

The Global Public Policies Survey

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Introduction

The Global Public Policies Survey was launched on June 1, 2006 to analyze the various aspects that make a global organization meet the needs and expectations of its members and the communities they come from.

We decided to make the survey available on the Internet, in order to have access to people from all over the world, with different backgrounds and coming from both the developed and the developing countries.

Public policy is a relatively new field to the academic area and is evolving and improving quickly. Because it can mean so many different things to different people, setting up a global public policies organization is particularly challenging. We have to find ways to mix specific lines of action within the broad meaning of public policy.

The respondents of our survey are first of all people who are sensitive to the field of public policy or people who developed strong citizenship skills and want to take initiative. We tried to make our survey as easy to find as possible on the search engines and also to promote it on some online discussion lists we had access to.

From over 1,000 unique visitors that we had during one year, 87 people took the time to answer the questions of our survey, representing 36 countries: Albania, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Burundi, Cameroon, China, Cyprus, Ecuador, Germany, India, Indonesia, Israel, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malaysia, Moldova, Mongolia, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uzbekistan, ex-Yugoslavia, Zaire and Zimbabwe. Although the number of respondents doesn't make our survey statistically representative, we believe however that the options and the ideas submitted are very valuable to our research. We will thus use the results of the survey that we present in this review as additional guidance in our endeavors.

We are therefore very thankful to the people who answered our survey and appreciate their feedback.

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Question: What should be the mission of a public policies organization acting at a global level?

Note:

- Number of answers: 64 (every bullet point represents the answer of a different person)
 - People who didn't answer: 23
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- Elaborate, implement and monitor documents, statements and policies regarding global, regional and even state levels
- There is a lot of utopia within the boundaries of "public policies organization acting at a global level"; there are geo-strategic, economical, military and nevertheless cultural realms that are to be overdone in order to achieve a global dimension of such organization. Public policies might get to a set of rules, in the sense of common knowledge, not imposed by any authority of regulator
- It is quite difficult for me to imagine public policies globally valid
- Providing relevant information about global public policies, about international seminars and courses for public workers, opportunities in contact making between public workers or interested persons
- To foster the exchange of views on the public policy in various countries in order to promote the development of sound governmental strategies for addressing public needs
- The exchange of ideas and resources between well-organized and sustainable local communities. "Exchange of resources" meaning economic, academic, and/or humanitarian
- Regulation; protection of minorities/vulnerable people; accountability of business/corporations; internationalizing pharmaceuticals to provide universal access
- Conduct research on dominant issues
- To establish norms for the determination of acceptable behavior; that the engendered concepts should encourage proper imagination, curiosity and initiative
- To offer resources for smaller entities that describe and/or support best practices
- I want to be informed well to answer all questions
- Macro visions of a platform for sharing and helping countries and in the end bring all into one united organization, somehow even more than United Nations
- I guess it is going to be immense help of all youth body. I need to tell you that the main mission should be toward the development of education and its assessment because it is necessary in most developing countries
- The mission of a public organization in the global level is very clear: make people pay attention to governments, by following up the UN resolutions and the global conventions and to tell people how they can look after their government in order to make it accountable and to make it respect and not violate these documents; may be it can do that through contacts all over the world and to network people; then make those people create their own group; then those people must create groups in order to be active in the real field

- Overcoming poverty and promoting gender equality
- Issue public policies concerning international public policies problems, international peace and World common issues
- To take best practice and co-ordinate it to get a universal criminal code of basic laws and standards as ISO does for trade related things. Or standards in public life or sexism, or racism for example
- To improve the standard of living of global citizens
- To encourage the actions of civil society actors
- Having a balance on development and reaching out to strategic stakeholders
- To review and analyze the major issues of the day, and to set an agenda for addressing them
- Get real, if you were effect the gas prices would have gone down months ago
- Focus on supporting developing countries, creating a global balance between affluence and developing countries
- Tolerance and understanding between young people, common values and respect to humans. We speak about gender and race. Yet equality and possibilities for disabled are also important
- It depends on what the organization wishes to focus. There are many areas of public policy, so the organization should look at what are the priority areas. I think it would be hard to start with a very broad scope - it's too much to take on initially. But, the scope can expand as the organization grows. A potential mission of the organization could be to provide a common platform for other organizations to develop their own public policies. This platform could bring others on the same level of understanding on issues around the world, as well as create dialogue on particular approaches to solutions
- To endorse social justice
- To check democracy practice in international relationship
- Help the persons in difficulty
- To improve welfare and humanity
- Provide ideas to local community problems, offer chances for individual development
- Advocacy for more favorable policies
- Advocate and educate about the important priorities, including health care, that exist at a global level and to work together to create a comprehensive package of info that shows the linkages between all sectors – i.e. without education and child health programs you cannot have sustainable, forward looking development; without elevating women's status, through education, health care, reduction of gender based violence, etc. development is not possible
- Common agenda with addressing the local problems
- To address public policy issues at the global level; reciprocal effect of global or developed countries' policy on developing countries; forum where the north and south can communicate on regarding policy issues
- Providing general guidelines that will help implement policies on a national or regional level; such an organization should also have a controlling and regulating function
- To push forth agendas that will aim to promote free space and improved international democracy; draw the attention of the international community to critical issues of concern to the global community; set a platform for popular participation of the global community on issues of concern or towards advocacy of international instruments; underscore cases of disregard of all/part of any commonly accepted international instruments; bring the attention of the global community to disregard national policies by international actors
- The main mission should be to deal with grassroots issues

- A public policies organization acting at a global level should try to create a relation between all the countries in solving different problems
- Shaping a better future
- Provide service to organizations involved in the civic society sector; commitment to peace building issues; contacts and promotions of NGO's involved in education of youths and empowering the culture
- Cleanliness, literacy
- Enforcement of international treaties among signatory countries
- To promote mechanisms to build approaches between public and private organizations in which both parts can gain benefits from that alliances
- Well, once the biggest challenge for a public policies organization is acting at a global level, I think special attention must be given to the "minorities who live in every part of the world and usually are affected by prejudice: the black people, the poor people, a different sex-oriented people, a different religion-oriented people and so on. So, the mission of the ideal organization must include an equal way to deal with any person, regardless of what the person is, owns or believes
- It should act as an instrument to understand different applying methods according to each country's needs and abilities, since every country has its own mentality
- Change maker striving for sustainable development of society through participatory approaches, raising awareness at grass roots level
- The mission of the global public policy org is to act for equality amongst the nations and work for the youth which is the public policy maker of tomorrow
- To synchronize regional policies and adapt best practices to solve local problems
- To promote peace and human rights with emphasis given to the voice of youth
- Monitoring and analyzing national public policies, identifying tendencies etc
- Help and support for underdeveloped countries, support democracy around the world, help increase the level of education, support free training of underdeveloped countries; award scholarships
- Global protection of public interests
- Networking among national and local level organizations; provide international expertise and participate in bids for international and national funded projects; promote reforms and alternatives to current international and national issues
- Manage the globalization process in all spheres
- According to me, the mission of a public policies organization acting at a global level would be to promote the humans' well-being, that is, the promotion of human rights and economic development
- To develop relations between people and nations on public level. To support integration of ordinary people and acquaint with different cultures and civilizations
- To promulgate peace and understanding with all
- To be unbiased
- Promote civic participation and education
- The mission of that kind of organization, I think, is to provide leadership for the development, promotion and information services for members in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all
- To bring pointed awareness to the general public first, and then elected officials and private sector leadership that our societal problems are inter-related and connected. Single issue

legislation can no longer address the global issues and problems our society faces.
Coordinated and well planned interventions are the only way problems can be addressed effectively

- Work in ground level to the public level
- Global warming
- To address common problems

Question: What values should the organization promote/embrace?

