



4th Thematic Workshop

Environmental Statements and point of view of Public Authorities

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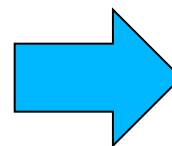
Environmental Statement and public authorities point of view

Are there improvement opportunities in the valorisation of the Environmental Statement as tool to replace reporting obligations considered in the environmental legislation?

What about the opinion of EMAS registered companies and other key stakeholders on this kind of regulatory relief?



Source of data: RAVE project



Partners: adelphi; SSSUP; Trinomics, UBA AT; EMAS Club Catalunya

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Environmental Statement and reporting obligations: key investigated questions

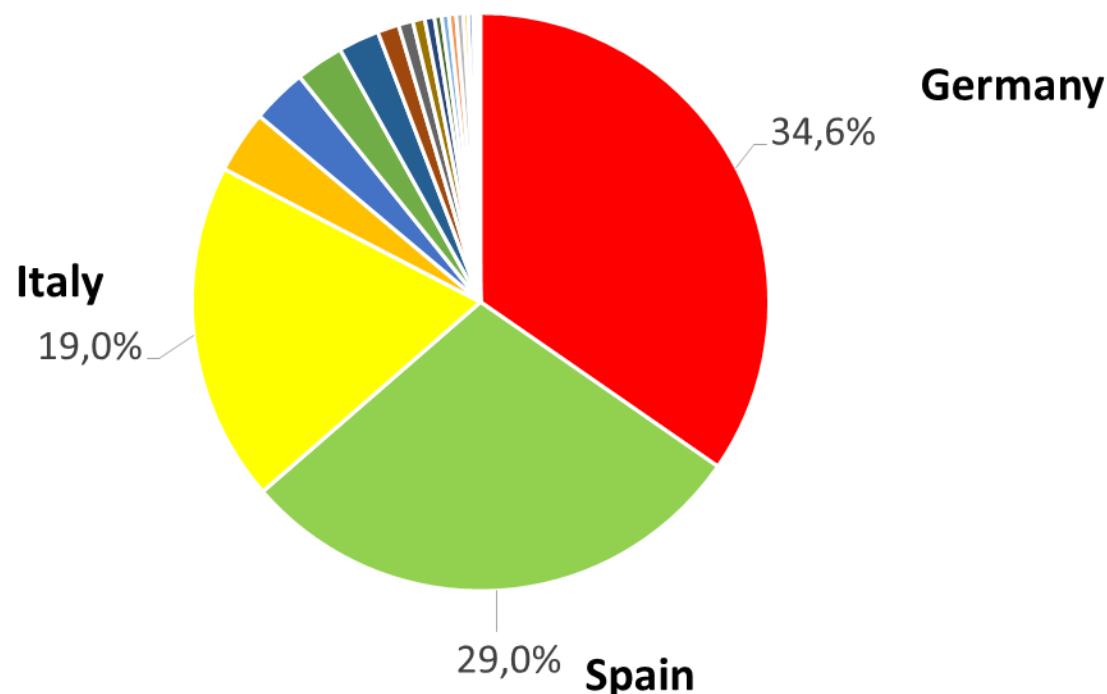
Reporting:

- Is it possible to combine the added value of EMAS' transparent and third party verified reporting with measures to reduce the burden of environmental monitoring and reporting for both organisations and authorities?
- What types of reporting obligations currently exist in the MS?
- Which overlaps currently exist between reporting obligations and the information in the EMAS environmental statement?
- How do companies currently report environmental data to EMAS CBs and other public regulatory and/or inspection authorities?
- How could the current EMAS reporting channels and/or reporting medium be adapted to facilitate more direct communication of environmental data between EMAS registered organisations, CBs, and public authorities?
- What options exist for digitalising EMAS reporting?

The largest survey on EMAS organisations

Germany	34.6%
Spain	29.0%
Italy	19.0%
Austria	3.5%
Belgium	3.1%
Portugal	2.7%
Poland	2.3%
Sweden	1.2%
United Kingdom	0.8%
Finland	0.7%
Greece	0.5%
Bulgaria	0.4%
Czech Republic	0.4%
Denmark	0.4%
Hungary	0.4%
France	0.3%
Slovakia	0.3%
Malta	0.1%
Romania	0.1%
Slovenia	0.1%

