

Consultation on the Review of the PSI Directive

Overview of results

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PSI Directive

- Legal basis underpinning the process (approved in 2003)
- Revision of the PSI Directive in 2012
 - Scope? Cultural, scientific, broadcasting sectors?
 - Non-compulsory re-use regime?
 - Charging principles?
- Revision process launched

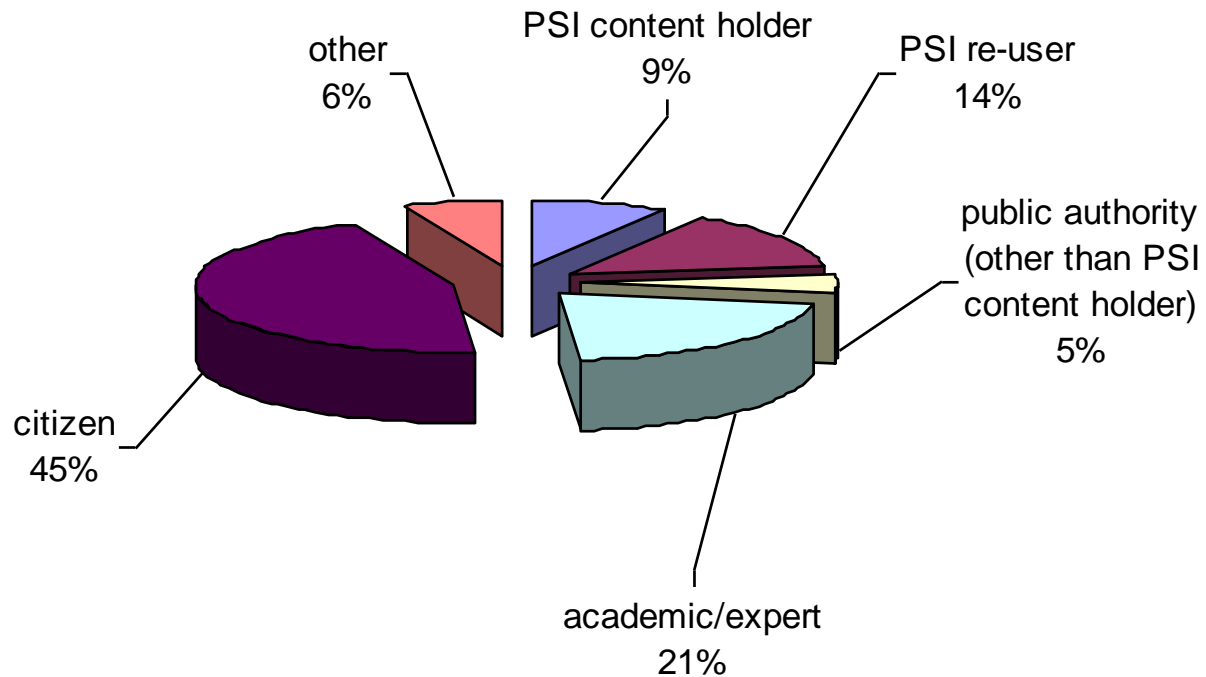


Open stakeholder consultation

- 9 Sept - 30 Nov 2010
- 585 responses
- 15 times greater than the number of responses to the consultation in 2008
- Responses and selected statistics available at:
http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/policy/psi/index_en.htm