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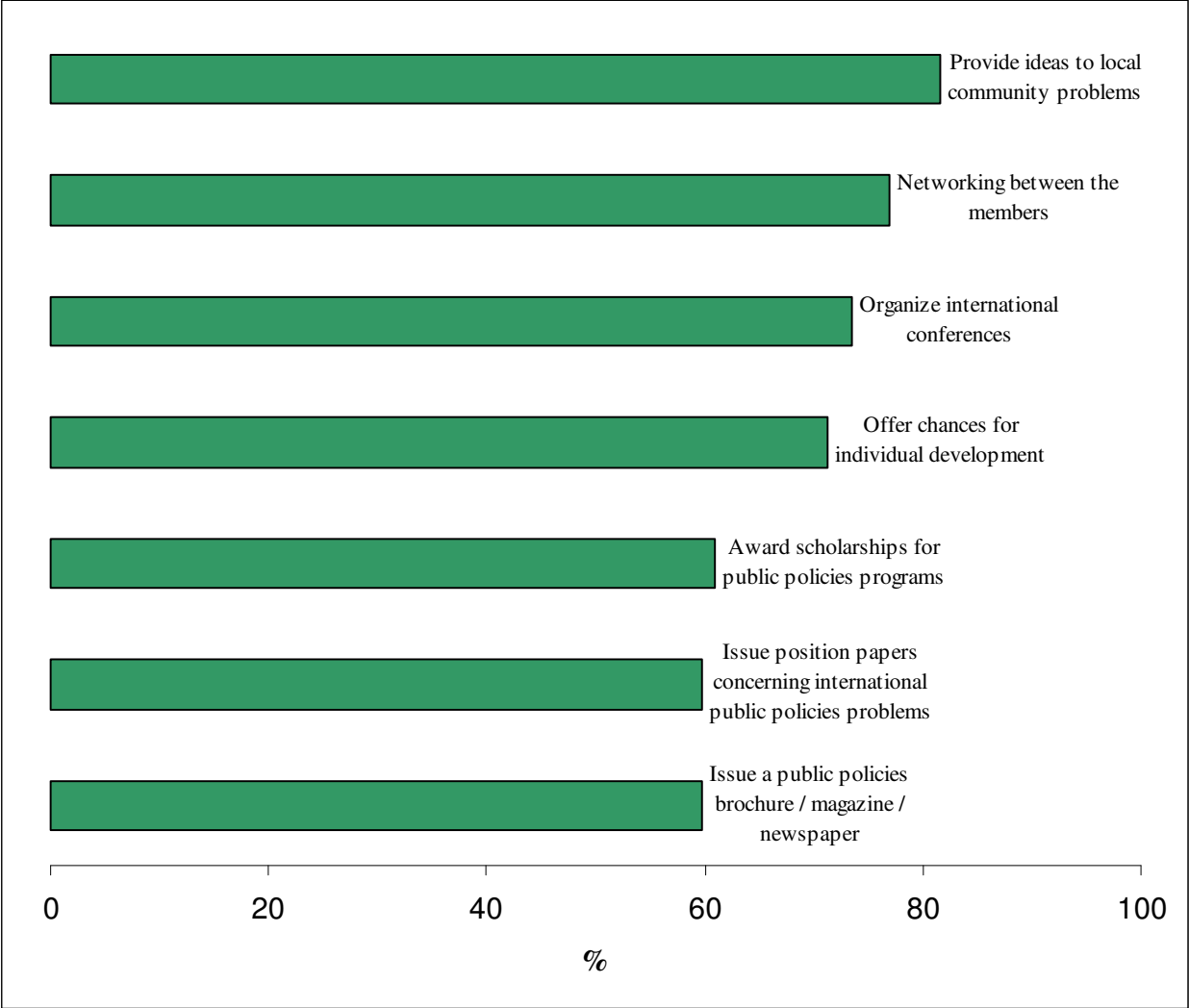
- Transparency, democracy, tolerance and professionalism
- Democratic globalization, real politics, social - liberal economic backbone and neo-cons for the third world
- Public interests
- Equal access, transparency, continuous and freely circulating information, nondiscrimination
- Freedom and democracy
- Entrepreneurship, economic freedom, sustainable development, respect for fundamental human rights
- Creating an open system of checks and balances that embrace the needs of each individual group while realizing that sustainability is a long-term global effort
- Equal rights / freedoms / opportunities; responsibility for actions; paying the real cost of actions (e.g. on environment); environmental protection (especially climate change/carbon rationing promotion)
- Transparency
- Tolerance, encouragement, individuality, love of God
- Peace and sharing above all; Equity and integrity are also essential
- To organize and establish worldwide policies and standards; to develop human resources and rating (benchmark) as well as its distribution; an international language (English?!) must be promoted!
- Provide grants and scholarships or at least information to outstanding students
- It should promote the people by looking at the worldwide conventions and agreements which specify the policies for all governments
- The importance of child and maternal health
- Libert ,  galit , fraternit . Equal fair treatment irrespective of race, religion, gender or age. Also nationalities to be equal. Lastly, ease of use and serving the people in an accessible fair way. Justice
- Social justice, human development, protection and promotion of Human Rights
- Solidarity; exchange; assistance
- Dialogue; respect for the intellect of others; pragmatism
- Openness, high standards
- The organization should promote/embrace operational focus; inclusiveness; and transparency
- Godly ones, not the immoral ones that we see today
- Cooperation, professionalism and prosperity
- Humanism