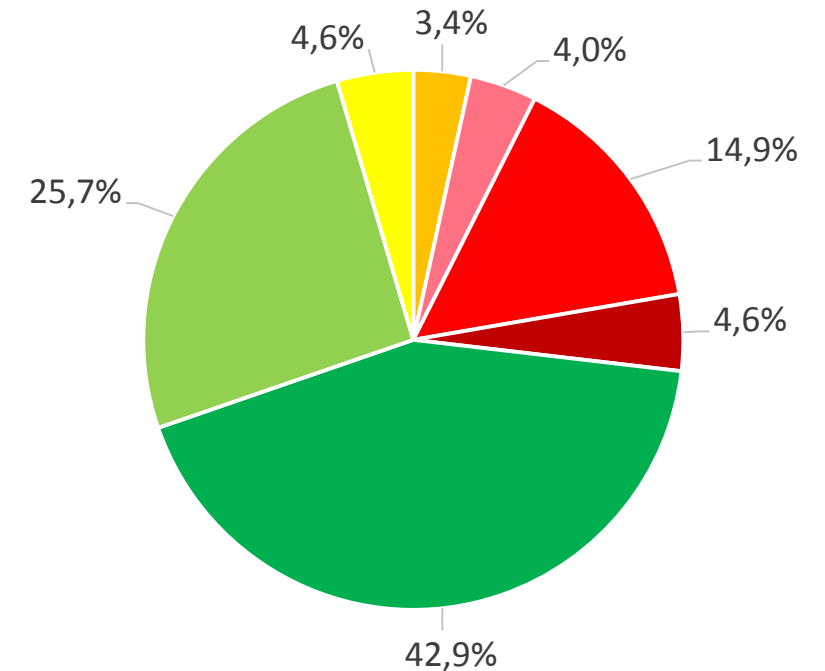
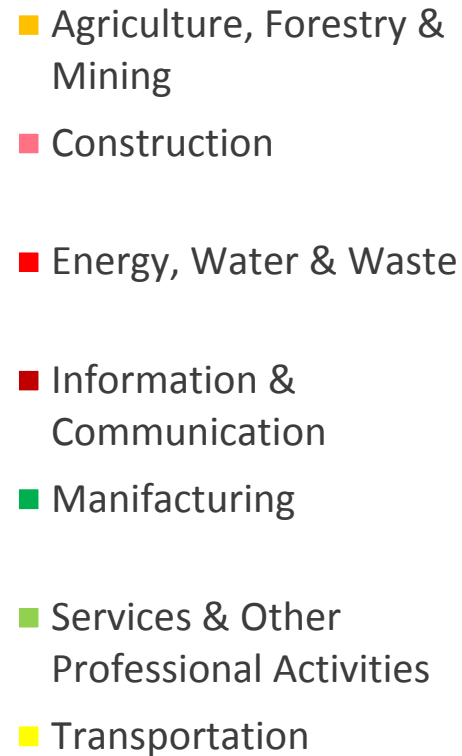
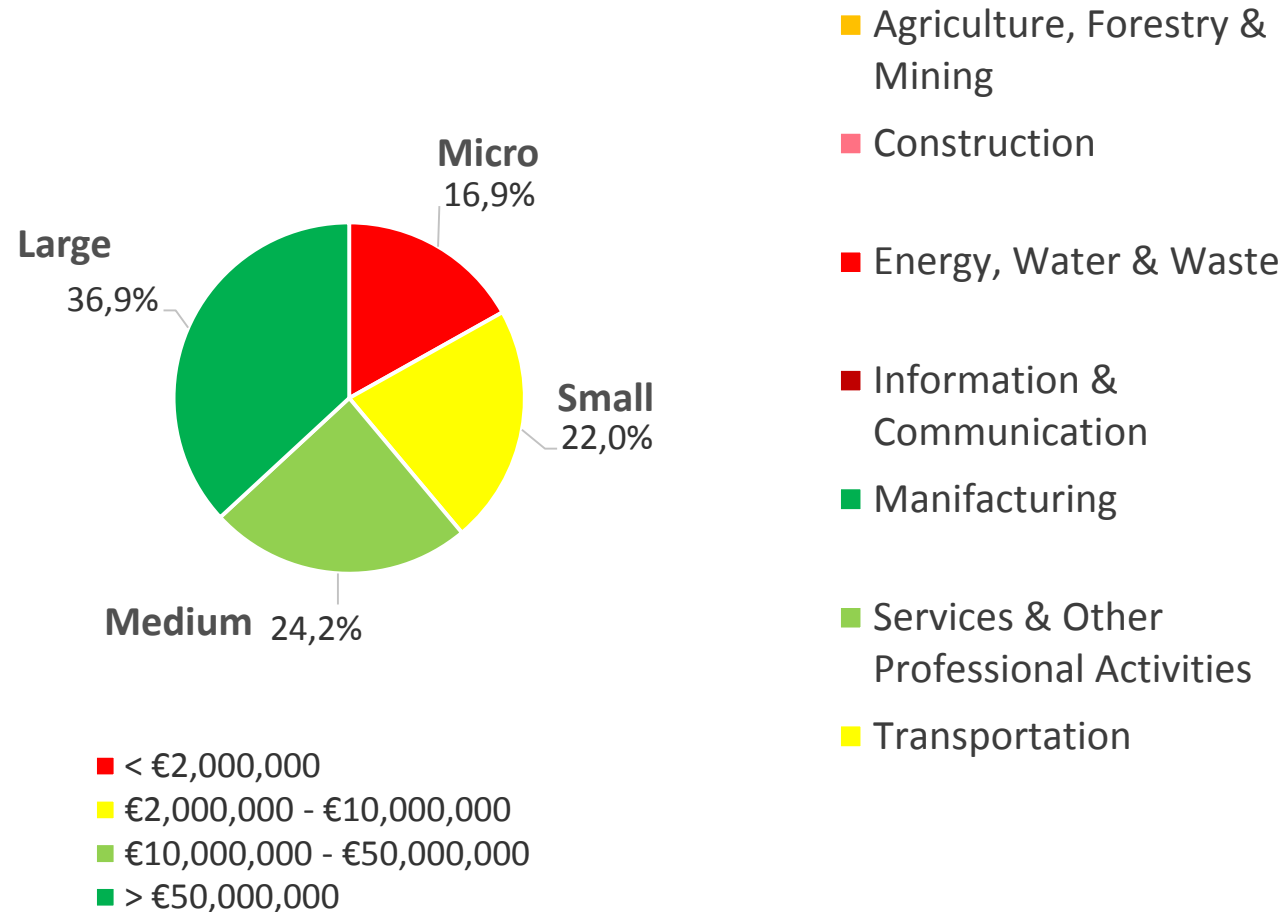
A total of **742 EMAS-registered** organisations filled out the online questionnaire, giving an overall participation rate of 18.7%.



The three countries with the highest numbers of registrations - Germany, Spain and Italy - provided 82.6% of the total responses

