

Strategic Review of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work

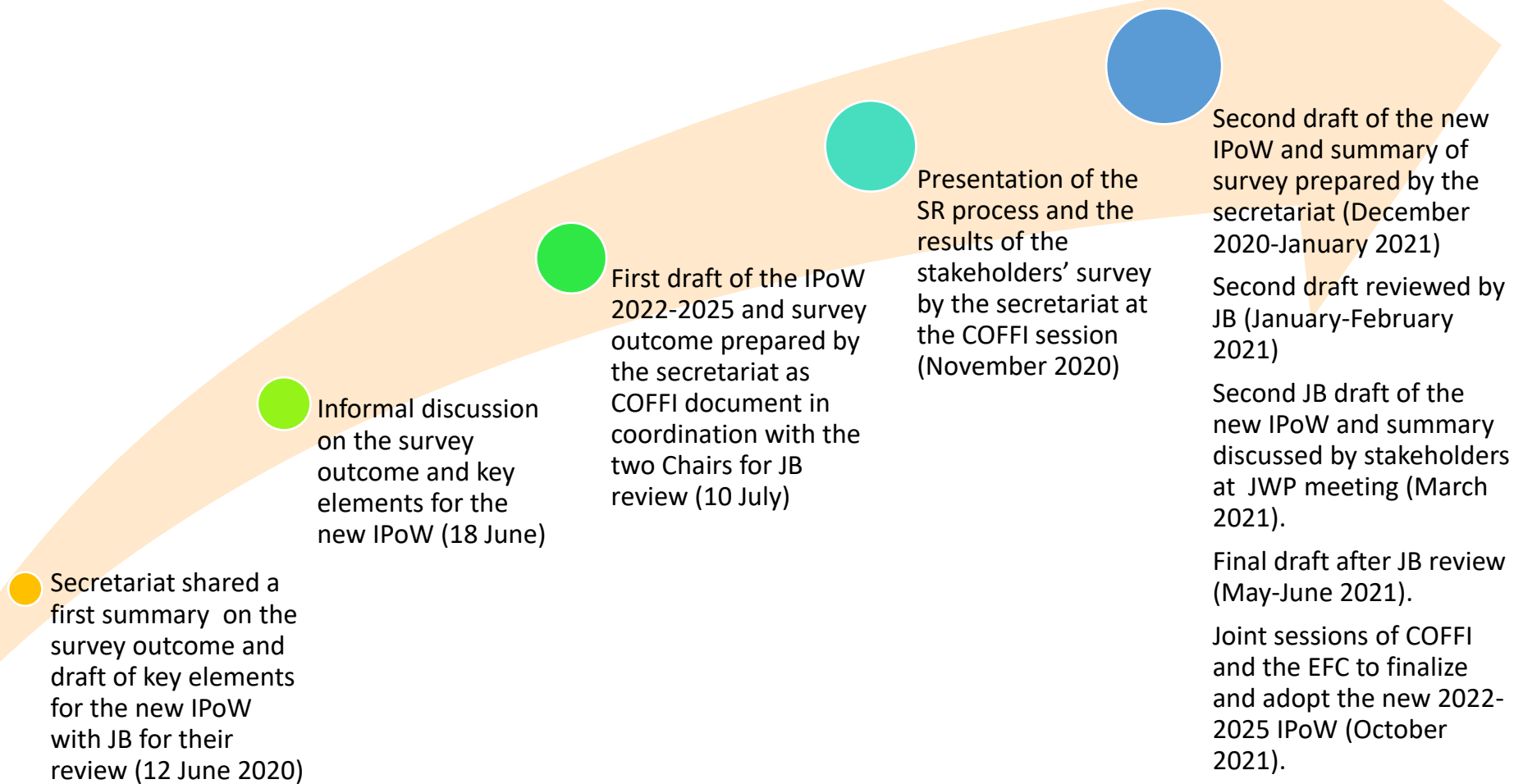
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The Strategic Review process

