

SURVEY RESULTS

**What do you look for when searching
for best practices and case studies
on water governance ?**



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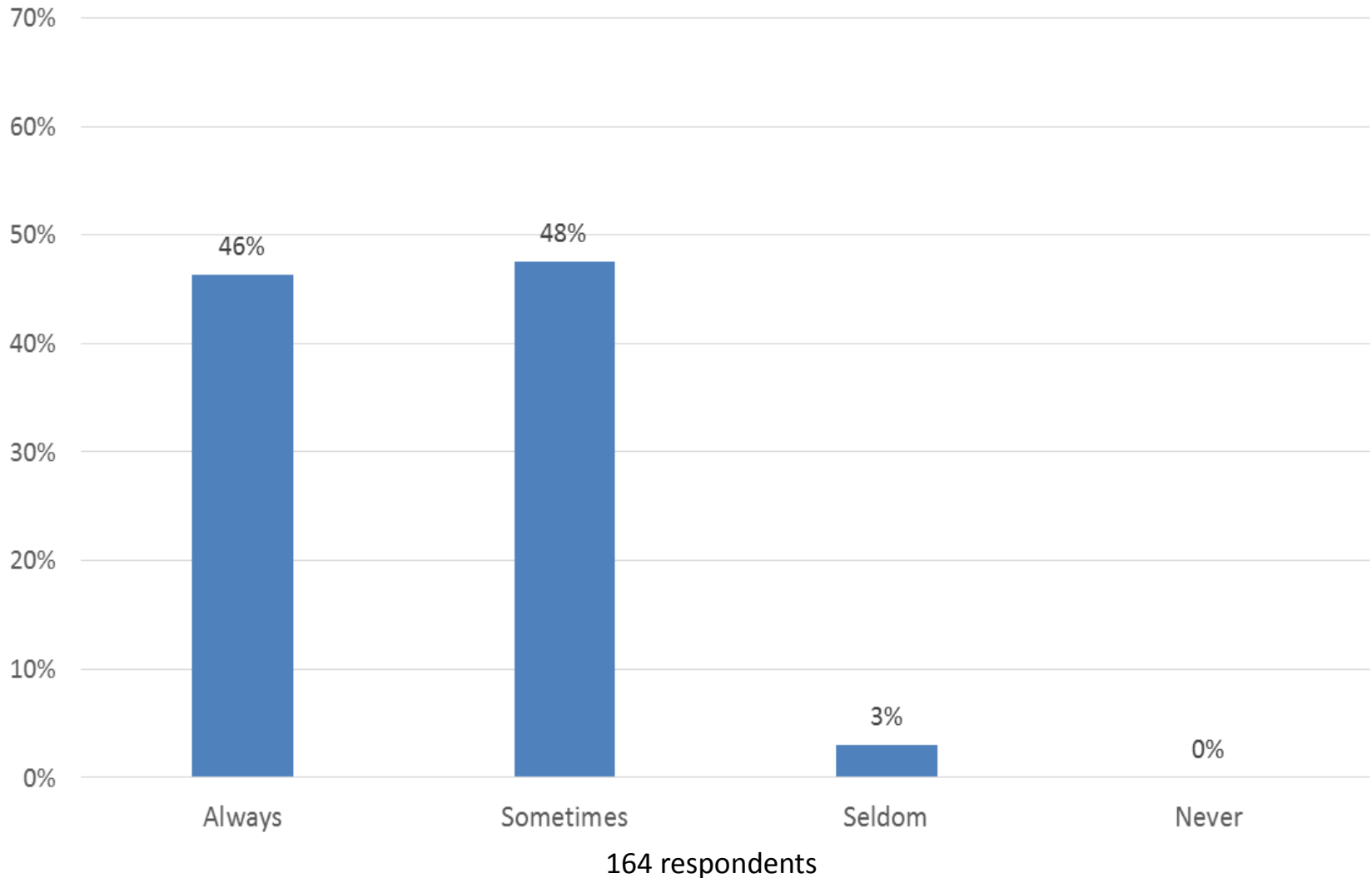