- Transparency, passion, dedication, care/concern, humanity, equality, openness, creativity, innovation
- Social justice
- Democracy; Tolerance; Peace
- You should embrace the culture differences, respect the different cultures, even though you think they are not so advanced
- Core human values that unite all people of the Earth
- Humanitarian and social values
- Values that promote a civil society and balance between various beliefs and practices
- The basics of human need which empower people to feel they have a stake in their country, in their government, and in their lives
- Universal values, respect for every country's culture, ethnic, religious and other social values. It should promote universal peace and development
- Sustainable development; sustainability, that is equity, environmental responsibilities and financial wealth
- Popular participation; Inclusion of minority voices in international issues / debates; Fair representation of all regions of the globe; Simplification and understanding of international policy instruments
- It should promote growth in all ramifications
- Women rights & thinking
- Nondiscrimination, integrity and perseverance
- Basic democratic values that take into account the plural nature of the world. The values should be elastic, flexible and all-embracing
- Tolerance, philanthropy, arts, youths
- Friendliness and environment with harmony
- Transparency, accountability and rights - based approach in human development
- The organization should promote corporate social responsibility in a win-win environment
- The organization should promote the values of equality to everybody. If you have public policies, they must be accessible to everyone, regardless of any reason that could limit this access
- Love the country, open the eyes to a world that is changing
- Organization should promote betterment of public policies issues among third world countries and promote literacy strategies for poverty reduction
- Transparency, popular participation, sustainability and implementation
- Tolerance
- Democratic values, as always
- Freedom, independence, democracy
- The values should include the elements of equality and brotherhood
- Those of any policymaker, professional or organization
- Tolerance; safety; nonviolence; wise governing
- The organization would promote human rights, morality, human integrity and sustainable development
- Participation, gender equity and respect for diversity
- Openness, equality of nations, cultural exchange
- Acceptance

- Honesty. Integrity. Peace
- Party politics is the enemy of global reform. Philosophical and political stances become barriers to success. Cutting through the rhetoric and centering on all the citizens needs and well-being is the ultimate purpose. We all must live together - all races, creeds, political viewpoints, ages, sexes, etc. The rich are not our enemies, the poor are not at fault, the liberal or conservative are not to blame. Common ground must be found to solve our global societal issues. We must find what we agree upon and use those key central beliefs as the foundation for solutions regardless of individual ideologies or parties
- Natural resources and environmental issues
- Energy efficiency
- Depends on its base. Ideology can vary by support base, and the organization should reflect that

Question: What should be the main activities of the Organization?

Note: People could choose one or more options, offer additional ideas or not answer at all



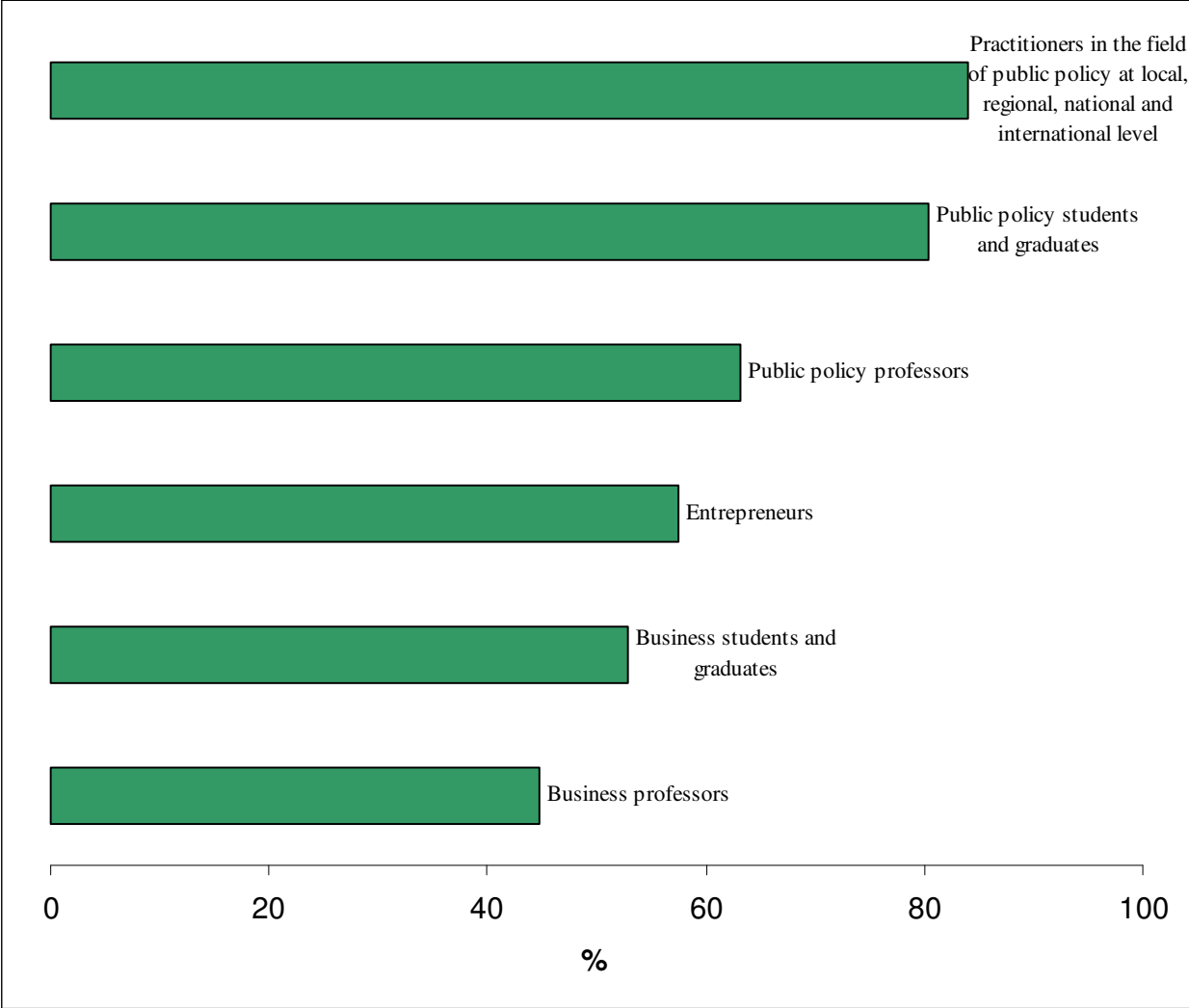
Other activities:

- Implement governmental compliance
- Website of resources and issues to solve problems, especially showing best practice and problem solution orientated research
- Consult people at grass roots level on what type of life they desire to lead
- Regional blocs interactive sessions
- Outreach to other organizations; coordinate cooperation with leading policy institutes or think-tanks
- Promote education policies that will lead to global sustainability
- Contribute to international debates through discussions drawn from members; Fashion policy instruments and champion / anchor advocacy for its adoption; Popularize international policy instruments which have direct bearing on global community citizens; Develop a strategic framework for engagements with members
- Promote international research contests with various categories and themes
- Organize surveys and research; international lobby and advocacy support to local policy promoters or policy makers (NGOs, Governmental organizations); legal assistance in new emerging judicial disputes regarding issues of public policies
- Provide advice to governments and institutions on public policy issues
- Organize training for youth that are involved in public administration in different countries, conferences about sharing ideas and experiences about public policies, and an on-line forum will be very helpful
- Educate the general population about the issues without political or philosophical spin

Note: every bullet point represents the answer of a different person

Question: Who should be the members of the Organization?

