

Item 4 Future programme of work for 2022–2024

Outcomes of the survey on the programme of work of the Water Convention for 2022-2024

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Timeline Programme of Work 2022-2024

Time	Action
30 Sept- 2 October 2020	First discussions on the future PoW at the 15th meeting of the WGIWRM
October 2020	Discussion of suggestions for further work by the subsidiary bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task Force on Water and Climate (2 October 2020); • Task Force on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus (22–23 October 2020)
End of November 2020	Launch of the online survey
18 December	Deadline for completion of the survey
December- January 2020	Analyses
20-21 January 2021	Preparation of the draft document for the programme of work 2022–2024 and discussion by the Bureau
early March 2021	Submission of the full draft programme of work to the WGIWRM
31 March and 1 April 2021	Further discussions at the Task Force on water and climate and expert meeting on monitoring and assessment
26–28 April 2021	Discussion of the draft programme of work for 2022–2024 by the WGIWRM
15 May 2021	Deadline for comments on the PoW 2022-2024
May-June 2021	Revision based on comments received
End June 2021	Submission of the revised version to the Bureau for final review
21 July 2021	Official document submission
29 September-1 October 2021	Final discussion and adoption at the 9th Meeting of the Parties

Survey on the 2022-2024 PoW – process

Online survey:

- Developed to collect suggestions & expectations from countries and partners to inform the development of the 2022-2024 POW.
- Available in 4 languages (English, French, Russian and Spanish).
- Sent to Parties, non-parties, organizations, partners, universities. Answers collected by 18 December 2020.
- Its structure was based on the current POW 2019-2021 & its 7 programme areas.
- Proposed activities were identified from (1) Discussion at intergovernmental bodies (2) Proposals by lead Parties & partners (3) needs identified through reporting under the Convention and on SDG indicator 6.5.2

The respondents were invited:

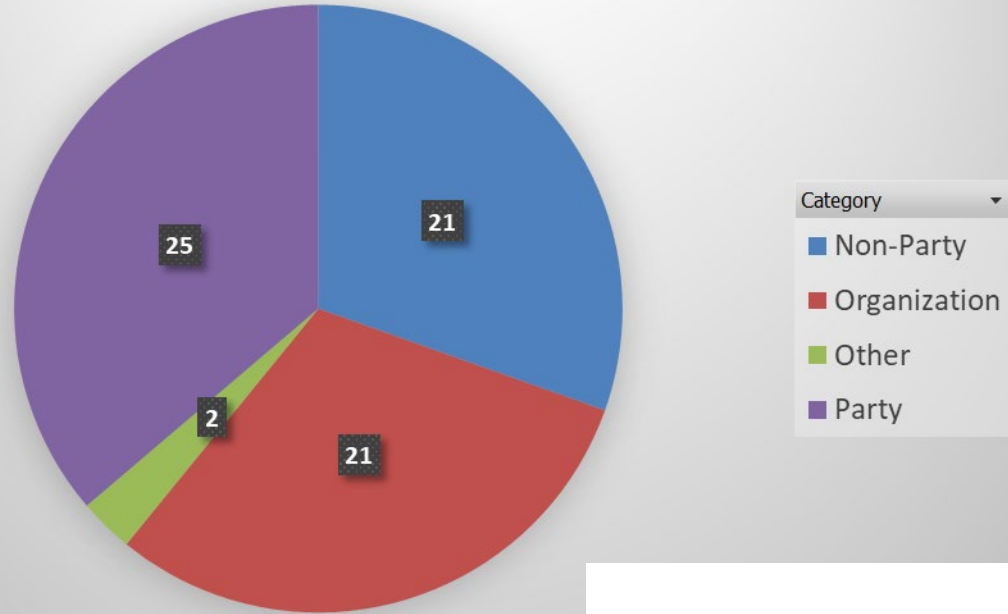
- to select the programme areas of interest for their country/organization
- to indicate the level of priority for each activity proposed for the selected programme areas
- to propose additional activities, if any
- to answer several open questions.

TOTAL of 73 complete answers were received. 69 answers were considered in the analysis (few countries submitted two answers).