Presentation of the Survey

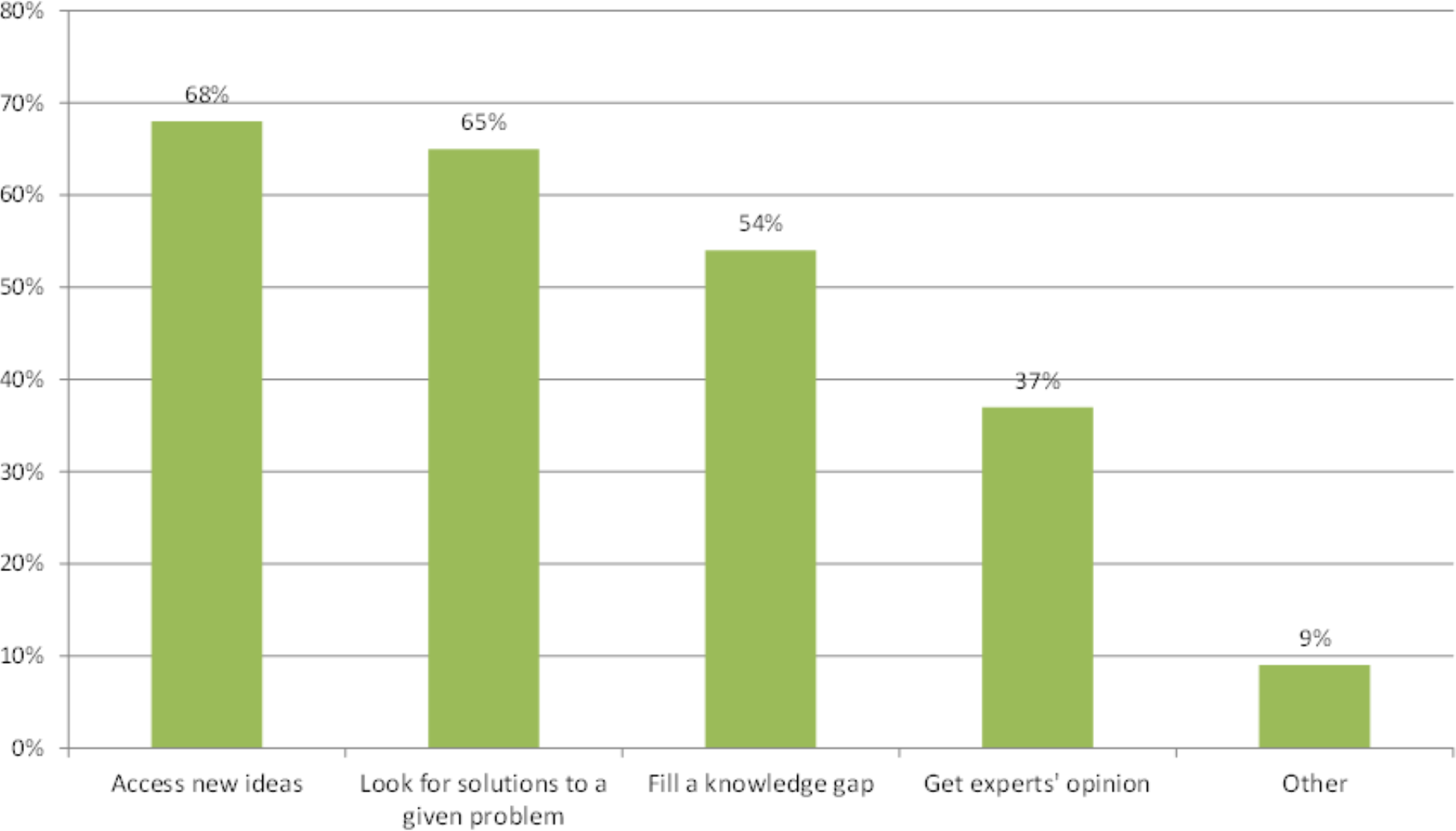
- A survey of 10 multiple choice, ranking and open questions
- Administered from 2 to 9 November 2016
- 164 responses collected, among which :
 - 15 were anonymous
 - 28% were from members of the Water Governance Initiative
- Responses come mostly from academia, civil society and central governments.

Part 1 : Assessing demand for best practices database

1. In your work, do you usually refer to existing practices/cases to help your decisions / policy choices related to water?



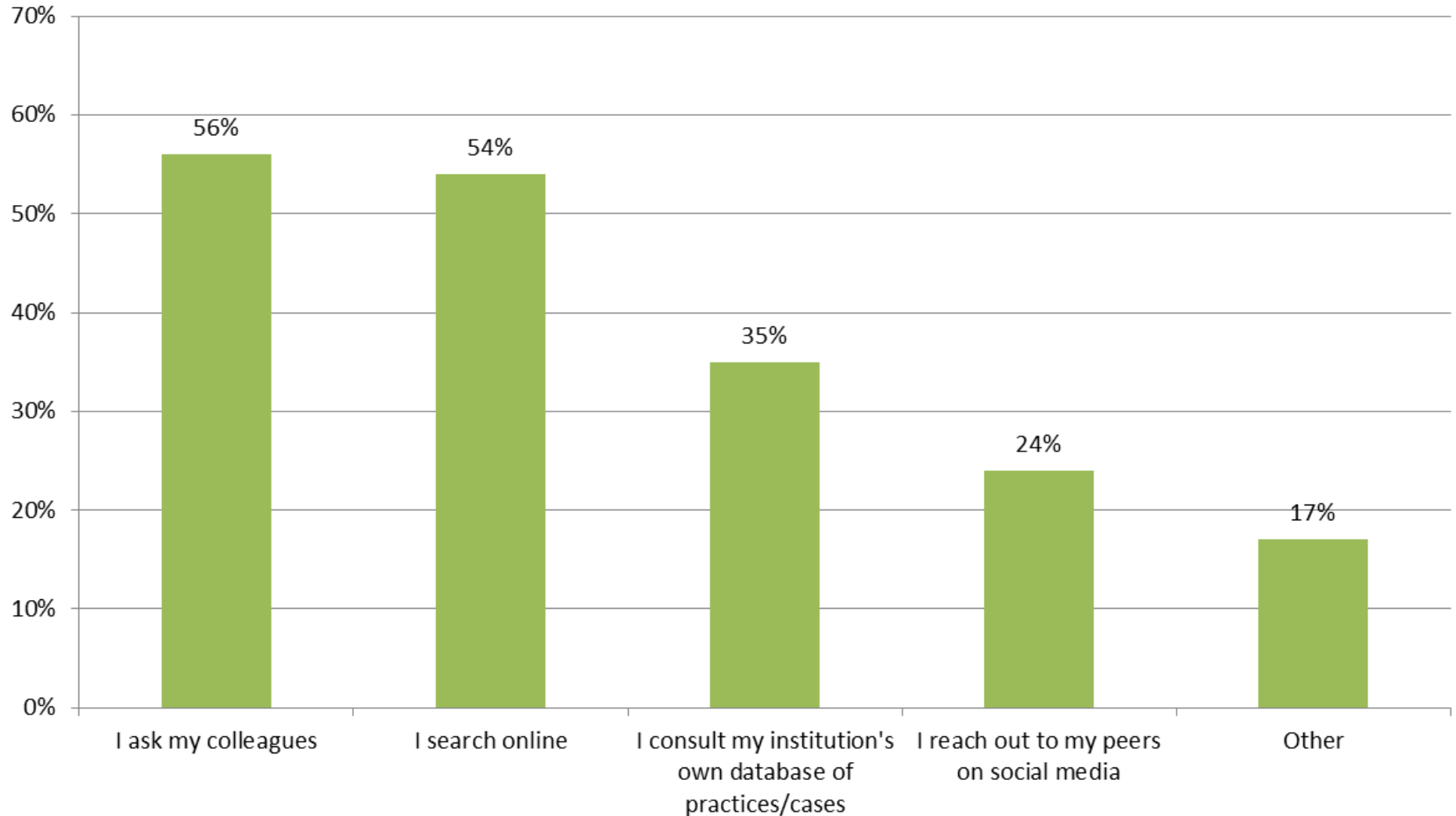
2. If you usually refer to existing practices/cases in your work
A) What are your underlying needs about these practices/cases?



