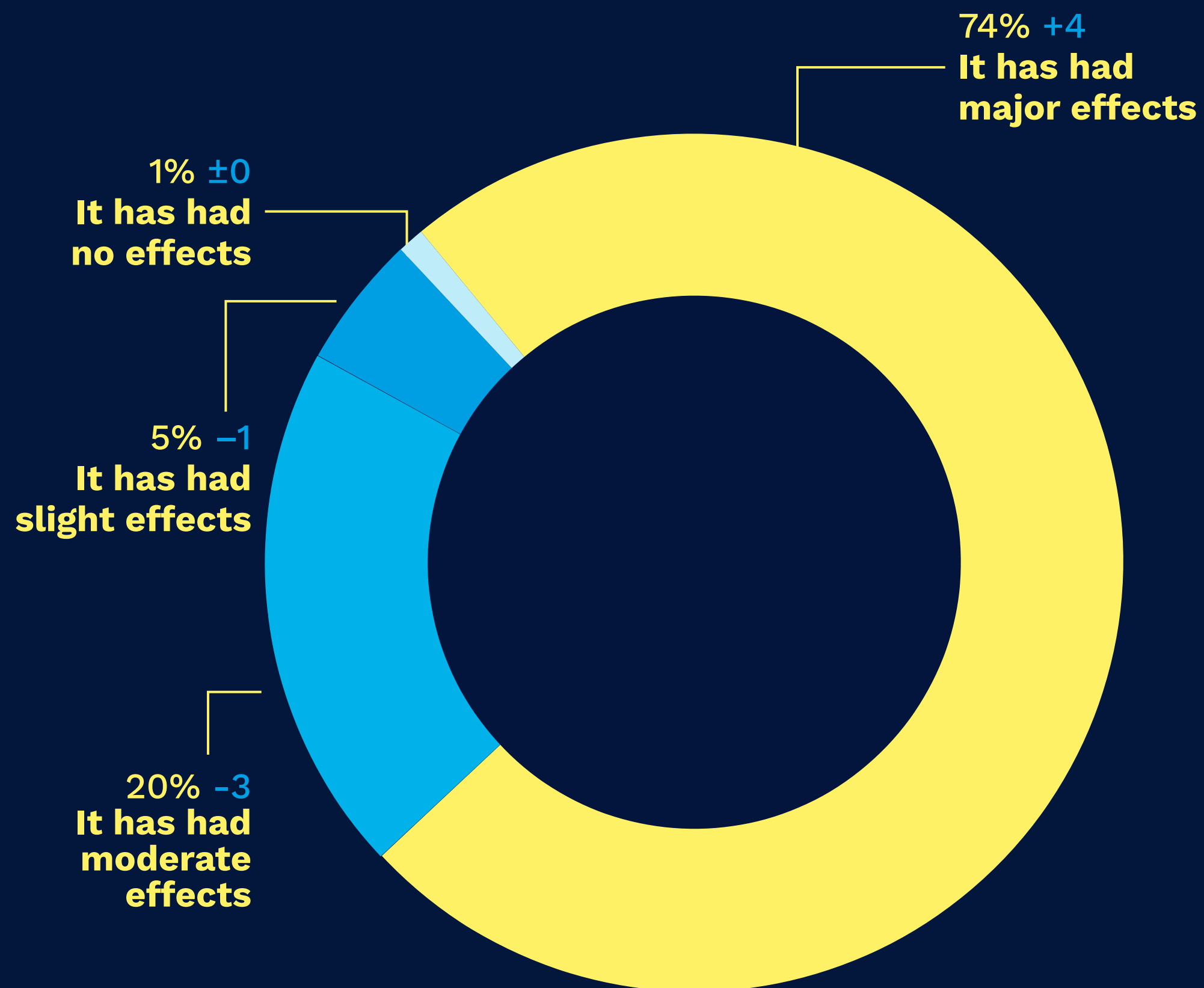
Youth
workers

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SHAKING NEWS

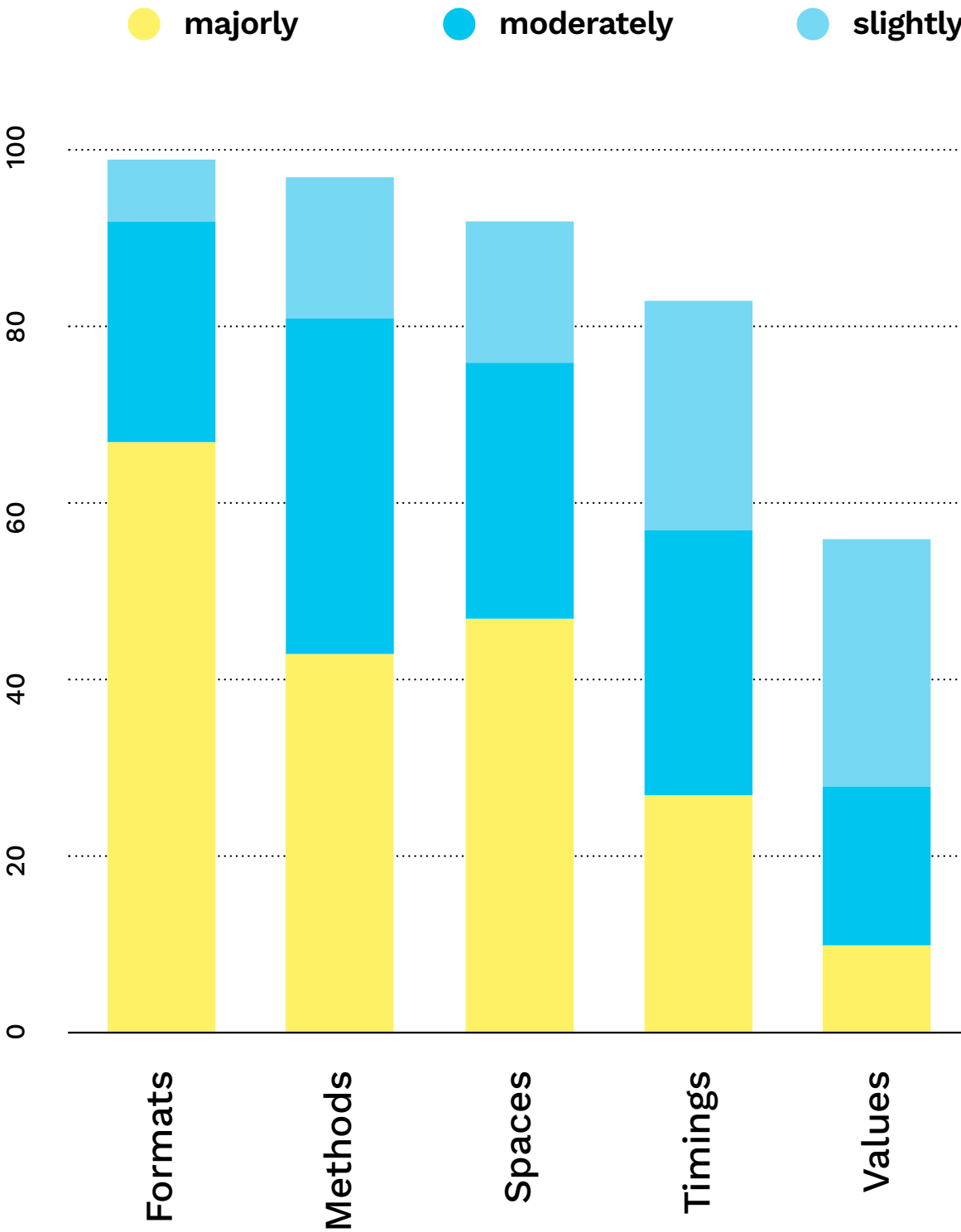
**THE PANDEMIC KEEPS
SHAKING YOUTH WORK
TO THE CORE**

Q: Has the corona pandemic affected your youth work?



