

27th January 2021, ERIC Forum Annual Meeting & Project General Assembly, Online

Sustainability of the ERIC Forum 2021 and beyond

► 2019-2020

Laying down the foundations

- Solid management team – the backbone
- New platforms
 - Consolidation of the community
 - Joint working space (SharePoint)
- New governance
 - New rules
 - New Executive Board
- New face – website and social media
- New collaborations and partners
 - Collaboration with EC, ESFRI, other RIs...
- New voice

▶ 2021-2022

Delivering and sustainability

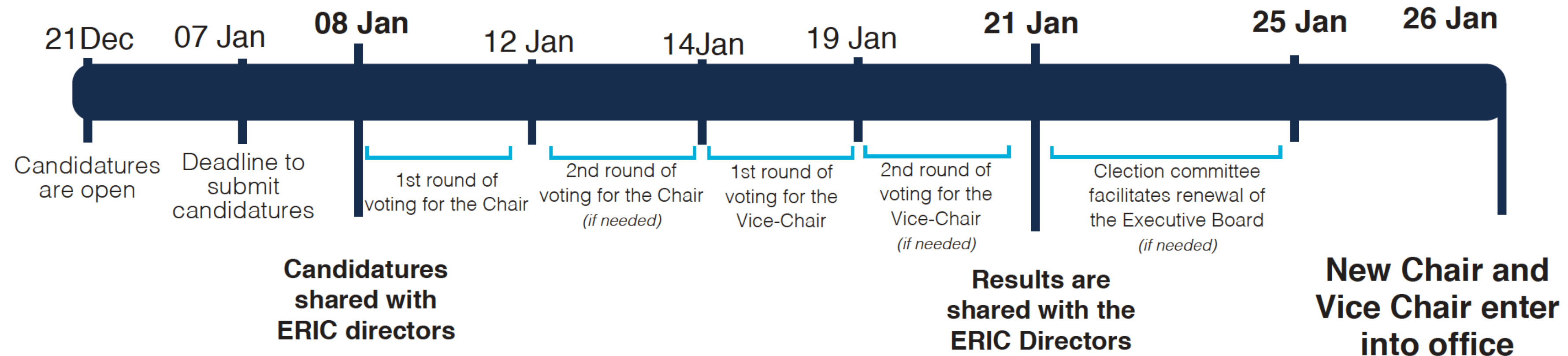
- Big deliverables on the horizon
- **Toolkit**
 - What are the expectations of the Forum Members? And Prep-Phases?
- **Expand communication**
 - Results of the survey
 - What can we improve?

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Results of the 2021 elections Clarification

► Elections – the new process

ERIC Forum Chair and Vice Chair Election Timeframe process



► Duration of the mandate of the Chair and Vice Chair?

- Why are we discussing on that question?
 - John and Anton have been recently reconfirmed in their roles as Chair and Vice Chair!
 - BUT: their second election was based on different rules than the first!
- Previous version: *The Chairperson of the Forum Assembly shall be elected by the Assembly for a period of **one** year. **Reelection is possible.***
 - = Mandate for one year, unlimited possibility of reelection.
- Current version: *The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Forum shall be elected by the Assembly for a period of **two years**. Reelection is possible once for one year. (+ possibility of vote of no confidence)*
 - = Mandate for two years, limited possibility of reelection.

► Options?

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= Four years in total

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▶ What is the intention of the rules? Why have they been changed?

One year chairmanship seems **too short**

- to shape things and
- to build good relationships with stakeholders!

But: request for **more diversity** requires also clear **limitation!**

Therefore, chairmanship should not be longer than 3 years in total!

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► Our proposal... A transition phase

- The ERICs expressed their **appreciation for both Chairs** by re-electing them!
- By doing this, the **ERICs acted already according to the new rules providing a two years Chairmanship.**
- With respect to the possible third year, the other **guiding principle** of the Forum, **diversity**, should be **considered**.
- Our proposal is therefore: **1+1+1**
 - offers chances for new candidates after two years
 - gives freedom to both Chairs to decide if they are willing to re-candidate
 - to run for another office

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ERIC Forum Toolkit

Your expectations

► Toolkit

From the grant agreement

- D5.4 : ERIC Forum's **repository for internal communications**
- In this task, the task leader, together with the partners involved in the development of the practices and policies in WP3 and WP4, will set-up and make publicly available an **online toolbox** including the **guidelines** with **best practices** related to HR management and recruitment procedures, membership fees and in-kind contributions regimes, budgeting and financial reporting, procurement, VAT exemption and economic activities, as well as to socio- economic impact assessment and sustainability, scientific evaluation and reporting.

