



Public consultation: review of the EU agenda for modernisation of higher education systems

MAIN MESSAGES

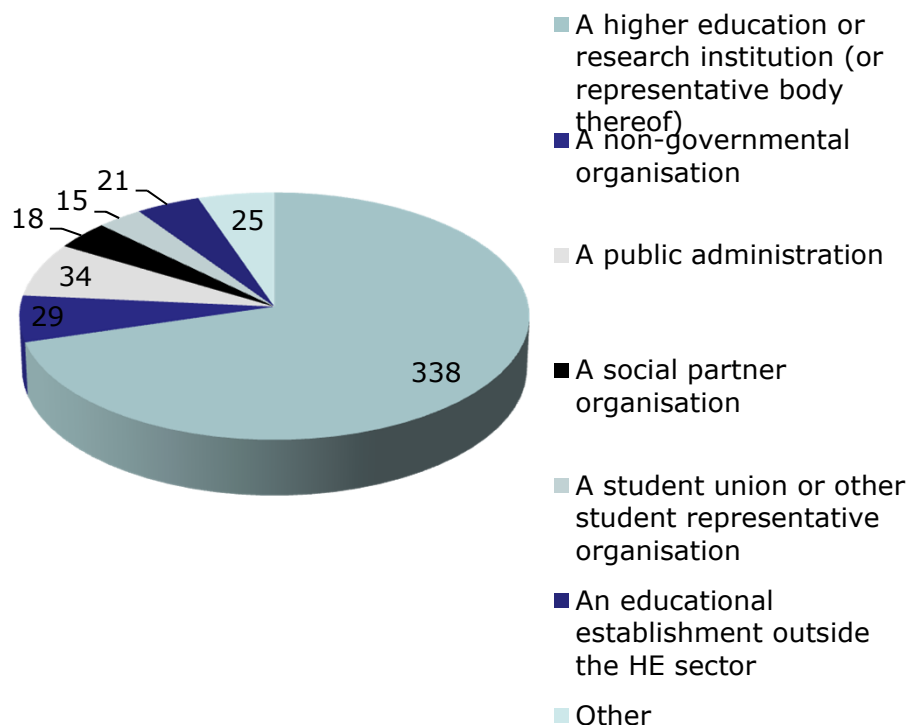


A wide-ranging public consultation

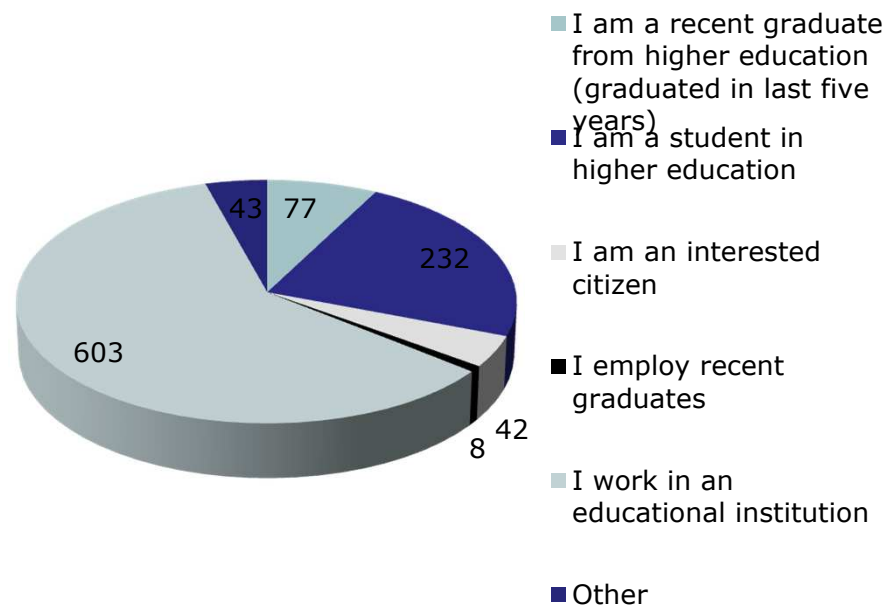
- An open **online questionnaire** on the EUROPA website
- A targeted request for "**position papers**" to DGs and European stakeholders
- Feedback gathered through **meetings** with Member States and stakeholders (including TWG and DGHE)

