

## Report

### Introduction

The IN2IT WP3 Workshop 2 (IN2IT WP3 WS2) and 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of WP4 (WP4 WS1) took place on 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and at the Politecnico di Milano, in Italy.

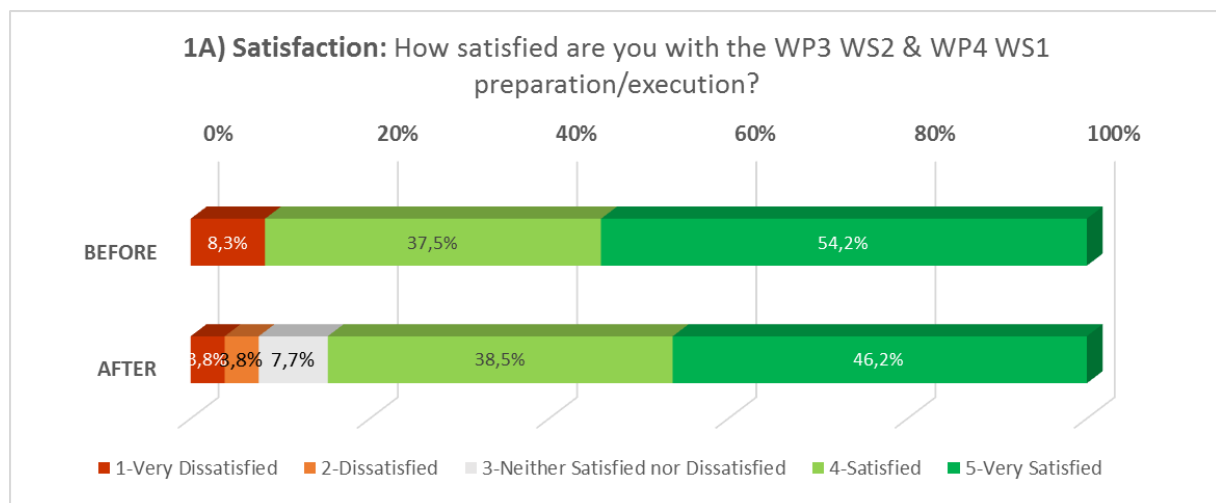
At the workshop, there were 53 attendees.

The University of Montpellier has collected 24 “Before workshop surveys” and 26 “After workshop surveys”.

### I. Before – After workshop surveys comparison

Most of questions in the Before and After workshop surveys were similar in order to be able to evaluate the evolution due to the meeting execution.

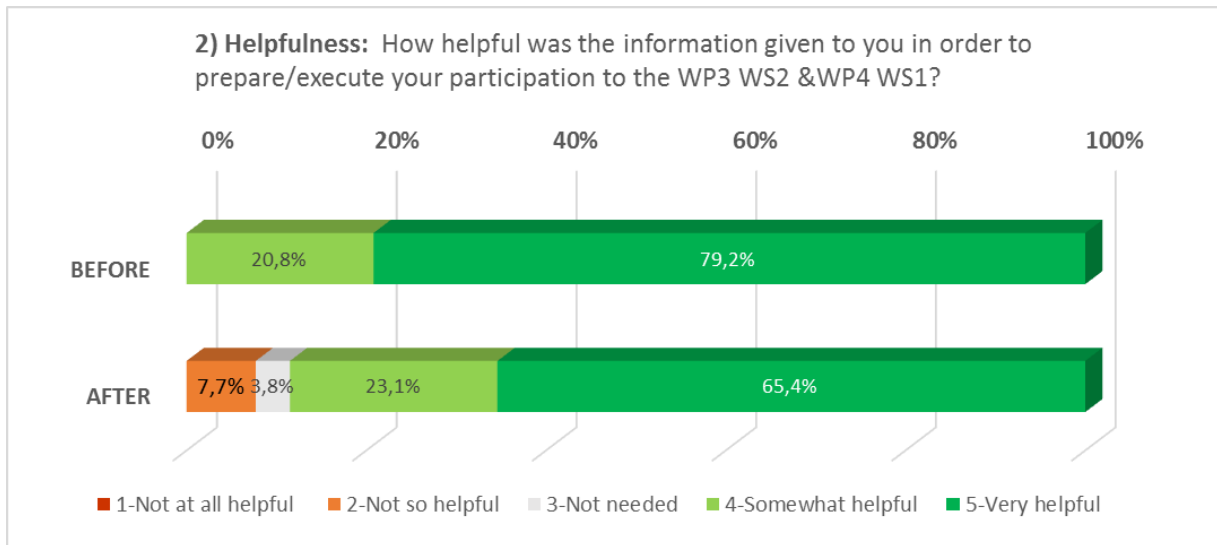
This report will try to identify the reasons and to suggest what could be improved for the next workshops.



The majority of attendees who have completed the questionnaires before and after the workshop are satisfied or very satisfied regarding the workshop preparation and execution (more than 80%). It appears that after the workshop, the percentage of people dissatisfied is smaller than before the workshop (7,6% compared to 8,3%).

Comment after the workshop:

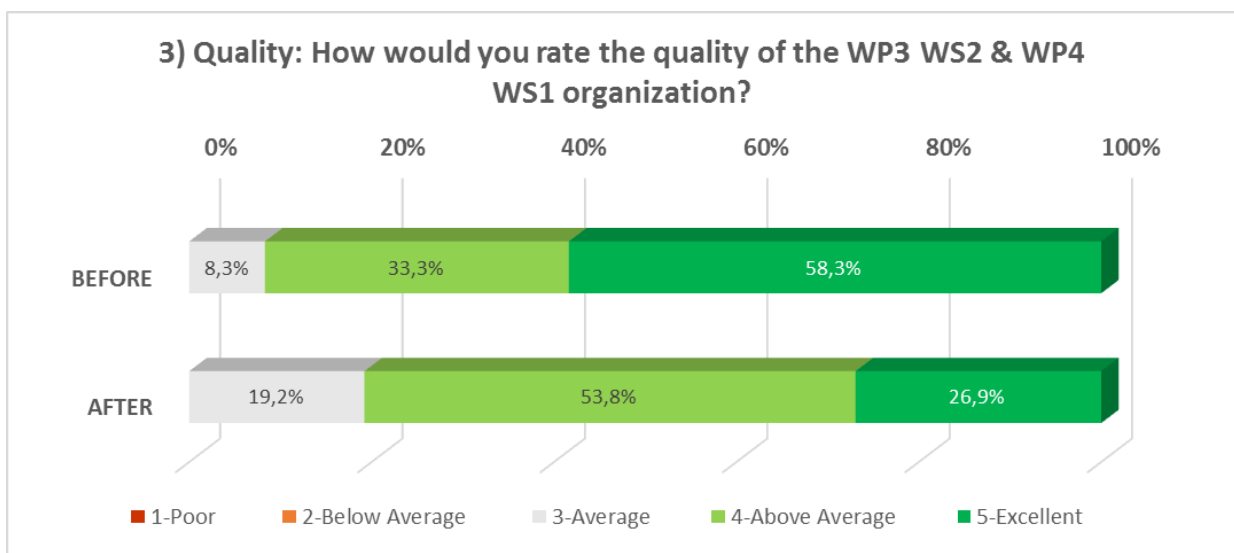
“I expected to meet International Relations practitioners from the participating institutions, but there were very few”.



