



Troms og Finnmark fylkeskommune
Romssa ja Finnmarkku fylkkagielda
Tromssan ja Finmarkun fylkinkomuuni

Agenda 1. September 2021 (10-12)

- ✓ Welcome (10 min)
- ✓ Presentations of participants (15 min)
- ✓ Short status report from each country (5 min each)
- ✓ Summary questionnaire (15 min)
- ✓ Updated mandate and action plan (20 min) Roman
- ✓ Autumn Meeting (20 min)



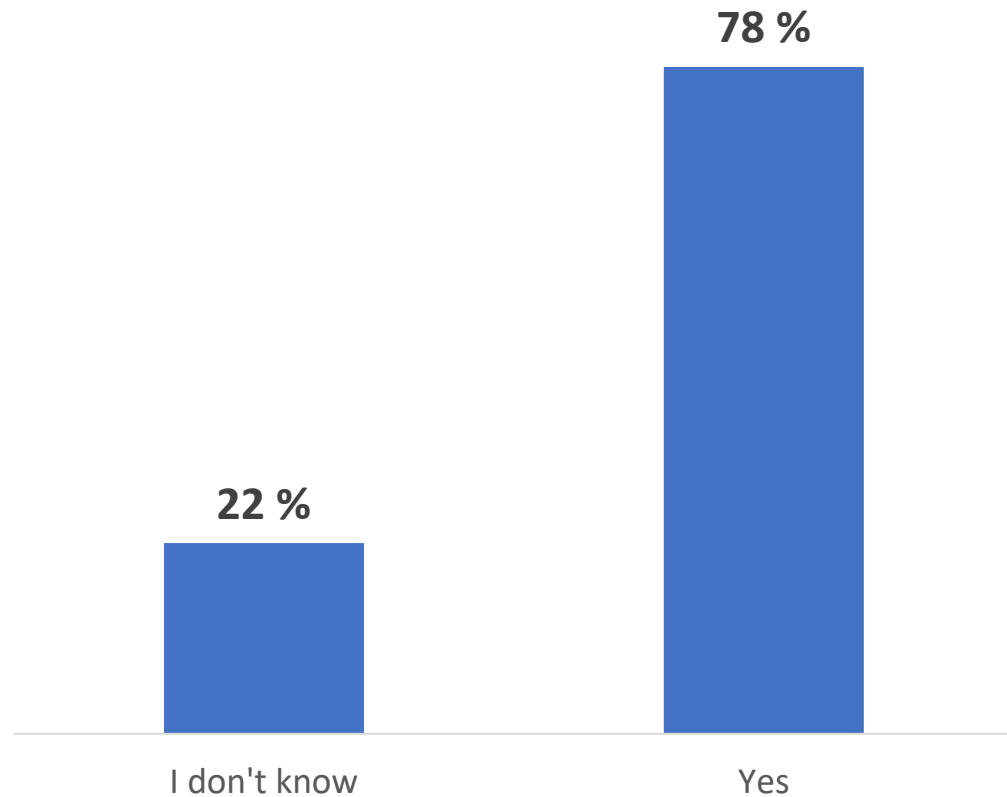


Summary questionnaire

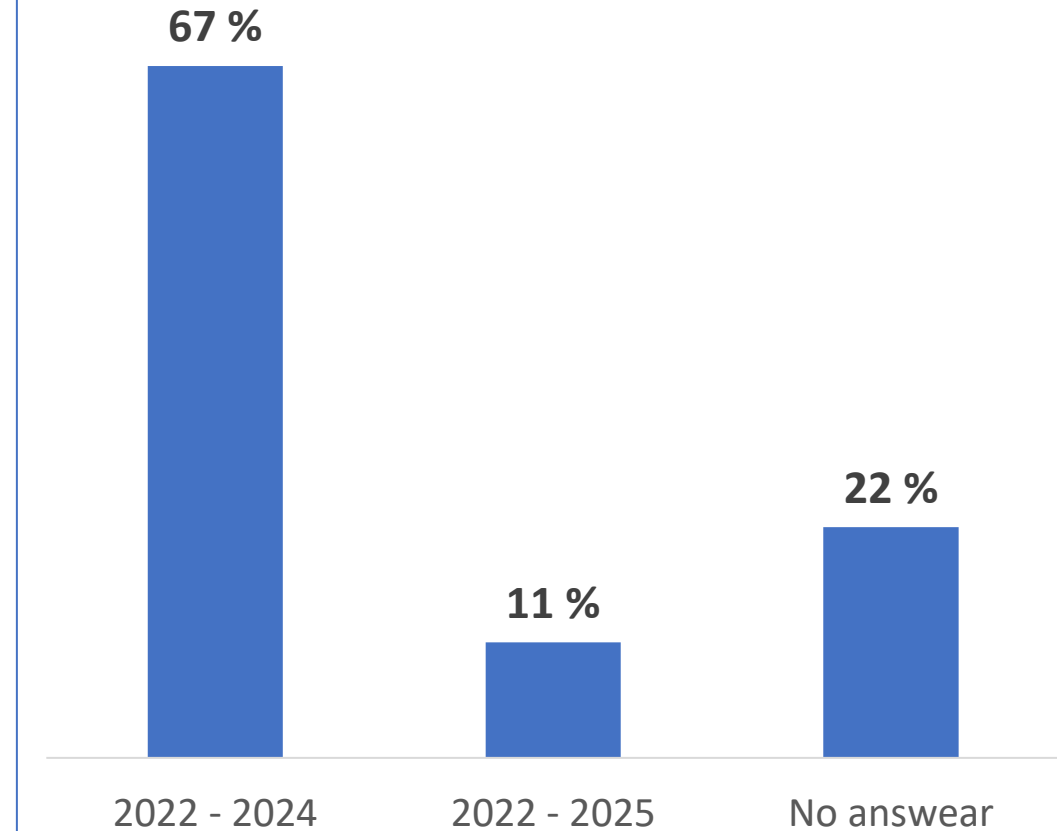
- Purpose: We would like to hear your views about the need to have a new mandate and an updated action plan for the joint working group
- The questions was sent out to 16 people, we got answer from 9, which gives an answer percentage of 56 %
- All countries are represented in the answers, from all tree levels (local, regional and national)



