EMODnet Phase III.2
Review of Main Outcomes & Recommendations of the 2021 Online survey and Targeted Assessment

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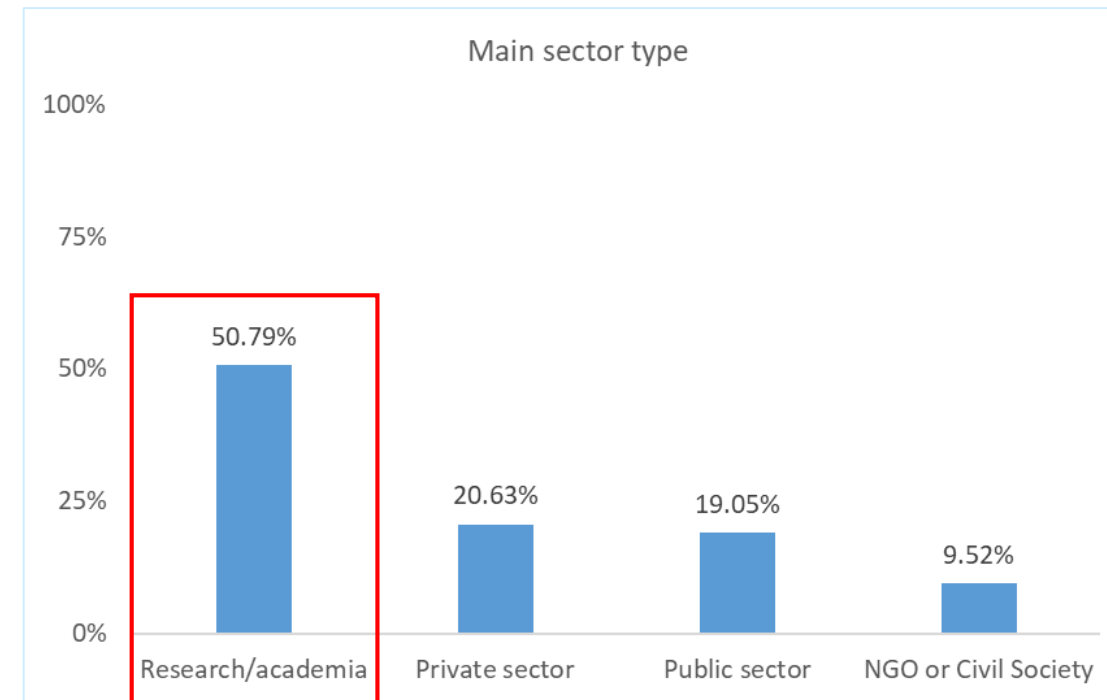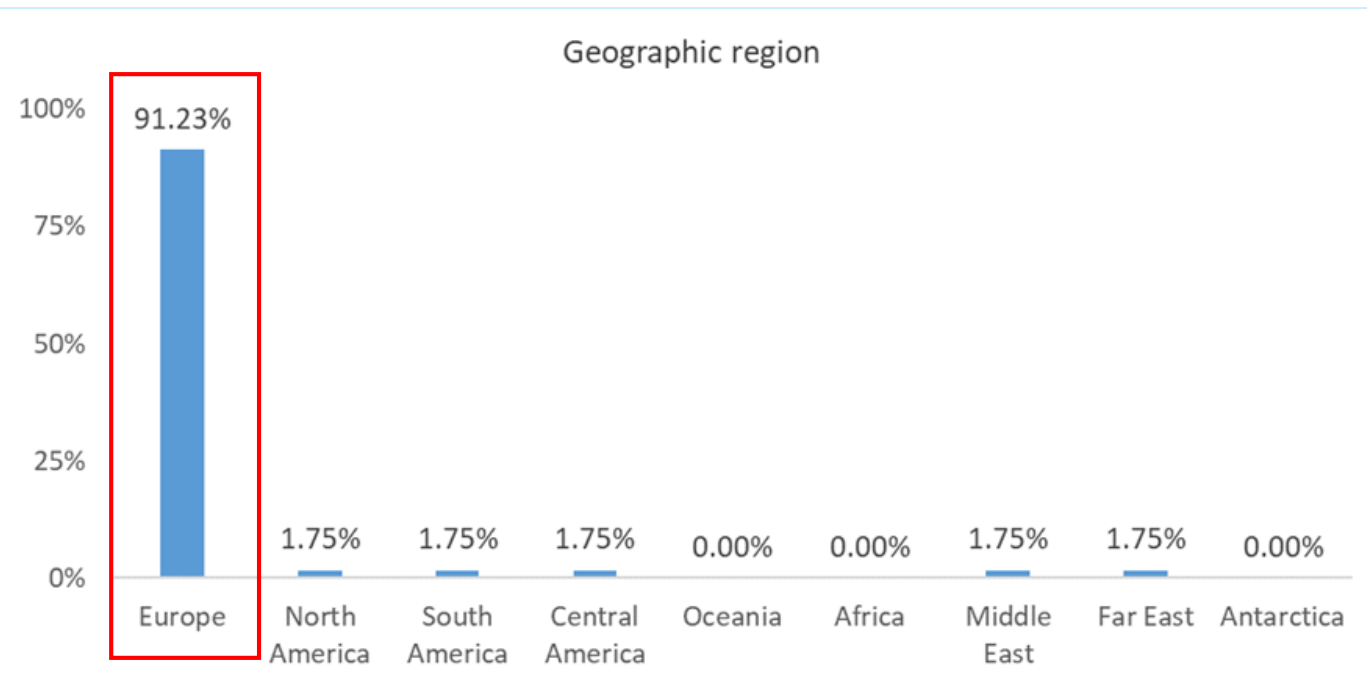EMODnet Secretariat

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Online Survey 2021: Objective & Approach

- **Objective** Online Survey = strengthen interpretation of how the marine and maritime communities:
  - ➢ Use EMODnet as it exists (quality, user-friendliness, content, fit-for-purposeness of data & products)