Responses by categories of respondents

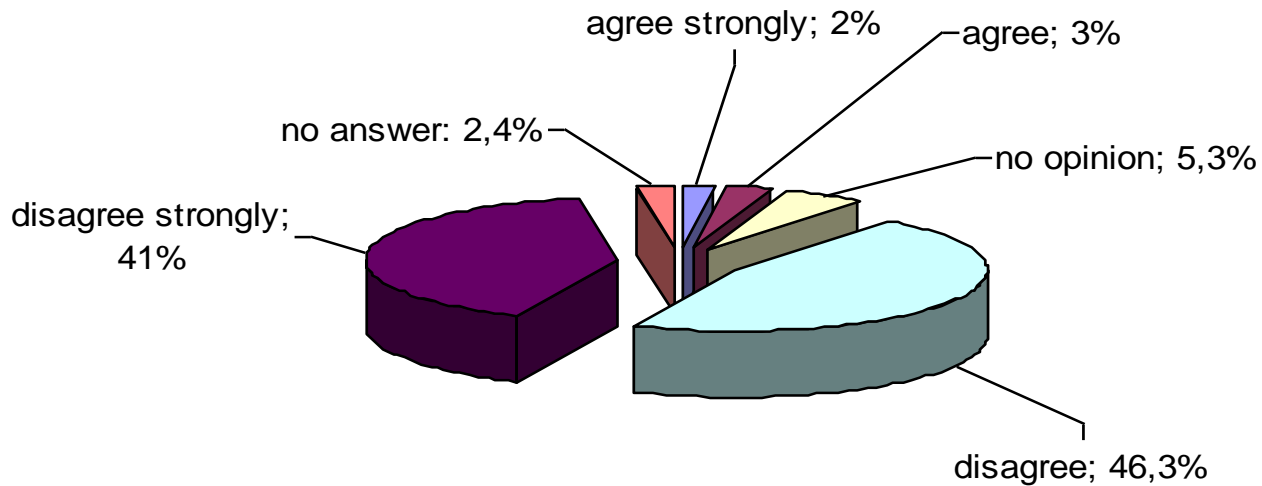


Responses by nationality of respondents

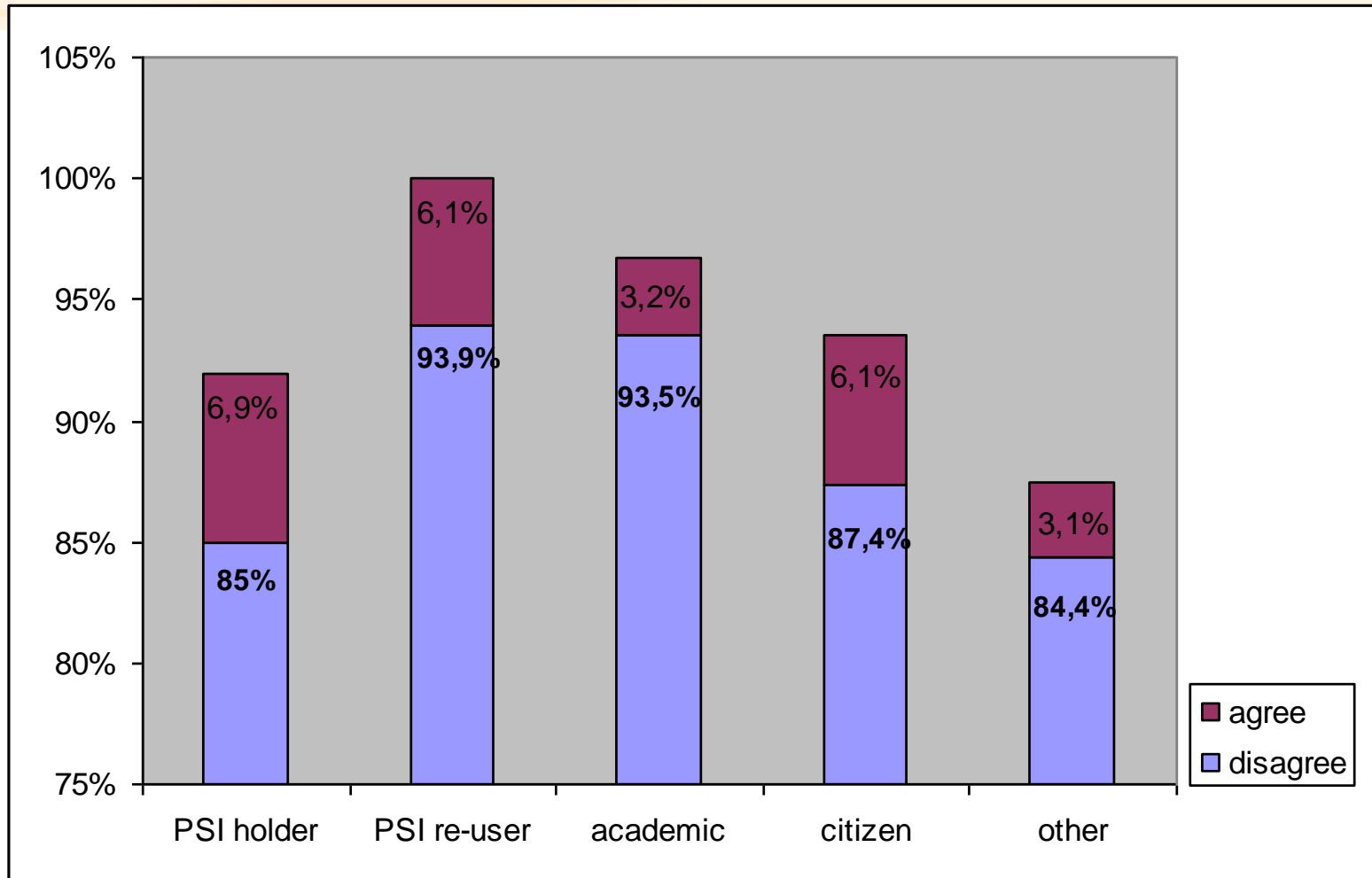
• DE:	174	• CZ, DK, GR, SLO:	8
• FR:	50	• HUN, PT:	7
• UK:	48	• LUX, NOR:	6
• FIN:	33	• BG, LV:	4
• ES, IT:	31	• LT, RO, SUI, USA, CRO, IRL,	
• BEL:	30	SK:	2
• NL, SWE:	28	• ALB, AUS, CHI, EST, IND,	
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• PL:	14		



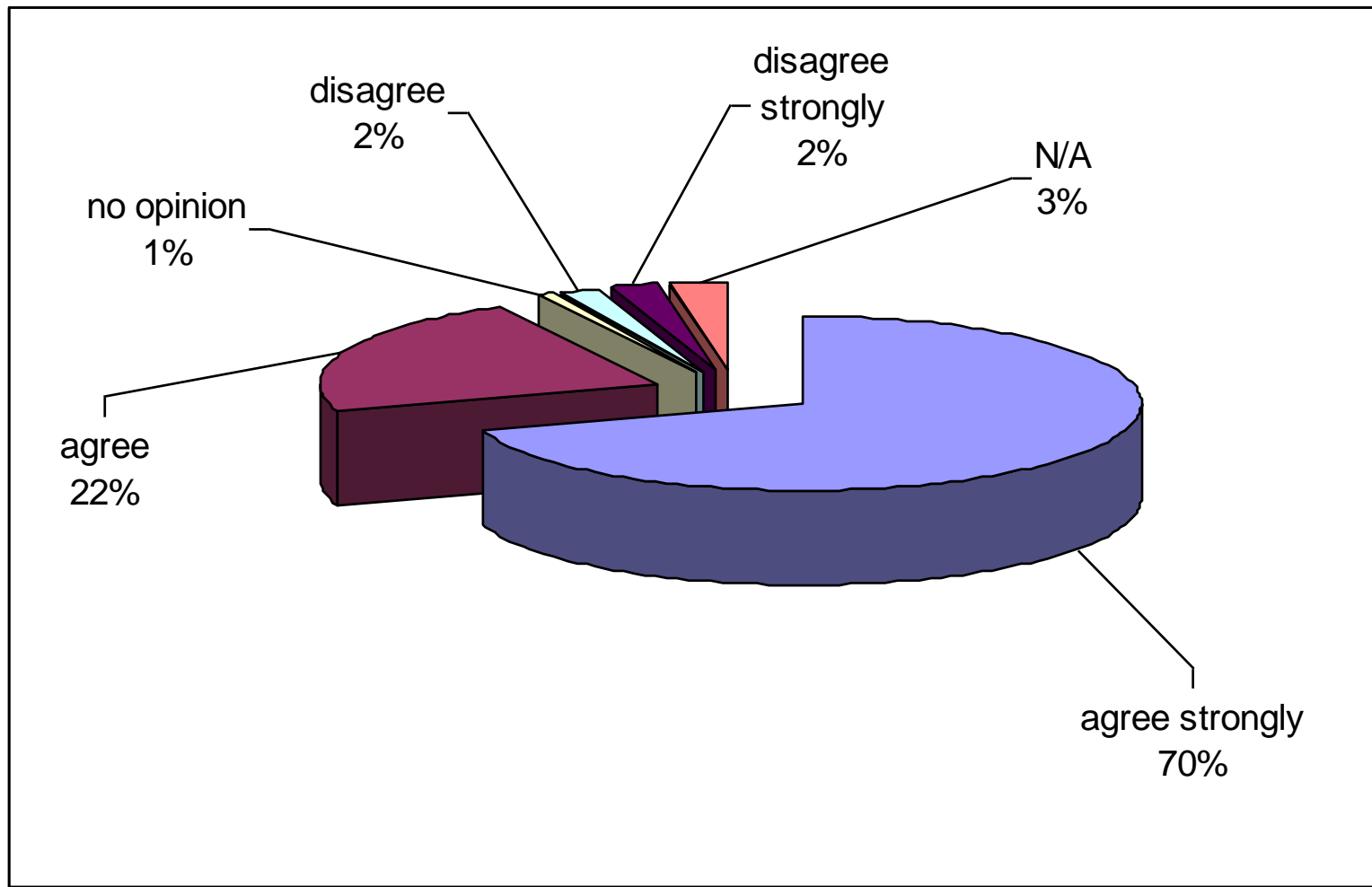
Has PSI reached its full potential?



