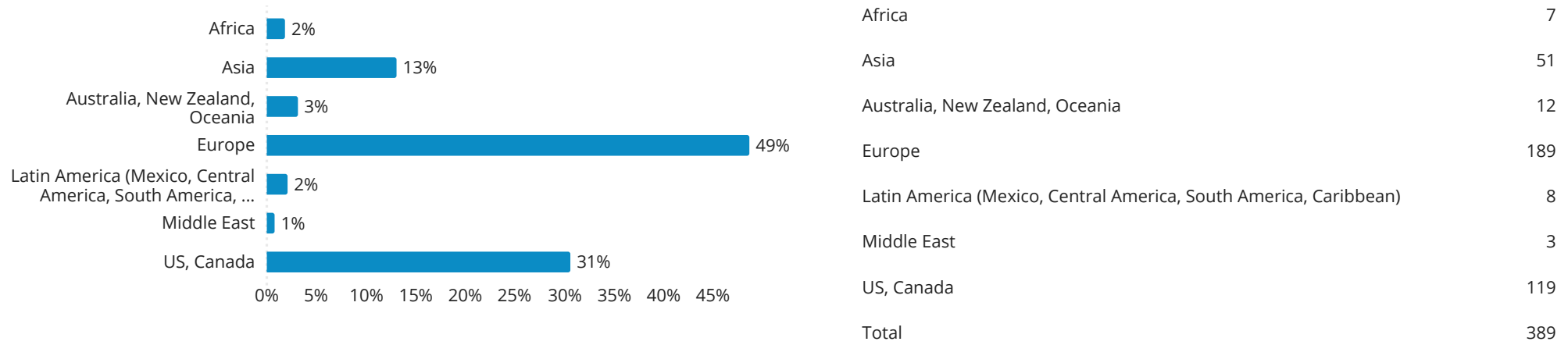
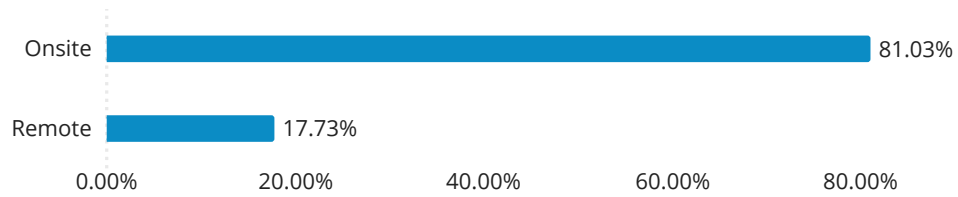


IETF 126 Vienna Post-Meeting Survey

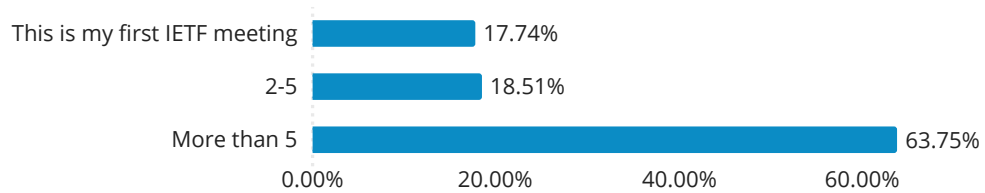
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Q1 - Where do you live?

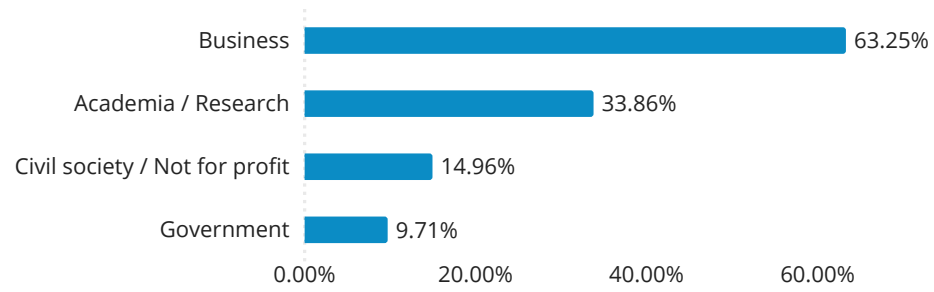


Q3 - How did you participate in the IETF 126 Vienna meeting that has just finished?

Onsite	329
Remote	72
I did not participate in IETF 126 Vienna	5
Total	406

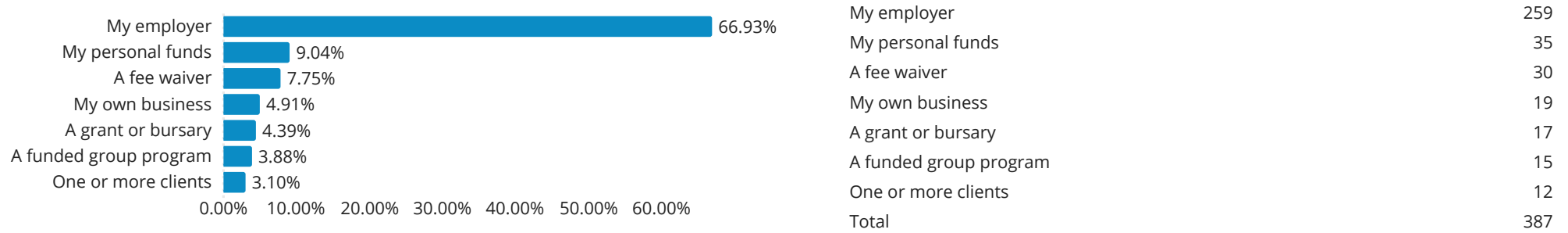
Q4 - How many IETF Meetings have you participated in? (including this meeting)

This is my first IETF meeting	69
2-5	72
More than 5	248
Total	389

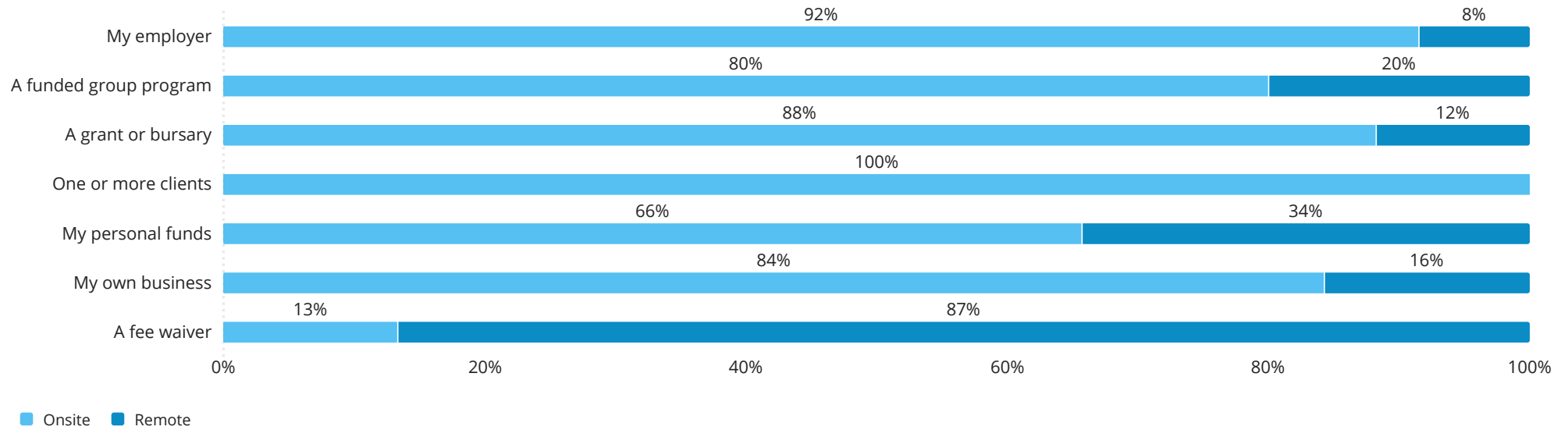
Q2c - What sectors do/did you work in? (check all that apply)

Business	241
Academia / Research	129
Civil society / Not for profit	57
Government	37
Total	464

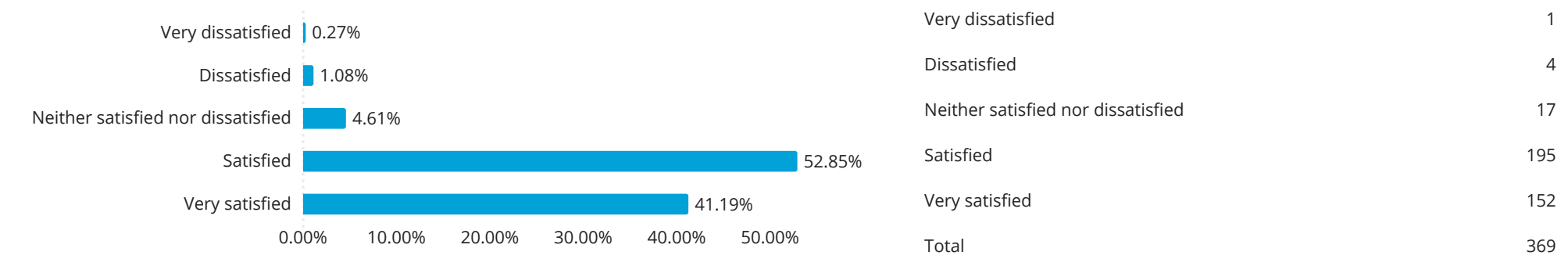
Q83 - What was your primary source of funding for your participation in this IETF Meeting?



Primary source of funding for your participation in this IETF Meeting - By Onsite/ Remote

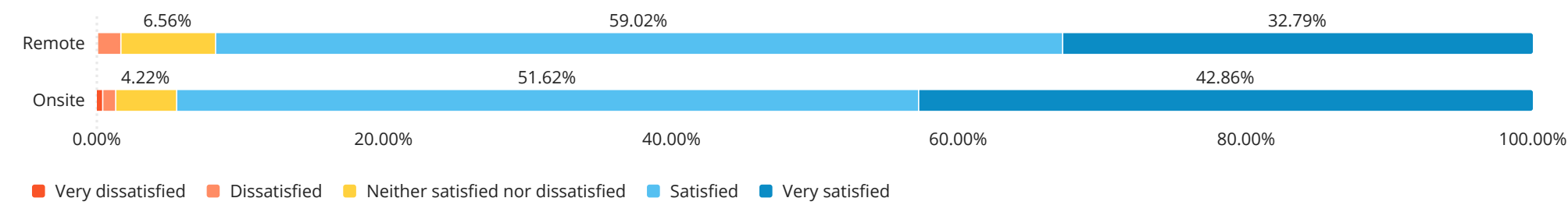


Q10 - Overall, how satisfied were you with this IETF meeting?