- User survey launched online for 2 months (3 May - 9 July)

- EUSurvey tool:
  https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/home/welcome

- 21 main questions (single & multiple choice; open questions)

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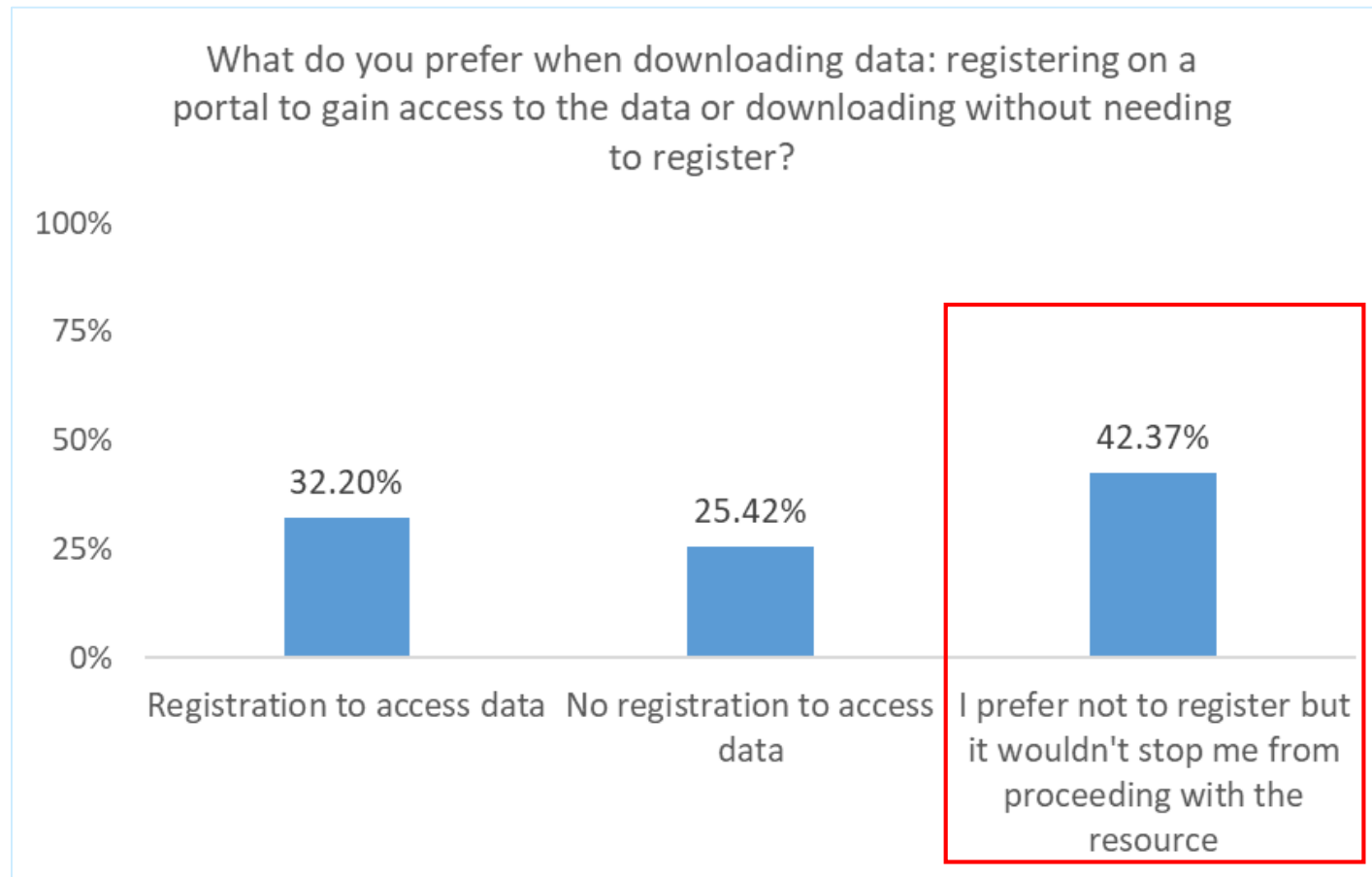**Online surveys made easy with EUSurvey!**

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Online Survey 2021: Results – Identification survey respondents

- **59** respondents completed the questionnaire

Geographic region

Europe	91.23%
North America	1.75%
South America	1.75%
Central America	1.75%
Oceania	0.00%
Africa	0.00%
Middle East	1.75%
Far East	1.75%
Antarctica	0.00%

Main sector type

Research/academia	50.79%
Private sector	20.63%
Public sector	19.05%
NGO or Civil Society	9.52%

