



**Strategic Partnership for Adult Education  
“Ways to enhance active aging through volunteering –  
WEActiveVol”  
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## **Survey results**

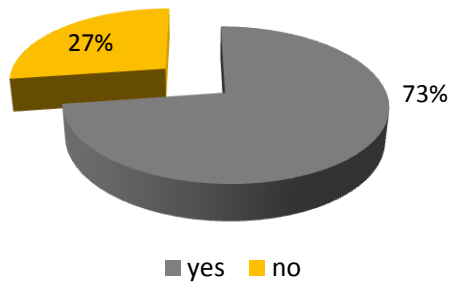
## Results from the 50+ people survey

### *Respondents' Profile*

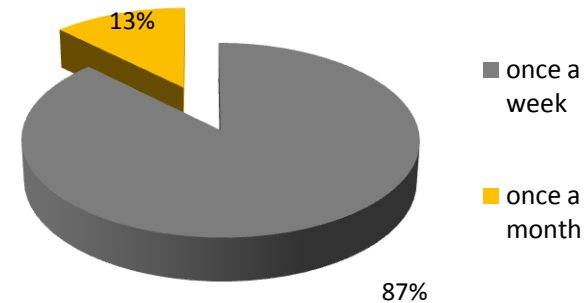
Variable	Category	Respondents (%)
Gender	Male	0%
	Female	<b>100%</b>
Age	50 to 55 years	10%
	56 to 61 years	<b>40%</b>
	62 to 67 years	<b>40%</b>
	68 to 73 years	10%
Education level	Secondary level	<b>64%</b>
	Higher level	36%
Family status	Single	9%
	Married	<b>55%</b>
	Divorced	18%
	Widowed	18%
Socioeconomic position	Employee	9%
	Unemployed	9%
	Retired	<b>82%</b>
Place of living	Village	9%
	Town, city	<b>91%</b>

## Results from the 50+ people survey *Involvement in volunteering*

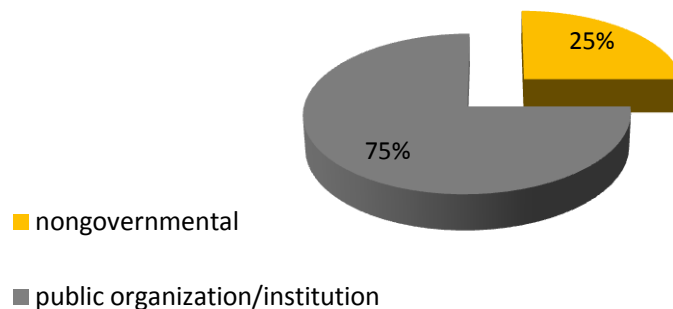
Did you perform in last 12 months volunteer activities ?



How often did you participate in unpaid activities in last 12 months?



