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ESCAIDE 2024 in numbers

4395 **Registrations** received

3215 **Active participants** in person and online, representing **122 countries.**

2461 **Online only active attendees**

754 **In-person attendees**

122 **Total countries represented** in total, with 54 countries represented in-person, and 120 online.

95% **Feedback survey** respondents who reported being either 'extremely' or 'very much' satisfied with the conference.

+300 **Speakers and moderators** involved in plenary sessions, fireside sessions, poster tours and side events.

+3000 **Comments, questions and messages** exchanged during the conference.

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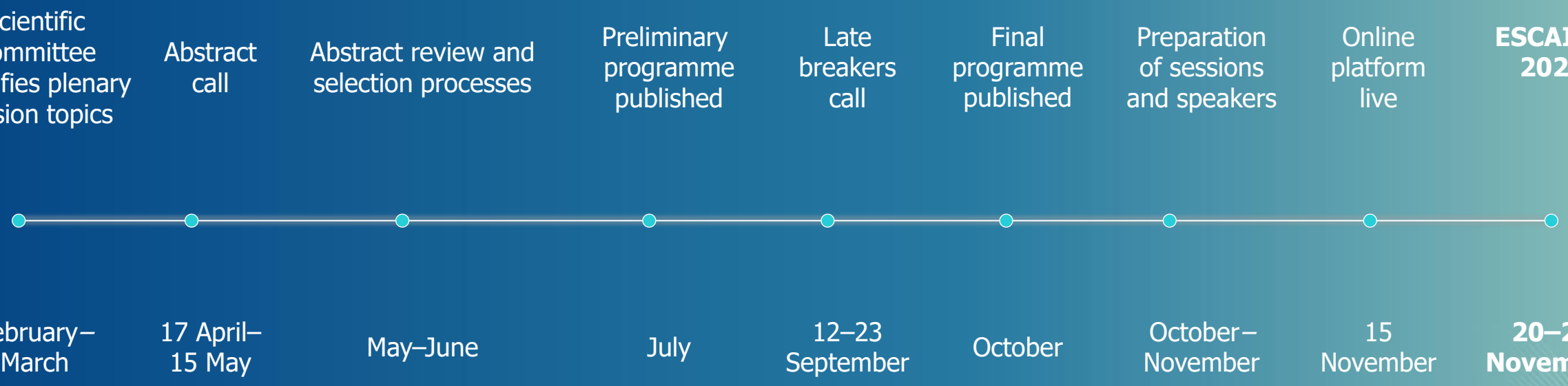
ESCAIDE 2024 timeline overview



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Programme

Overview of the programme and main features of the conference

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Programme

The ESCAIDE 2024 programme offered a rich mix of sessions, including **plenaries, Fireside sessions, and Poster tours,** along with side sessions and other events that helped participants connect and network. With nearly 300 expert-led discussions spread across 60 sessions, ESCAIDE 2024 offered a valuable opportunity for sharing knowledge and ideas.

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ESCAIDE 2024 Programme

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Plenary sessions at ESCAIDE provide an opportunity to discuss public health challenges and scientific advances. They bring together experts from different fields, aiming to translate evidence from infectious disease research and epidemiology into improvements in public health. The content for these sessions is proposed by the ESCAIDE Scientific Committee, composed of 11 multidisciplinary members, who invite high-level speakers to deliver engaging presentations and answer audience questions. At ESCAIDE 2024, there were five plenary sessions, all developed and chaired by the Scientific Committee.

Plenaries				
Prevention vs. cure: what can we learn from cancer, crime and climate change?	**Infectious diseases in times of conflict: learning from Ukraine**	**Advancements in surveillance: how can we better tell what's going on?**	**Disease X: are we ready?**	**The new old: rethinking the future of known diseases**

Plenary sessions at ESCAIDE 2024

Plenary speakers at ESCAIDE 2024

DAY 1

Wednesday 20
November, 9:20 - 10:20

PLENARY A

Prevention vs. Cure: what can we learn from cancer, crime and climate change?

SPEAKERS

Chris Dye
(University of Oxford, UK)

CHAIRS

Kateřina Šédová
(Loono, Czechia)
Henriette de Valk
(Santé Publique France)

Wednesday 20
November, 17:00 - 18:30

PLENARY B

Infectious diseases in times of conflict: learning from Ukraine

SPEAKERS

Ihor Kuzin
(Ministry of Health Ukraine)

Olga Gvozdetska
(Ministry of Health Ukraine)

Katarzyna Drążek-Laskowska
(Ministry of Health Poland)

CHAIRS

John Kinsman
(ECDC)
Piotr Kramarz
(ECDC)

DAY 2

Thursday 21
November, 9:00 - 10:30

PLENARY C

Advancements in surveillance: how can we better tell what's going on?

SPEAKERS

Lieke van Alphen
(Maastricht University, Netherlands)

Caterina Rizzo
(University of Pisa, Italy)

André Charlett
(UK Health Security Agency)

CHAIRS

Alicia Barrasa
(UKHSA / EAN)
Ágnes Hajdu
(National Center for Public Health and Pharmacy, Hungary)

Thursday 21
November, 17:00 - 18:30

PLENARY D

Disease X: are we ready?

SPEAKERS

Mika Salminen
(THL, Finland)

Ana Maria Henao
Restrepo (WHO)

Christian Drosten
(Charité, Germany)

CHAIRS

Angeliki Melidou (ECDC)
Luísa Peixe
(University of Porto, Portugal),
Chikwe Ihekweazu
(WHO)

DAY 3

Friday 22
November, 9:00 - 10:30

PLENARY E

The new old: rethinking the future of known diseases

SPEAKERS

Nienke Beerlage-De Jong
(University of Twente, Netherlands)

Maria Wessman
(SSI, Denmark)

Tomasz Sobierajski
(University of Warsaw, Poland)

CHAIRS

Jacobo Mendioroz Peña (Public Health Agency of Catalonia, Spain)
Nadine Zeitlmann (RKI, Germany)

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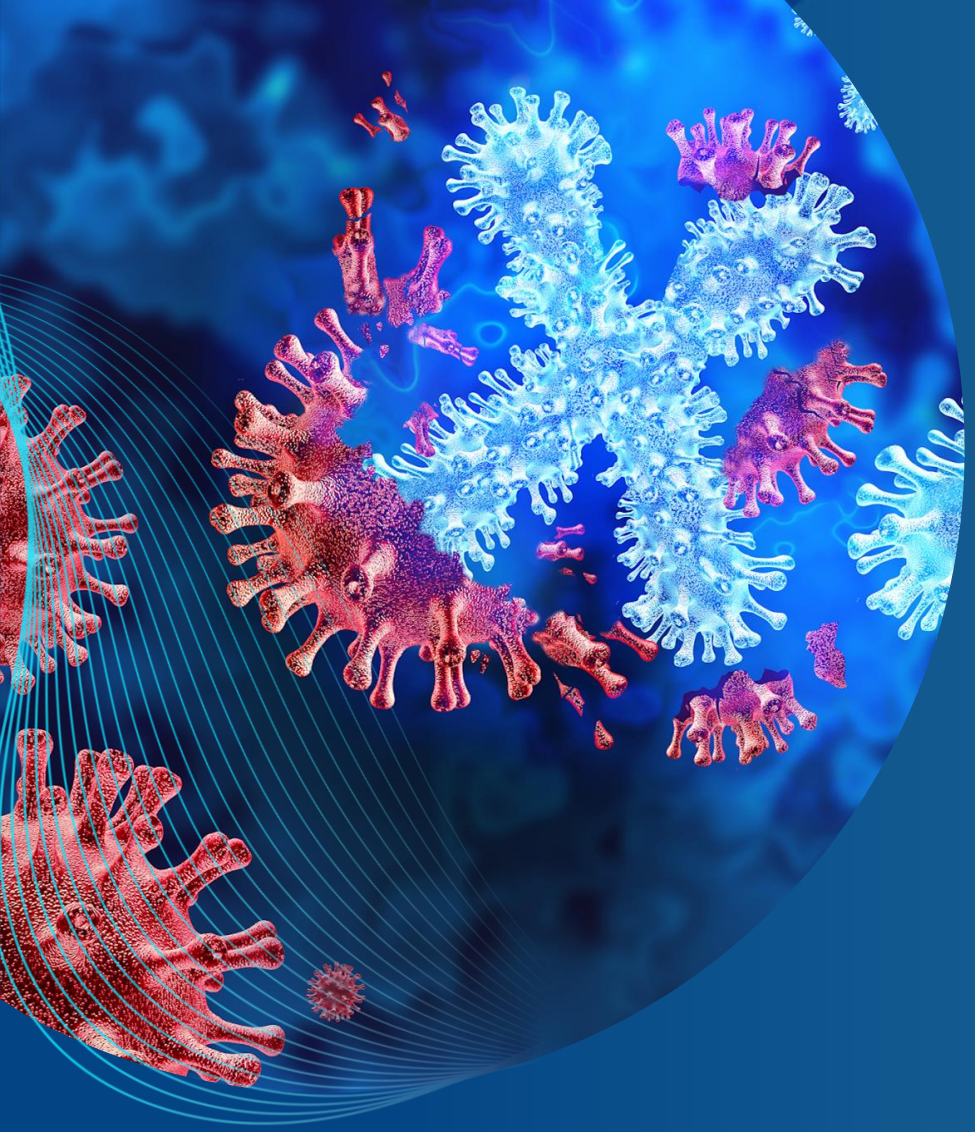

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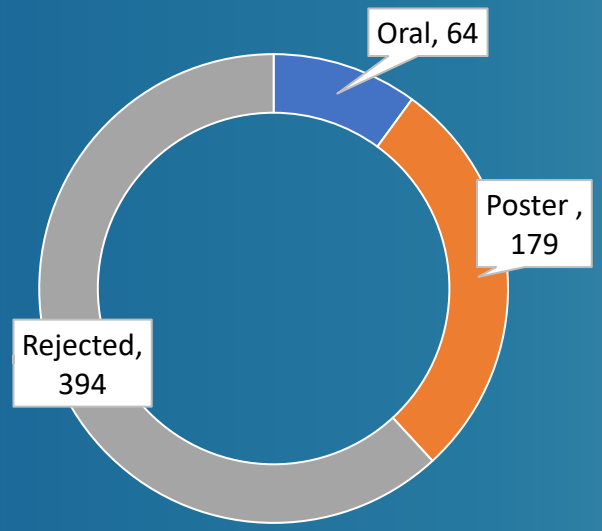
Programme

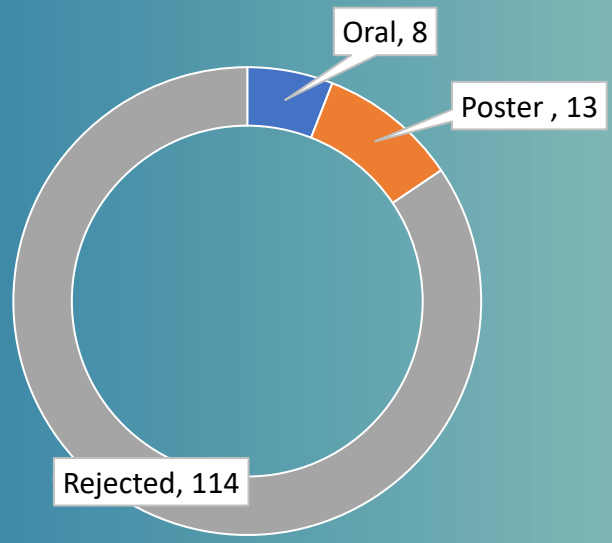
ESCAIDE 2024 received 772 abstract submissions, of which 72 were selected for oral presentations and 192 for poster tours. The acceptance rate was 34.2%, an increase from 26.2% in 2023. For comparison, the acceptance rates were 36% in 2022 and 48% in 2021, with the higher rates in earlier years reflecting a surge in submissions. The online-only poster format was discontinued this year due to limited interest from authors and will not be offered in future editions.

Standard call



Total submitted: 637
Total accepted: 243

Late breakers



Total submitted: 135
Total accepted: 21

Abstract book ESCAIDE 2024

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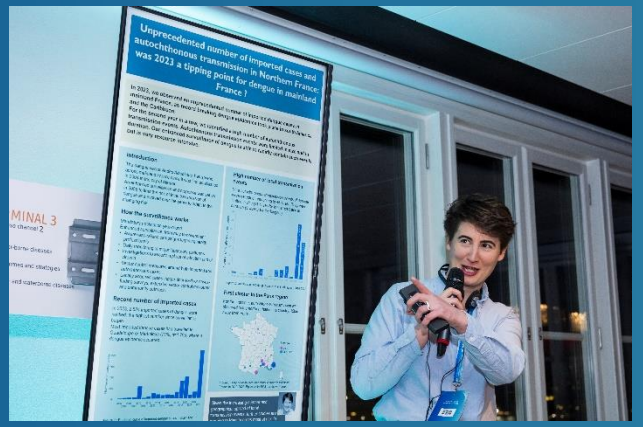
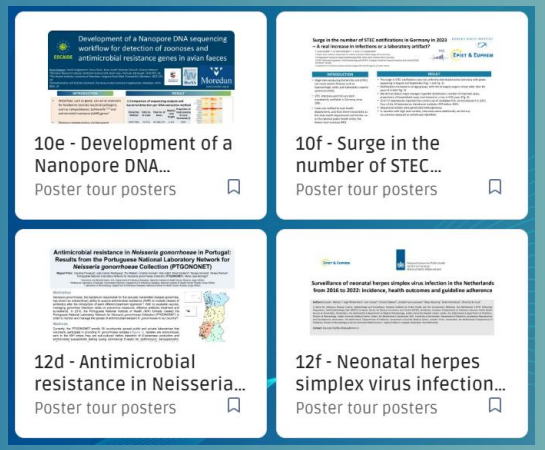
Abstracts submitted to ESCAIDE 2024 were reviewed by 230 reviewers and the Scientific Committee. The selected abstracts highlight the latest research across a broad range of fields, including infectious disease epidemiology, microbiology, surveillance, implementation science, mathematical modelling, and preparedness. These abstracts were presented in two key formats: interactive oral presentations during Fireside sessions or visual displays in Poster tours. While 192 abstracts were accepted as poster presentations, only 177 were presented, as some speakers were unable to travel to Stockholm to attend the conference, which is one of the drawbacks of only offering in-person poster presentations.

Abstract presentations

12 Fireside sessions (72 oral presentations)	24 Poster tours (177 poster presentations)	177 posters





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Richard Goering

Study period: July 2023 to January 2024
Study period: 26 weeks
COVID-19 Cases

Background
Disproportionate impact on disadvantaged groups
• At greater risk for negative COVID-19 outcomes
• Less likely to be immunized against COVID-19

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Poster tour 2
Epidemiology of food- and waterborne diseases
Poster tour 10
Diagnostics of food- and waterborne diseases
Poster tour 18
Surge in the number of STEC notifications in Germany in 2023
– A real increase in infections or a laboratory artifact?
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Antimicrobial resistance
POSTER
TOURS
15:30 – 16:30
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Wednesday 20 Novemb
Healthcare-
associated infections
Burden of disease
21 November
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Programme

ESCAIDE side sessions are designed to spark discussions on key topics from the year or to highlight significant work in specific fields. These events take various formats, including presentations, training sessions, workshops, symposia, and debates. Organised by third parties, they allow flexibility to explore different approaches to format and content.

Pre-conference	Side-sessions		
ESCAIDE Day -1	**ESCAIDE Day 1**	**ESCAIDE Day 2**	**ESCAIDE Day 3**
ECDC Workshop: Introduction to evidence-based public health and evidence-informed decision-making ***Organised by:*** ECDC	Official launch of the ECDC Prevention Community of Practice ***Organised by:*** ECDC	***Eurosurveillance* Seminar:** Diversity and inclusion in research and scholarly publishing ***Organised by:*** *Eurosurveillance* Journal	**Side session 3: Career Compass:** Q&A session about the different career paths of established public health professionals ***Organised by:*** EAN
Eurosurveillance* workshop:** Improving your chances to get published in scholarly journals ***Organised by: *Eurosurveillance Journal*	**Side session 1:** The expanding role of mobile laboratories in global health crises ***Organised by:*** MOBILISE project	**Side session 2:** Evidence-based public health: the power of song and dance ***Organised by:*** Georgia Ladbury and Irina Ljungqvist	**Side session 4:** Risk Communication, Community Engagement and Infodemic Management: What health emergency teams must know. ***Organised by:*** ECDC and WHO-EURO
		BarCamp ***Organised by:*** EAN	

Side events at ESCAIDE 2024

Pre-conference workshops

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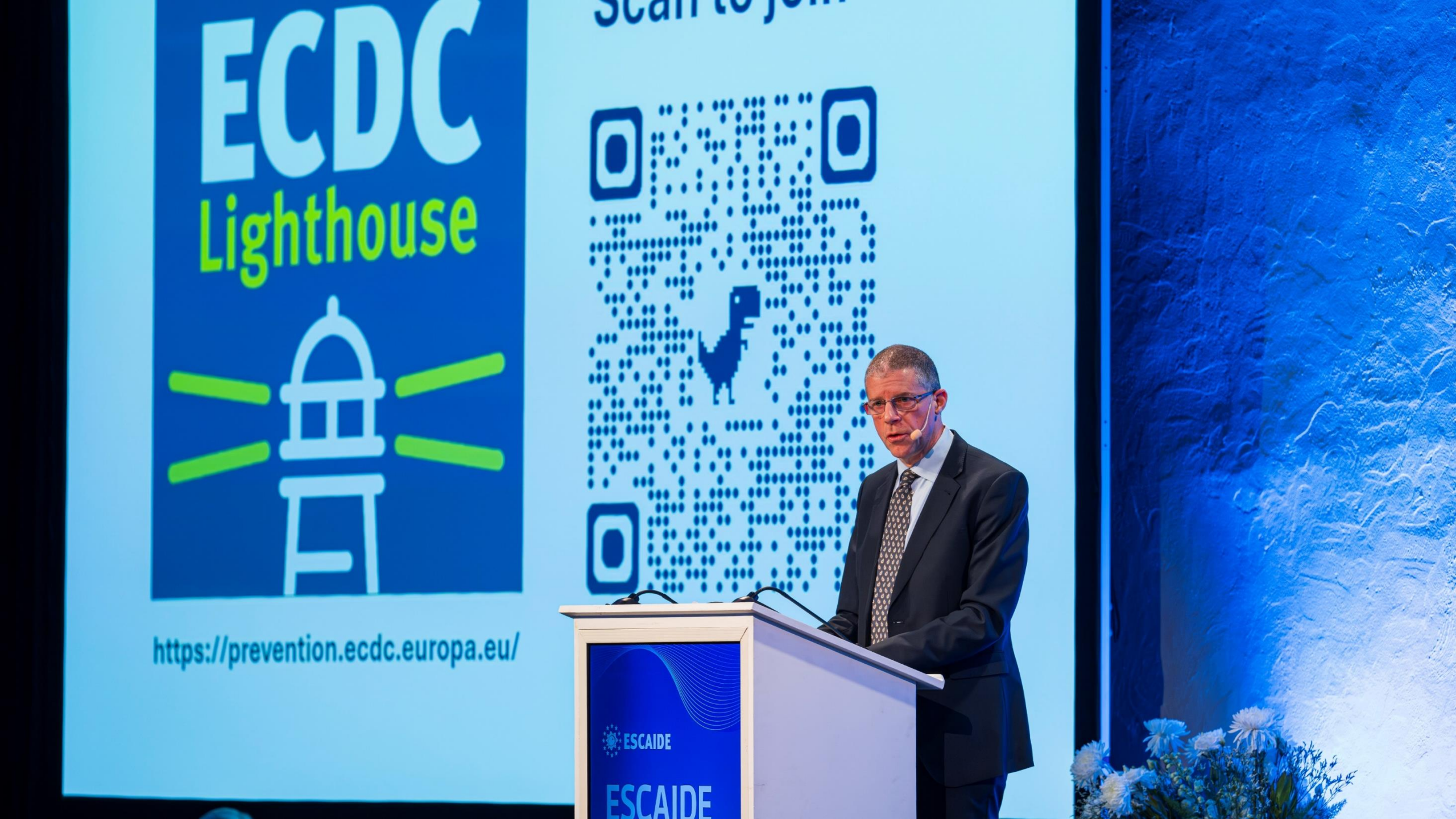
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Programme

ESCAIDE 2024 featured a variety of activities to complement the scientific programme, offering participants opportunities to connect, unwind and recharge. The opening day included a networking cocktail, where participants could meet and socialise. During the event, Lina Nerlander entertained the audience with a stand-up comedy performance themed around epidemiology. On the second and third day of the conference, Irina Ljungqvist hosted morning boost sessions designed to help attendees start their day on a positive note. Lunchtimes featured Recharge sessions, offering yoga and dancing to promote relaxation and well-being, as well as group singing sessions, led by Georgia Ladbury, highlighting the benefits of communal singing.