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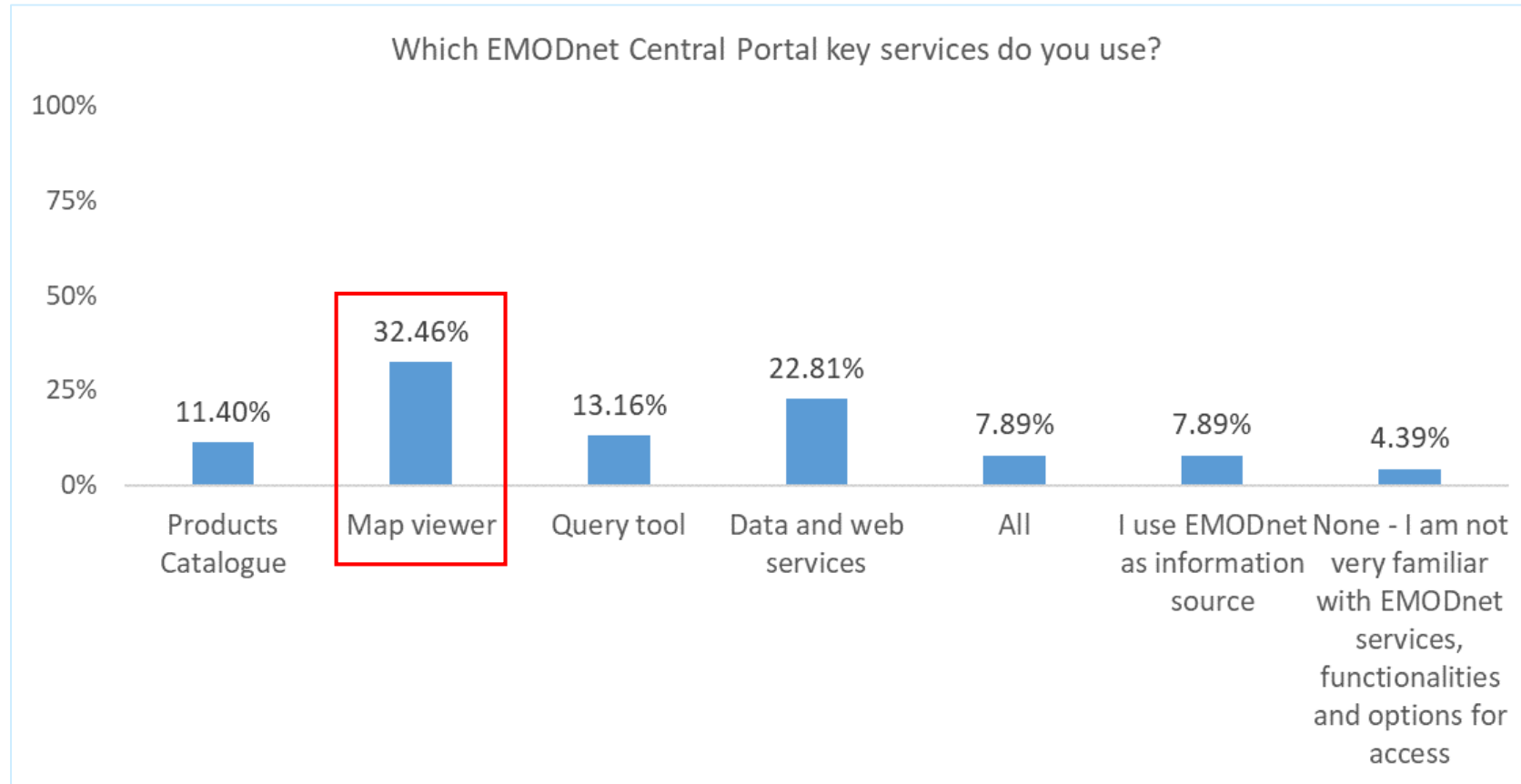European Marine
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Online Survey 2021: Results – Accessibility EMODnet services

- More than 40% of the respondents "**prefer not to register to access and download data, but it would not stop them**"

What do you prefer when downloading data: registering on a portal to gain access to the data or downloading without needing to register?

Registration to access data: 32.20%

No registration to access data: 25.42%

I prefer not to register but it wouldn't stop me from proceeding with the resource: 42.37%

Online Survey 2021: Results – Use & Quality EMODnet services

- **83%** find it **easy** to **navigate the Central Portal**

- The **Map Viewer** is most popular key service (**32.5**%)

- **62%** assessed **quality** of key services to be **good**

Online Survey 2021: Results – Use & Quality EMODnet services

- Do you feel any specific **dataset, product, or service** is **missing** in EMODnet?
34% indicated yes.

Data/products (missing):

- ➤ More data in coastal areas
- ➤ Access to historical data
- ➤ More datasets in Black Sea
- ➤ High-resolution **Bathymetry**
- ➤ Too low ratio 'produced **biological** data / biological data'
- ➤ Marine litter accumulation (**chemistry**)
- ➤ Detail **geological** maps
- ➤ Data related to fishery (**HA**)
- ➤ Short-term predictions from **Physics** observations
- ➤ **Sea bottom** sediment samples
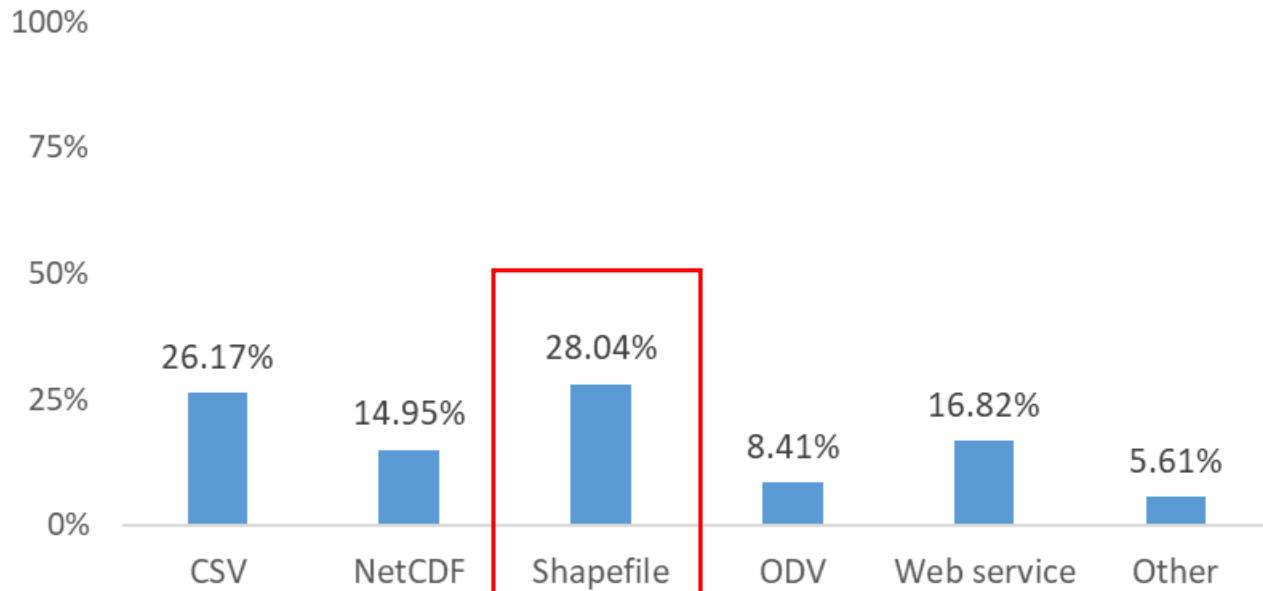- ➤ … *(many more)*