▶ Toolkit

In practice (and what's available now)

- Archive for the Forum and project (SharePoint)
- Joint working platform (SharePoint)
- Publicly available repository (not available now)
- **Other needs?**

► Conceptualisation and next steps

- Task leader: ICOS
- 1st round of interviews with Project Management Team - DONE
- Next step: broader consultation with all ERICs

Our question: what is your wish list of features for the toolkit?

January 2021

ERIC Forum Survey on Communication Activities

WP 5 – Communication and Dissemination

In December 2020, WP5 of the ERIC Forum project had launched a survey to collect feedback and comments of the ERIC community with regards to the Communication channels and activities of the forum.

The survey was anonymous. It was promoted in the ERIC Forum newsletter distributed in December 2020 to the contact list counting 170 persons from the ERIC community. It was also sent to the ERIC Forum WP5 and RI-VIS project's mailing lists.

As of January 22nd, **12 replies** had been submitted.

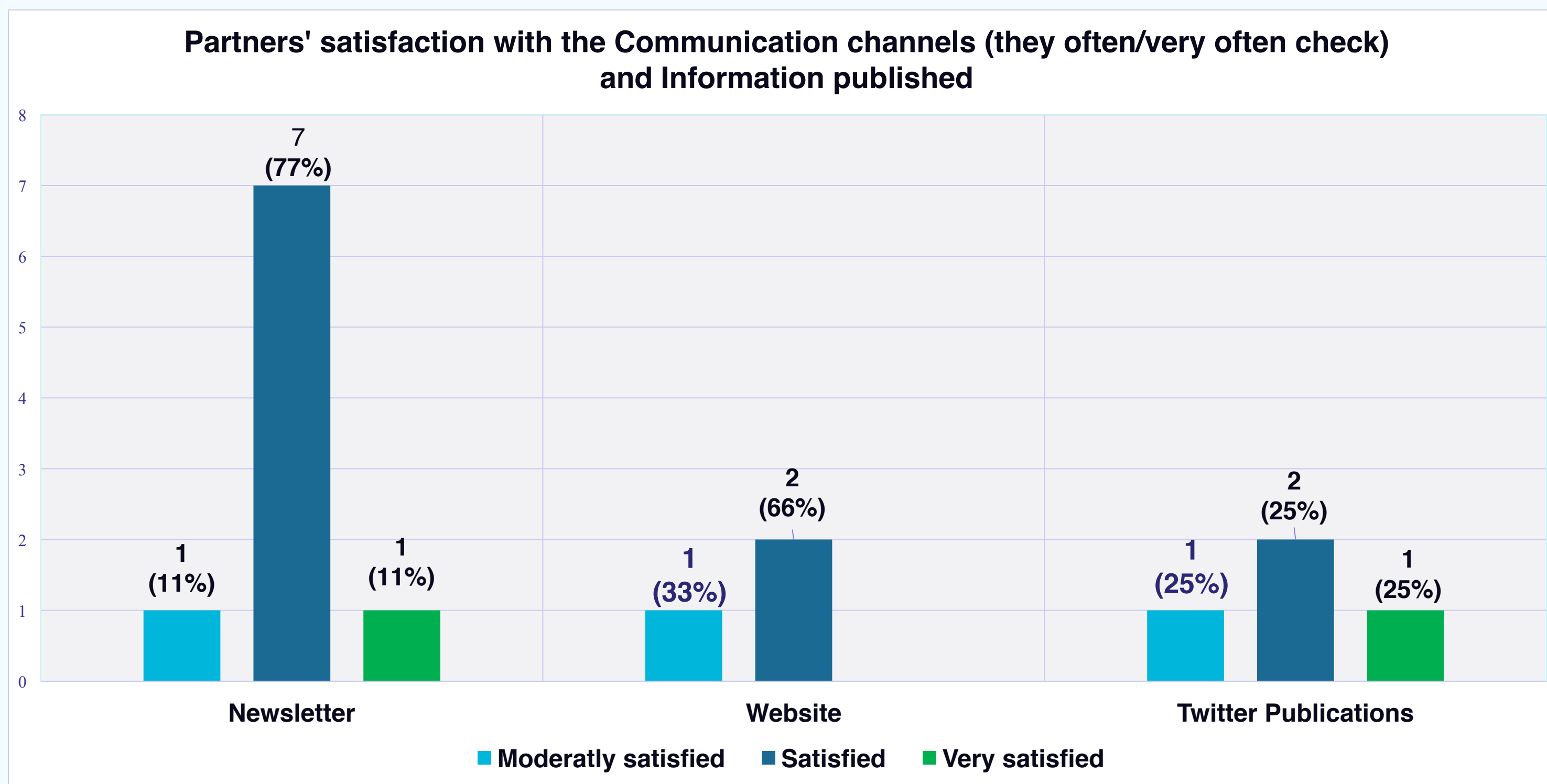


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Respondents' satisfaction with the **Communication Channels they often check**, and the **information published**

The table below highlights **the channels which are either often, or very often checked** by the respondents, **and the level of satisfaction** from the kind of **information published**.