The information given to the attendees immediately before and during the workshop was considered very helpful for the majority of participants who have completed the questionnaires.

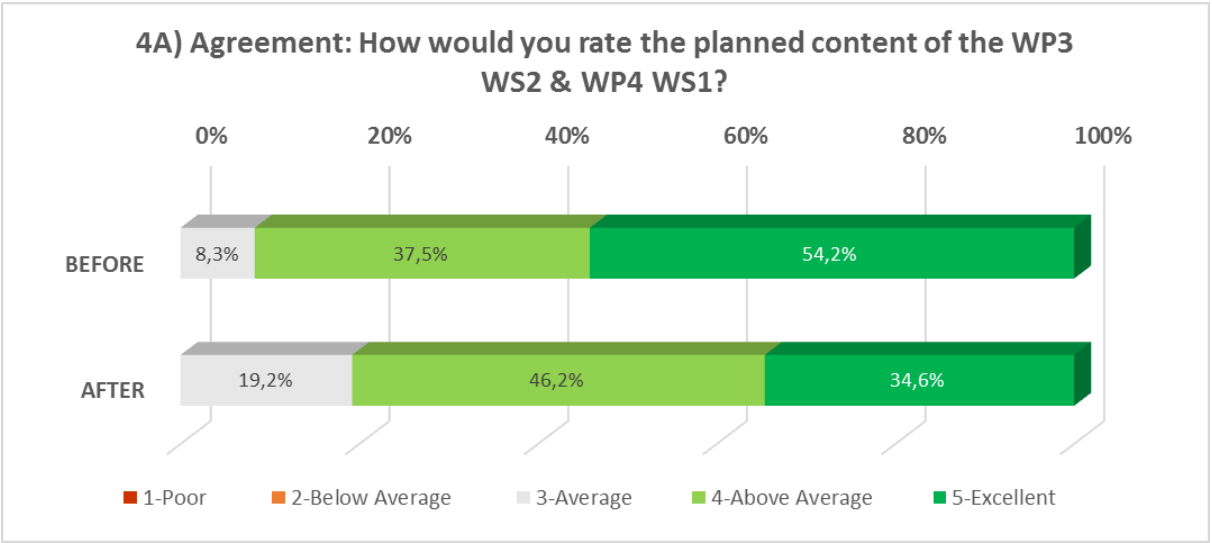
Comments after the workshop:

- “Most of the people that would have been relevant to work with didn't show up at the WP4 Meetings.”
- “The combination of attendees and their respective knowledge and role at their institution was so varied that it was difficult to converge in terms of content and outlook”.



The quality of the workshop organization/realization was considered above average for the majority of participants to the workshop.

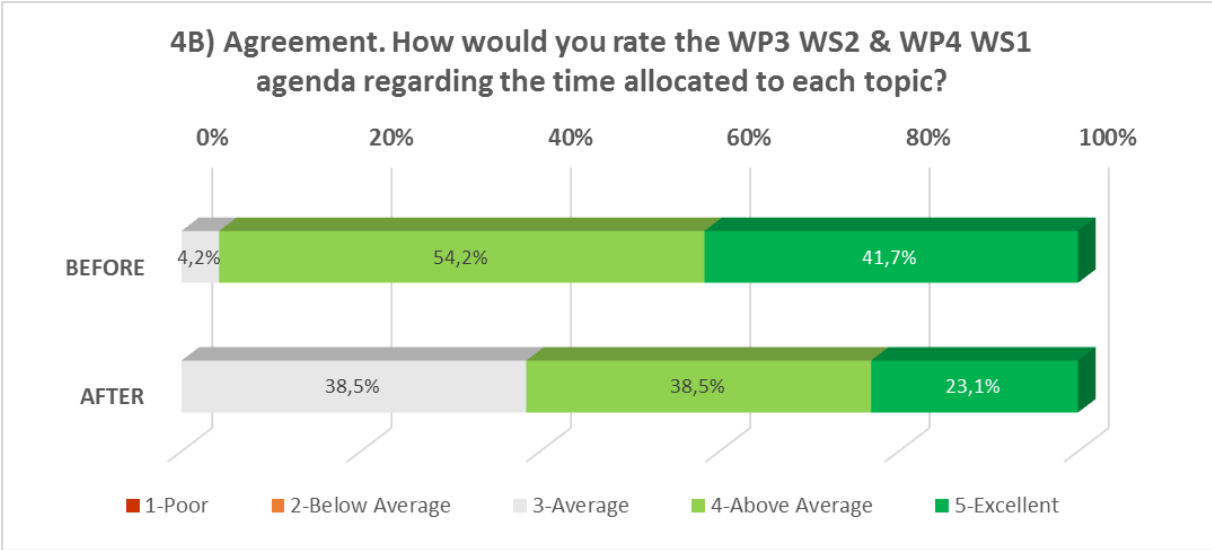
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The agenda of the workshop was known by everyone before the workshop and most of people appreciated this agenda before the workshop. After the workshop, 19,2% of attendees who have completed the questionnaire judged the planned content average.

Comments after the workshop:

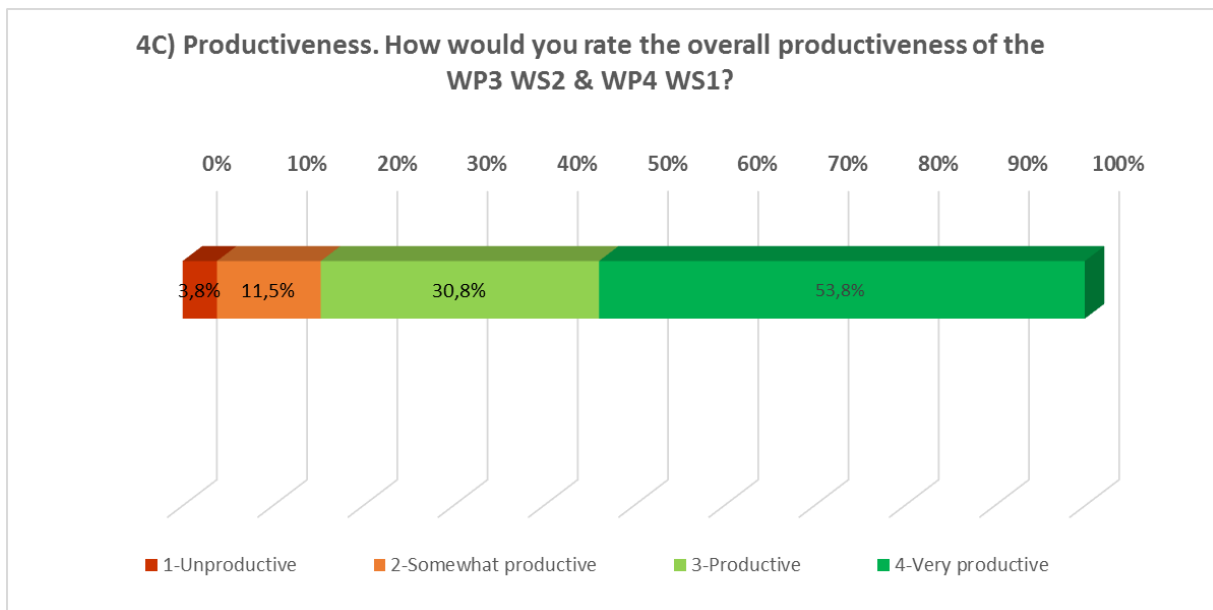
- “Needed all the time available for workshops”.
- “I think that the idea behind WP4 was excellent (creating a Community of Practice), but the execution was poor, because there were few people to create a professional community with”.