Survey on EMAS organisations

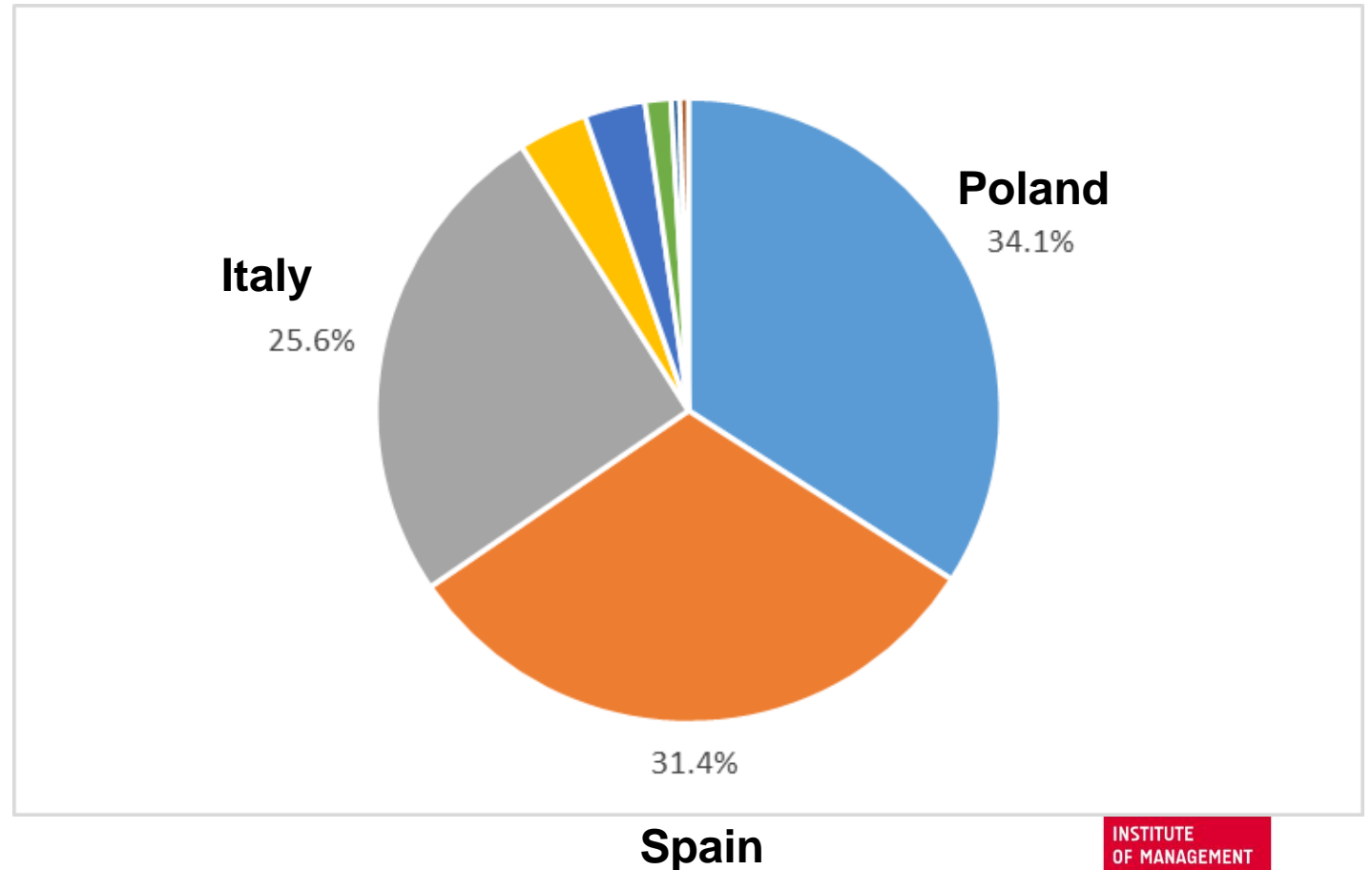
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Survey on ISO14001 organisations

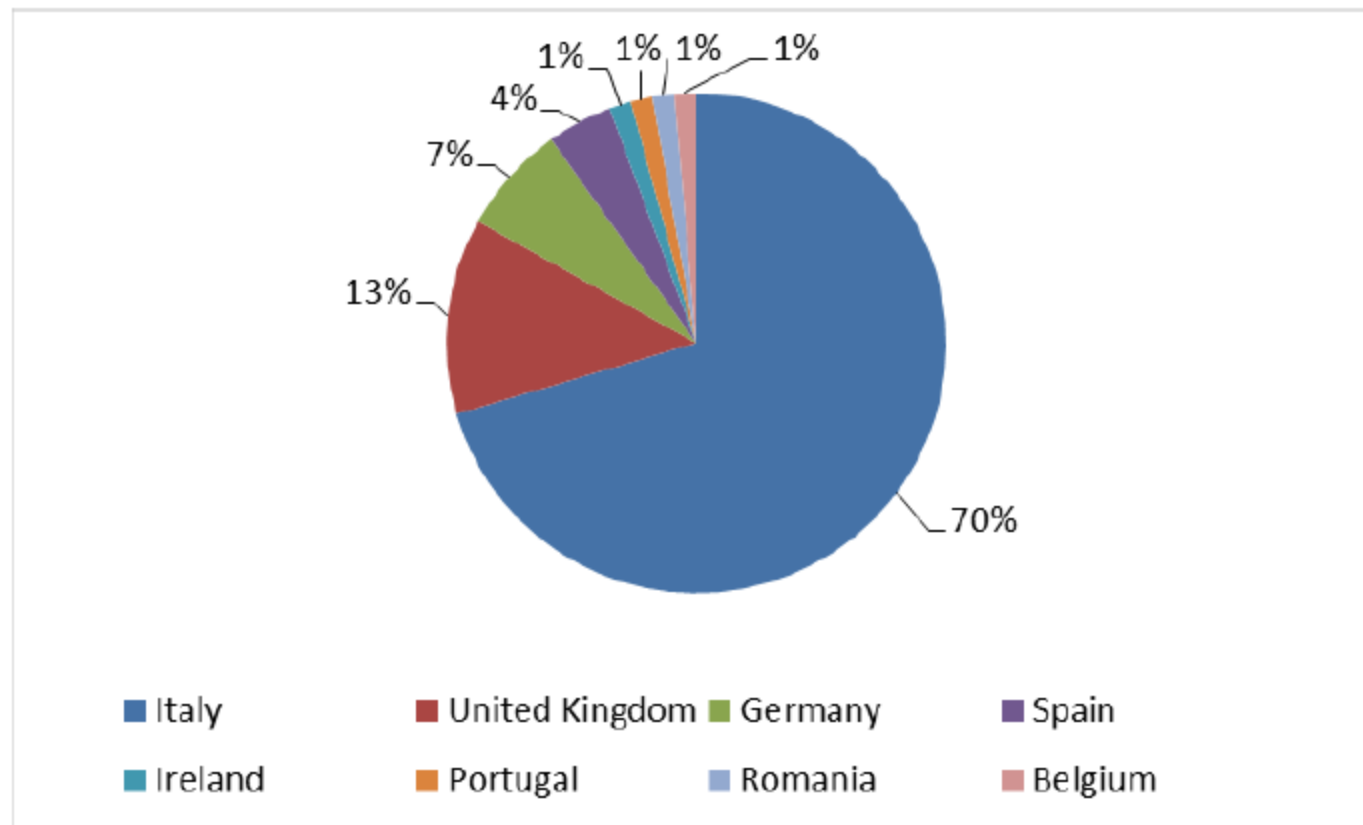
In total, **225 ISO 14001-certified organisations** participated in the survey