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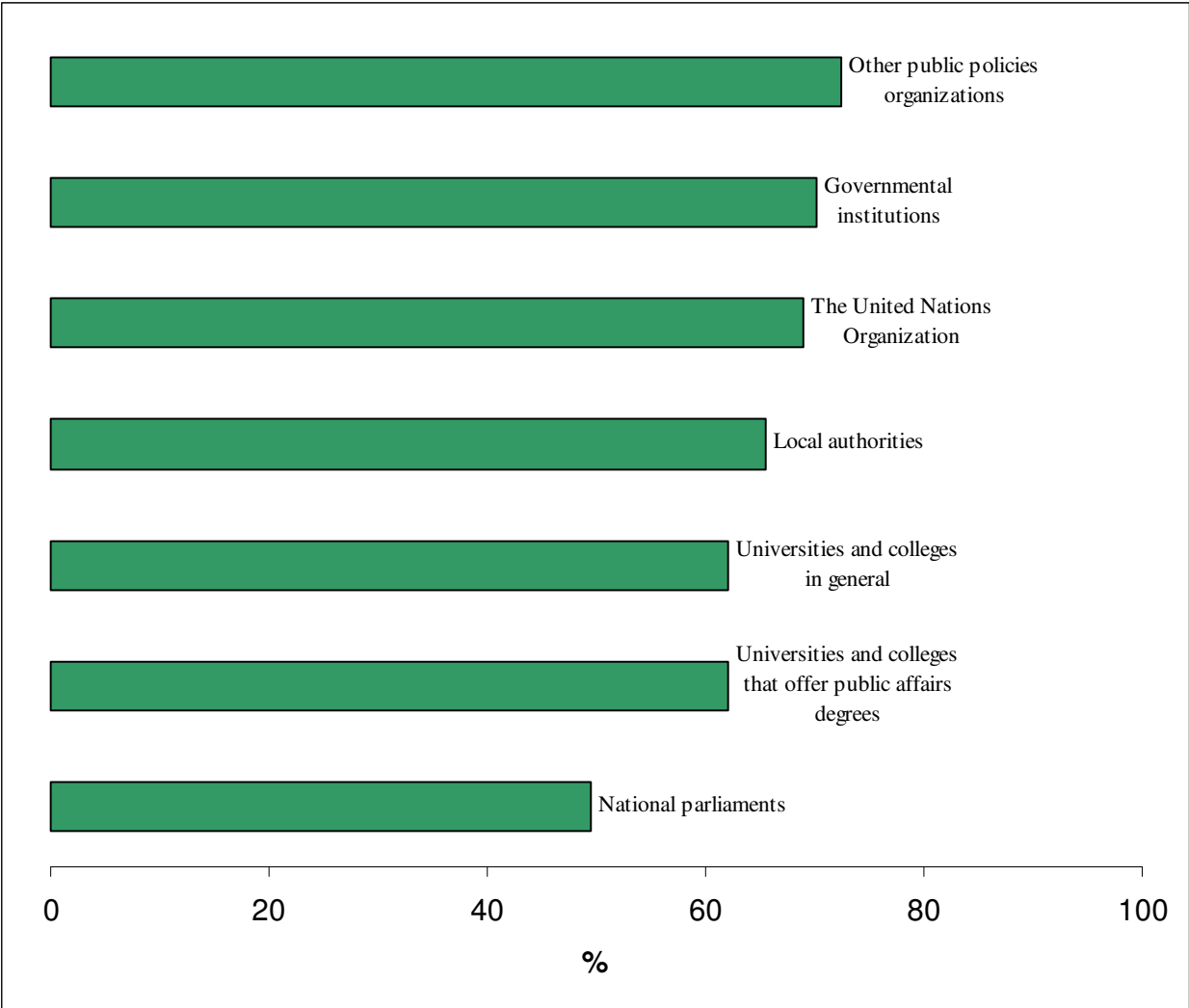
Other members:

- Practitioners in the fields of sociology, economy and community development
- Keep in mind that students in areas such as Social Work, Education, Urban Planning, Medicine, etc., will have a unique perspective as well
- Sponsors
- Anyone who states a willing desire to participate, even if they aren't in a position of authority/interest currently
- Entrepreneurs with ethics
- Advocates
- Everyone interested in affecting and contributing to the public policy
- They must be from all the areas around the world, especially the occupied and civilized countries
- NGO representatives, ordinary people who are affected by public policy
- Civil society movements acting at grass roots level
- Social actors; minority groups
- Political appointees; relevant NGO's; opinion leaders
- Should be open to all those interested in public policy. I believe we shouldn't limit to students of public policy. It wouldn't be fair as there are many others (e.g. journalists, doctors, consultants, etc) who can contribute to discussions
- Anybody who is interested in public policies
- Civil society activists/actors; research institutions
- Volunteers
- Political Science students and professors
- The organization should work as a network
- Everyone who is concerned about public policies
- Community development experts, sociologists, change makers, PhD research students
- Members of the public
- Individuals
- Other national/local level policy organizations
- Policy makers
- Public administrators
- All those affected by public policies i.e. Everybody
- Elected officials, in the field line practitioners of social services (because they aren't paid well, their involvement and membership should be free)

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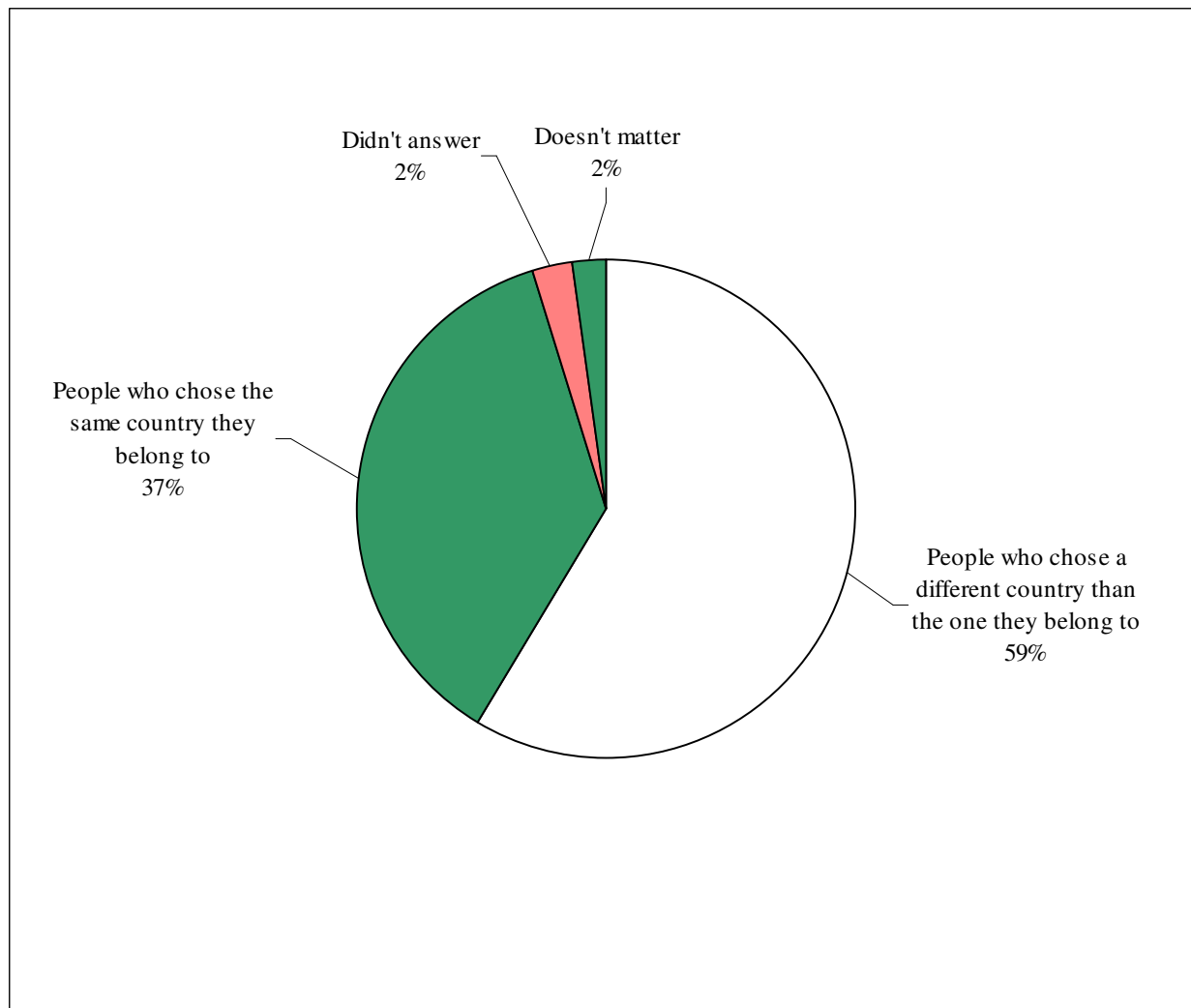
Other partners:

