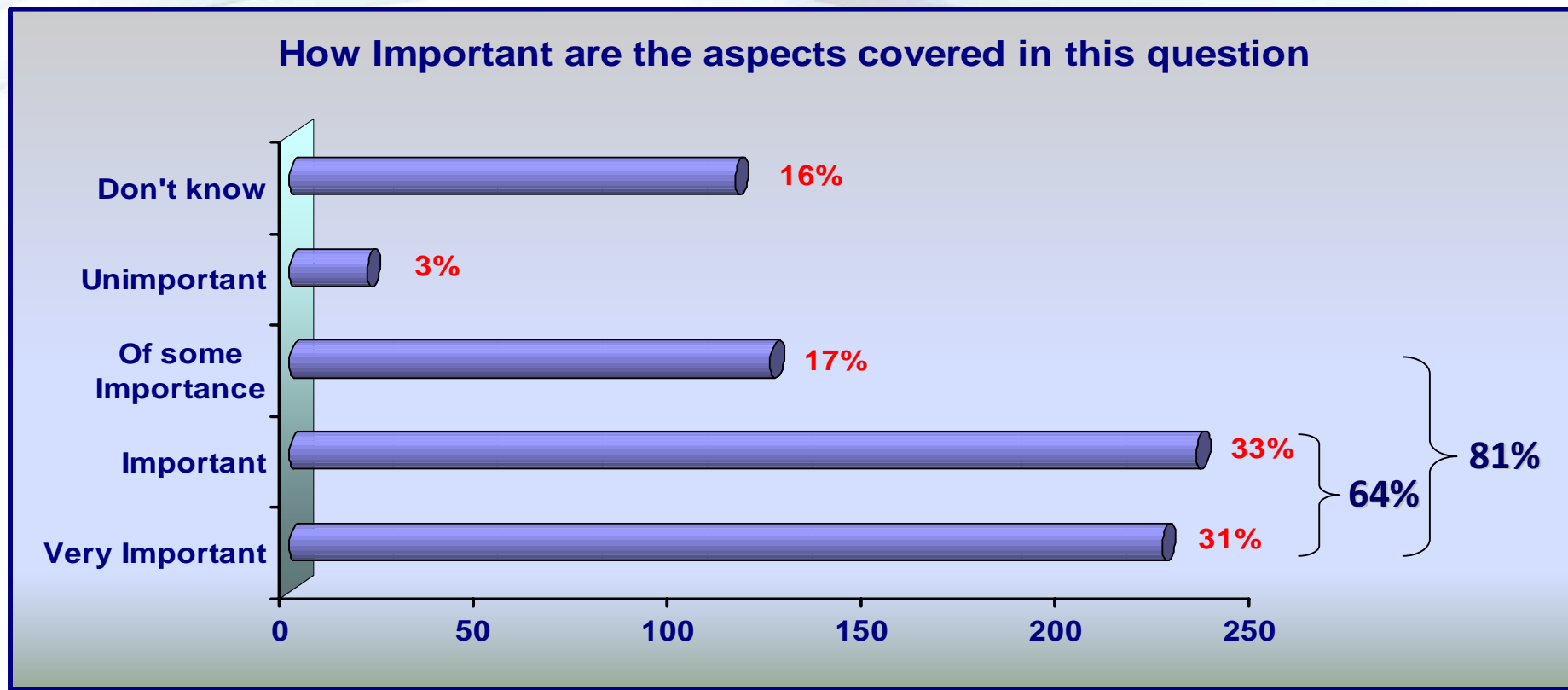


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718 Responses

Q25: How should research infrastructures (including EU-wide e-infrastructures) be supported at EU level?