Response to online questionnaire

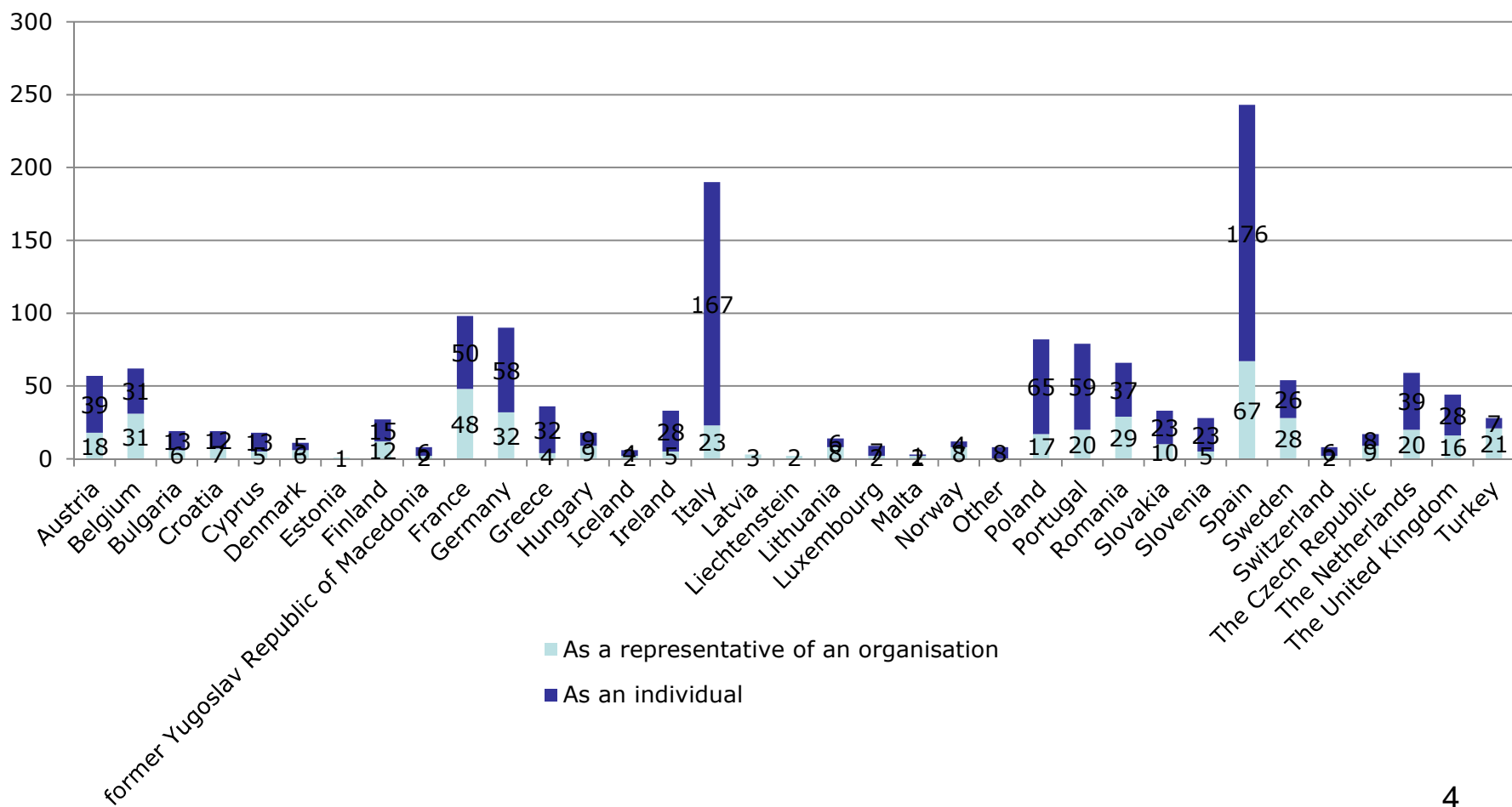
Overview of 480 *Institutional* respondents



Overview of 1,005 *Individual* respondents



Response to online questionnaire





Response targeted call for papers

- 30 from government authorities
- 18 from European and national stakeholders



Key questions in consultation

1. What are the **challenges** facing HE?
2. What should be the **priorities** for change?
 - In teaching and learning
 - In (regional) innovation and outreach
 - In research and its links
3. What should the **EU** do to help?