164 respondents

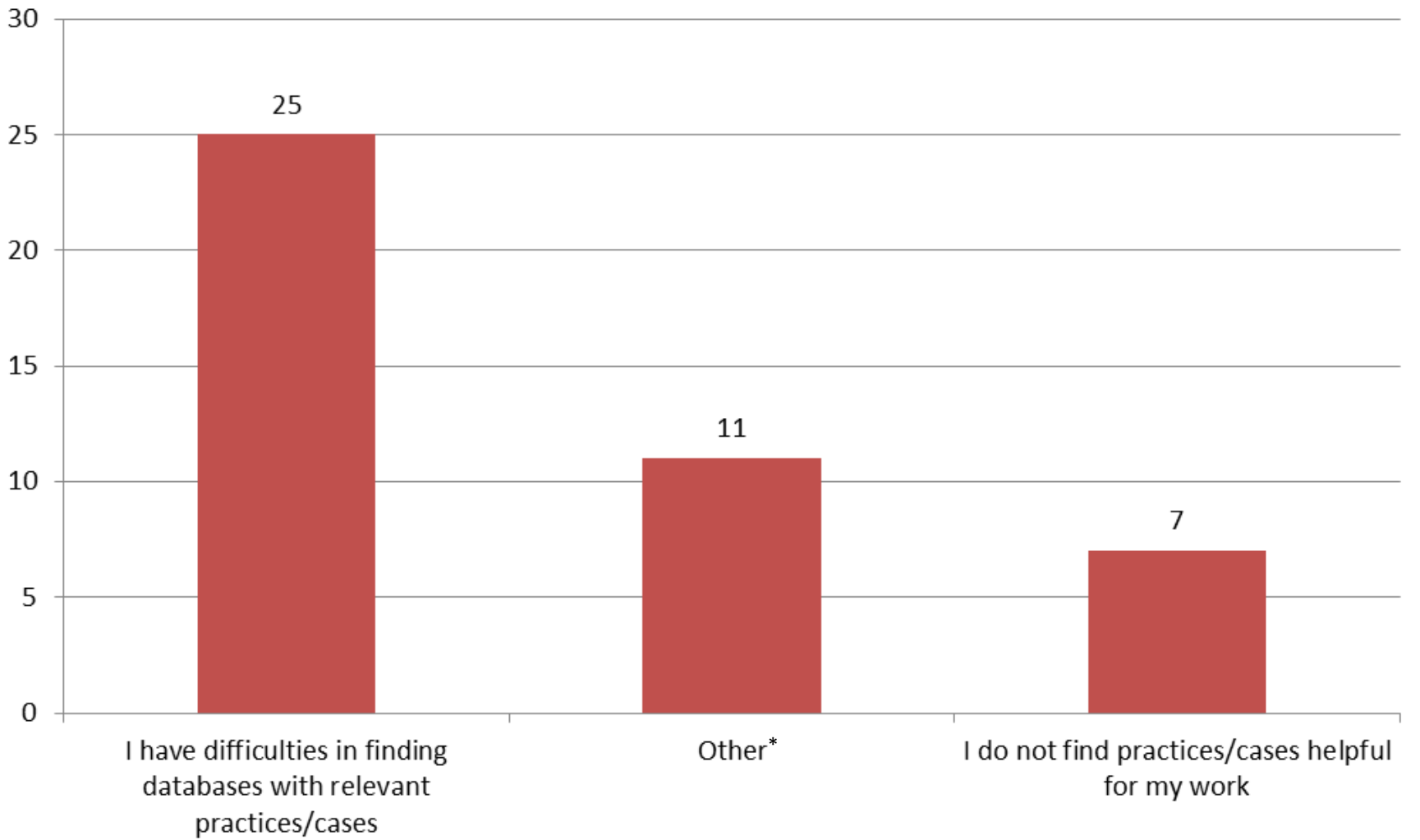
2. If you usually refer to existing practices/cases in your work

B) How do you usually go about finding practices/cases?