Should a new mandate for the working group be prepared?

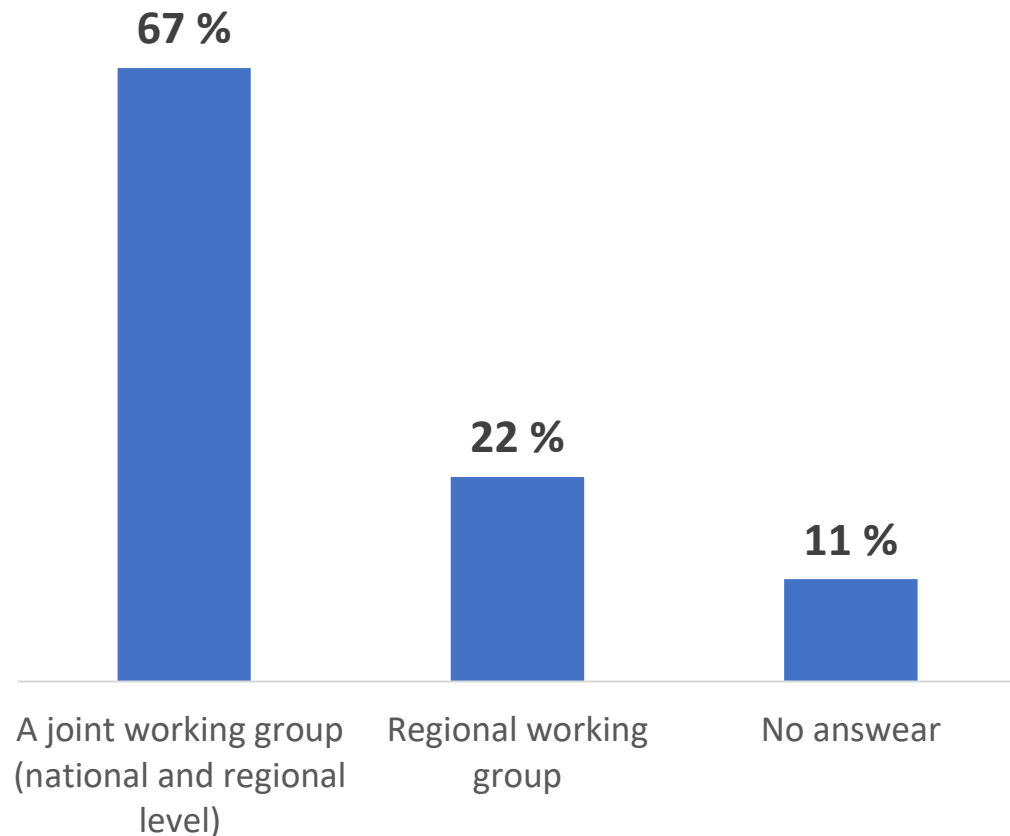


Working group period





Should the working group be a joint working group (national and regional level) or a regional working group