Poland	34.1%
Italy	31.4%
Spain	25.6%
Slovakia	3.6%
Portugal	3.1%
France	1.3%
Belgium	0.4%
UK	0.4%



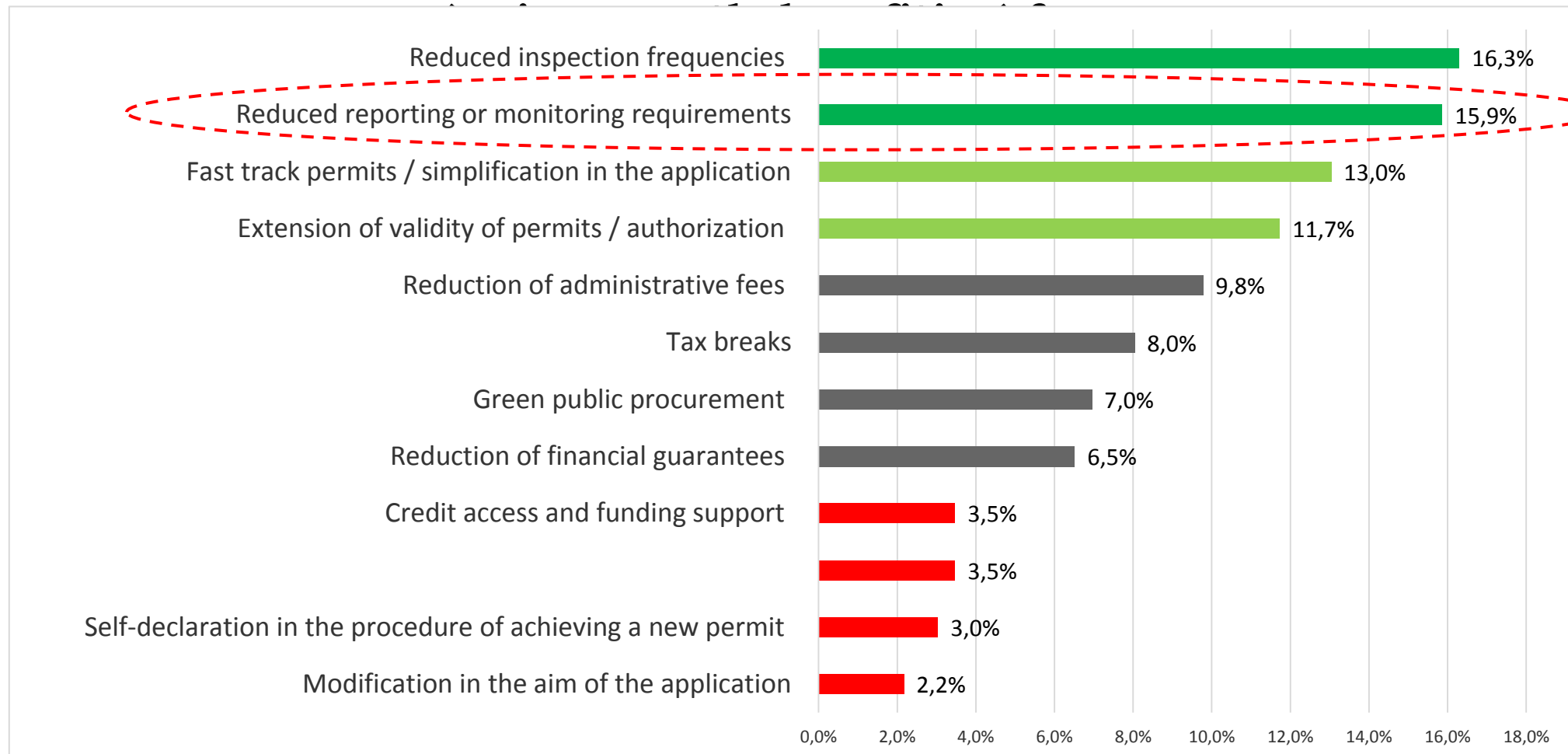
Survey on EMAS verifiers

A total of **71 EMAS verifiers** filled out the online questionnaire



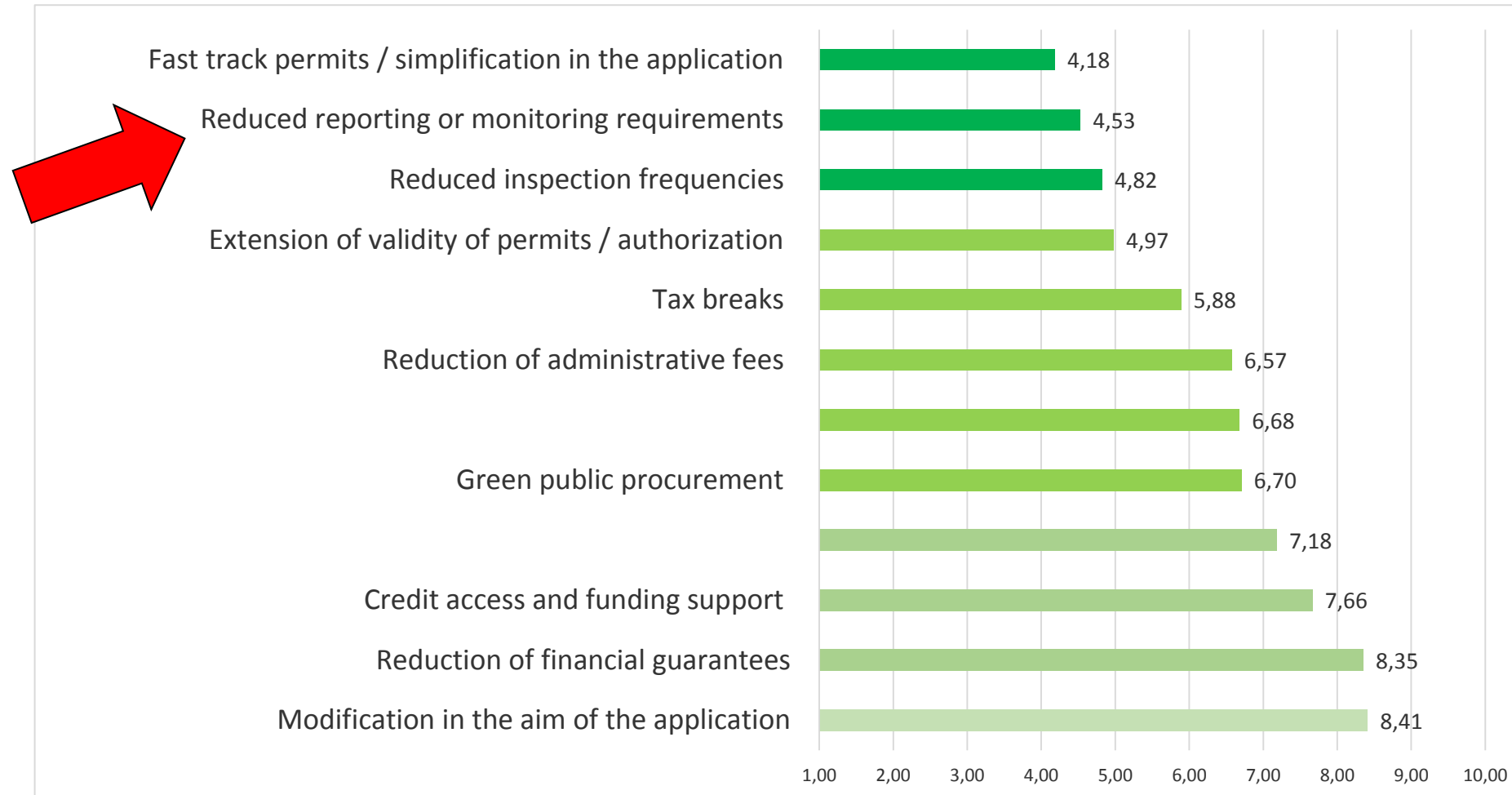