The time for interactions was considered above average for the majority of participants of the workshop.

Comments after the workshop:

- “Needed all the time available for workshops”.
- “Time was NOT the problem. The problem was a clear focus and instructions”.



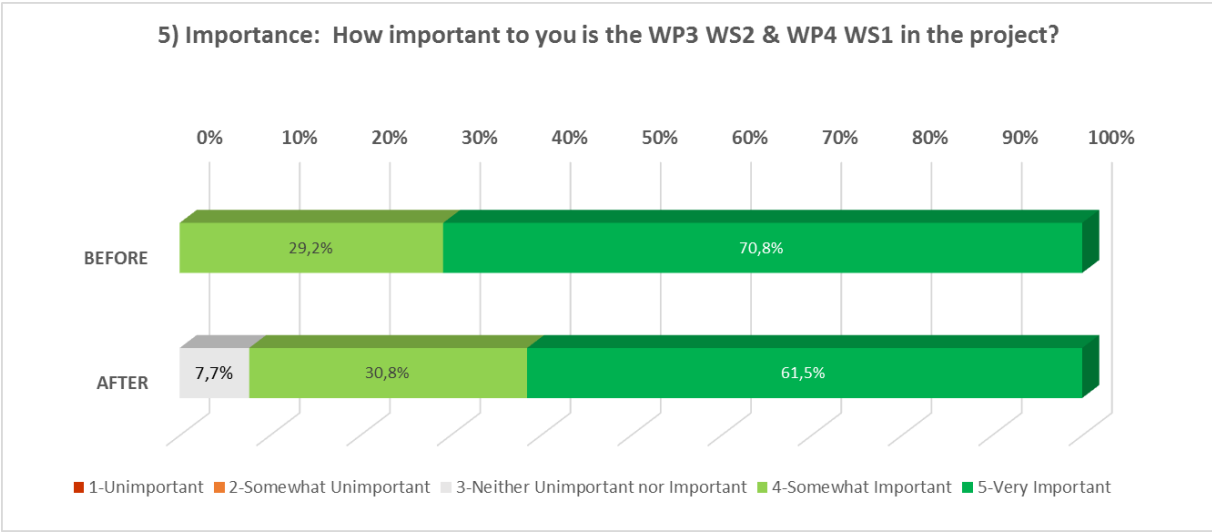
The workshop was considered very productive for the majority of participants who completed the surveys.

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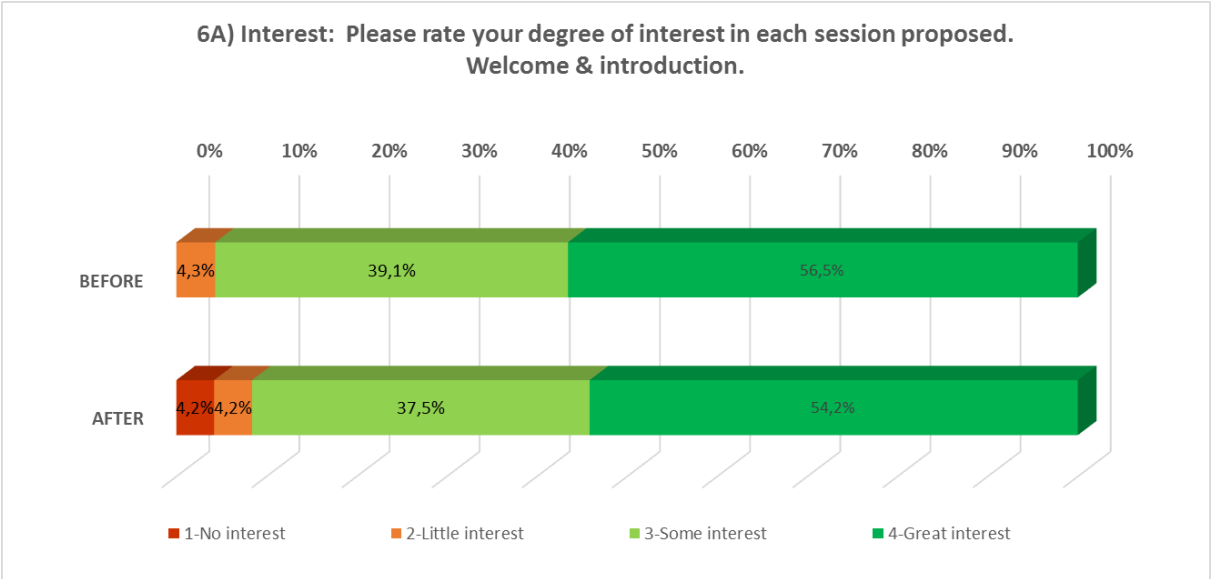
- “The presentations in WP4 took up too much time. In the networking and roundtable discussions we came up with ideas, but I am not sure how many of those will really be implemented.”
- “For WP3 it was obviously very productive, and people came out very satisfied. Not the case with WP4”.
- There is no doubt that CoP should be further explored in further meetings, study visits by people of institutions who are in charge of enhancing and promoting projects and research”.