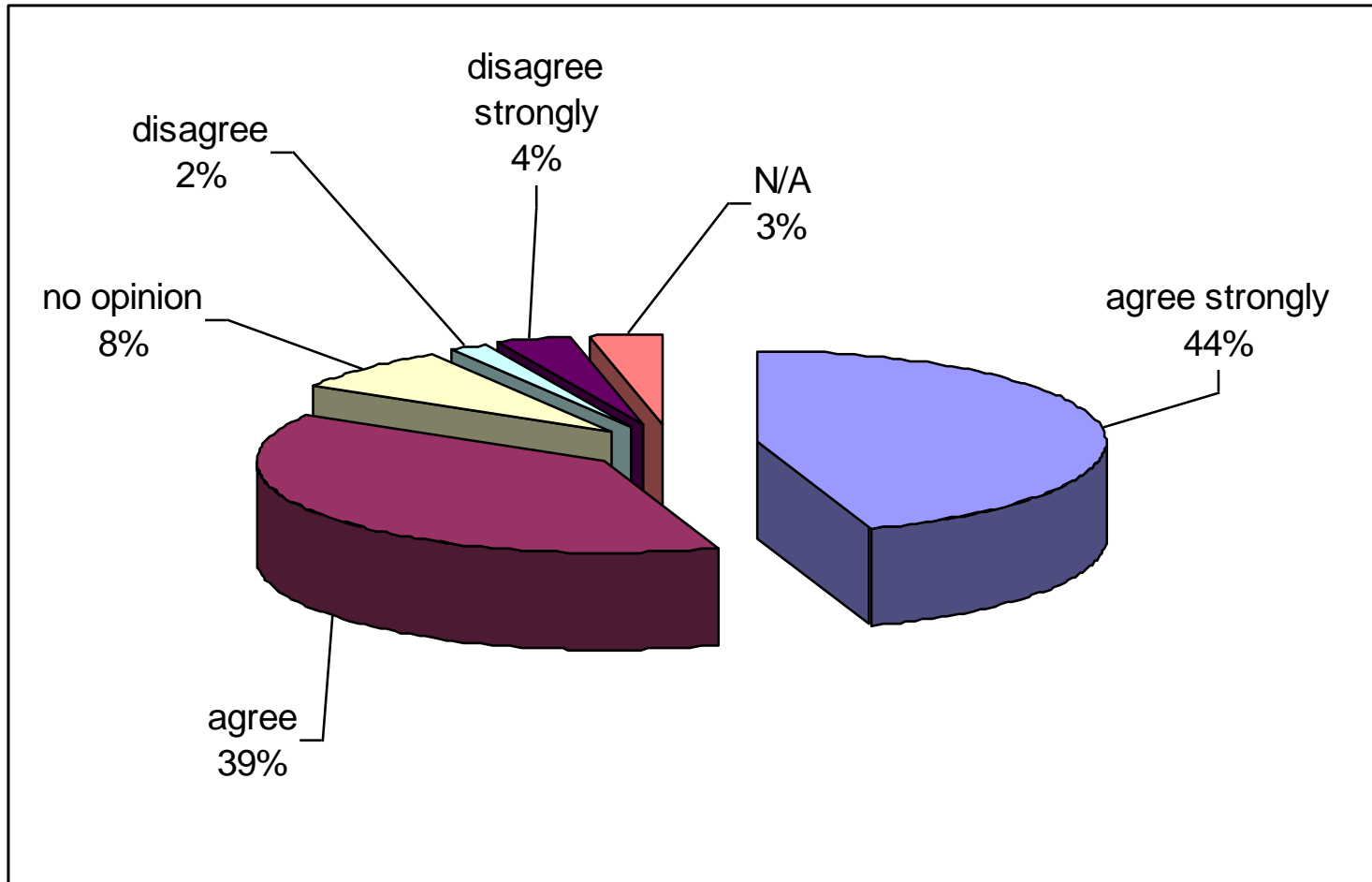
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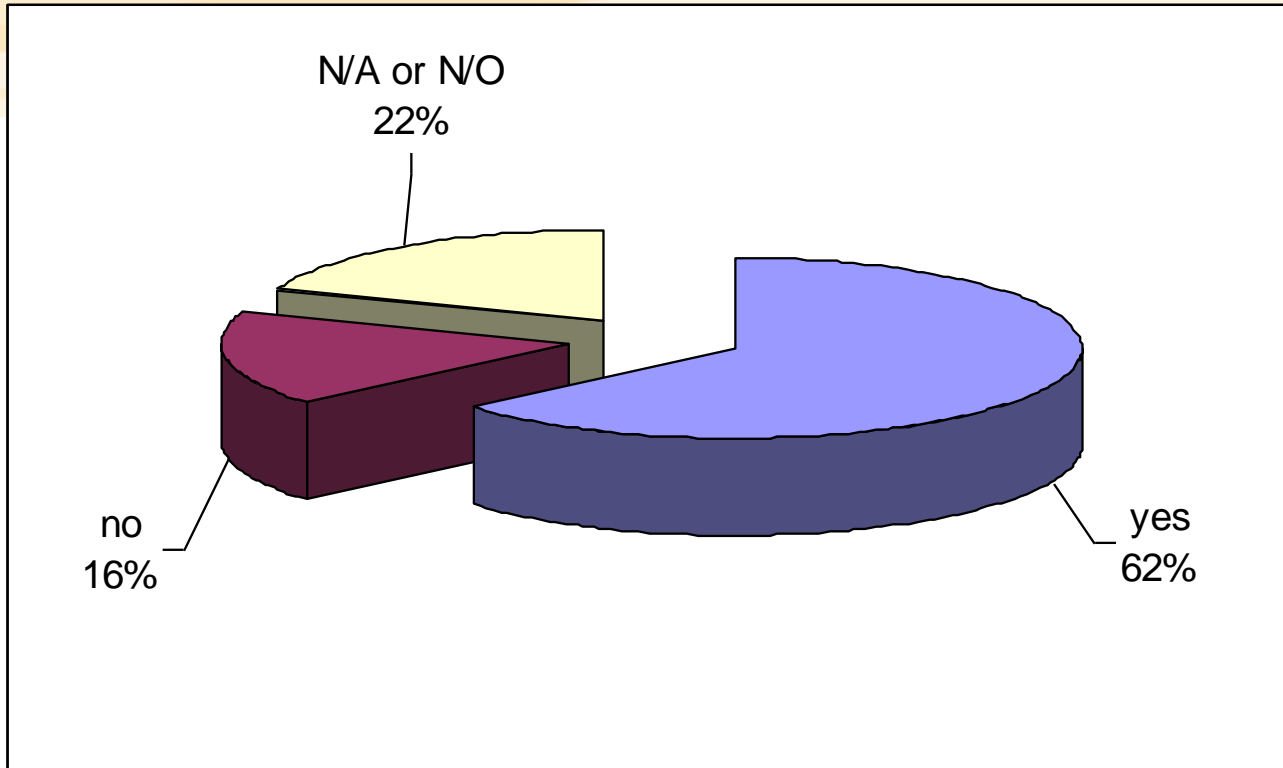
Could further Community action contribute to unlocking the potential of PSI?