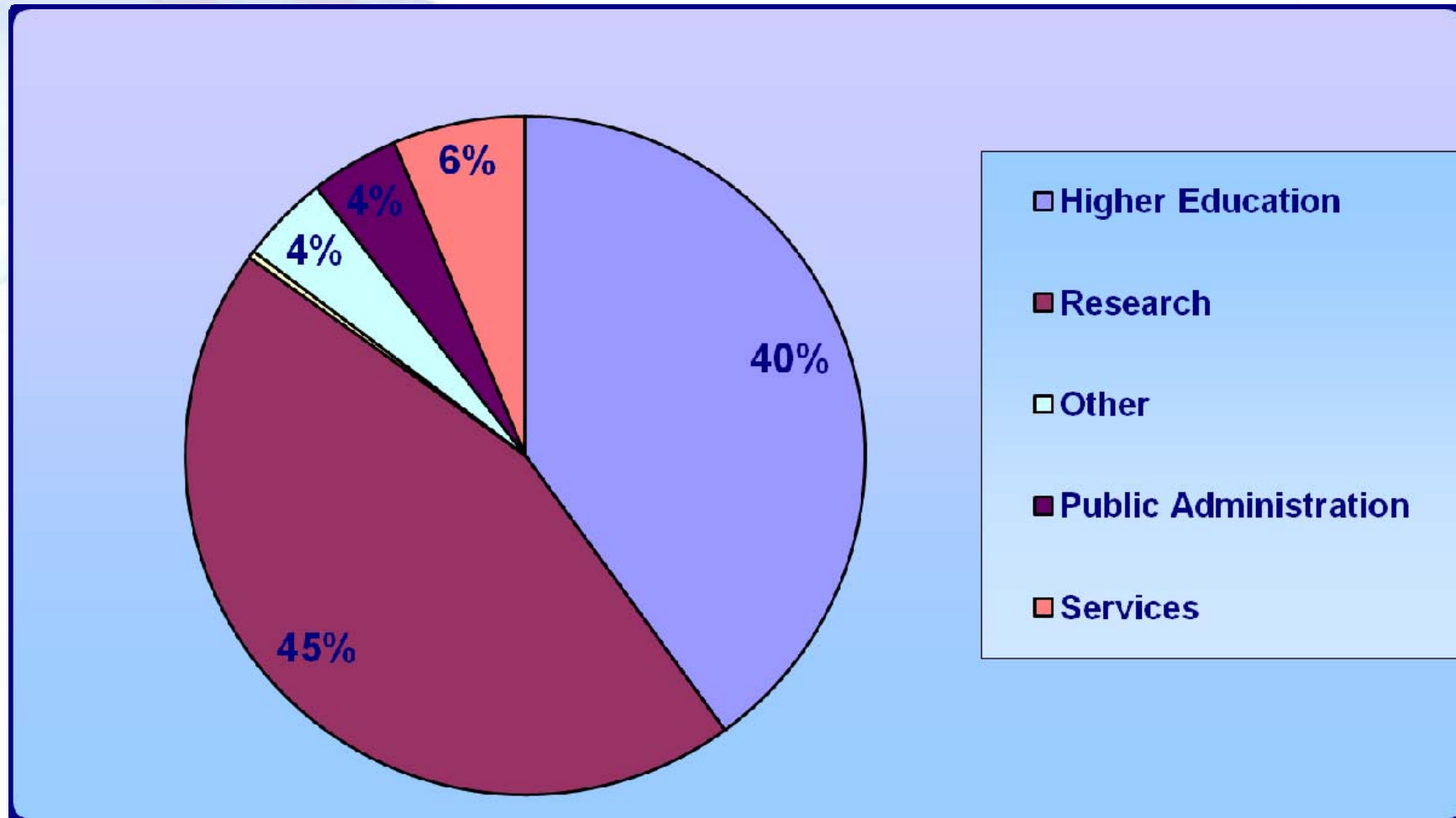


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The type of the respondents

About 86% came from the research and higher education sector



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Industry

- To improve EU competitiveness, there is a need to enhance the impact of research infrastructures on innovation by fostering the **involvement of industry**, both as a user (e.g. development and testing of new equipment) and as a supplier to such facilities.
- There is a need to develop an **ecosystem** of actors around research infrastructures, enabling strategic technological developments and systematic **technology transfer** from research to the market and to industrial applications.
- **Cross-cutting measures** could comprise the use of research infrastructures by **enterprises**, or **transnational tenders** for the procurement of technology-intensive products.



Integrating Activities and Access

- The **Integrating Activities** should be maintained and reinforced with sufficient funding to enable a wide ranging programme of thematic and discipline related actions to meet the full needs of the Innovation Union and ERA agendas.
- Several stakeholders call for **open access** to major pan-European research infrastructures, e.g. those identified by ESFRI.
- The reporting of **access costs** should be simplified, and could correspond to the additional costs associated with the EU wide access. Also, **access fees** would be eligible costs under all types of CSF projects.
- Several stakeholders suggest funding projects on longer periods than 2-4 years, but combined with mid-term evaluations.
- E-Infrastructures represent the means of new way of doing science for research communities across many geographic and administrative boundaries: **Trans-National access** and **Pan-European e-Infrastructures** should be stimulated and funded