Field	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
Overall, how satisfied were you with this IETF meeting?	4.34	0.64	0.41	369

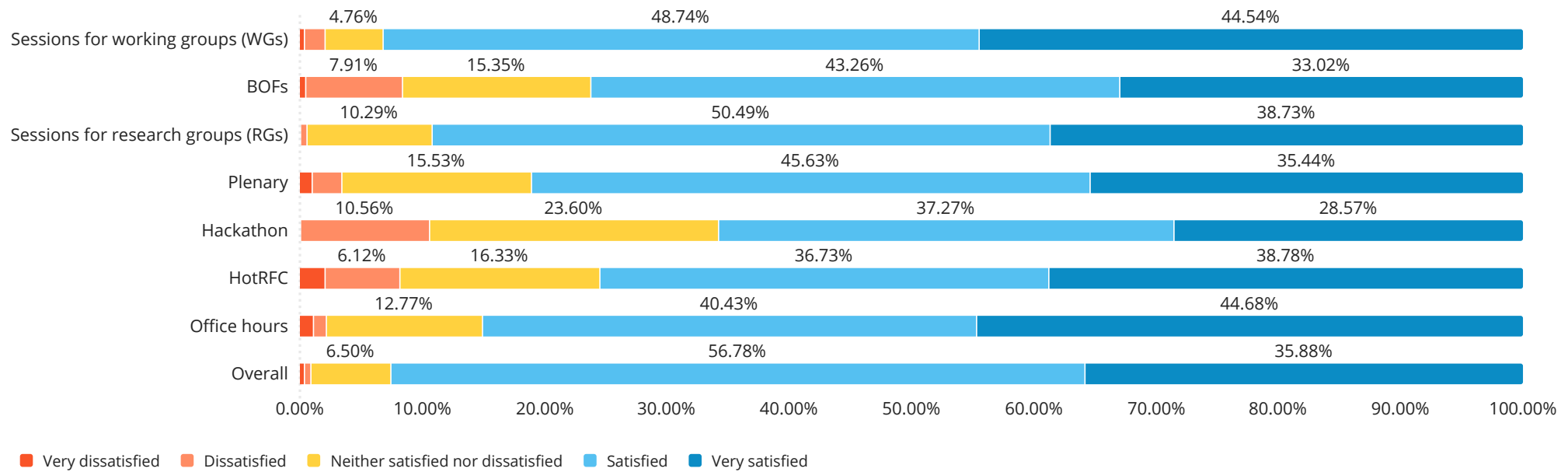
Overall Satisfaction - By Onsite/ Remote:



Field	Onsite	Remote
Very dissatisfied	1	0
Dissatisfied	3	1
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	13	4
Satisfied	159	36
Very satisfied	132	20
Total	308	61

Field	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
Onsite	4.36	0.64	0.41	308
Remote	4.23	0.64	0.41	61

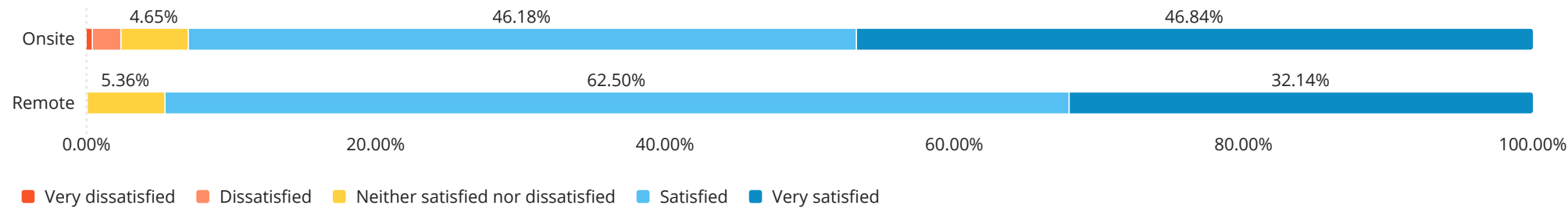
Q11 - How satisfied were you with each of the following parts of the meeting agenda?



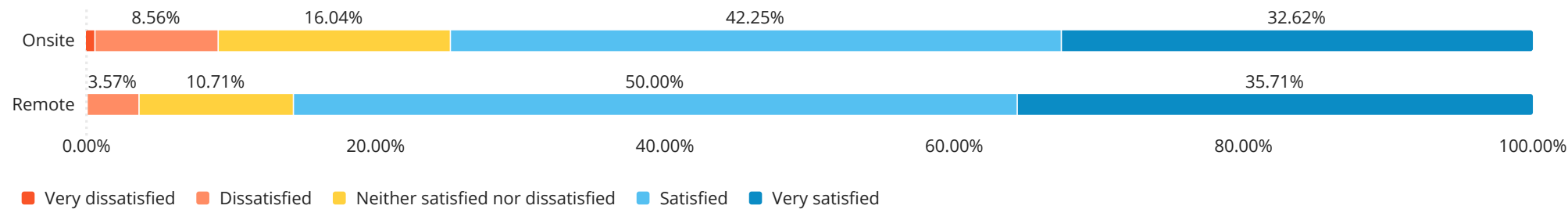
Field	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
Sessions for working groups (WGs)	4.36	0.68	0.46	357
BOFs	4.00	0.92	0.84	215
Sessions for research groups (RGs)	4.27	0.66	0.43	204
Plenary	4.12	0.82	0.68	206
Hackathon	3.84	0.96	0.92	161
HotRFC	4.04	0.99	0.98	98

Office hours	4.27	0.80	0.64	94
Overall	4.27	0.63	0.40	354

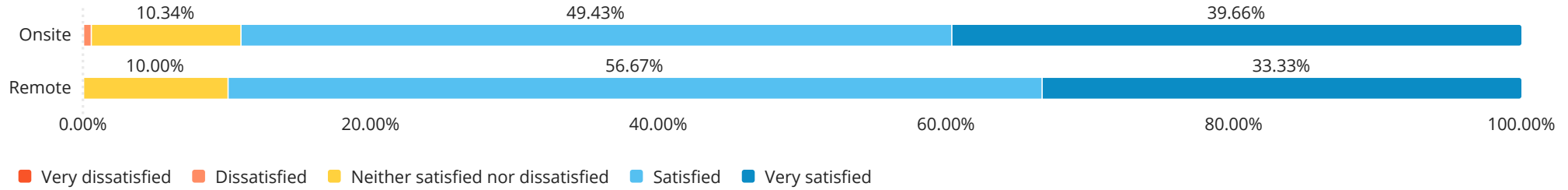
Satisfaction with - Sessions for working groups (WGs)



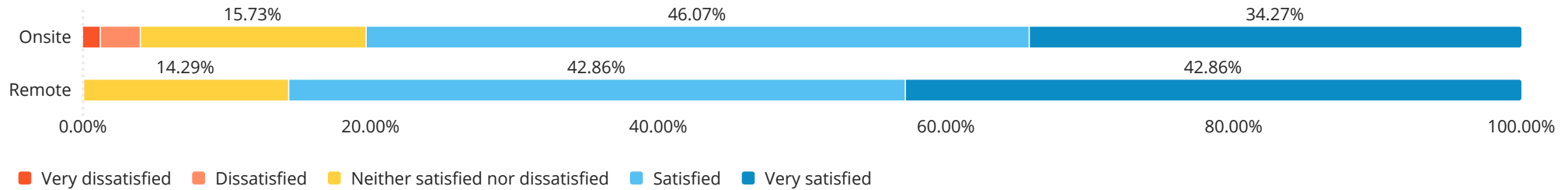
Satisfaction with- BOFs



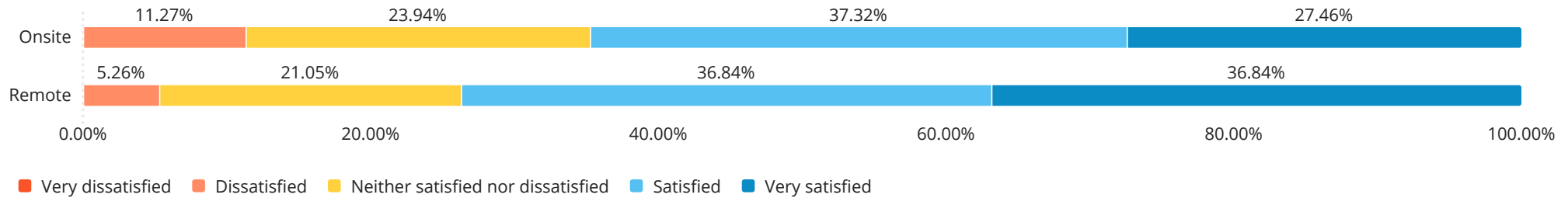
Satisfaction with - Sessions for research groups (RGs)