Further action at Community level to promote cross-border products and services re-using PSI?



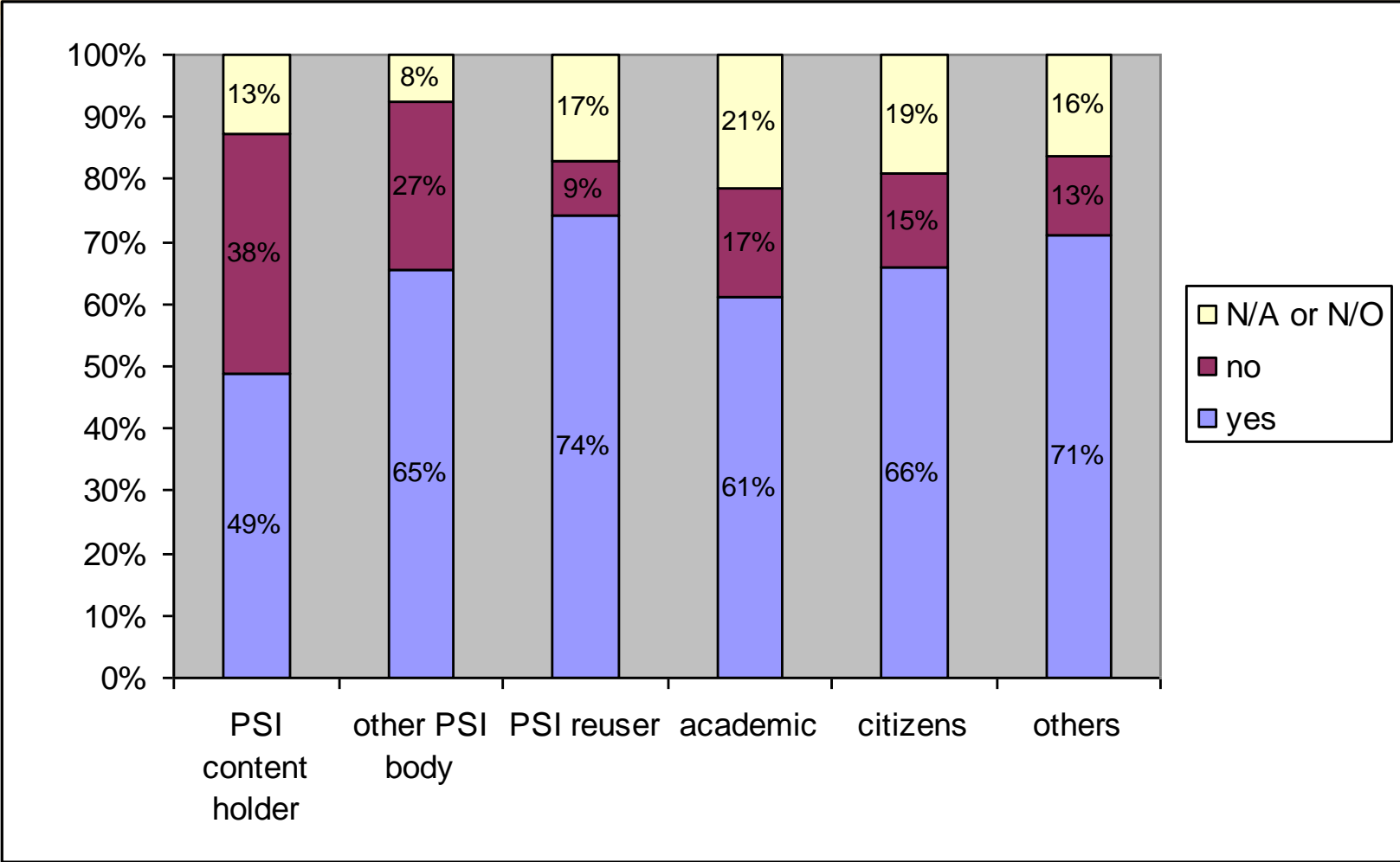
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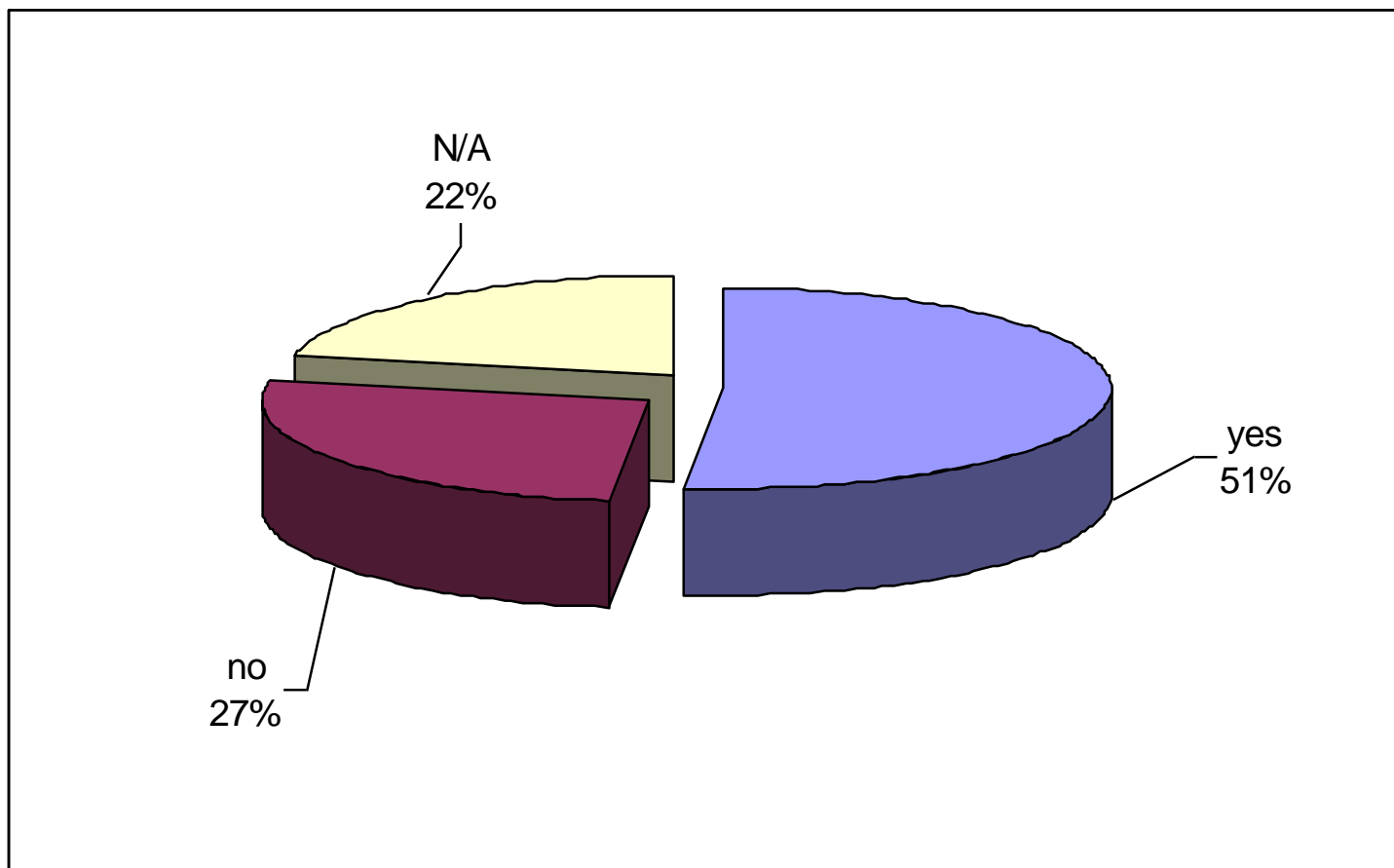
Of those who responded to the question:

- c. 80% call for substantive amendments
- c. 77% call for technical adjustments

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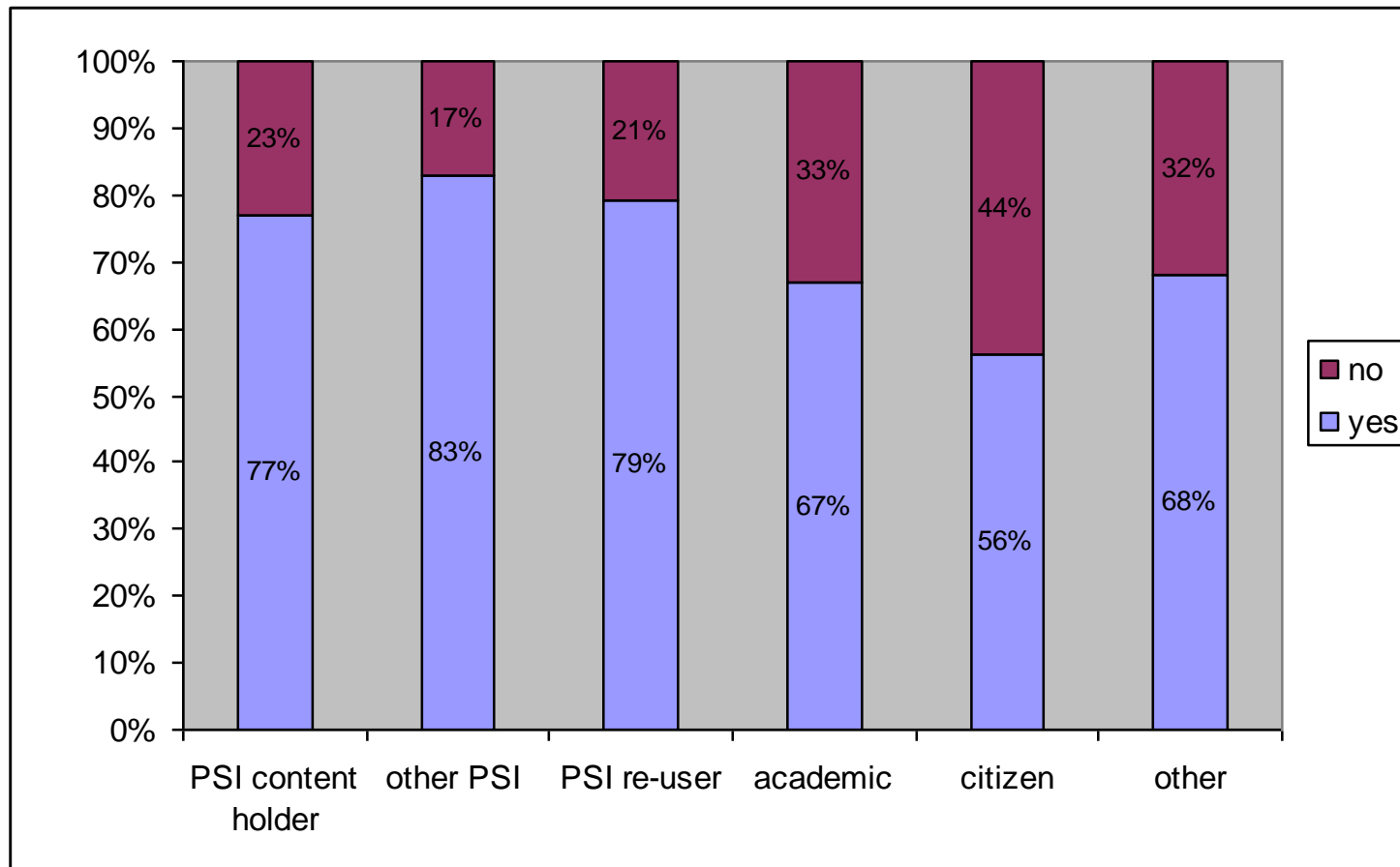