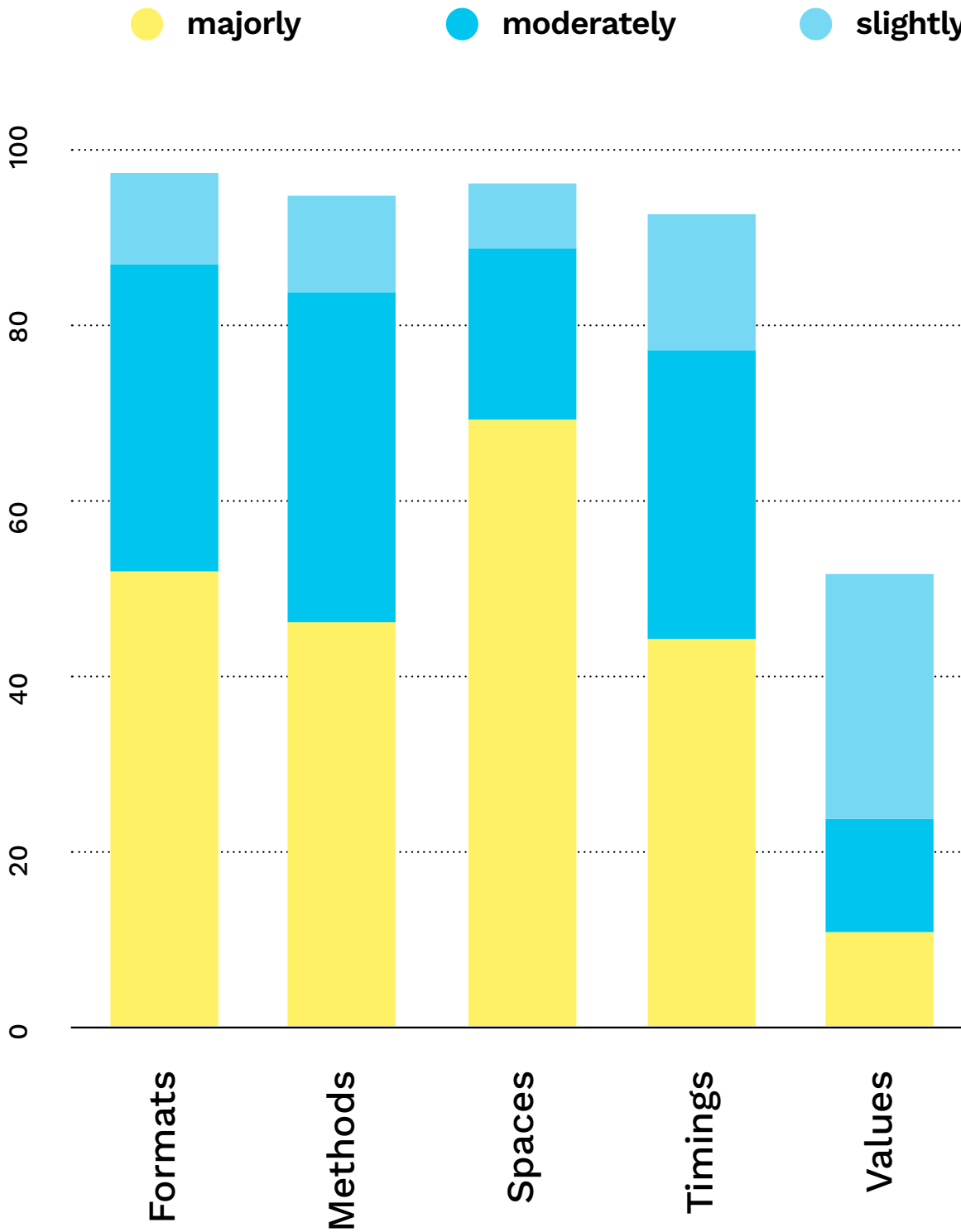
These values have increased slightly over time (+4%, spring 2020 vs autumn 2020).

Q: Which aspects of your youth work have been affected?



Autumn 2020

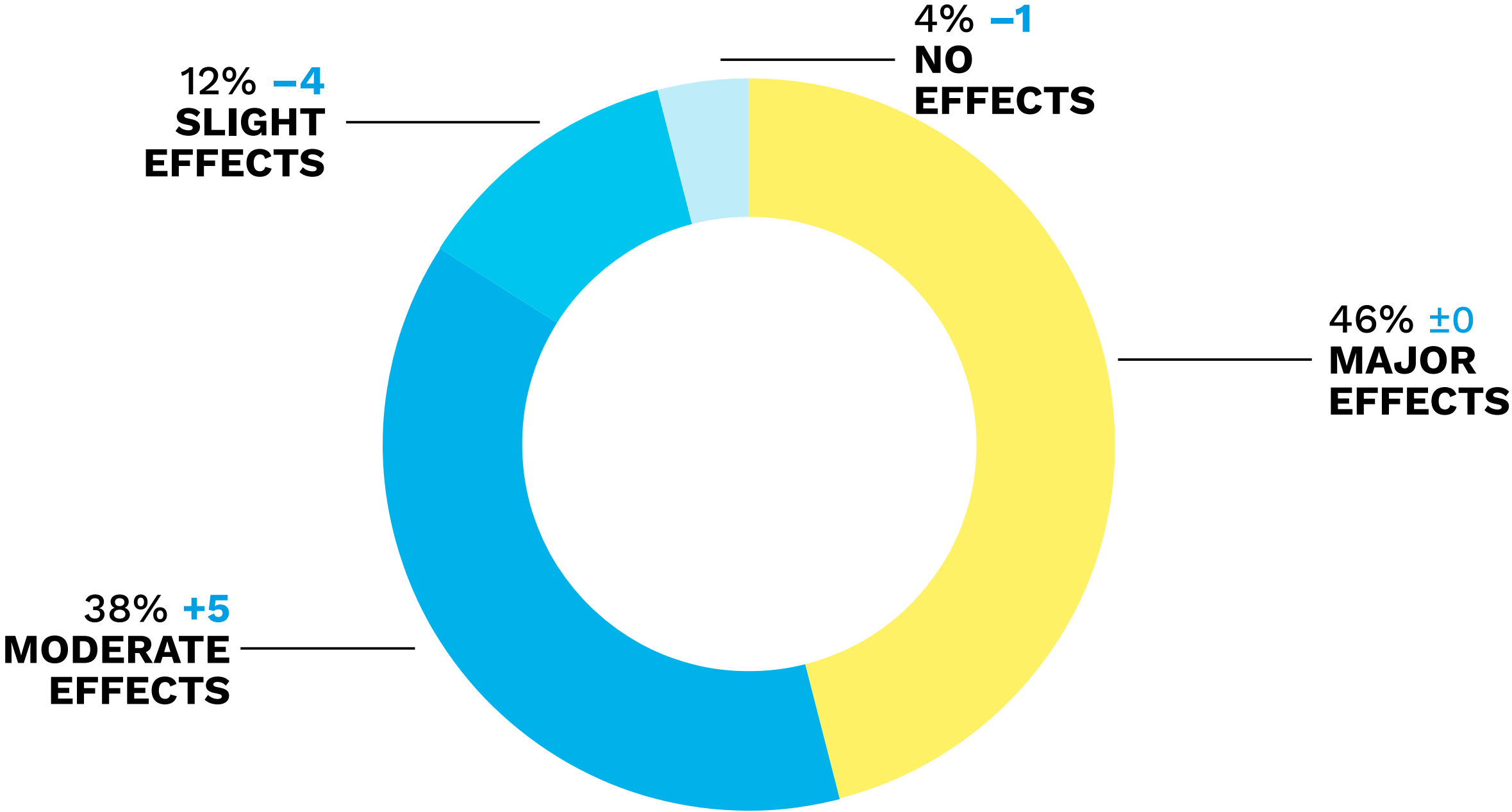
Q: Which aspects of your youth work have been affected?



