



Study regarding the participation needs of young people with fewer opportunities



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1. Introduction

Details of the study

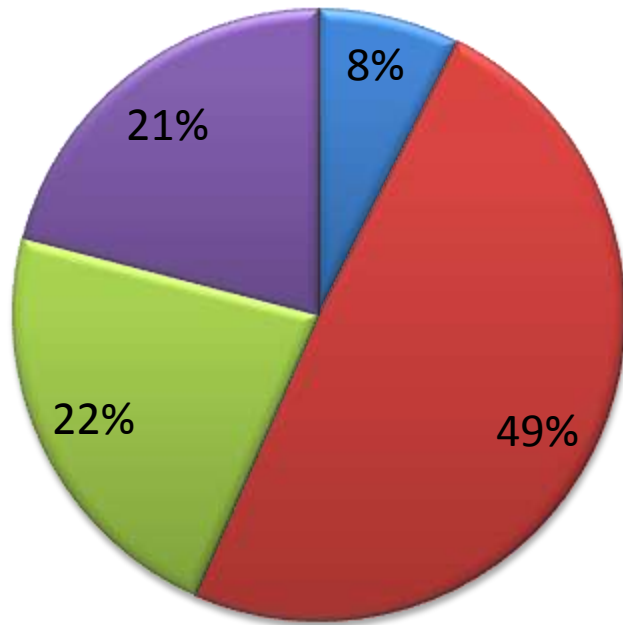
- The study was conducted by Arci Nuova Associazione Comitato Provinciale di Chieti and Informagiovani Vasto for the project „**Involving young people with fewer opportunities in the decision making process**”, a project developed in partnership by: APDD - Agenda 21, Ilfov County Council, from Romania, Arci Nuova Associazione Comitato Provinciale di Chieti and Informagiovani Vasto, from Italy.
- The project is financed by the European Commission, through the “Youth in Action” Programme.
- Between December 2011 and February 2012, a team of 18 volunteers interviewed a sample of 401 people, representative for the population of young people aged between 15-35 years old from the target group of the project: young people facing employment difficulties.
- Structures interview with close and open-ended questions.

Research objectives

- Identifying the level of understanding of the concept of participation by the selected target group
- Establishing the competences that needs to be developed in order for young people to be able to actively participate and take initiative
- Identifying who are the main actors involved in the process of participation in the selected communities
- Assessing the importance young people give to these actors in their communities
- Identifying the main structures of participation of young people in their communities
- Analyzing the level of accessibility of young people to these structures
- Analyzing the perception young people have on volunteering as a means of participation