Overview of responses received

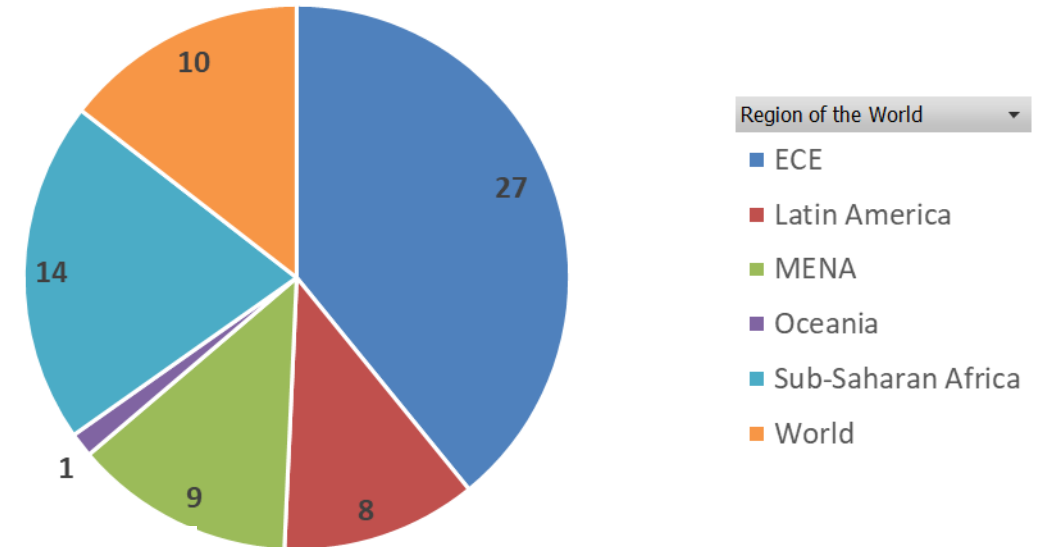
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Categories of responses