Spring 2020

**THE ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF THE PANDEMIC ARE SEVERE –
AND KEEP INCREASING**

Q. Has the corona pandemic affected your own youth work structure – be that an organisation, an administration, a network, a department, a team?



“Our budget has been cut in half. New funding is entirely uncertain. The financial impact is hitting us very hard at the moment.”

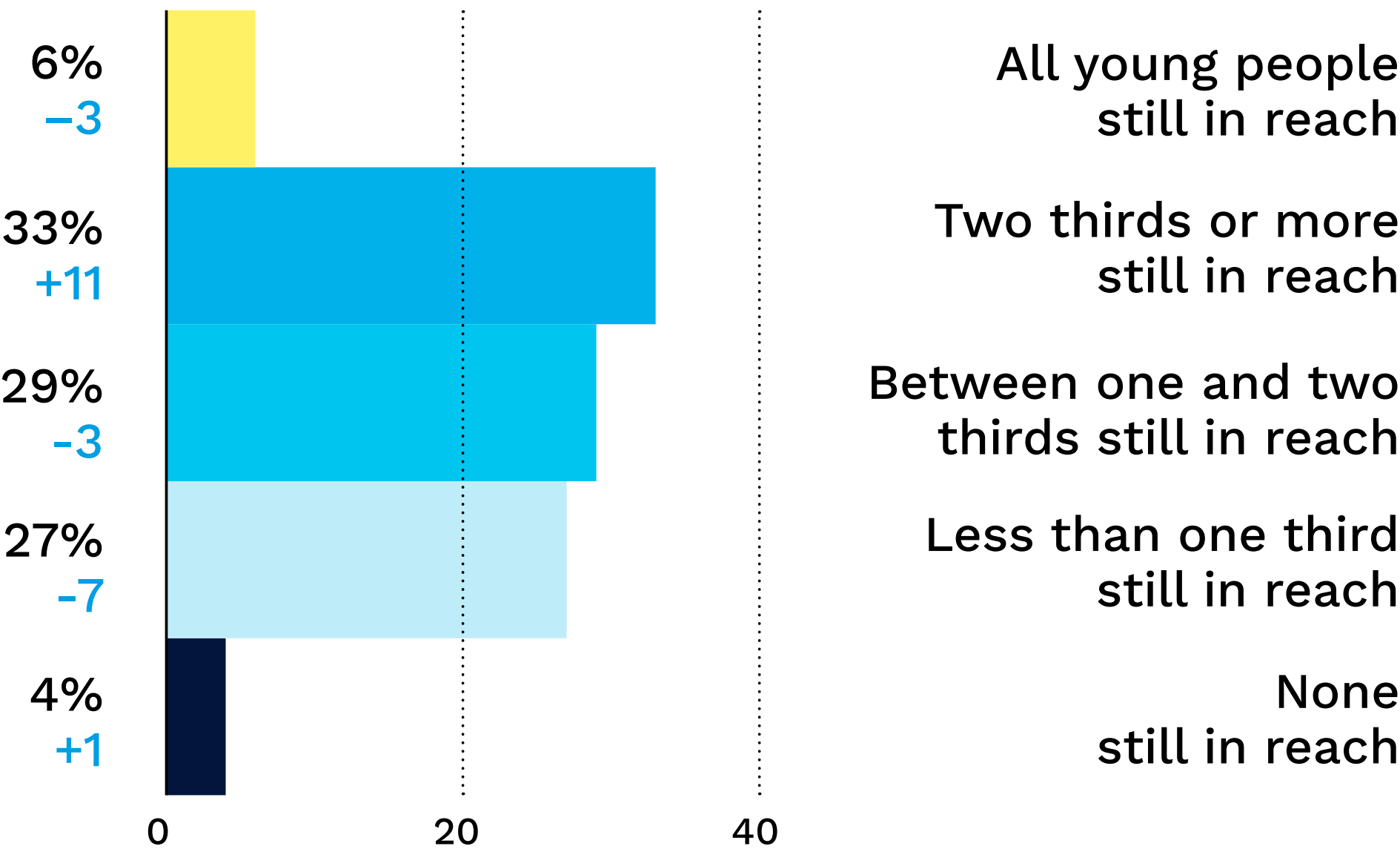
Online survey respondent

“The economic effects of the crisis have undermined our financial stability. We had to cut wages and reduce staff to be able to cope.”