Environmental Statement and public authorities: EMAS organisations

Indicate the types of regulatory relief your organization has benefited



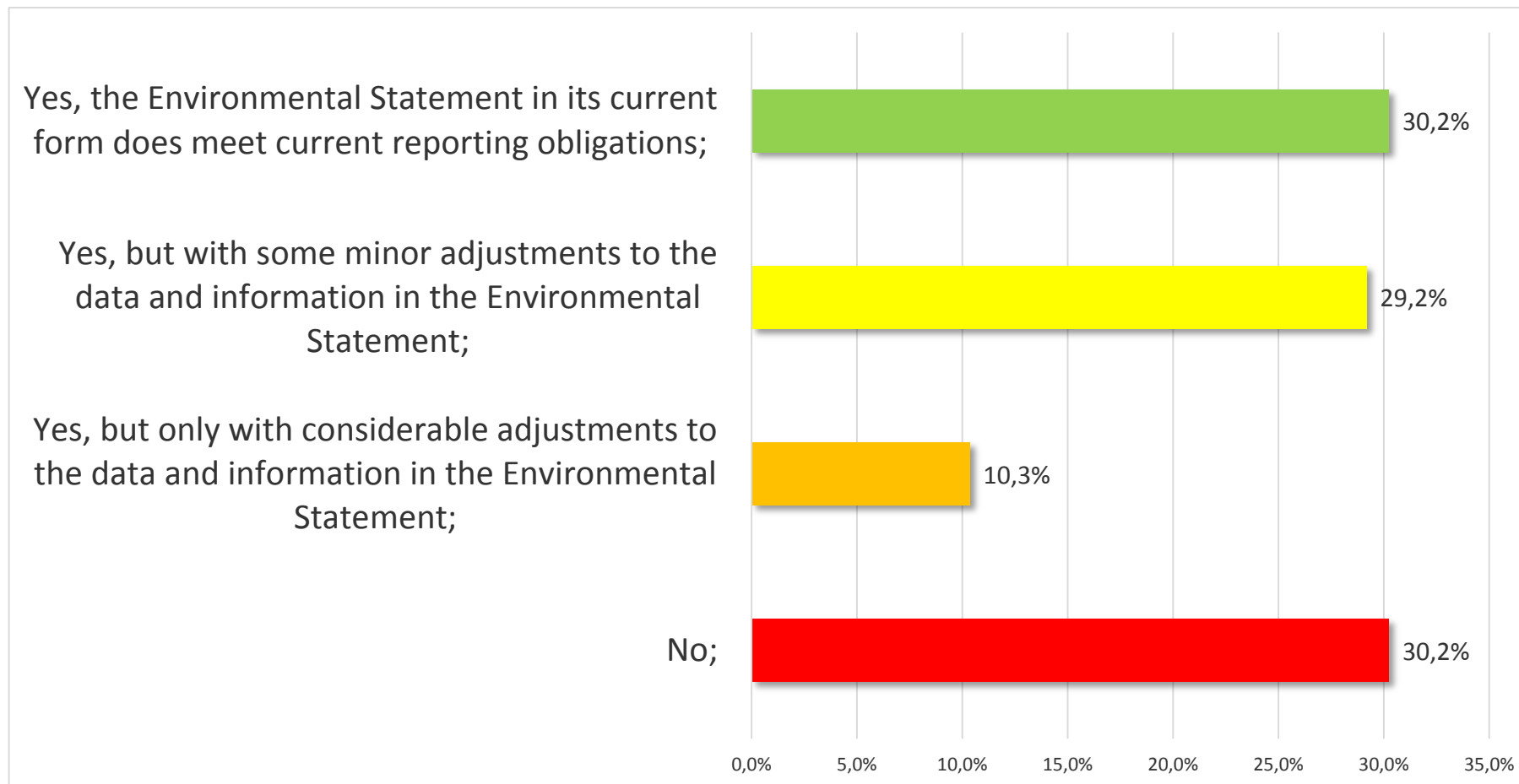
Environmental Statement and public authorities: EMAS organisations

In which of the following areas would you appreciate additional regulatory relief measures?