Newsletter: 9 respondents. **Website:** 3 respondents. **Twitter page:** 4 respondents



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Type of information missing in the ERIC Forum Online Platforms

Related Comments:

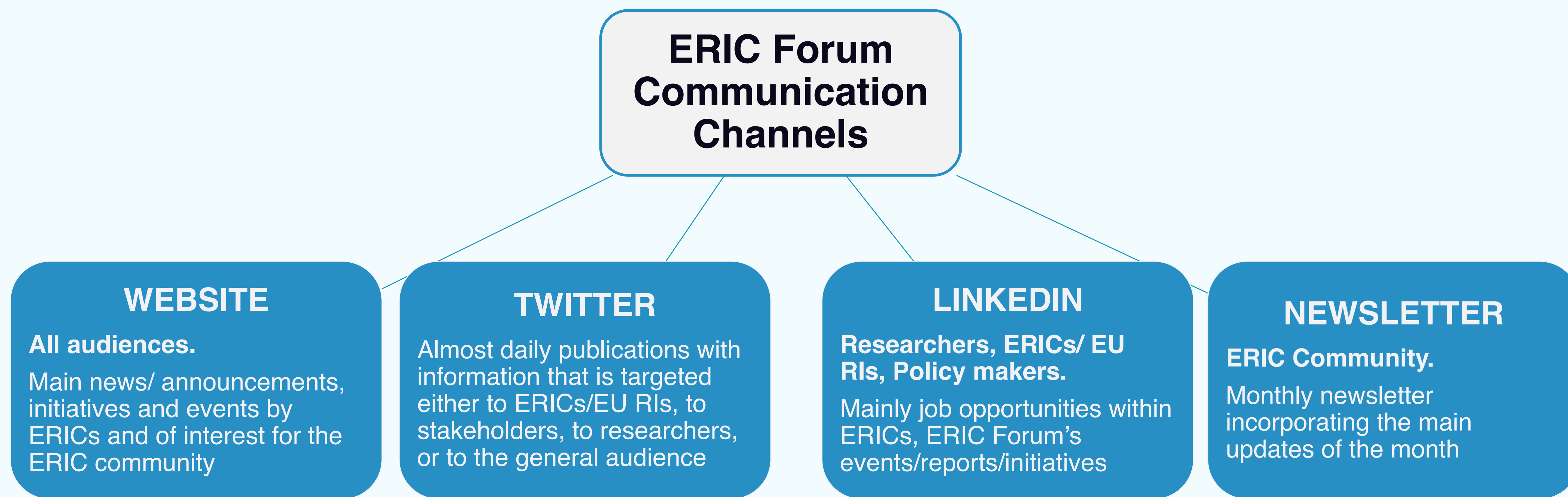
- Differentiation of which audience is targeted by each type of information, and how it is benefiting from each information.
- Distinction between project activities and wider ERIC Forum topics
- Clarity on the kind of ERIC-specific info is considered relevant and why.

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ASSESSMENT

The type of information published is different from one channel to the other, based on the audience category reached through each channel.

WP5 disseminates the content developed within other WPs.





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ASSESSMENT

The goal is to **avoid differentiating** between the **project and the forum's** activities: They are closely linked, and the project is supporting the forum.

The following actions will be implemented, as part of the ERIC Forum Communication Plan 2021, to support clarifying the type of information targeted towards each audience:

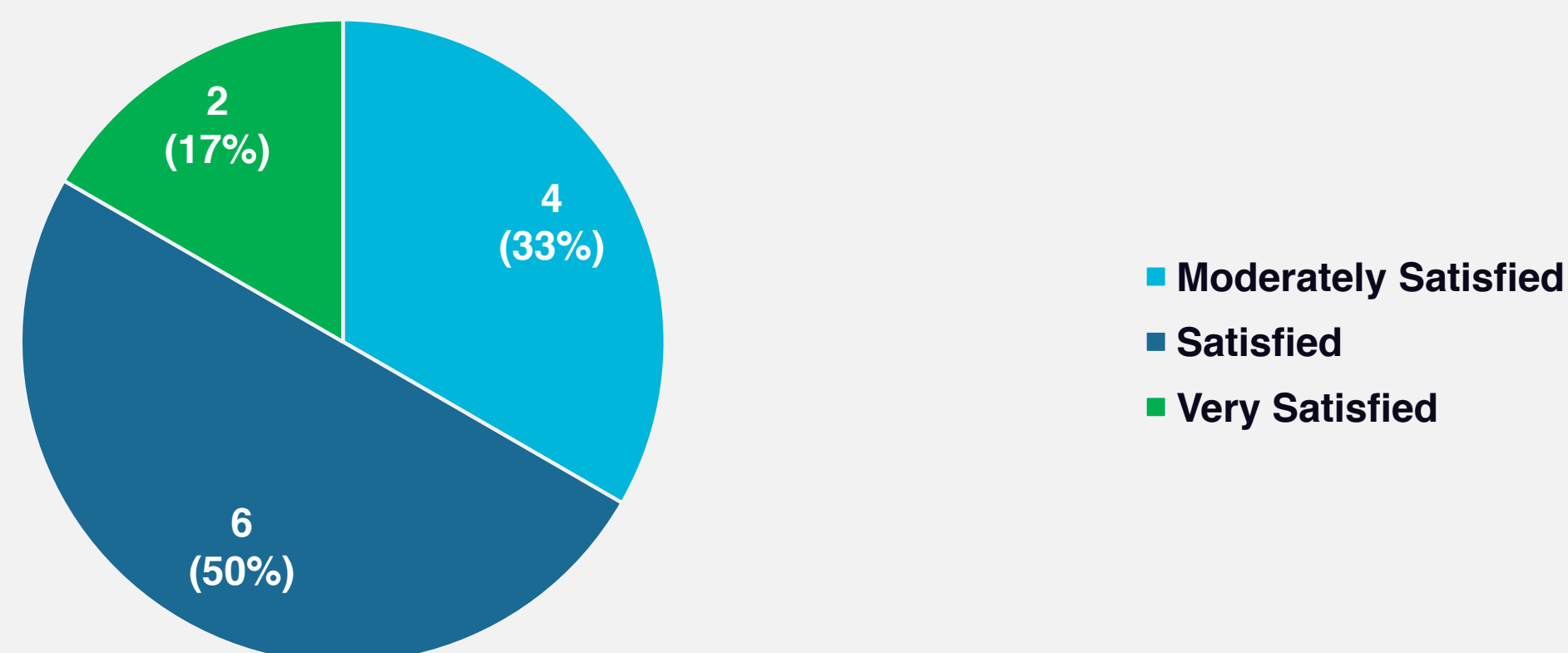
- New sections will be developed and added to the ERIC Forum website: “**ERIC Community**”, “**Policy Makers**” and “**Researchers**” with relevant information targeting each of the above mentioned audiences.
- Few features will be implemented in the ERIC Forum website, to increase the visibility of different news article: For example, sliding banners will be installed to be able to visualize more than 3 news article from the “Latest New” section.
- The visibility of specific project related information (project partners’ description, deliverables’ descriptions, due dates and dissemination levels, tasks, etc.) will be increased.