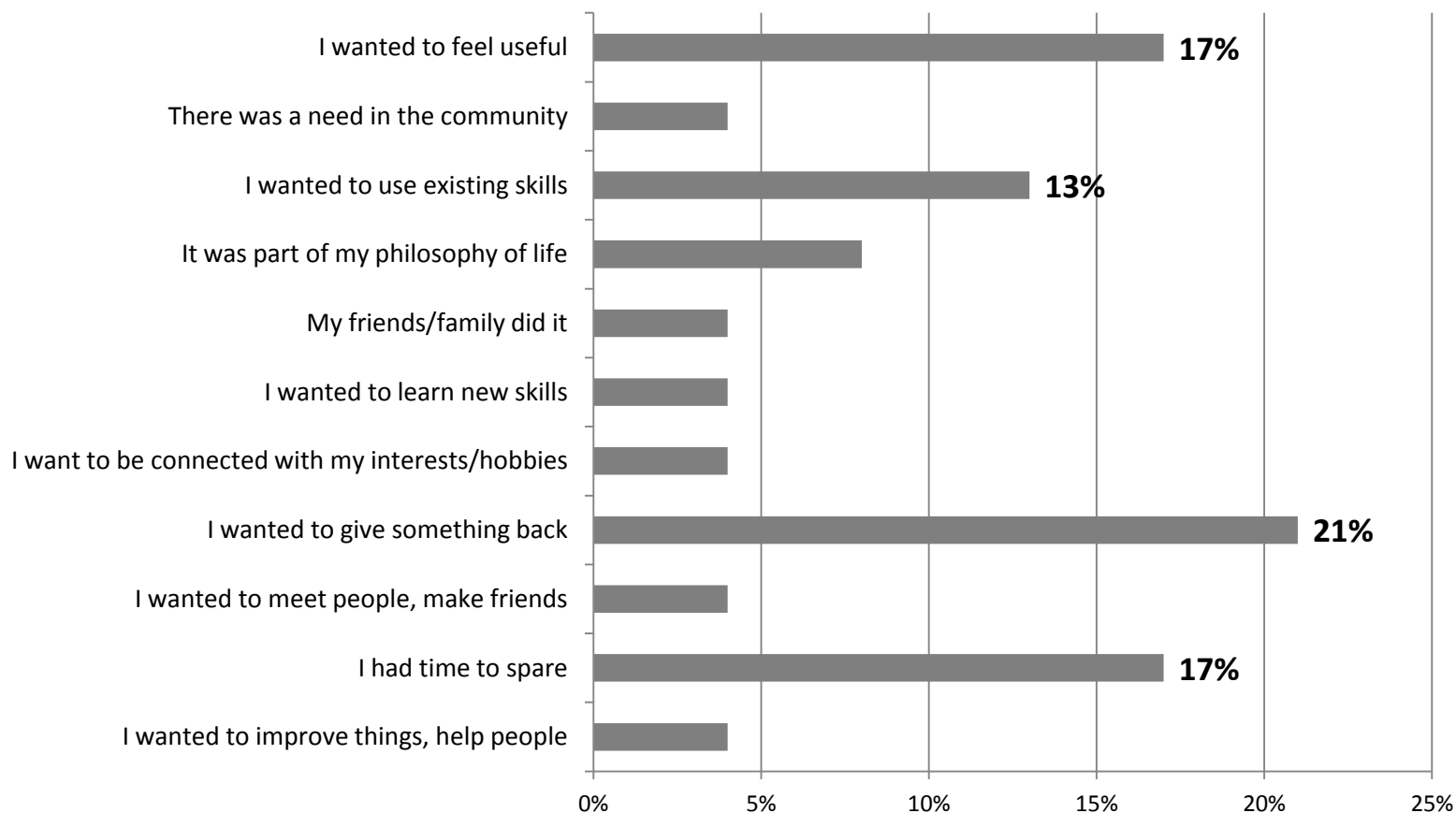
Please choose the type of organization you volunteer for



- Area of organization the respondents volunteer for:
- Education and research – 38%
  - Social services for children, youth, and family – 25%
  - Social services for people with disabilities/seniors- 25%
  - Health care – 12%