Services (missing):

- ➤ Web-download service or Opendap NetCDF with compression
- ➤ Increased updating services to data of frequent change
- ➤ Increased availability services supporting feature/vector structures and coverage/grid structures
- ➤ Increased cross-thematic interoperability on data content level

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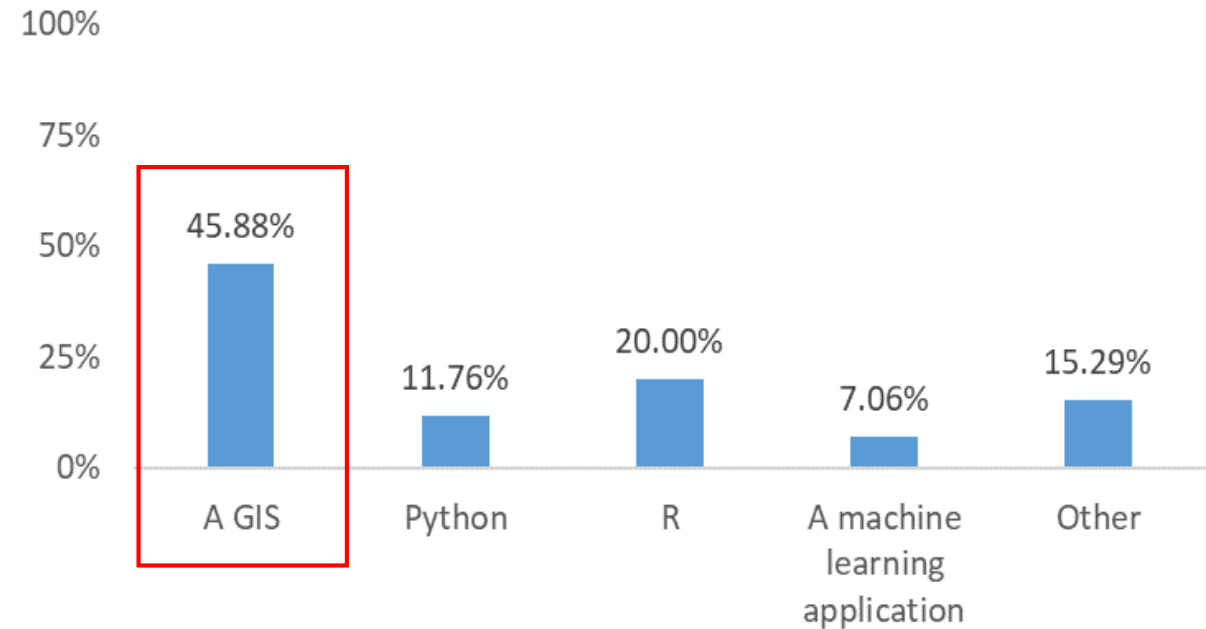# Online Survey 2021: Results – Application of EMODnet data

- **Shapefile** preferred download format
- **GIS** preferred method to use data

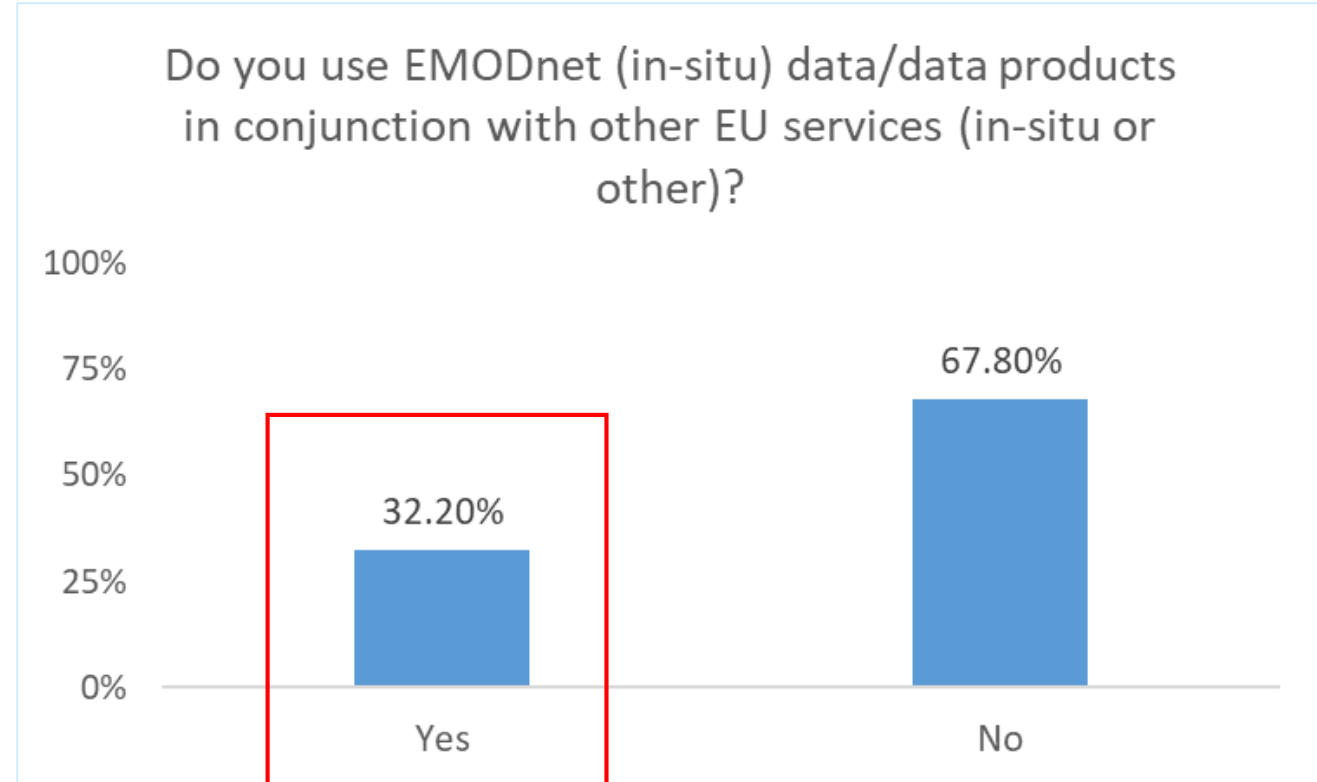When querying and downloading data/data products, which data format options do you need/prefer to have available?

