

Identifying the needs and the gaps for climate change adaptation in the Northern periphery

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WP5 Background

- Extreme weather events, mild and rainy winters, lack of snow ...
 - All these need adaptation measures in local planning, policies, businesses etc.
 - Clim-ATIC WP5 aim was to establish a services for sharing the best practices, knowledge and training



Photo Kirsi Latola

What communities want to know?

- Analysis of existing resources in each country (brainstorm at the Kick-off in Lycksele and direct contacts to partners)
- On-line survey to identify target customers, content and methods of delivery (May to August 2009 in seven languages)
- Follow-up survey (fall 2009)
- Workshop in February 2010 (Copenhagen)



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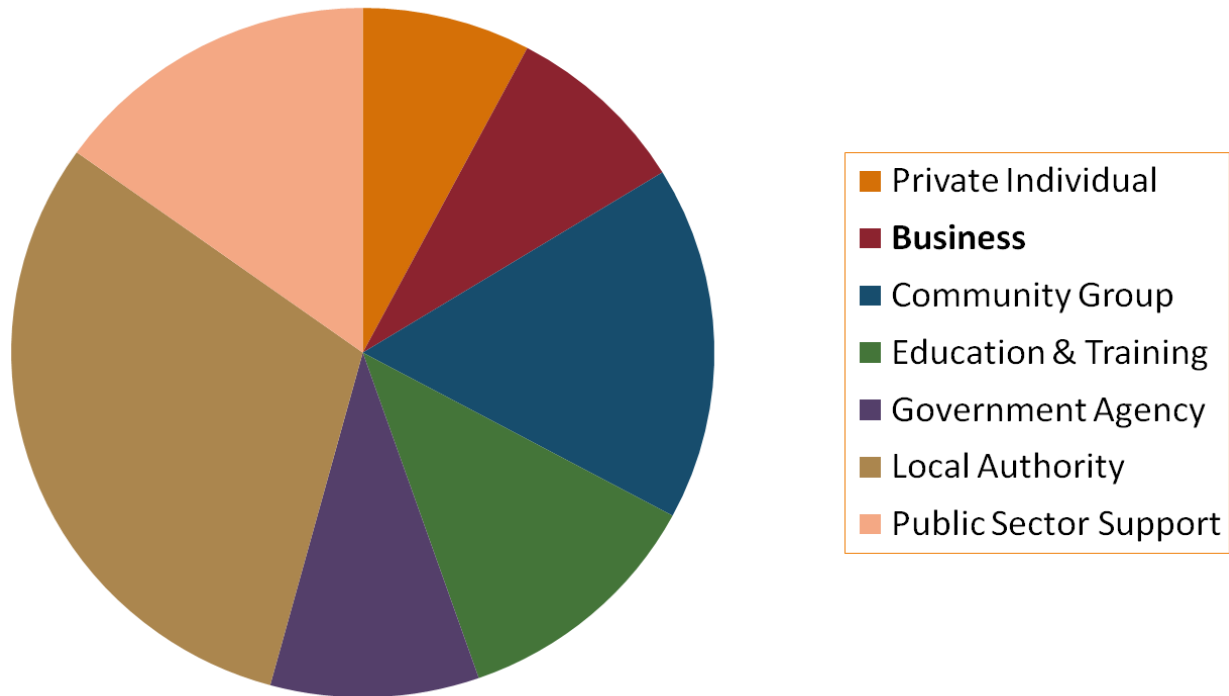


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On-line survey

Types of respondents (n =272)