- National NGO's representing sector levels and fields
- OSCE
- International partners, I mean private persons
- International NGO's and some local NGO's. I say not national parliaments as I think it should suggest laws and needs for reform and that we make these suggestions to governments and supra national bodies like EU, CoE or ASEAN etc
- Human Rights Institutions; NGO's operating in policy matters and developmental organizations
- All organizations acting in development
- Regional bodies such as African Union; Arab League etc
- World Bank, development banks; Media, businesses engaging in development
- WHO, World Bank, IMF, Dfid, US Agency for International Development, KfW, GTZ, JICA
- Amnesty International, Green Peace
- Regional (Continental Organizations) e.g. AU, EU, AU-ECOSOCC, ASEA; International Multilateral Institutions OPEC, NATO, Commonwealth, Francophonie, Portuguese League, ADB; Sub-regional Intergovernmental Organizations, ECOWAS, SADC, Maghreb Union, ECAS, etc; Regional and International CSO's/NGO's
- UNESCO
- NGO's
- Consultants and advisors; private companies
- The main religious organizations (Catholic and all others for example), as they have a very wide range of members all over the world
- www.lgi.org; <http://lgi.osi.hu/>; <http://www.worldbank.com/>; <http://www.usaid.gov/>; <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca>; www.fao.org; www.undp.org; www.unicef.org; www.redcross.org
- Amnesty International; Human Rights Watch; National and Local organizations in charge of human rights and environment
- EU-Council, UNICEF, NDG-s from all countries
- ordinary citizens

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Question: In what country should the organization be established and headquartered?

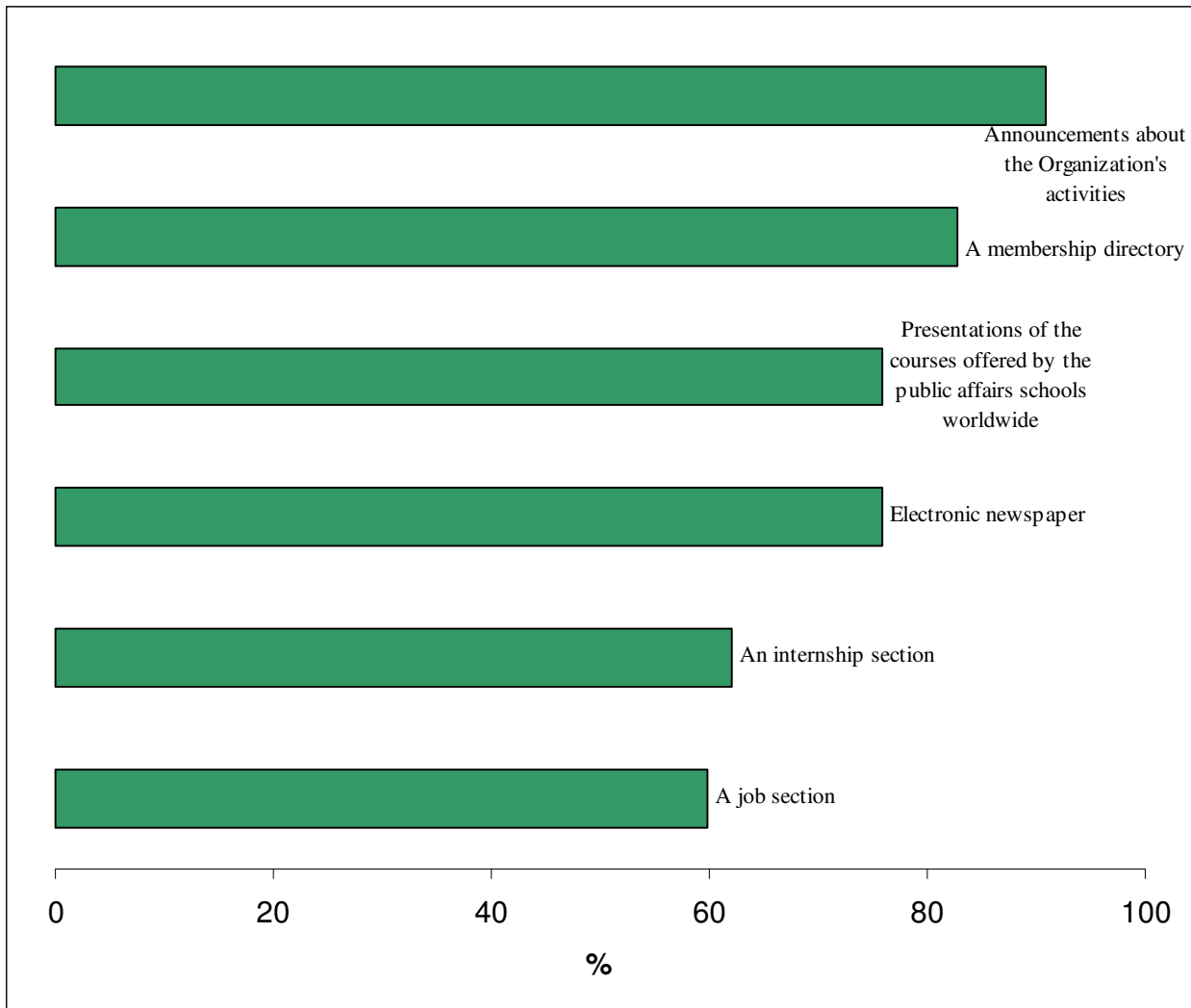
Note: People could choose a country or not answer at all; they could also state their reasons



In terms of the number of our respondents, the names of the countries they chose are not relevant to the survey. It is relevant however, how many people chose that the Organization be established in the same country they belong to. They chose this option in order to make it easier to them to get involved in its activities or for country's development perspectives. The people who chose a different country, did this for reasons of geographical location, economic stability or higher development status.