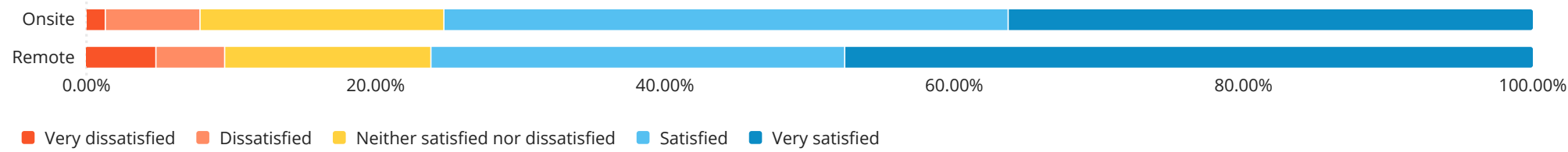
Satisfaction with - Plenary



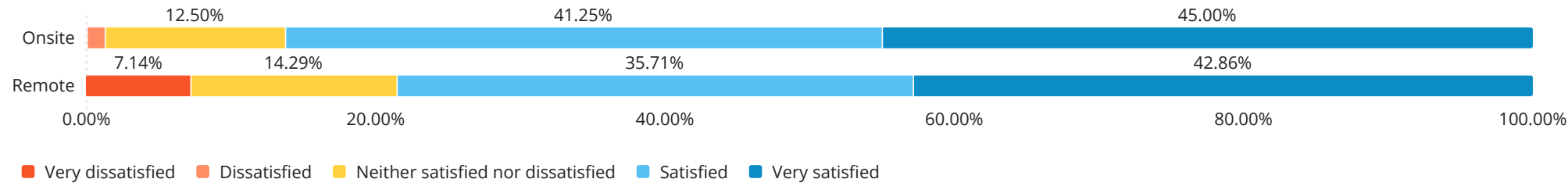
Satisfaction with - Hackathon



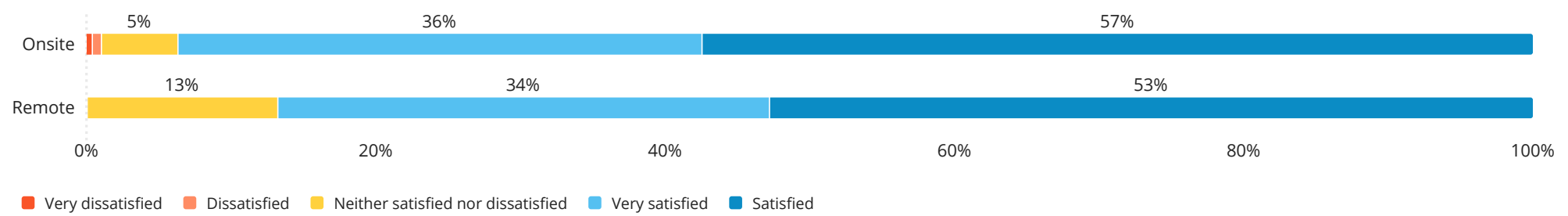
Satisfaction with - HotRFC



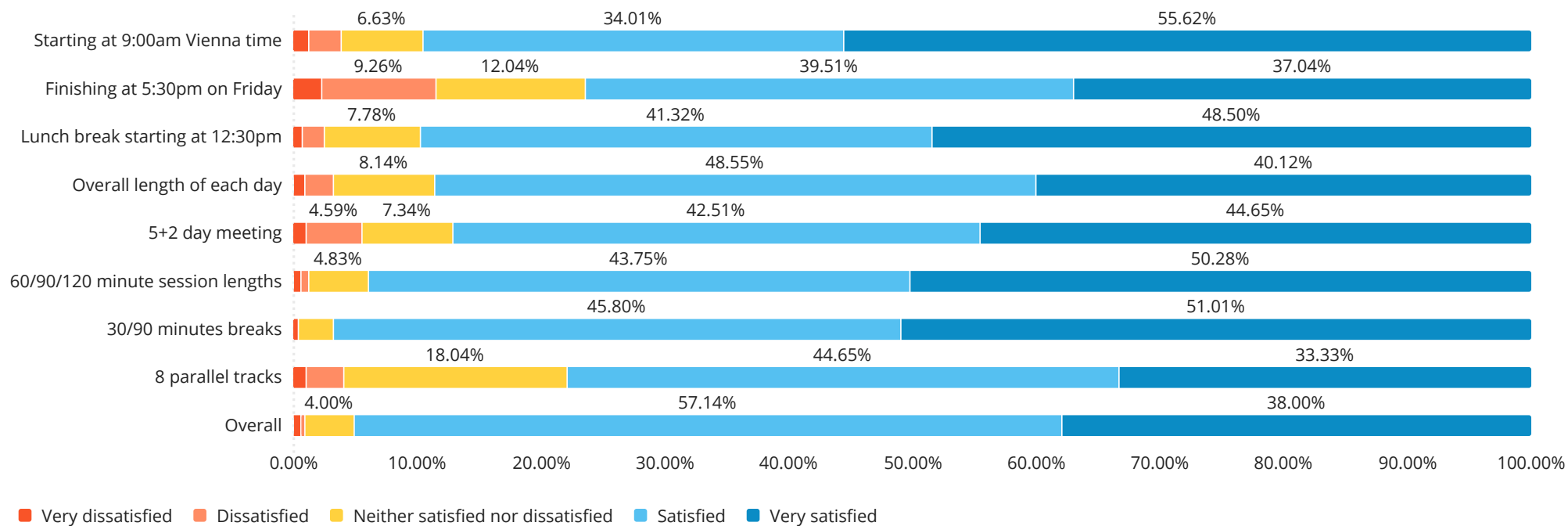
Satisfaction with - Office hours



Satisfaction - Overall



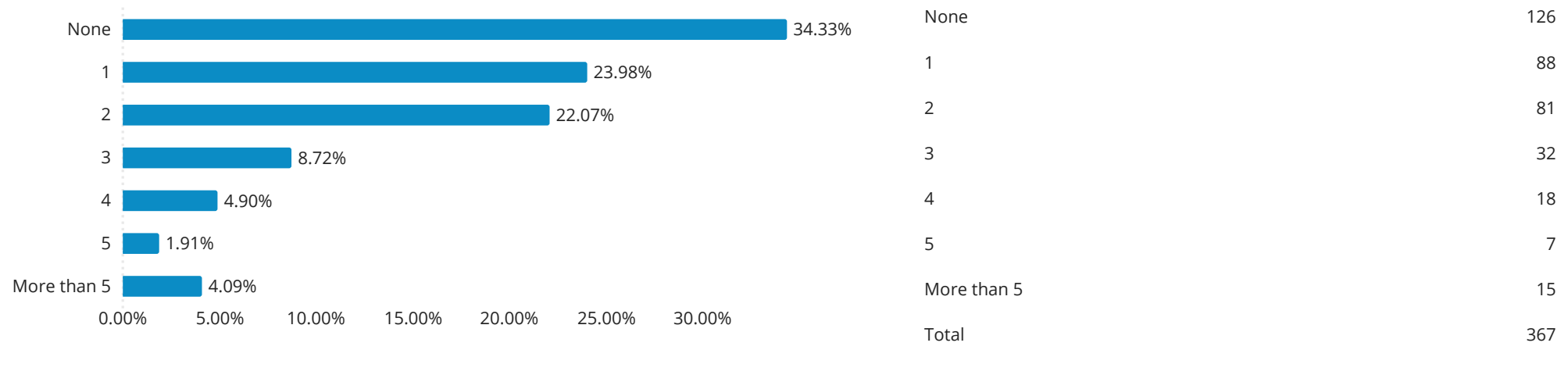
Q13 - How satisfied were you with each of the following elements of the structure of the meeting?



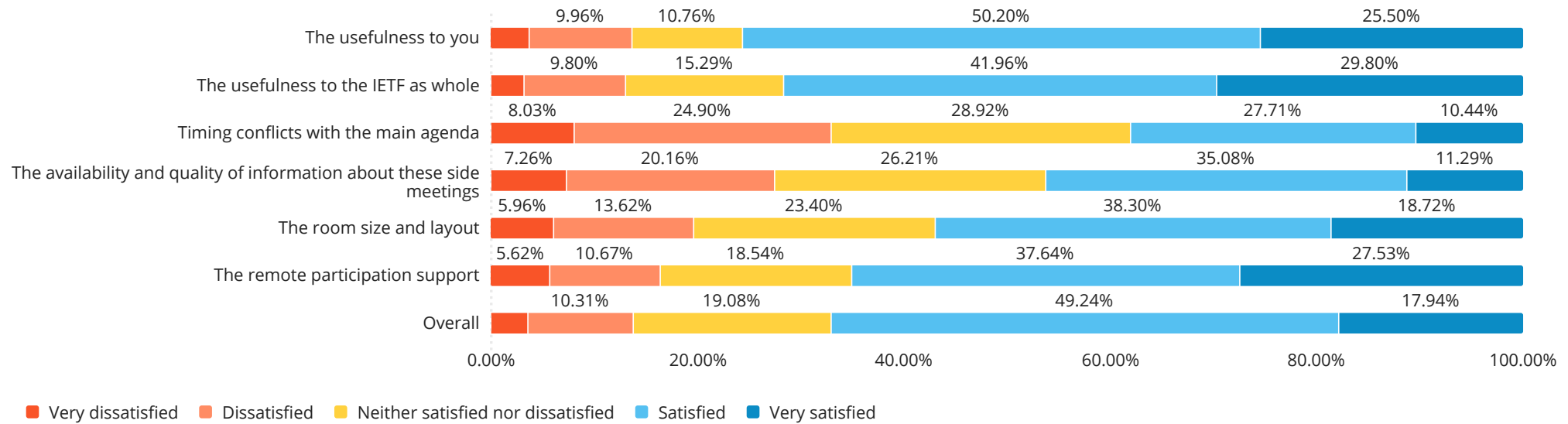
Field	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
Starting at 9:00am Vienna time	4.40	0.82	0.67	347
Finishing at 5:30pm on Friday	4.00	1.03	1.06	324
Lunch break starting at 12:30pm	4.35	0.75	0.56	334
Overall length of each day	4.25	0.77	0.59	344
5+2 day meeting	4.25	0.85	0.72	327

60/90/120 minute session lengths	4.43	0.67	0.44	352
30/90 minutes breaks	4.47	0.58	0.34	345
8 parallel tracks	4.06	0.85	0.71	327
Overall	4.32	0.62	0.38	350

Q74 - Approximately how many side meetings did you participate in?



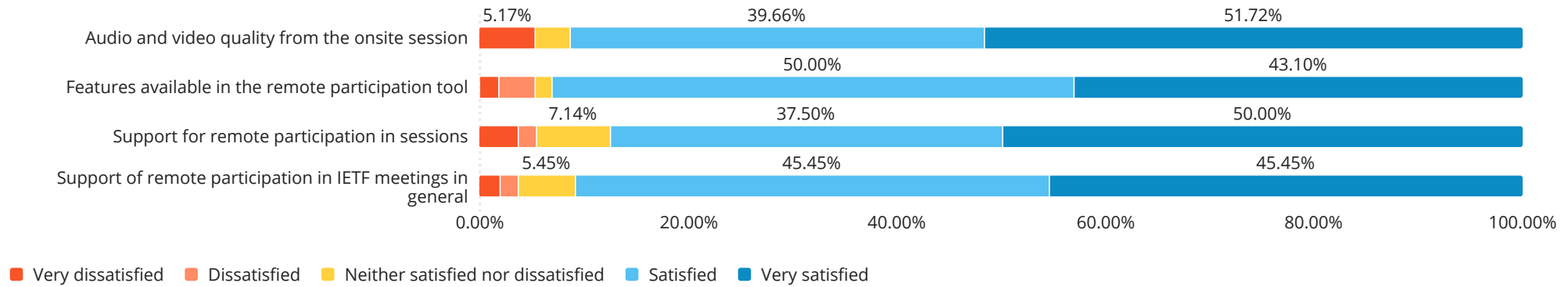
Q71 - How satisfied were you with each of the following elements of the side meetings at IETF 126 Vienna?