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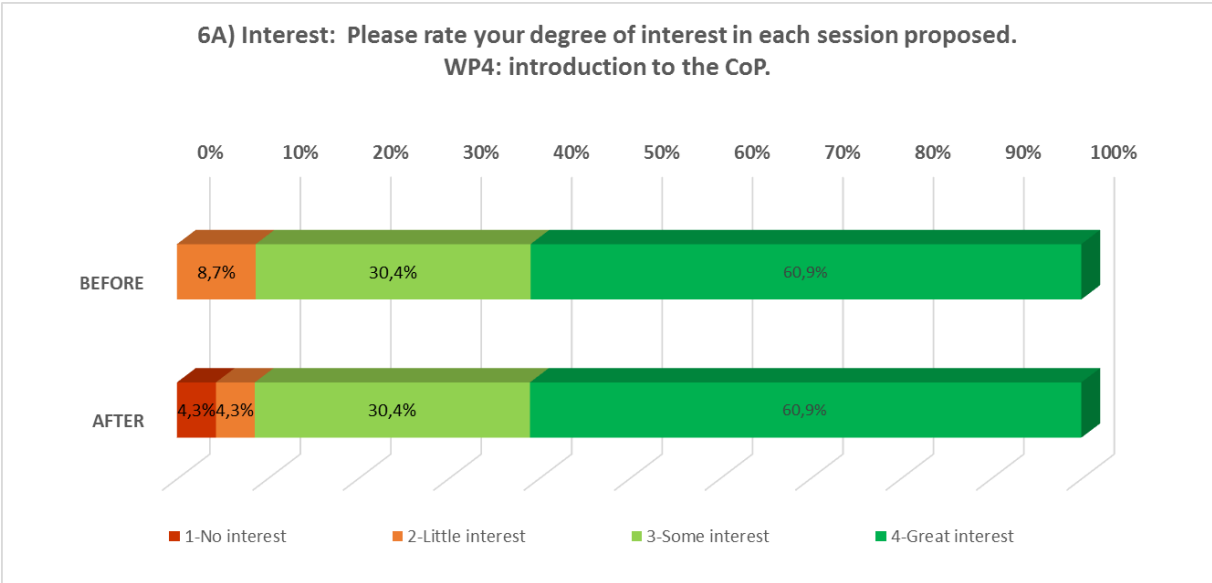
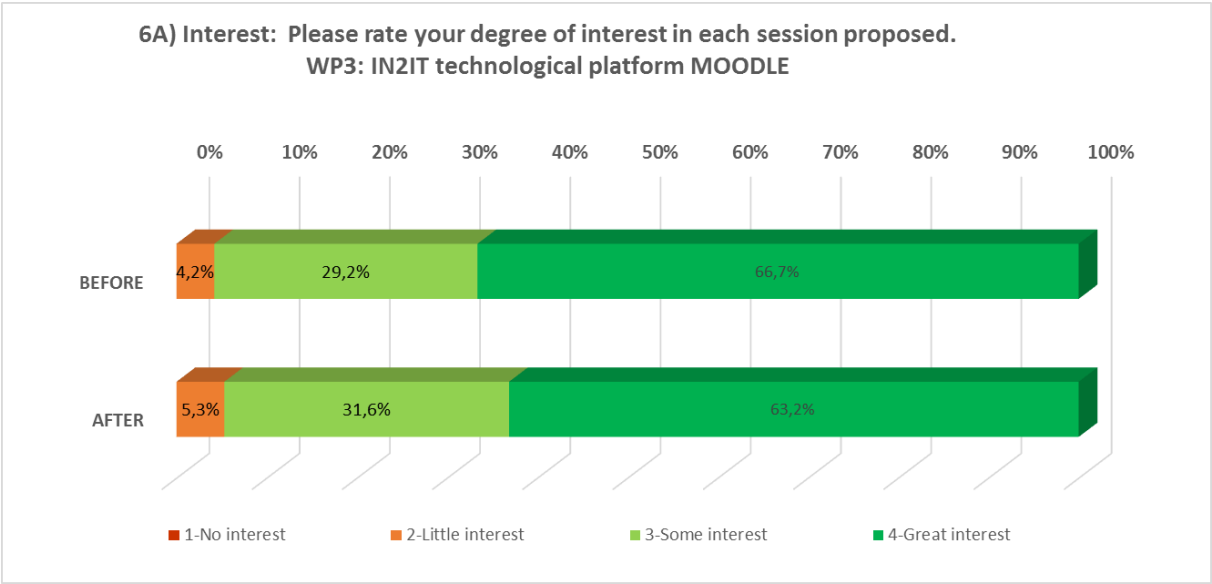


The majority of participants considered very significant the WP3 WS2 & WP4 WS1 in the project.



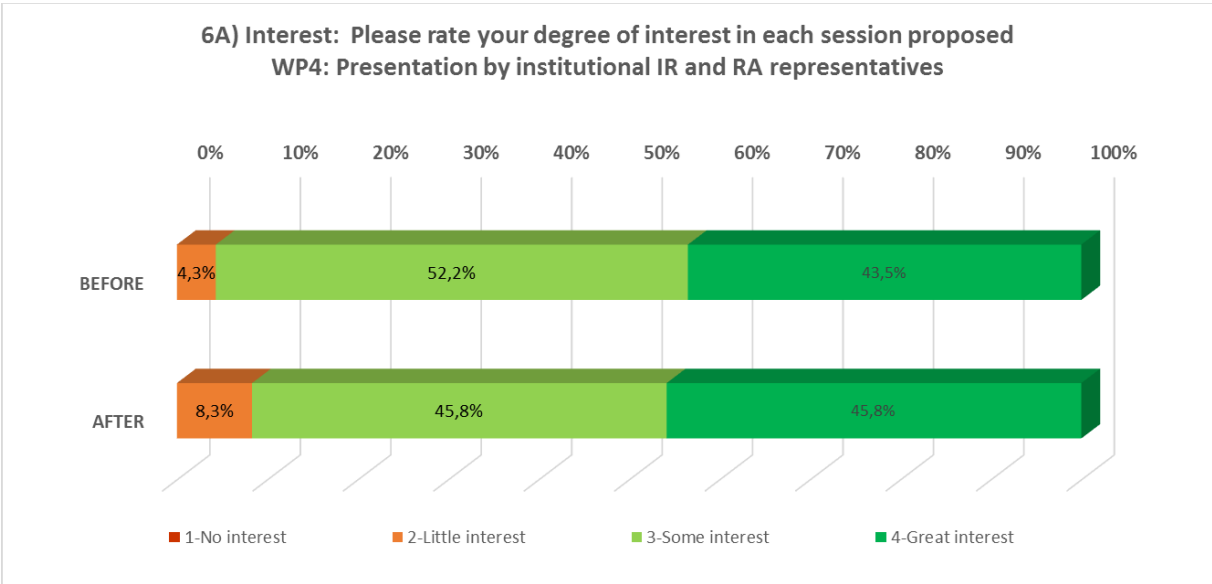
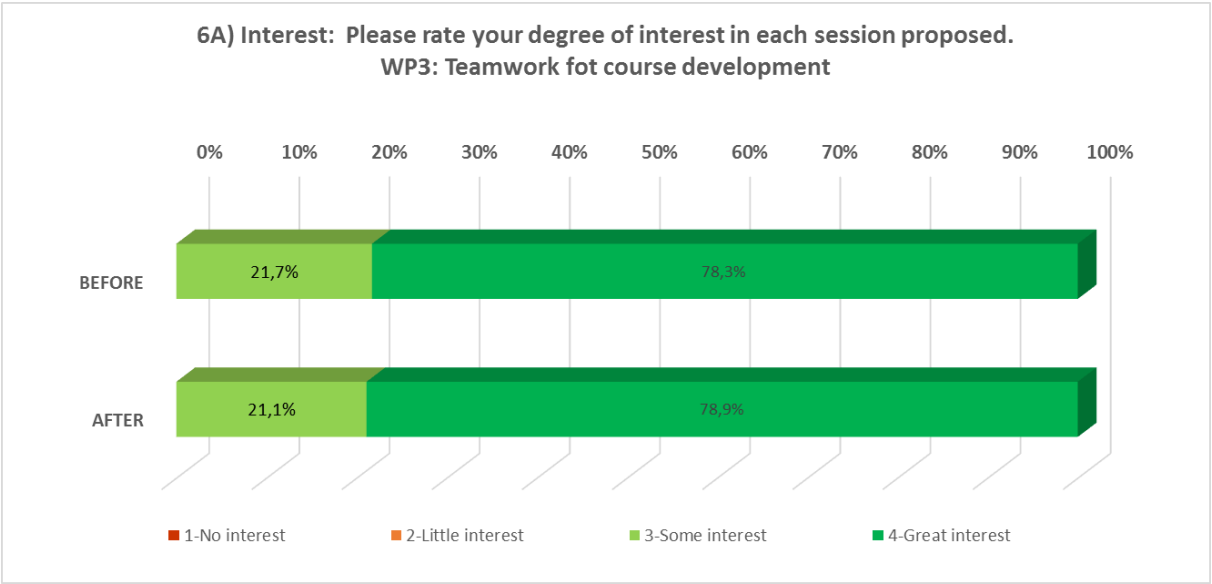