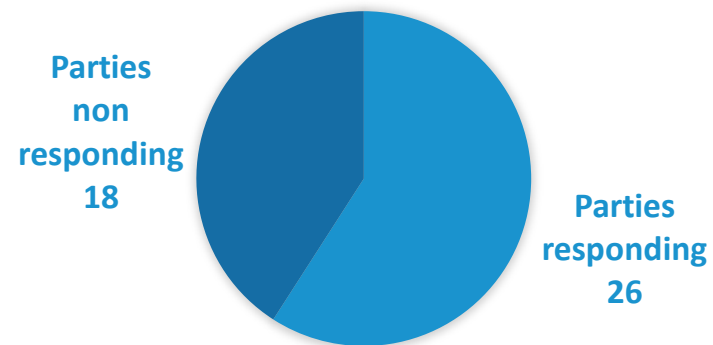


Count of Region of the World

Origin of responses



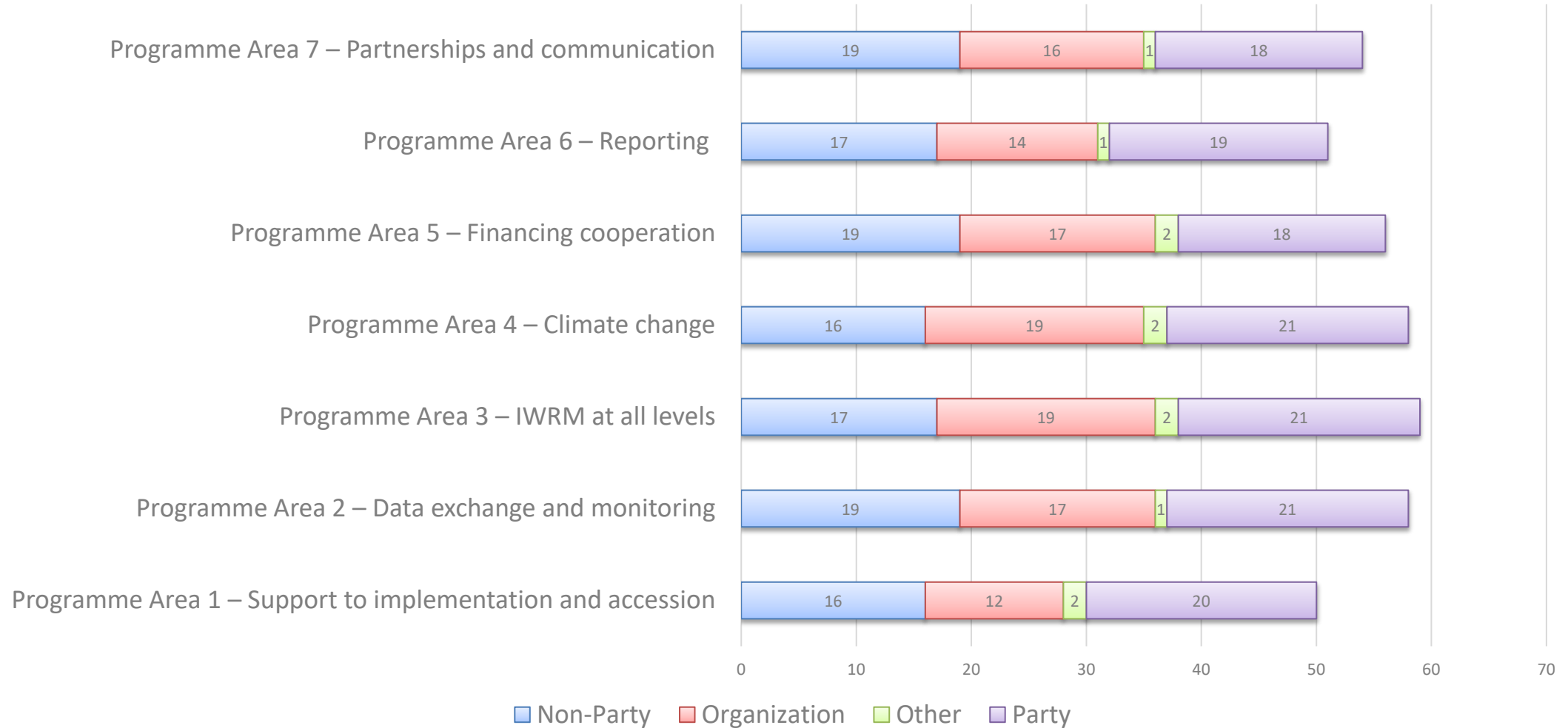
PARTIES ANSWERS TO THE SURVEY



Overview of responses received:

Analysis of number of responses by programme area	Number of responses for each PA
Programme Area 1 – Support to implementation and accession	50 (72% of respondents)
Programme Area 2 – Data exchange and monitoring	60 (87% of respondents)
Programme Area 3 – IWRM at all levels	61 (88% of respondents)
Programme Area 4 – Climate change	59 (86% of respondents)
Programme Area 5 – Financing cooperation	57 (83% of respondents)
Programme Area 6 – Reporting	52 (75% of respondents)
Programme Area 7 – Partnerships and communication	55 (80% of respondents)

Number of responses received per programme area, by category of respondents



Survey consideration and analysis

- Medium response rate; answers by countries (Parties and non-Parties) were given a higher weight
- Generally high support to most proposed activities but had to make some choices
- High interest in basin level activities, but need to consider our mandate, capacities and added value
- More interest in regional activities and less in global ones, but need to consider our nature
- Less interest in publications updates but need some for visibility
- Covid considerations: more virtual events in the future, more online formats such as courses, web platforms etc.
- Need to follow requirements from UNECE/ UN side, eg clear mandates
- Work programme should remain flexible and adaptable however
- Some activities have to be continued from previous MOP decisions e.g. Implementation Committee (area 1.4) and reporting (area 6)
- Certain new aspects need to be included now such as gender due to UN and donor requirements

Approach for the programme of work for 2022-2024

- ❖ **Overall vision: transboundary waters worldwide are managed in cooperation between riparian countries to promote sustainable development, peace and security**
 - ❖ Put the PoW in a global perspective: Convention supports (Goals 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 11, 13, 16, 17), the SDg 6 global acceleration framework as well as Paris agreement
 - ❖ The Convention has a long-term perspective, and its programme of work does too
 - ❖ The work under the Convention should respond to needs but should vary its focus over the years
=> Continuity with change
 - ❖ Consider the Conventions global opening: now 3 Parties, soon more. Programme of work to be read together with strategy for the implementation at global level
 - ❖ Activities at different levels (national, regional/basin, global)
 - ❖ Activities under different areas supporting each others- PoW contains linkages between areas

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