CSV: 26.17%
NetCDF: 14.95%
Shapefile: 28.04%
ODV: 8.41%
Web service: 16.82%
Other: 5.61%

How are you using the data you retrieve from EMODnet? Do you use EMODnet data in any of the following ways:

A GIS: 45.88%
Python: 11.76%
R: 20.00%
A machine learning application: 7.06%
Other: 15.29%

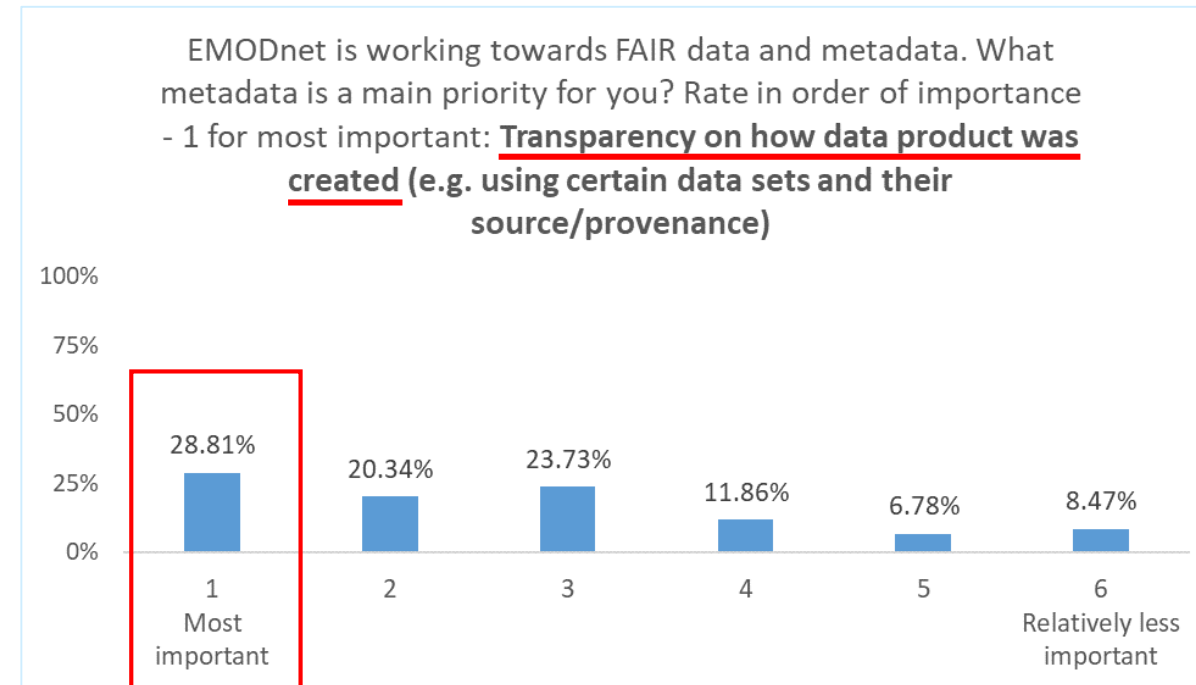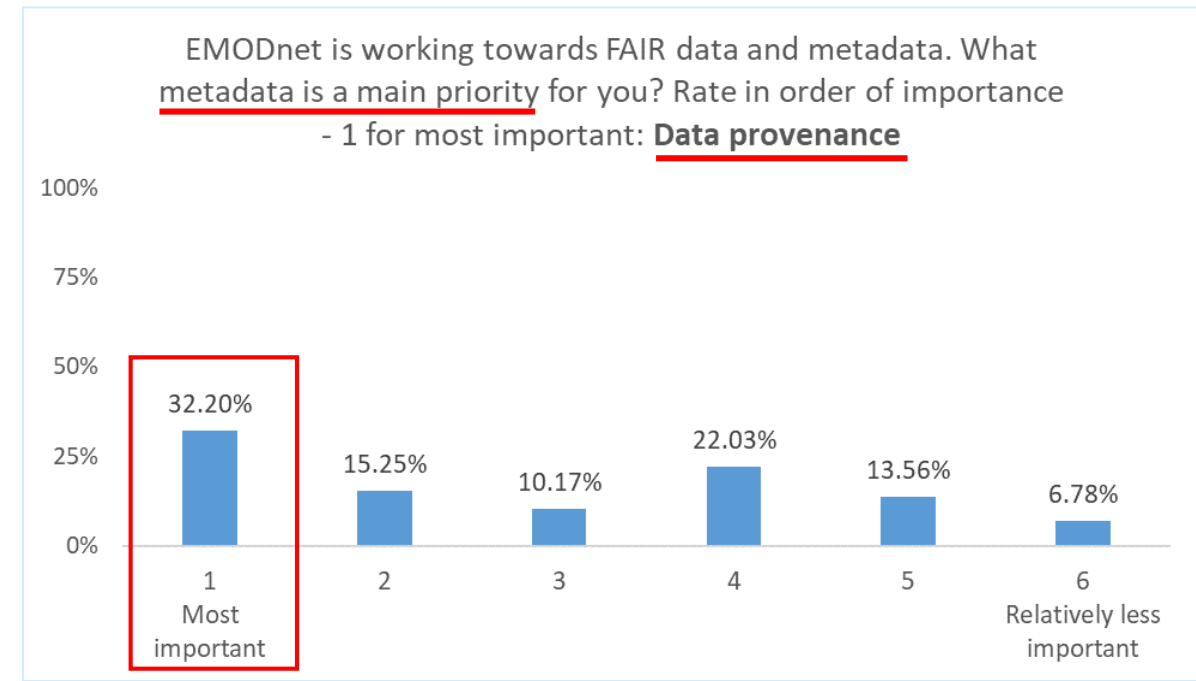# Online Survey 2021: Results – Other sources used by respondents