Field	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
The usefulness to you	3.84	1.03	1.06	251
The usefulness to the IETF as whole	3.85	1.05	1.10	255
Timing conflicts with the main agenda	3.08	1.12	1.26	249
The availability and quality of information about these side meetings	3.23	1.11	1.24	248
The room size and layout	3.50	1.12	1.25	235
The remote participation support	3.71	1.14	1.31	178
Overall	3.68	0.99	0.99	262

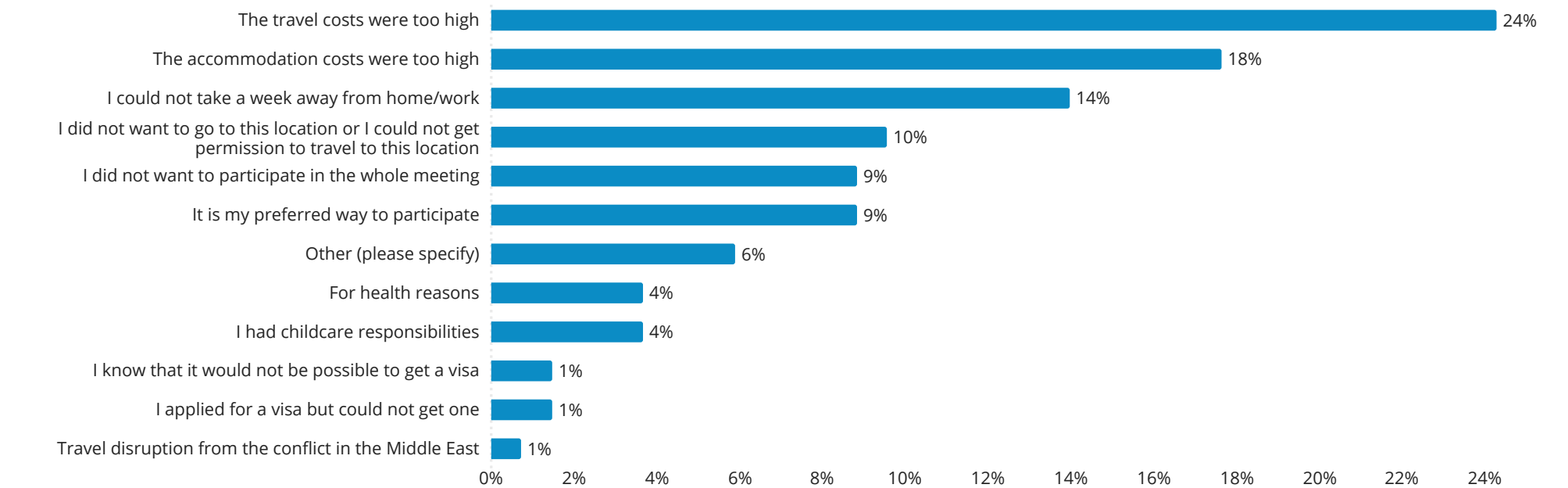
Questions only asked of remote participants

Q64 - (Remote only) How satisfied were you with each of the following aspects of the remote experience?



Field	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
Audio and video quality from the onsite session	4.33	0.95	0.91	58
Features available in the remote participation tool	4.29	0.81	0.66	58
Support for remote participation in sessions	4.29	0.94	0.88	56
Support of remote participation in IETF meetings in general	4.31	0.81	0.65	55

Q5 - (Remote only) Why did you participate remotely? (check all that apply)



The travel costs were too high	33
The accommodation costs were too high	24
I could not take a week away from home/work	19
I did not want to go to this location or I could not get permission to travel to this location	13
I did not want to participate in the whole meeting	12
It is my preferred way to participate	12

Other (please specify)	8
For health reasons	5
I had childcare responsibilities	5
I know that it would not be possible to get a visa	2
I applied for a visa but could not get one	2
Travel disruption from the conflict in the Middle East	1
Total	136

Other (please specify) - Text

Late Fee Waiver

in-person participation fee too high (for someone who has to pay from personal funds)

Organization project implementation.

I generally attend in person once a year, others from my organization attend more regularly

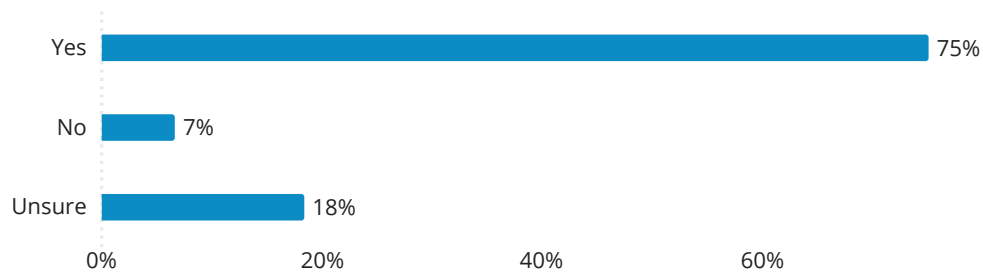
Scheduling, clashed with EMF Camp :)

travel disruption from other work travel

Too far to travel at my age :-(

Currently unemployed

Q5a - (Remote only) If you could have participated onsite then would you have done so?



Yes	45
No	4
Unsure	11
Total	60

Q65 - (Remote only) What more can we do to improve the remote experience or make it easier for you to participate onsite?

IETF meetings are way too high. MEals are not even provided for that high cost.

Remote access to side meetings

Bursary/Grants Early Fee Waivers

The biggest problem is the time zones like by waking up a bit earlier at 7am in my time zone I was able to start attending only the afternoon sessions. So I missed all the morning sessions as well as the side meetings.

Ok so far

Lower the fees for people without an employer / corporate sponsor! Add a category for retired/unemployed/between jobs. I was even in Vienna to meet some people personally outside the meetings, yet was participating from remote. The remote fee waiver is nice; for on-site I understand if there has to be a small fee to cover coffee and such and something in the vicinity of 250 Euro or such is doable, but 1000 or so can't do.

For side meetings: We need dedicated audio & video setups in the conference rooms instead of relying on a presenter's laptop (it appears?). Webex is not very good, Zoom is absolutely terrible for large meetings. Google Meet works very well for these (disclaimer: i work at Google, not for Meet).

While Meetecho has gotten much better over the last year (particular thanks about the ability to detach the chat and participant panes), the coordination between the in-room and remote experience still leaves a lot to be desired. Chairs and speakers not being able to hear remote participants seems high on the list, but focus of cameras, inability to see the chairs during a Q&A with an in-room speaker, and inability for remote participants to determine who is speaking in the room (announcing of names often does not happen and the queue listing is not reliable). Some of these are technical problems, others require in-room participants to take the presence of remote ones more seriously and generally to be more respectful of those who are remote, not first-language speakers, or both. That includes those who are used to speaking very quickly slowing down.

N/A

It's not really IETFs job to give out any more than they do already as in fee waved tickets to make people like me able to join, so I'm grateful that I could attend at least remotely to the meeting.

Nothing. The remote experience is excellent. The issues preventing me participating onsite are out of the IETF's control.

Remote participation was helpful. Providing more session recordings, clearer schedules, and additional guidance for first-time participants would make the experience even better.

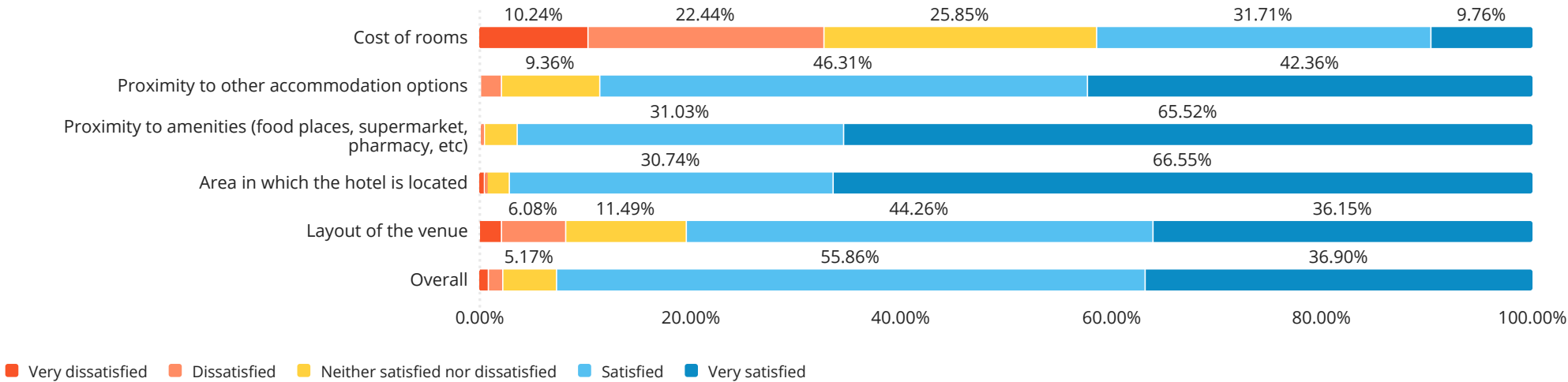
would participate in another meeting onsite if still in Europe (this time had a personal issue since I am working on multiple projects with no profit yet and unemployed).

Recordings of side meetings, portal for side meetings integrated with the agenda if possible

The remote experience is as good as it's going to get, only small minor areas probably need improving but I can't think of any. As for getting onsite - short of more liberal handouts of on-site fee waivers, there's not a lot more that can be done, but I get this would take a huge hit to income.

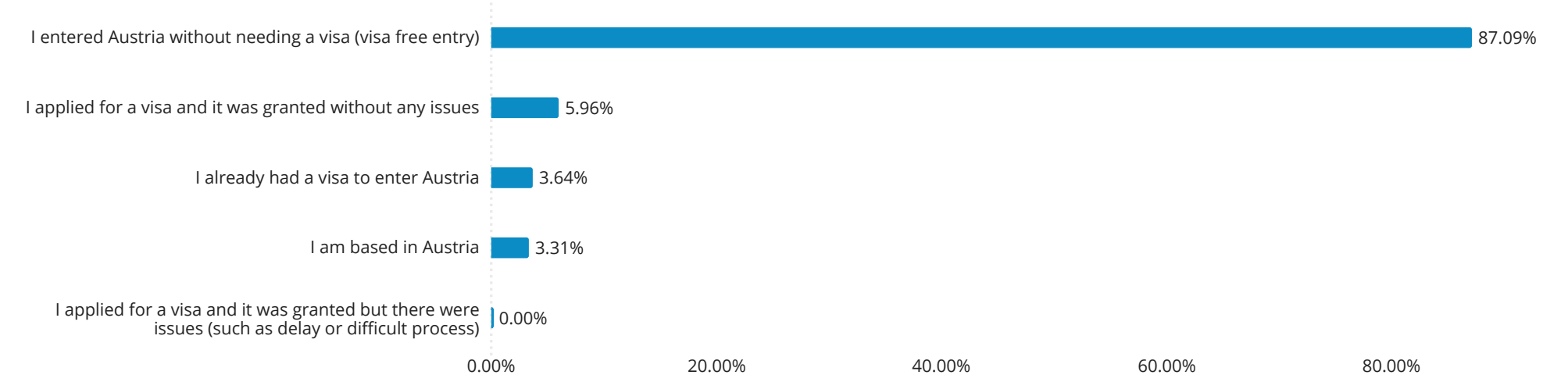
Field	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
WiFi (IETF Network)	4.38	0.81	0.65	301
Food and drinks provided at breaks	3.77	1.08	1.16	298
Hallway seating / breakout spaces	3.32	1.18	1.38	297
Signage	4.19	0.83	0.69	271
IETF Board game night	4.16	0.98	0.95	49
Welcome reception	4.06	0.88	0.77	210
Farewell reception	4.20	0.82	0.68	131
Overall	4.11	0.75	0.56	291

Q66 - (Onsite only) How satisfied were you with each of the following aspects of the venue?



