

Research data in Czech Republic

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Growth and Value of Research data

- The growth of data is **exponential**
- The research is changing with it
- The ability to **handle data properly** is a MUST
- Research community needs awareness, incentives, knowledge, skills and tools



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National Survey of Research Data Management in the Czech Republic 2025

Conducted Institute of Sociology, Czech Academy of Sciences.

3800 PI's of Czech research projects were contacted.

We received over **1100 answers** (ca 30 % response rate).

Before we start, by show of hands, who here in this room has ever...

... lost any data FOREVER due to the technical malfunction?

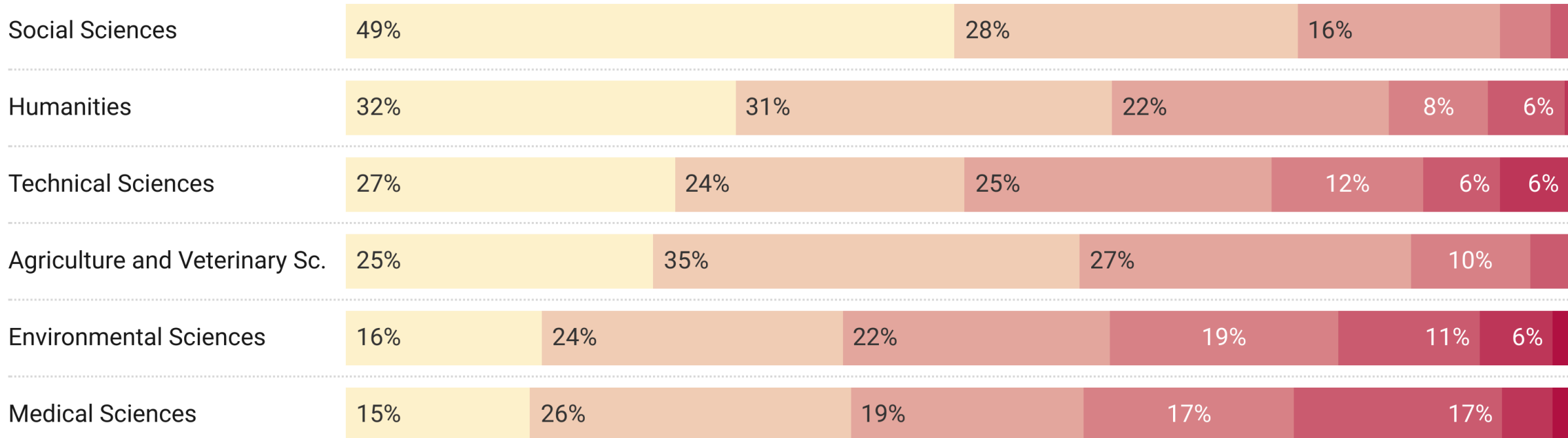
... lost any data in a true sense – you just don't know where they are.

... used any data from other scientists?