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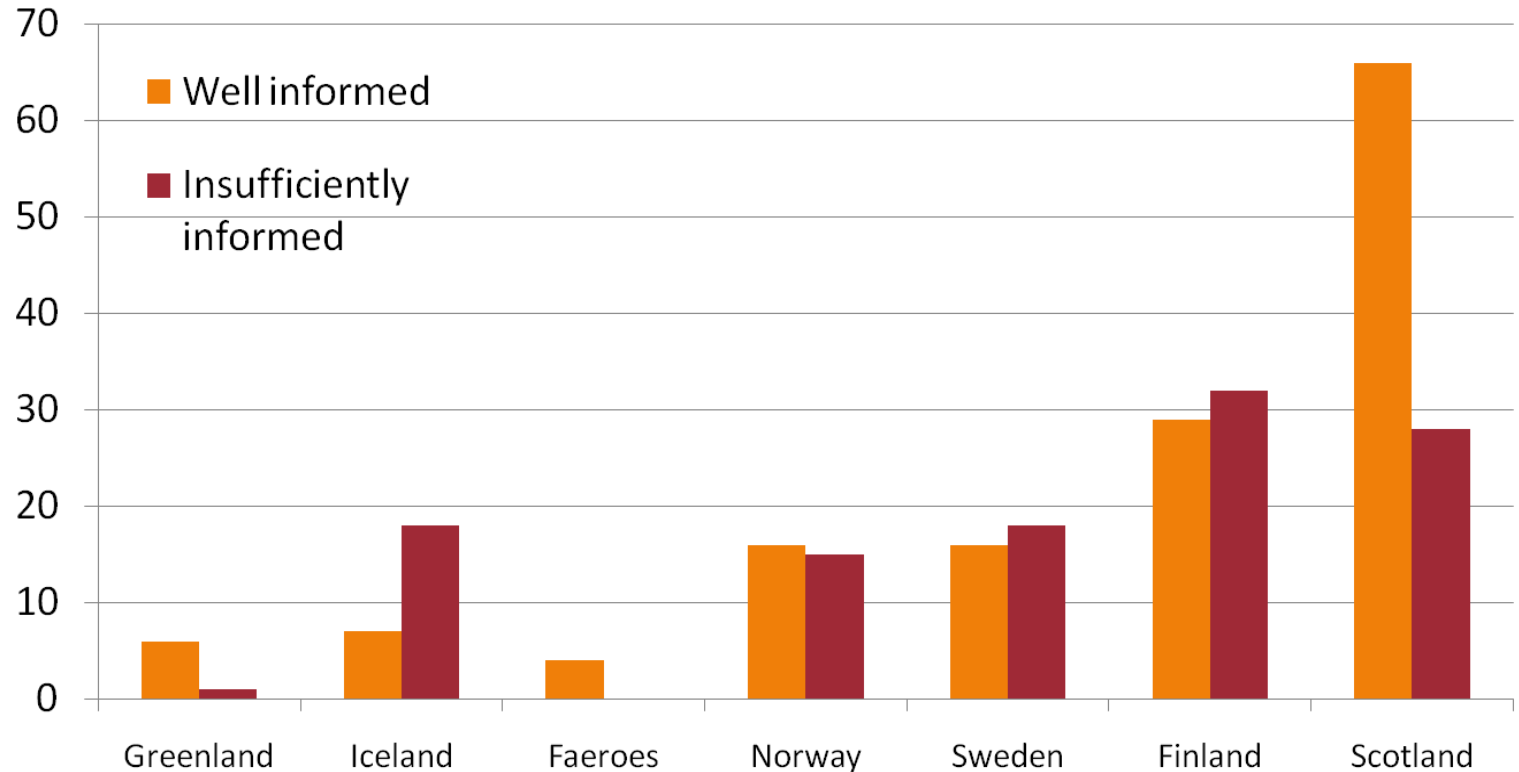


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Knowledge about climate change