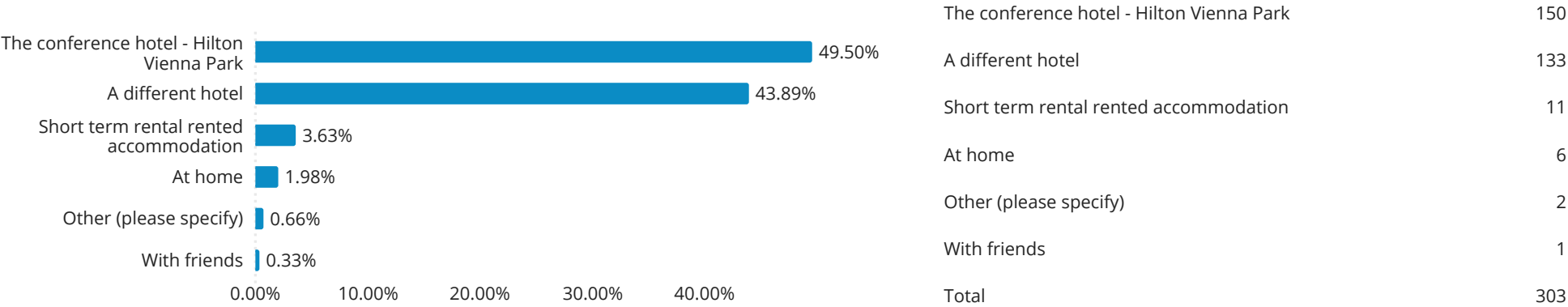
Field	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
Cost of rooms	3.08	1.16	1.33	205
Proximity to other accommodation options	4.29	0.72	0.51	203
Proximity to amenities (food places, supermarket, pharmacy, etc)	4.62	0.56	0.32	290
Area in which the hotel is located	4.63	0.58	0.33	296
Layout of the venue	4.06	0.95	0.90	296
Overall	4.27	0.68	0.47	290

Q76 - (Onsite only) Which of the following best describes your experience with travel to this meeting?



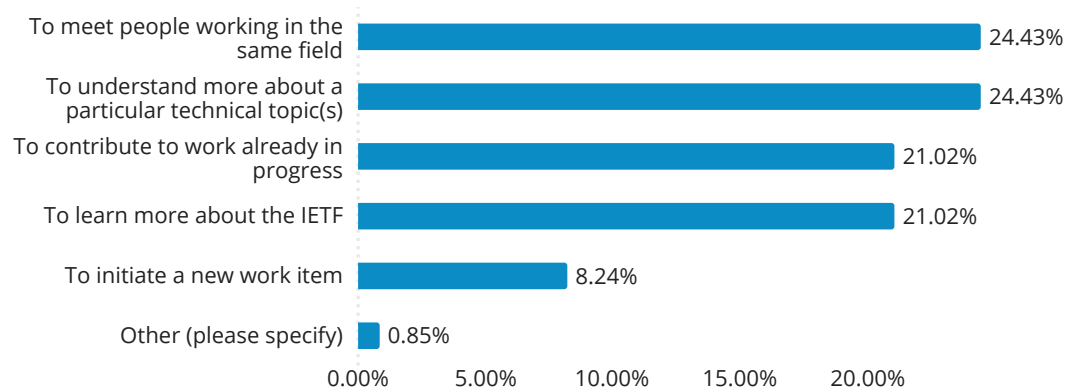
I entered Austria without needing a visa (visa free entry)	263
I applied for a visa and it was granted without any issues	18
I already had a visa to enter Austria	11
I am based in Austria	10
I applied for a visa and it was granted but there were issues (such as delay or difficult process)	0
Total	302

Q62 - (Onsite only) Where did you stay?



Questions only asked of new participants

Q50 - What were your goals for participating in this meeting?

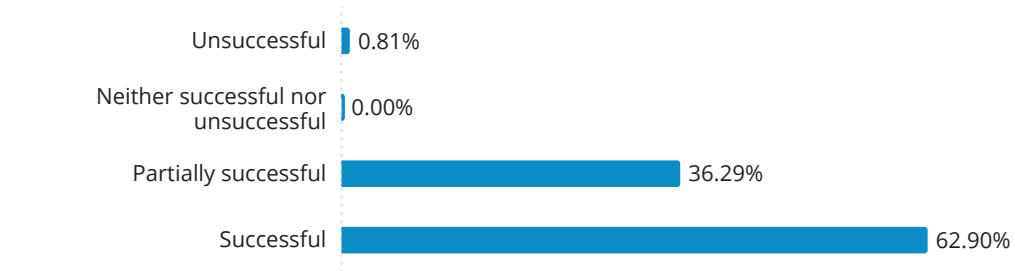


To meet people working in the same field	86
To understand more about a particular technical topic(s)	86
To contribute to work already in progress	74
To learn more about the IETF	74
To initiate a new work item	29
Other (please specify)	3
Total	352

Other (please specify) - Text

- Present
- to present my work in progress to the groups and IETF
- Socialize, get political acceptance before proposing an RFC

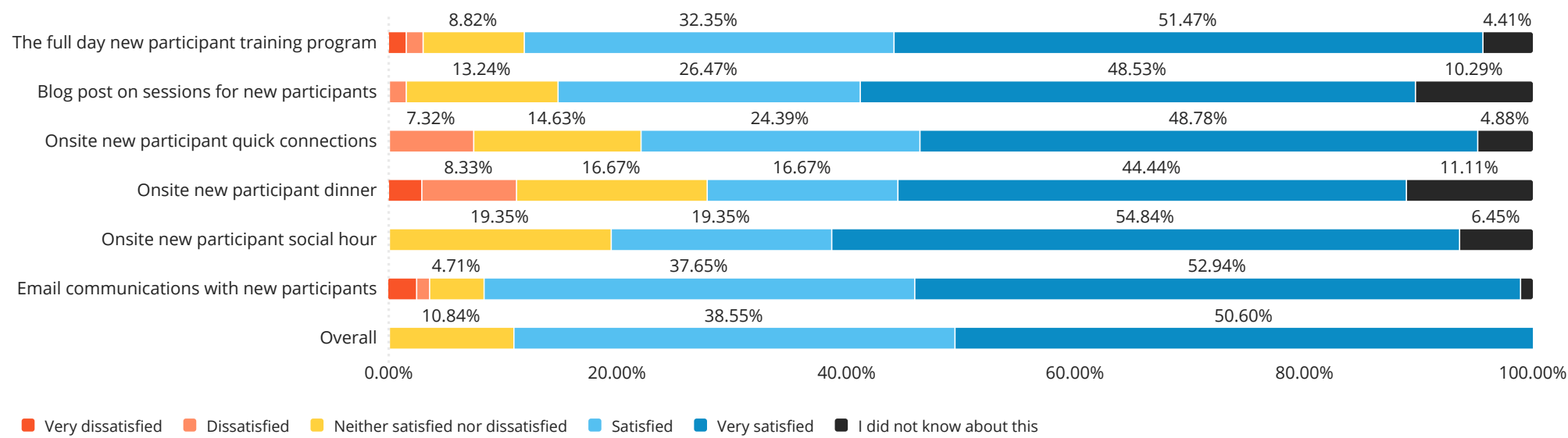
Q51 - (New only) How successful were you in achieving your goals for participation?



Unsuccessful	1
Neither successful nor unsuccessful	0
Partially successful	45
Successful	78
Total	124

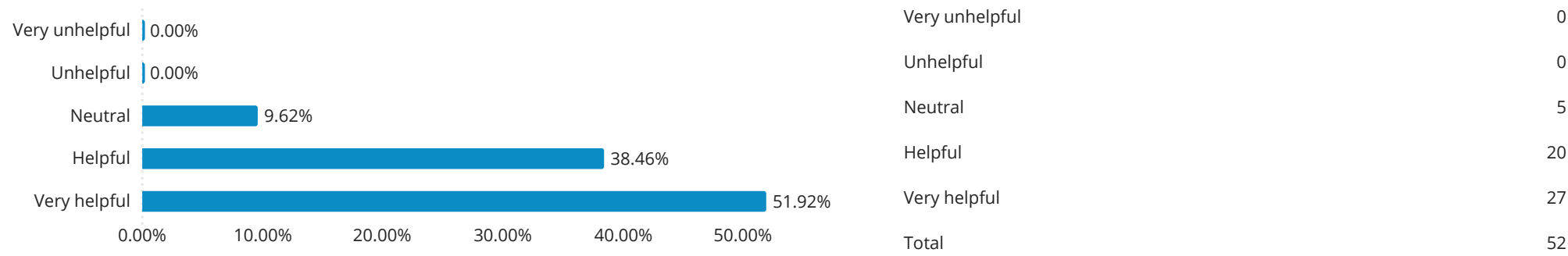
Field	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
How successful were you in achieving your goals for participation?	3.61	0.53	0.29	124

Q52 - (New only) How satisfied were you with the following elements of the new participant program?



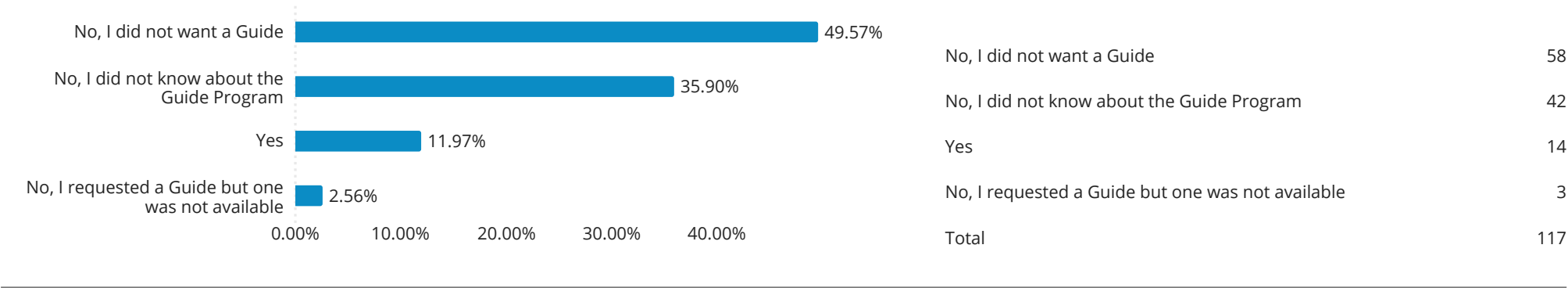
Field	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
The full day new participant training program	4.44	0.88	0.78	68
Blog post on sessions for new participants	4.53	0.90	0.81	68
Onsite new participant quick connections	4.29	1.02	1.04	41
Onsite new participant dinner	4.25	1.26	1.58	36
Onsite new participant social hour	4.48	0.88	0.77	31
Email communications with new participants	4.41	0.84	0.71	85
Overall	4.40	0.68	0.46	83

Q75 - (New only) If you participated in the full day new participant training program, how helpful was this for you participation during the week?