➢ Copernicus Marine Service

➢ Eurostat

➢ European Environment Agency (EEA)

➢ European Mediterranean Seismological Centre

➢ Fleet viewer meteo

➢ SeaDataNet (looks more user-friendly)

➢ OneBenthic

➢ NOAA

➢ Aquaculture stewardship council

➢ OceanColor

➢ Geopunt Flanders

➢ marinetraffic

➢ ... *(many many more)*

Do you use EMODnet (in-situ) data/data products in conjunction with other EU services (in-situ or other)?

	Yes	No
	32.20%	67.80%

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Online Survey 2021: Recommendations

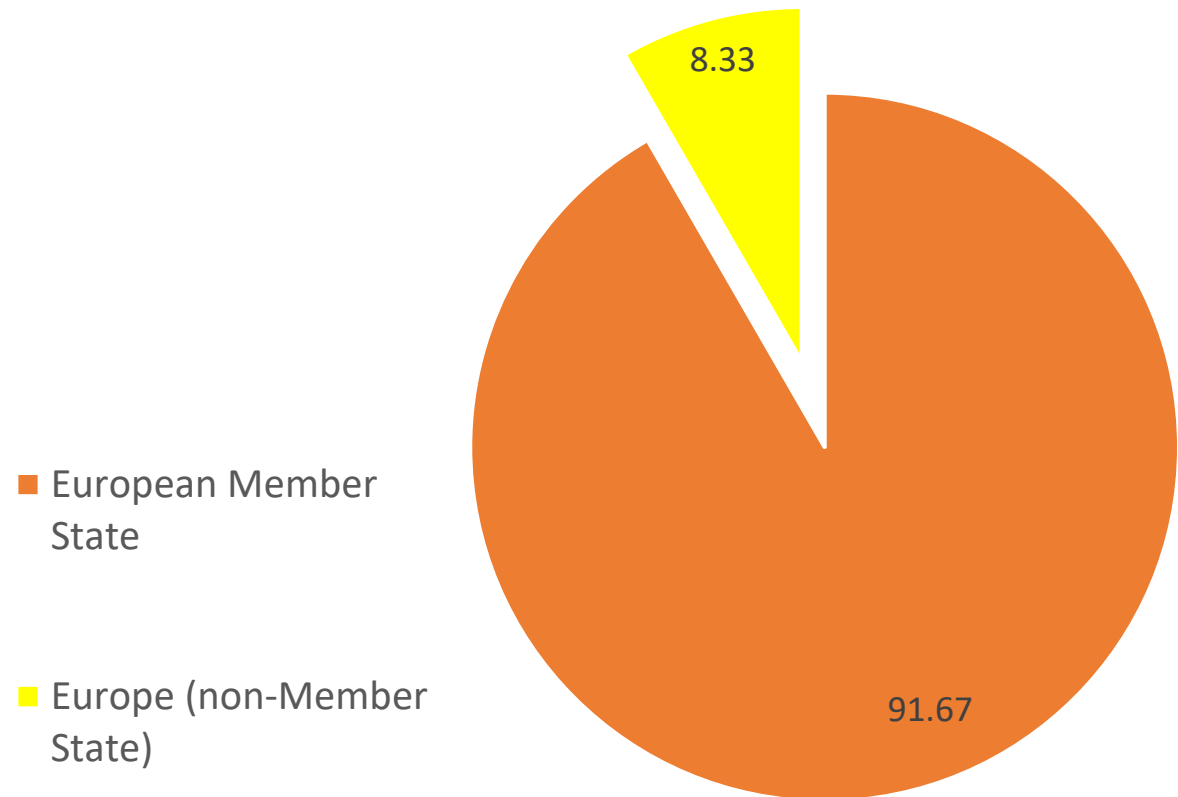Reinforcement recommendations of the OS 2020

- Importance of access to high-quality **visualisation tools**

- Stable access to **web services**

- Complete and qualitative **metadata**, among others:
  - data provenance
  - data product creation transparency
  - last edit/update
- **Interoperability**

EMODnet is working towards FAIR data and metadata. What metadata is a main priority for you? Rate in order of importance - 1 for most important: **Data provenance**

1 Most important	2	3	4	5	6 Relatively less important
32.20%	15.25%	10.17%	22.03%	13.56%	6.78%

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28.81%	20.34%	23.73%	11.86%	6.78%	8.47%

Targeted Assessment 2021: Objective & Approach

- **Objective**: understand better what industry needs from EMODnet going forward