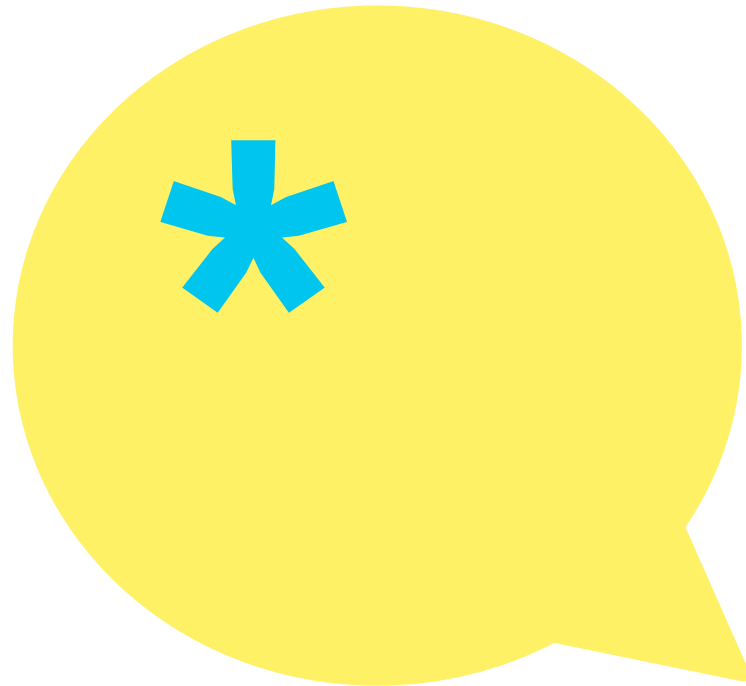
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**MARGINALISED YOUNG
PEOPLE FELL OUT OF
REACH – AND NOT ALL
ARE (YET) RETURNING**

Q. How many of the young people you normally work with do you currently still reach with your youth work?



Median 50%
Mean 53 %



“It is those young people we care most about in our daily work that we cannot get in touch with anymore. They have almost completely disappeared from our work. I am worried.”

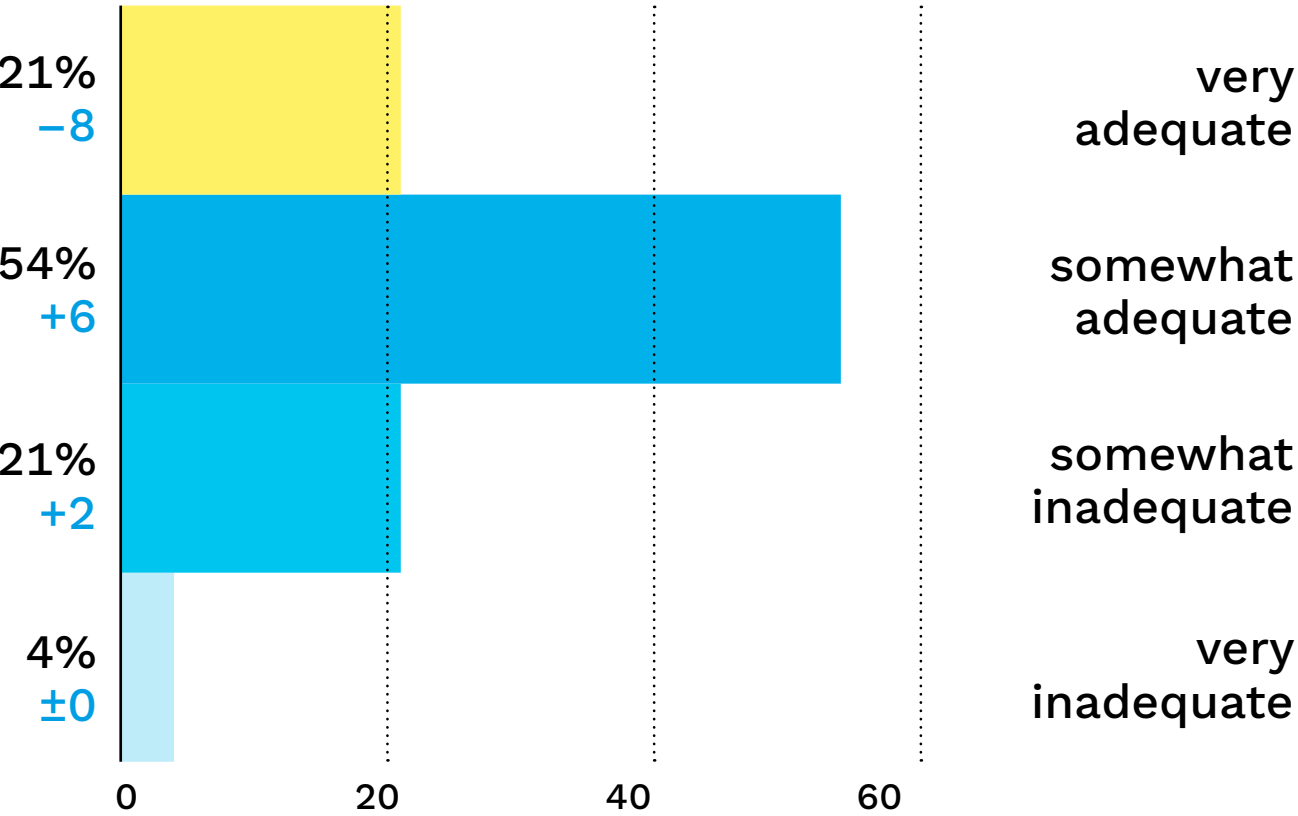
Online survey respondent

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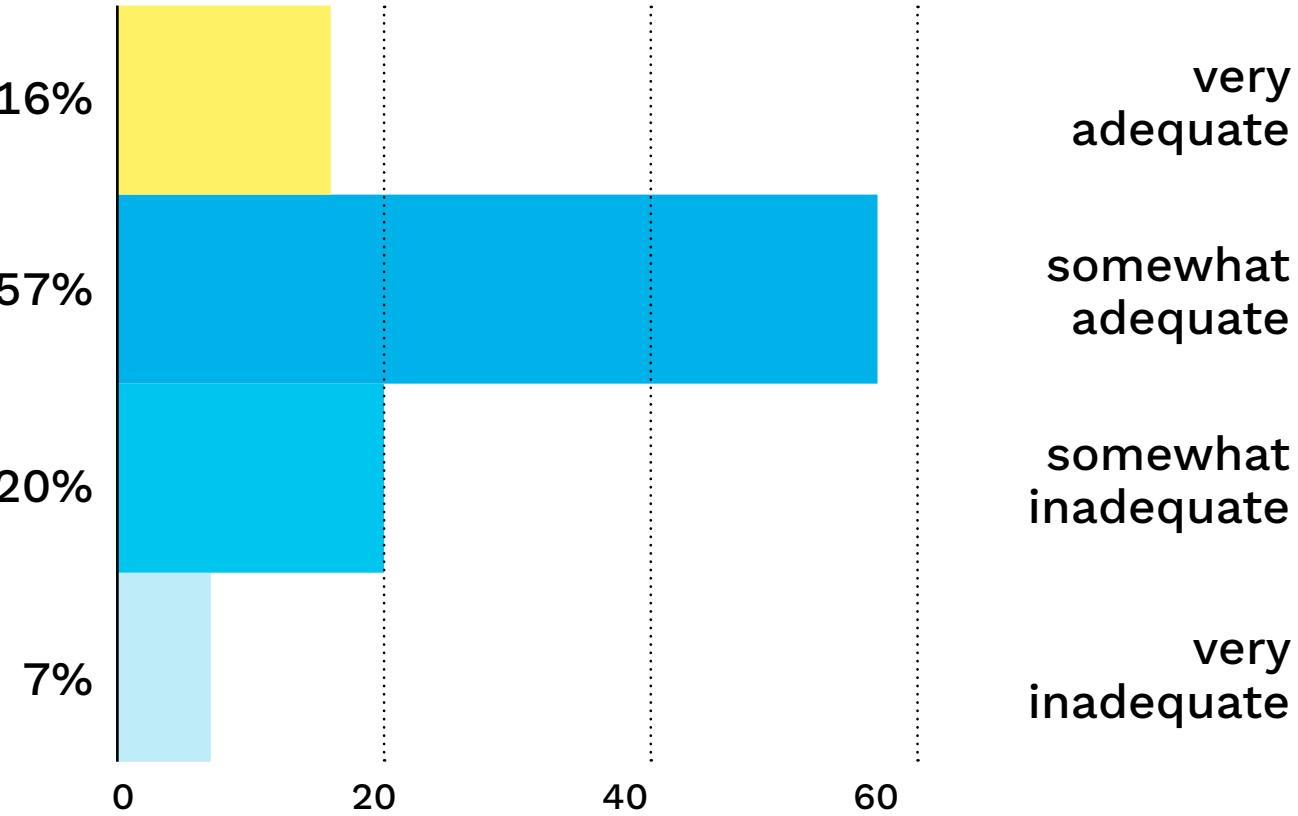
HOPEFUL NEWS