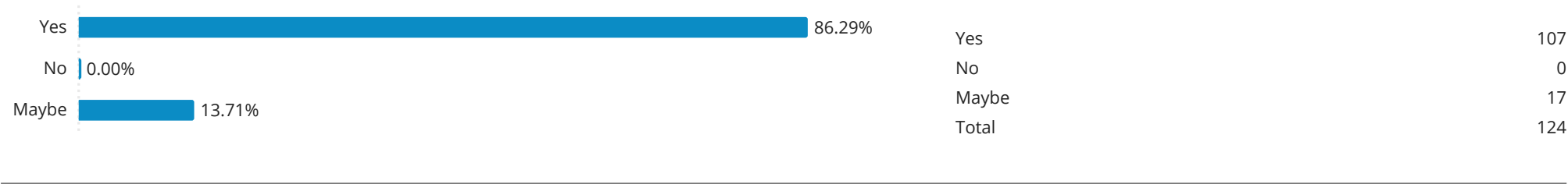


Field	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
If you participated in the full day new participant training program, how helpful was this for you participation during the week?	4.42	0.66	0.44	52

Q72 - (New only) Did you have the assistance of an IETF Guide?



Q53 - (New only) Do you plan to participate in another IETF meeting?



Q54 - (*New only*) How can we improve our support for new participants?

Current program is useless for single day participants

I think the biggest thing is that all of the prep work to be a successful new participant really should start much sooner than IETF. Unfortunately, that means interacting with the tooling that's designed for the already initiated. That said, I think it would be worthwhile to have reviewed some quick five or ten minute videos with tips and tricks on how to prepare.

No opinion

I don't know. I didn't participate.

Make available more fee waiver and support . I got registration waiver but i still have to buy ticket and hotel for myself ehich was very expensive and there is really no alternative to physocal meeting.

I think the support for new participants was helpful, especially the preparation sessions and training. For future meetings, it would be helpful to provide more guidance on how first-time participants can navigate the IETF, choose relevant sessions, and find opportunities to engage with working and research groups. A simple session guide or personalized recommendations based on participants' interests could also make it easier for newcomers to get involved.

so far so good

Zain

Remote attendance for side meetings was very disorganized, frequently we had audio issues and the meetings were hard to follow.

The new participants quick connections session was nice, but there as a 1-to-many mapping from experienced IETFers to new participants, making it more like an informal "lecture" time than a chance to really chat in private. There was also too much noise in the room, and it was hard to hear the conversation in a table of 4-6 people. However, I do understand that, as long as there are many more new participants than experienced IETFers, this will be hard to avoid.

Keep doing what you're doing, it was excellent

The new participants dinner slots ran out too early to be able to join I tried the new "participant meeting spot" to join with other participants for lunch/dinner, but there was never anyone else that showed up. Maybe the "meeting spot" should specify both location and time

Can't really but blame myself to not send applications to join some of the remote stuff in time.

Prepare more about Hackathon, otherwise as a first timer, it was hard, despite heaving technical knowledge how, to contribute meaningfully.

All new participant events, were already booked out by the time i knew if i might be able to make them.

More beginner-friendly guidance, recorded tutorials, and clearer communication about available programs and sessions would help new participants understand the IETF better and participate more effectively.

to have the new participants programs and meetings also remote

Find a space for the new participants quick connection with better acoustics

More relevant networking, at least by area. At the dinner, you are with the people near you for an hour or two, so it really needs to be the right people, especially if it's a small table.

Programs should not coincide with Hackathon ideally and open spots for various new participant events!

RFC Mentoring opportunity

WG members being more gentle and helpful and proactively assisting. The toolchain to upload an I-Draft based on Markdown is outright horrible. It literally stopped me from contributing for a whole year, until I vibe coded my own tools! Not something somebody rather new should have to go through. The editing of Version number should be automatic. Conversion from Markdown to XML should be automatic and give helpful error messages. They are essentially saying "something went wrong", but not exactly *where* in the doc, leaving me hunting for hours. I had physical (!) pain.

Too many splintered email. would have been better with a single source of truth (website/blog post?)

N.A.

Make sure they are actually added to the mailing list!

Final question asked of all participants

Q27 - Is there anything else you would like to say?

Comment	Where	Meetings
very good meeting organization, thank you	Remote	2-5
the venue had few places to work in a comfortable environment, venue was too crowded and way too noisy, no place to escape and calm down for persons experiencing anxiety or panic attacks	Onsite	2-5
the only serious issue with this meeting was hackathon space: the space was (far) too small, and the air quality too low to support actually working. Given that experience, I was expecting the rest of this meeting in the smaller venue to be similarly difficult -- and was pleasantly surprised. This venue worked really, really well and I'd be enthusiastic about coming back, provided we could add additional hackathon space (split rooms?) somehow.	Onsite	More than 5
the hackathon and welcome room were too noisy	Onsite	More than 5
please find a larger enough hotel to host IETF meeting, we need more attendees to make IETF great again! Too crowded. Food was so terrible, may need more budget on it.	Onsite	More than 5
not now	Onsite	2-5
none	Onsite	More than 5
no	Remote	This is my first IETF meeting
more water bottle filling stations / options would've been nice,.	Onsite	More than 5
more foods that fit the number of people in hackathon could be better	Onsite	2-5
liked the restaurant as a cozy meeting place, where, at our choice, we could get drink or food, but not necessarily. the layout makes it cozy for 1-1 meetings. really good idea. it was packed, but find everything all fine and liked the venue. Smaller means more encounters and hallway discussions.	Onsite	More than 5
lets re-imagine side meetings , it does not have to be this way...	Onsite	More than 5
good meeting	Onsite	More than 5
Would prefer conference food in the morning with some vegan protein instead of afternoon snacks. A 90 minute lunch break is enough to go somewhere to eat, and I don't need another snack before going to dinner after the meetings.	Onsite	More than 5

Worth keeping Vienna on repeat venue list	Onsite	More than 5
We shall allocate discussion time for the issues under wide agreement to promote them faster.	Onsite	More than 5
We need to do something about side meetings it was a little crazy this with the number of sessions.	Onsite	More than 5
We need more affordable IETF meetings to be more inclusive.	Onsite	More than 5
Vienna is a great location and the hotel was excellent even with a lot of people. It would be nice to have more variety for the snacks on different days though!	Onsite	More than 5
Very well organized with advanced tech for remote attendees, I would say. But it seems remote attendees cannot attend several sessions.	Remote	This is my first IETF meeting
Venue was way too small and noisy. Hackaton was unusable because my team did not fit it, and hallways too small and noisy for proper hallway conversations. We ended up going to other places nearby, which sort of defeated the purpose of randomly running into other people.	Onsite	More than 5
Venue hotel was quite noticeably too small for the size of this meeting - please consider other options and return to Vienna only as the very last resort. Side meetings as they are organized and run at the moment in fact do a long term damage to the IETF meeting - either discard them, or put them under strict agenda and content control.	Onsite	More than 5
Unless I am mistaken, there wasn't a IETF 126 banner for pictures? If there was, I couldn't find it. Usually we take a few pictures for our sponsoring project. This falls very short i.e. from Shenzhen's gigantic led banner, in my opinion.	Onsite	2-5
This was my first in-person IETF and it wasn't clear to me whether lunch was included in the registration fee. I searched the registration form and confirmation and found no clear answer, and only found out after I arrived and asked the registration desk staff. Some kind of brief notice of "lunch not included" or such in the registration procedure or confirmation would have been nice.	Onsite	2-5
This venue wasn't great for hallway meetings and discussions. The number of places where one could grab a small amount of space for those conversations was very rare and hard to fight for.	Onsite	More than 5
This needs a rethink - unaffordable for individual contributors	Onsite	2-5
This hotel felt way too cramped. There wasn't much room in the hallways to move around nor was there much seating therein. The hackathon felt like a fire hazard, the tables were too close together, there was virtually no room in it to sit and not get hit by people walking between tables. The temperature was a constant problem. Early in the day the AC was not working strong enough and it was quite hot and hard to concentrate, as the days went on it usually got better. Vienna was nice but this was my least favorite venue experience so far	Onsite	More than 5

There were a lot of comments in plenary about side meetings. Some were really positive, whereas some were weaker. I would not want to risk the positive ones, by creating more friction for the weaker ones. I agree with some of the comments about addressing them, but please do not throw the baby out with the bathwater, as they can be really positive events. The clash between AIProto BoF with TLS was the biggest issue with scheduling, as a lot of security people will go to the latter.	Onsite	More than 5
There was ample space, and I didn't feel cramped at all. But I missed having a shared workspace; please consider that to be mandatory.	Onsite	More than 5
There was a very uncomfortable mood brought in by one of the participants who was a former chair of a BoF. It felt extremely aggressive and rude to the current chair. It was quite shocking and uncomfortable. I wish there were a way to report such behavior especially coming from chairs of the IETF. I'd hoped for more friendliness and respect towards each other and would like to request that steps be taken to figure out how to address such situations. Everyone else was pleasant and I'd like to continue participating, what the IETF does is so important.	Remote	This is my first IETF meeting
There is a growing tendency to use side meeting rooms for topics which do not necessarily results in contribution to Wags, leaving not enough space for side meetings to discuss active WG topics	Onsite	More than 5
The was a really great IETF, excellent venue and great local environment. Easy to get to and easy to get out and around (for lunch, dinner, a quick break). Let's come back. The Hilton was a very good location and the quality of the hotel was way better than the average Hilton. The room prices were unreasonably high given that Vienna is not that expensive. The side meetings were a bit of a pain. Some side meetings collided with the main WGs or RGs they would refer to. One could remove side meetings that are in obvious conflict with the agenda. There were too many of them. The baristers were superb, the hotel coffee offered in the breaks was just bad, but the food was very good.	Onsite	More than 5
The venue seemed a little crowded, but I wouldn't mind meeting there again	Onsite	More than 5
The vegan food were very lacking this time. It was excellent in Shenzhen, but the labels on the main tables were lacking, and on the dietary restrictions table there were no additional food, only a more limited selection of the main table	Onsite	2-5
The substance of the meeting was good, but the venue was *really* subpar. The food, in particular, was horrible, almost inedible and with almost no variations. On the upper floor, getting any drinks except tea and coffee was super hard. Also, in snack breaks, often the most substantial food was gone and never replenished after three minutes - don't call it a 30-minute break, call it a 5-minute break. Even the bottle cap openers were bad! It looks like the venue was trying to extract all the margin they could from us, but for a €1000 ticket I expect to be fed decently :) And, in most rooms from the stage it was almost impossible to hear the people speaking at the mic. It was such a contrast with Shenzhen, where both hospitality and facilities were exceptional. Finally, the general schedule was fine but you can't run the plenary until 20:30 in a city where dinner time is 18:30. Most restaurants were closing the kitchen by then.	Onsite	More than 5
The space was a bit cramped.	Onsite	More than 5