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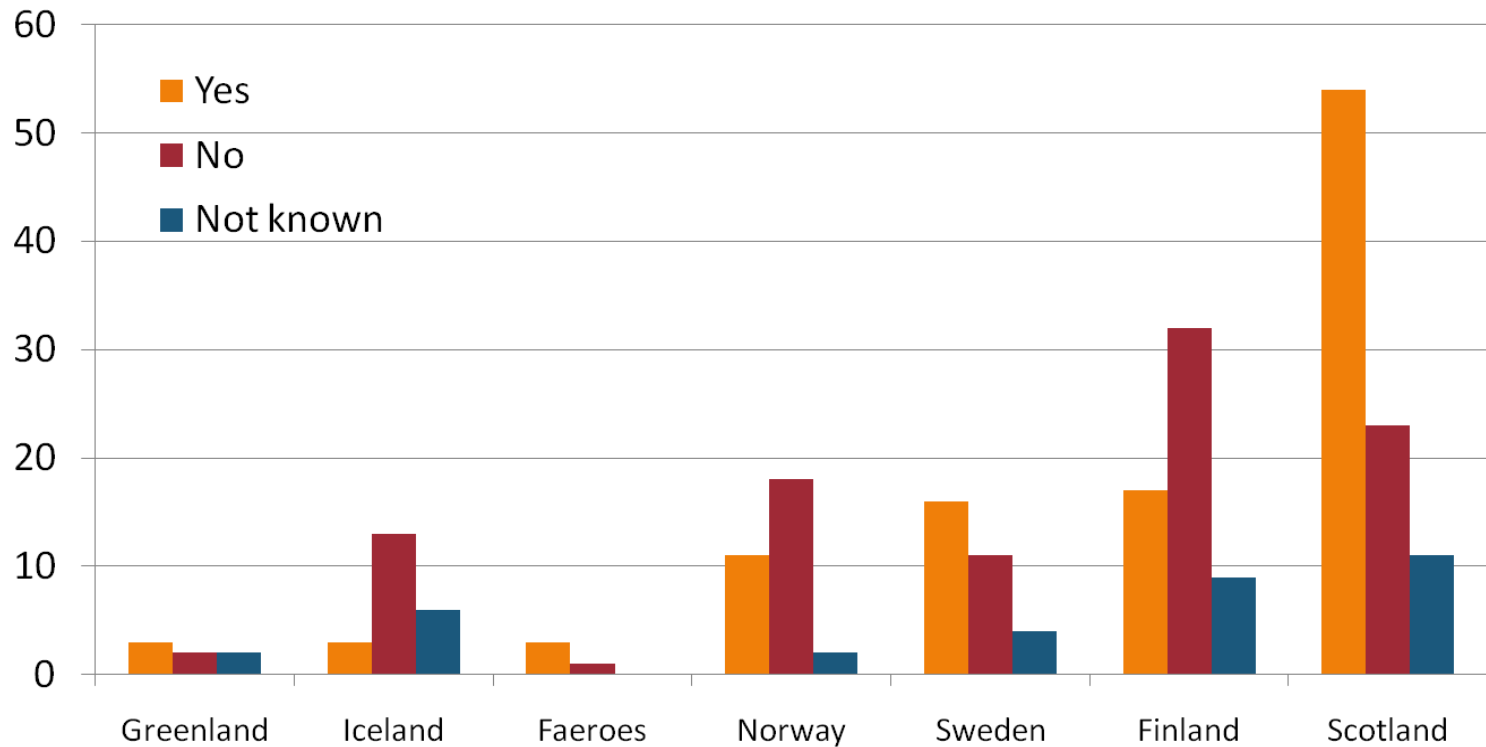