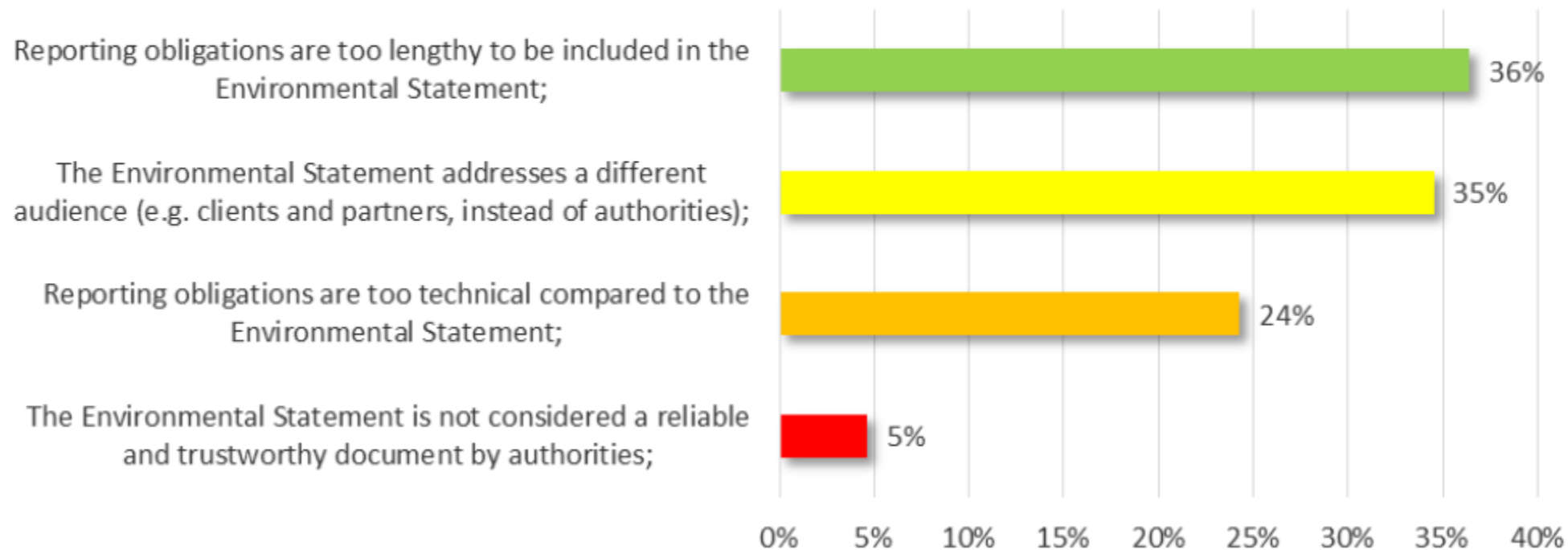
Environmental Statement and public authorities: EMAS organisations

Do you think that the Environmental Statement - in its current or in an adjusted form - could effectively substitute the most burdensome reporting obligations?



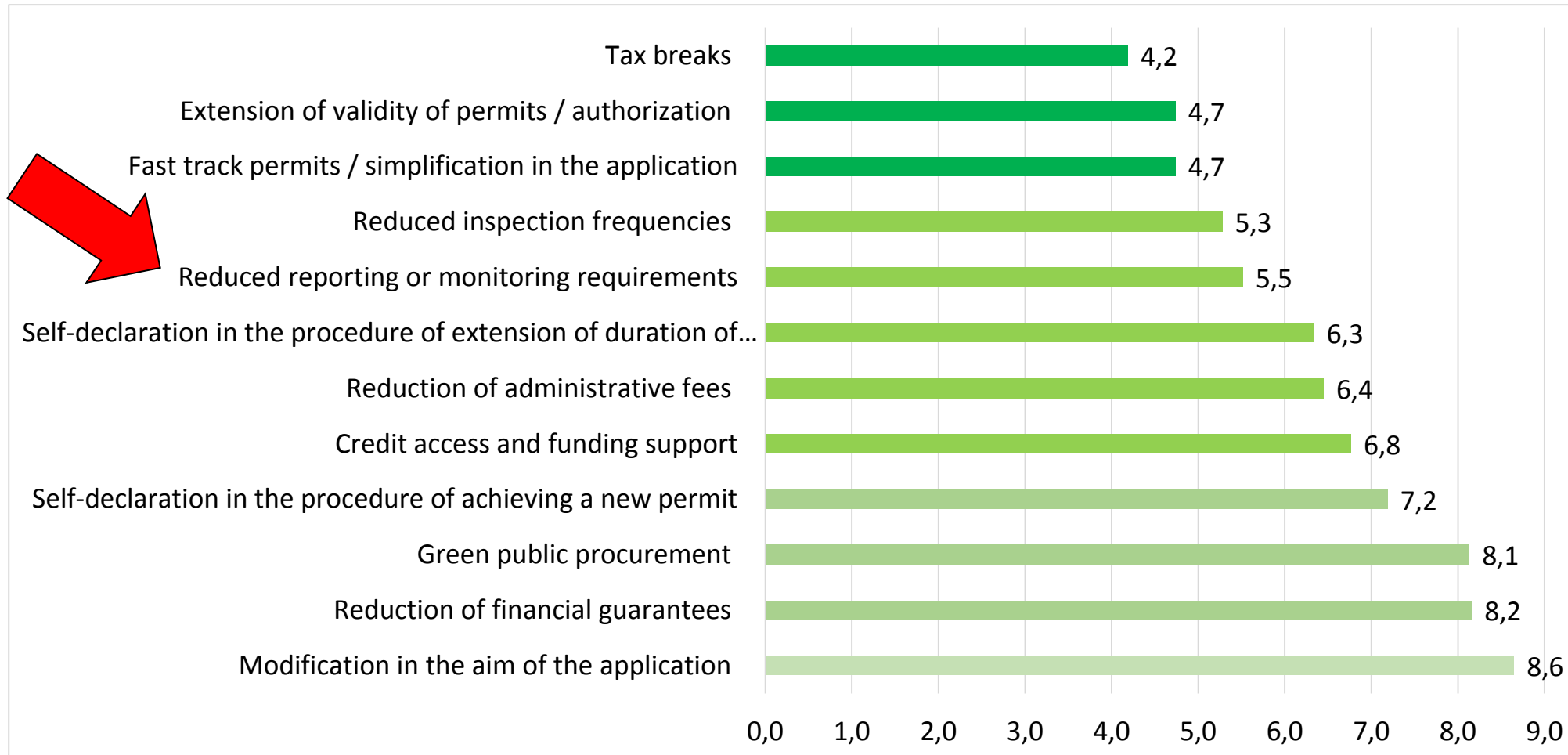
Environmental Statement and public authorities: EMAS organisations