Question: What should the website of the Organization contain?

Note: People could choose one or more options, offer additional ideas or not answer at all



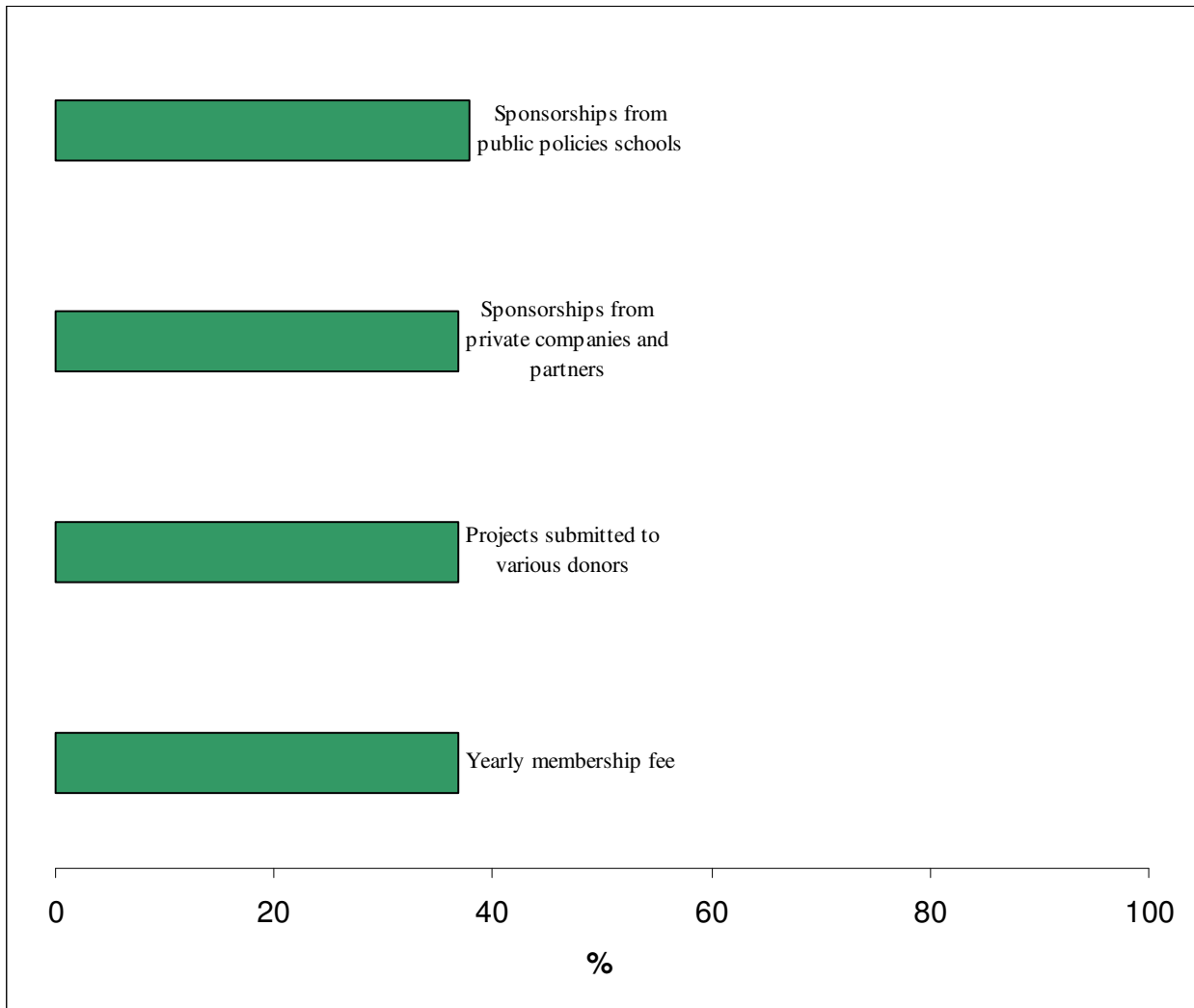
Other information:

- All the reports, documents, studies and a forum
- Debates, think-tanks, political philosophy schools of thinking
- Forums, Public Policies Materials, et
- Options of simplified or actual research
- Brochures of scholarships, Universities and financial assistance from the government
- All activities of the organization
- It must have an application for the new young people who want to join us
- Case notes of best practice as reviews of situations - a wiki for developing policy and projects
- Researches and publications; statistical data on social and public policy/human development
- Accomplishments, donors
- Problem areas needing public policy; analysis of select public policies that do not meet some universal criteria etc
- Papers/theses/articles
- Policy papers people can draw on, calls to action, forum for discussion
- Link to interesting sustainable publications (to download); New section (news about events that are important in regard to global policy making)
- List and link to close partner organizations; Reference (link) to international policy instruments; Details of Board Members, Management Team, Trustees; Funding sources; Contact details of offices/liaisons across the globe; Links to reports and publications; Language section (about six international languages); Featured topics section; About us section; Contact us section; Departments and their works; links to thematic areas
- A forum to offer the teenagers or any other visitor of the website the possibility to tell his own point of view on different issues
- Improvement and results of the Organization's activities everywhere it may work out
- A forum; a full list of links to correspondent organizations and partners; links to national legislative resources; database/lists of papers and studies; voluntary activities; member's sponsored/free subscription to relevant newsletters and magazines; online workshop groups on specific subjects
- Online application forms for membership to the organization, job and internship opportunities
- Current issues and debates on public policy approaches and problems
- Concerns and potential solutions. Also a forum to allow visitors to add their opinions

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Question: What should be the main fundraising activities?

Note: People could choose one or more options, offer additional ideas or not answer at all