Other events
Networking reception event, with Epi Stand-up comedy
Morning boosts
Recharge sessions: Yoga, dancing
Follow the science: follow the song
Networks closed meetings (EAN, MediPIET, TEPHINET)

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Info-stands

Eurosurveillance

EU Initiative on
MediPIET
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EU HEALTH
TASK FORCE
Supporting emergency preparedness and response in the EU and globally

IMMEM XIV

EPIET & EUPHEM

Sustainability and wellbeing

Overview of initiatives contributing to a greener and healthier ESCAIDE

A green and healthy ESCAIDE

Through our commitment to public health, we prioritised sustainability and participant wellbeing in every aspect of organising the conference. This started with choosing a venue certified with ISO 20121, which guarantees high sustainability standards. The venue operates entirely on hydropower, significantly reducing its environmental impact.

Catering options were also carefully chosen to include organic, locally sourced, and plant-based meals, with measures in place to manage food waste.

Venue and sustainability

A green and healthy ESCAIDE

This year, ESCAIDE included lunch sessions designed to support participants' mental and physical health, featuring activities such as dance, singing, and yoga. For the first time, the programme also introduced morning boost practices, offering relaxing and refreshing exercises to help participants start their day positively.

To explore the evidence behind these health promotion activities, Irina Ljungqvist and Georgia Ladbury organised a side session that examined the existing research and rationale for such interventions, highlighting their contribution to mental health and well-being.

A green and healthy ESCAIDE

To reinforce commitment to sustainability, ESCAIDE partnered with Treedom to offset carbon emissions from travel, venue operations, food, and water. The trees not only absorb greenhouse gases but also support local communities with jobs, food, and economic opportunities.

Participants were offered a green gift to plant a tree in the ESCAIDE forest, now home to 3000 trees worldwide. As guardians, they can follow the growth and stories of their trees.

www.treedom.net/yourtree

Registrations and attendance

Overview of online and in-person registrations and attendance

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Registrations

4 395
Registrations in total

3 580
(1109 no-shows, 31%)
Only-online registrations

2 471
Unique online attendees

815
(61 no-shows, 7.5%)
In-person registrations

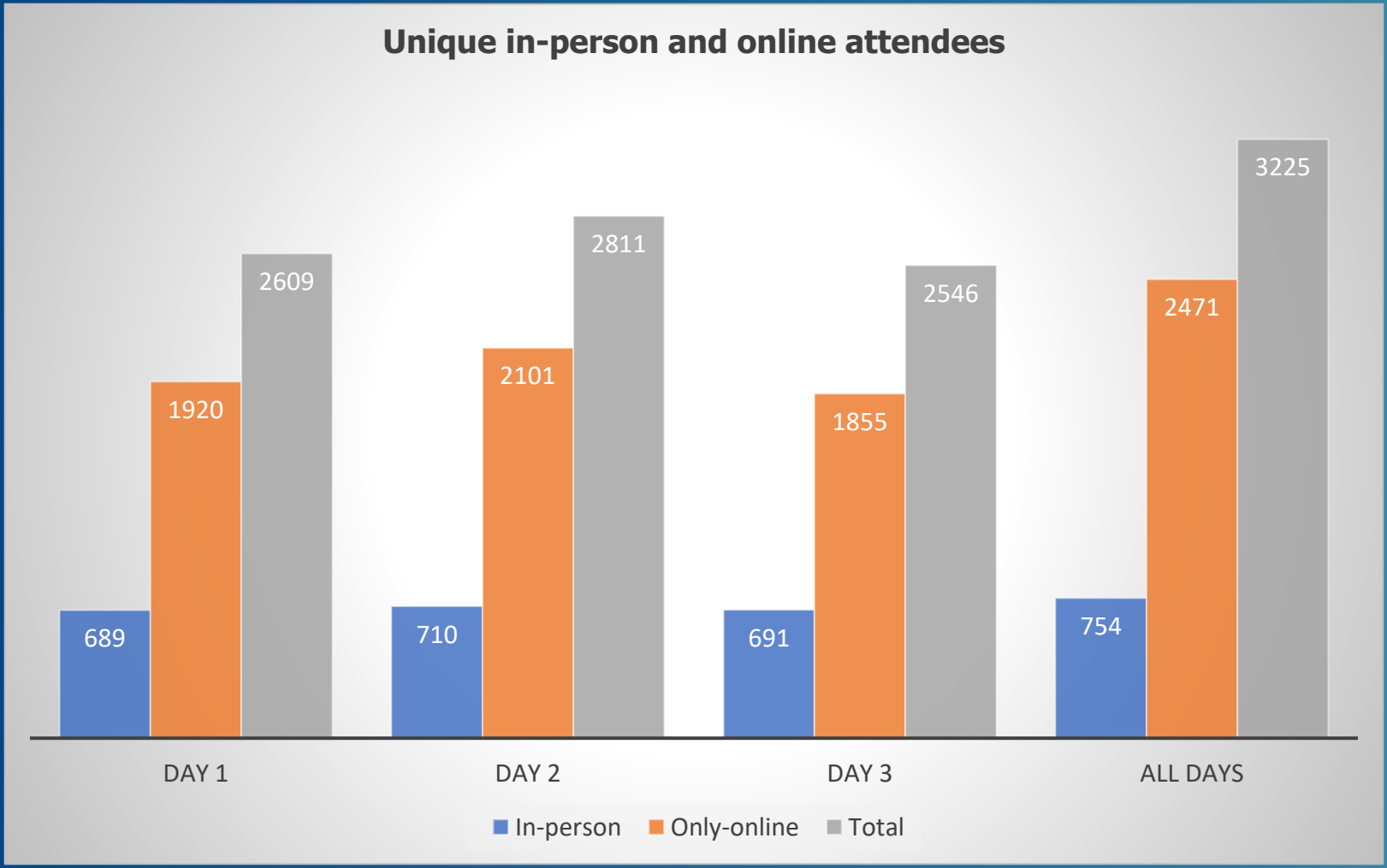
754
Unique in-person attendees

3 215
Active attendees in total

ESCAIDE 2024 received 4 395 registrations, with 3 580 signing up for online attendance and 815 for in-person participation. Of these, 61 registered participants did not show up to attend in person, and 1 109 did not participate online. In total, we had 3 215 active participants: 2 471 joined online, and 754 attended in person. We considered online attendees active if they accessed the platform, viewed sessions, added contacts, or participated in other activities during the event.

Due to high demand, we closed in-person registration in August after reaching full capacity. With over 150 people on the waiting list, we could only accommodate about 25% due to space limitations. To manage this, we reallocated spaces from registered participants who informed us they couldn’t attend.

Attendance



At ESCAIDE 2024, 754 participants attended in person, while 2471 joined exclusively online. Daily attendance varied, with 600–770 people on-site and 1 800–2 100 online each day.

During the conference, more than 2 471 participants used the online platform, as this figure does not include in-person attendees who also accessed it. Also, these numbers only cover activity during the conference days. Many participants, as in past years, log in after the event to watch videos on demand. This shows that engagement with the platform keeps growing even after the conference ends.

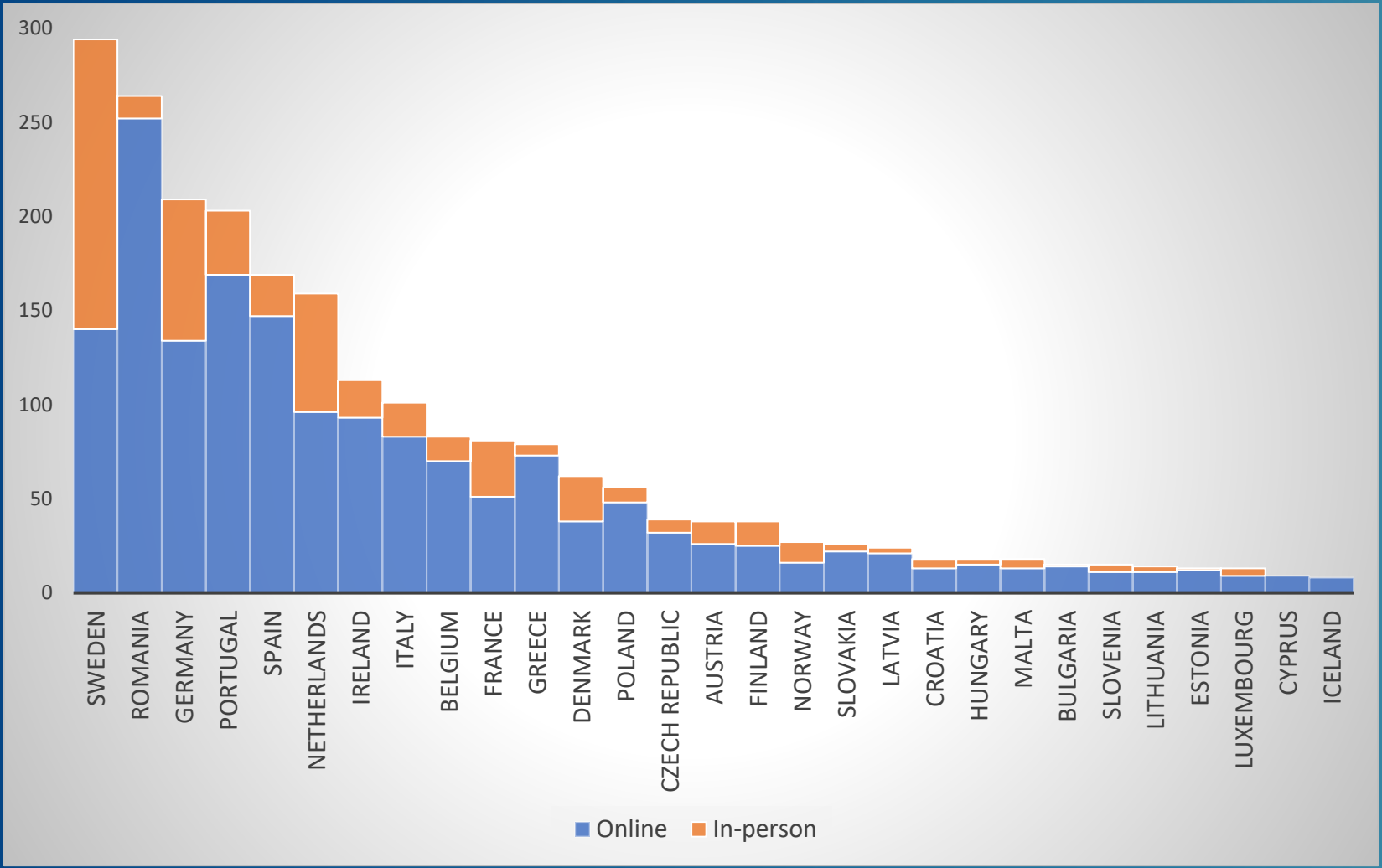
Country representation

122 Total countries represented	**54** Countries represented in-person	**29**	EU/EEA countries
		25	Outside EU/EEA countries
	120 Countries represented online	**29**	EU/EEA countries
		91	Outside EU/EEA countries

ESCAIDE 2024 registered participants indicated they were from 29 countries inside EU/EEA and from 91 countries outside EU/EEA.

As in recent years, when ESCAIDE was held online twice and as a hybrid event in the last two years, this year's hybrid format continued to support broader participation. It allowed individuals to join who might otherwise have been unable to attend due to costs, travel constraints, or other barriers.

EU/EEA country representation

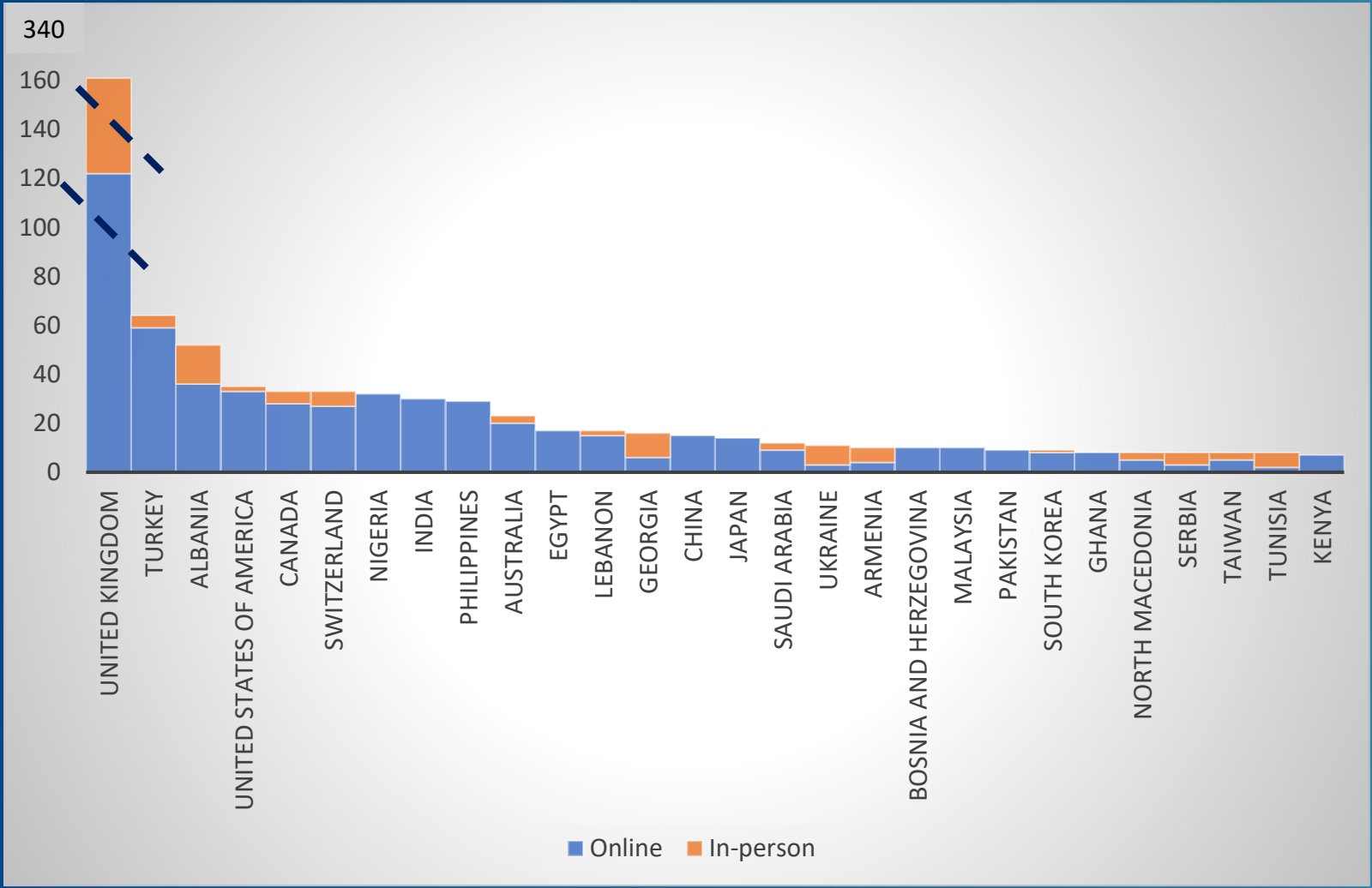


Participants registered either online or in person from all 27 EU countries, as well as Norway and Iceland.

Sweden, which hosted the event and is home to ECDC, had the highest in-person representation with 154 attendees. The Netherlands followed with 90, and Germany with 80 in-person participants.

Romania, Portugal and Spain showed a strong preference for online attendance, likely influenced by factors such as distance, travel costs, or other barriers.

Outside EU/EEA country representation



There are 63 countries from which less than 10 participants registered (total online and in-person) to ESCAIDE, not represented in this graphic.