**YOUTH WORK IS
EXPERIMENTING AND
ADAPTING AS BEST AS
CURRENTLY POSSIBLE**

Q: In your opinion and context, how well has *youth work* as a field responded to the crisis so far?

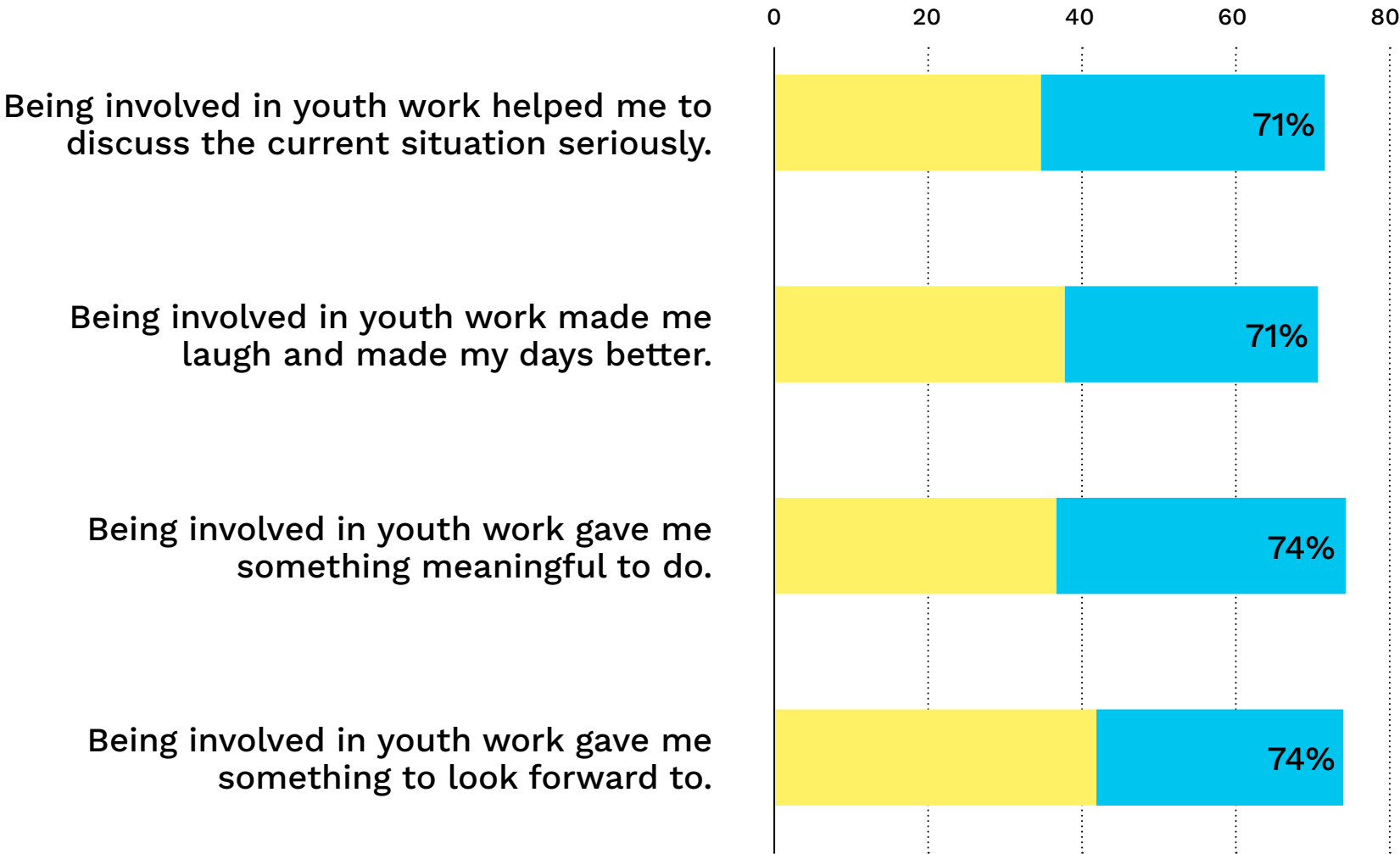
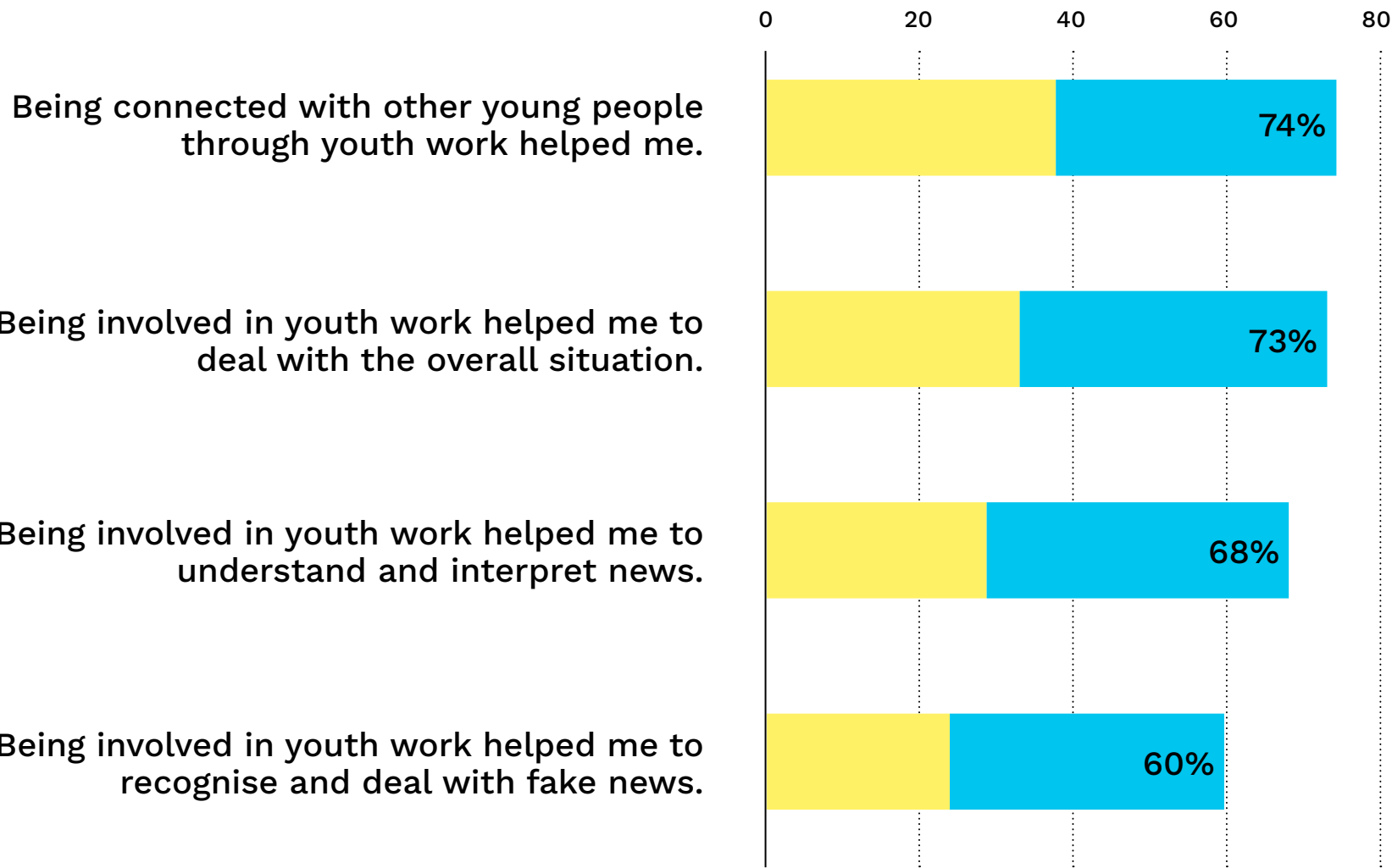