The smaller venue had both pros and cons - the layout was much less confusing than some of the other recent ietfs, but there were a lot less seating options between sessions and the noise levels were pretty high, making it more difficult to have "hallway" conversations. The beverage situation was also not great. In previous meetings it was generally easy to get soft drinks and cold water. It seemed much more difficult this year. I was also fairly disappointed by both dispatches and hotrfcs, but this is not specific to this meeting, it just seems to be getting worse. Most of the work being brought to those sessions needs to be more tightly vetted. Finally, the research presented in the irtf sessions was often wrong or misleading. Again, vetting by the chairs of the slides presented would go a long way to fixing that.	Onsite	2-5
The single onsite/remote mic queue and requirement for onsite participants to join it in order to speak is great - prevents onsite meeting from ignoring remote participants.	Remote	More than 5
The side meeting situation has gotten completely out of hand. Do something else, perhaps get rid of them all: improving communication access, seating, etc. isn't going to help. "AI" is such a meaningless term; if we have to run around after this fad, let's at least use correct, technical terminology.	Onsite	More than 5
The rooms were too long and echoey which made it hard to hear the speakers	Onsite	2-5
The rooms were atrociously cold. I always had to walk around with a hoodie, especially the rooms at the ground floor. Maybe consider setting the air-conditioning at a modest value between 21-24 °C. This would also help save the environment. I don't get the bottled drinking fetish at all. I'd at least expect a proper water dispenser so I don't have to constantly scout for bottles. Secondly, I find it rather weird to provide bottles that can't be resealed so everyone has open drinks standing at there work space with all the tech equipment. Why not provide captive screw-cap bottles; yes they are even available in glass. There wasn't enough sugar free drinking options, including normal water. (Once again a water dispenser would have mitigated that.) There was Coke and Sprite which is cool but non sugar-free Softdrinks as far as I'm aware of. I had to drink sugar sprite because neither water not sugar free alternatives were available. How great... In general I found it super awkward to just have to leave your dirty dishes at your table, while a hord of minions grab them. I would rather prefer a dedicated area for disposal/dirty dishes.	Onsite	This is my first IETF meeting
The room for the hackathon was much too small	Onsite	More than 5
The question about entering Austria missed a key point: My country has a visa-free agreement with the countries in the Schengen Area, and yet, it was still a remarkable pain in the ass to go through border control there, both in the way in, and in the way out (I had a layover in Frankfurt between my flights to and from Austria, and both times I barely made it to my plane due to the security theater they now have in place). Also, personally, I felt like the venue was way too small and felt way too cramped at all times. Some of the meeting rooms were too small, and the space for breaks was way too small. Lastly, about food: I felt like the food options repeated a few too many times (even if I loved the risotto, it grew a bit old). And there weren't enough beverage options other than water and coffee, especially at the mezzanine.	Onsite	2-5
The quality and variety of food for lunch on 18 July (Saturday) is so poor. Almost no courses to match rice.	Onsite	More than 5
The only place/time I noticed the "crowded" aspect was in the hallways when some groups ended a bit early, or when trying to talk to folks.	Onsite	More than 5

The mornings were long without sugar. It's OK, but we need to be reminded to bring snacks. The meeting rooms were too small. Even though the aircon seemed to cope, it was clearly recycling air not bringing in fresh. CO2 monitors made for some scary figures! The hotel staff made a valiant effort in the face of our onslaught, but some things (especially toilet cleaning and restocking) never caught up. The music in the bar never got resolved and had the upside of driving me out to some excellent nearby cafes. Paige is wonderful. The speakers in some rooms were exceeding poor. Chairing a meeting I had to resort to earbuds and taking the Meete ho stream because it was impossible to understand people relayed through the speakers - I wish I had thought of this sooner.	Onsite	More than 5
The missing Terminal Room/Shared Workspace (with a QUIET! atmosphere) was a big issue for me, I frequently use this room to work. In a dedicated room, I also feel comfortable leaving my setup for a short time (e.g. bathroom break), with the open room in the hotel lobby, you had to either ask people to look after your stuff for a while or pack everything (and possibly loose your spot) The hackathon was very packed, and the tables were so close together that it was very difficult to get through the room without bothering people to move their chairs, more space for the hackathon (maybe even having it in multiple rooms, like in Madrid) is a good idea. The hackathon presentation was useless to me, because the hackathon room was too loud and the speakers did not carry across the whole room (same with all announcements during the hackathon)	Onsite	More than 5
The meeting venue was too small. The areas around the meeting rooms during the breaks were way too cramped, too many people with big backpacks bumping into you. We need bigger hall spaces for the corridor chats. The side meetings add cost to the IETF meeting, and some seem to use the side meeting as a permanent "WG" capability - the number of side meetings for a given purpose should be limited like BoFs, and rooms allocated by a BoF-like process, not first-come first-served. The cost of single day on site registration is disproportionate for those wanting to come to chair/attend a WG session in person and meet people in person. Make it 25% of the week's cost not 55% and limit people to one such pass. Some rooms were partitioned larger rooms and has very poor sound insulation, so sound carried between the rooms. This was distracting. Put the QR code on the wall at the back of each room to make scanning it easy. Ensure the hotel bar stays open late. Each night the bar/lobby was full at the hotel closing time - negotiate extra time for attendees to chat.	Onsite	More than 5
The meeting rooms were too small. I needed to remote participate too many times, considering I was on location. Also, the side meetings developed in a parallel conference, which I believe should not be the case.	Onsite	More than 5
The meeting can provide more hotel options of different prices.	Onsite	This is my first IETF meeting
The large meeting rooms were too cold.	Onsite	2-5
The hackaton room was too small!	Onsite	More than 5
The food provided for tthe (appropriately rare) cases wher ethe IETF was providing lunch did not work well for me. And the hotel managed to mess up when staff very helpfully tried to fix this.	Onsite	More than 5
The cost of participation remains high and can be a barrier to participation.	Onsite	More than 5

The conference hotel room rate was SIGNIFICANTLY higher than the public one. I noticed by accident and ended up changing rates to ~1300€ for the week instead of ~1960€ with the IETF rate	Onsite	More than 5
The coffee line was far too long, and the coffee served by the hotel was criminally bad - needed a second coffee cart like Madrid and Montreal	Onsite	2-5
The aqoustics were bad in large rooms Loved the lcoation as it was near many cafes where i could get food for my dietary needs Consider meeting loations where AI comonaies and the future of networking companies can join	Onsite	2-5
The IETF room rate at the hotel was disappointing. Cheaper to book without using the IETF rate	Onsite	More than 5
The IETF is just a bit too long. By the last day most people are pretty exhausted. I don't know if that can be solved, but it was my experience that people were skipping evening networking,, or irritable at evening networking by Thursday night. There isn't as much room for Bar BOFs or Breakfast BOFs--people have forgotten that's a thing and I think too much emphasis is put on theWGsl Although the progress is made at the WGs, the socialization of ideas is extremely important, and I think that is not emphasized enough in the n00b training. The culture of lots of BarBoFs is gone, and the whole thing feels just a bit too heavy and serious. There's also an incredible closed-mindedness of the IETF and a lack of preparedness for the future of the internet. The IETF is at risk of becoming obsolete as AI pressures the internet to evolve, and as the geopolitical center of tech development moves to Southeast Asia. Anything that isn't shaped like DNS or OAuth seems to be dismissed out-of-hand. Anything that overlaps existing standards is dismissed, which makes sense on the one hand, but also means that we are stuck in a world that is dominated past decisions. It is difficult to watch the entrenched nature of the institution, and the geographical makeup of the participants. The side meetings are dominated by the Chinese, who are participating in a kind of partial way in the main WGs. The Indians are completely missing. Where are the Indians? It's quite odd. The world has already shifted dramatically and I'm worried the IETF is not in a position to embrace these changes.	Onsite	2-5
The IESG needs to kill the side meetings – they're out of control.	Onsite	More than 5
The Hilton was expensive. I know many people who booked outside of IETF, I wish I'd had done the same....	Onsite	More than 5
The Hackathon and BoFs needed more space. Otherwise, my experience with the venue was surprisingly good despite the large number of onsite participants. Great job!	Onsite	More than 5
The Cisco WebEx experience with side meetings is miserable. No access to slide content, stuck in lobby unless the host interrupts the speaker/slideshow to let people in who have waited for 10+ min, inconsistent use of WebEx verses Zoom vs anything. Poor technical integration with room and remote. The actual meetings themselves where very succesful!	Remote	2-5
The Audio in the rooms was not great. Especially as an Engineering grouo we should invest in audio engineering. There is low hanging fruit to improve the experience	Onsite	2-5
Thanx!	Onsite	More than 5
Thankyou IETF and IRTF it was a wonderful experience. I will participate in coming events	Onsite	This is my first IETF meeting

Thanks to all who organised and operated this meeting!	Onsite	More than 5
Thank you.	Remote	This is my first IETF meeting
Thank you, IETF 126 was a great and useful experience for me.	Onsite	This is my first IETF meeting
Thank you so much for the fee waved tickets for the meeting and see you next time remotely in the SF meeting!	Remote	This is my first IETF meeting
Thank you for the great work preparing for the meeting site!	Onsite	More than 5
Thank you for organizing the meeting and providing opportunities for new participants to learn and engage with the IETF community. It was a valuable learning experience.	Remote	This is my first IETF meeting
Thank you for all your hard work putting this together. Overall it's a great conference.	Onsite	This is my first IETF meeting
Strange to me that food was provided in the afternoon break that was so close to dinner.	Onsite	2-5
Someone ought to provide the hotel with a recipe for chocolate chip cookies if it's a country where that isn't really a typical snack. Aside from that, the food available at breaks was of generally higher quality than at a typical IETF meeting.	Onsite	More than 5
Some side meetings appear to be used solely to claim that work was "presented at IETF" with little or no desire to for a BoF or WG or produce an RFC.	Onsite	More than 5
Side meetings organization needs help. I would rather start earlier and have longer days	Onsite	More than 5
Side meeting in parallel to normal IETF/IRTF session is a very very bad idea. Please fix it.	Onsite	More than 5
Rooms for WG sessions were generously sized. Given the size and number of those rooms, it is a bit surprising that no shared workspace / terminal room could be provided and only the very noisy lobby was available as a workspace.	Onsite	More than 5
Room was too small for the hackathon, worked for all other sessions I attended though. Noise level in the hallway seemed louder than in other venues; paired with doors not automatically closing, this impaired a couple of sessions at the start of the week. Location of the venue cannot get much better than this.	Onsite	More than 5
Please put this site into normal rotation	Onsite	More than 5
Please bring back the Terminal room. Preferably the real actual old terminal room, but at least a quiet room to work, and don't abuse the hotel bar for it, which does not allow to focus.	Onsite	More than 5
Overcrowded, loud, and nowhere to sit. The side-meetings I tried to attend were full to bursting and I had to leave. Between sessions there was not enough seating for laptop work. I get that IETF 126 had a higher than expected on-site attendance but even so, surely there should have been a way to get spillover space from the venue?	Onsite	More than 5

