



Strategic Review of the Integrated Programme of Work

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The Strategic Review Process

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November 2019

Timeline for Strategic Review endorsed by COFFI/EFC during Joint Session

April-May 2020

Survey designed in consultation with JB and distributed to relevant stakeholders

June 2020

Summary of survey outcomes and draft of key elements for the new IPoW shared with JB for their review

June 2020

Informal discussion of the survey outcome and key elements for the new IPoW with country delegates

August 2020

First draft of the IPoW 2022-2025 and survey outcomes prepared by the secretariat as COFFI document in coordination with JB

November 2020

COFFI provided comments and feedback on first draft of new IPoW (ECE/TIM/2020/7) during COFFI session

January 2021

Secretariat prepared a second draft of the new IPoW based on comments received by COFFI

February 2021

Second draft reviewed by JB

March 2021

Second JB draft of the new IPoW presented during JWP meeting

May-June 2021

Final draft after JB review

October 2021

Joint sessions of COFFI and the EFC to finalize and adopt the new 2022-2025 IPoW

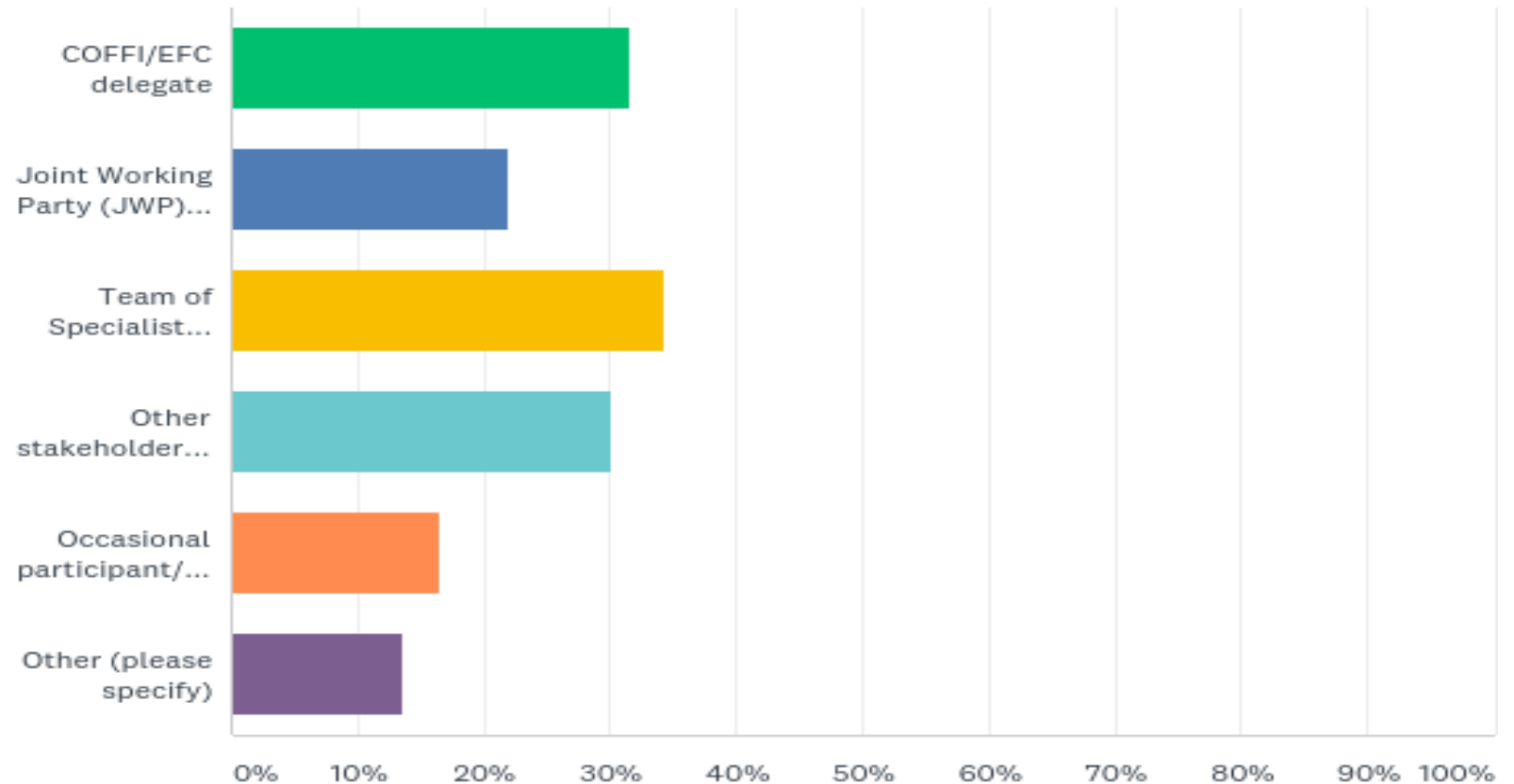
Survey overview

Participants

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



Survey overview

Most relevant themes identified

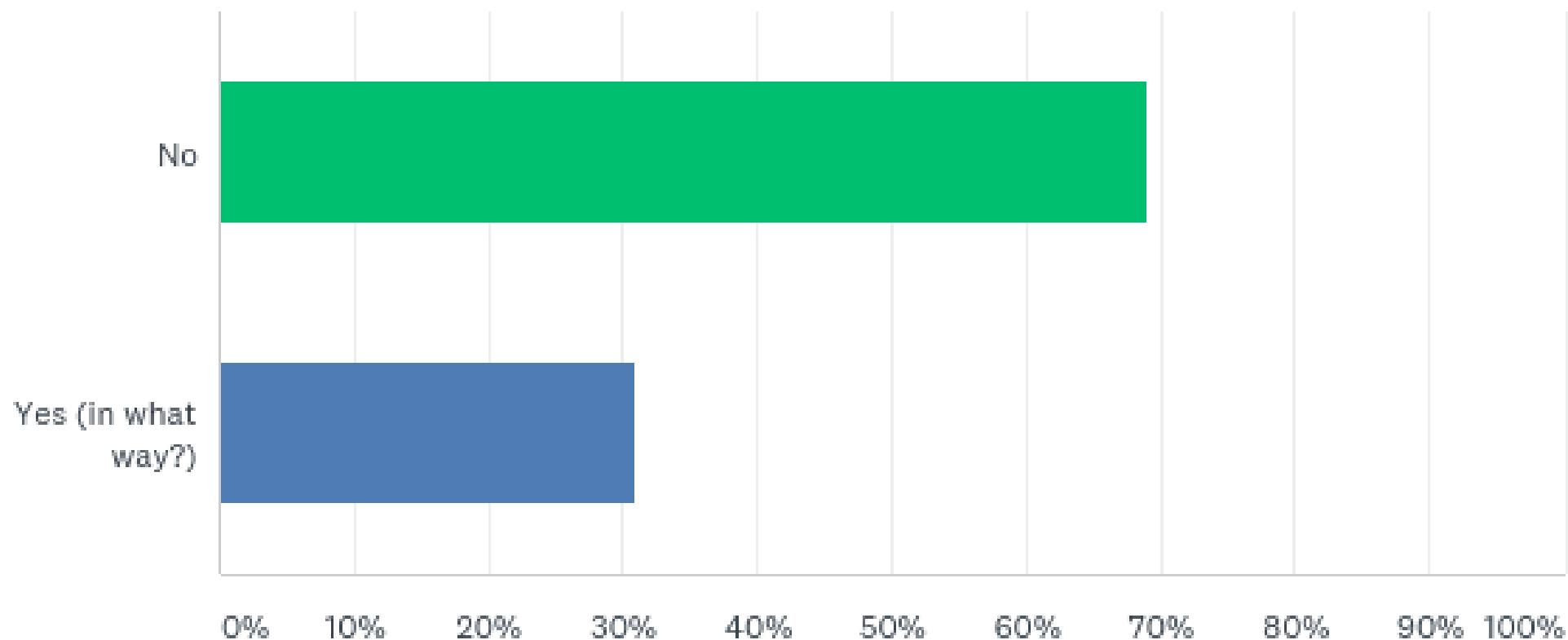
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- Forest resources (77%)
- Forest products and markets (72%)
- The role of the forest sector in a circular bio-economy (56%)
- Wood Energy (51%)