2. Profile of the respondents

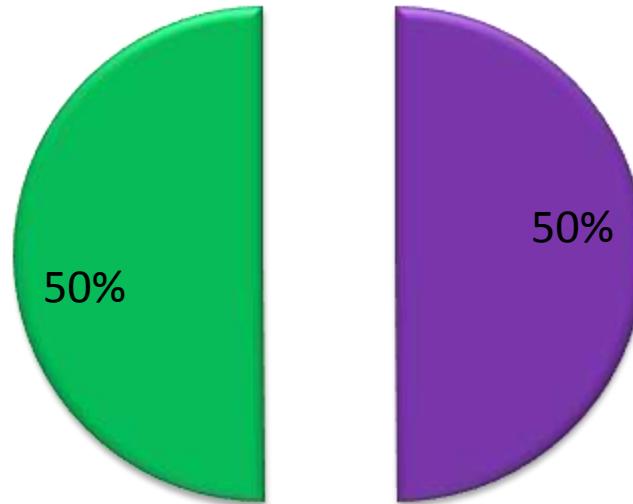
Sample structure based on age



- 13-15 anni
- 16-19 anni
- 20-25 anni
- 26-30 anni

13-15 anni	30
16-19 anni	197
20-25 anni	90
26-30 anni	84

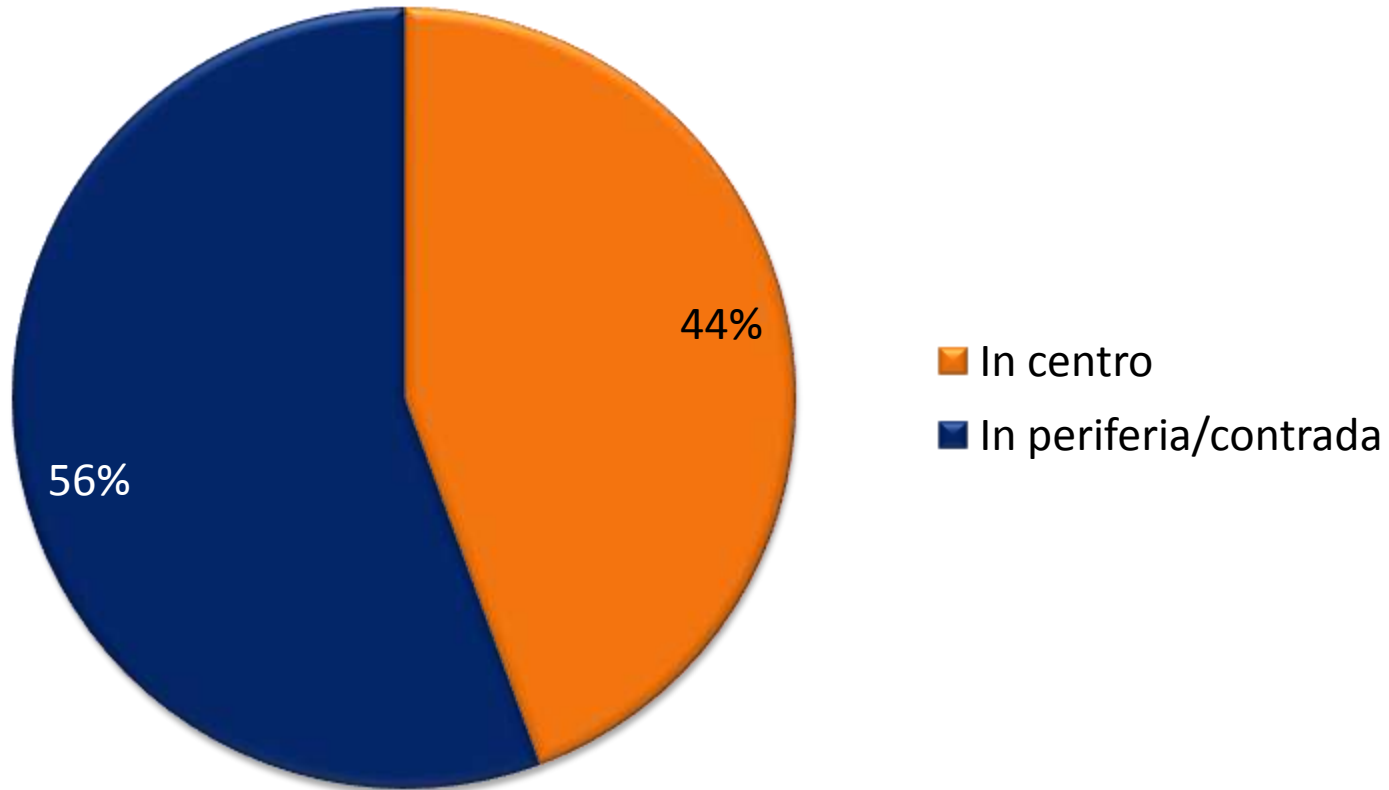
Sample structure based on gender



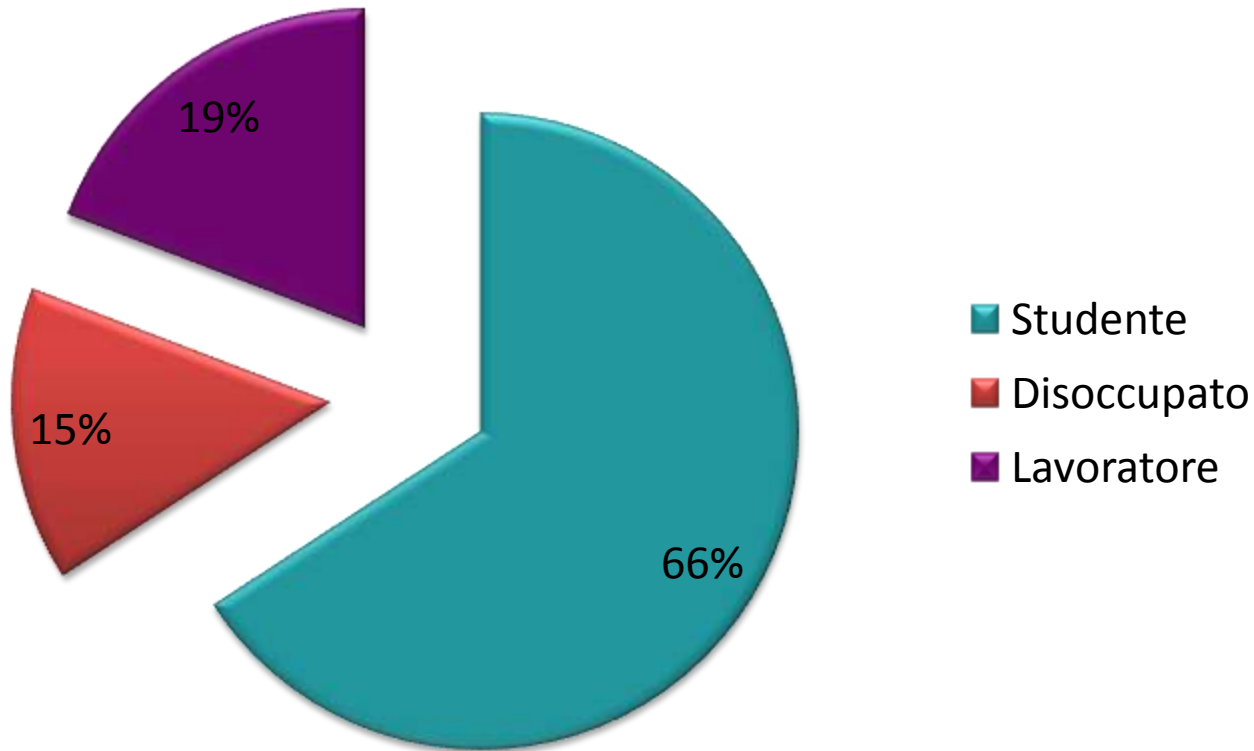
■ Maschio
■ Femmina



Sample structure based on where they come from



Sample structure based on occupation

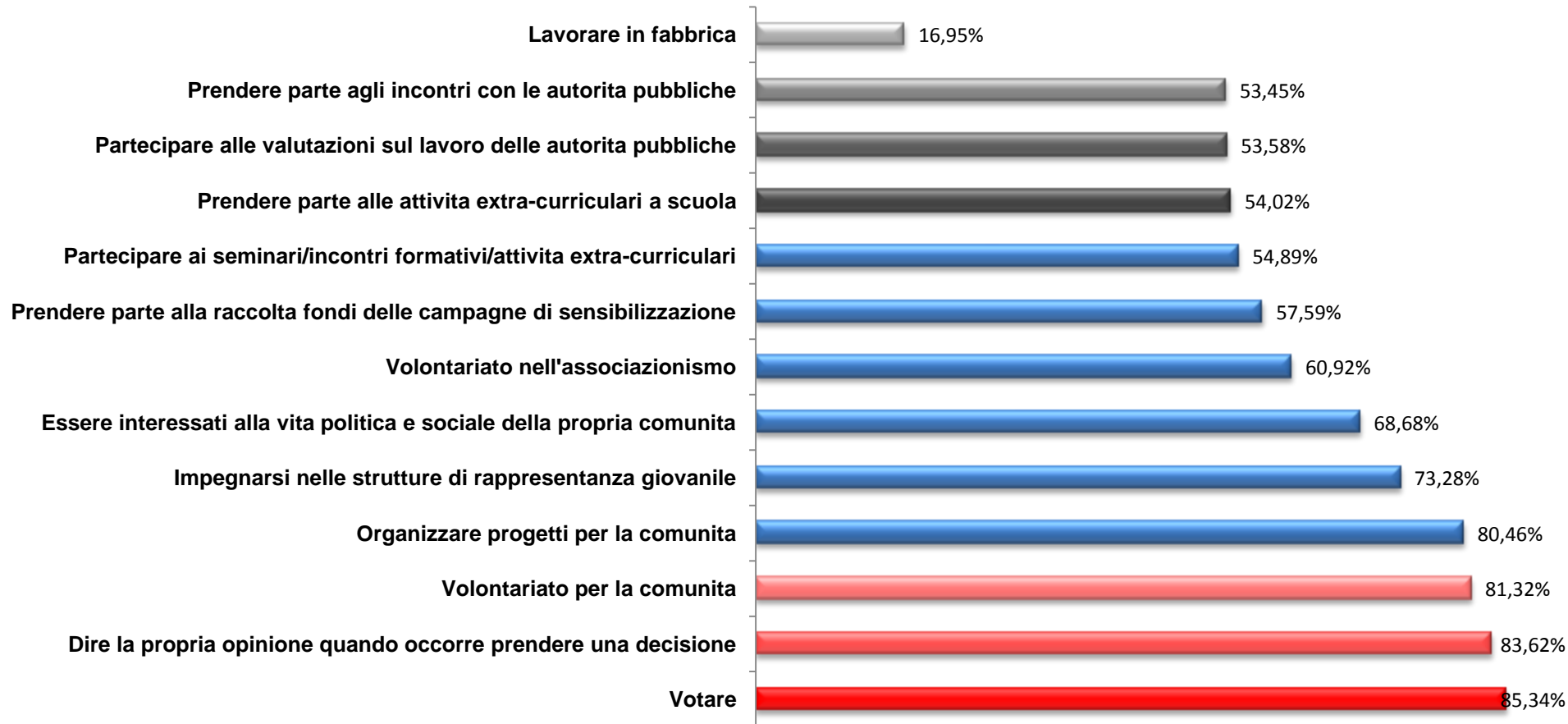


3. The concept of participation

Participation is most often perceived as voting

Based on the question *“Quale delle seguenti affermazioni ritieni che possano essere indicate come forme di partecipazione?”*

Risposta: *Si*



Taking part to awareness raising campaigns is the activity most often identified as not being a form of participation

Based on the question *“Quale delle seguenti affermazioni ritieni che possano essere indicate come forme di partecipazione?”*