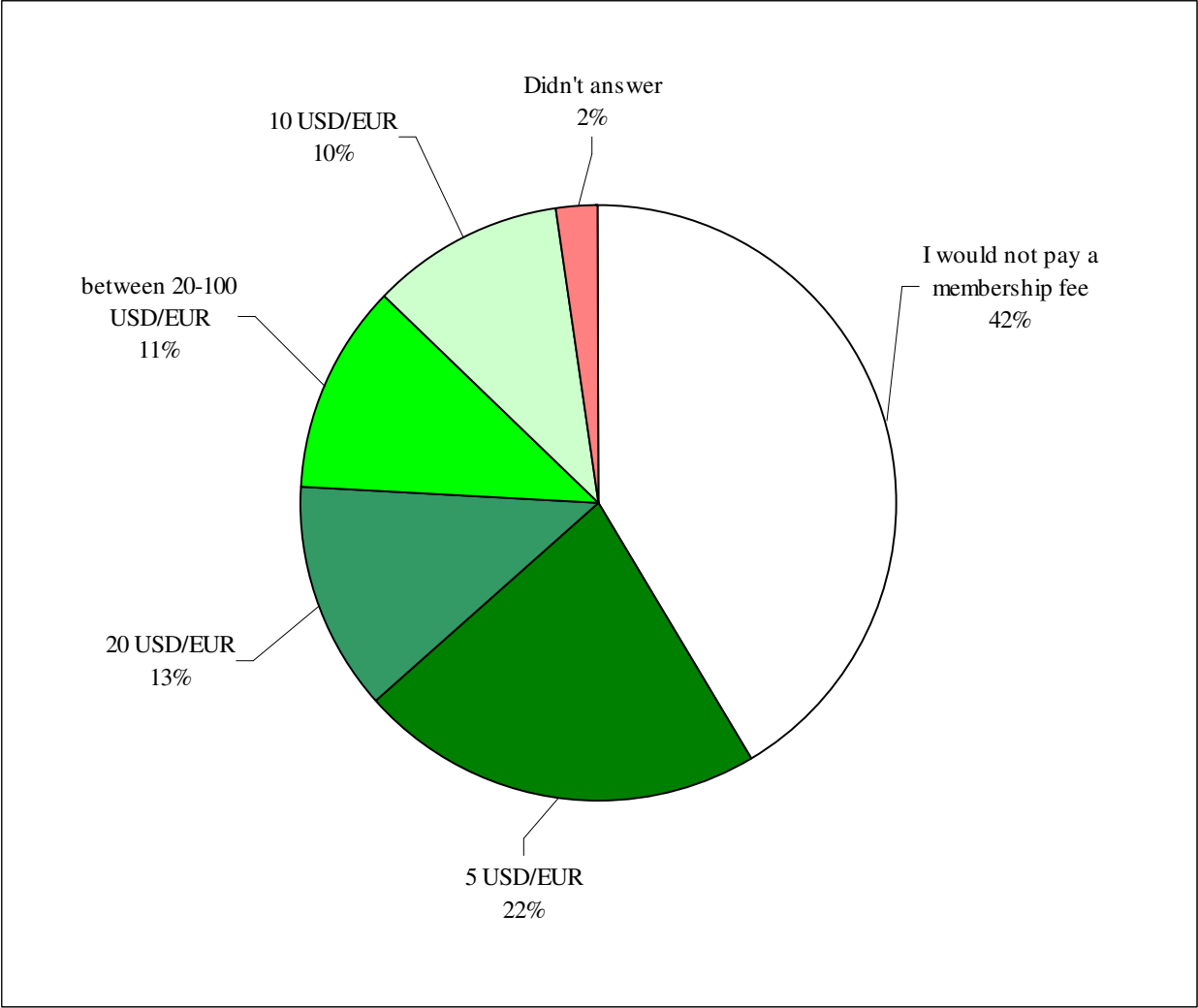
Other fundraising activities:

- UN funding
- NGO's in need of public policy support in their domain
- Donations
- Donations to advocacy/campaigns; Sales of publications (reports of analysis/research on international policy issues); Procurement of shares/bonds
- Private and humanitarian organizations
- Projects submitted to various national governments

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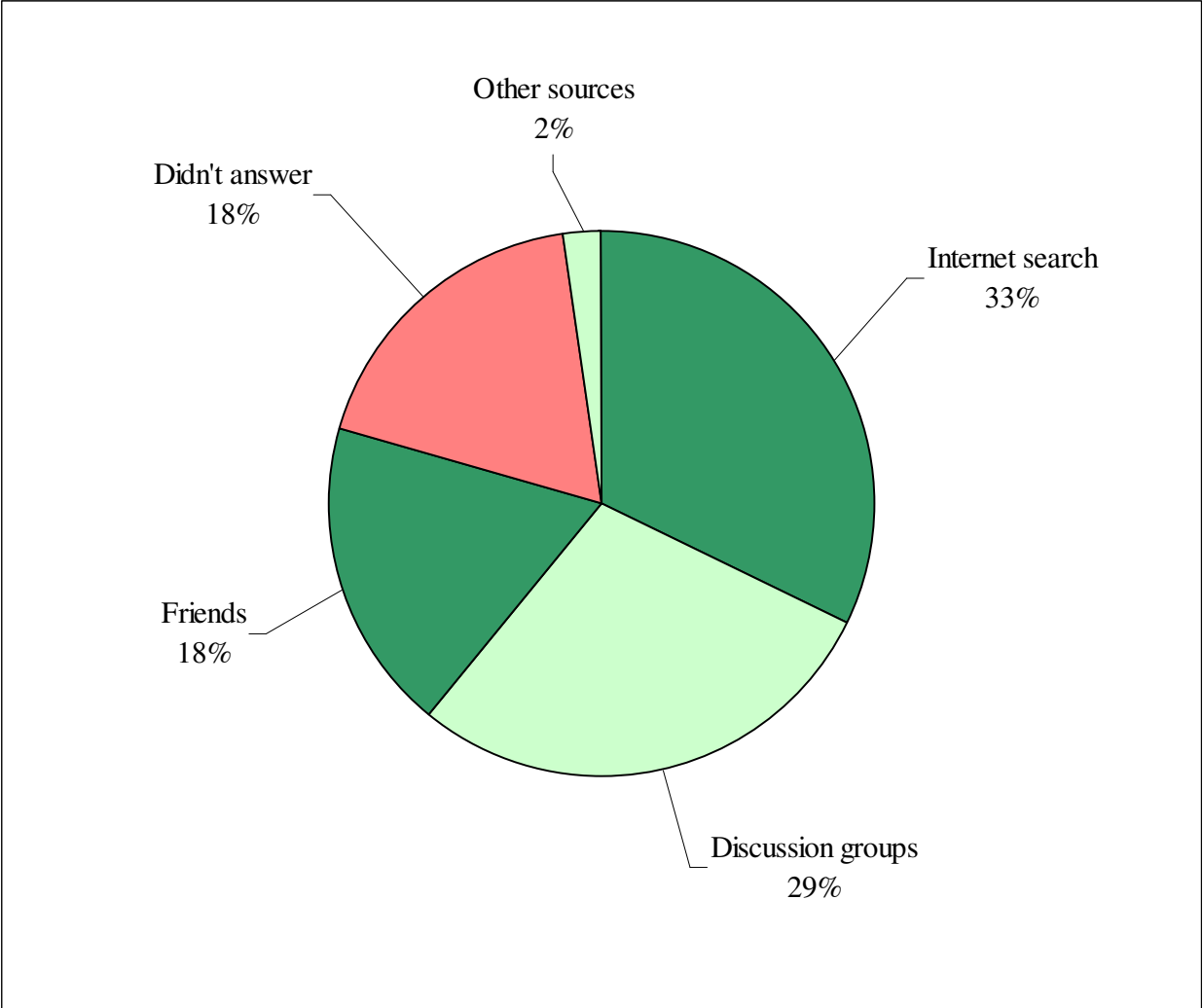
Question: How much would you pay as a yearly membership fee to receive the information you want/need?