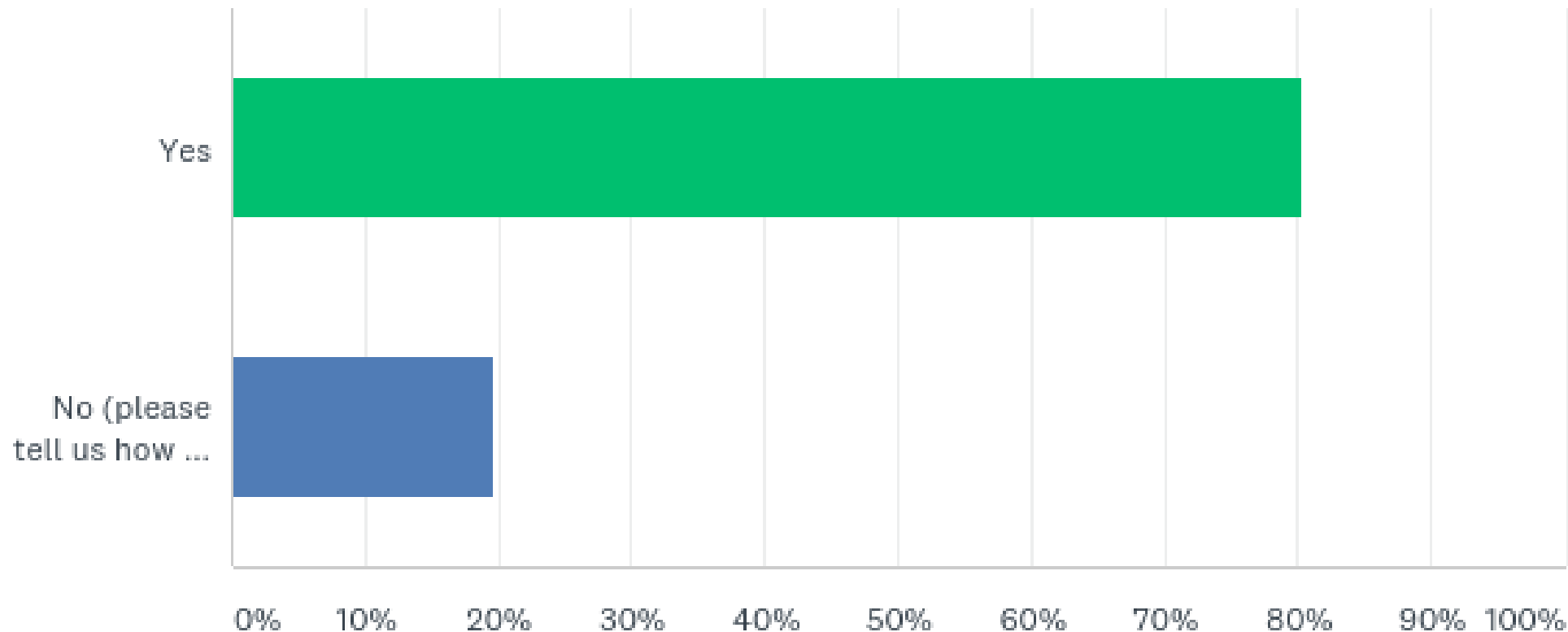
Should the goals and objective of the new IPoW 2022-2025 be modified?