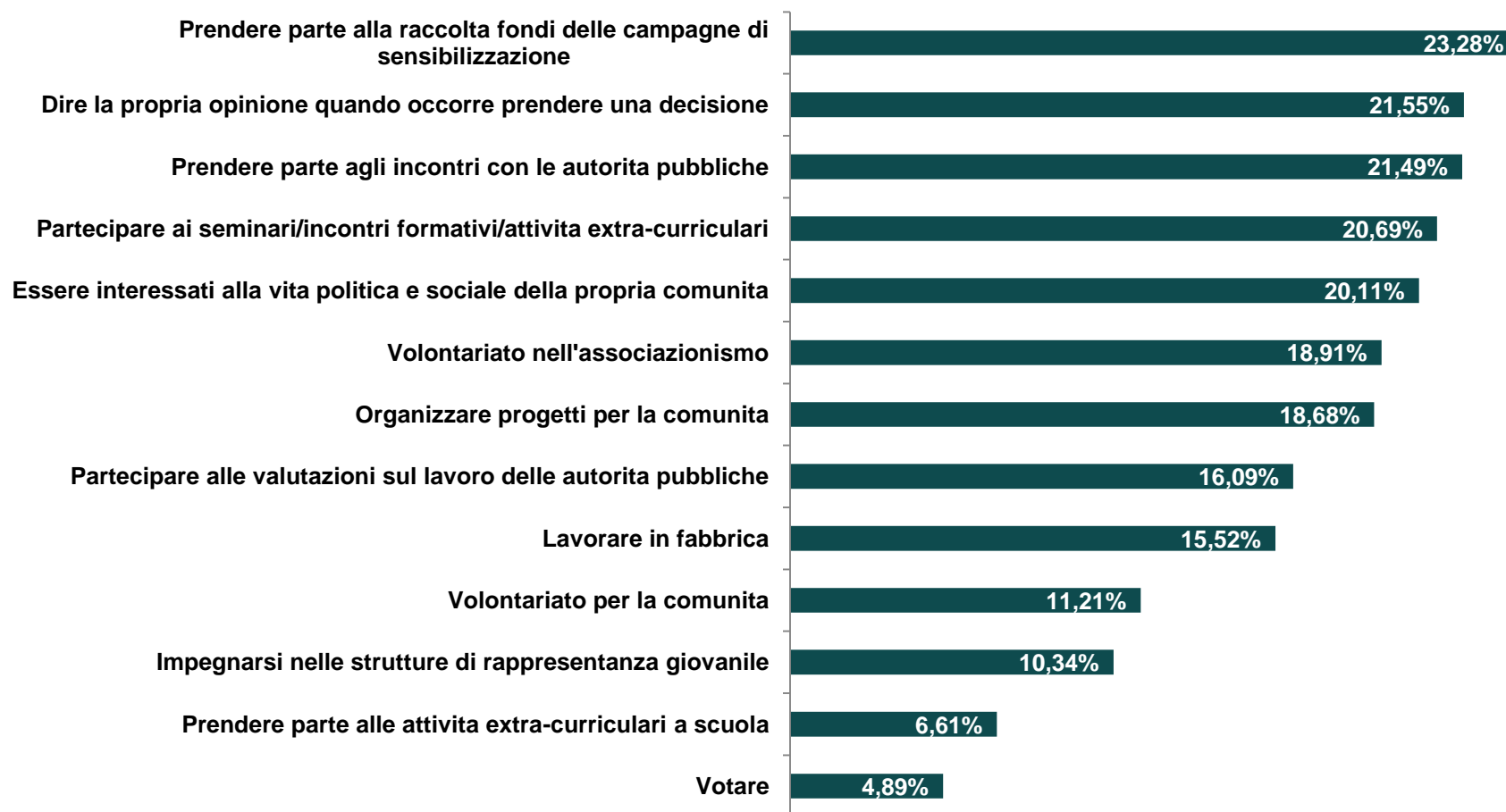
Risposta: No



The activity which confuses young people most on whether it is or it isn't a form of participation is “taking part to awareness raising campaigns”.

Based on the question “*Quale delle seguenti affermazioni ritieni che possano essere indicate come forme di partecipazione?*”

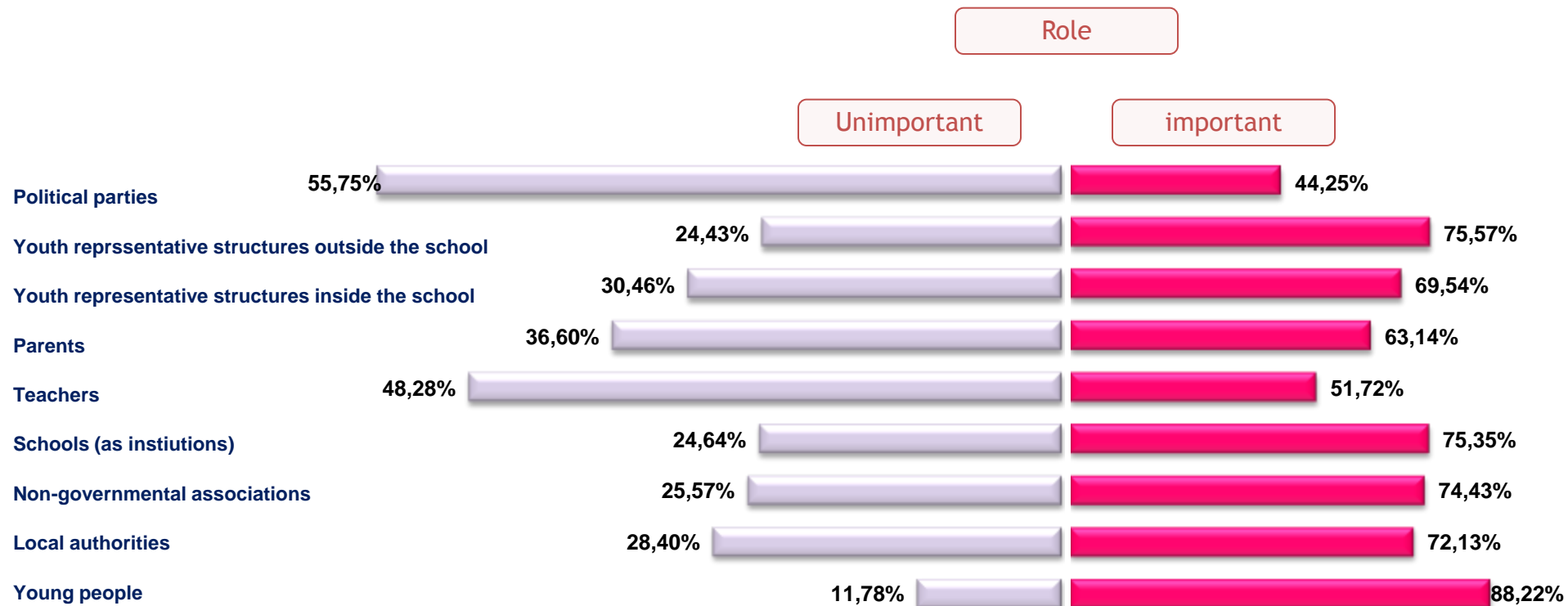
Risposta: *Non so*



4. The main actors involved in the decision making process

Young people have the most important role in the participation of young people

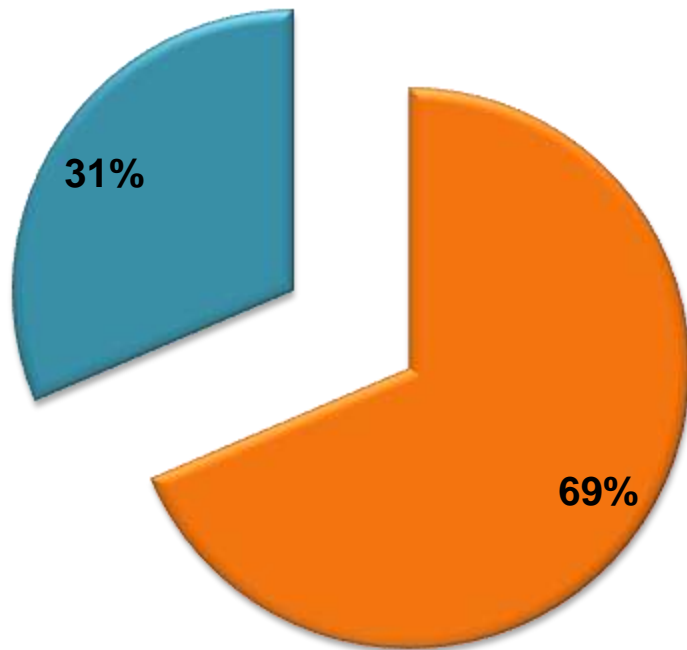
Based on the question "For each of the actors below please indicate the level your feel is the most relevant to their role in youth participation?"