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Jordan
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Palestine
Singapore
Vietnam
Israel
Moldova
Montenegro
Cameroon
Kyrgyzstan
Libya
Mexico
Morocco
United Arab Emirates
Argentina
Azerbaijan
Bangladesh
Ethiopia
Qatar
Tajikistan
Uganda
Afghanistan
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Guatemala
Hong Kong
Kosovo
New Zealand
Peru
South Africa
Tanzania
Thailand
Zambia
Algeria
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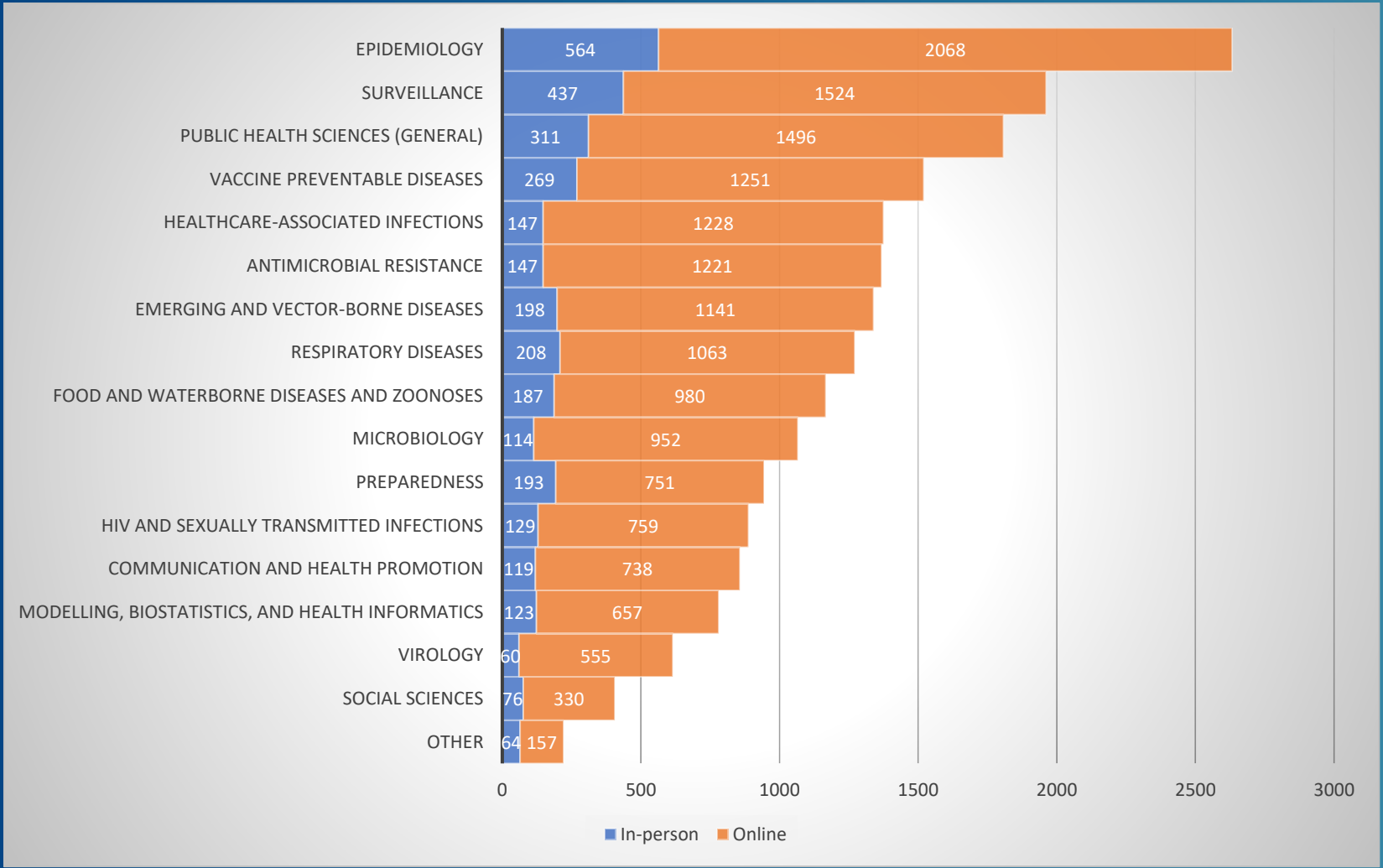
Registered participants by field of expertise



Participants selected fields that best matched their expertise: in total, amongst online and onsite participants, 2632 chose epidemiology, 1961 selected surveillance, 1807 identified with generic public health sciences, 1520 with vaccine-preventable diseases, and 1375 with healthcare-associated infections.

221 participants also indicated 'Other' fields of expertise and specified them in a free text box.

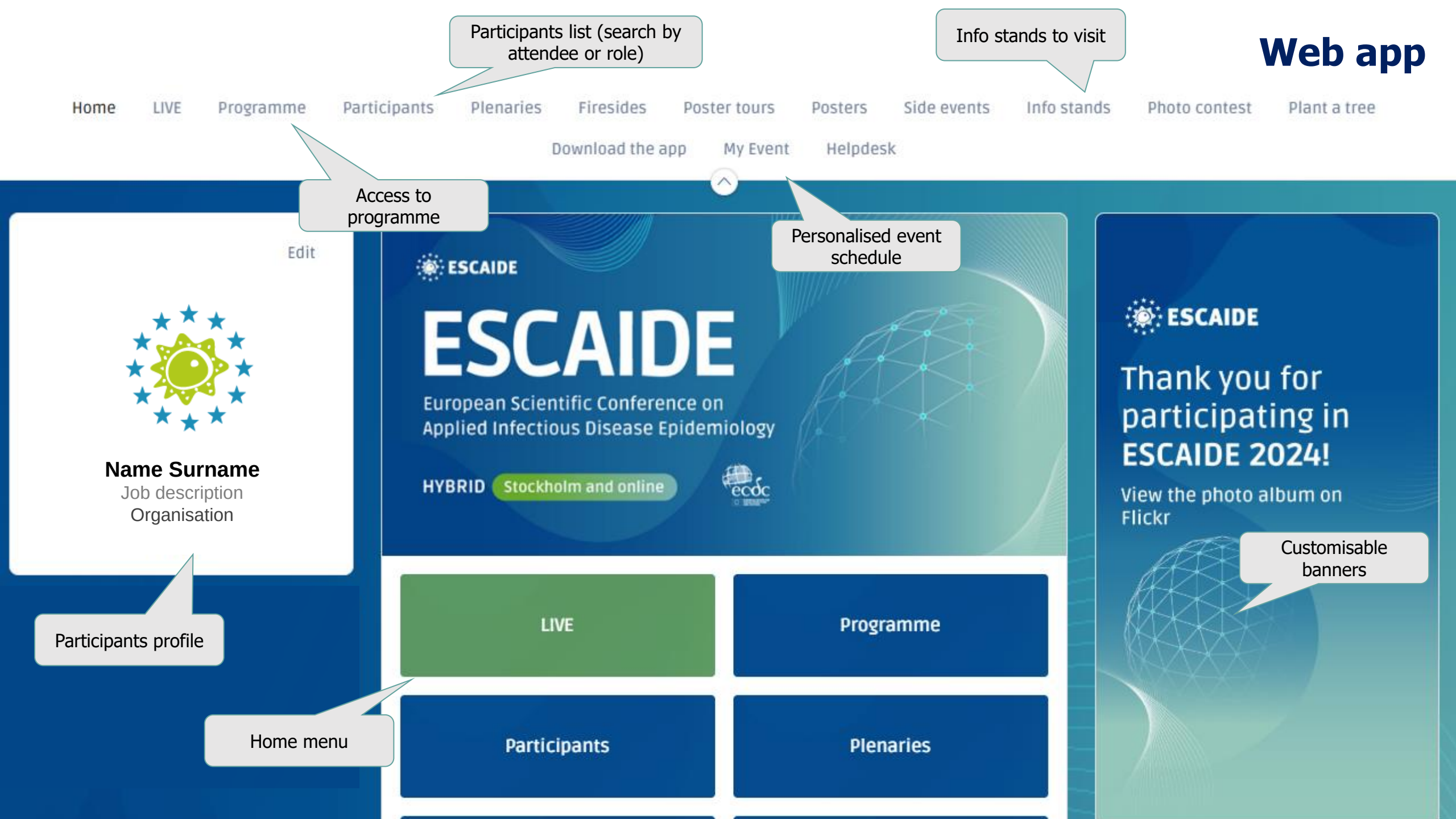
Conference online platform (hosted by *Swapcard*)

Main features, usage and engagement from 20 to 22 November 2024

#ESCAIDE2024

Poster tour 1 | Healthcare associated infections
15:30 to 16:30
Rooms Mälarsalen & Strindberg
Poster tour (in-person only)
Anna Bludau . Germany
Emna Mziou . Tunisia
Baiba Niedre-Otomere . Latvia
Matt Wilson . United Kingdom
Tomasz Kasperski . Poland
Amy Weaver . United Kingdom
Juliette Cavaye . United Kingdom
Tommi Karki . Sweden
Poster tour 2 | Epidemiology of food- and waterborne diseases
15:30 to 16:30
Rooms Mälarsalen & Strindberg
Poster tour (in-person only)
Taina Niskanen . Sweden
Patrizia Centorame . Italy
Ariana Wijermans . Malta
Esther Schol-van Puffelen . Netherlands
Eunice Stiboy . Australia
Subhi Alshaer . Palestine
Verônica Mixão . Portugal
Chris Williams . United Kingdom

Web app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Plenary session D | Disease X: are we ready?

Auditorium 1 Mässhallen

Plenary

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Live chat

Description of the session

Information

The concept of "Disease X" has been adopted by the global public health community as a way to refer to a potential unknown pathogen that could cause the next pandemic. Despite the uncertainty surrounding the specific pathogen, it is still possible – and crucial – to proactively prepare for and work towards an effective response to potential pandemics. In order to understand our readiness to face the next disease X, we need to explore different facets of disease preparedness, prevention and response: from the need for

See more

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Moderators

Profiles of speakers and moderators

Angeliki Melidou
ECDC
Sweden

Luisa Peixe
University of Porto
Portugal

Speakers

Ana Maria Henao-Restrepo
World Health Organization
Switzerland

Mika Salminen

Live interaction

Chat Questions Slido

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5:30 PM

Aparna Dressler

Thank you for your talk. We often talk about what didn't work during the pandemic. In your view, what worked really well and must be continued/retained moving forward? And what went badly wrong and must never happen again (although history often repeats itself)?

4

5:30 PM

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Web app

Fireside session 1 | Healthcare associated infections

Auditorium 1 Mässhallen

Fireside session

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Live chat

Links to scientific abstracts, authorship and downloadable posters

Live interaction

Chat Questions

12:38 PM

Adrian Ardelean

Question

Fantastic presentation! What do you think would ensure data accuracy to ensure equivalence? Do you propose coding schemes? If so, which ones?

12:40 PM

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Thank you for joining and contributing to a fantastic session! Check back to the programme page to see what is up next. The recording of this session will be available tomorrow.

12:41 PM

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Give your feedback

Rate and share your experience with the event organizer about this session (it will stay private).

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Information

Fireside Sessions showcase a series of abstract presentations and discussions on specialised topics, guided by expert moderators. Engage with presenters through 7-minute talks followed by Q&A.

Access abstracts on this page to prepare your questions in advance. During the session use the 'Live interaction' function, using 'Questions' for inquiries and 'Chat' for comments, tagging

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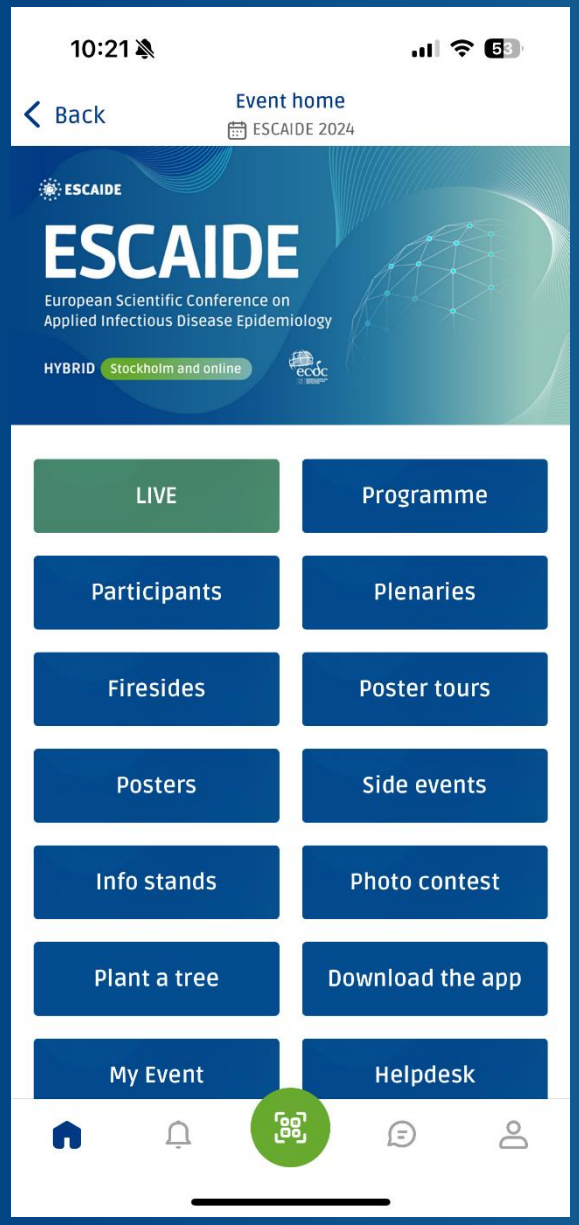
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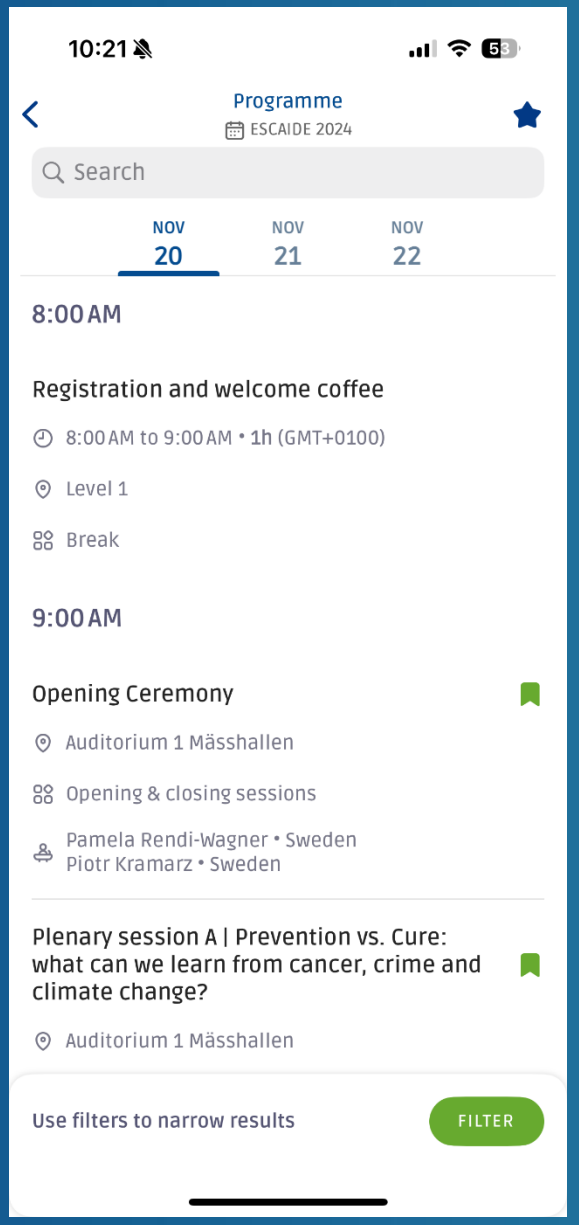
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Pamela Rendi-Wagner • Sweden
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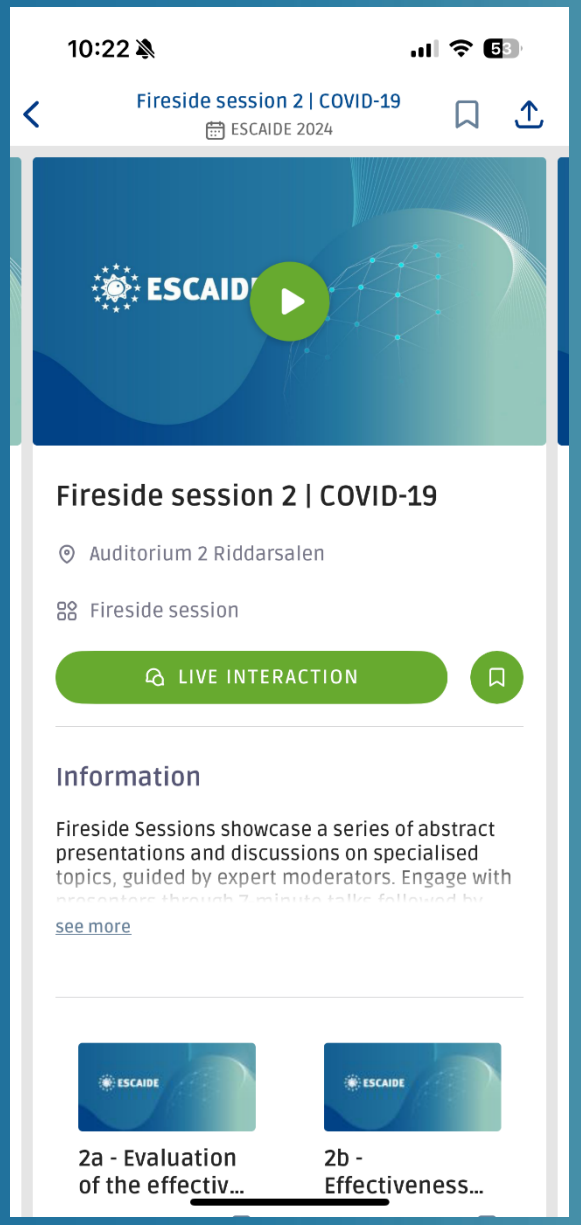
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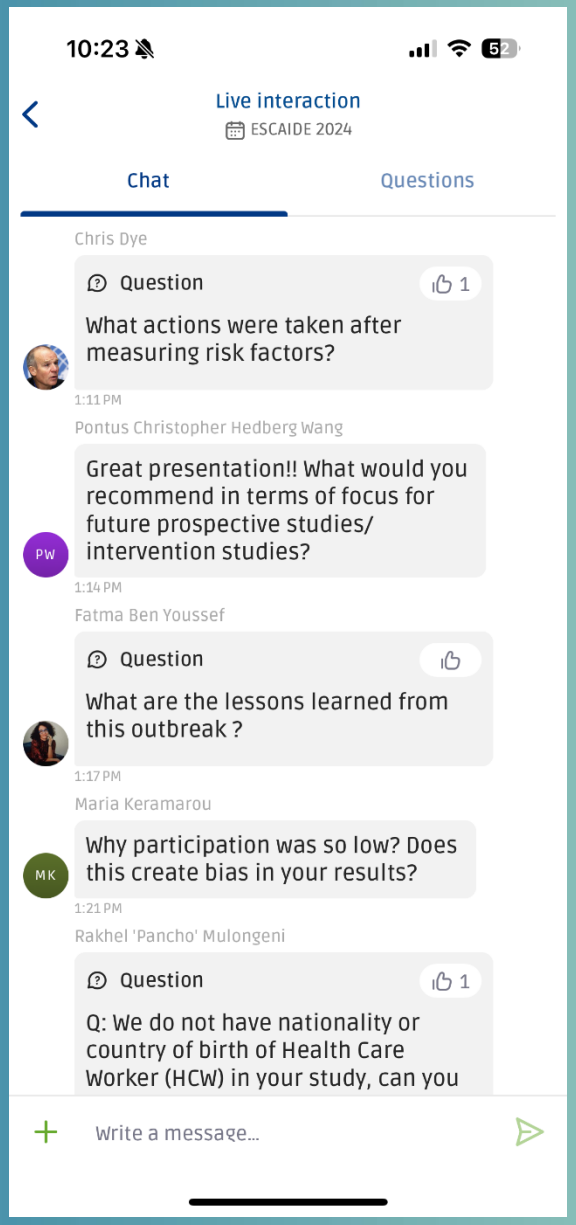
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What actions were taken after measuring risk factors?
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Great presentation!! What would you recommend in terms of focus for future prospective studies/ intervention studies?
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Fatma Ben Youssef
Question
What are the lessons learned from this outbreak ?
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Maria Keramarou
Why participation was so low? Does this create bias in your results?
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Rakhel 'Pancho' Mulongeni
Question
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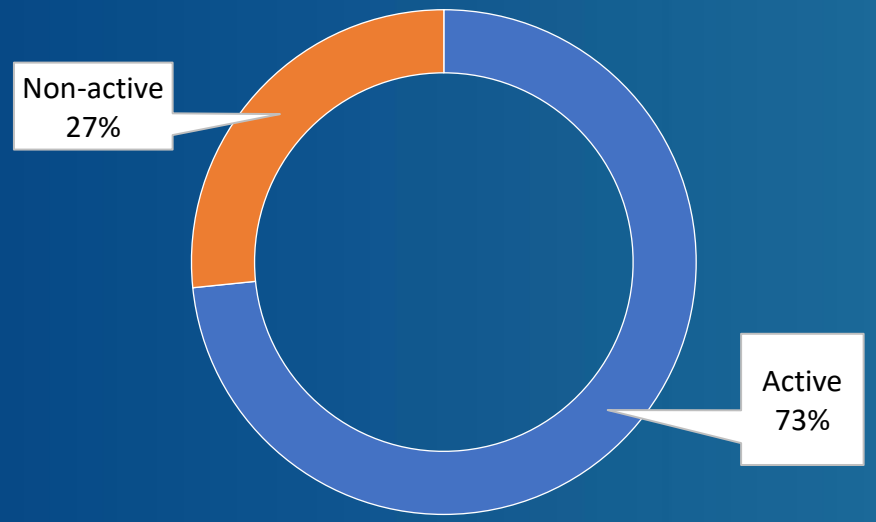
Q: We do not have nationality or country of birth of Health Care Worker (HCW) in your study, can you
Write a message...