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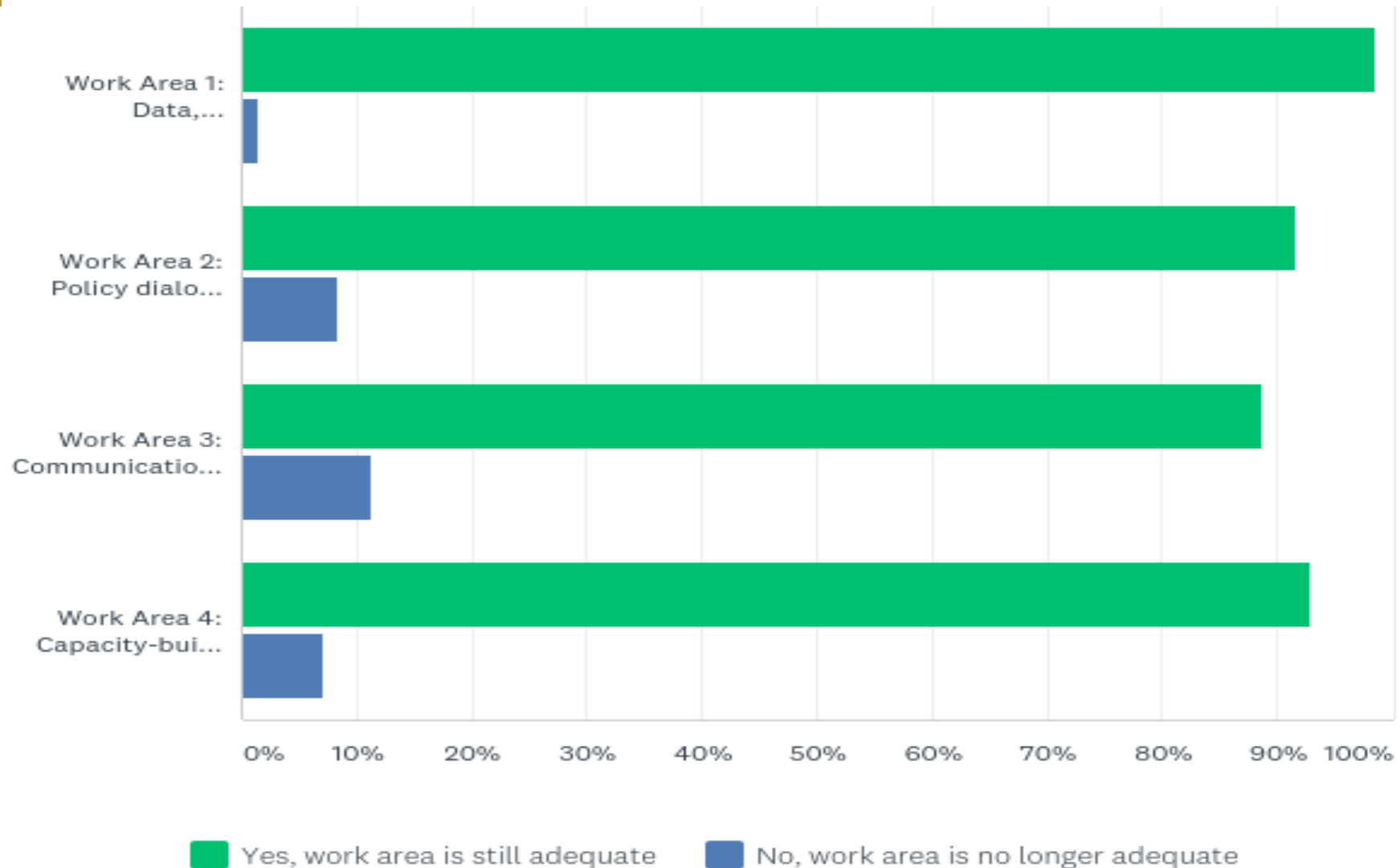
Did the scope of the WIPoW 2018-2021 address challenges of the region in a meaningful way?

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

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Key recommendations by COFFI

As contained in ECE/TIM/2020/2 (report of the COFFI session)

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56. General support was expressed for the draft IPoW and its division in the current four work areas, including the work on forest sector outlook studies and forest disturbances. The Committee requested:
1. The secretariat to **consult with the JWP on the merging of the ToS on Wood Energy and ToS on Forest Products Statistics;**
 2. To **make language in the IPoW on circular economy more flexible** and incorporate more broadly sustainability concerns vis-à-vis natural resource management;
 3. To include a **reference to the role of forests as nature-based solutions in the post-COVID-19 recovery** to increase the resilience of society;
 4. To include **clear outputs linked to activities** as part of the IPoW;
 5. To include as part of the IPoW activities **promoting a wider dissemination of information and results through proper communication and enhanced use of information technology;**
 6. The secretariat to prepare a **background document on how to enhance synergies between the ToSs** and present it at the next session of the JWP; and
 7. The secretariat to consider an **alternative format to continue the work on green jobs** should the work of the ToS on Green Jobs be discontinued.

Conclusions of review by the Joint Bureaux

JB Meeting, 8 February 2021 (online)

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- Bureaux members provided their comments and proposals on the second draft of the IPoW 2022-2025, including on ToS structures, the wording of the circular economy, intersectoral integration and outreach to other sectors, dissemination of Forest Sector Outlook studies, etc.
- The Secretariat also proposed to add a capacity building activity on agroforestry products and their trade.
- Bureaux members invited Secretariat to coordinate the IPoW with the programme of work of Forest Europe to avoid duplication of efforts.
- A revised version of the IPoW was shared with JB members on 10 February.



Thank you!



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