Main challenges facing HE

- Contextual drivers: globalisation + digitalisation
- Employment, unemployment, mismatch
- Dealing with diverse + new population groups
- Innovation potential of HE under-exploited
- Technology under-exploited within HE
- Challenging funding conditions

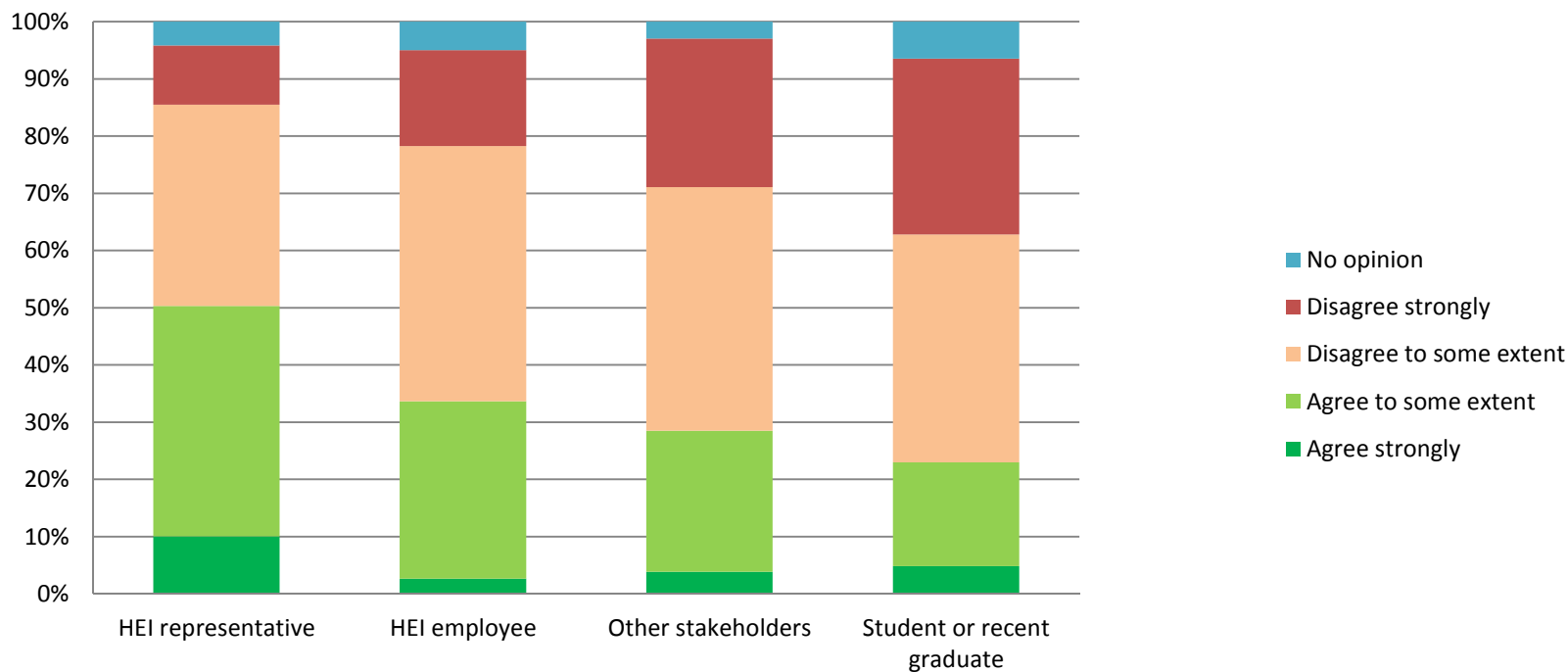


Looking specifically at:

TEACHING AND LEARNING

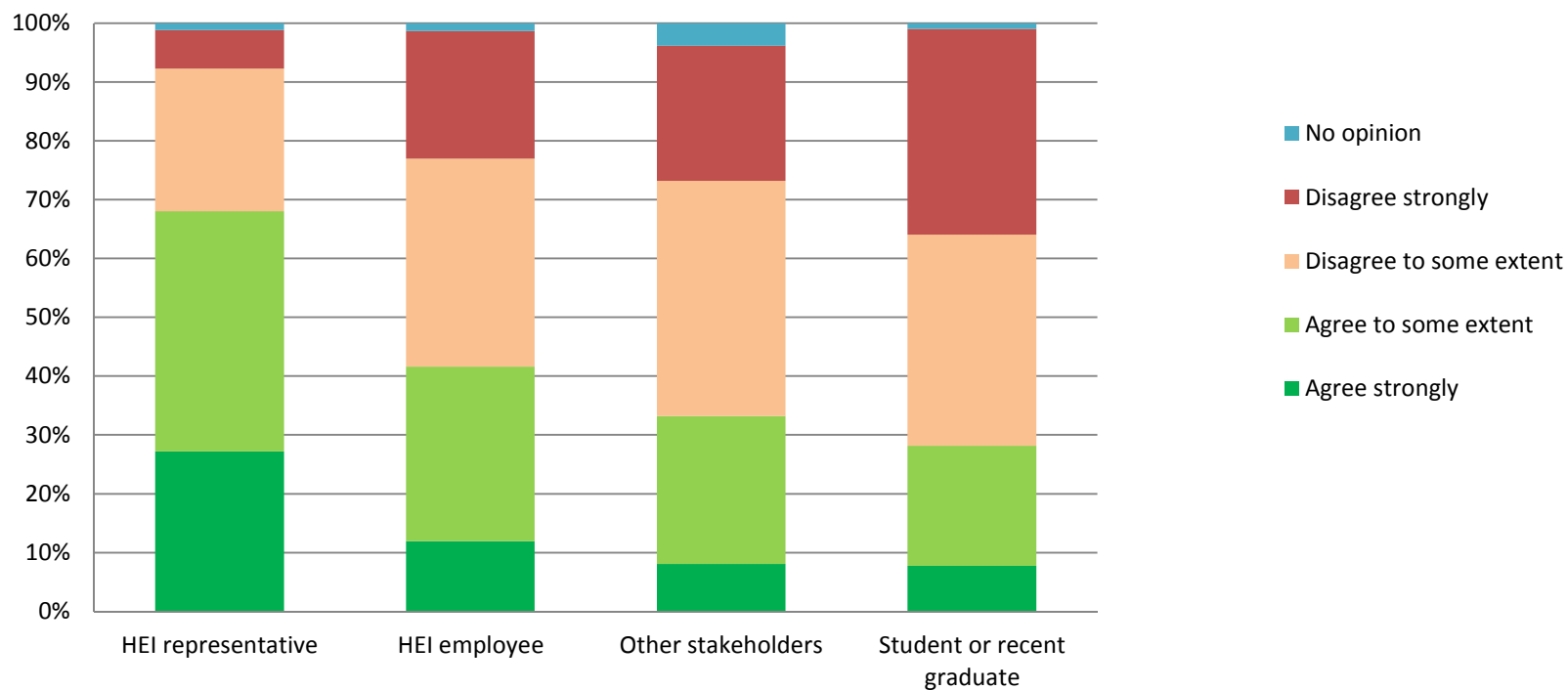
Higher education and labour market?

"There is a good match between the supply of higher education graduates and the knowledge and skills the economy needs"



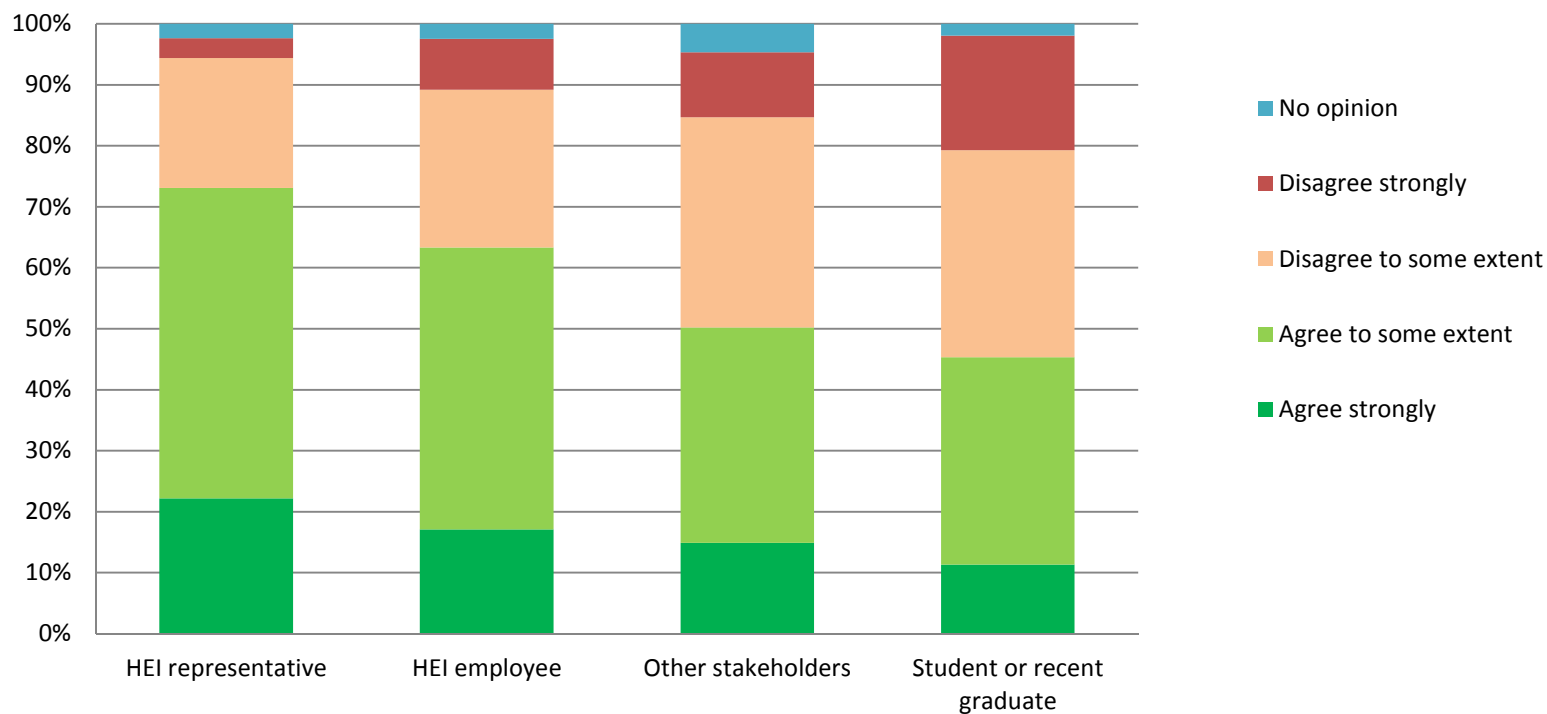
Well-informed study choices?