Mobile and web apps usage

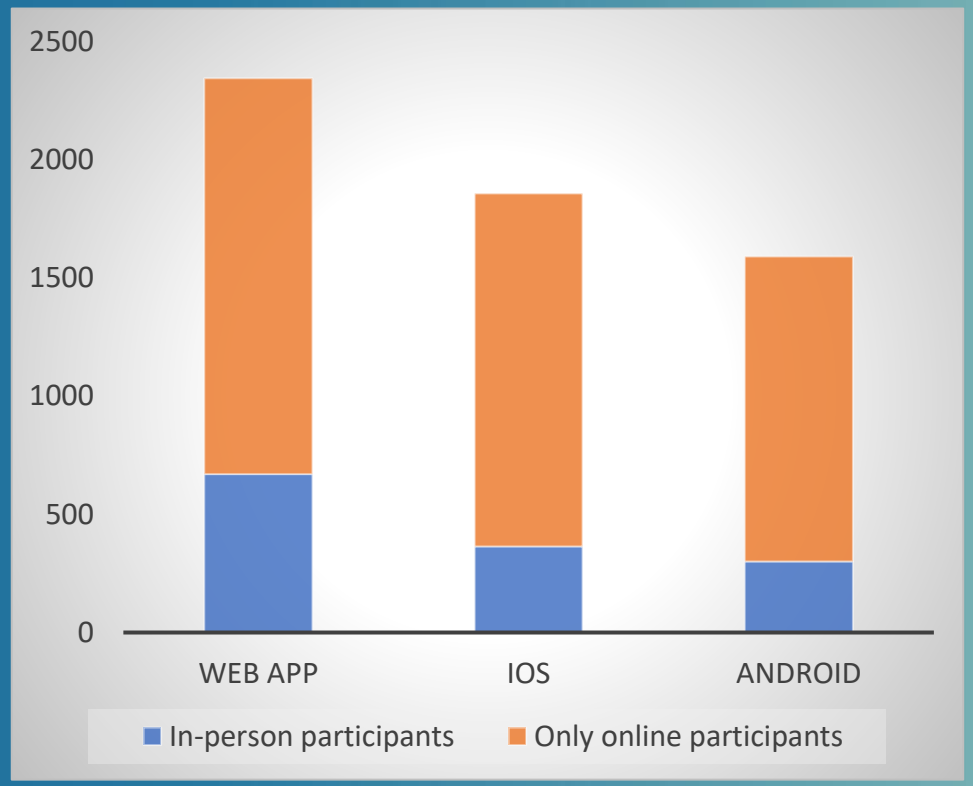
Online

Out of the 4 395 participants registered for the conference, 3 215 actively engaged with the platform during the event. This included logging in to view sessions, add contacts, bookmark info-stands, or register for specific sessions.

It appears that 1 104 participants registered for ESCAIDE 2 024 but did not log in to the app during the conference. Some of these may have attended in person without using the app, while others were likely digital no-shows.



The majority of participants accessed ESCAIDE online through the Swapcard Web App (88%). The mobile app had an average usage of 36%, with 20% using iOS devices and 16% using Android.



Mobile and web apps usage

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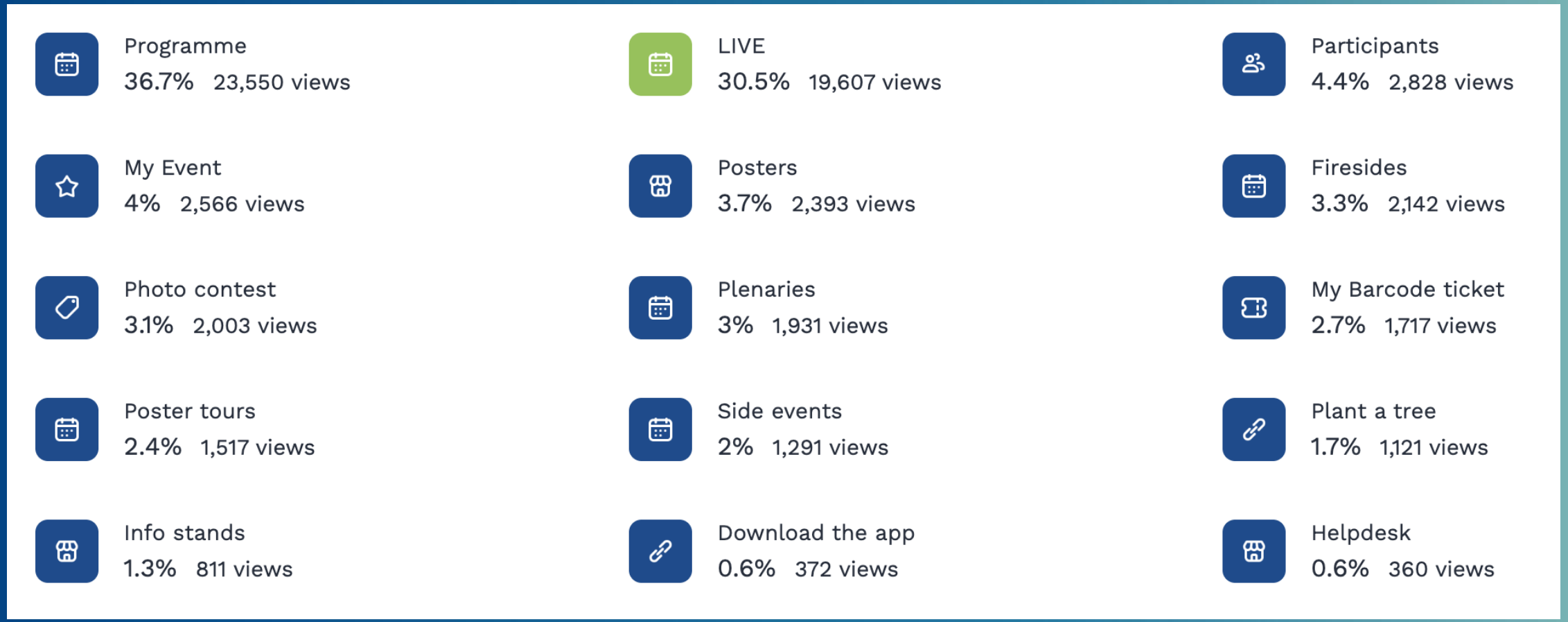


The "Programme" page was the most visited feature, as it provided convenient access to all conference content. Page views for specific sessions, such as Plenaries, Firesides, and Side-events, were lower because most participants watched live broadcasts via the "Live" page, where their views were recorded.

Mobile and web apps usage

Online

Networking Export

Total contacts made
1,359

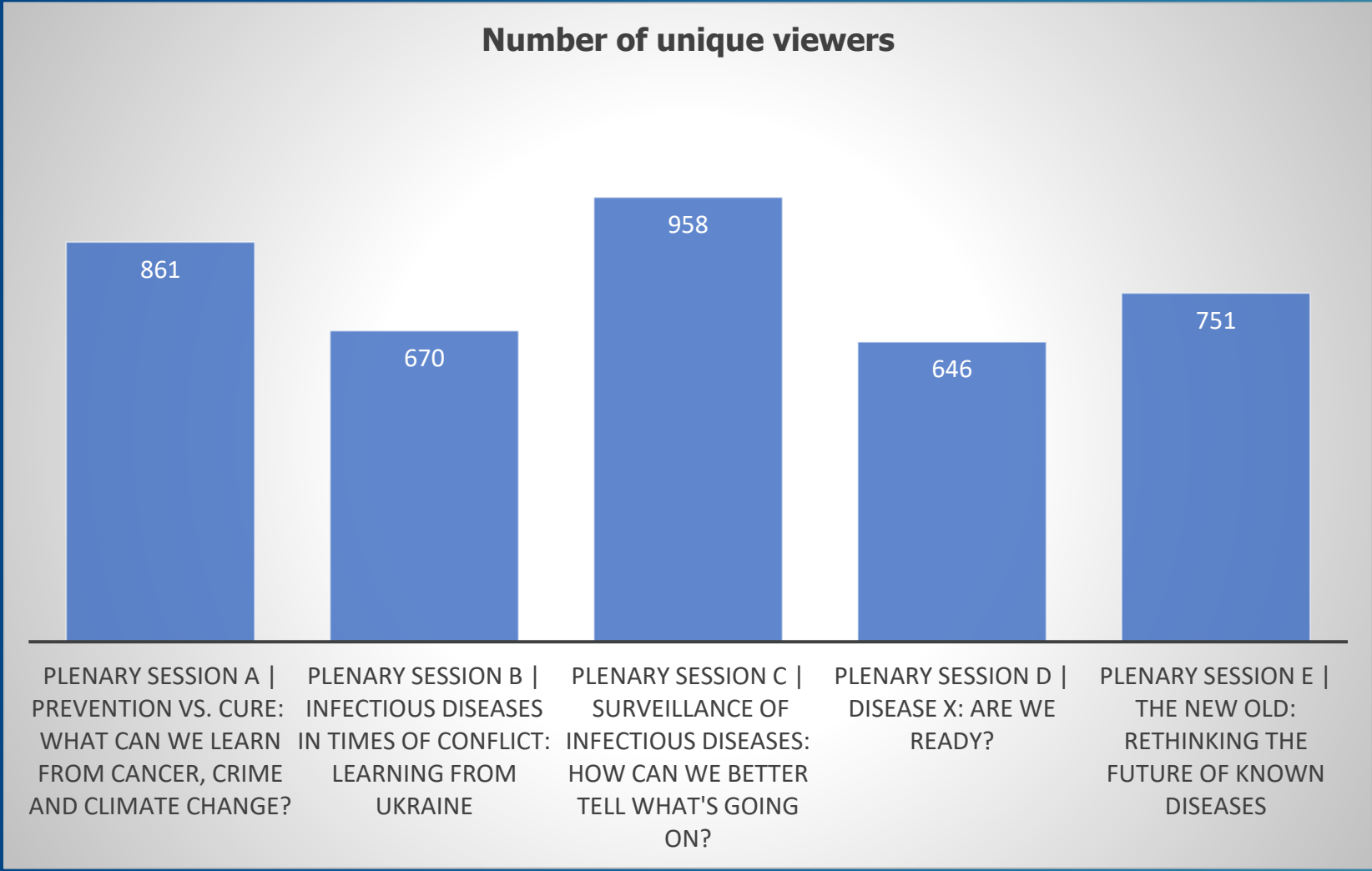
Contacts made per active user
0.4

Total messages exchanged
2,792

Overall, ESCAIDE's online platform provided valuable opportunities for networking and connection. Throughout the conference, participants sent 2 792 messages, comments and questions via the mobile and web app. The volume of activity in session chat boxes, including comments, questions, and discussions, highlights the active engagement of viewers.

Plenary sessions

Online



Charts in this section represent the online viewers. Viewers were counted as "unique viewers", which means that even if they watch more than once, that person counts as one unique viewer. Measuring "unique viewers" gives a clearer picture of the audience size.

Plenary sessions took place in hybrid format: they could be viewed either through the web and mobile apps, or attended in person.

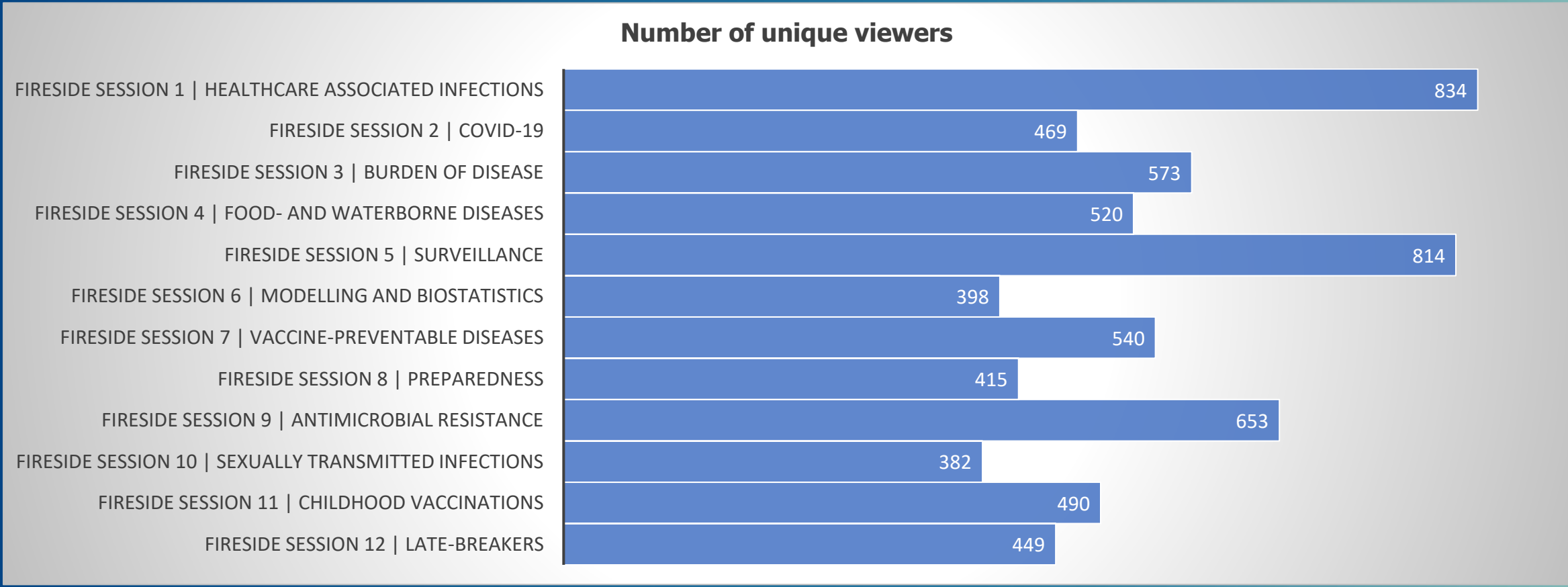
The sessions in the morning (Plenaries A, C and E) had more online viewers than the sessions in the afternoon (B and D).

Plenary sessions polls and word clouds

		Questions	Participants
Plenary A		Is prevention better than cure?	501
Plenary B		Where does the primary responsibility for prevention lie?	492
Plenary C		Are the public health systems in Europe prepared to deal with the consequences of a conflict situation, e.g. a large influx of refugees?	369
Plenary D		How confident are you that the surveillance techniques described can be implemented in a similar way across the EU/EEA in the next 5 years?	353
		In your view, which pathogen is most likely to cause the next pandemic?	256
		How well prepared are you in your current role, to deal with Disease X? On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being not prepared and 5 being well prepared?	290
Plenary E		Are you seeing a resurgence of any of these diseases in your country? Please click on all that are resurgent.	284
		There are many factors that contribute to the resurgence of these diseases. If you had to choose just one factor, what would it be? Please write your answer and submit.	403

Fireside sessions

Online

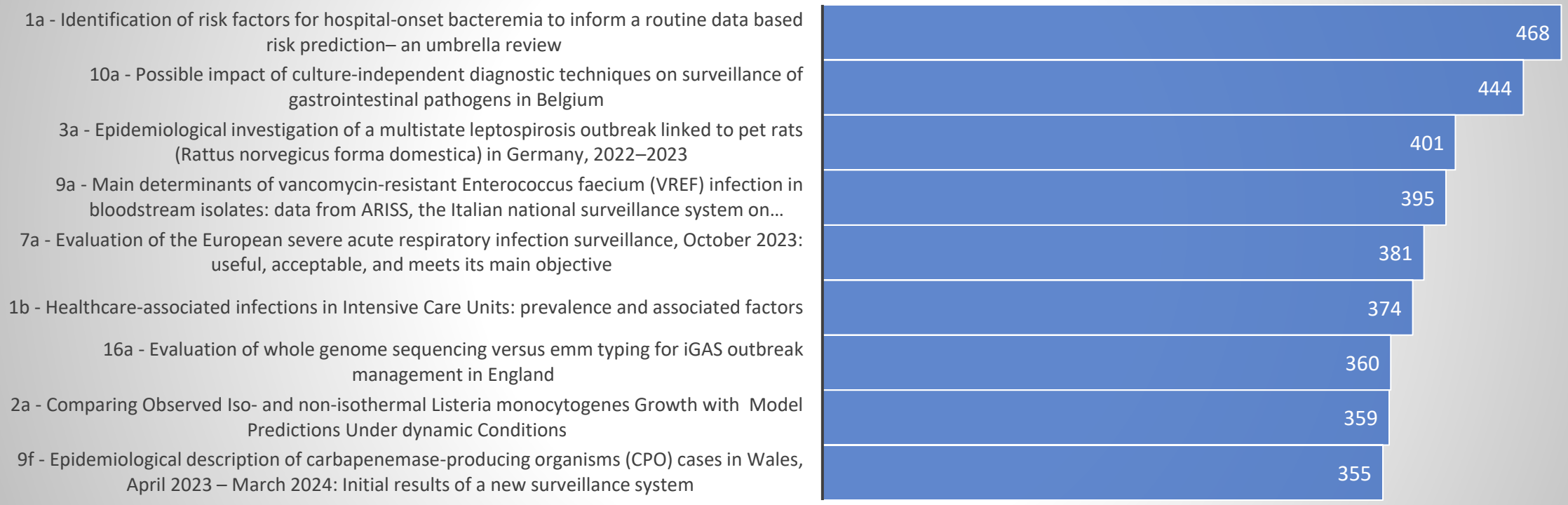


Fireside sessions ran in parallel, with two sessions happening at the same time in a hybrid format. Participants could join online via the web or mobile apps, or attend in person. Sessions listed first on the "Live" page usually attracted more online viewers, possibly because some users did not scroll further to find other parallel sessions.

Posters

Online

Number of unique viewers
10 most viewed posters



Poster tours were held in parallel, with eight tours running simultaneously. Based on feedback from last year's participants and moderators, the tours were conducted exclusively in person this year. A total of 177 posters were presented, while the online platform received 37,018 views of these posters during the three days of the conference.