Q: In your opinion and context, how well has *European youth work* as a field responded to the crisis so far?



**YOUTH WORK KEEPS
HELPING MANY YOUNG
PEOPLE TO NAVIGATE
THE CRISIS**

Q: Has your involvement in youth work helped you during these times?

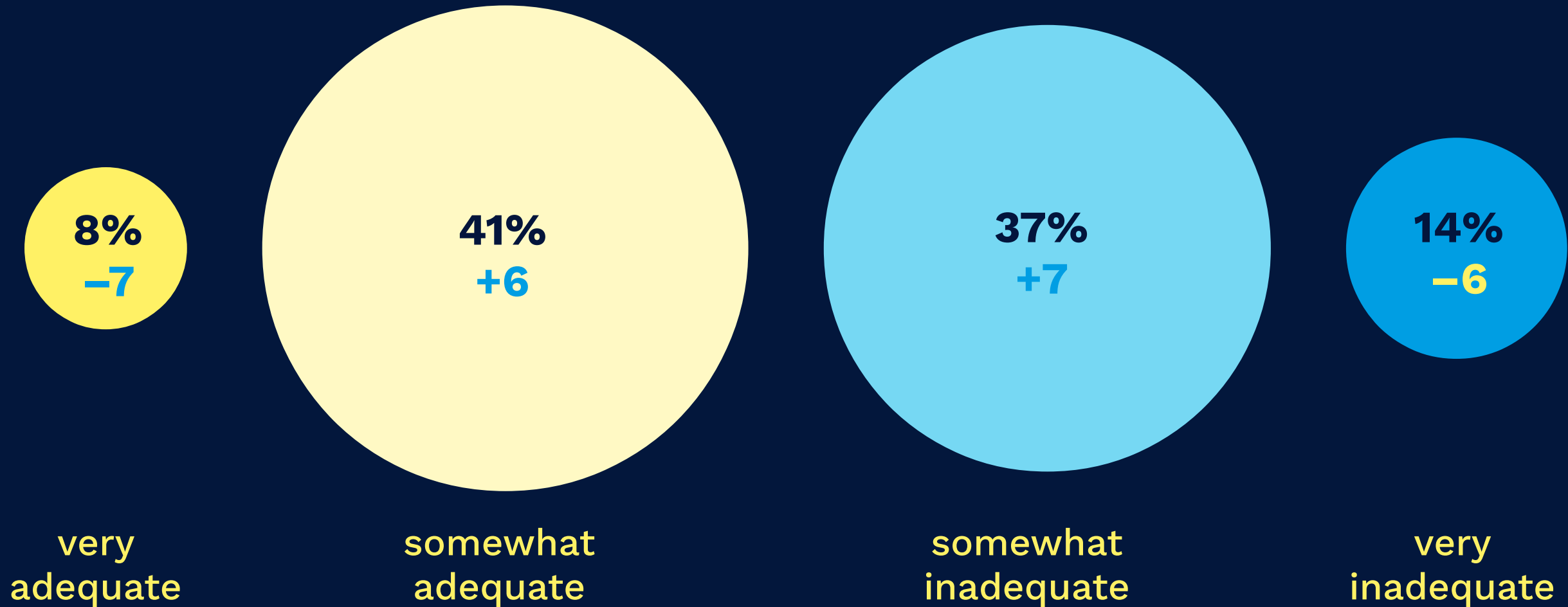