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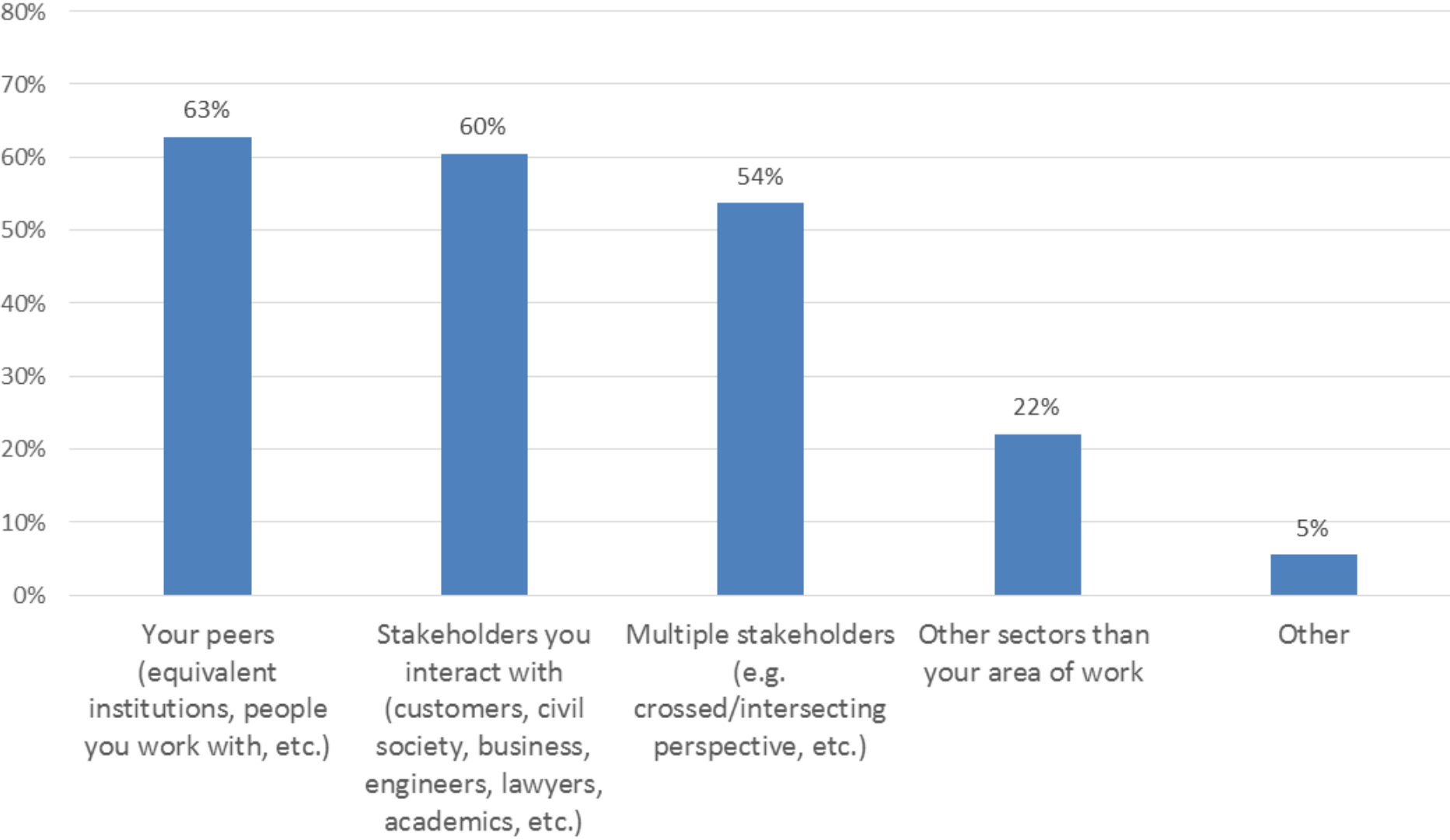
3. If/when you do not refer to existing practices / cases in your work, why?



Number of responses (164 respondents)

* Responses provided for « Other » point out the following impediments: i) difficulty to transfer good practices to another context; ii) practices are not well-documented; iii) the time needed to search through large databases