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On-line survey

Someone in the organisation working on climate change adaptation



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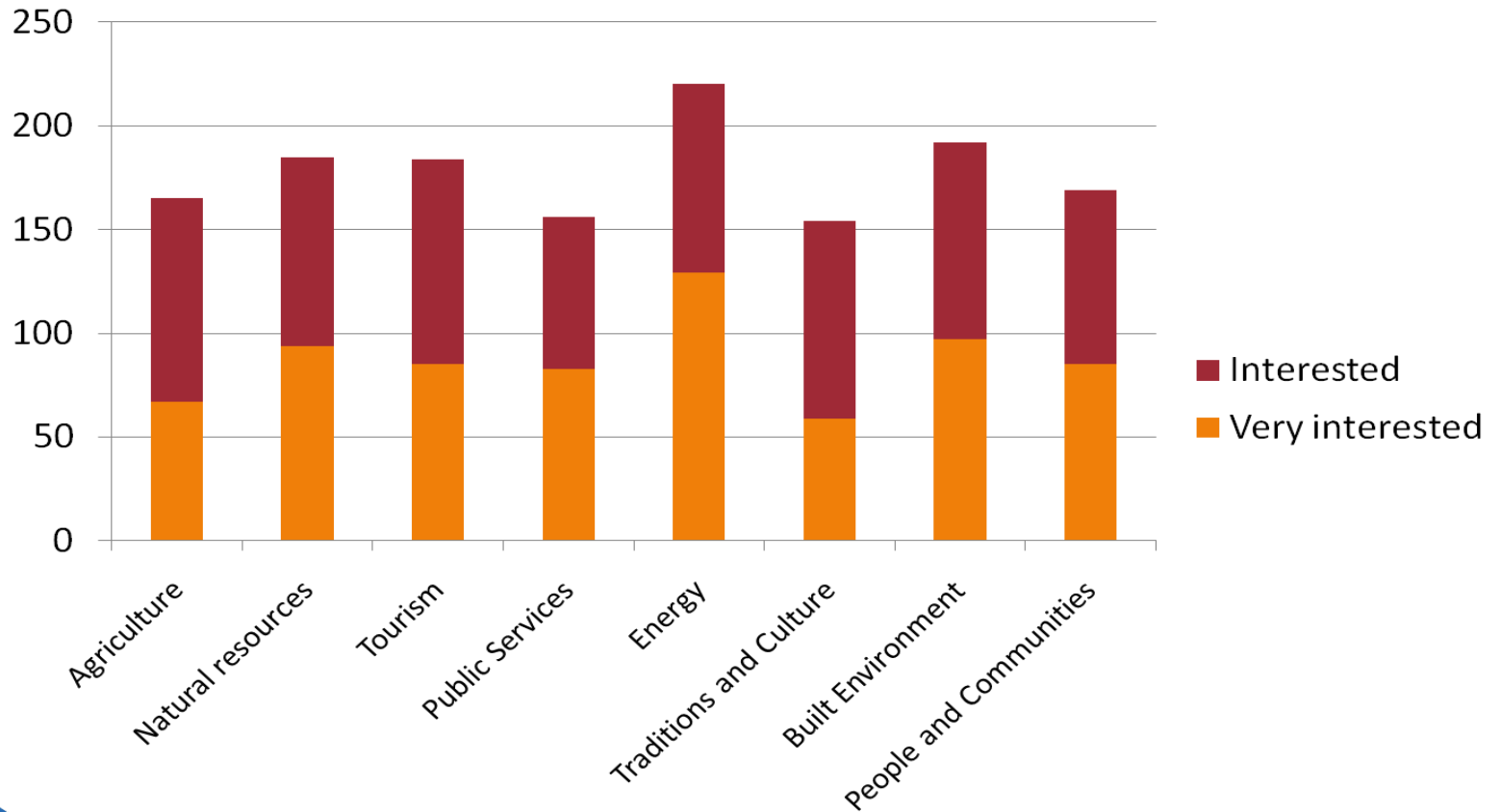


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Interest in following topics