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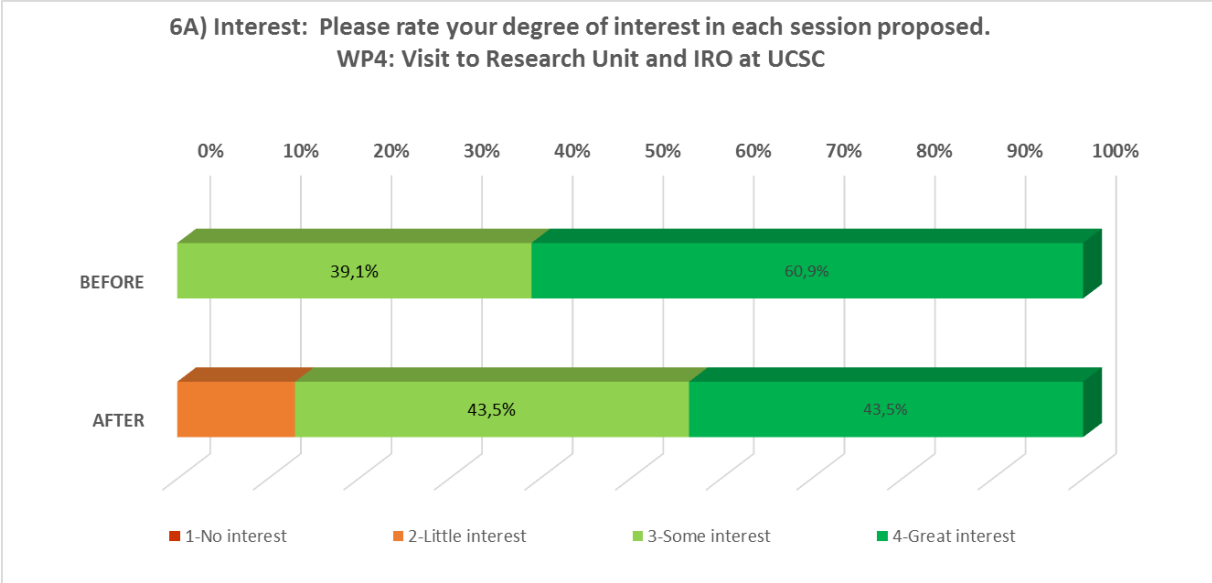
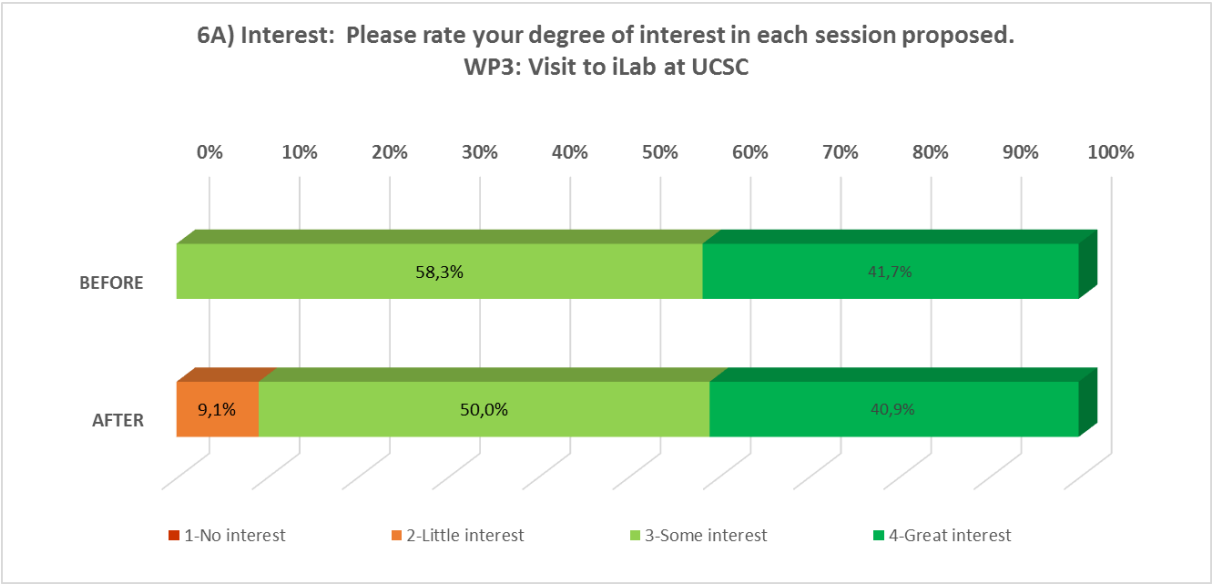


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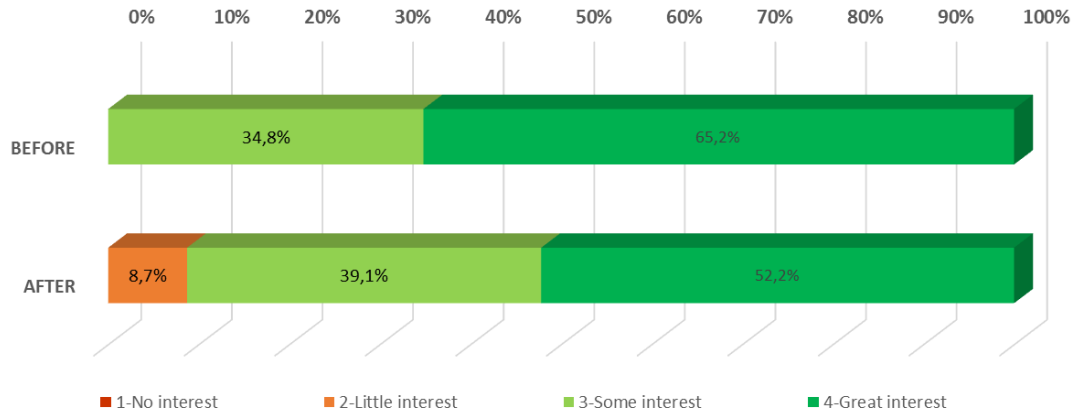