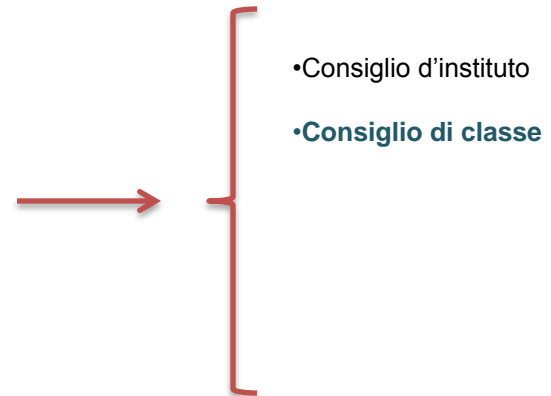
5. Școlile ca actori în participarea tinerilor

Most of the young people can indentify a representative structure for youth in their school

Based on the question *“Is there a representative structure for the young people in your school?”*

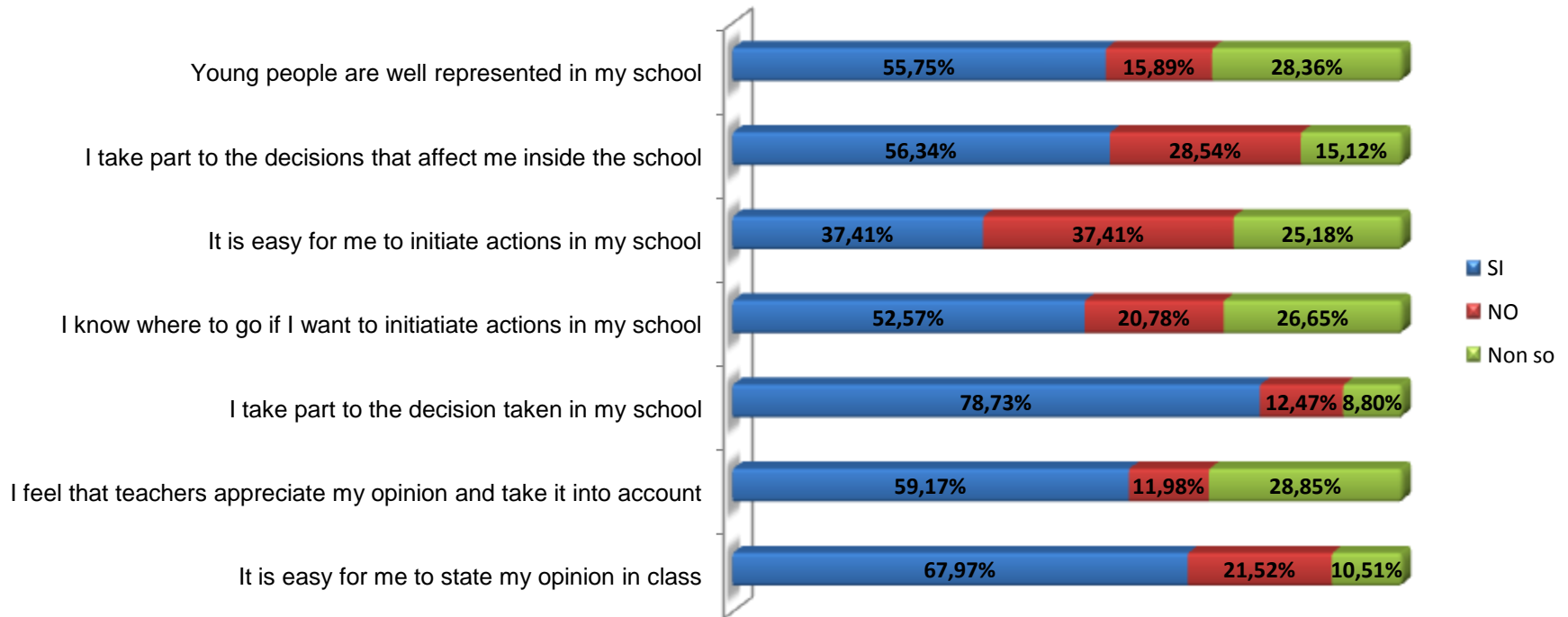


■ Si
■ No



Most of the young people feel that they part to the decision taken in their class

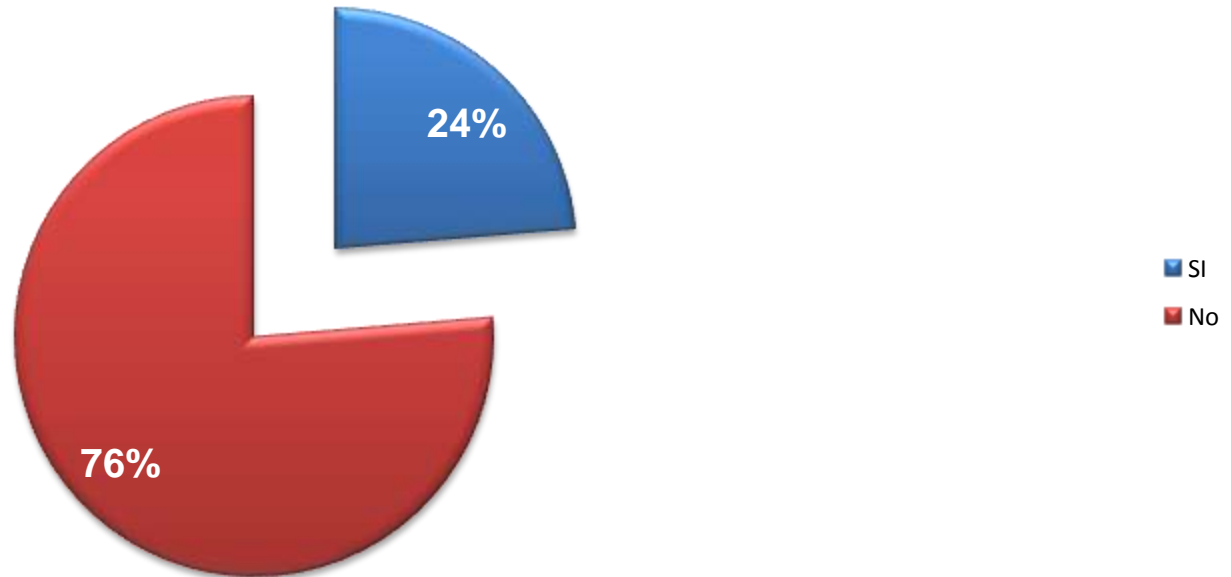
Based on the question: "For each of the statements below please indicate the level that you think is relevant for you"