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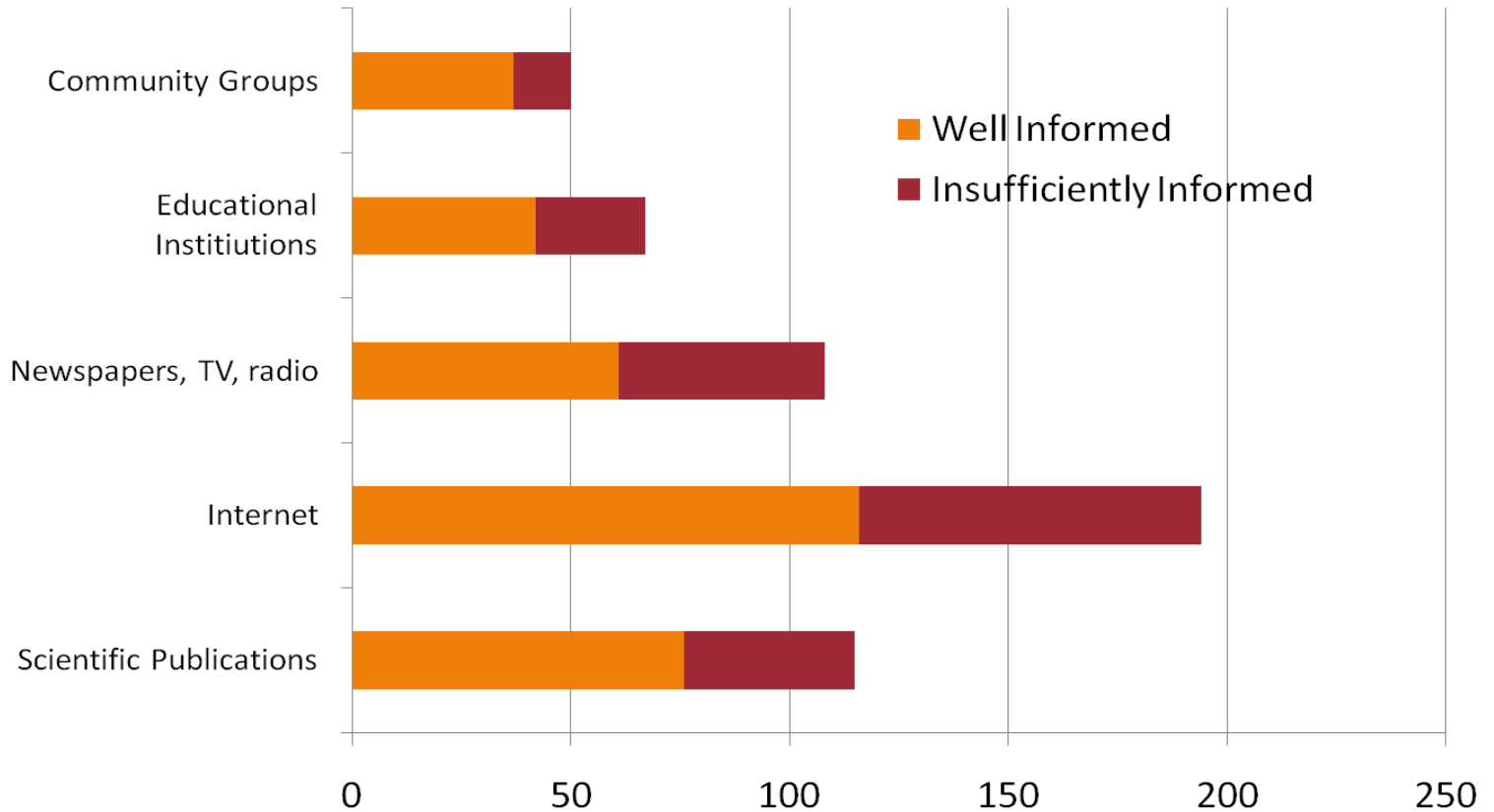


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Preferred sources of information