Note: People could choose one or more options or not answer at all



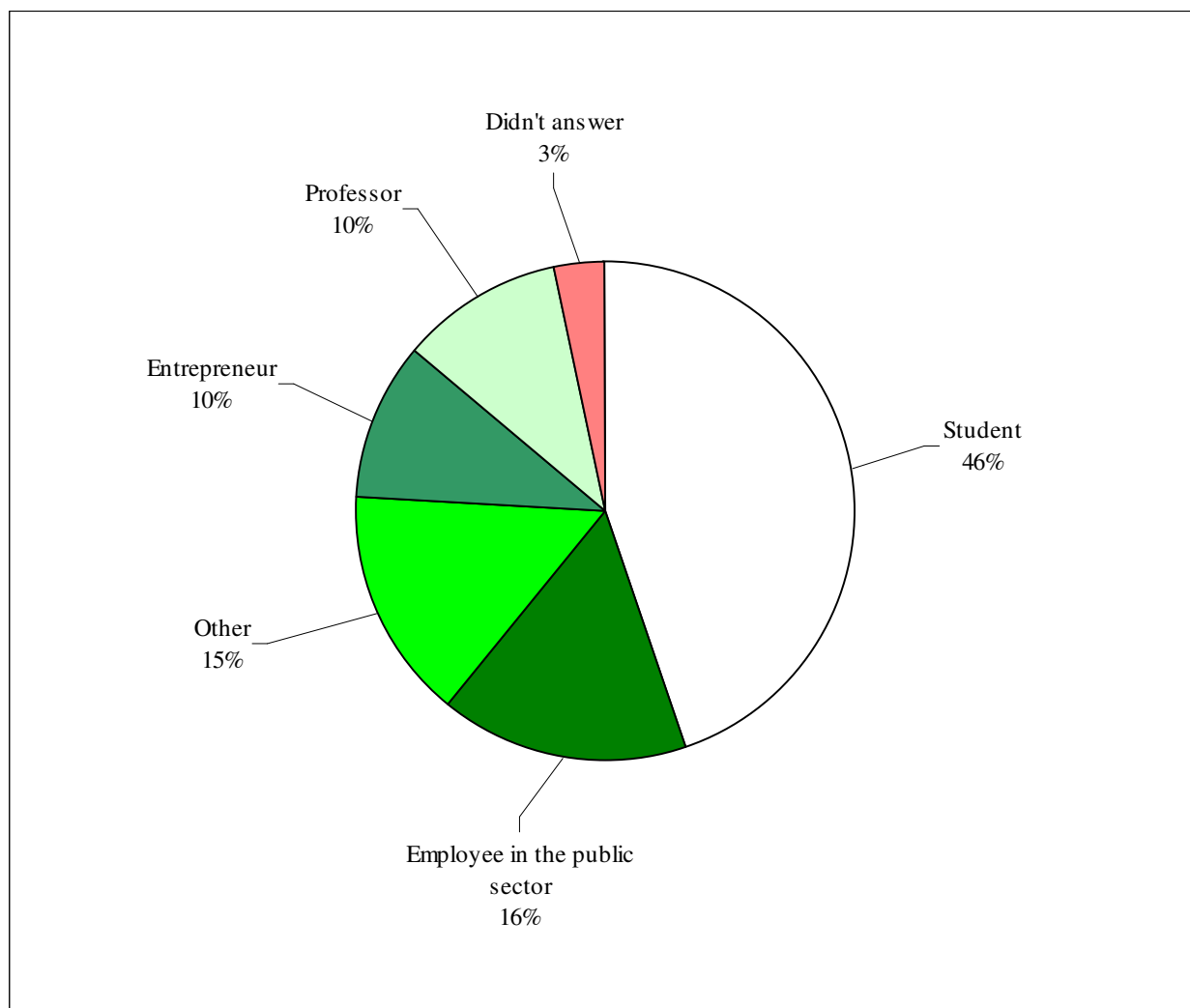
Question: How did you hear about this website?

Note: People could choose one or more options or not answer at all



Question: What is your occupation?

Note: People could choose one or more options or not answer at all



Question: What other public policies organizations do you know? What are their websites?

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- Center for European Policy Studies, Brussels; www.ceps.be
- Idealist, Think for Yourself; idealist.org, thinkforyourself.org, HAMSA.org
- Oklahoma Public Policy Council
- IREX, ACCELS , UNICEF, UNIDO; www.unicef.org, www.irex.org, www.accel.org
- African Research and Development Agency (ARADA), Kano- Nigeria
- Color me free of HIV/AIDS inc; www.colourmefreeofhivaids.org
- In Belarus, law trend Sapeha foundation; www.lawtrend.org
- Not much - The Brookings Institute, Council on Foreign Relations
- United Nations Information Service, United States Information Service
- GYCA
- GTZ, UNEP, UNFCCC
- Its Anjuman Asiayee Awam, Pilar, SAP, CWS
- Hexagon Consulting Group; www.hexagon.com.ec
- NIL
- World Federation of United Nations Associations; www.wfuna.org
- www.advocacy.ro; www.ipp.ro; www.cspd.ro; www.gdl.ro; <http://www.fdc.org.ro/>
- Amnesty International; Green Peace; International organization for human rights
- MIRAUI; www.mirau.org
- ACLU, SPLA, Sierra Club
- Pro Public

Additional comments

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- Who are you guys?
- It might be important to target the needs of the private sector in relation to the public policies. What are their expectations? How they could find useful such an initiative? Is there any particular area they envisage as essential?
- Please keep me posted with your progress. I would like to contribute to this project
- I would like to know, or think others may do, the specifics of the provisional aims of the organization, before the results of this survey
- Wait and see
- I want it happen in real not just advertisement and kind of thing like that
- I hope to have the chance and to express and show my abilities
- Good planning to ask people before setting up
- I think that this survey follows a known procedure
- What we need is a push-mechanism to ensure credible public policy thrusts; and most importantly to ensure that policies are implemented unless reviewed or abrogated
- I pray you do what you claim you want to do
- I did my diploma research on Legal Regulation in the sphere of Education in Belarus
- Best of luck
- This will be a great opportunity for information exchange and to promote sustainable development... or the concept of sustainability
- Keep it up, we shall overcome
- I hope it will give particular consideration for members that are from the less developed country in terms of financial obligations. And above all it should be exclusively interactive
- www.ngoartstudio.org.mk
- I look forward to being a part of your organization in the way you may consider me
- This forum must provide opportunities for scholarships to attend the forum's activities, for bringing better change in Pakistani society
- I hope that this project will help to the building of a better world
- The organization I am chairing would like to network with you and to be a member of the Global Public Policies Survey
- I'm happy and ready for other contacts and help that I can provide and give....Also I will be very glad to be a member...Hope that our contact will continue
- Don't you think there are enough int'l teams providing "information" on global policies online...?
- Try hard, do your job with public participation
- To be more helpful, the organization needs more definition; why is it being formed and who will it serve? With this info, these answers could be more specific