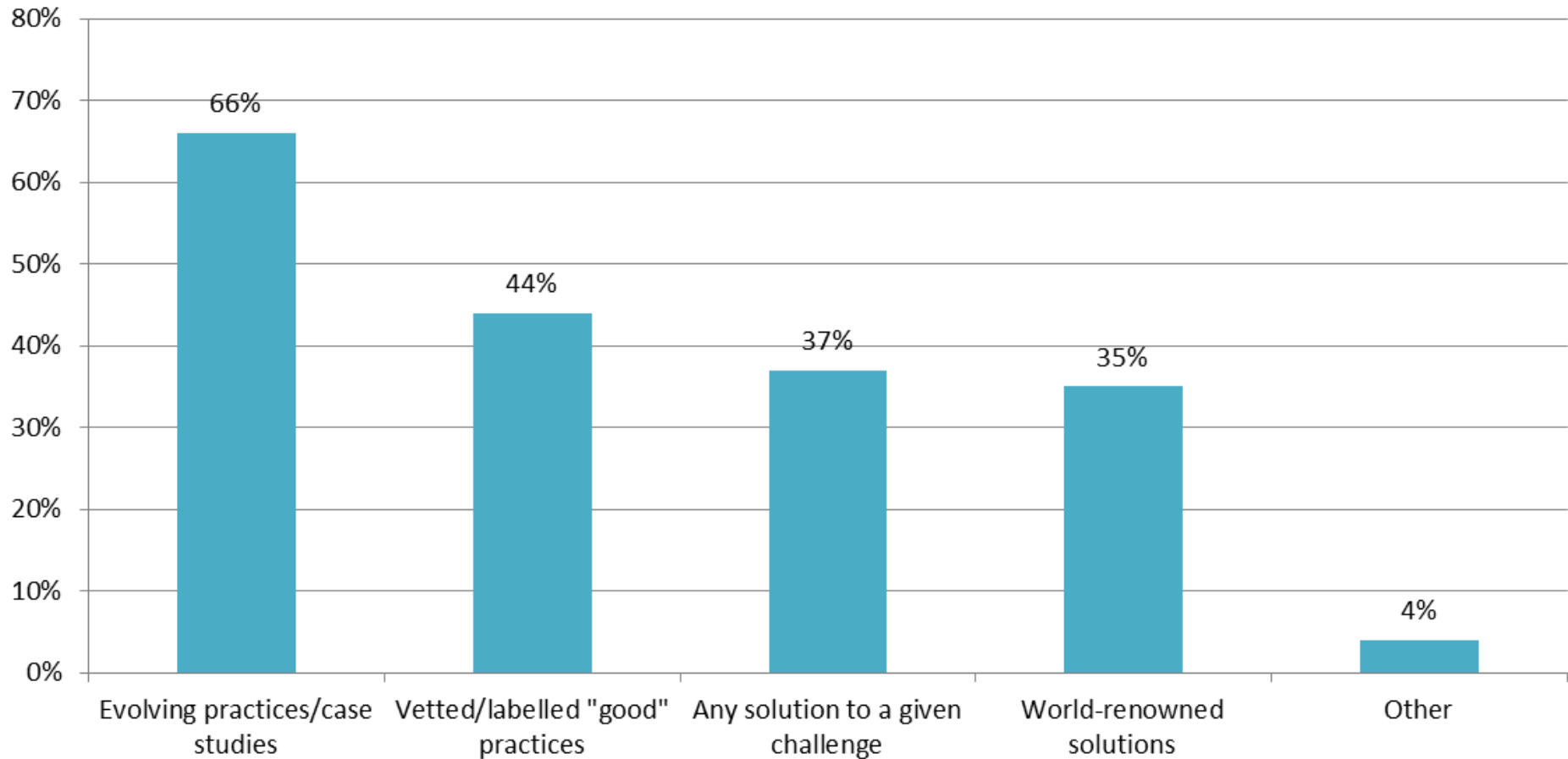
4. Usually, you are most interested in practices / cases that come from:



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Part 2: Determining users' needs to inform the development / functionality of the database