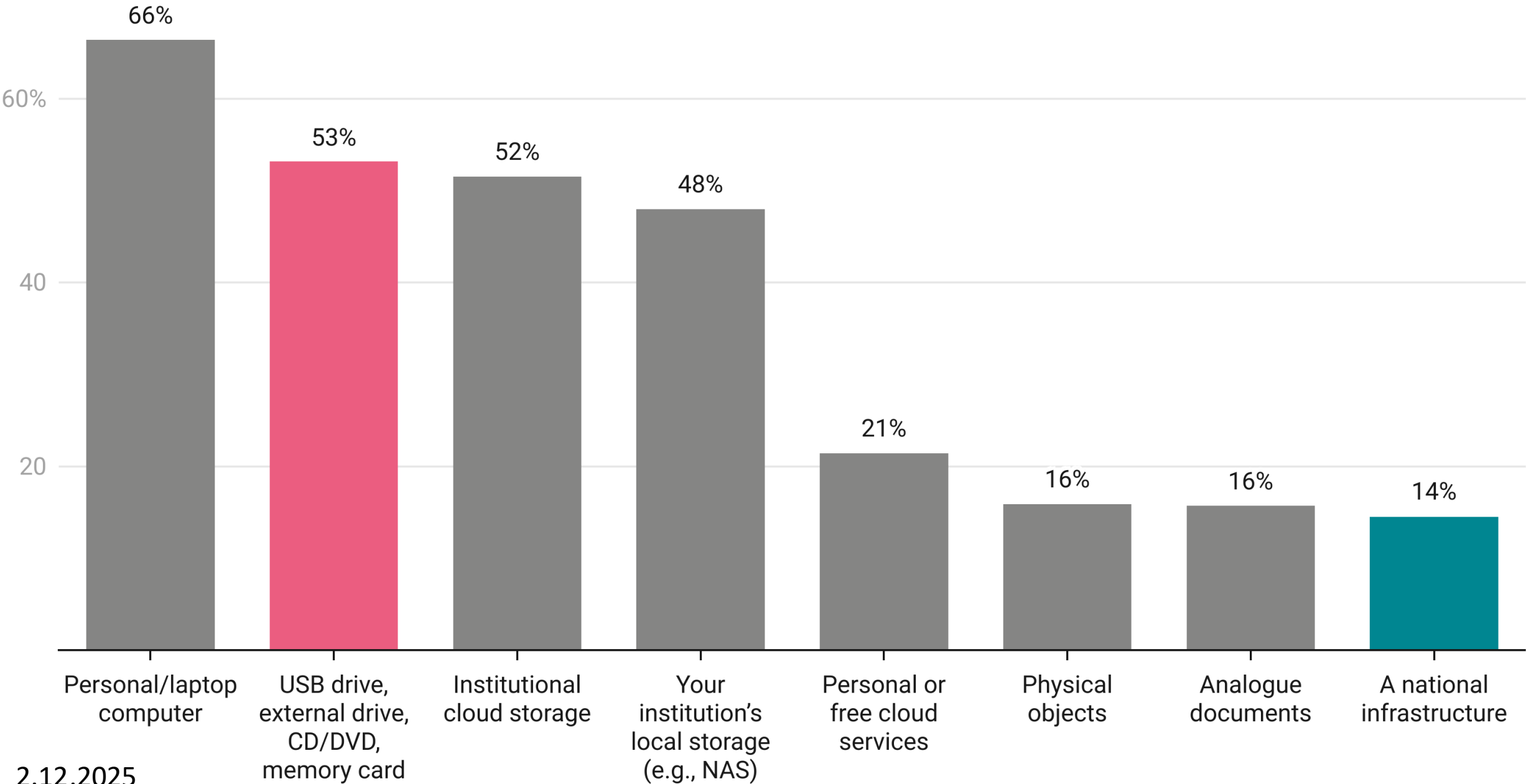
Storing the Data

How much data did you generate in the project?

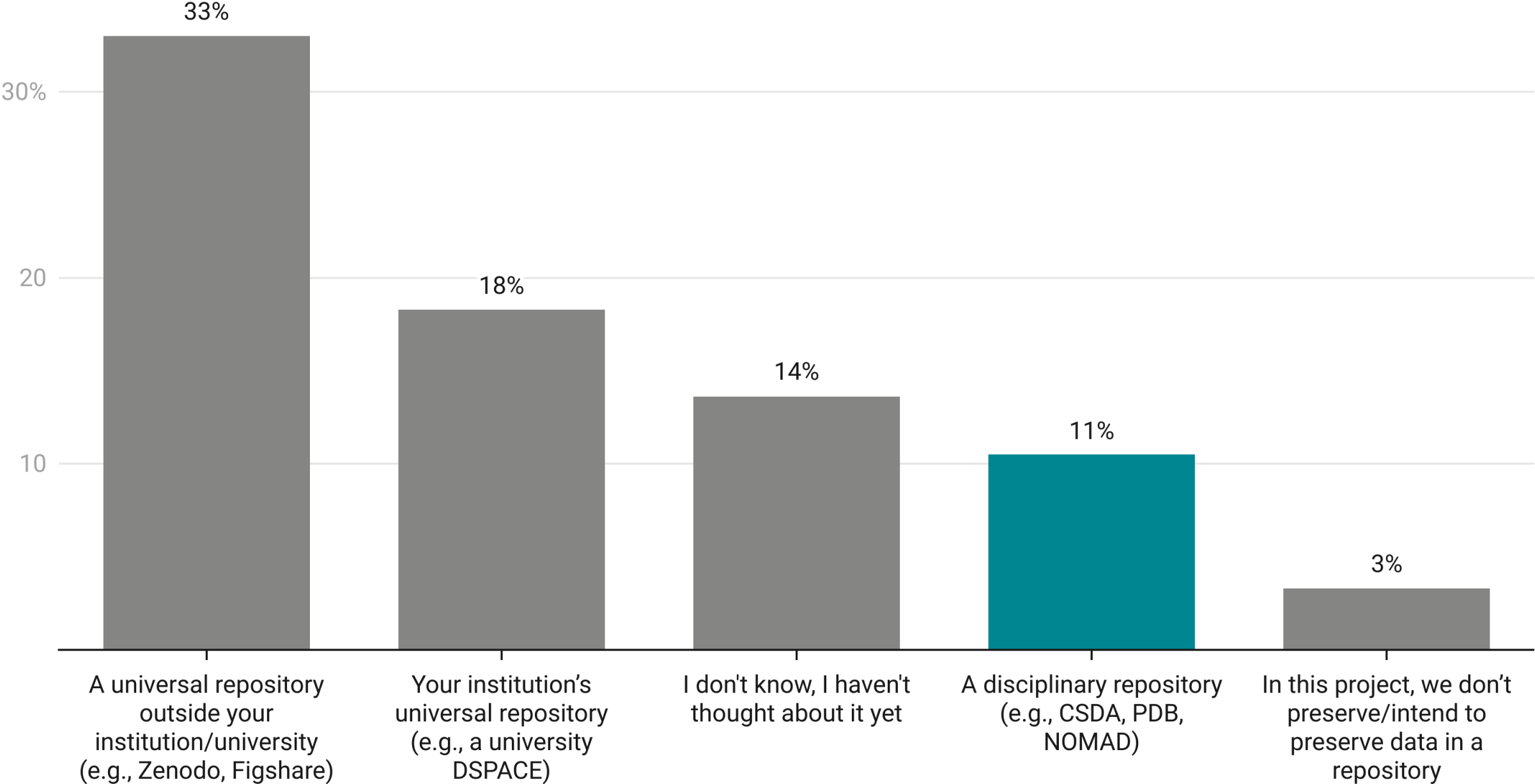
Less than 1 GB
1 – 10 GB
10,1 – 100 GB
100,1 GB – 1 TB
1,1 TB – 10 TB
10,1 TB – 100 TB
More than 100 TB