6. Local authorities as actors in youth participation

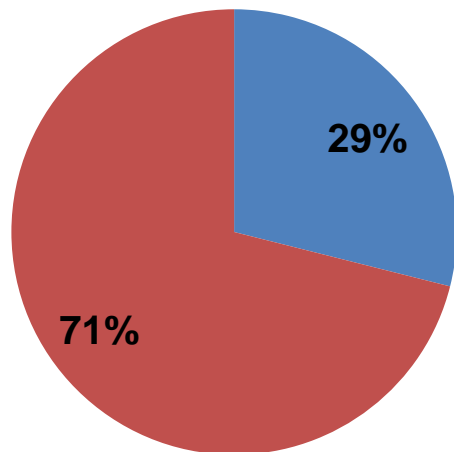
Most of the young people have never been involved in the activities developed by the local authorities

Based on the question *“have you ever been involved in projects developed by local authorities?”*



Most of the young people believe that they are not well represented at the level of local authorities

Based on the question “Are young people represented at the level of local authorities?”



■ Si
■ No

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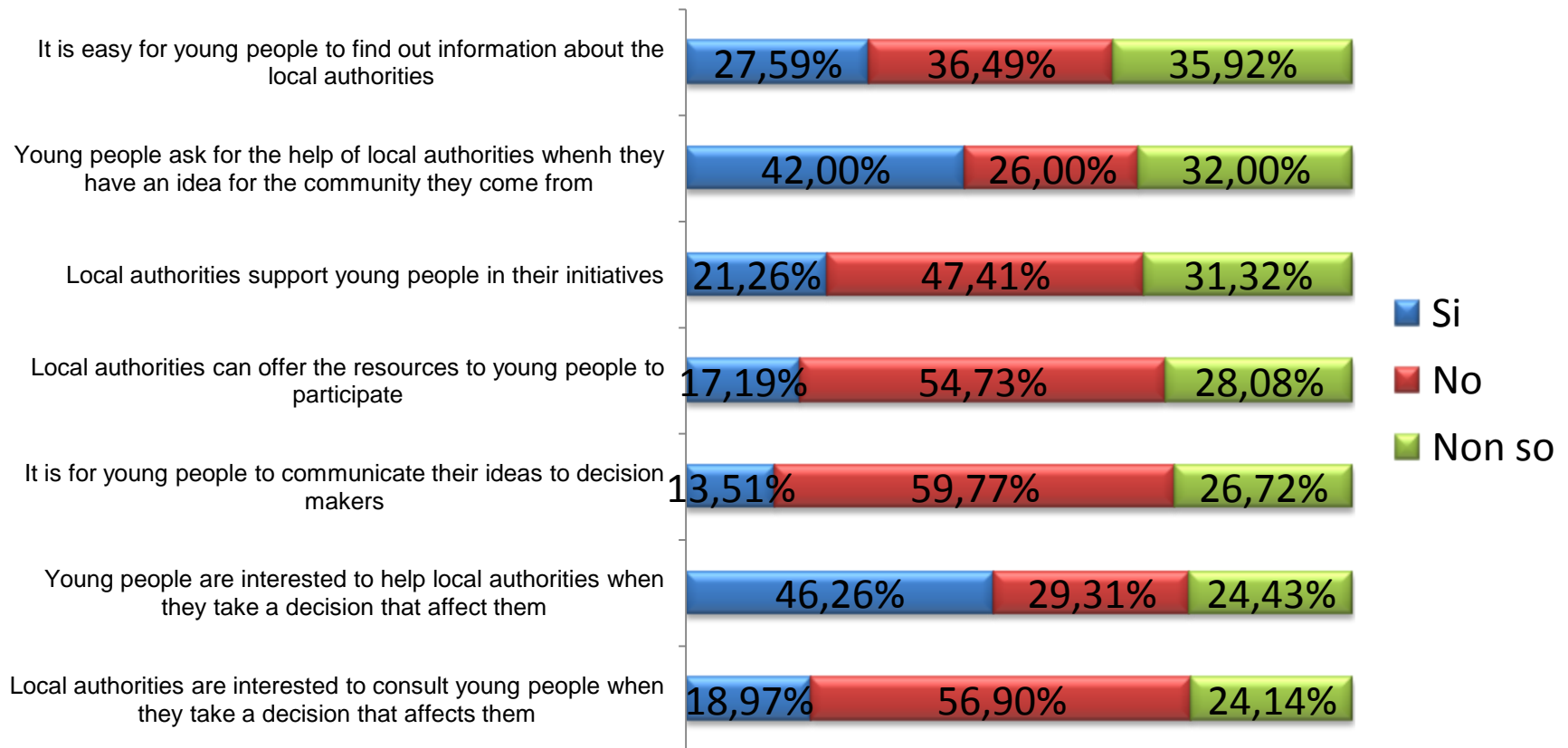
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Most young people believe that they cannot communicate their ideas to decision makers

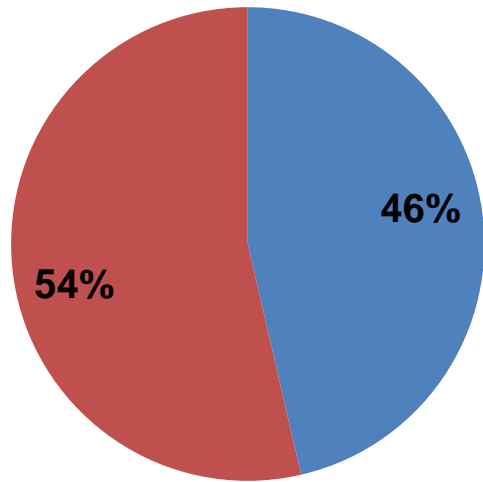
Based on the question: "For each of the statements below please indicate the answer that you think is relevant for you."