National and regional level

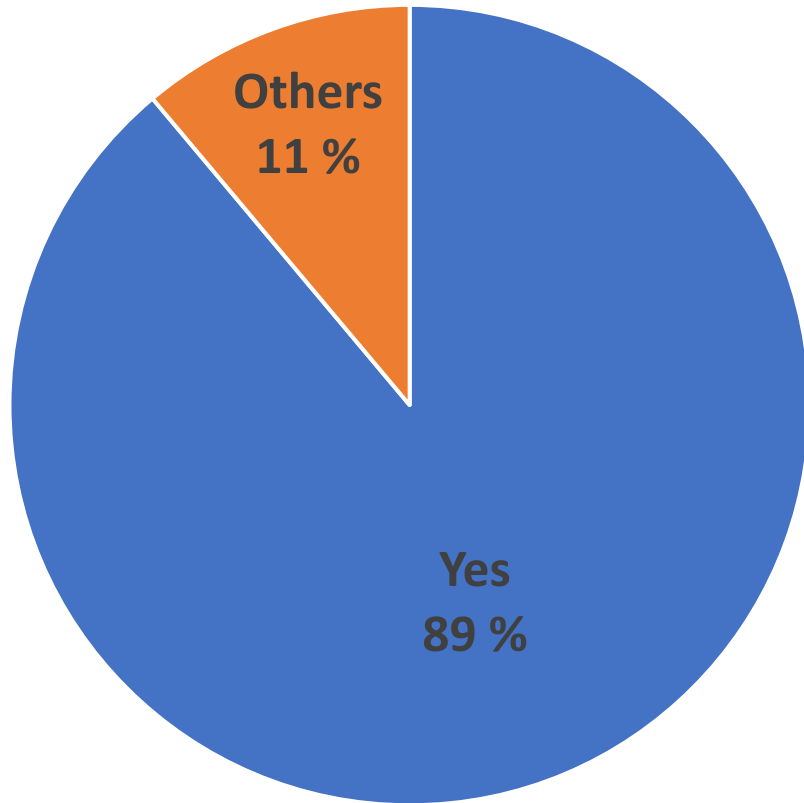
- To achieve a joint working group goals, the negotiation process requires a high level of preparation
- Actions must be collaborative and decision-making must be at the national level
- Tourism is an opportunity that needs to be regulated and steered into a sustainable development
- The tourism eco-system is more than just the tourism industry and has impacts on other industries, and often there are also conflicting intersections between the industries
- The Barents region is vulnerable, both with regard to culture and nature, and these issues need to be applied on a national level
- Joint working group is relevant only if national level of all countries is committed
- It is evaluated that the JWGT structure is valuable to guarantee especially the flow of information.
- Issues of tourism development should be considered not locally, but in a vertically integrated structure
- JWGT has been working well so far. To change the present format would perhaps not give any added value?

Regional level

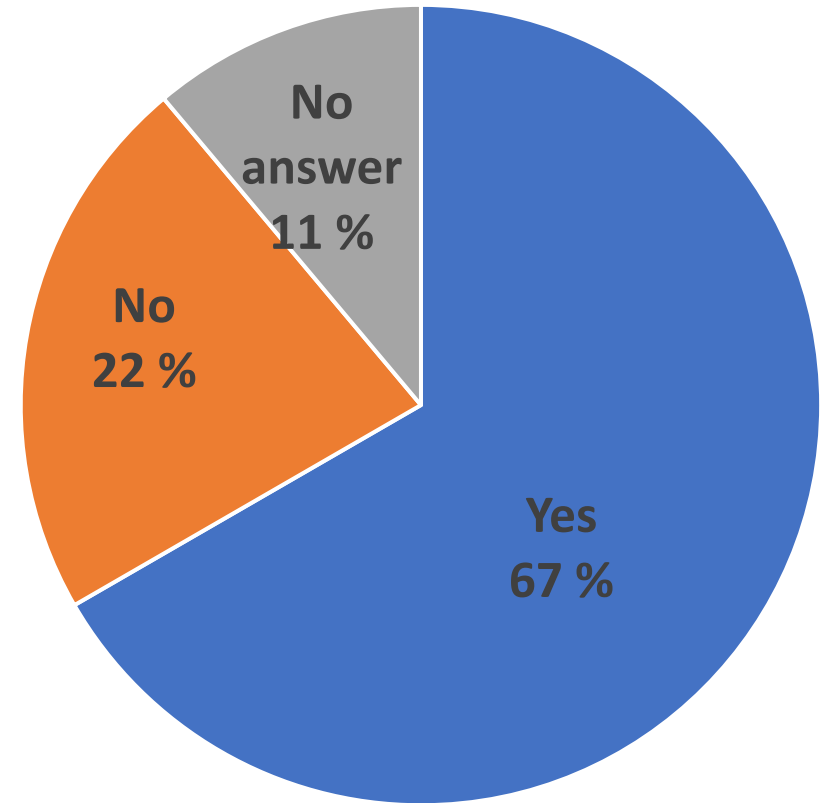
- The work would be more fruitful if concentrated at regional level, and by occasions with national representatives invited to take part of the work
- The regional working group approach would benefit and simply the bottom-up implementation.



Is your organization committed and willing to participate in the working group



If yes, do you see the need to update the Barents Tourism Action Plan (2013)?





Main task for the working group

Highlight the cooperation on national and regional level

Prepare scenarios for tourism in the Arctic – Post-covid ramifications

Implementation of sustainable tourism

Sharing information and exchanging best practices

Joint innovation and product development in the tourism industry

Take account health security in tourism development

More efficient and fluent flow of information between different working groups

Development and strengthening of interregional relations

Simplification of the possibility of movement for residents cross border

Development of investment and economic cooperation



Autumn Meeting

When and
where

Physical or digital?

26.10.2021 XVIII BEAC Ministerial in Tromsø, Norway

16. – 17.11.2021 Arctic Spirit Conference, Rovaniemi, Finland

Other suggestions?

Suggestions for
agenda

Working with the mandate

Working with a new version of the action plan

Other topics?