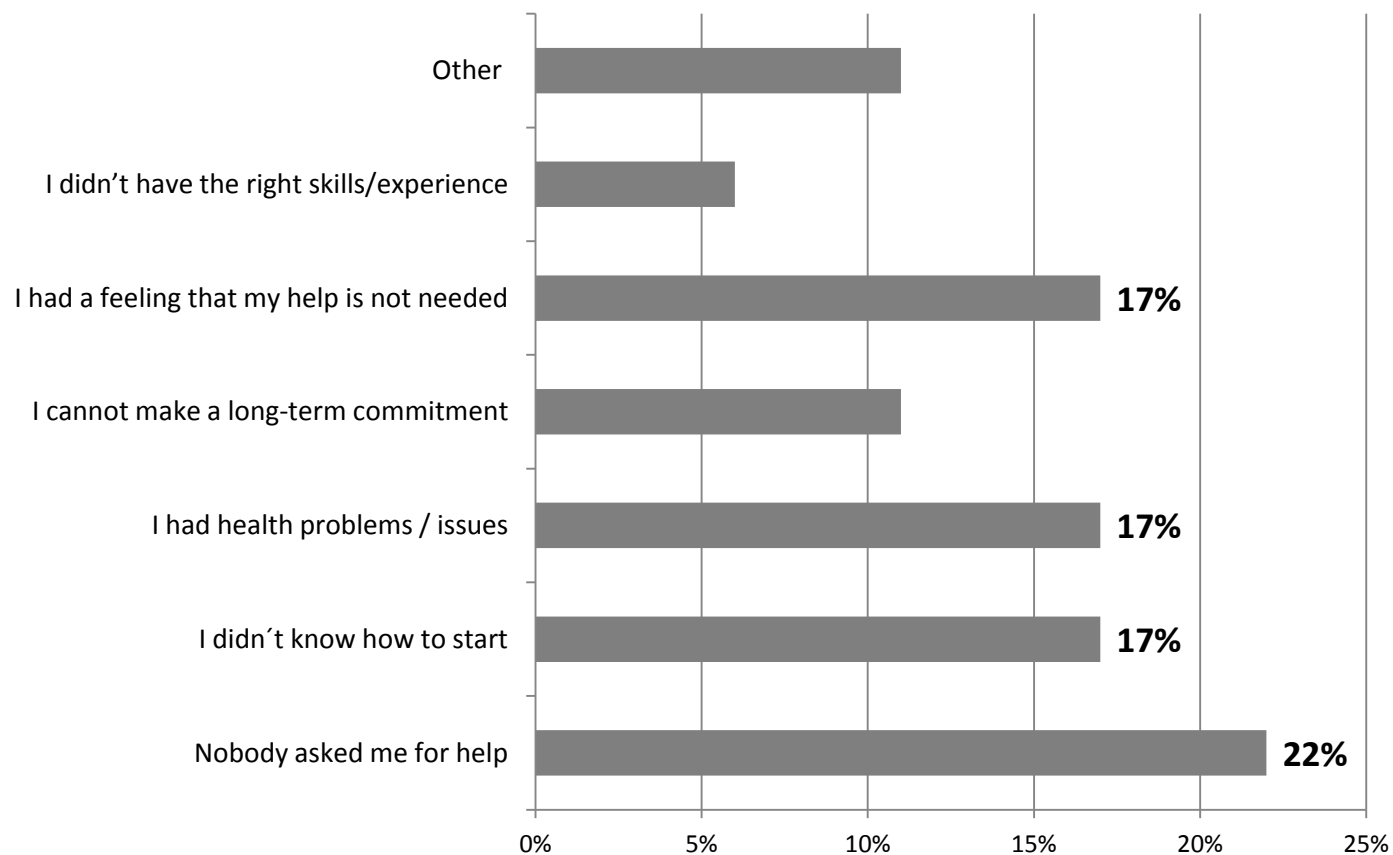
## Results from the 50+ people survey

### *Motivators for volunteering*



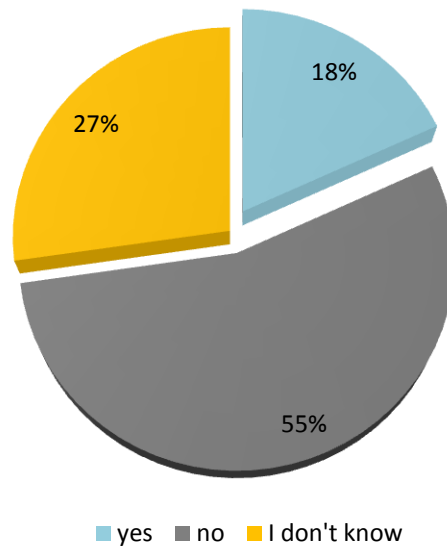
## Results from the 50+ people survey

### *Barriers for volunteering*



## Results from the 50+ people survey *Training needs*

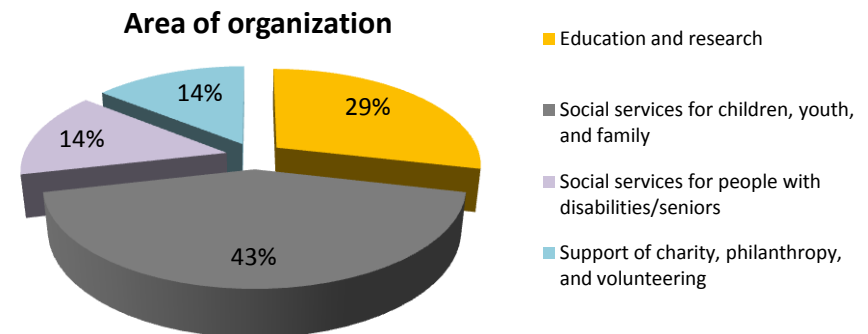
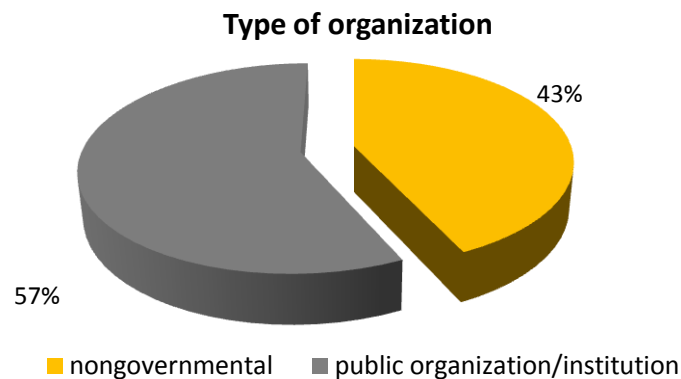
Do you need any training in order to perform volunteering?