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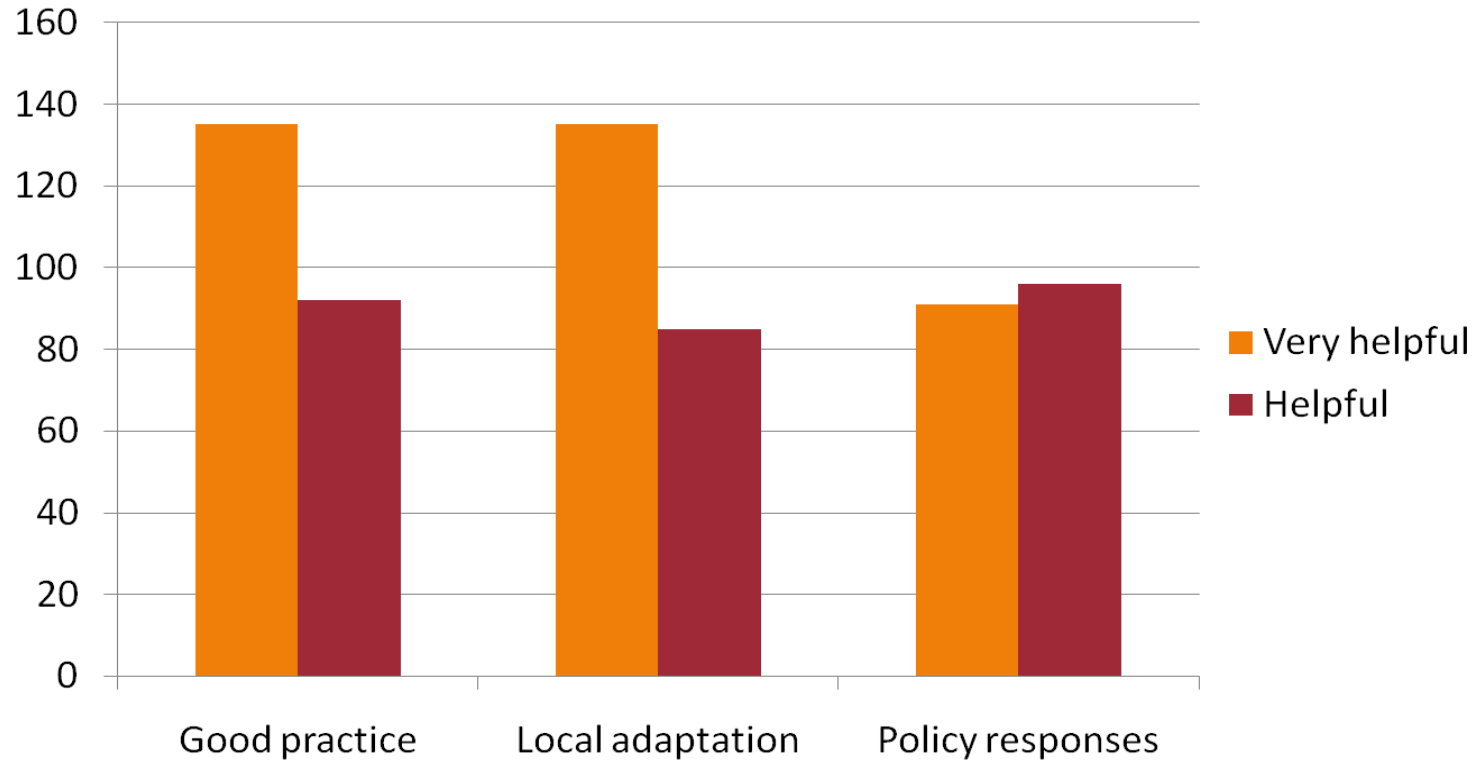


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Most helpful type of information