What are the main barriers preventing the Environmental Statement from substituting the reporting obligations mentioned in the previous answer?



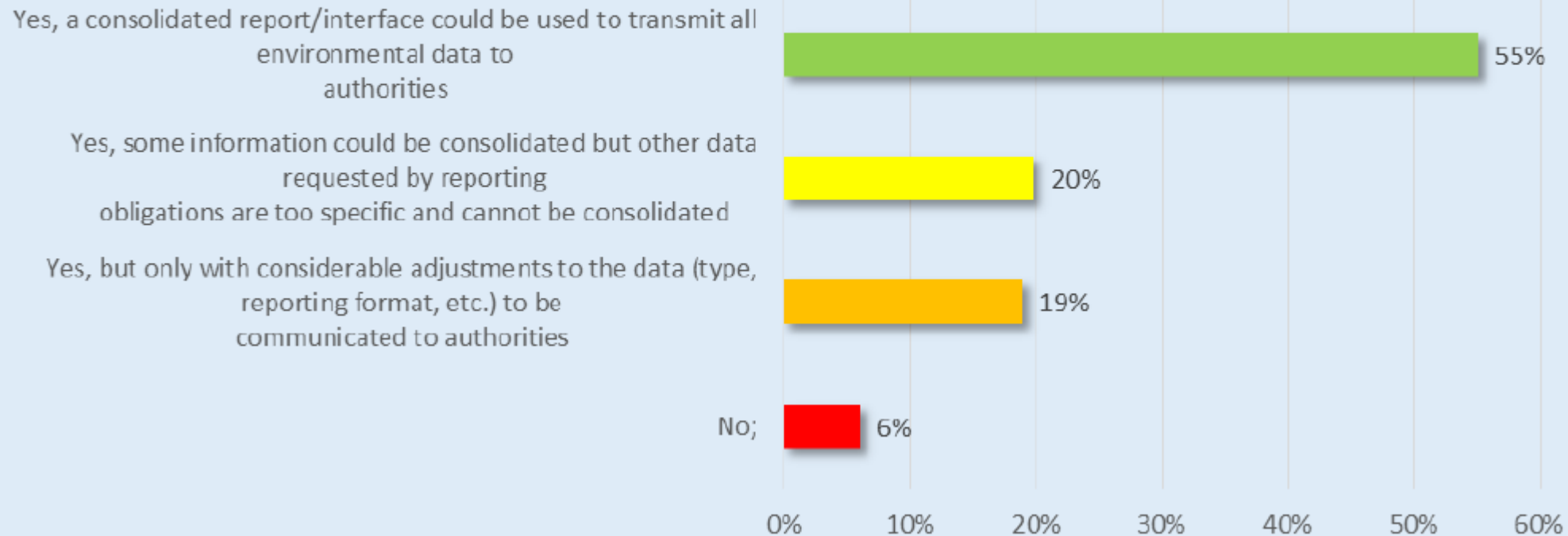
Environmental Statement and public authorities: ISO14001 organisations

Would you consider adopting EMAS if specific additional typologies of regulatory reliefs would be provided?