Requested training area:  
communicating with people at  
different age

## Results from the survey of organizations

### *General background*



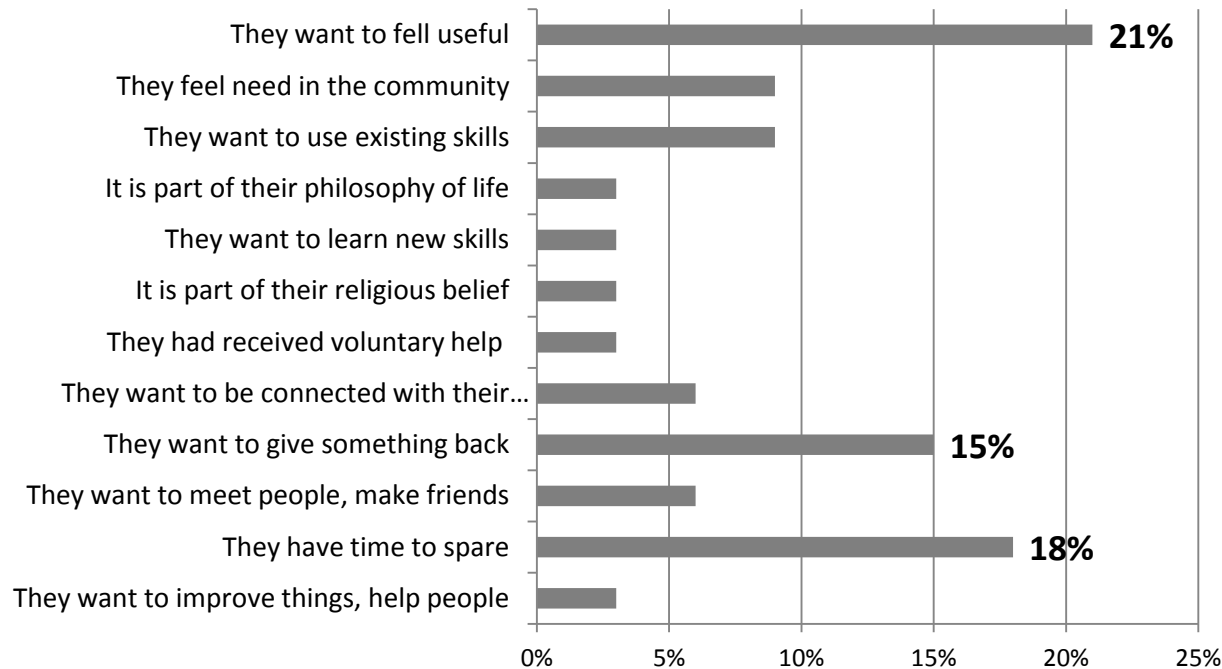
☐ Numer of profesional staff actually working in organization: over 500 (2 organizations); 1 (1 organization); 3 (3 organizations); 16 (1 organization)

☐ The average number of volunteers actually working in organization – 11

☐ Number of years of involving people over 50 into volunteering varied from 3 to around 15