7. NGOs as actors in youth participation

More than half of the young people who responded don't know about any activity developed by an NGO in their community

Based of the question *"Is there any activity developed by an NGO in your community?"*

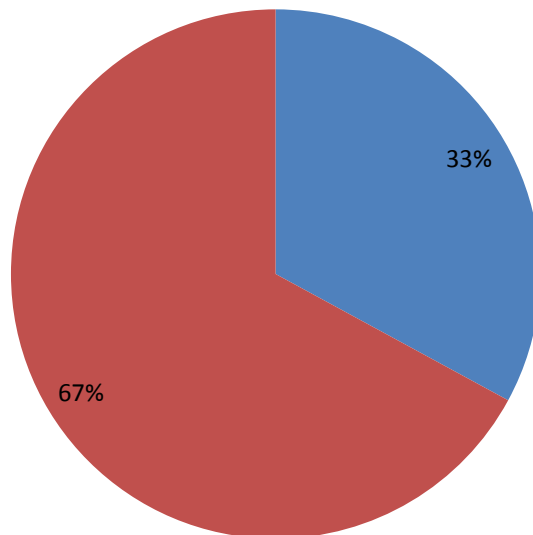


■ Si
■ No

- **Spectacoli teatrali**
- **Corsi**
- **Arci**

Many of the young people were never involved in an activity developed by an NGO

Based on the question *“Were you ever involved in an activity developed by an NGO?”*