"Prospective students are supported well to make informed choices about what to study"



Higher education and digital skills?

"Higher education courses are effective at helping students to develop digital skills and digital literacy"





Priorities: teaching and learning

- Responding to growing **need for highly qualified people**
- Responding to demand for "**Transversal**" skills as well as in-depth knowledge
- Responding to need for **ICT specialists** and **digital literacy** for all
- **Key tools:** Diversity of programmes; better guidance for students; support for teachers; cooperation across boundaries; mobility; flexible entry routes and programme types...

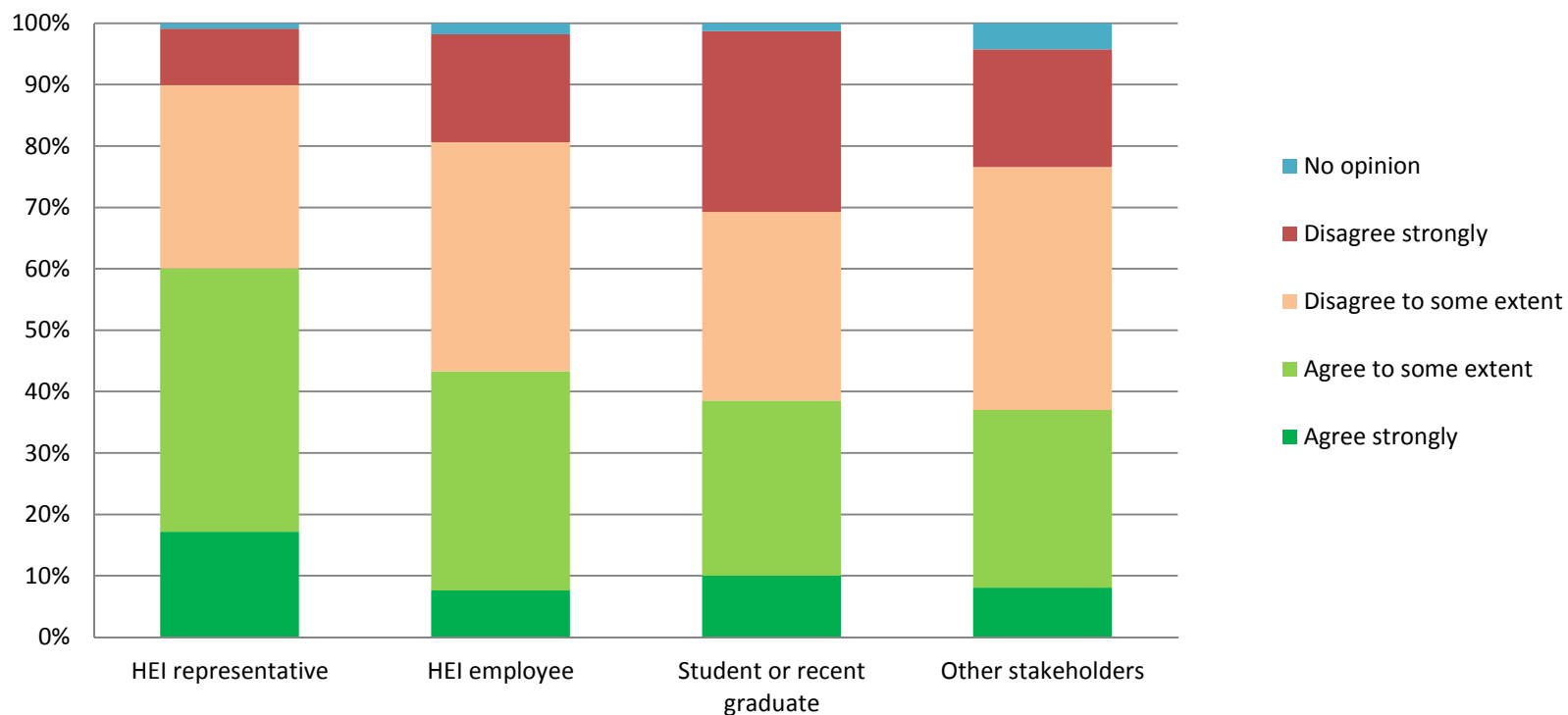


Looking specifically at:

INNOVATION

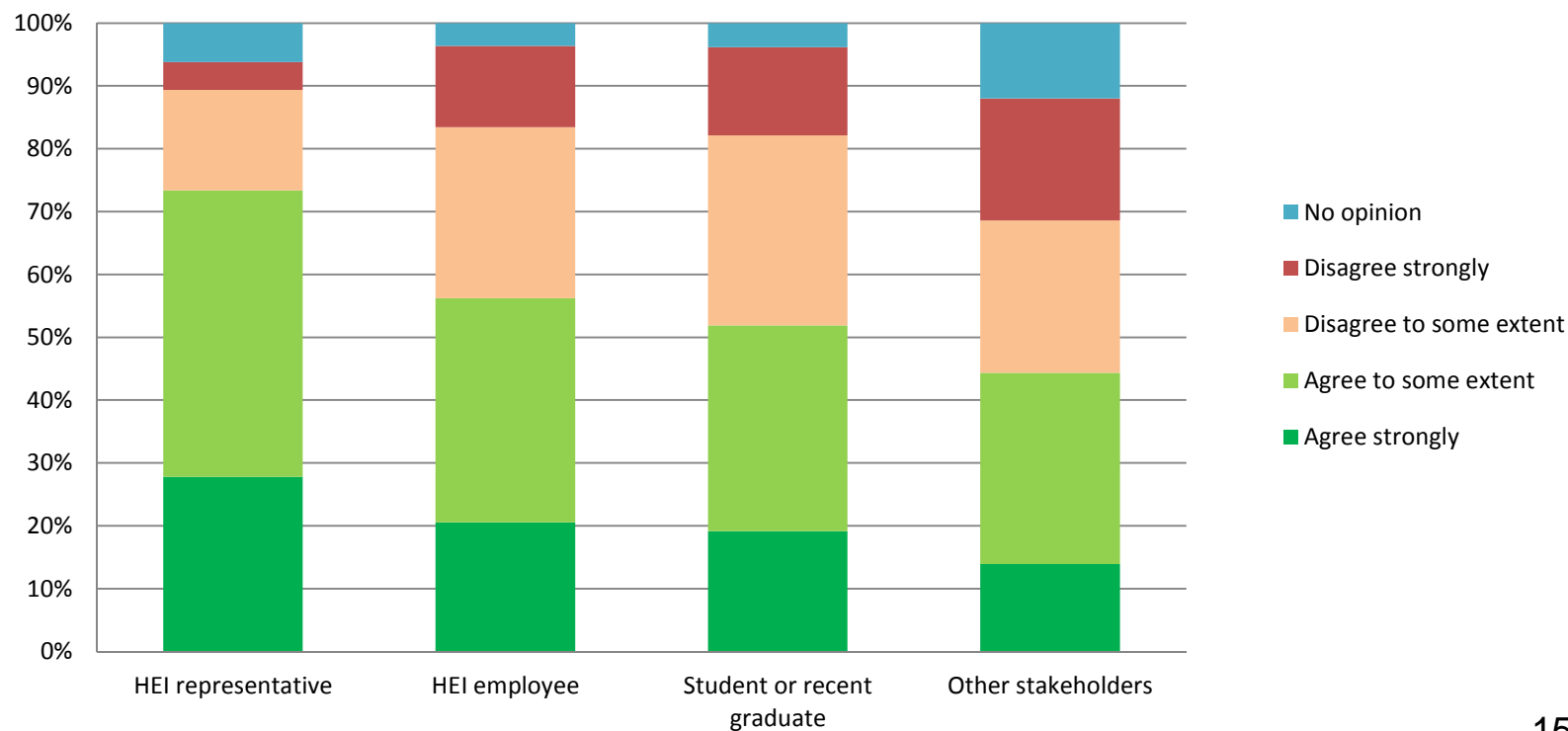
Creativity and innovation in HE?