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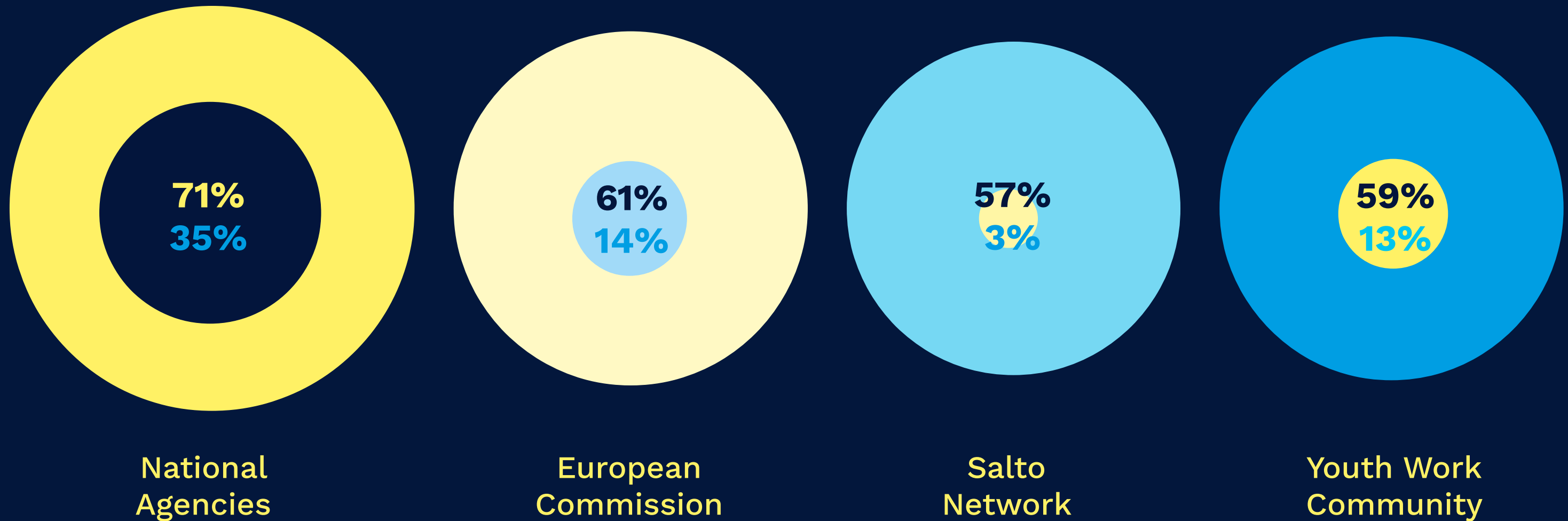
CHALLENGING NEWS

**THE SUPPORT OF
YOUTH WORK NEEDS
FAST AND VAST
IMPROVEMENTS**

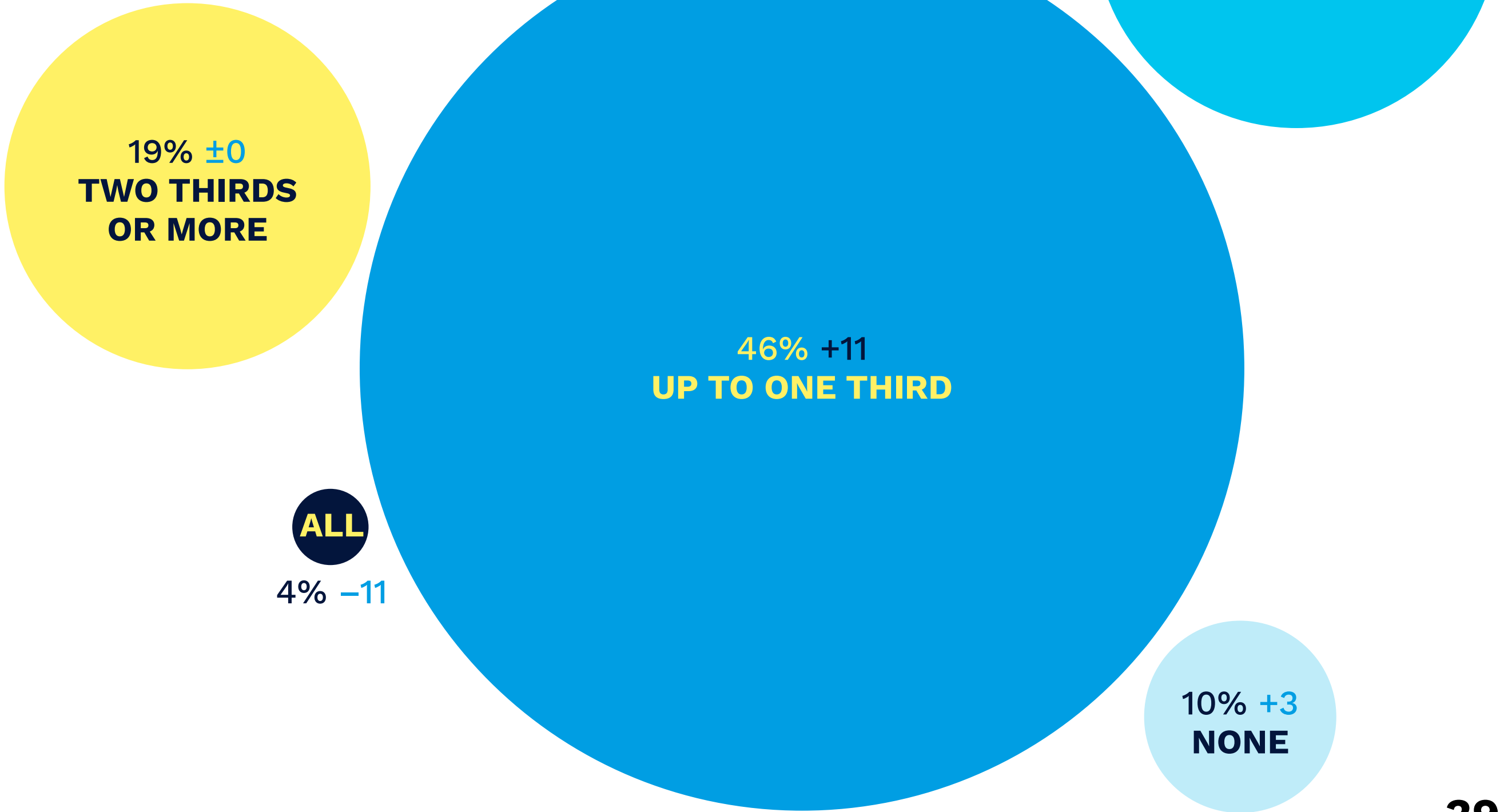
Q. In your opinion and context, how well has youth work as a field been supported during the crisis so far?