5. What type of water governance practice/cases do you usually look for?

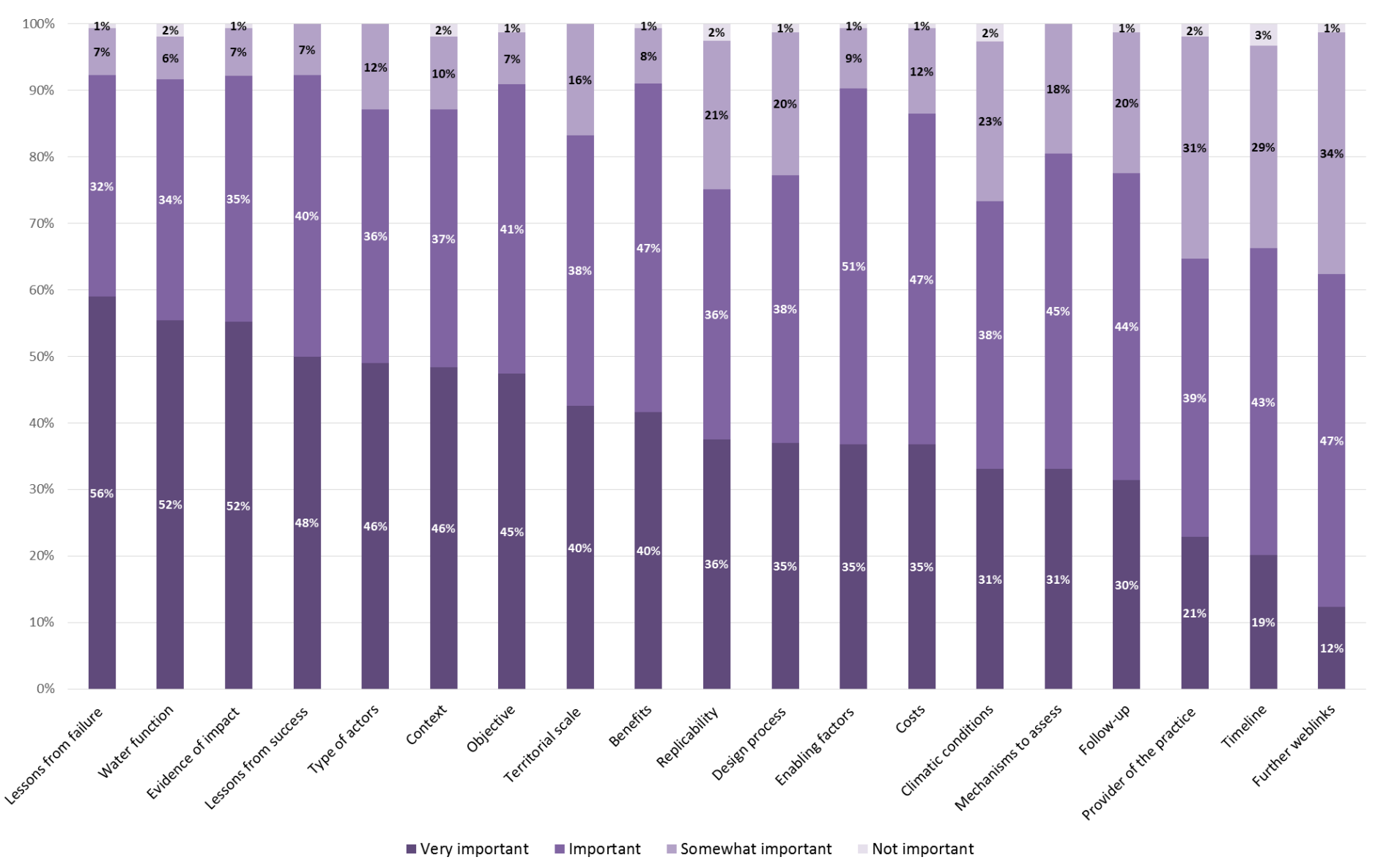


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6. In your view, what makes a water governance practice a good one?

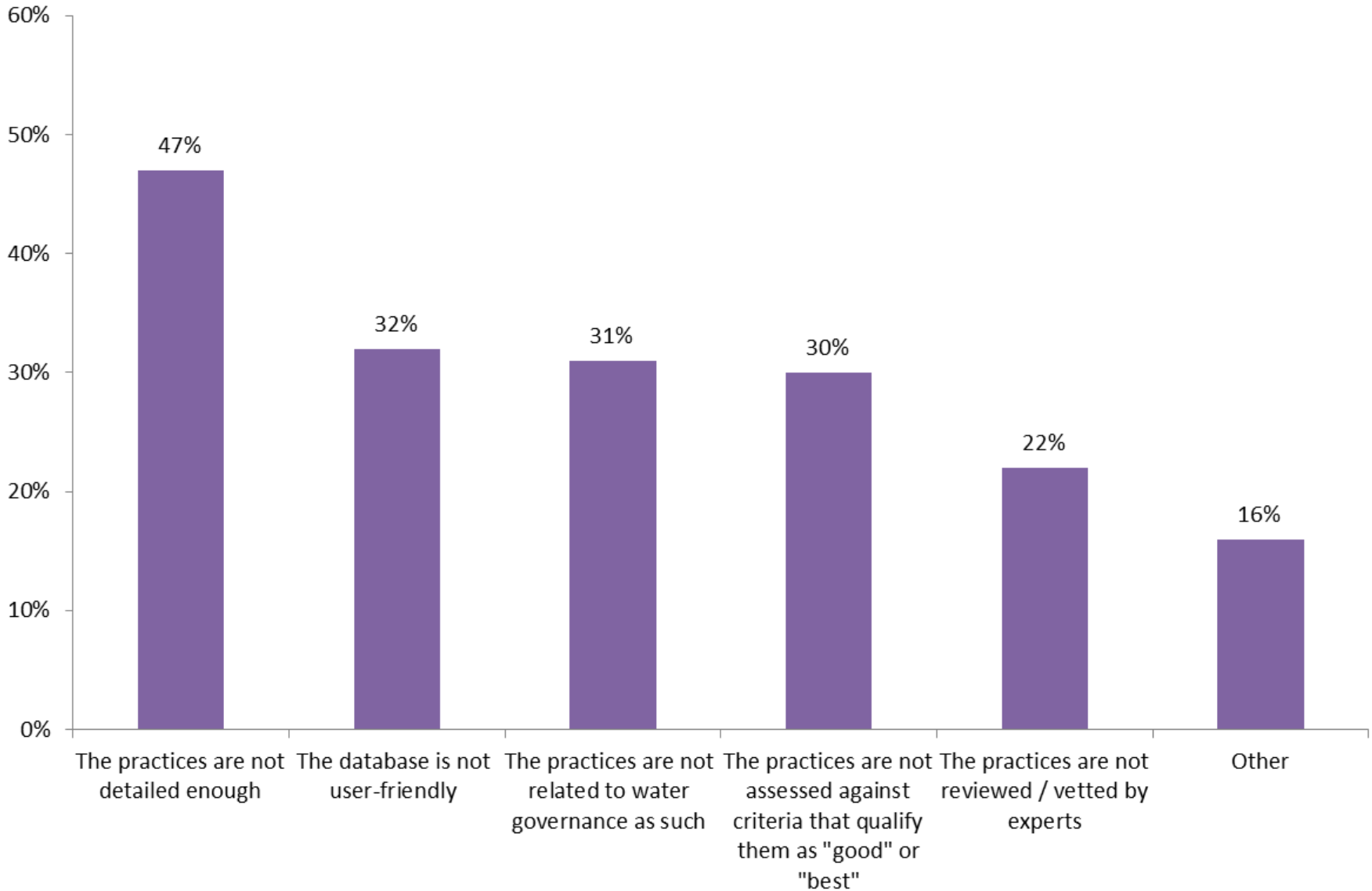
- Respondents indicated that a “good” water governance practice is one that :
 - Is efficient in the long term
 - Is affordable, cost-effective and funded (i.e. not relies only on “good will” / “free time”)
 - Is replicable and “actionable”
 - Is consensual re: impacts and successes
 - Has an impact on demand management, protection of nature and service quality
 - Empowers stakeholders
 - Reaches beyond the “water box”
 - Leads to new solutions
 - Is monitored at all stages
 - Is embedded in local context
 - Provides options to leverage the market
 - Is documented, evidence-based and endorsed by experts