## Results from the survey of organizations

### *Motivators for volunteering*



The same major reasons pointed by the respondents aged over 50

*I wanted to give something back – 21%*

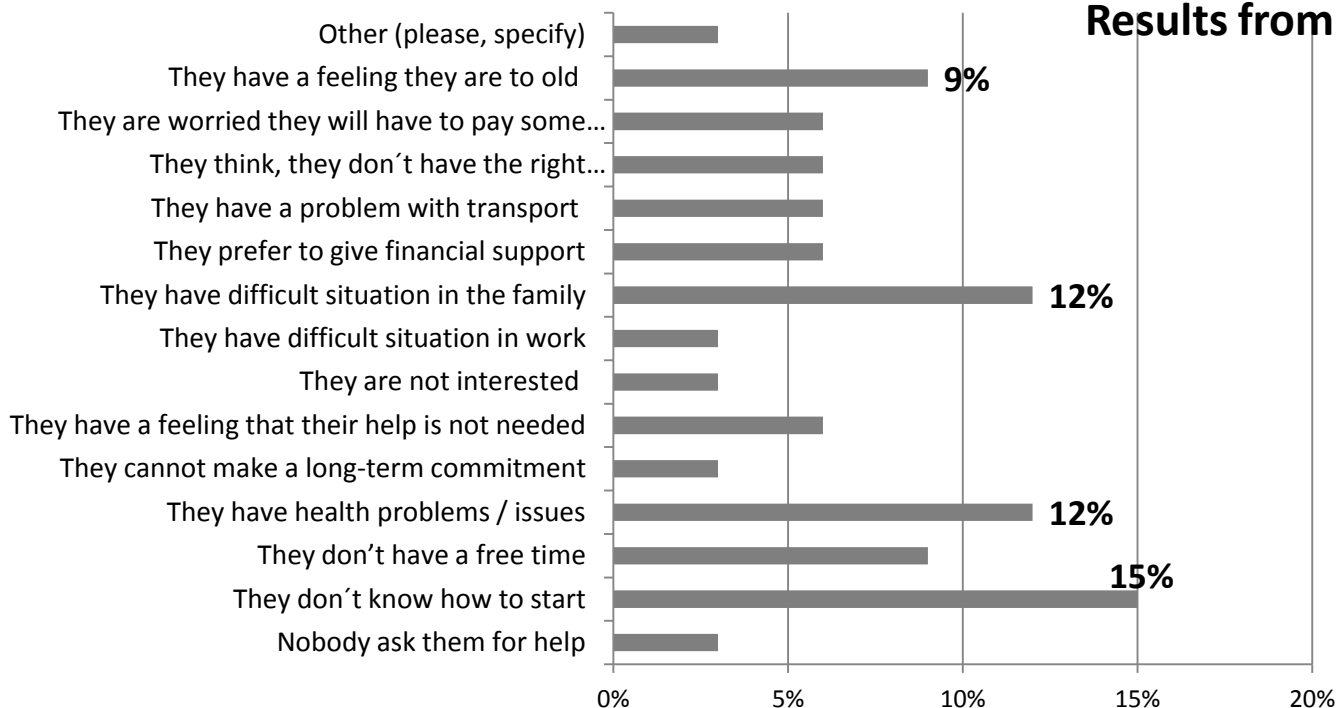
*I had time to spare – 17%*

*I wanted to feel useful – 17%*



## Results from the survey of organizations

### *Barriers for volunteering*



Different major barriers declared by respondents aged over 50:

*Nobody asked me for help – 22%*

*I had a feeling that my help is not needed – 17%*

Respondents aged over 50 pointed some barriers which were also identified by the representatives of organizations:

*I didn't know how to start – 17%, I had health problems/issues – 17%*

## Results from the survey of organizations

### *Features of people aged over 50*

### Strengths

*People aged over 50 are.....*

empathic, patient, involved, available (have a lot of spare time), understanding, hard-working,  
reliable, punctual, involved, experienced, responsible, conscientious, cooperative

### Weaknesses

- low flexibility in performing activities,
- health problems,
- lower energy,
- lack of awareness/knowledge about volunteering and its rules,
- lack of faith in own abilities, lack of self-confidence,
- stereotypical way of thinking,
- problem with transport, mobility

## Results from the survey of organizations

### *Retaining volunteers aged over 50 in organization*

How to retain volunteers aged over 50 for a long-term support?

#### Some ideas....

Providing an interesting offer;

Giving them a sense of being needed;

Taking care about a good atmosphere and development of volunteers;

Providing suitable conditions for cooperation and preparation (clear work plan; contact; explaining rules, rights, duties; trainings, travelling costs, insurance);

Supervising their work – providing support, consultancy, trainings;

Organizing information/thematic meetings;

Inviting volunteers to different events

# Thank you for attention

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