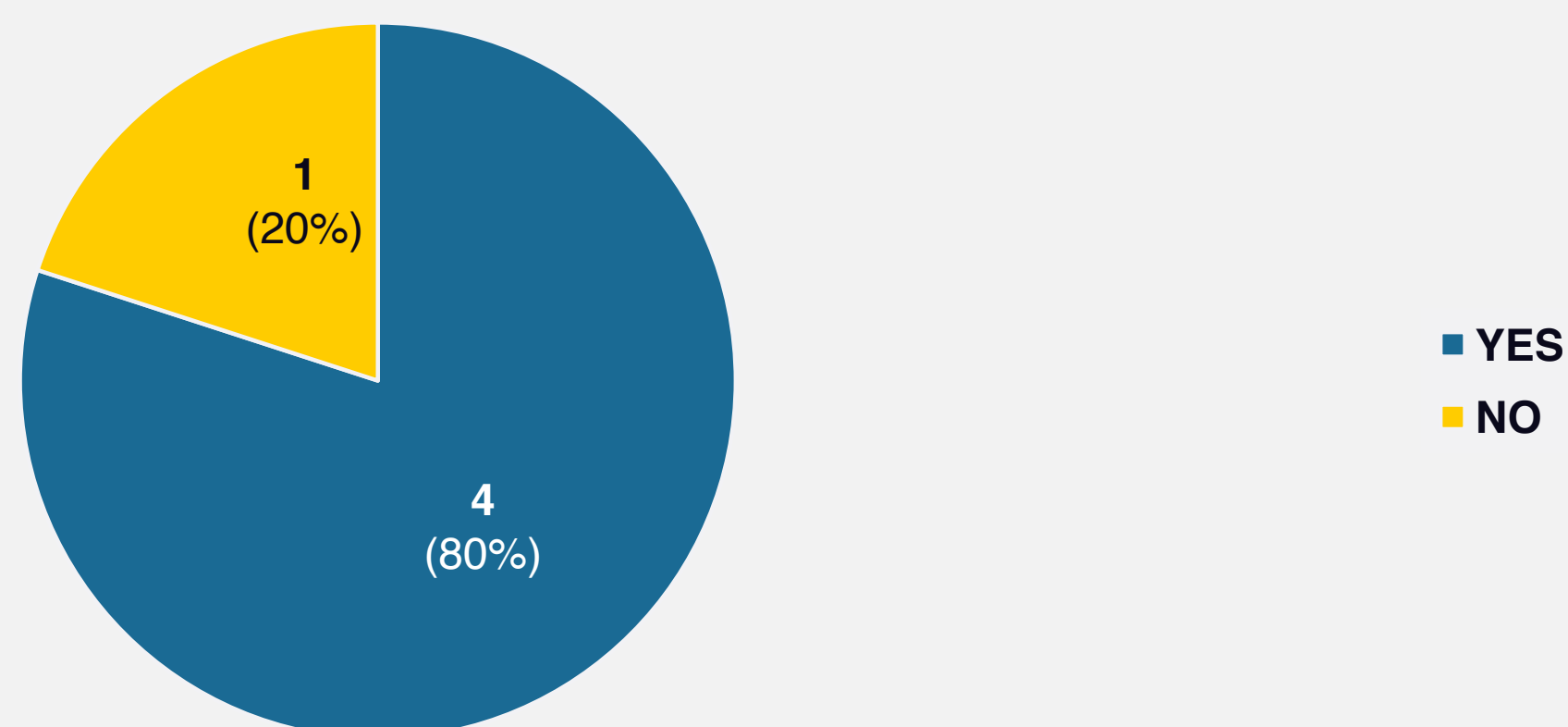
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Respondents' opinion about the ERIC Forum **Internal Communications/ Balance in ERICs' representation**

Partners' satisfaction with the ERIC Forum Internal Communications



Balanced representation of ERICs



Related Comments:

(No: More weight seems to be on physical infrastructures (News related to analytical infrastructures available, but nothing about COVID-19 work from health & food domain)).

ERIC Forum Survey on Communication Activities) **ASSESSMENT**

The 'Latest News' section in the ERIC Forum home page allows to visualize the last 3 articles. An plugin upgrade (as mentioned before) will be implemented to increase the visibility of other news articles

The news article related to the analytical infrastructures is currently visible through the homepage. While the COVID-19 article with all ERICs' related services is also available in the website, accessible through the "News" section.



ERIC Forum Survey on Communication Activities)

Respondents' **Suggestions** and **Comments** (directly related to WP5 activities)

- More reports on individual ERICs, also more frequent notifications on meetings which are relevant to several ERICs, updates on relevant EU developments.
- Launch a campaign of introducing the various ERICs in the next newsletters (like in the ENRIITC newsletter-meet our partners section).
- Organise online meeting informing about ERIC as a legal form and current ERICs which is open to all who are interested.



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ASSESSMENT

- Introduction of ERICs (by cluster) in the newsletter, website, and social media platforms
- A new section will be added in the ERIC Forum website and newsletter: “ERICs’ Annual Reports”.
- A notification will be published in social media, tagging all ERICs, whenever news events/articles are published in the ERIC Forum website.
- Partners are kindly invited to send input about their ERICs’ activities via email, and to tag the **@ERIC_forum** for relevant publications.

More information is available in the ERIC Forum Communication Plan 2021, which you can find in SharePoint.



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Respondents' **Suggestions** and **Comments** (related to other WPs, not directly related to WP5 activities)

- More input on the progress made towards the delivery of the **best practices** document, **tricks on how to ease ERICs' lives**.
- More clarity on the **ERIC Forum governance** (not the H2020 project): which **bodies** are in charge, **who is representing who**, **duration of terms**. Reference to the MoU alone is not enough anymore.
- Information on how the ERIC landscape maps onto the ESFRI landscape would be useful.
- **Consult more** while fixing meeting days.
- Once covid-19 is behind us, start again the face2face meetings.