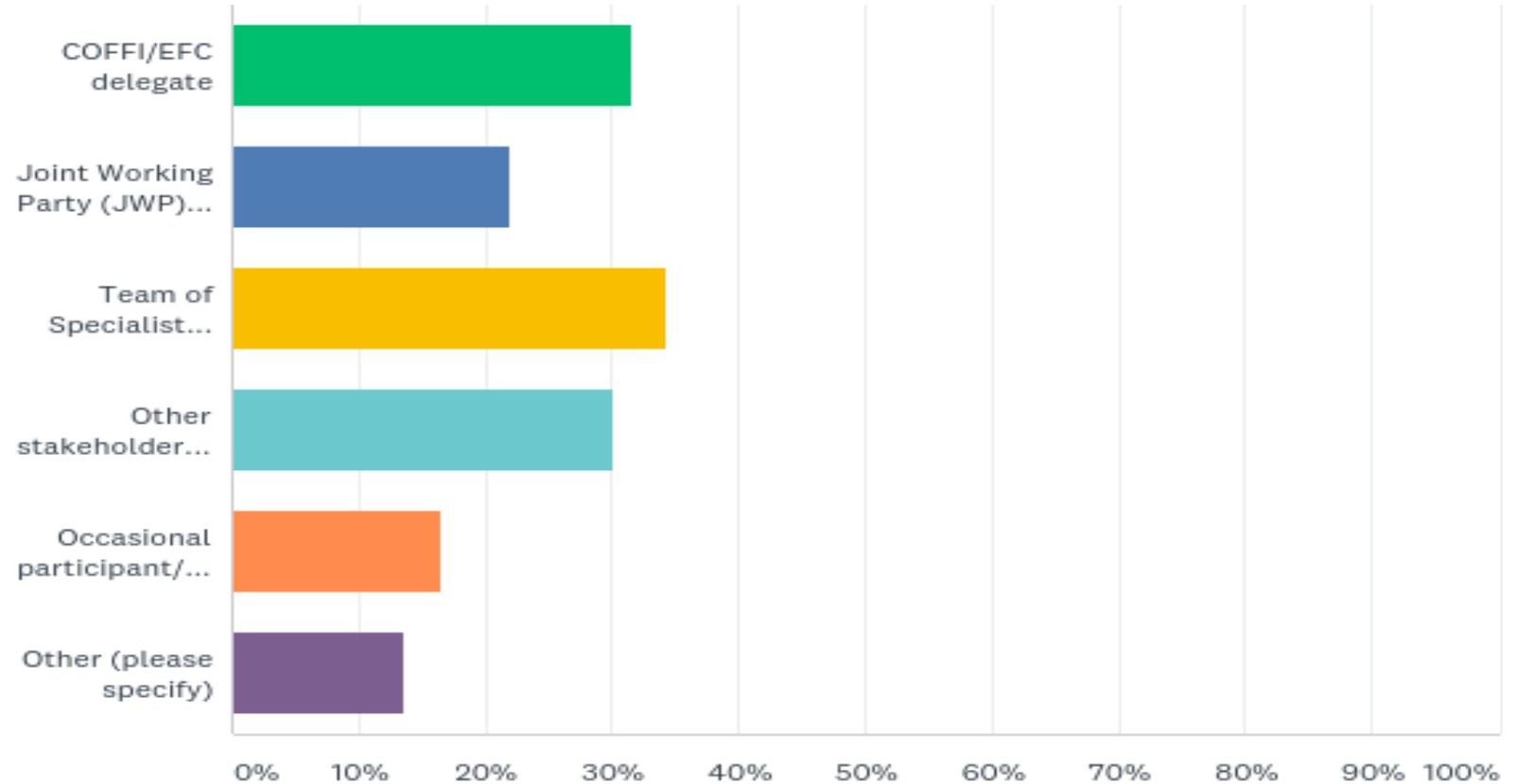


Survey overview

Participants



- 73 responses total
- 14 from member State representatives
- 28 countries

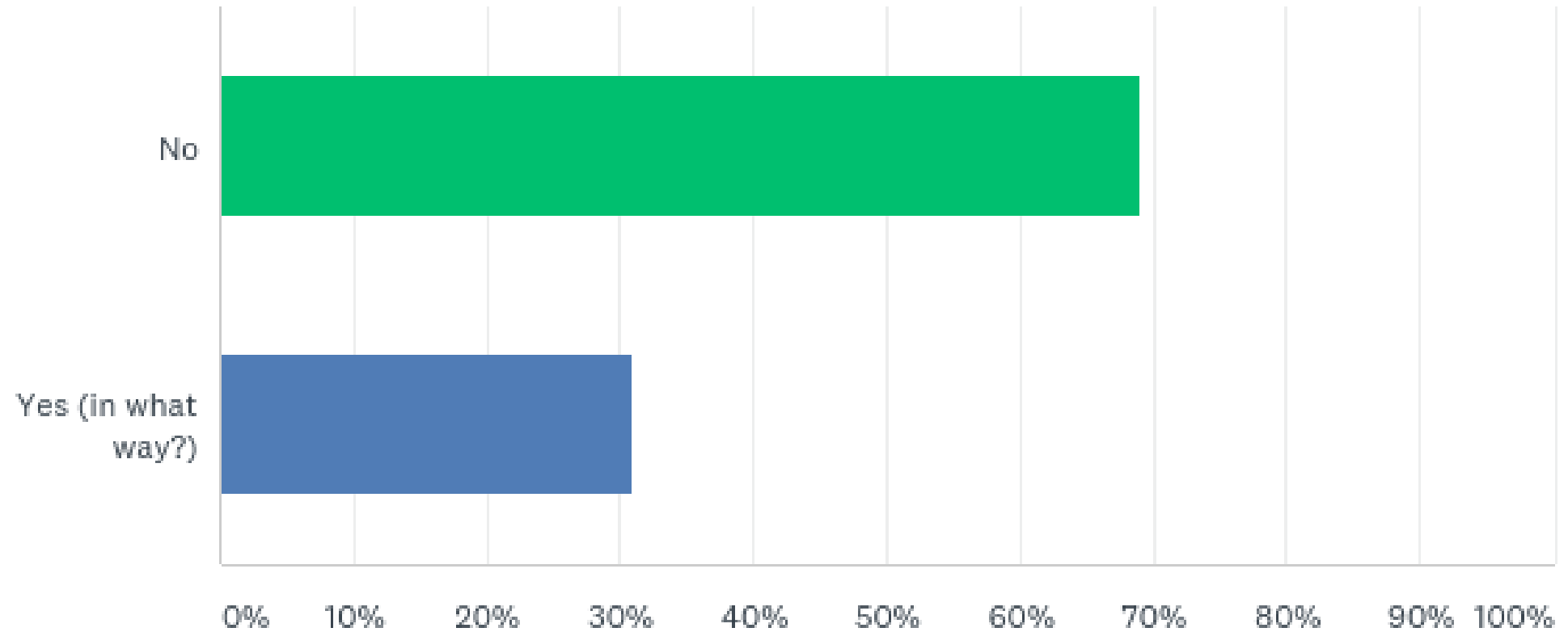




For a comprehensive summary of the survey, please refer to ECE/TIM/2020/Inf.4

- Forest resources (77%)
- Forest products and markets (72%)
- The role of the forest sector in a circular bio-economy (56%)
- Wood Energy (51%)

Should the goals and objective of the new IPoW 2022-2025 be modified?