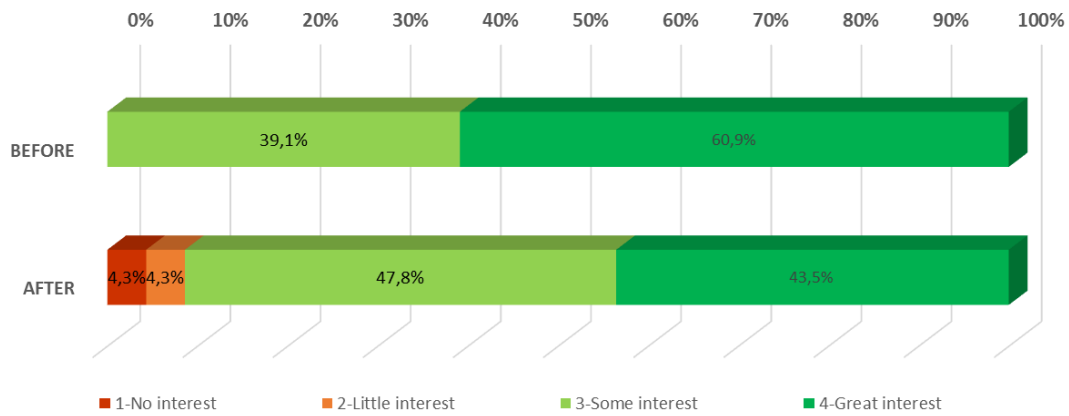


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6A) Interest: Please rate your degree of interest in each session proposed.  
Welcomeand visit to METID recording studio



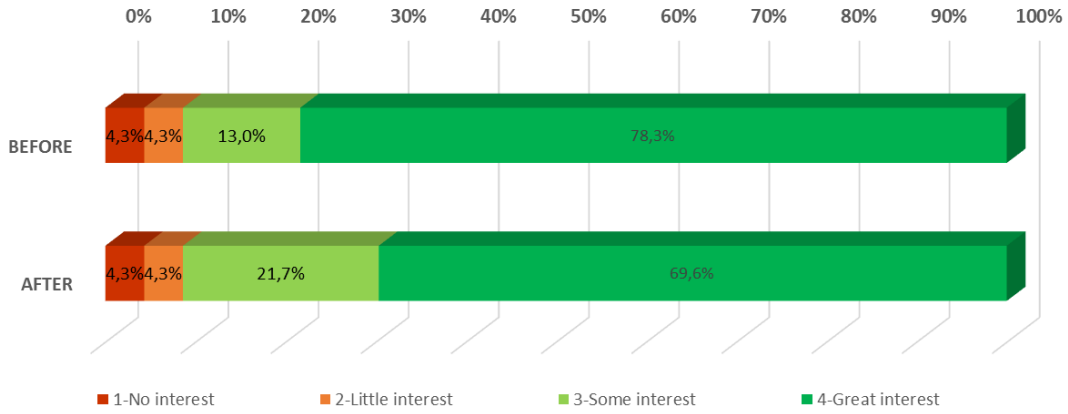
6A) Interest: Please rate your degree of interest in each session proposed.  
Presentation of PoliMi



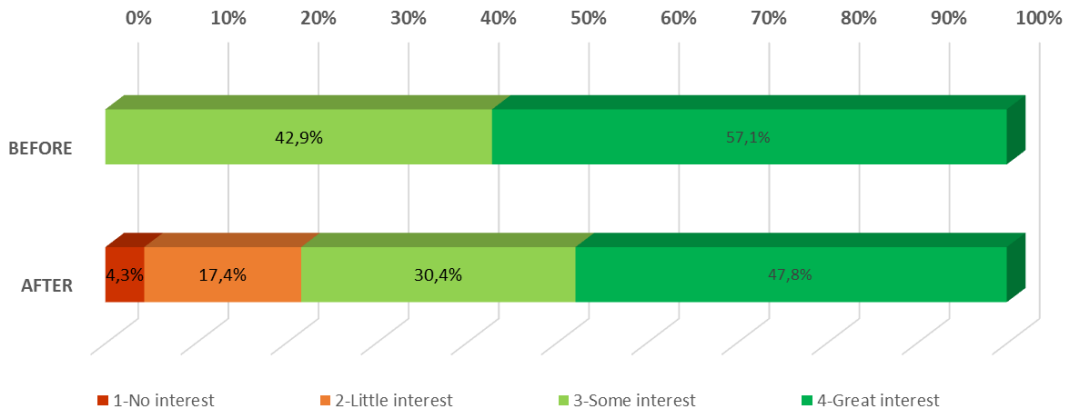


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6A) Interest: Please rate your degree of interest in each session proposed. Networking and roundtable discussion



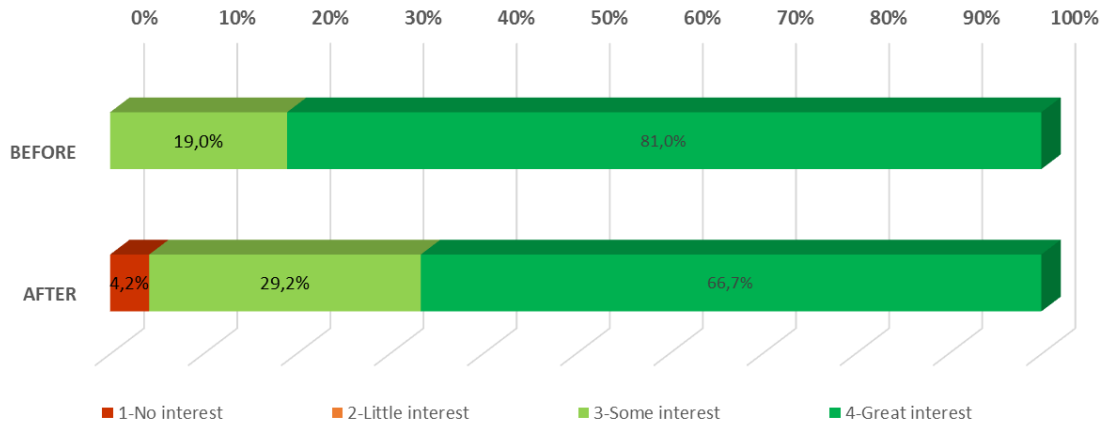
6A) Interest: Please rate your degree of interest in each session proposed. WP4: Visit to PoliMi Labs