Side sessions

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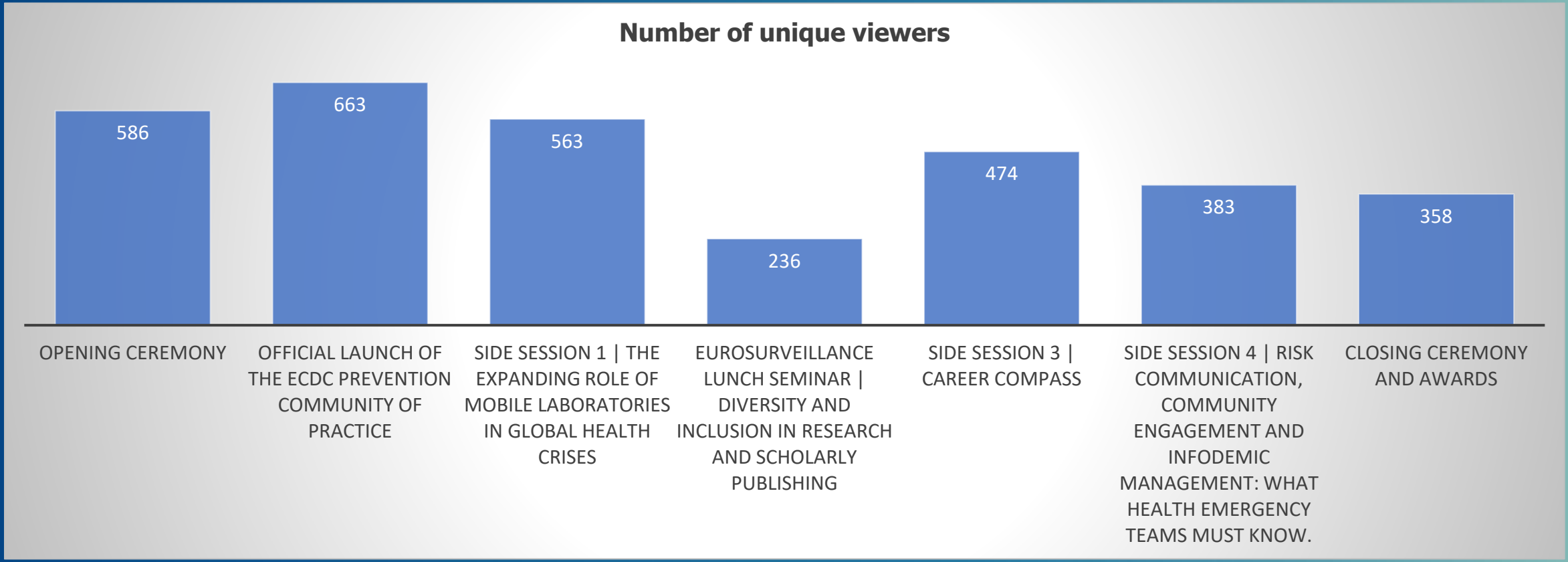

Side sessions were conducted in a hybrid format, accessible online via the web and mobile app or in person. However, Side-session 2 *Evidence-based public health: The power of song and dance* and BarCamp were exclusively in-person and are not included in the online listing. The *Eurosurveillance* Seminar wasn't streamed live. Instead, it took place during a seated lunch and was shared with online participants via an MS Teams link. A recording was uploaded to the online platform on Friday, the final day of the conference. As a result, the views during the event reflect only those who accessed the recording on demand, which may not provide a full picture of its reach.

Info stands

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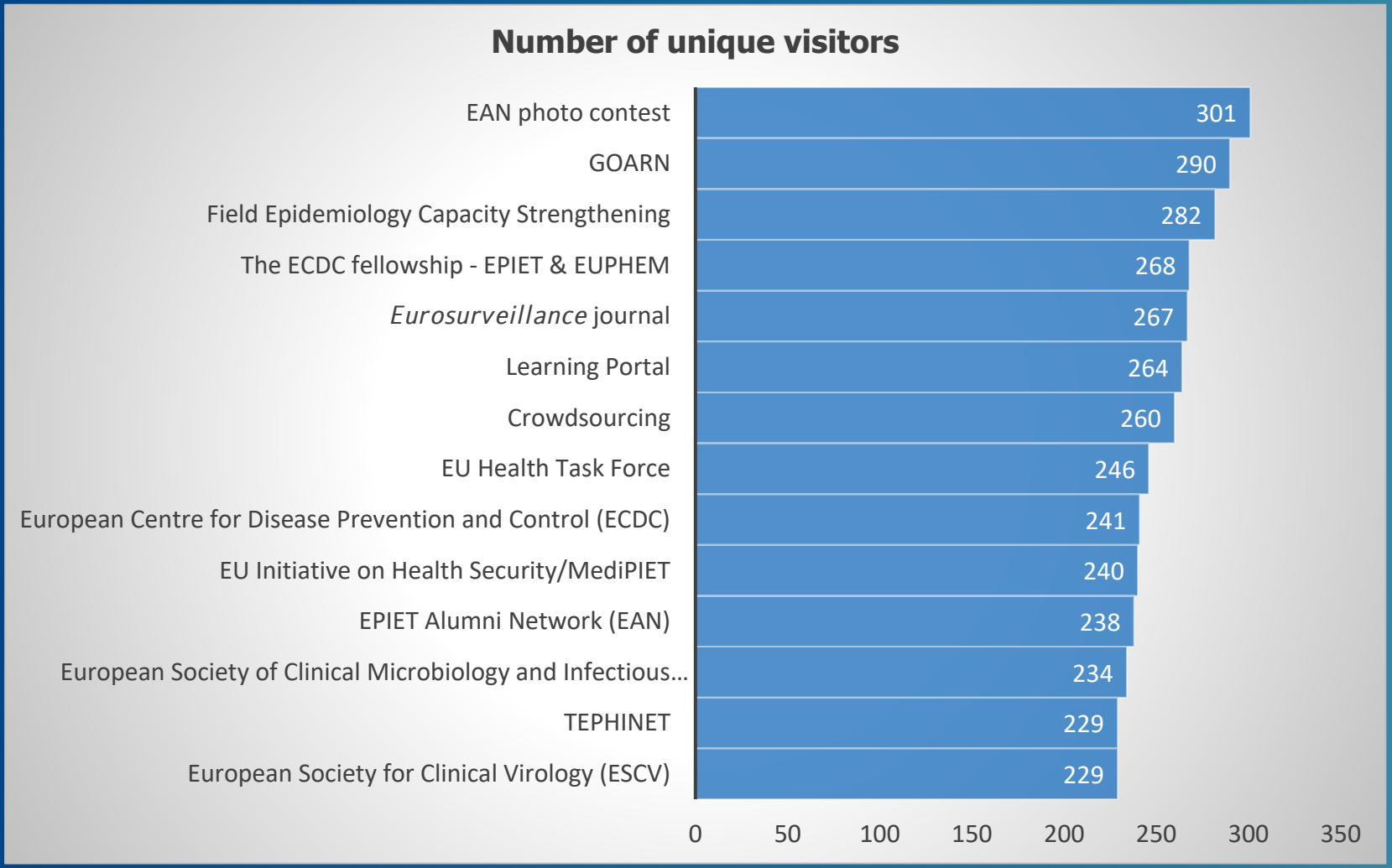


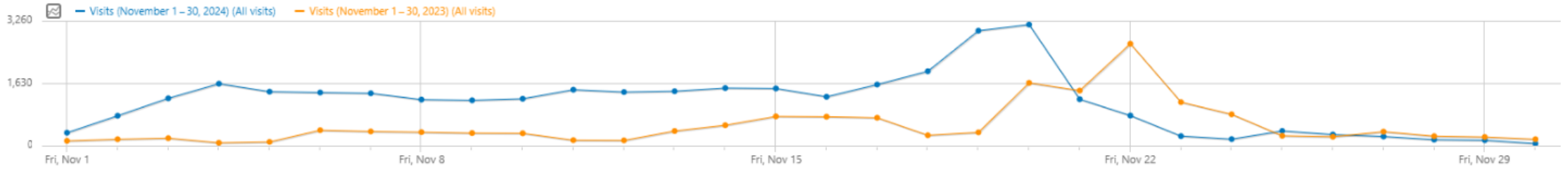
Exhibitors were able to showcase their work and organisations at ESCAIDE 2024, both onsite in the info stand area and through the online platform. The chart reflects the total number of unique visitors to the online info stands. We don't have data on in-person visits, as this was monitored independently by the info stand owners.

Website, social media and press and media

Website

In November 2024, there was an increase of 37.6% in page views on the ESCAIDE website compared to November 2023. Most visitors came from Romania (7 946), Italy (3 176), Greece (2 607) and Bulgaria (2 547).

Visits Over Time



Visits Overview

NOVEMBER 2024
57,121 pageviews, +37.6% **48,445** unique pageviews +47.6%
NOVEMBER 2023
41,519 pageviews, **32,825** unique pageviews

NOVEMBER 2024
71% visits have bounced (left the website after one page) +61.4%
NOVEMBER 2023
44% visits have bounced (left the website after one page)

NOVEMBER 2024
1.9 actions (page views, downloads, outlinks and internal site searches) per visit -38.7%
NOVEMBER 2023
3.1 actions (page views, downloads, outlinks and internal site searches) per visit

NOVEMBER 2024
141 max actions in one visit +83.1%
NOVEMBER 2023
77 max actions in one visit

NOVEMBER 2024
33,672 visits, +114.8% **31,124** unique visitors +98.6%
NOVEMBER 2023
15,675 visits, **15,674** unique visitors

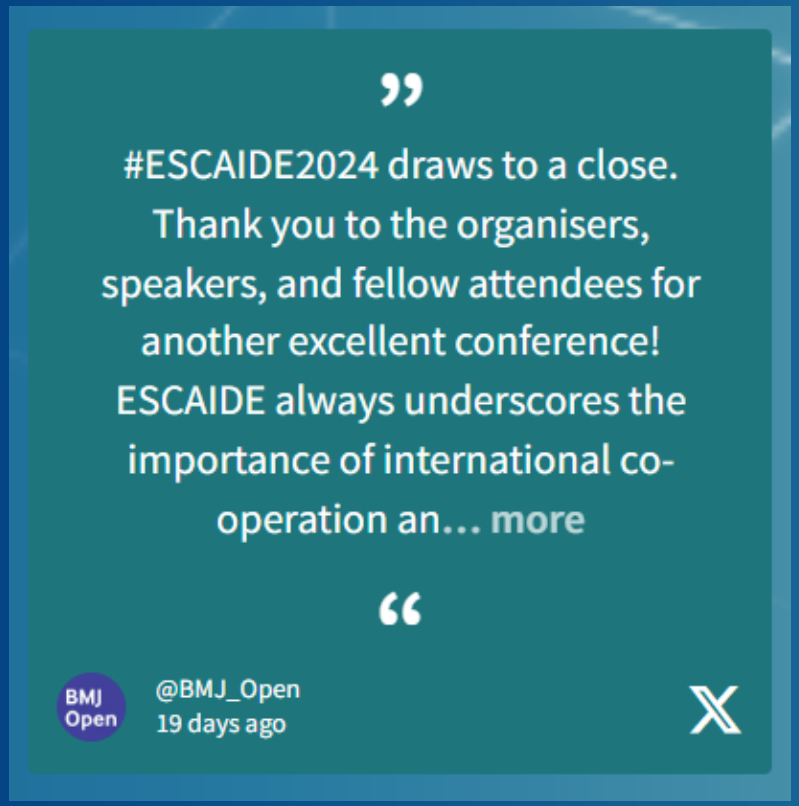
NOVEMBER 2024
1 min 4s average visit duration -59.5%
NOVEMBER 2023
2 min 38s average visit duration

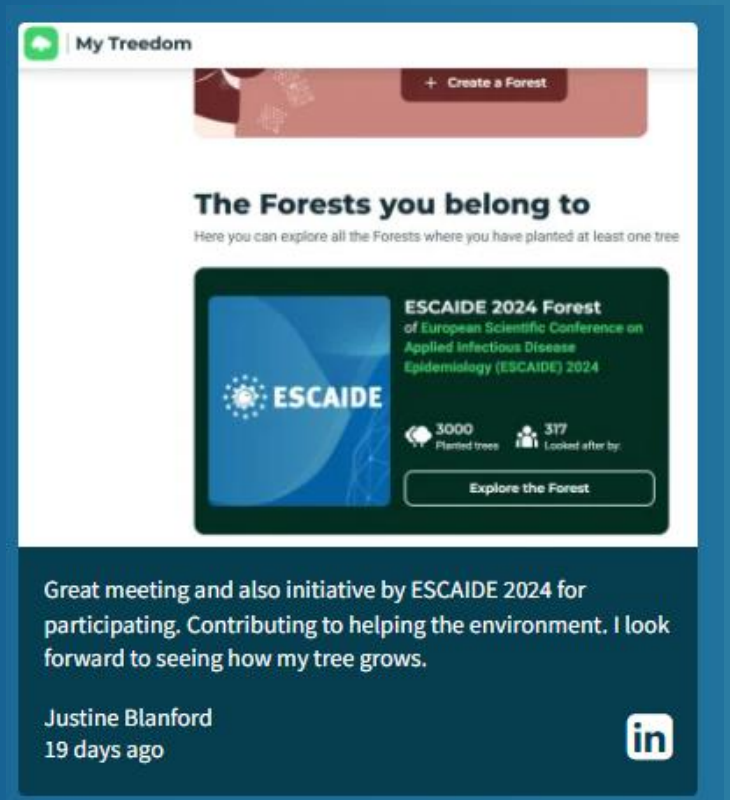
NOVEMBER 2024
3,784 downloads, -0.9% **3,534** unique downloads -0.1%
NOVEMBER 2023
3,819 downloads, **3,536** unique downloads

NOVEMBER 2024
3,048 outlinks, -8.8% **2,773** unique outlinks -7.2%
NOVEMBER 2023
3,343 outlinks, **2,988** unique outlinks

Social media

A social media wall showcased live updates from Instagram, LinkedIn, X (formerly Twitter) and Facebook, using the conference hashtag. This feature encouraged real-time sharing, increased visibility, and creating a sense of community, making it a key engagement point during the ESCAIDE.





ESCAIDE 2024 social media wall

Social media

El podcast Piel a Cabeza ha estado el número #1 en Medicina en varias ocasiones pero ahora no podemos estar más agradecidas proque además ha cruzado fronteras ya por tercera vez: primero en Berlín l… more

Rosa Molina Ruiz, MD, PhD
17 days ago

ECDC Chief Scientist & ESCAIDE Scientific Committee Chair Piotr Kramarz closing ESCAIDE2024:

These were three incredible days, full of ideas, inspiration, and a strong sense of purpose, which we need in our d… more

Instagram User
19 days ago

Wrapping up an amazing conference #ESCAIDE2024 by European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) at Stockholm, Sweden. I am honored to present my work as a grant recipient (thanks to … more

Dr Saeed Ahmad
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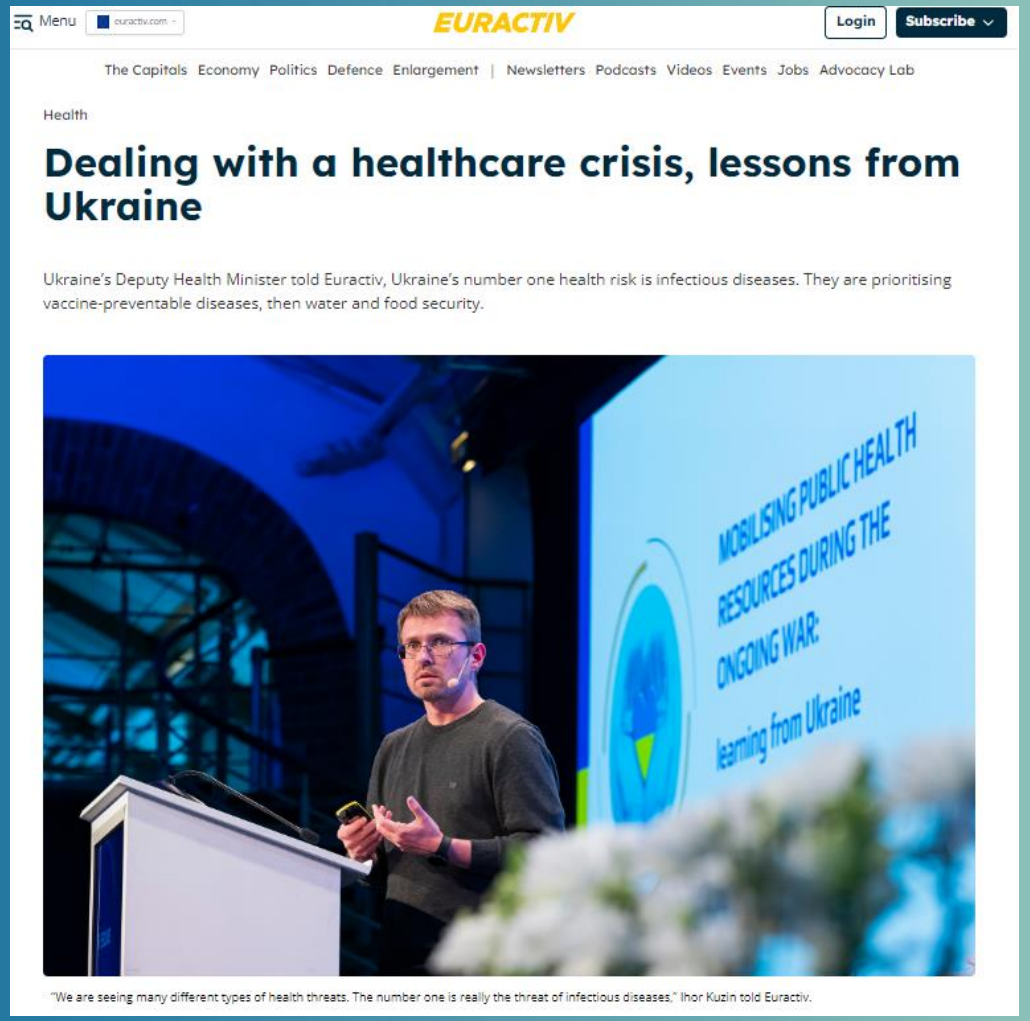
Press and media



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Feedback survey

Feedback from participants collected via online survey from 24 November to 9 December 2024

Feedback survey results

Two email invitations and a notification to complete the survey reached out to all registered participants, of which 1406 completed the survey, from 24 November until 9 December.

The reponse rate was 43.6%, considerably higher than for ESCAIDE 2023 (27%) and ESCAIDE 2022 (25%).

Duplicate survey submissions were flagged by some respondents, these were identified and removed from the respondent data.