"Higher education courses encourage students to be creative and innovative"



HEIs contribution to innovation?

"Higher education institutions play a strong role in contributing to innovation at regional and national level"





Priorities: (regional) innovation

- Create environments where students encouraged to be **creative and entrepreneurial**
- Overcoming challenges to **translating this ambition into reality** in existing higher education structures
- **Increasing cooperation** between higher education and business and other outside organisations

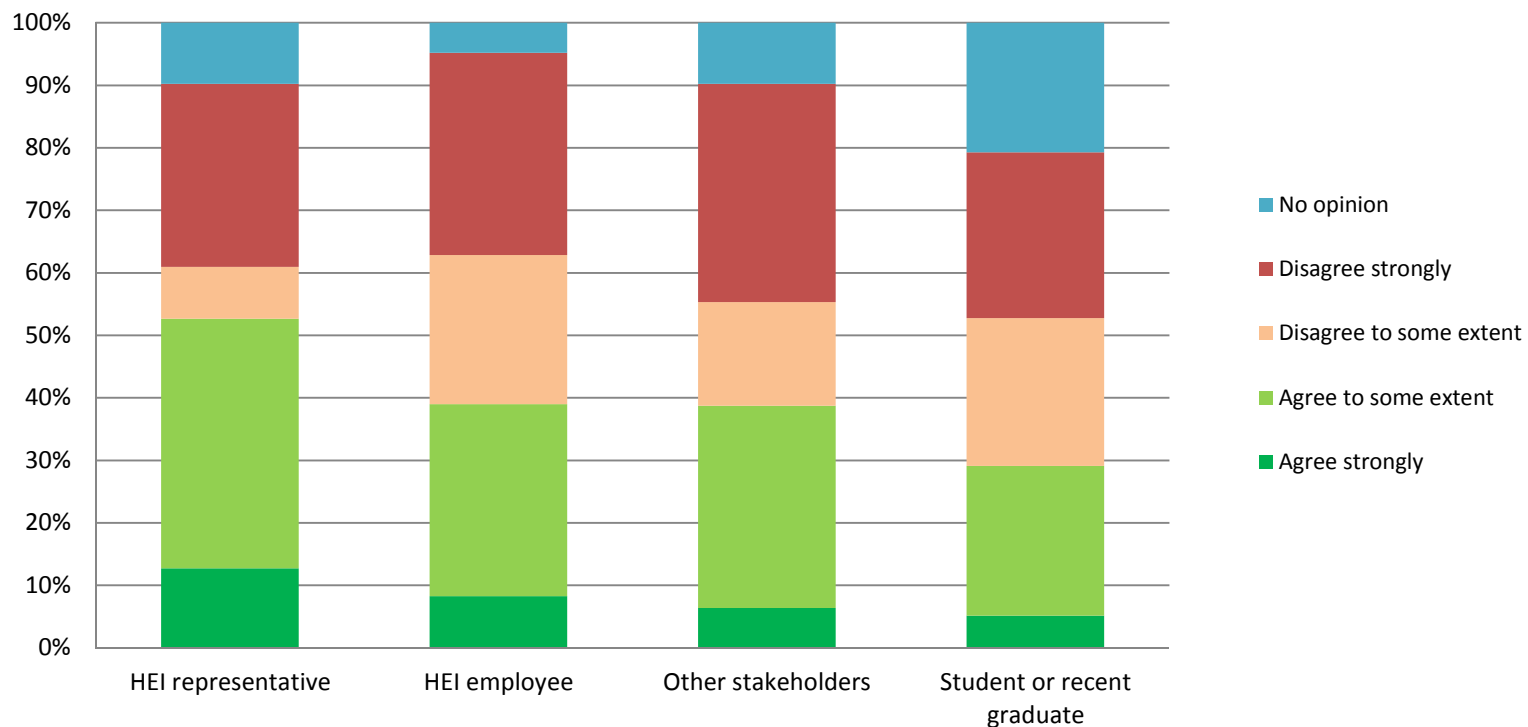


Looking specifically at:

RESEACH AND ITS INTERACTION WITH TEACHING & INNOVATION

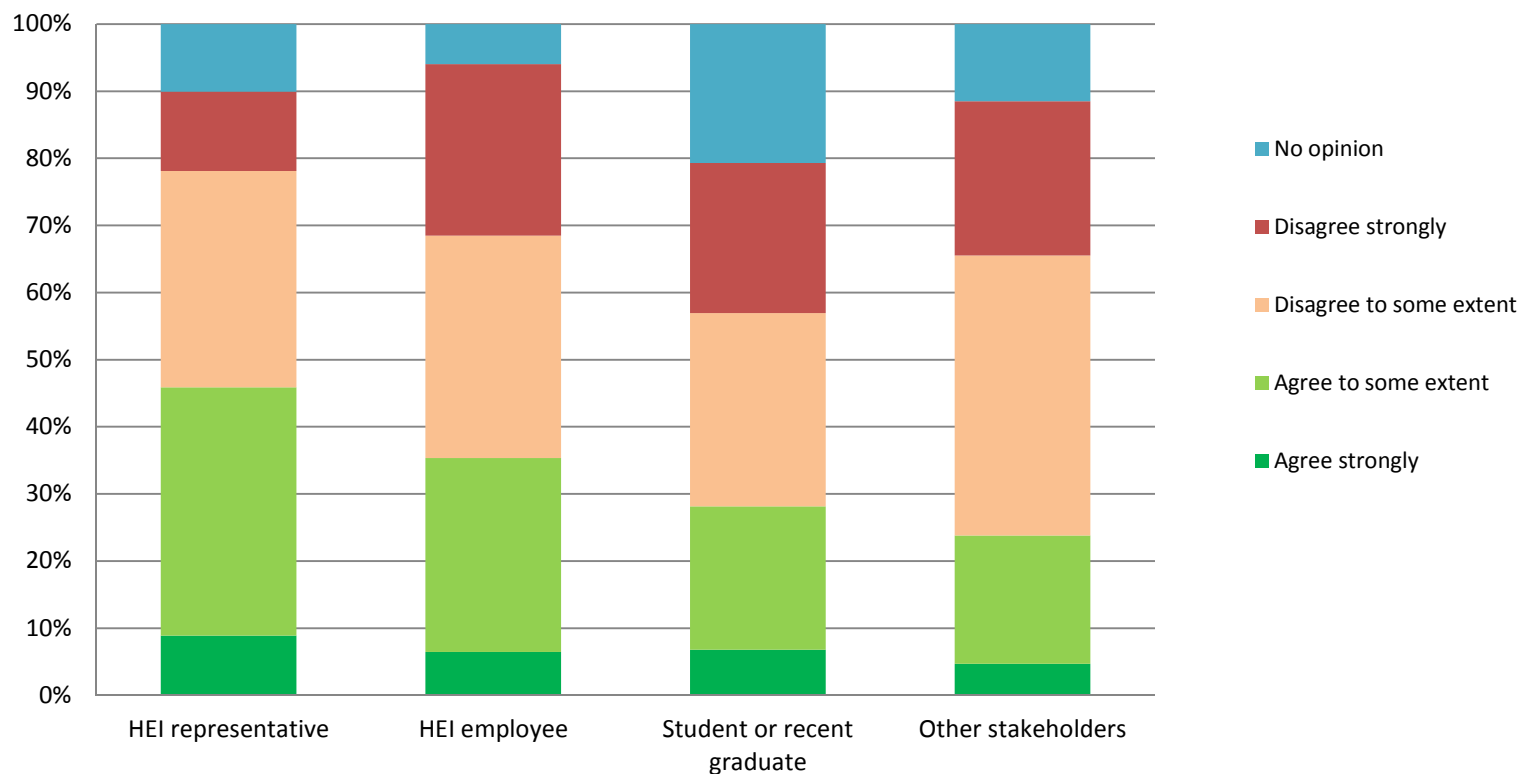
Supporting researchers?

"Researchers receive the support that they need from their institutions to reach their potential"



Inter-disciplinary research?

"The value of inter-disciplinary research is appropriately recognised and rewarded"





Priorities: research and links

- Deliver effective **doctoral and post-doctoral training** relevant for careers outside of academia
- Foster **inquiring mind-sets** more generally – including in schools
- Achieve a better **interaction between research and teaching** on the ground and in the frameworks that govern these two areas of HE activity



EU added value

Broad support + some specific suggestions for:

- More / better development + sharing of **comparable information and evidence**
- Cooperation and **peer exchange** between governments
- Support for **cooperation** between HEIs, employers and others
- Calls for **additional mobility** of students, staff and researchers
- Better **academic recognition**



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