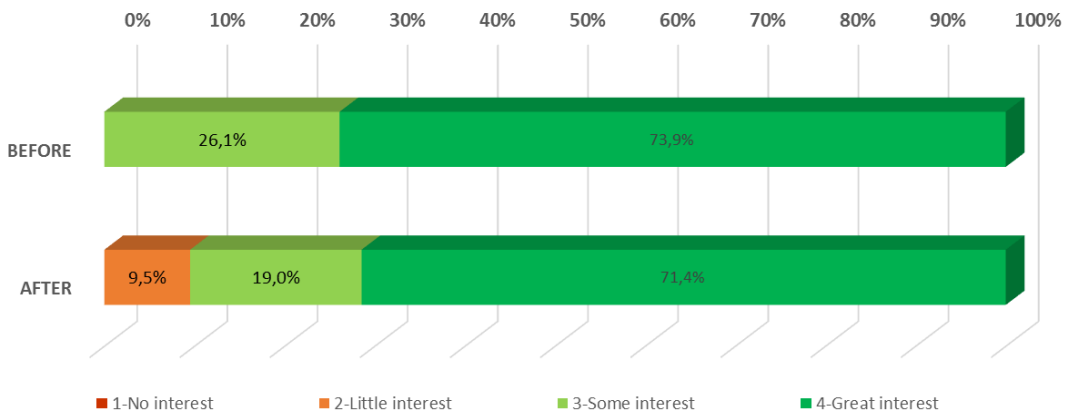


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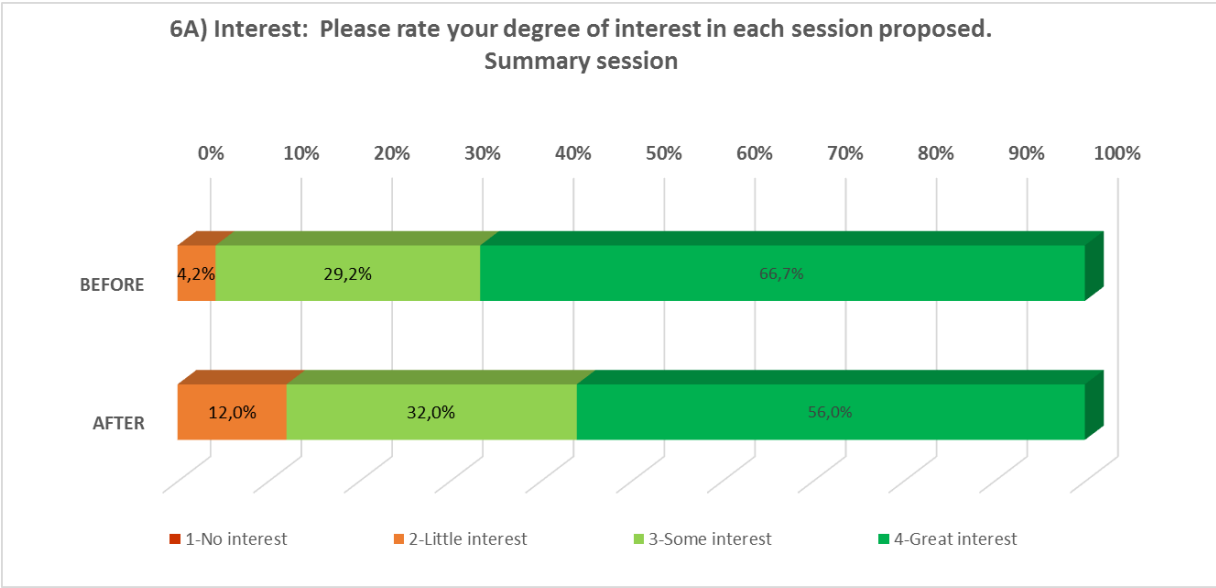
6A) Interest: Please rate your degree of interest in each session proposed. WP4: Recap of teamwork activities



6A) Interest: Please rate your degree of interest in each session proposed. Short presentations by WP3 international teams with outstanding questions

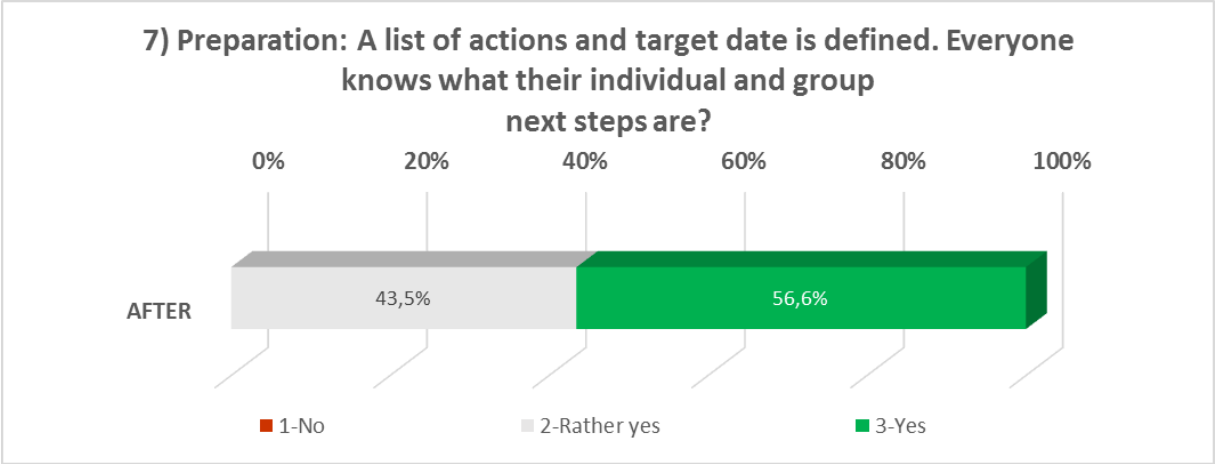


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Comments after the workshop:

- “I am not working in research, so the Labs were interesting to see but would not have been necessary”.



The majority of participants who have completed the questionnaires think that the objectives of the workshop are achieved.