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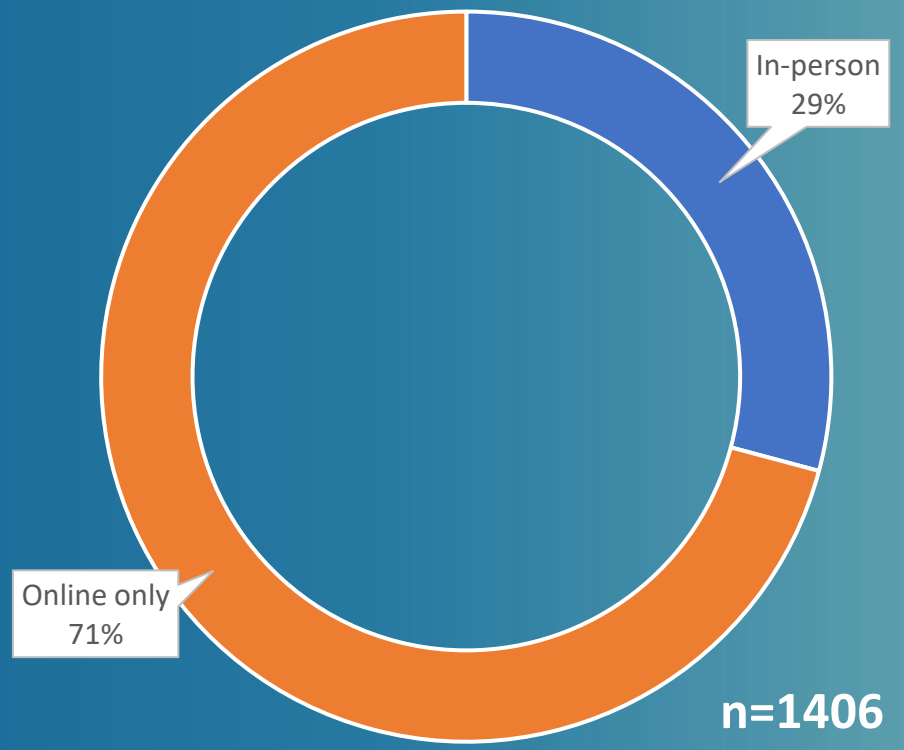
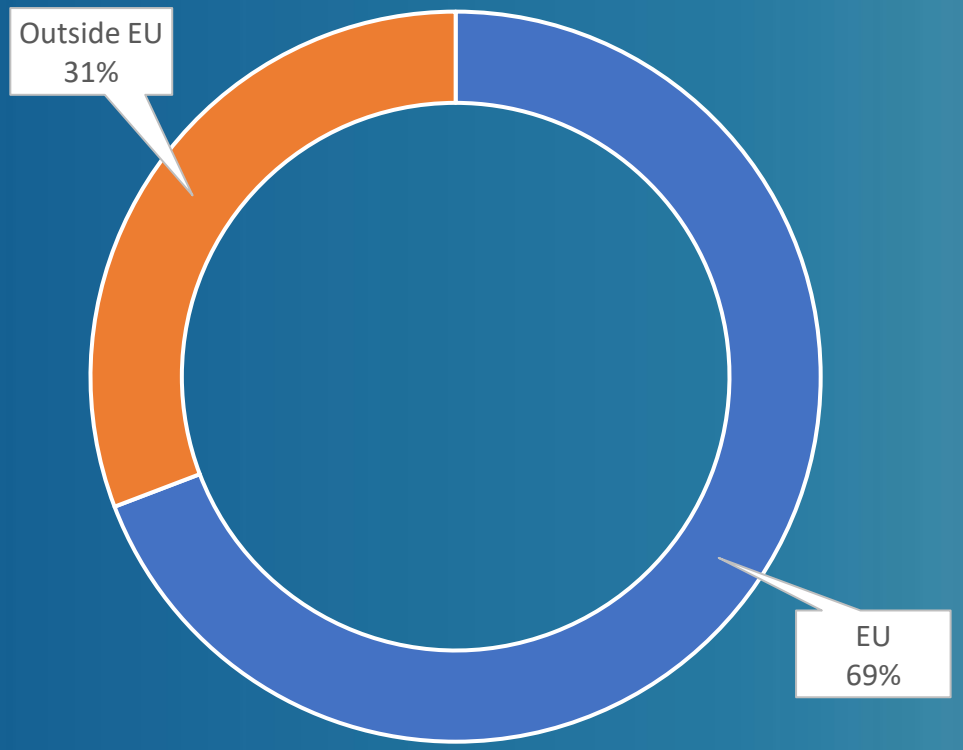


71% of respondents attended ESCAIDE online only, while 29% participated in person. This ratio is consistent with the overall attendance trends (77% online and 23% in-person).

Feedback survey results

31% of respondents were from outside the EU/EEA, while 69% were from EU/EEA countries. This doesn't match the overall attendance trends, where 76% of participants were from outside the EU/EEA and 24% from within. One possible reason could be the CME accreditation, which applies only to medical professionals in the EU. Completing the survey is required to receive these credits, which may have influenced response rates.

2. Where do you currently work?



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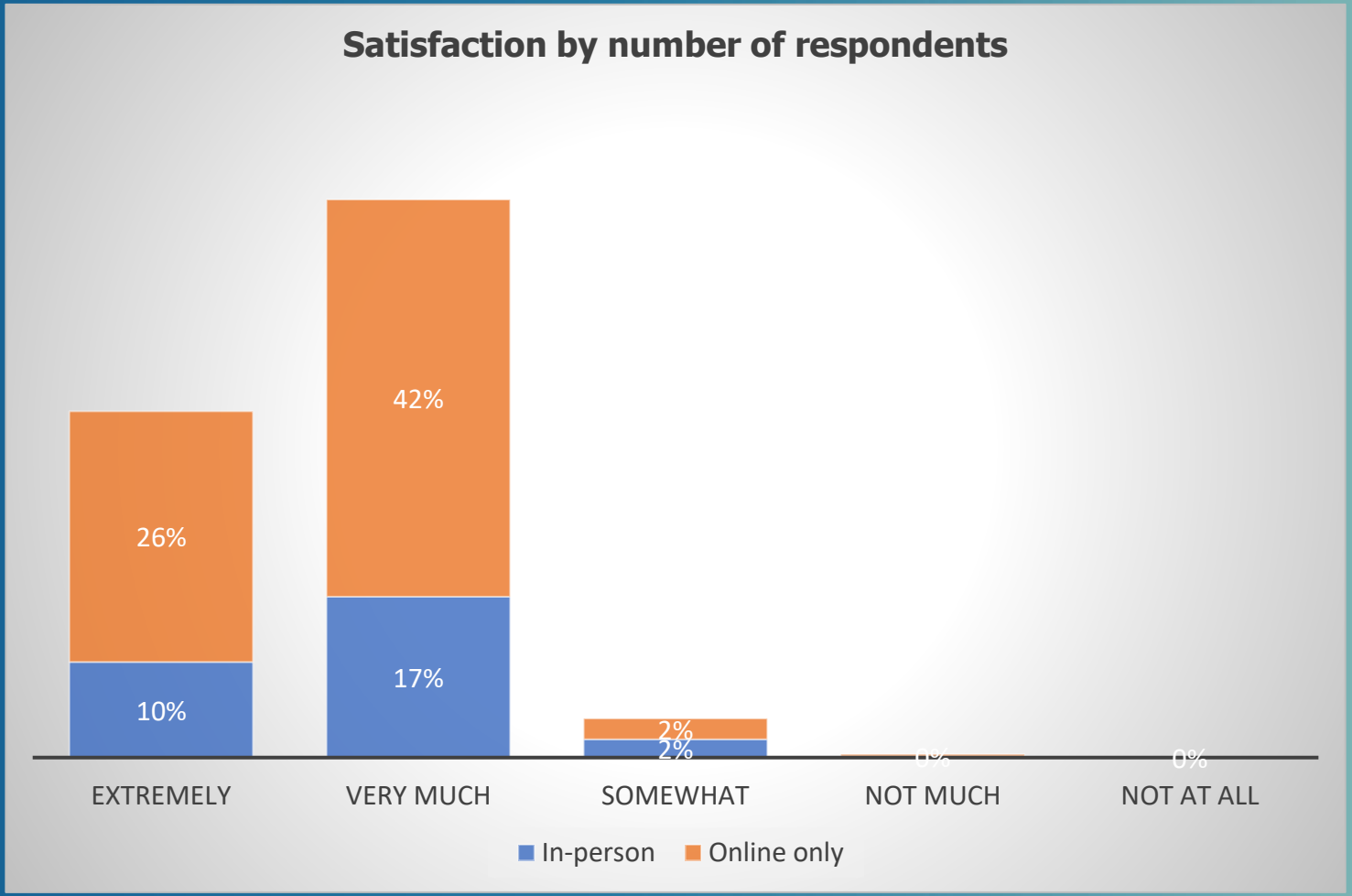
Feedback survey results

5. Overall, how satisfied are you with ESCAIDE 2024?

The feedback survey results were overwhelmingly positive once again. A total of 95% of respondents reported being either 'extremely' (514 responses) or 'very much' (828 responses) satisfied with the event.

The 'Somewhat', 'Not much', and 'Not at all' categories had very few responses, with only 58, 5, and 1 respectively, showing that dissatisfaction was minimal.

The strong majority of positive feedback highlights the conference's success in delivering a fulfilling experience for both online and onsite audiences.



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Feedback survey results

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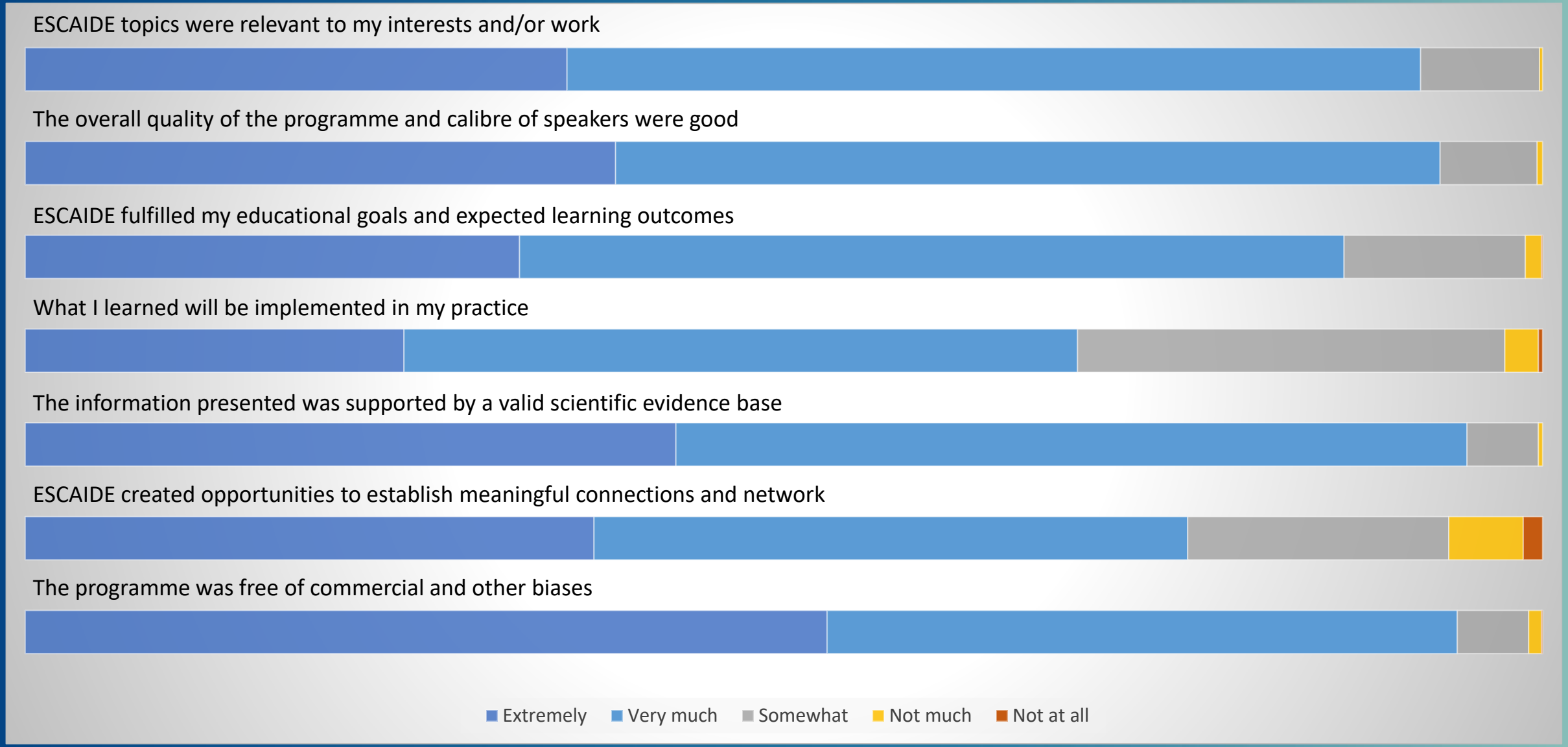
6. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about ESCAIDE 2024?



Feedback survey results

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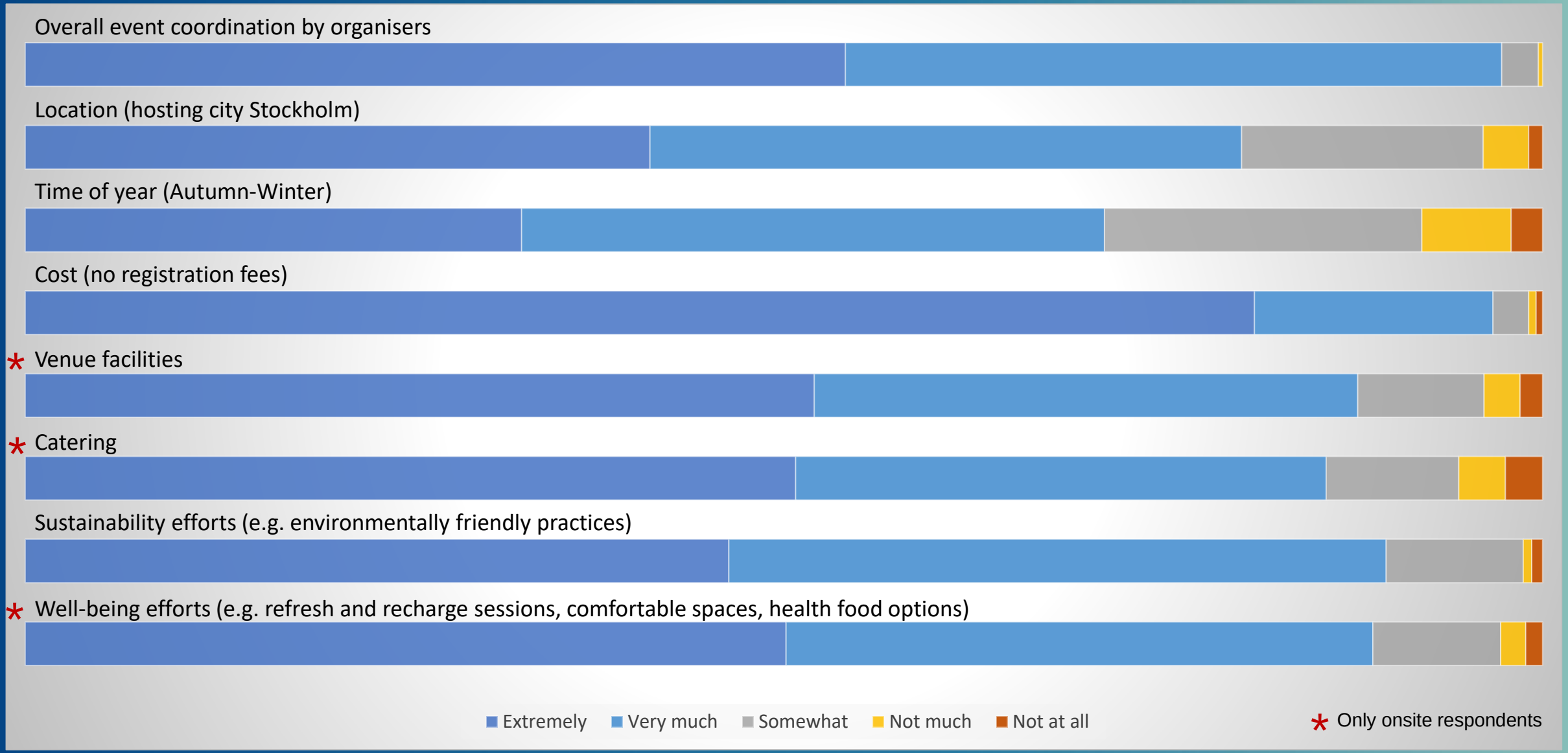
7. To what extent are you satisfied with the overall logistical and organisational aspects?



Feedback survey results

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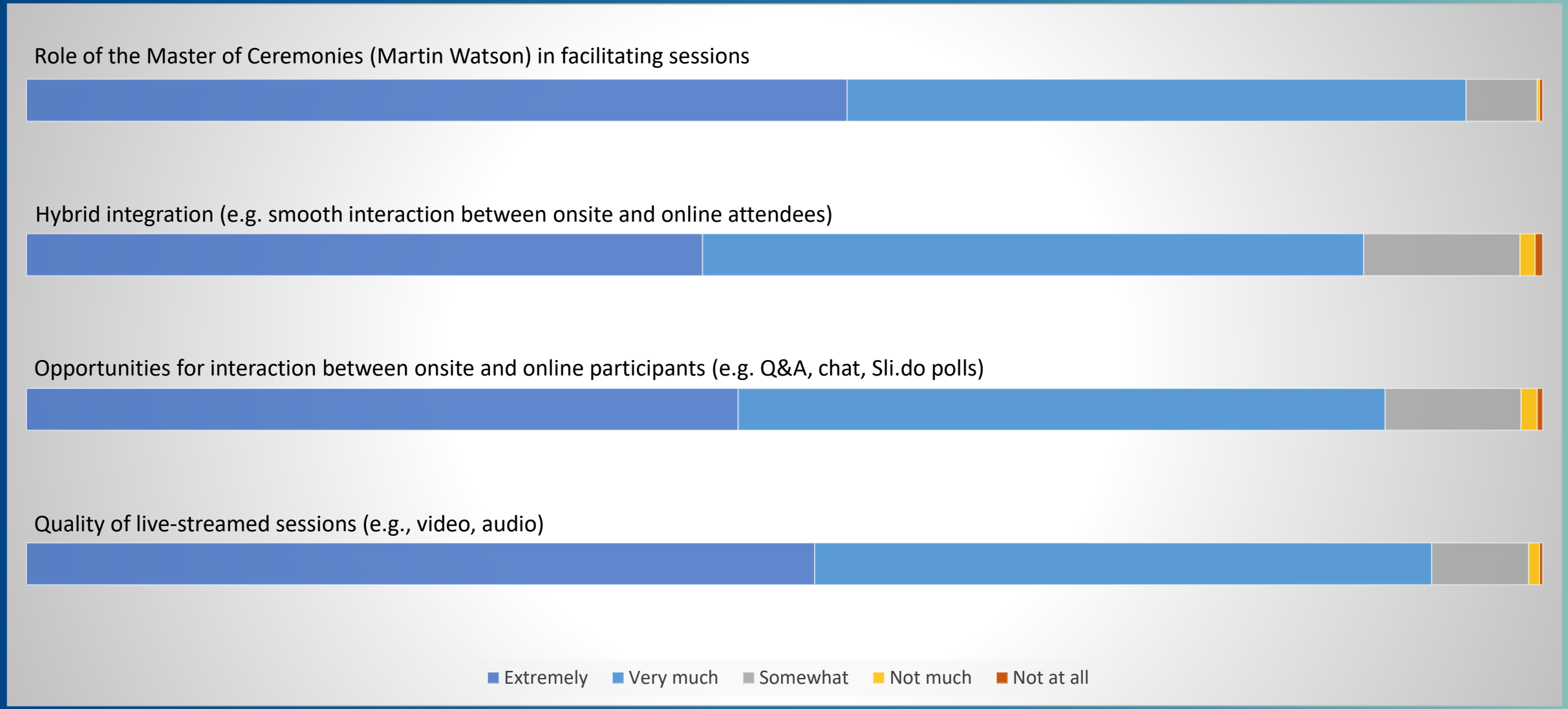
7.1. To what extent are you satisfied with the following aspects of the hybrid event format and session design at ESCAIDE 2024?