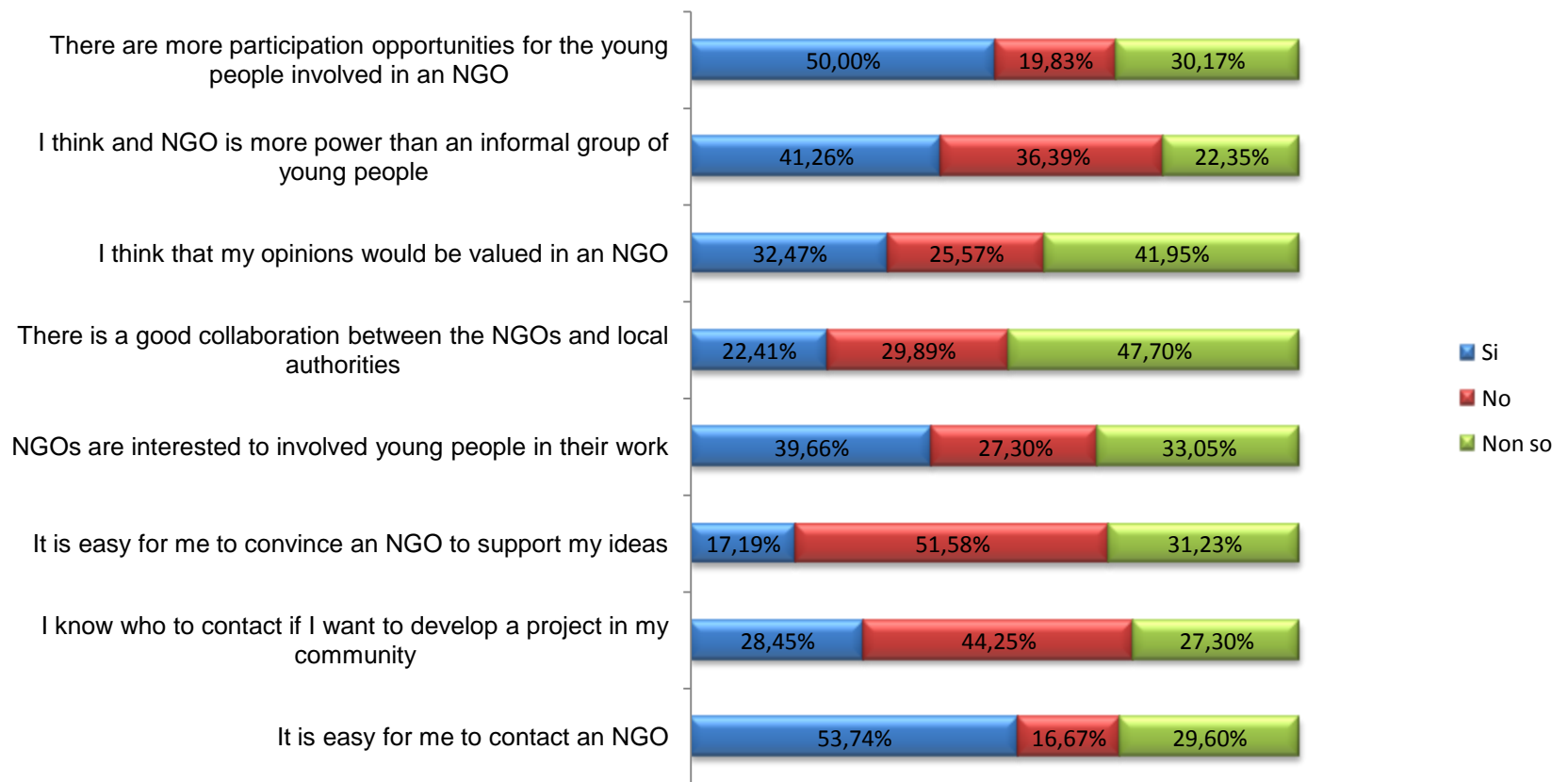


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- Corsi
- Progetti europei

Most young people feel that it is easy for them to contact an NGO

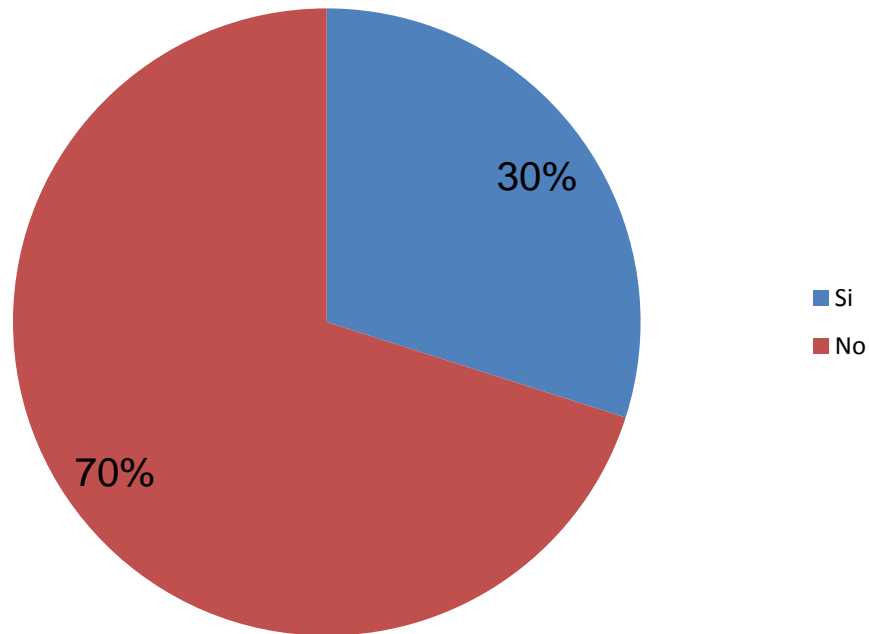
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8. Volunteering as a form of participation

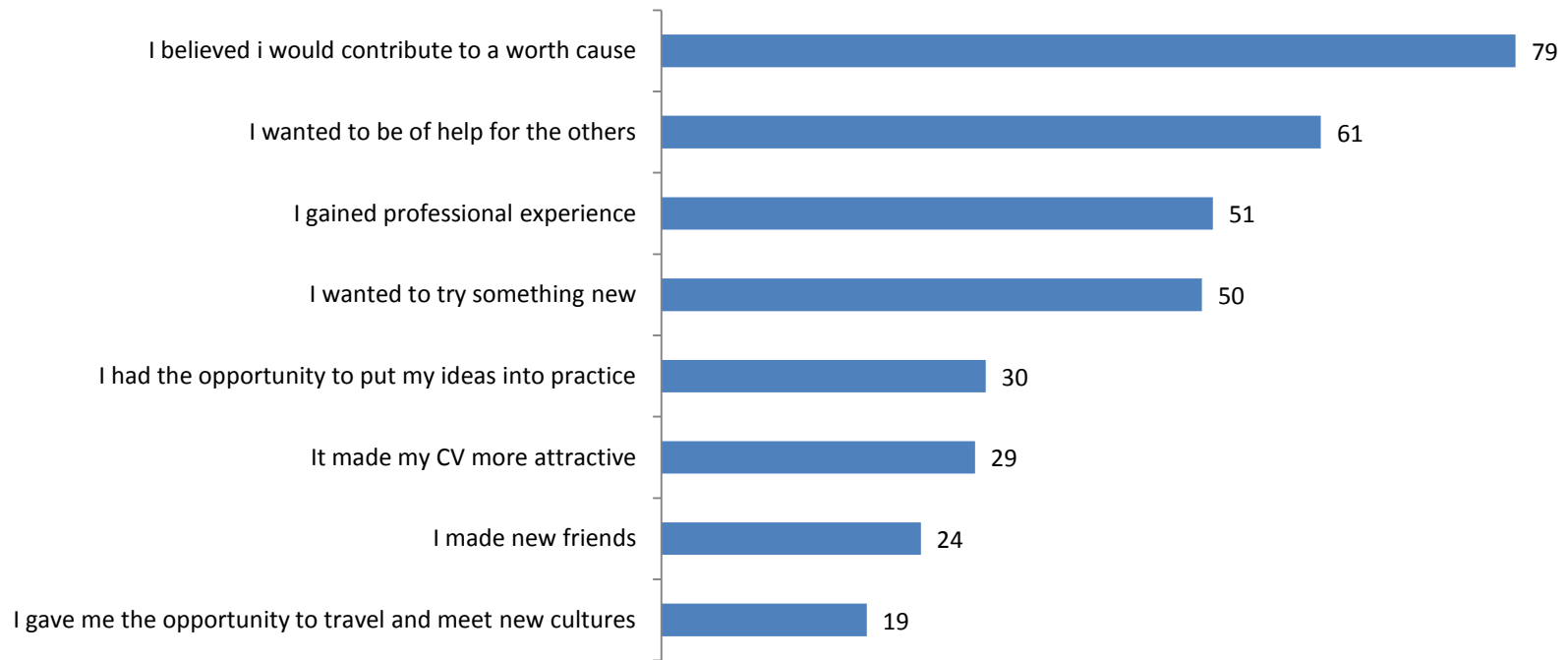
Only 36% of the young people were volunteers

Based on the question *“Were you ever a volunteer?”*



The primary cause that motivates young people to become volunteers is to contribute to a worthy cause

Based on the question *“What motivated you to become a volunteer?”*



Most young people were never volunteers because they did not have information about it or because they did not have the opportunity