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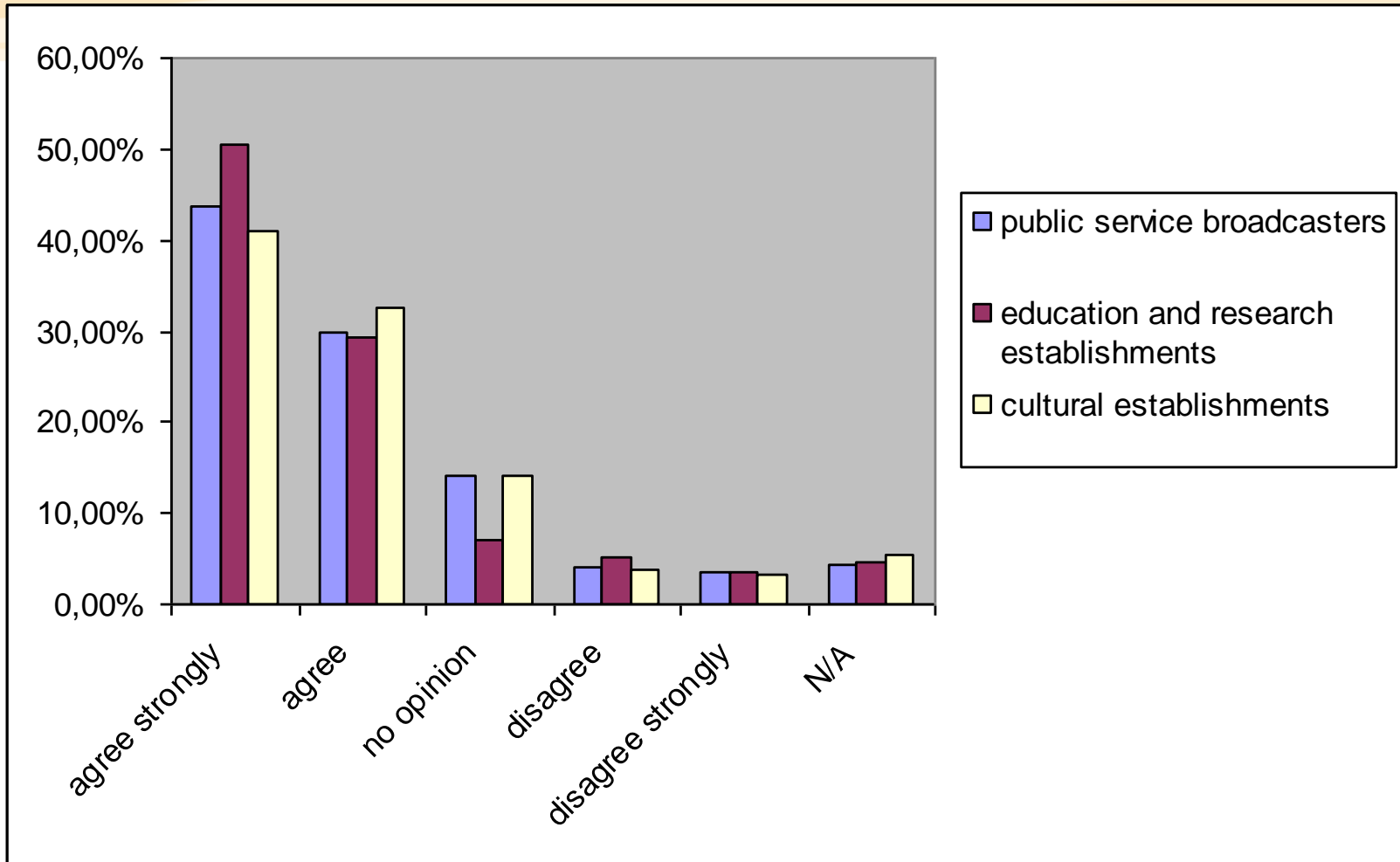