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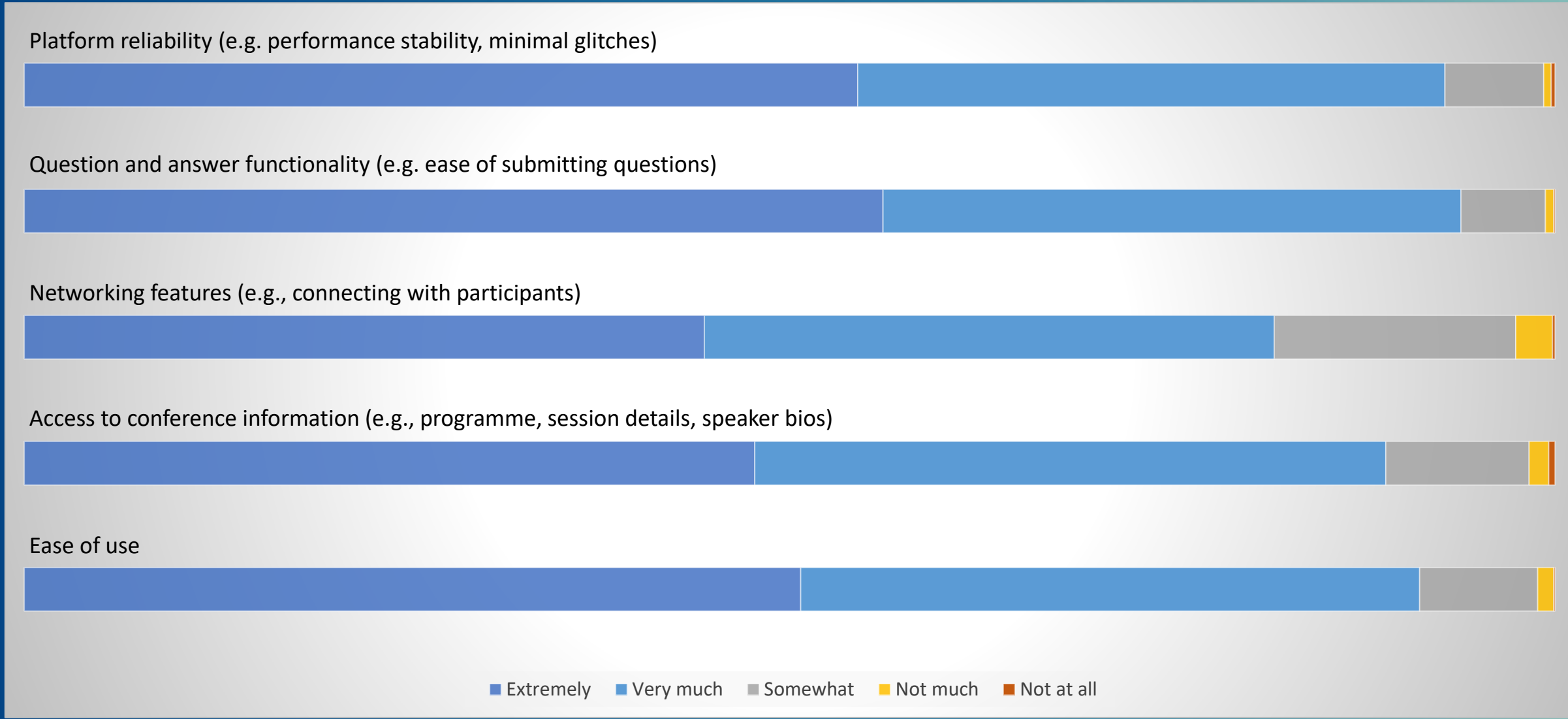
7.2. To what extent are you satisfied with the following aspects of the ESCAIDE 2024 online platform (hosted by *Swapcard*)?:



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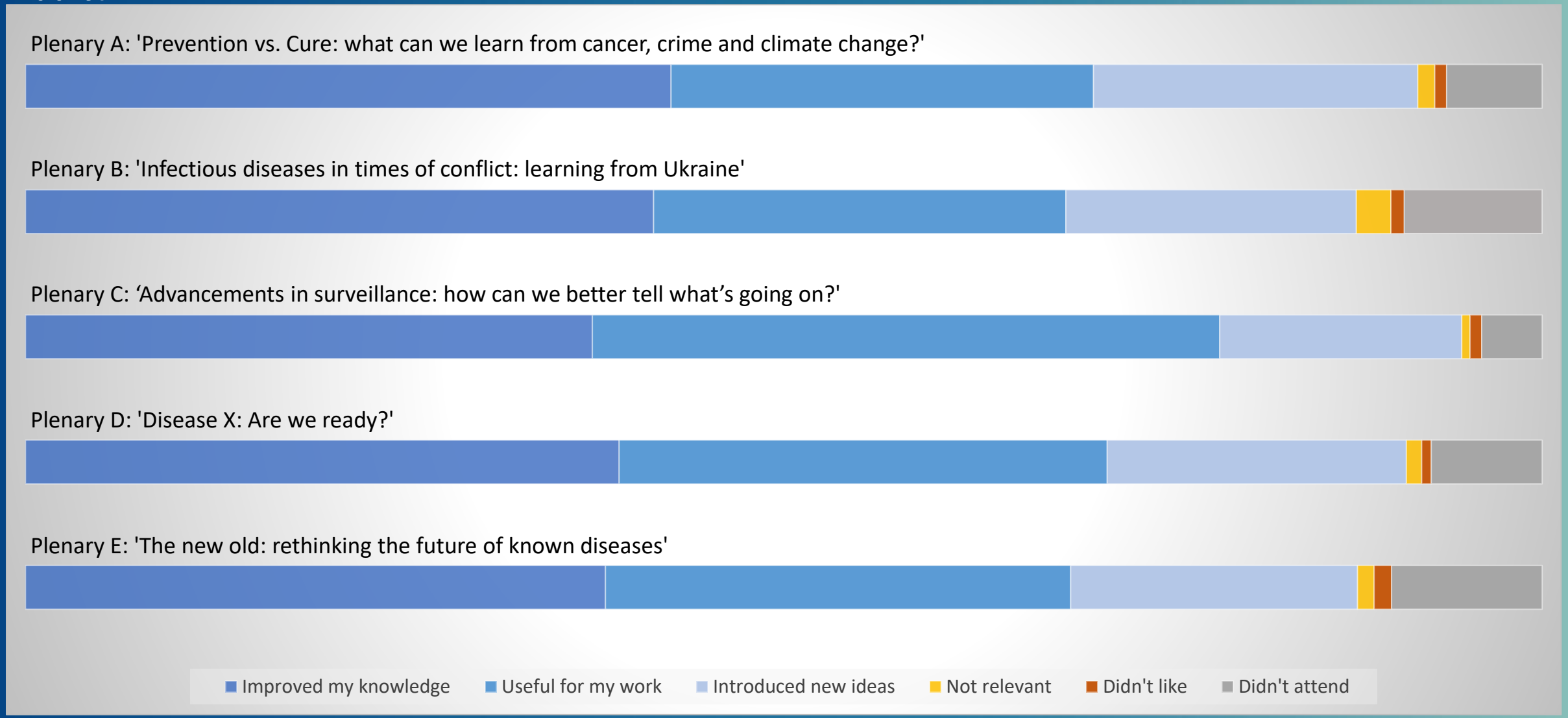
8. How would you best describe the following Plenary Sessions at ESCAIDE 2024? (select all that apply)



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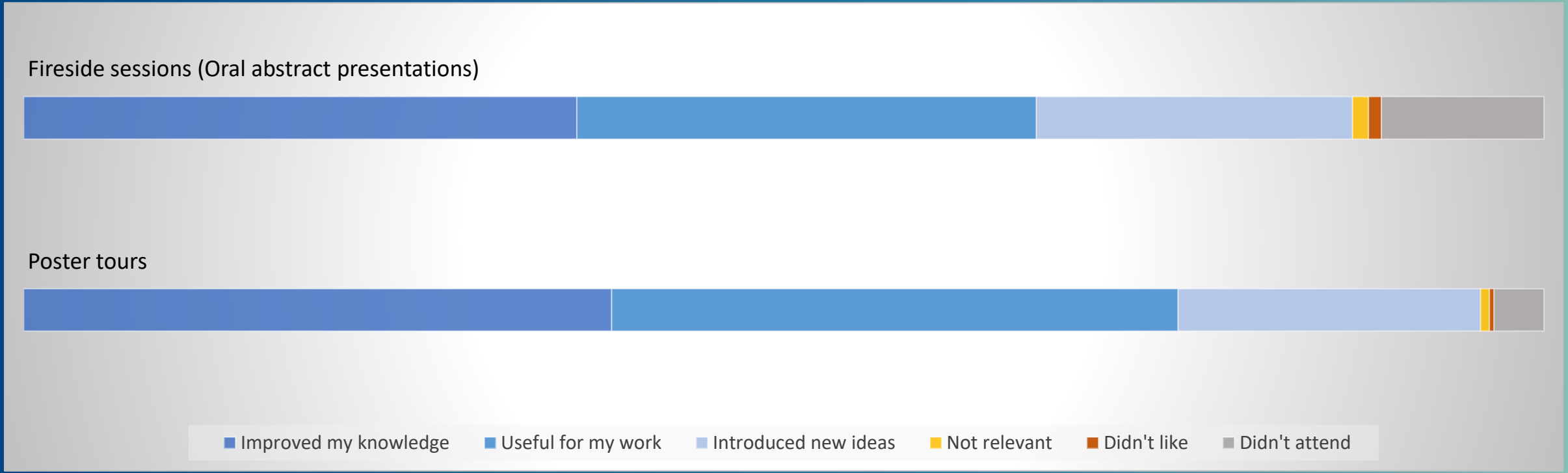
9. How would you best describe the abstract-led sessions at ESCAIDE 2024? (select all that apply)



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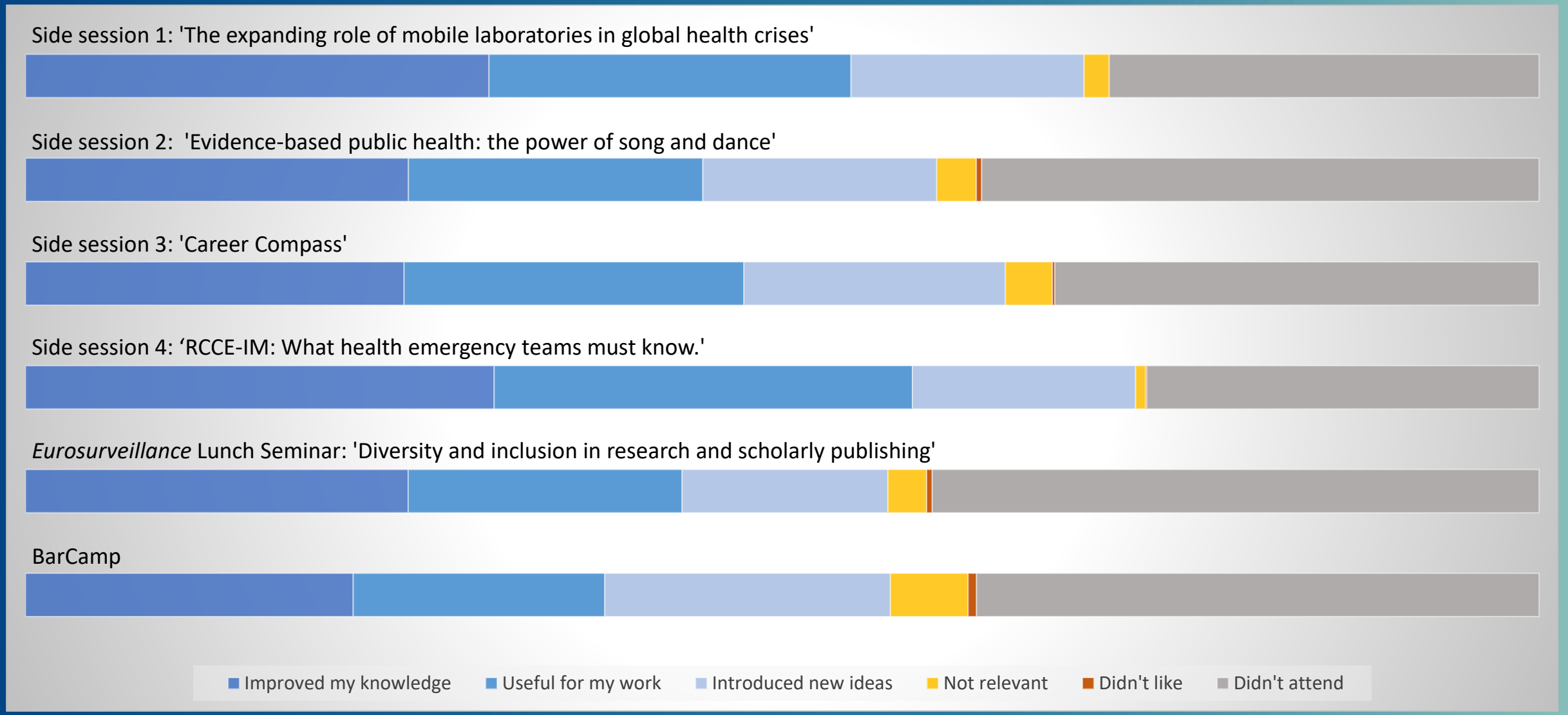
10. How would you best describe the following side events at ESCAIDE 2024? (select all that apply)



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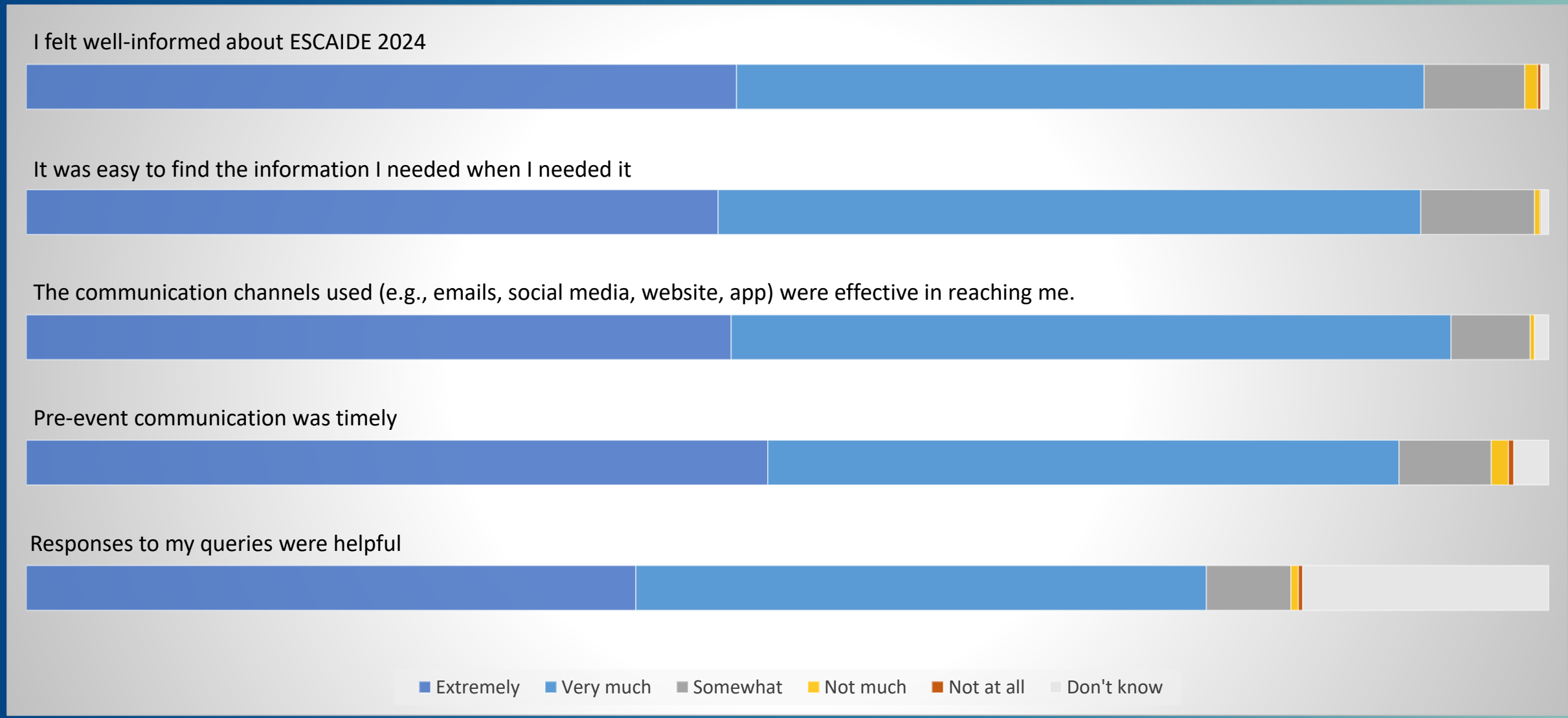
11. To what extent are you satisfied with how well informed you were about ESCAIDE 2024?