Overall, a very good meeting. Workspaces were a bit problematic: no “terminal room” and a shared workspace that was actually the hotel lobby bar. Scheduling HotRFC against part of the welcome reception continues to be a problem; why can't it be an hour later? Room size for IEPG was inadequate.	Onsite	More than 5
OAuth working group was stuffed with too many topics and therefore discussions were cut to an absolute minimum, which was sad. OAuth may require 3 meetings and it would have been nice to extend the existing 2 meetings. Also I have the feeling OAuth meetings usually always take place on Thursday/Friday, which also limits possibilities for post-discussions on the event	Onsite	2-5
No.	Remote	More than 5
N/A	Remote	More than 5
More space for hackathon	Onsite	This is my first IETF meeting
Meeting clashes were appalling this time (you've not asked us to list clashes this time) - worst I've ever known. I wish we could have socials back. But if not, we can extend Tuesdays by 60 mins. All days could extend to 7:30pm to fit more in. Vienna hotel was poor. A lot of very full meeting rooms, hallway space was severely lacking. Not like eg Prague hotel which is much better. Snack breaks were very weird. Long long queues to pick up something that's almost real food, but not enough to substitute for a meal. Not sure what the point was. Snack break should be for quick-grab snacks: yoghurts, ice cream, fruit, cookies, etc.	Onsite	More than 5
Loved the SIZE of the venue! We can certainly do smaller. It actually made collaboration better.	Onsite	More than 5
Live a beautiful life whi know whats coming next	Remote	This is my first IETF meeting
Lack of terminal room was frustrating - would have been worse for me if I hadn't stayed at the conference hotel.	Onsite	More than 5
Lack of breakfast options was annoying. Prior IETF's I attended had a breakfast bar so I planned on one being here this time.	Onsite	More than 5
Keep up the good work	Remote	This is my first IETF meeting
Just totally depressed by several IETF leadership decisions/policies. But meeting org was very good. As i mentioned on the list, the Hilton has specifically a great layout for collaboration on the ground floor.	Onsite	More than 5
It's hard work and you guys did a great job again. Thanks!	Onsite	More than 5
It would be nice if the IETF made even a nod towards addressing harassment and gender discrimination in meetings.	Onsite	More than 5
It was said that many liked the smaller venue, making it easier to get from one room to the next. And it was nice. But it came at the expense of a VERY CROWDED venue. I always felt like I was swimming upstream. So it's nice, but it's a trade-off.	Onsite	More than 5
It was a poor meeting venue for hallway conversations. No good hallway space, very crowded, and the lineups for food were crazy. Break food should be pick-up-and-walk (and talk) snacks, not full meals, so that people keep moving.	Onsite	More than 5

It was a great meeting and a good space where I'd like to return.	Onsite	More than 5
It was a bit unfortunate that vegetarian food options were not always clearly marked and sometimes not available at all. In general, non-vegetarians also eat vegetarian food, so it is important to have much more vegetarian food available. Otherwise having a separate vegetarian buffet might help (as was done with vegan/gluten-free). The barista option was again great! The hackathon venue was unfortunately much too small to fit all participants, and the noise level was very high to a point where it became difficult to work. A/C was too cold for my (European) taste, but that is nothing new on IETF meetings :P Despite these points, it was a very successful and well organized meeting, thank you for that!	Onsite	2-5
It is hard to match food after Shenzhen IETF	Onsite	More than 5
In previous IETFs, there has been a dedicated Shared Workspace with tables and chairs where people can do work and/or have small impromptu meetings. Some groups have also used this space for interop testing of IETF technologies (e.g. L4S and ILNP). While the lobby bar served part of this function well, it was insufficient for other parts and, in particular, the interop testing was not available. In future IETFs, I hope that the dedicated Shared Workspace can be available.	Onsite	More than 5
If you're surprised about my only negative reaction, about side meetings: I was another person who experienced the "side meeting disappearing from the list while it's ongoing" problem. BTW I did otherwise like the way the side meeting page looked.	Onsite	More than 5
If you haven't already - compare the data of hackathon on-site attendees with remote IETF participants. I suspect I was not the only one.	Remote	More than 5
If the budget allows, please upgrade the real-time subtitles of all meetings to the same level as than for meeting @ Grand Park Hall 3 (may there be manual real-time correction?)	Onsite	More than 5
IETF 126 was a good meeting. The problem with the side meetings were NOT about scheduling or room size (small hassles, no showstoppers), it was that the most of the AI activities ended up there creating a shadow track. It would be good to create one or more AI WGs just to offload the side meeting track and add some admission & quality control to the area.	Onsite	More than 5
IETF 126 Vienna was a blast! Engagement, interest, old and new connections made the trip and week productive and meaningful. Thank you IETF!	Onsite	2-5
I've always been staying at the conference hotel. But this time it was too expensive. And while it has been a real advantage in the past (to stay at the hotel conference), like brainstorming at the bar, it's happening less and less these last years.	Onsite	More than 5
I'll absolutely be trying to attend in person for IETF 129 in Berlin!	Remote	2-5
I would like the Europe slot to eventually rotate, because the Europe slot now continuously requires me to make choices in my agenda for conflicting events, which I don't particularly like.	Onsite	2-5
I was positively surprised by the amount of food that was available during "just" coffee breaks. But still, in person participation is so expensive.	Onsite	More than 5

I was frustrated that I had a conflict for dnsop with 6man—these two really shouldn't ever happen in the same timeslot. Same with v6ops. I realize that this is hard to avoid, but this was a really bad conflict. Fewer AI BOFs might have opened up space on the schedule. The layout of the break refreshments was really pessimal. I don't know if it could have been avoided, mind you, but it was extremely congested and suboptimal. Also, crudites are all very well and good, but not actually a filling snack. There were samosas one day, which worked, but on other days I didn't see any hot food that I was tempted to take, and mostly didn't have any snacks at all. I looked at nearby hotels before booking, and everything seemed extremely expensive. This wasn't a problem for me since I was able to stay at the venue, but it felt like a bit of a downside to staying in Vienna. There are enough upsides that it wasn't a problem for me, but I wonder if anybody did feel like they couldn't come because of the cost of the stay. Working Group chairs should really be more selective about taking agenda items so that there is time for discussion. Otherwise what's the point of coming to an in-person meeting? Rushing to cram more presentations into available time doesn't seem like a virtue. Lots of complaints here, but I had a productive meeting as usual and don't regret coming. Thanks for organizing it! And BTW, at the plenary for some reason everybody up to Jay got applause, but Jay didn't. I think that was just a random artifact of how things were flowing, but I hope Jay didn't feel unappreciated as a result. The work he's doing is very much appreciated at least by me.

Onsite More than 5

I thought the venue was too small; there were very few places to sit both in ballrooms and in the common areas. We had enormous problems with doors, of all things. Some of them were hard to open and many of them did not close themselves, which was disruptive to meetings because of outside noise.

Onsite More than 5

I thought the food provided by the hotel during receptions and snacks was worse than usual at meetings. I did not like how cramped all of the hallways/open areas were in between meeting sessions. The audio quality in lots of the meetings was subpar. Even on Friday, several presenters would have to turn around to read the transcript to understand the question they were being asked from the mic.

Onsite 2-5

I think side meetings should probably controlled somehow or maybe removed (moving to the all bar BoF kind of thing). They are starting to be very disruptive to the main IETF activity, many times having more attendees than the regular WG sessions

Onsite More than 5

I think side meetings are important. The room setup we chose for them is very inconvenient, in fact I think the regular session rooms are more conducive to discussion than the huge, mostly wasted U-shaped arrangement, plus the back of the room where people congregated and then had to leave for safety reasons.

Onsite More than 5

I scheduled flights and hotels for a particular session, and once I'd arrived discovered it had been rescheduled from Tuesday to Friday, meaning it happened after I'd left. That makes it harder to justify in-person attendance for anything other than the whole event.

Onsite More than 5

I liked Vienna, we should have more meetings there. :)

Onsite More than 5

I find it very offensive that I have to pay 1200 Eur (incl. VAT which I cannot (!) recover, no reverse charge, and that's already the super early reg) as an *individual* or tiny startup. I contribute, and then you leech *me*? Apple, Google, Meta and co really, really have enough money. How come the venue is more expensive than a whole 4 star hotel room for 7 nights? I occupied 1 or 2 chairs and needed a screen. why 1200 Eur? The toilets were not maintained. 5/6 paper dispensers out of paper, 4/6 soap dispensers out of soap, trashcans regularly overflowing after lunch break, "brown" toilets (multiple at the same time, multiple times). I told the hotel staff 2 or 3 times until it improved. (men's room) friendly hotel staff Food should be available at *any* time, more variety than 2 food options, both mediocre, and generally bad and expensive food. I'd rather take pasta with sauce like at the farewell (which again had 3x pasta, no variety, but at least it's real food) than these finger food stuff which was prepared hours ago. And have that available during the entire session time and 1h before and after. Vienna: very nice location. I enjoyed it. Please do it more often in nice places, not Bangkok or San Francisco.	Onsite	2-5
Hotel is too expensive	Onsite	More than 5
Hilton Vienna Park is, again, the BEST venue in my 15 years of meetings. I love Prague too, but the location of Hilton Vienna Park is perfect. Shopping, food, and metro hub across the street? Insanely great. Oh, and, ALWAYS have the meetings in the hotel. Dublin and Yokohama were disasters! They were the *opposite* of Hilton Vienna Park. (And a also vote for always Hilton if possible :-)	Onsite	More than 5
Hi Jay!	Remote	More than 5
Hackthon room was way too crowded. Food trays for Hackthon meals were not replenished quickly, lots of time was spent waiting for new trays to come out. With so many hackathon groups (good thing), each group was barely given any time to present at the end (90 seconds, then 60 seconds). If presentation times are going to be so short, these needs to be a public queue so teams are ready to present immediately with minimal transition time between presentations.	Onsite	More than 5
Hackathon room air was bad.	Onsite	More than 5
Great city, happy to return.	Onsite	More than 5
Generally I think IETF needs to have more and better food for all of the breaks, not because we're hungry but because it's a great networking opportunity. In other conferences I meet so many new people over these breaks and the food is what keeps people around and not disperse.	Onsite	More than 5

First, big thanks to the organizing teams, this has been a very good IETF meeting (again) and we don't always see all the efforts put into making things run as smoothly as possible and all the preparation and dedication needed. The meeting was well attended and the meeting space may have seen overall a bit too small to allow for the best experience, especially the breaks were quite loud and difficult to navigate (access food/drinks, or reach someone), but nothing unmanageable. I think the side meetings still need improvement on several aspects (timing/overlap with IETF main tracks, room size, booking and announcements). I suggest to run some experiment with different side meetings approaches to what works best for the community. Suggestions have already been shared in previous meeting surveys and to my knowledge, the IESG is looking into this. I believe it can be very useful to restate/clarify what the side meetings are (and are not), and what the IETF should do/provide to enable side meetings and where to stop/what not to do. Overall, there seems to be some drifts from what BoF, bar BoFs, and initial I-Ds used to be and we are shifting expectations and meaning to (new) alternatives while IETF has existing means to achieve new topics incubation, informal gatherings and exchange of ideas. Some form of communication on the IETF 12x meeting pages, side meetings page and mailing list can help to situate what side meetings are about.	Onsite	More than 5
Fee waiver and subsidy are nexessary to encourage Africa to attend	Onsite	2-5
Far far too many side meetings. This must stop	Onsite	More than 5