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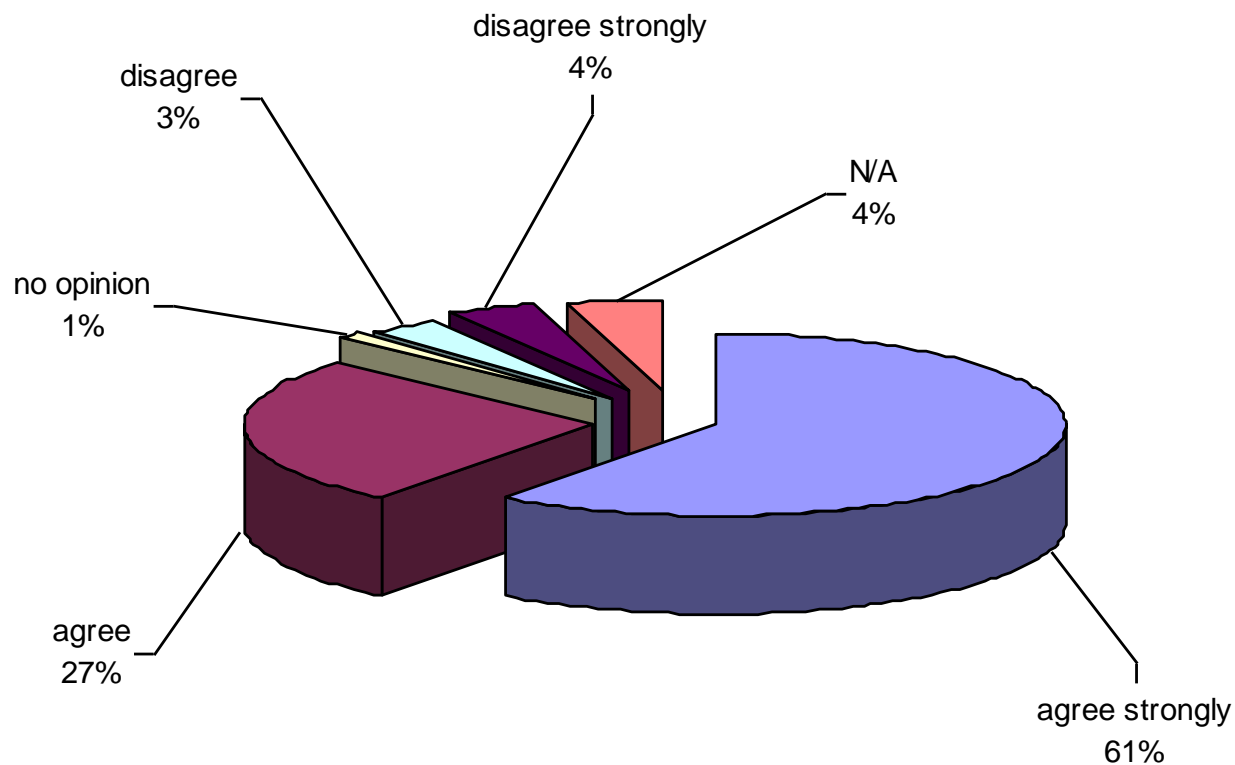
- by categories of respondents



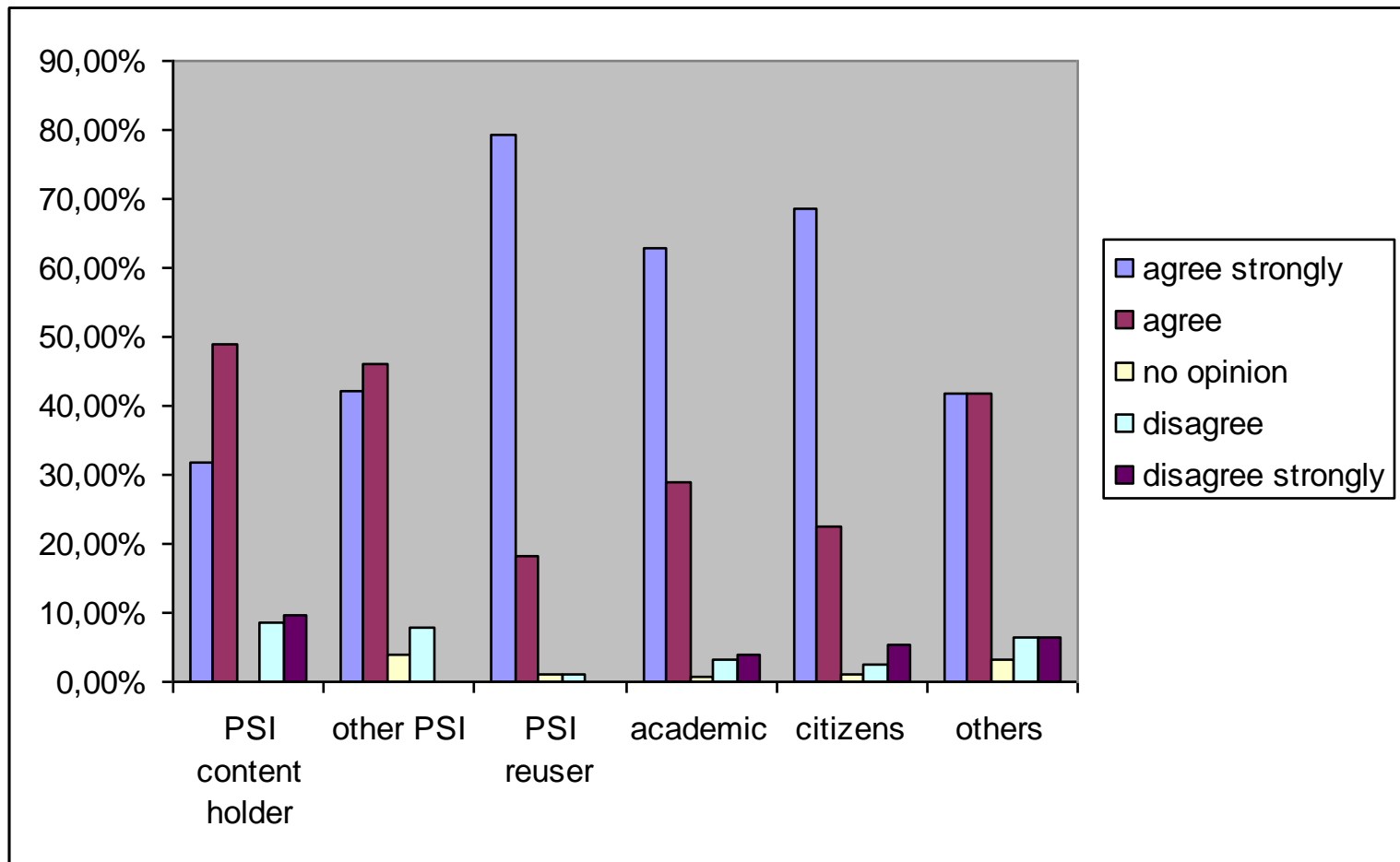
Extension of scope?



General principle: should all accessible information be reusable?