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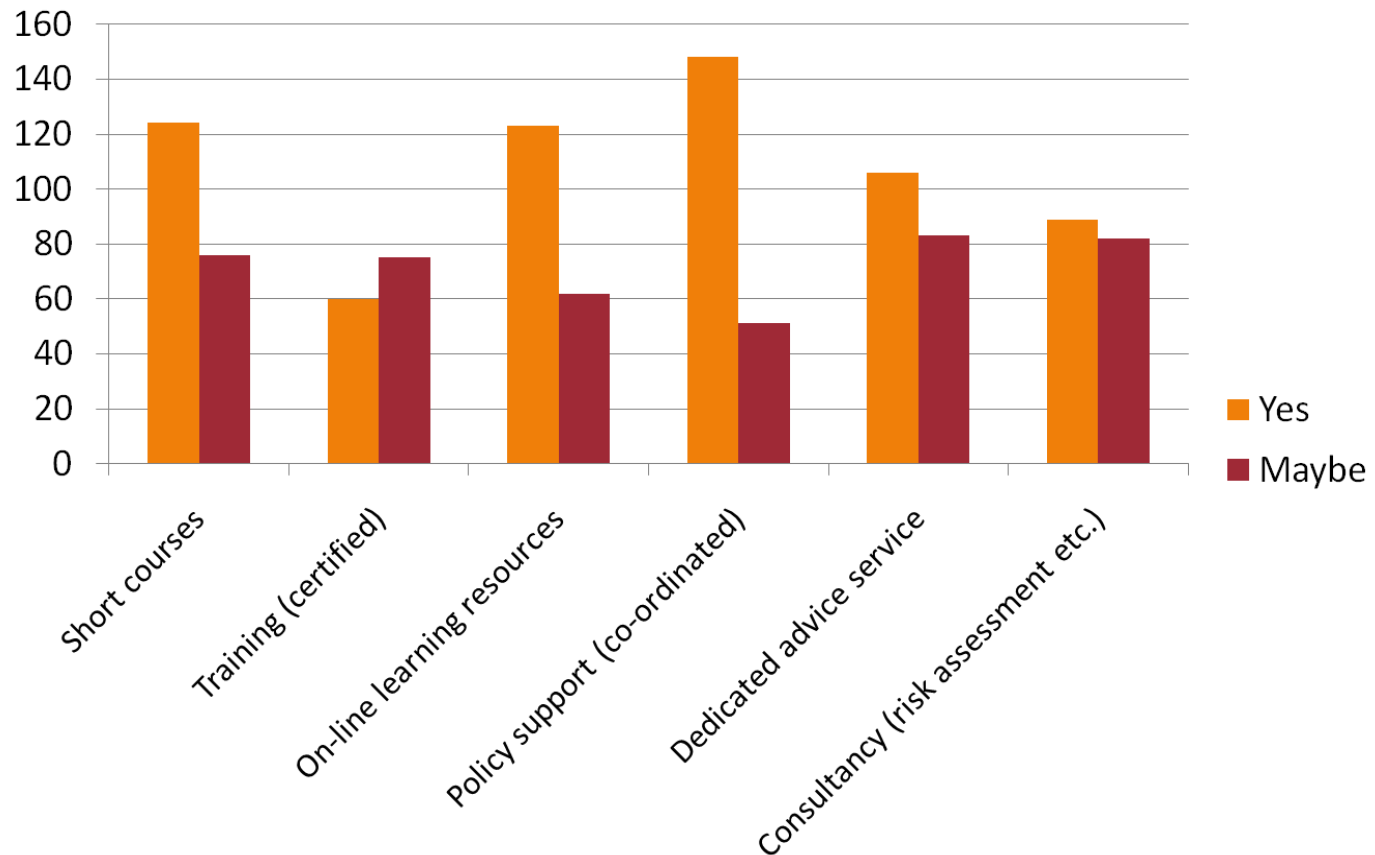


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Services to help with adaptation



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Follow-up survey

- Targeted to those two-thirds who provided e-mail contact details in the on-line survey
- Aim was to find out if they would like/be able to take a training course on
 - What topic?
 - How (face-to-face, on-line, number of days)?
 - What language?
 - At what costs?



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Survey summary

- training on climate change adaptation at local level is needed (municipality workers, local authorities)
 - training should be given in national languages in a face-to-face seminars or 1-2 day courses
 - common topics that interested in all regions:
 - energy, natural resources, tourism, built environment
 - sharing best knowledge & examples on how municipalities & regions can adapt & mitigate to climate change
 - Regional differences: e.g. landslides / coastal issues in Norway
- **the training and service needs a clear focus on local issues in local languages**



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Lessons learnt and next steps

- Self-sustainable service has to be able to work locally (local issues, local language, local laws etc)
- Co-operation with existing national networks and organisations working on climate change adaptation
- Share and use information gained in other work packages and other projects
- Train the trainers who can share their knowledge and train & advice the municipalities, communities, businesses



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Thank You!

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