7. What is the most important background information you look for when searching for a water governance practice/case ?



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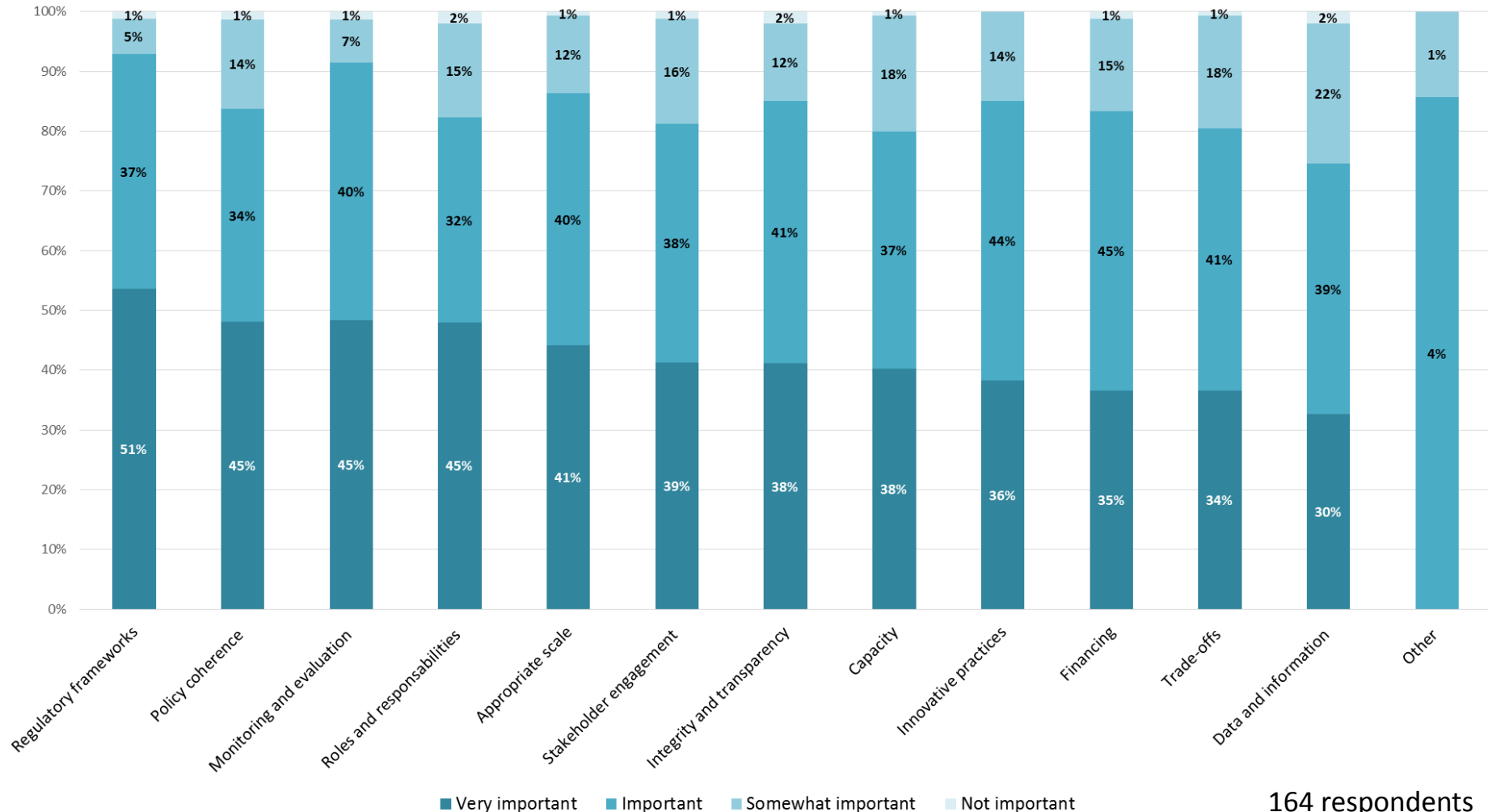
8. What are the main shortcomings of the practice databases you have consulted?



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Part 3: Defining what makes a given practice “good” or “best”

9. What is the most important content information you look for when searching for a water governance practice/case?



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10. What information would you need to assess practices/cases in terms of potential transferability to your policy / decision context?