General principle: should all accessible information be reusable? By category of respondent



The views of the PSI content holders and other public authorities

- In this category – most diverging views on all questions, even within the same sector (e.g. met offices)
- Divided with respect to substantive amendments
- Strong support for guidance from the Commission (to raise awareness and ensure consistency of application)
- C. 50% agree to scope extension but some 30% - no opinion
- Call for standardised formats for data release
- Call for clearer guidance on charging strategies versus open access
- Some call for guidance on definition of public task



The views of re-users

- Majority in favour of amendments; strong support for guidance
- Call for a general obligation to re-use all accessible information
- C. 70% favour extending the scope but PSI Alliance: priority to proper implementation before widening the scope
- Call for clarification of public tasks
- Call for obligation to deliver raw data and for open formats
- Call for harmonised licensing terms
- Call for more transparency within PSI bodies (no interlocutors) and for clarification of « public task »
- Several suggestions with respect to charging
- Copyright (database rights) remain a barrier
- Better (more efficient) redress mechanisms



The views of academics/experts

- Call for a general obligation to make PSI available for re-use
- Call for standardised, transparent licensing terms; proposal: no licenses for re-use 15 years after data is produced
- Call for a standardised, harmonised way of making data available (preference to open formats)
- Call for clarification of admissible tariffs; some: call for a default marginal costs rule with exceptions
- Need to clarify the issue of « public task »
- Stronger redress mechanisms
- National open data portal to be a minimum and binding requirement with list of “key” datasets to make available



The views of citizens

- Motto: **open data, open standards, open source**
- The most « radical » category of respondents
- Frequent view: all public data available to everyone free of charge, without any licensing restrictions or under a GPL/ LGDL/ one of the Creative Commons licences
- Obligation to make available, not delivery upon request
 - at least for a minimum catalogue of data
- If charging - only for commercial re-use
- Many underline the need to protect privacy in relation to data re-use

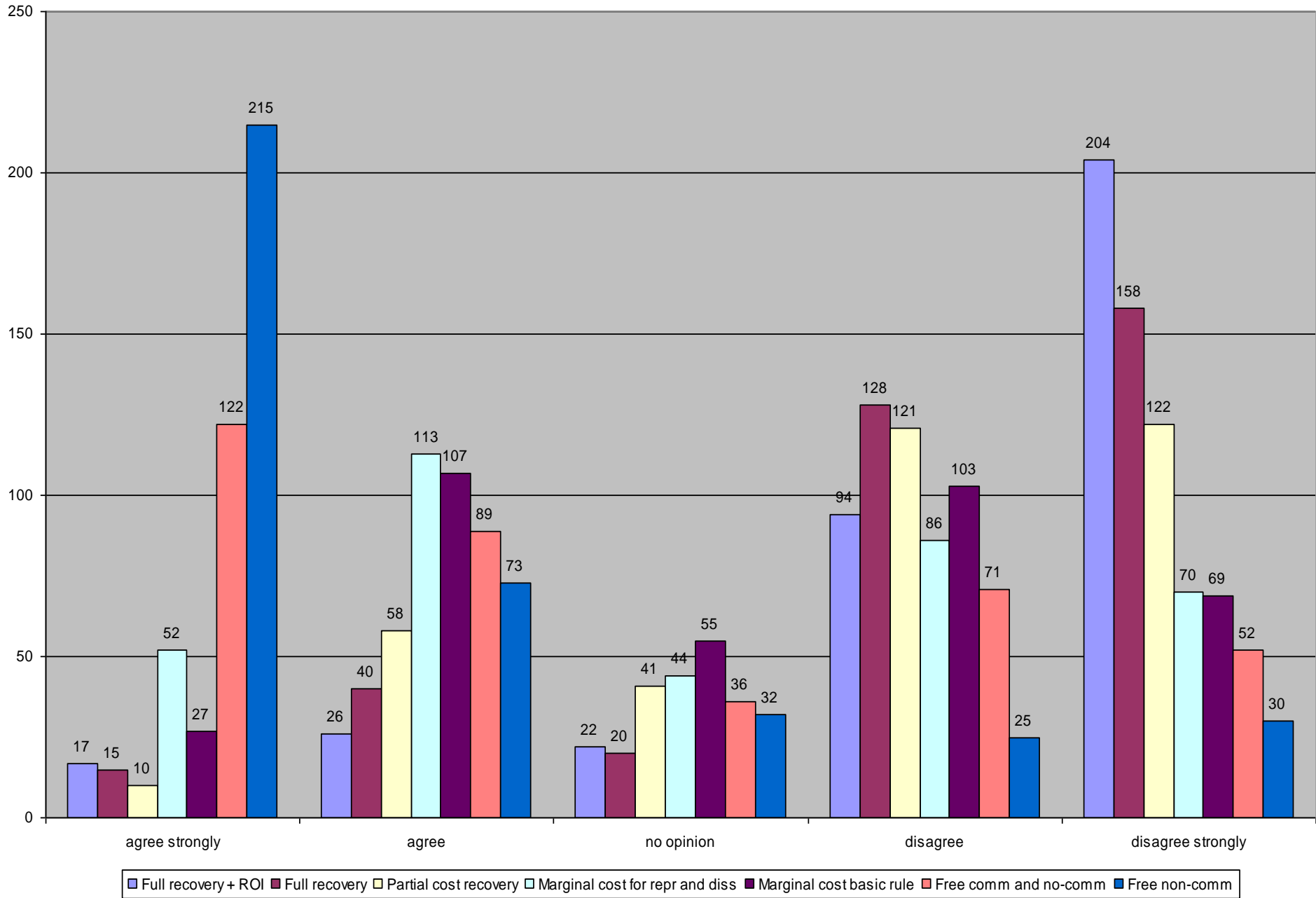


The views of « others »

- Also generally call for amending the general principle to establish an obligation to make data available for re-use
- Raw data good but long term objective: delivery of linked data
- Need to clarify « public task »
- If no continuity for data delivery can be guaranteed, that data should be labelled and actively advertised as such
- Marginal costs principle



Charging



Conclusions

- Information Society spreading
- Value of PSI increasingly recognised
- Acceptance of PSI reuse “culture”
- Flagship projects launched (data.gov.uk)
- Revision of the PSI Directive in 2012
- Deployment measures: a must!
- MS & Stakeholder involvement crucial



Thank you!