Q. In your opinion and context, how well has youth work as a field been supported during the crisis so far by...?

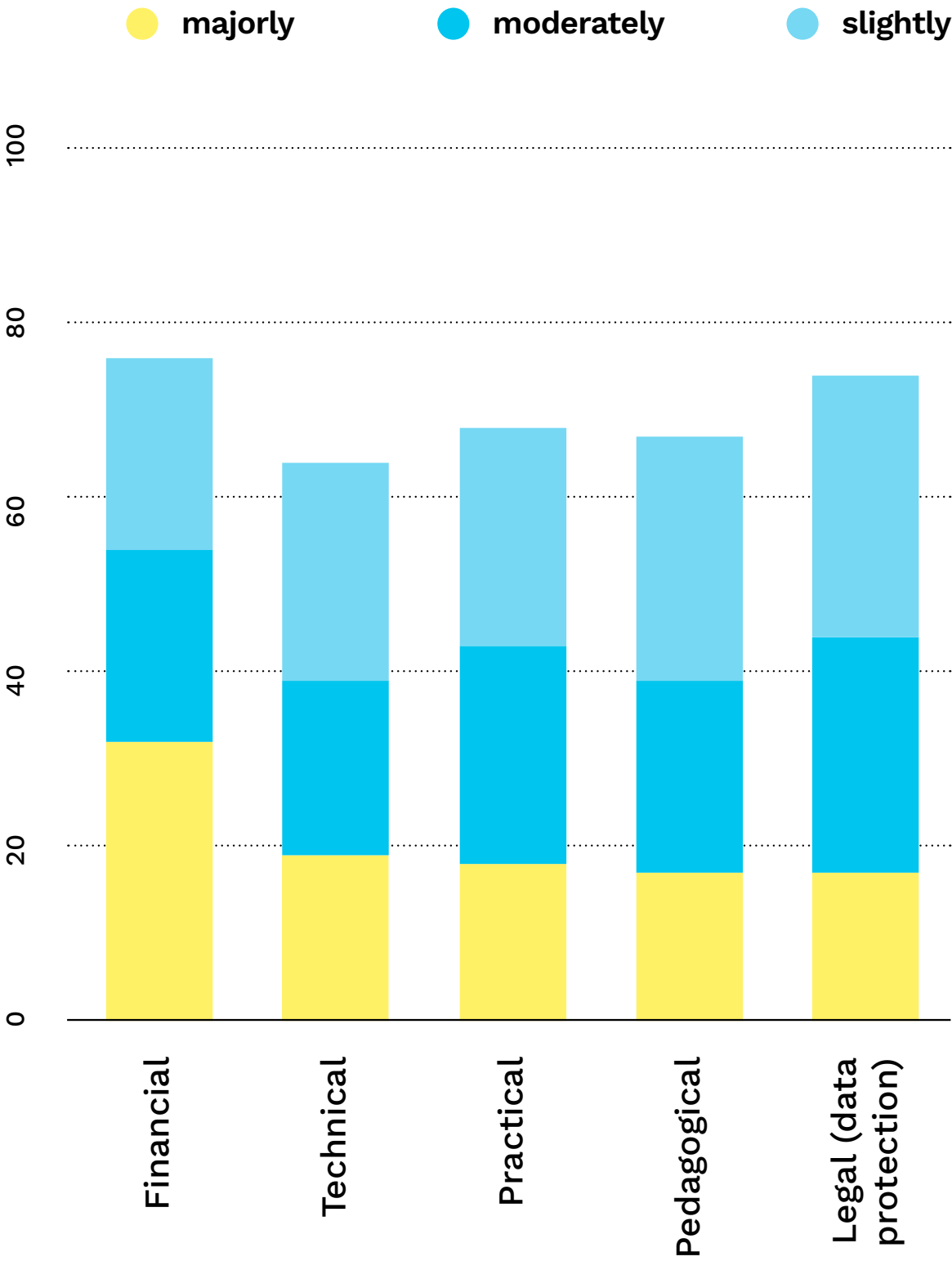


Q. How much of
your youth work
has been trans-
ferred online?



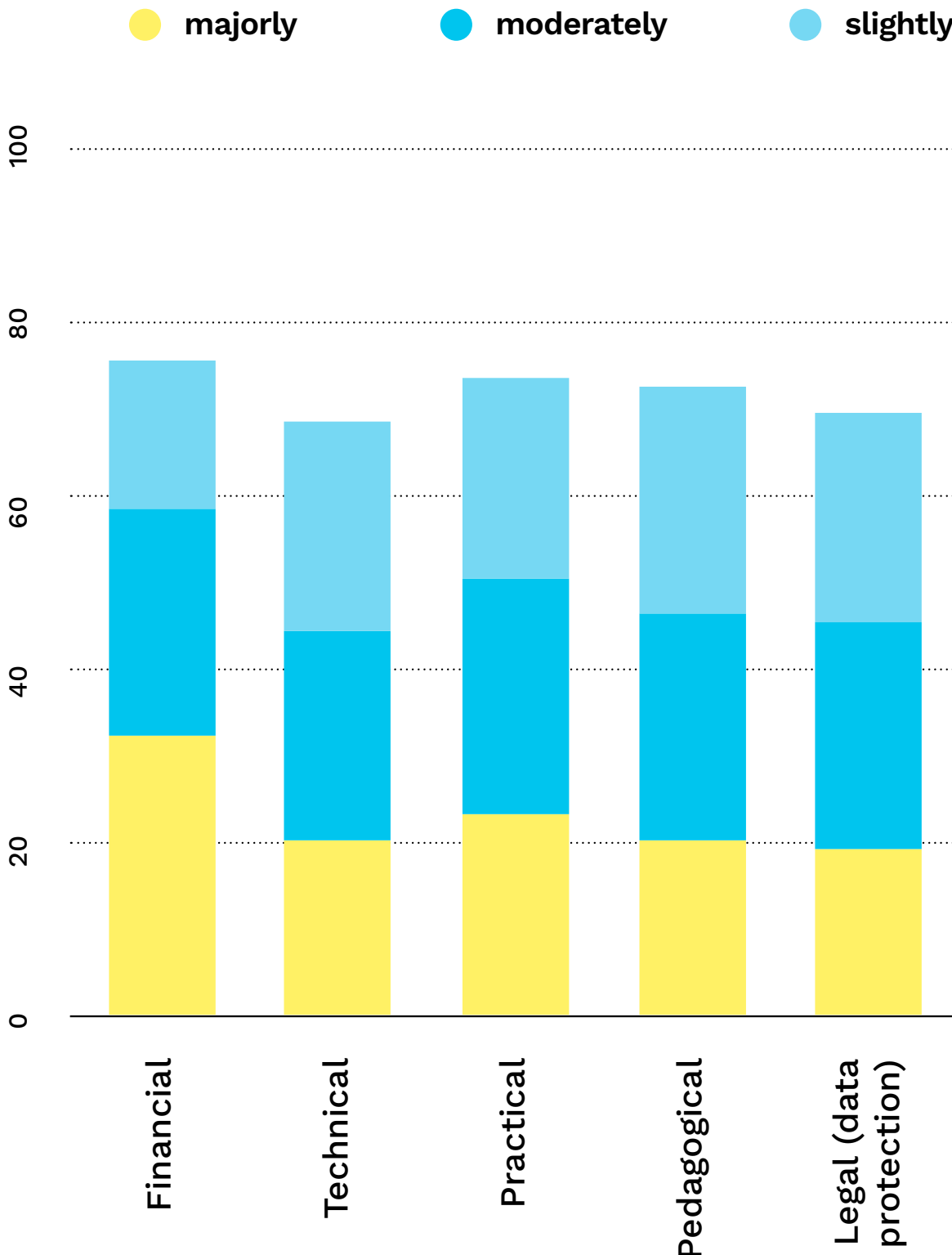
Median 30%
Mean 37 %

Q: Which hardware support would help you to take your youth work online?



HARDWARE-RELATED

Q: Which software support would help you to take your youth work online?



SOFTWARE-RELATED

“In the broader context of the European youth work sector, I feel alone. There is no reliable network at this level which would allow for solidarity or support. Some youth workers I know are considering leaving the field entirely. We should not be forced to decide between doing youth work or a secure future.”

Online survey respondent

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