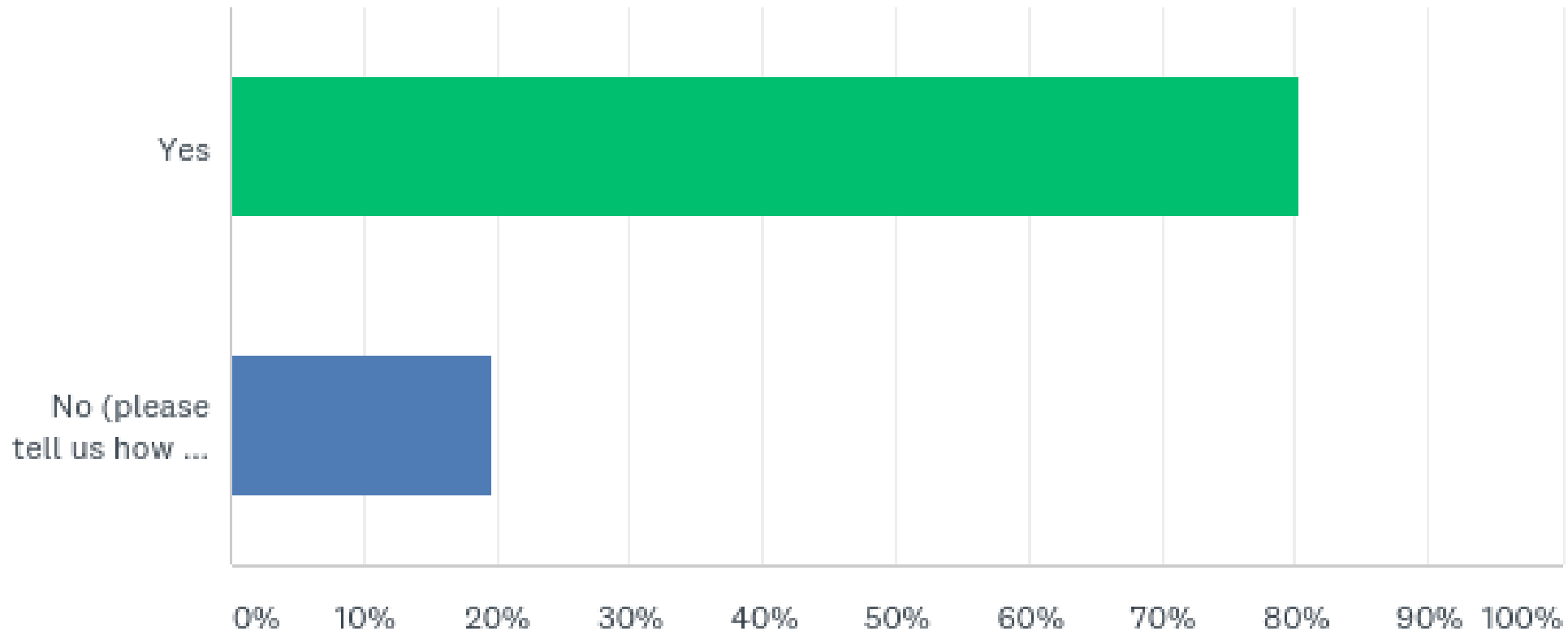


In what way should goals and objectives be modified:



- Assessing the role of forests in climate change mitigation and trade-offs between sequestration in forests vs. wood products;
- More emphasis on forest disturbances (incl. fire), biodiversity, change of species composition of forests;
- Focus on the role/contribution of forests and wood in the circular bio-economy

Did the scope of the WIPoW 2018-2021 address challenges of the region in a meaningful way?