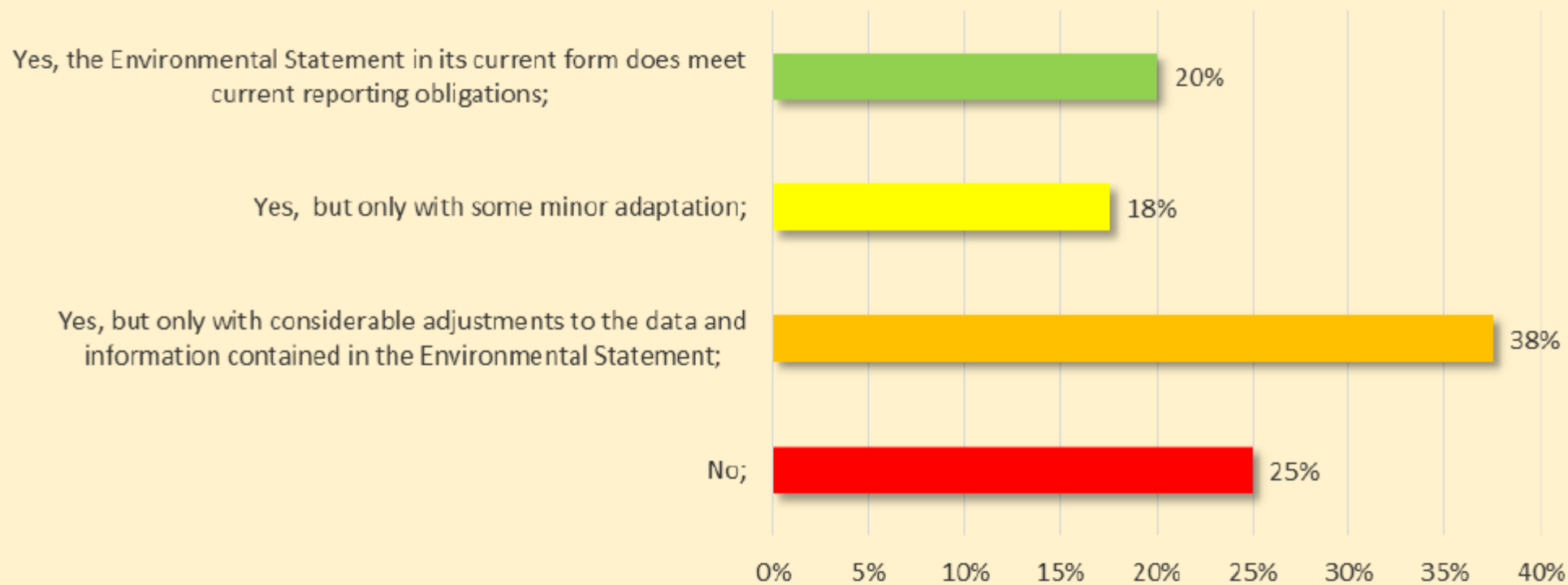
Environmental Statement and public authorities: ISO14001 organisations

Do you think it would be feasible to simplify the environmental reporting process by integrating mandatory environmental information into a unique consolidated report/interface that would be shared with the authorities?



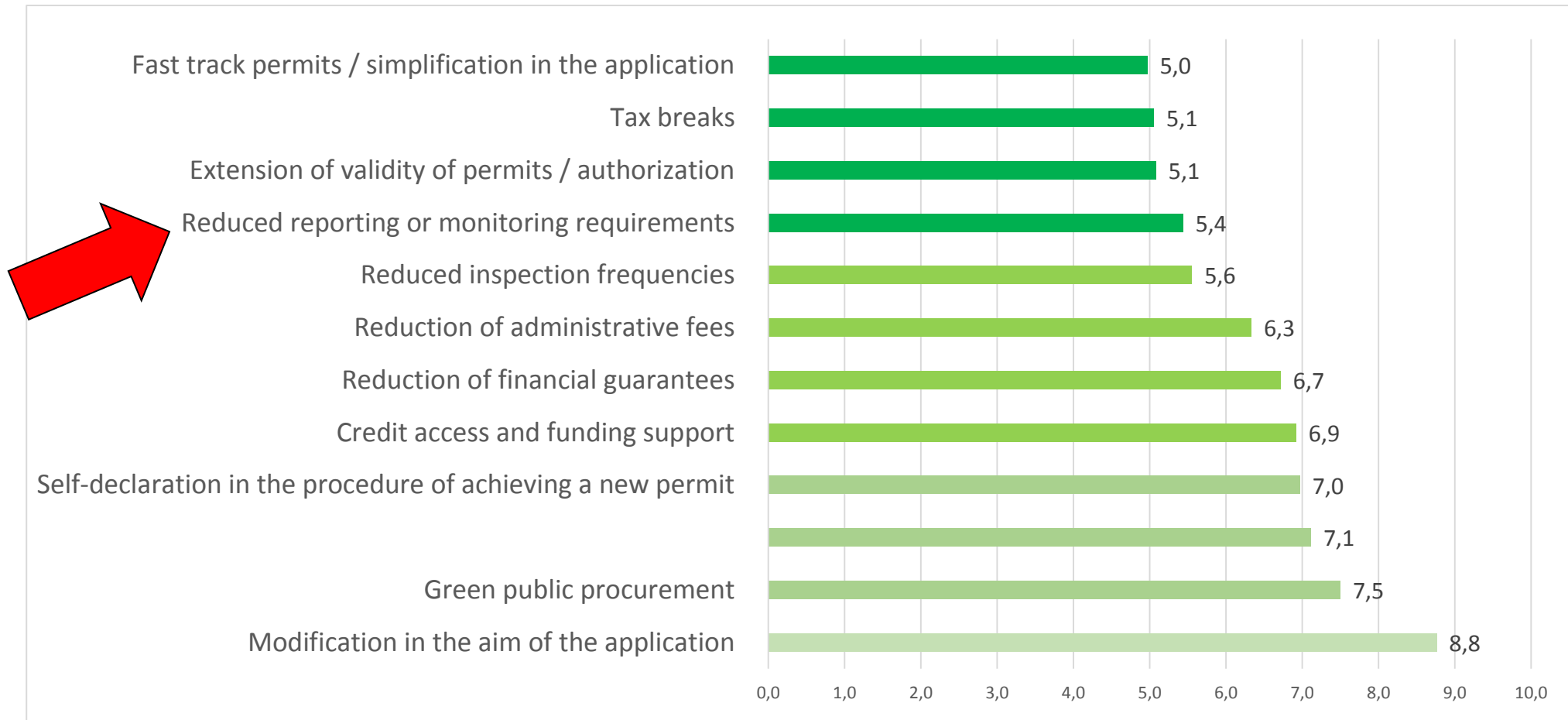
Environmental Statement and public authorities: EMAS verifiers

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Environmental Statement and public authorities: EMAS verifiers

What additional regulatory relief measures would be mostly effective in simplifying the verification process of EMAS-registered organizations?



Conclusions

Environmental Statement and reporting obligations - policy improvement opportunities:

- a) Implement regulatory relief for reporting obligations that overlap is surely a priority policy area to focus
- b) Increase authorities' awareness of EMAS and its added value and provide guidance on how to use EMAS in integrated reporting could help
- c) Make the Environmental Statement more flexible to adapt it in fulfilling key reporting obligations

Thank you !!!

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