## II. Others questions

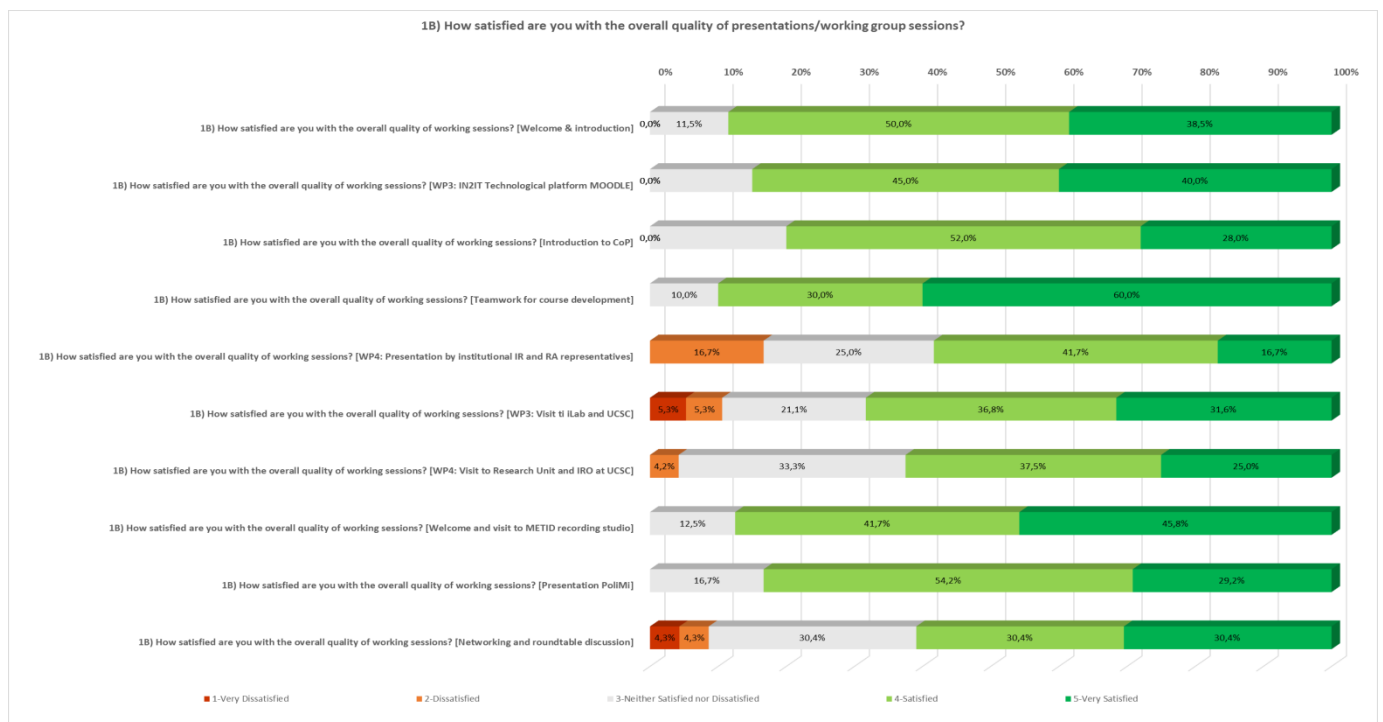
In the after workshop survey, some specific questions were asked to better understand possible discrepancies observed before and after the meeting.

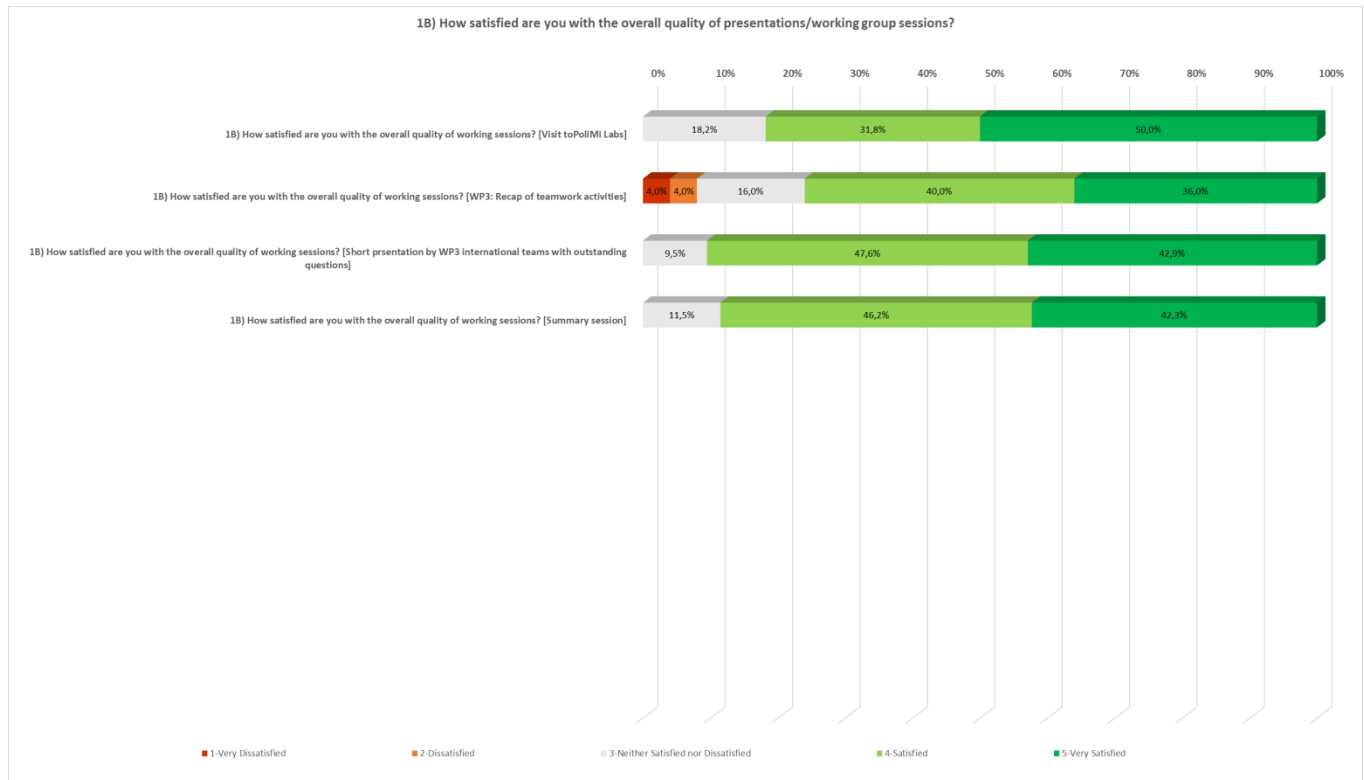
### 8) Do you have any suggestions or comments?

AFTER workshop:

- “There has to be a more coherent and availing platform other than cyberspace to create the needed synergy for exploitation and exploration of CoP”.
- “To allocate more time (e.g. 1 hour a day) for bilateral discussions and exchange of Opinions”.
- “Teamwork throughout”.
- “Invite external moderation, at least for WP4 activities”.
- “we should have more meetings of research oriented entities between european and Israeli partners to create more and ongoing dialogue much more than the 2 planned events.

### 1B) Presentations: how satisfied are you with the overall quality of working sessions?





Most of participants are satisfied by the quality of the working sessions.

Comments after the workshop:

- “About some of the WP3 questions I don't have an opinion”.
- “The presentation was so long and unclear”.
- “The presentations of the institutional IR and RA were too long and took up too much time”.
- “For next time it would be helpful to let each institution prepare one sheet with the most crucial information. The networking and roundtable discussion was not always clear - I think external moderation would help”.
- “The networking session was not divided in a good way, and our group had only one person with which we could discuss cooperation, although she wasn't in a position to take any initiative, just pass on the information”.



### Suggestions for the next workshop:

First of all, it appears that it could be good to increase the international relations practitioners from the participating institutions involved in the project.

Then, concerning WP4 activities, it could be useful to define a clear focus and instructions, for example, to let each institution prepare one sheet with the most crucial information. The networking and roundtable discussion was not always clear, may be an external moderation could be helpful.

In addition, whenever possible, it appears interesting to allocate more time for bilateral discussions and exchange of opinions.

Finally, WP4 activities need to be developed in further meetings and activities (study visits...).