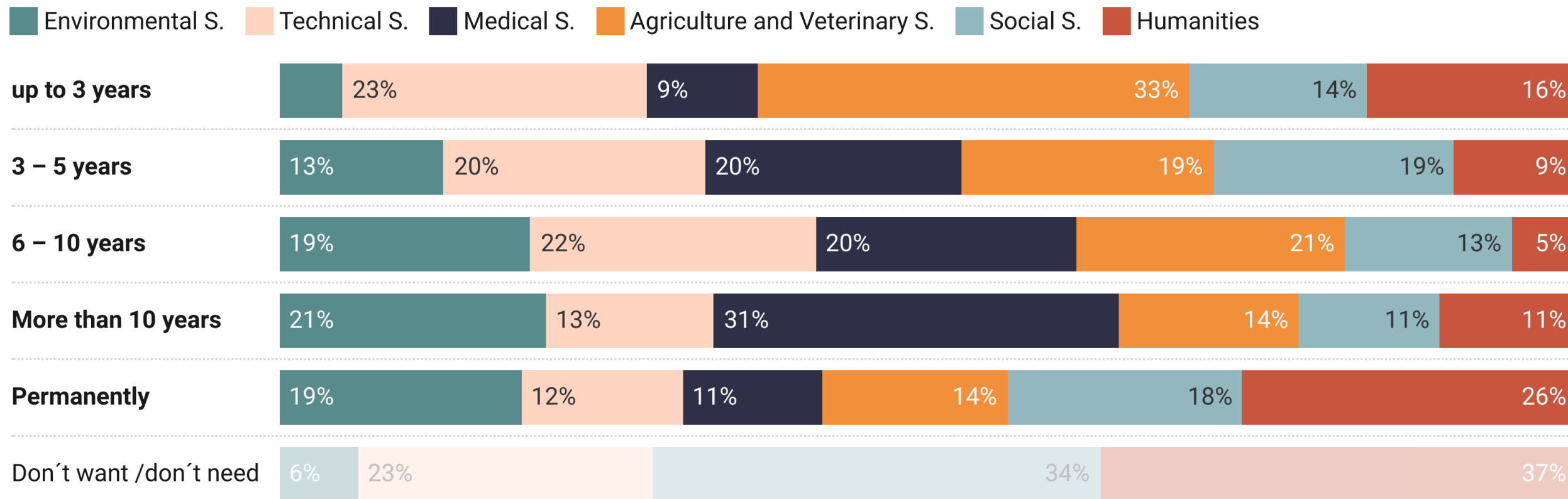
Where do you store the research data from your project?



In what kind of repositories do you preserve/intend to preserve the research data from your project?



For how long after the project's conclusion do you intend to preserve your research data?



Sharing the Data

Have you ever used research data from others scientists or institutions?

Yes No

I have downloaded data from a public access repository or storage server

58%

42%

I have obtained data from another scientist based on an individual request

64%

36%

I have used data from commercial institutions/organisations

31%

69%

Half of the participants re-use data from other scientists.

Have you ever shared your research data?