- Respondents pointed out that further evidence is needed on :
 - Context (legal, economic, social, cultural, hydrological)
 - Resources required (human, financial [cost-benefit analysis], skills/capacities)
 - Main drivers of the practices
 - Dynamic analysis of the situation concerned (from initial situation to future)
 - Ownership of projects/reforms concerned by the practice
 - Experience / testimony from the field (users/communities' views)
 - Business case for new strategy
 - Process-based outcomes
 - Sustainability / durability
 - Transferability
 - Link to broader governance challenges in the area concerned
 - Link to SDGs



Survey respondents

- ACoNPE/H-Lif
- ADB
- Adecagua
- AEAS
- AFD
- Africa Water Watch Ltd
- Agencia Peixe Vivo
- AgroParisTech
- Aguas de Valencia, S.A
- Águas Do Ribatejo – Portugal
- AquaFed
- Area Metropolitana de Barcelona
- Arup
- Associacio De Moradores Do Alto Gavea - Brazil
- Austrian Development Agency
- Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management
- Autoridad Nacional del Agua – Peru
- Autoriti Idrica Toscana - Italy
- AWARD NGO – South Africa
- Banka BioLoo - India
- Bureau of Reclamation – US Department of the Interior
- CILE (Compagnie Intercommunale Liégeoise des Eaux) - Belgium
- Collectif Droit Eau pour Tous
- Comité da Bacia da Region Hidrografica do Medio Paraiba do Sul - Brazil
- Comité das Bacias Hidrograficas do Litoral Norte - Brazil
- Comitê das Bacias Hidrográficas do Rio Jamari - Brazil
- Comité del Agua – Peru
- Comune di Bologna - Italy
- Comune di Milano – Italy
- Confederacion Hidrografica del Jucar - Spain
- Confederation Of Danish Industry
- Consulting Engs. – Israel
- Deltares - Netherlands
- Department of Water and Sanitation – South Africa
- Downstream Dialogue Consulting
- Dreisam SpA
- Dutch Association of Insurers - Netherlands
- ENGIE
- Engineering and Management Consulting TPF Planege - Portugal
- Ernst Basler + Partner AG - Switzerland
- FAO
- Federal University of São Carlos - Brazil
- France Hydro Electricité
- Fresh Thoughts Consulting GmbH
- GIZ
- Government of Northwest Territories - Canada
- Green Echoes
- Green Zhejiang
- GWMWater - Australia
- GWOPA/UN-Habitat
- Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority
- Hydropolitics Academy Association
- Indaqua-Industria e Gestao de Águas, S.A. - Portugal
- Initiative Développement
- Institute for Applied Economic Research
- Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa - Sri Lanka
- Instituto de Pesquisas Hidráulicas da Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul - Brazil
- International Association for Water Law
- International Joint Commission (Canada-US)
- International Labour Organisation
- International Network of Basin Organisations
- International Secretariat for Water
- International Water Association
- Kent County – United States
- KWR Watercycle Research Institute - Netherlands

- Landcare Research New Zealand
- Leiden University College – Netherlands
- Mechanical Engineering Faculty Sarajevo
- Minister of Foreign Affairs - Guatemala
- Ministère Développement durable, Environnement et Lutte contre les changements climatiques – Québec, Canada
- Ministère du Développement durable et des Infrastructures - Luxemburg
- Ministry of Economy - Israel
- Ministry of Environment - Korea
- Ministry of Industry, Foreign Trade and Services - Brazil
- Ministry of Public Works - Chile
- Ministry of the Environment - Brazil
- Ministry of Water and Environment (Water and Sanitation Development Facility - North) - Uganda
- Ministry of Water and Irrigation - Jordan
- Mongolia - Civil organisation NGO
- Morija Association Humanitaire - Switzerland
- Municipality Roermond - Netherlands
- Muslim Family Counselling Services
- National Water Commission – Mexico
- NETWERC H2O
- Network of Asian River Basin Organizations (NARBO) / Japan Water Agency
- Observatorio de Investigación Ambiental - Peru
- ONU REDD+
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Korea to the OECD
- Plan Bleu
- Portuguese Water Partnership
- Private citizen
- Programme Solidarité Eau
- Scottish Government
- SDEA Alsace Moselle - France
- Secours Islamique France
- Servicios Comunitarios de Molina - Spain
- Serviços Municipalizados de Águas e Saneamento – Tomar, Portugal
- Shahid Beheshti University – Iran
- Sisaqua - Portugal
- Slovenian Water Agency
- Social Watch Benin
- South Nation River Conservation Authority - Canada
- Superintendencia de Servicios Sanitarios – Chile
- Swedish International Development Agency
- Taibah University and Environmental Agency – Saudi Arabia
- Technical University of Catalonia
- Texas A&M University
- The Association of Environmental Justice in Israel (AEJI)
- The Coca-Cola Company
- U.S. Geological Survey
- Uganda Coalition for Sustainable Development
- UNESCO-IHE
- UNICEF
- Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia - Spain
- Université Paris VIII - France
- University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center – United States
- University of Geneva - Switzerland
- University of Malta
- University of Paris (Pantheon-Sorbonne) - France
- University of Pennsylvania - – United States
- University of Sao Paulo - Brazil
- University of Texas at Austin – United States
- University of Valencia - Spain
- Upholding Life And Nature NGO
- USAID
- Veolia
- Water and Waste Services Regulation Authority - Portugal
- Water Board De Dommel - Netherlands
- Water Board Vallei en Veluwe – Netherlands
- Water Governance Observatory
- Water Integrity Network
- Water Policy International Consulting
- Water Witness International
- WaterLex
- Waternet
- Women for Water Partnership
- World Bank
- WWF International