- **Approach**: EU Survey tool questionnaire + follow-up interview

- **12** (of the 22 people asked), **completed EU Survey and interviewed**

- **11** interviewees from **European Member State**
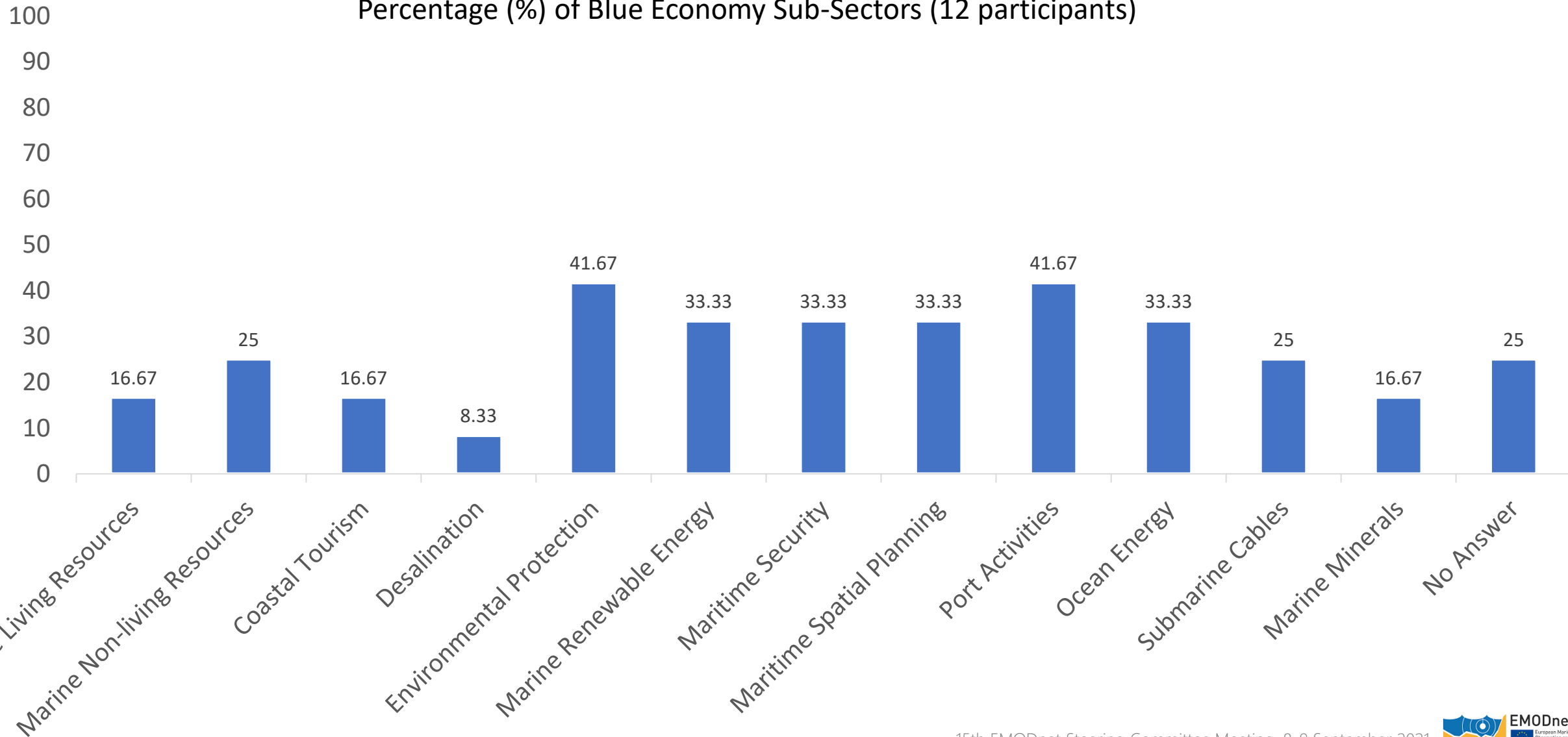
- **1** interviewee from **UK**

Percentage (%) Geographic Representation, i.e. the Location of Organisation Head-Quarters

8.33

91.67

■ European Member State

■ Europe (non-Member State)

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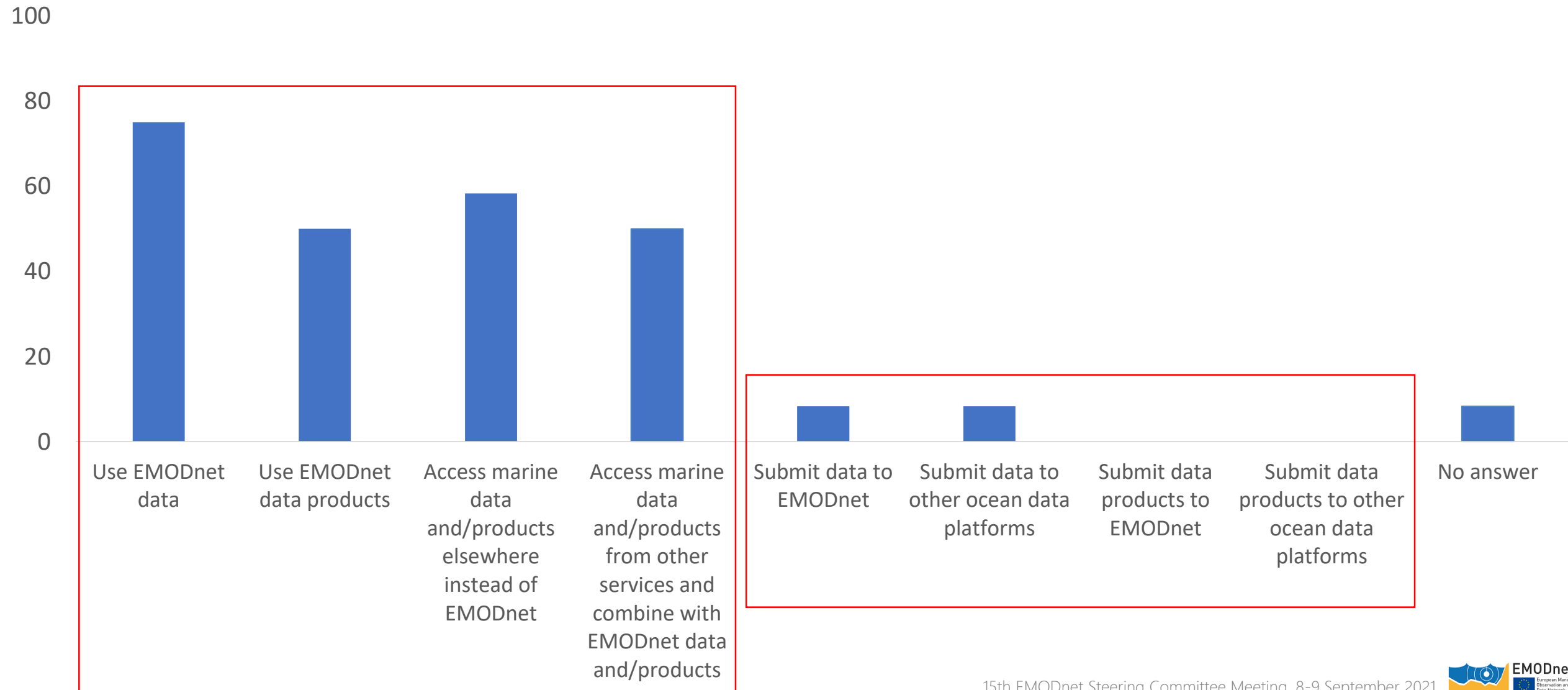# Targeted Assessment 2021: Results – Blue Economy Sub-Sectors