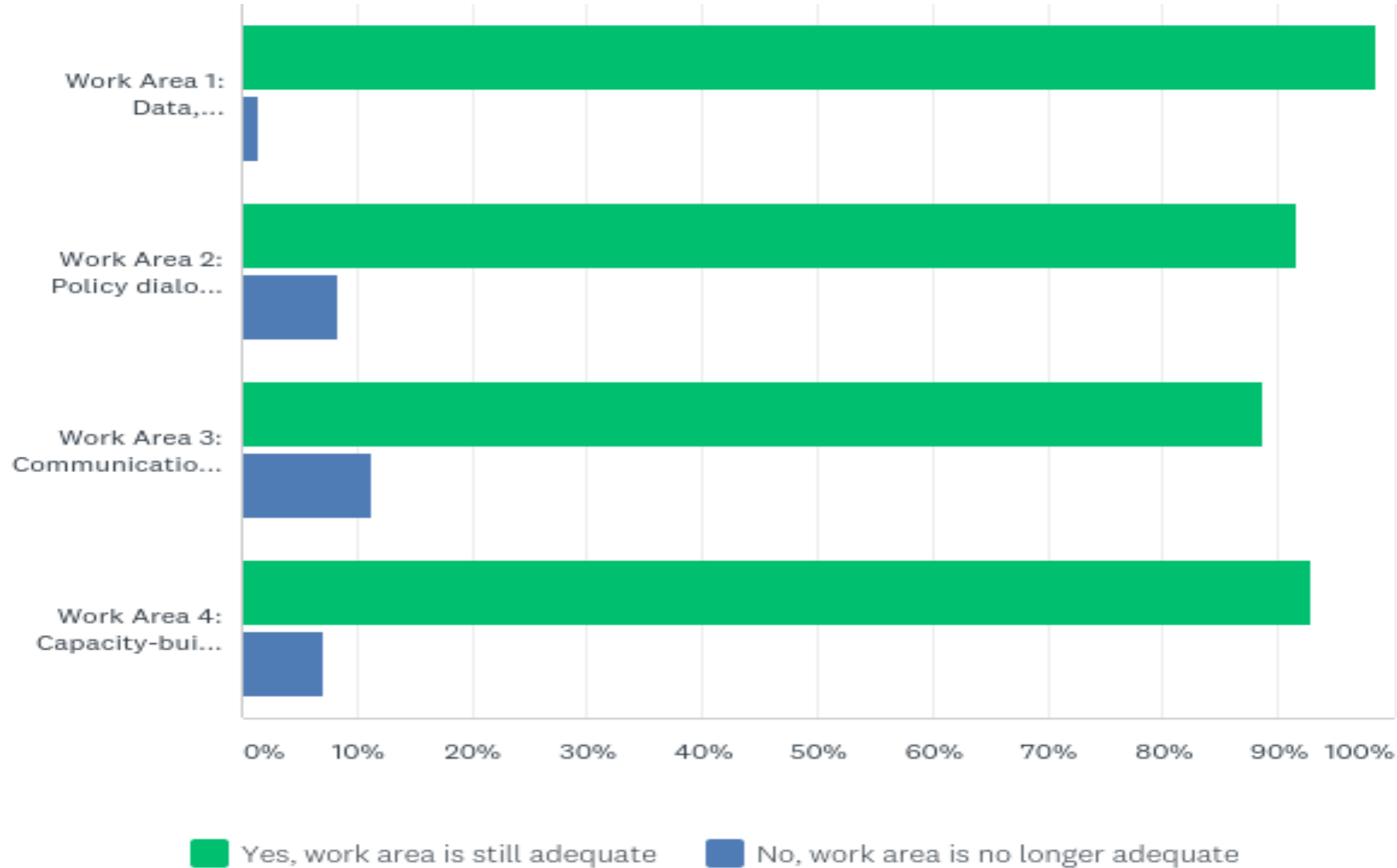


How could the next IPoW 2022-2025 be improved?



- Linkages between SFM and green economy
- Circular economy
- Impacts of COVID-19 on forest sector and lessons learned
- Science and innovation
- Disturbances
- International agreements
- Visibility
- Avoid duplication of efforts

Are the existing work areas adequate to address key challenges in the region?



Ideas for other work areas & services to include in next IPoW (survey)



- Information and guidance on addressing forest damage and adapt to climate change
- Digitalization
- Exchange of experiences
- Harmonization of data assessment
- Focus on urban forestry
- Assessing relevance and current needs

Ideas for other work areas & services to include in next IPoW (informal consultatio)



- Data collection on forest disturbances
- Circular bio-economy
- Balance between SFM and wood products
- Digital communication solutions