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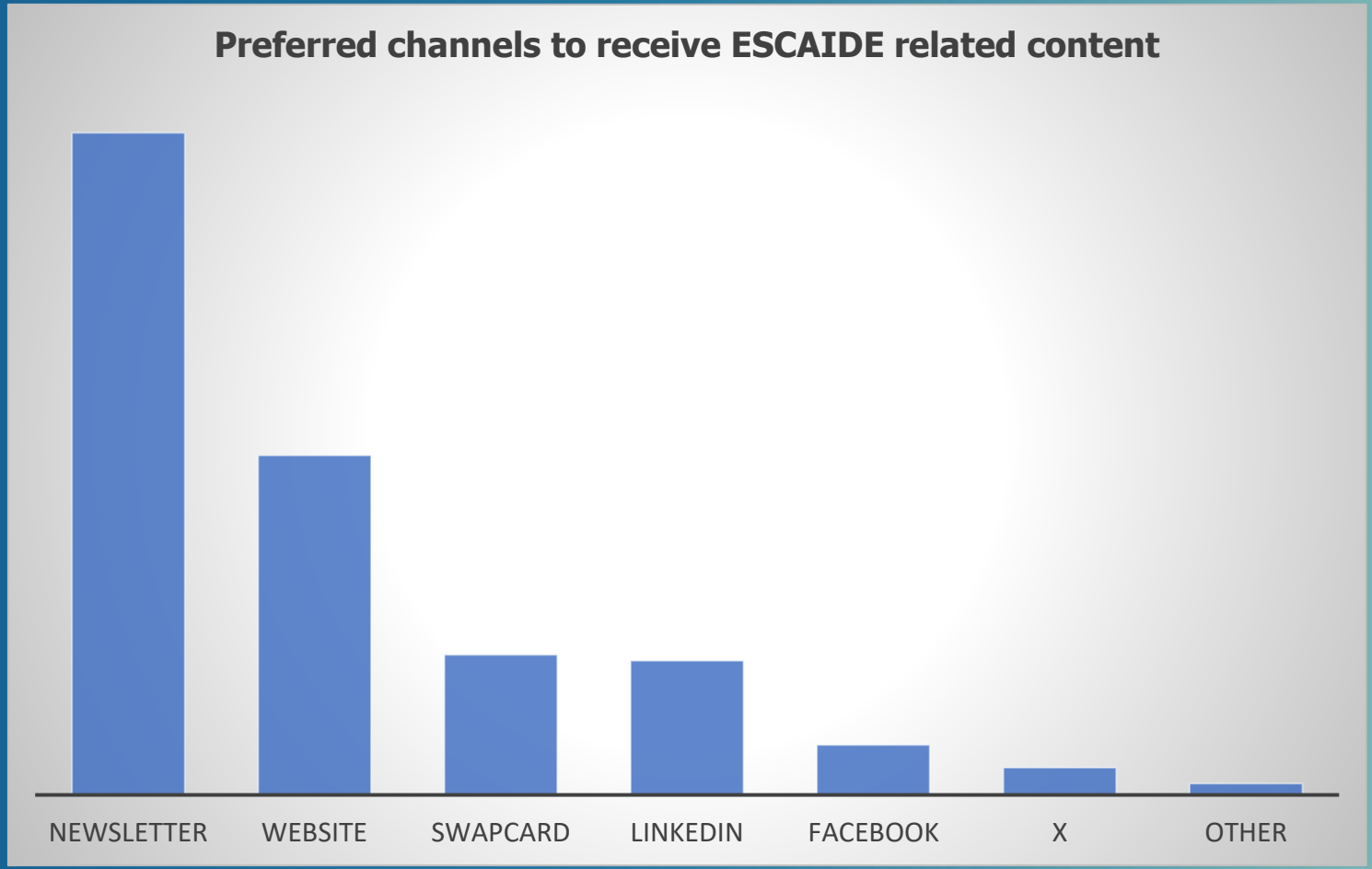
12. How do you like to receive ESCAIDE related content (select up to three options)

The newsletter was the clear favourite among respondents, followed by the website. *Swapcard* and LinkedIn were chosen less often but still showed moderate use. In contrast, Facebook, X and other channels had very little interest, indicating they are less relevant for updates. This underscores the newsletter's importance as the main way participants prefer to receive ESCAIDE related content.



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Feedback survey results

13. What did you LIKE or DISLIKE about ESCAIDE 2024?
13.1. What topics, themes and/or speakers would you like to see at the next conference?
Throughout the survey: Do you have any remarks about specific aspects of ESCAIDE 2024?

Comments on specific aspects	
ESCAIDE online platform (hosted by *Swapcard*)	206
Plenary sessions	189
Abstract-led sessions	150
Side events	104
Communication activities	86
Likes	433
Dislikes	241
Suggestions for future topics or speakers	338

Comments from specific categories of participants	
Oral abstract presenter	23
Poster presenter	47
Reviewer	13
Moderator	11
Speaker	3
Press and media	1
Side-event organiser	2
Info-stand owner	7
Total comments	**1854**

The respondents were invited to add any remarks about different aspects of the conference, as well as anything they liked or disliked and identify areas for improvement in free text questions. Additionally, those who had an active role at ESCAIDE (e.g. reviewers, presenters, moderators, etc.) were asked to comment on their experience. In total, 1854 comments were submitted.

The responses were categorised according to which aspect of the conference they referred to, grouped by similar comments and summarised with verbal qualifiers according to frequency. In the next pages, we highlight comments that show the general perceptions of attendees, and include some comments made by a few respondents that expressed certain areas of interest.

Feedback survey results

13. What did you LIKE about ESCAIDE 2024, and would like us to continue with in future conferences? What did you DISLIKE about ESCAIDE 2024, and how could we improve it?

	LIKE	DISLIKE
Conference (general)	• Free admission • Hybrid format, including the online platform • Valuable networking opportunities • High-quality research and speakers • Well-organised and structured	• Need for more networking events, especially for participants not linked with EPIET • Scheduling overlaps • Time of year in Stockholm • In-person registrations closed too early and many did not manage to attend in person
Programme (general)	• Diversity and relevance of topics • Programme free of commercial interests • Inclusivity for students and young professionals • Suitable for beginners and experienced professionals	• Desire for more time for discussion • Concurrent sessions in the programme – feels packed, difficult to choose what to attend • Desire for more specialised topics and practical sessions

Feedback survey results

13. What did you LIKE about ESCAIDE 2024, and would like us to continue with in future conferences? What did you DISLIKE about ESCAIDE 2024, and how could we improve it?

	LIKE	DISLIKE
Plenaries	• Engaging and insightful speakers • Diversity of topics and perspectives • Clear and relevant to participants' work • Interactive sessions	• Some plenaries seen as too abstract/general, lacking depth and new ideas • Desire for more time for discussions, in particular with in-person audience • Concerns about self-promotion of certain speakers during sessions • Certain current topics not raised
Fireside sessions	• Timing and interaction • Relevant and diversified topics presented • Interactive and good for networking • Inclusion of diverse perspectives • Concise presentations, with opportunities for discussion	• Desire for 2 moderators per session, to ease the management of questions from the app • Too many similar topics in parallel sessions, need for more varied content within each session • Need for more time to discuss methodology aspects • Geographical representation not diverse

Feedback survey results

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	LIKE	DISLIKE
Poster tours	• Well-organised and structured sessions • Engaging and insightful presentations • Effective moderation and facilitation • Opportunity to present and discuss research • Valuable networking opportunities • Smooth coordination and technical support • Adequate time allocated for discussions • Environmental sustainability with digital posters	• Equipment issues, such as malfunctioning receivers and headphones • Difficulty navigating and finding specific posters • Overlapping sessions and tight schedules • Limited time for interaction with presenters • Lack of online accessibility for remote participants • Some sessions dominated by speakers from the same country or institute • Inconsistent quality of moderation and questioning • Crowded and noisy areas during poster sessions
Side events	• Engaging and well-structured sessions • Refresh and recharge sessions were highly appreciated • Knowledgeable and effective moderation • Diverse topics and insightful discussions, added a lot to the programme • Innovative and fun activities, like singing sessions	• Overlapping sessions and tight schedules made it difficult to attend all desired events • Some sessions were not available for online participants • Some side events were not well-promoted or easy to find

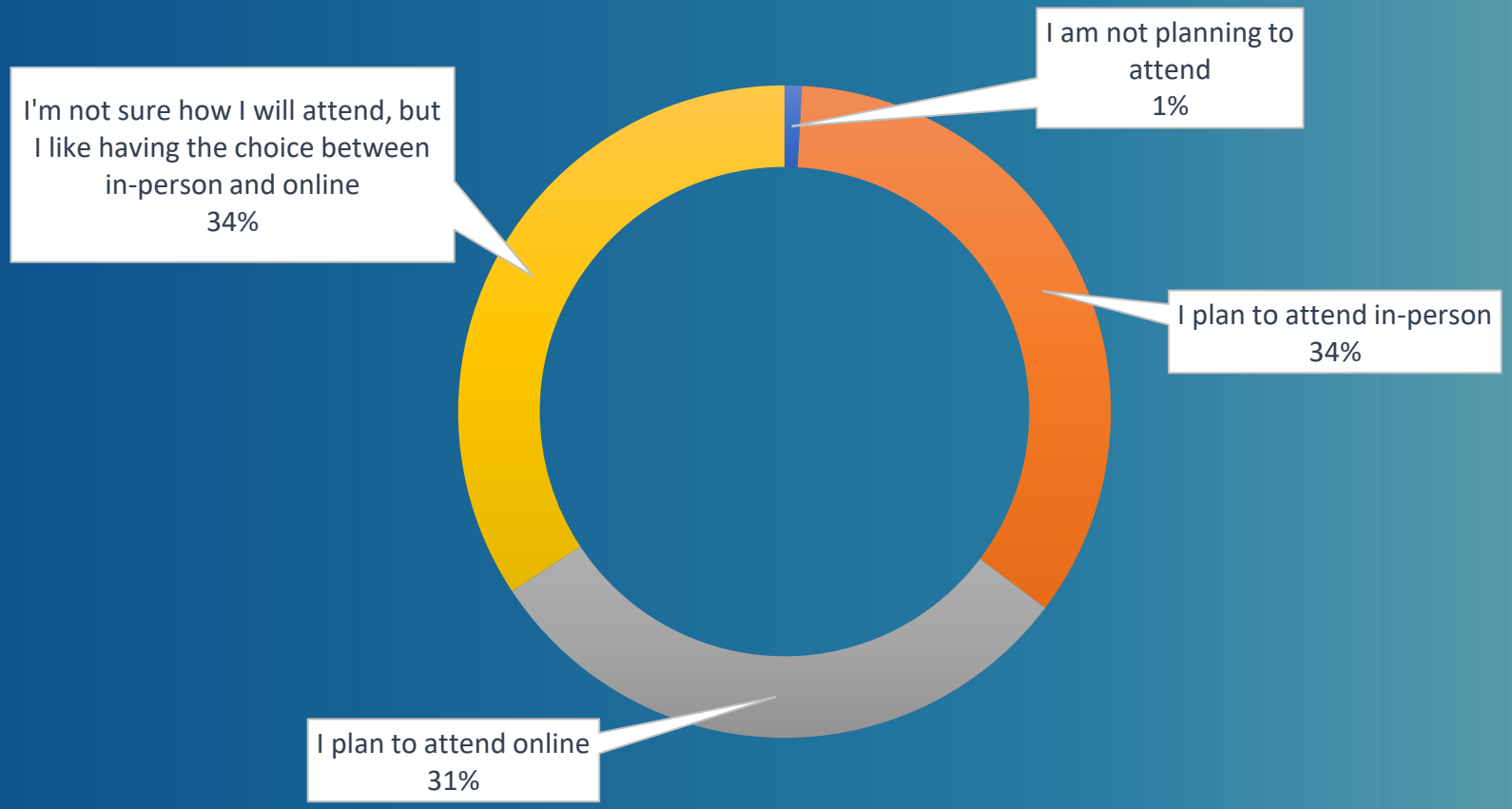
Feedback survey results

13. What did you LIKE about ESCAIDE 2024, and would like us to continue with in future conferences? What did you DISLIKE about ESCAIDE 2024, and how could we improve it?

	LIKE	DISLIKE
Hybrid format	• Live transmission of content was highly praised • Accessibility of recordings • Appreciated for inclusivity and environmental benefits • Ease of participation without travelling • Quality of online sessions	• Desire for more online networking opportunities • Some sessions and content not available to online participants • Some technical glitches in the online stream • Many online participants would have liked to attend in person, but couldn't due to limited spots
App	• User-friendly and intuitive • Facilitated hybrid format • Availability of session recordings	• List of presentations not easily accessible • "Questions" feature difficult to follow for moderators • Certain features were seen as disruptive or unnecessary
Catering and venue	• Catering – variety of choice and accommodations • Running tea and coffee throughout the day • Central Stockholm location • Master of Ceremony was helpful and useful	• Confusing layout of the venue • Disruptive music played at start of sessions • Low quality wi-fi in some spaces • Parts of the venue felt too crowded

Feedback survey results

14. ESCAIDE 2025 will take place in Warsaw, 19-21 November. Please indicate how you are planning to attend ESCAIDE 2025.



Feedback survey results

Conclusions (Overall)

The respondents were asked about their agreement with a set of statements related with the conference. They could choose the extent to which they agree with the statements by selecting 'extremely', 'very much', 'somewhat', 'not much' or 'not at all'.	
Satisfaction	There were overwhelmingly positive results. 95% of respondents were 'extremely' or 'very much' satisfied with the conference. The overall results of the survey showed that the respondents were highly satisfied with all aspects indicated.
Topics, content and networking	A very large majority of respondents 'extremely' or 'very much' agreed that ESCAIDE topics were relevant to their work (92%), that the programme and speakers were of high quality (93%), that the event fulfilled their educational goals and expectations (87%), that what they learned would be implemented in their practice (69%), that the content was well supported by scientific evidence (95%), that ESCAIDE created opportunities to establish meaningful connections and network (76%) and that the programme was free of commercial and other biases (95%).
Format aspects	There were very positive results overall, over 90% of respondents were either 'extremely' or 'very much' satisfied with most of the format aspects of the conference, such as the role of the Master of Ceremonies (93%), opportunities for interaction (through the Q&A and Sli.do) (89%), the quality of live-streamed sessions (95%) and the hybrid integration (90%).
Organisational aspects	Immensely positive results overall, indicating a high satisfaction, where respondents 'extremely' or 'very much' agreed with the organisational aspects of the conference, in particular the fact that no registration fees were collected (97%), the implementation of the hybrid event (90%) and the organisation/organisers (97%). The venue and the catering scored slightly lower than the other criteria, with 88% and 86%, of the respondents being 'extremely' or 'very much satisfied with these aspects, respectively. The conference's timing in the Autumn-Winter season and Stockholm as the host city were also quite well-received, with 80% and 71% of respondents indicating strong satisfaction, although we take note of the difficulties caused by the Swedish weather.

Feedback survey results

Conclusions (Overall)

To assess the quality of the sessions, participants could select various aspects to best describe different events at ESCAIDE: 'improved my knowledge', 'useful for my work', 'introduced new ideas', 'not relevant', 'didn't like', or 'didn't attend'.	
Plenary sessions	There were positive results overall. Most respondents rated the plenary sessions highly in terms of improving their knowledge, being useful for their work and introducing new ideas. Only 1-3% of respondents either disliked these sessions or did not find them relevant to their work. The main quality the participants indicated was 'improved my knowledge' (in particular for Plenaries A and B), followed by 'useful for my work' (especially for Plenary C).
Abstract sessions	There were very positive results overall. Most respondents rated the abstract-led sessions highly in terms of improving their knowledge and being useful for their work. Only 1% of respondents either disliked these sessions or did not find them relevant to their work.
Side-events	There were very positive results overall, with varying levels of participant engagement and perceived value. Most respondents rated the side-events highly in terms of improving their knowledge and being useful for their work. Only 1-6% of respondents either disliked these sessions or did not find them relevant to their work.

Feedback survey results

Conclusions (Overall)

The respondents were asked about their agreement with a set of statements related with the conference. They could express the extent to which they agree to the statements by choosing ‘extremely’, ‘very much’, ‘somewhat’, ‘not much’ or ‘not at all’.	
Web and mobile app	The web and mobile app was generally well received by respondents. Most participants ‘extremely’ or ‘very much’ agreed that the app is easy to use (92%) and facilitates access to conference information (94%). There was less agreement on the networking features and Q&A functionalities of the app, where only 81% and 89% of respondents were 'extremely' or 'very much' satisified with these features respectively. 90% of respondents indicated they were 'extremely' or 'very much' satisfied with the platform's reliability (including performance stability and minimal glitches).
ESCAIDE 2025	When asked about their plans to attend ESCAIDE in 2025, 34% of respondents said they were ‘not sure’ how they will attend, but they ‘like having the choice between in-person and online’. 34% responded that they plan to attend in person and 31% plan to participate only online. Only 1% of respondents indicated they are not planning to attend ESCAIDE 2025.
Overall results	The majority of respondents expressed extreme satisfaction with the event's topics and content, finding the sessions relevant and informative. The programme was particularly praised for quality and variety, along with the appreciated policy of not charging for attendance. Additionally, the web and mobile app, and the availability of session recordings were highly valued for its convenience. Overall, positive feedback outweighed any negative responses, with many attendees expressing willingness to participate in ESCAIDE 2025.

Feedback survey results

Conclusions (Open text comments)

The respondents were invited to add anything they liked or disliked about the conference and identify areas for improvement in free text questions.	
Hybrid organisation	Participants greatly appreciated the organisation and hybrid nature of the conference, which allowed thousands of participants to access the conference remotely. However, many online participants would have preferred to attend in person, but were not able to due to limited spots available. The conference app and platform were generally praised for their ease of use and quality of the content, although several points of improvement were repeatedly raised in the comments received.
Programme and content	The conference programme was generally well-received for the diversity and relevance of the topics discussed. The feedback highlighted a desire to allow more time for discussion, both in the plenary sessions as well as the abstract-led sessions. Several suggestions were made on how to improve the diversity and relevance of the topics and speakers, to ensure the quality and inclusivity of the conference. Abstract-led sessions were seen as an integral part of the conference, and certain technical issues were raised as points of improvement for future editions. Participants appreciated side events as opportunities to dive deeper into certain topics.
Venue and catering	The venue and the catering served were appreciated by many respondents. Some participants raised issues with the confusing layout of the venue and the cold Swedish weather, and made useful requests to ensure that future venues are well-suited to the conference.
Overall feedback	The overall sentiment towards ESCAIDE 2024 is largely positive, with attendees commending the relevance of the content, free admission, hybrid format, and the opportunities for networking and professional development. While the conference's programme was broadly successful, the feedback points to opportunities for enhancing depth, fine-tuning the online conference platform and app, and revising content presentation formats.

Conclusions

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Conclusions

ESCAIDE 2024 successfully brought people together through its hybrid format, delivering the conference experience to a global audience. With 3 215 participants from 122 countries, the online option once again proved its value in overcoming barriers like cost and travel. However, participation from historically underrepresented countries remained low, showing where we can improve our outreach in future editions.

The number of participants actively engaging on the online platform was around 2 471 but we estimate the figure to be much higher as this does not include in-person attendees who also accessed the platform. The engagement numbers reflect engagement during the conference days and as seen in previous years, many participants access the platform for the first time after the conference to watch videos on demand, meaning overall platform engagement continues to grow beyond the event itself.

The use of *Swapcard* as the conference online platform was generally well-received for its ease of use and for allowing interactions between speakers and participants, but a few technical features can still be fine-tuned to improve the user experience. We saw strong engagement throughout the event, especially in the session chats, where participants contributed lively and thoughtful discussions.

This year, we simplified the programme by focusing on onsite-only poster presentations. The aim was to reduce complexity without impacting interaction or learning outcomes, and this decision worked well for both presenters and attendees. However, we do take note that online attendees who responded to the feedback survey expressed their disappointment at not being able to attend these presentations.

Feedback from the post-conference survey was overwhelmingly positive, with 95% of respondents satisfied with the event. At the same time, we recognise these insights reflect only those who completed the survey and may not include everyone's perspective.

Organising ESCAIDE is a team effort. Behind the scenes, we built on past learnings, planned carefully, and ensured smooth technical execution to deliver a seamless experience for both online and onsite audiences. What stands out year after year is that ESCAIDE is more than just a conference. It's a unique opportunity for public health professionals to share knowledge, connect with peers, and build lasting collaborations. As we continue to grow and evolve, we remain committed to delivering high-quality science while keeping these core values at the heart of the conference.

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