Multiple option question
Percentage (%) of Blue Economy Sub-Sectors (12 participants)

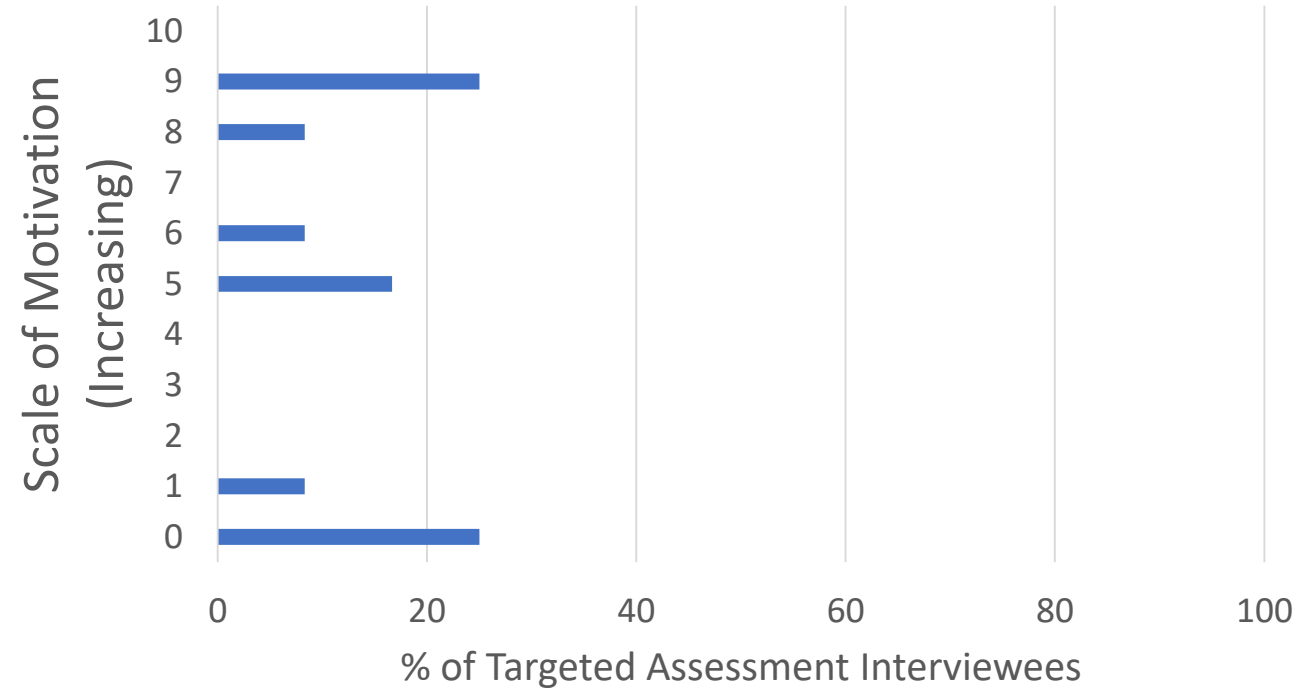# Targeted Assessment 2021: Results – Main modes of use of EMODnet

Main use of EMODnet (proportion in %) (12 participants)

Targeted Assessment 2021: Main Messages and Recommendations

> **Win-win scenarios for EMODnet-industry collaborations**

- Most interviewees: moderate motivation to become data provider

- Suggestions improving ingestion process:
  - Uptake of data by users
  - Tagging of data
  - Demonstrate added value

- Visual map showing EMODnet data contributors & partners
  - > increase visibility
  - > motivate becoming partner

Targeted Assessment 2021: Main Messages & Recommendations
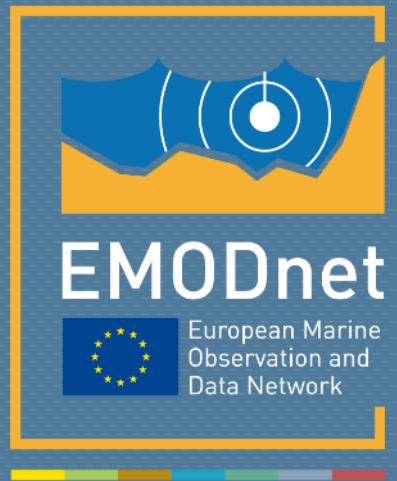
➢ **Metadata**

- Complete and up-to-date metadata = critical & invaluable

- Often missing: origin & accessibility of (raw) data behind data products

- Minimise costs and planning efforts

➢ **Data discoverability and visualisation**

- Search data by location

- Data licenses

- High-level metrics of EMODnet offer (spatial coverage and data density & quality)

➢ **Future outlook**

- Workshops for new users → promote centralisation

- Role of EC Sustainable Finance Regulations in EMODnet (e.g., through metadata)

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