Teams of Specialists under the WIPoW

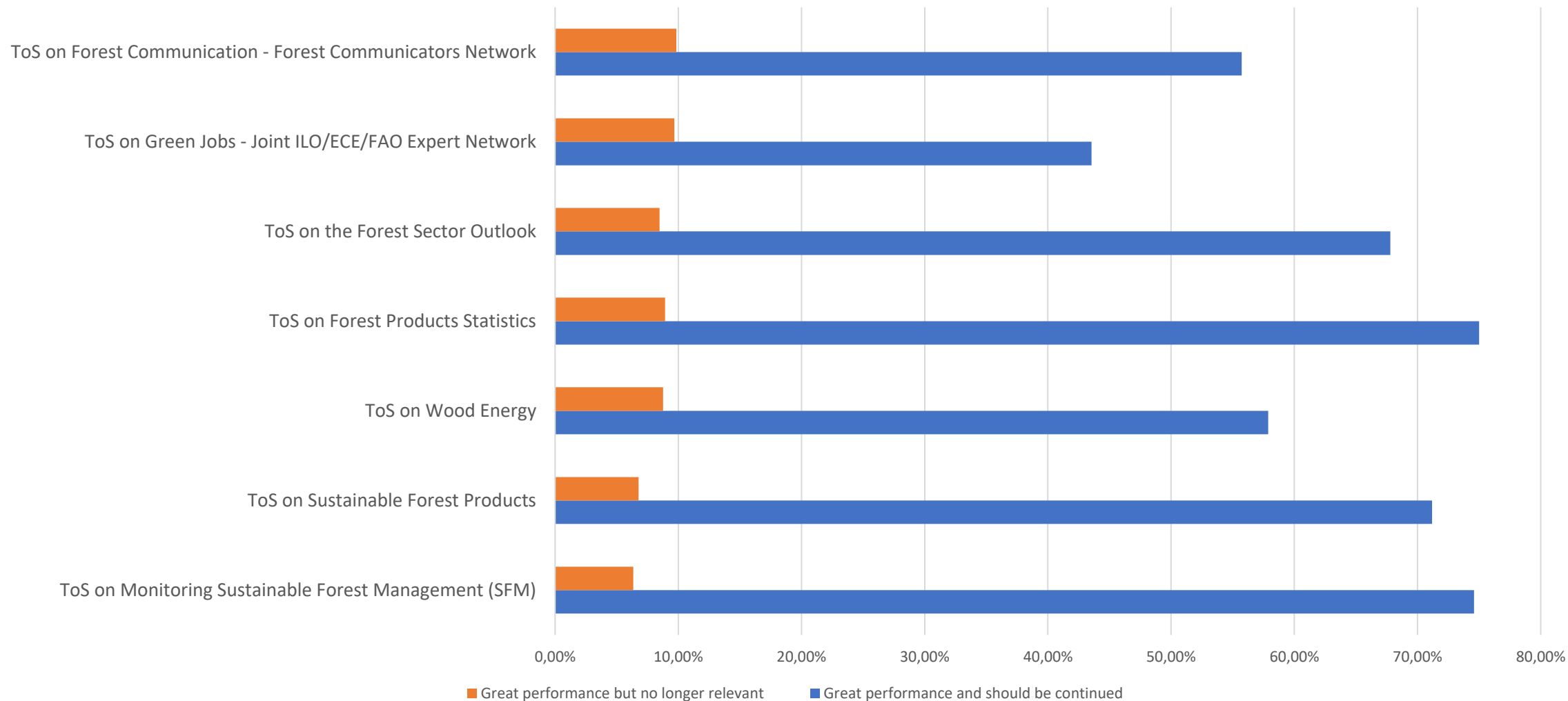
- 8 ToS under WIPoW
- 7 mandates extended in 2019, 1 new mandate established (Boreal)
- Lifetime of ToS' is limited
- Review after two years
- Recommendations by Joint Working Party

Team of Specialists on	At the Joint Session of ECE COFFI and FAO EFC in 2019:	Contribution to the WIPoW
... Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management	Existing mandate was extended to 2021	WA 1, WA 2 and WA 4: to focus on sustainable forest management monitoring for different ECE and FAO studies and reviews, sustainable forest management assessment and work on criteria and indicators.
... Sustainable Forest Products	Existing mandate was extended to 2021	WA 1 and WA 4: to focus on forest products and markets, market statements.
... Forest Products Statistics	Existing mandate was extended to 2021	WA 1 and WA 4: to support work on statistics in the JWP.
... Wood Energy	Existing mandate was extended to 2021	WA 1, WA2, and WA4: to support the development of data and relevant advice on wood energy in the region.
... Forest Sector Outlook	Existing mandate was extended to 2021, ToS on Forest Policy was integrated	WA 1, WA 2, and WA 4: to support the development of Outlook Studies; to focus on forest policies in the region and provide capacity-building
... Forest Communication	ToS Merged with FAO global Forest Communicators' Network	WA 3 and WA 4: to provide advice in support of relevant events, campaigns and PR efforts; support dissemination of results of other ToS
... Green Jobs in the Forest Sector	Existing mandate was extended to 2021	WA 2 and WA 4: to focus on green jobs and capacity-building activities in support of SFM
... Boreal Forests	Established new ToS with mandate until 2021	WA 1 and WA 2



Performance of Teams of Specialists

Rate performance of each Team of Specialists



General conclusions from Informal Discussion (18 June)



- 4 existing work areas remain relevant
- Digitalization
- Communication is key
- Support for forest landscape restoration activities
- Disturbances and climate change
- Circular bio-economy concept needs clarity
- Avoidance of overlapping activities and strengthened cooperation with FAO

General conclusions from Informal Discussion (18 June)



- People with field experience in ToS
- Greater cooperation between ToS
- Increase visibility and outreach of ToS' work
- Possible discontinuation of ToS on Forest Communication and ToS on Green Jobs



- The Committee is invited to:
 - (i) make recommendations on the development the new Integrated Programme of Work 2022-2025;
 - (ii) agree on the adjustments to the approved roadmap as contained in ECE/TIM/2019/2-FO:EFC/2019/2, which were needed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you!



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