Yes, often Yes, a few times Yes, once Never

Informally with other scientists in the CZ



Informally with other scientists abroad



Using a public-access data repository or storage server

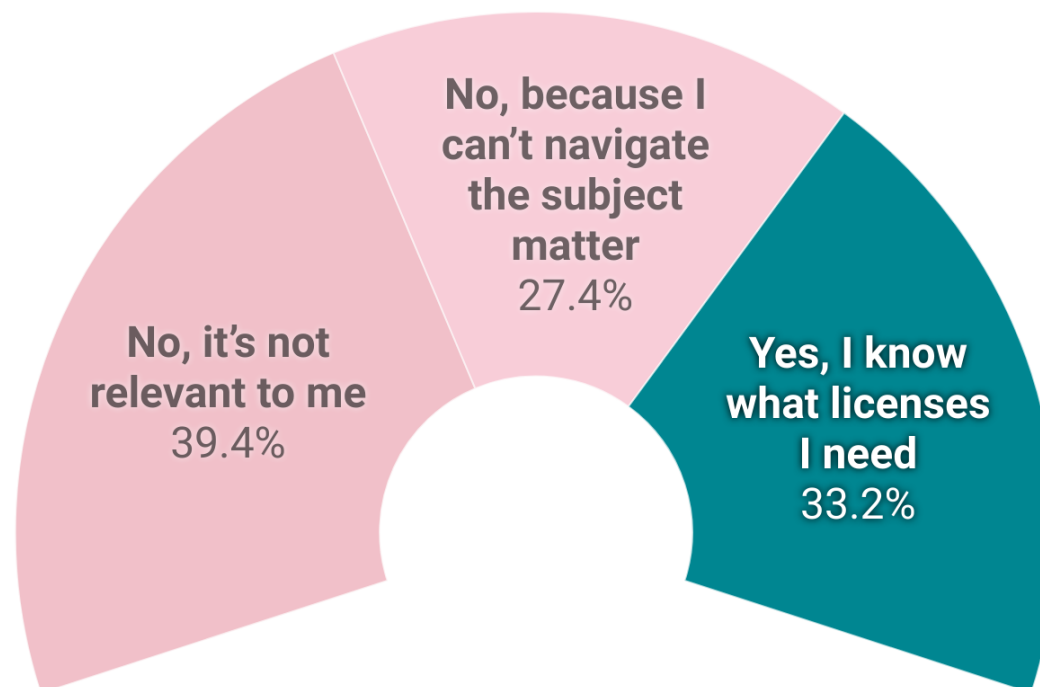


Using a restricted access data repository or storage server

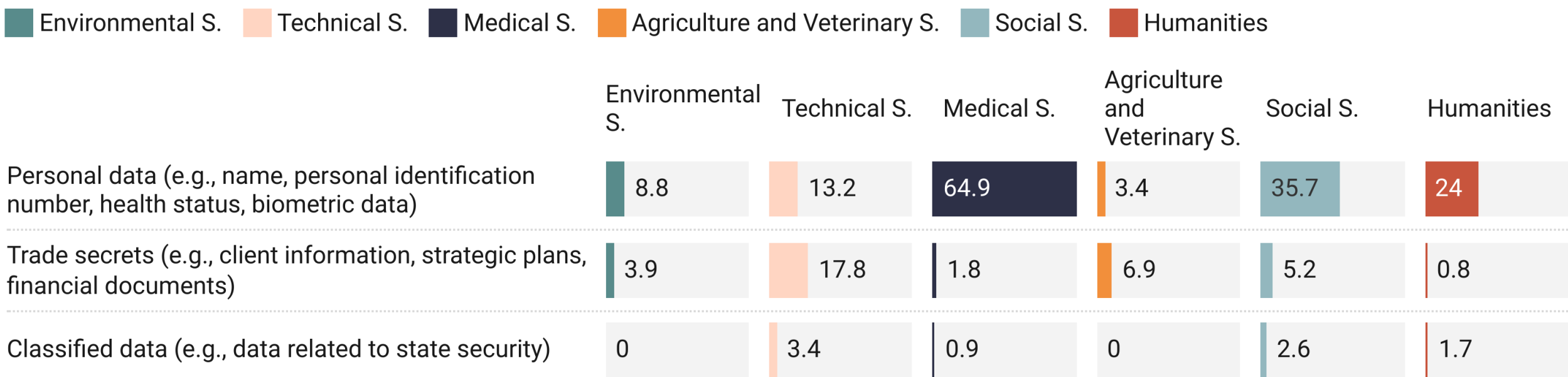


Researchers **share their data**,
when they have a full **control over how and whom with.**

Do you implement licensing for your research data?



Share of projects producing sensitive data



Kind reminder: **“FAIR data” does not mean “OPEN data”.**

The Future Outlook

Assignment of the Metadata

- **59% of respondents** assign metadata to their research data

- **36.3%** rely on a README file
- **23.2%** use automatically generated metadata from instruments or electronic lab notebooks
- **7.2%** use standardized metadata schemas

- **41% of respondents** do not use metadata

- **28.8%** It's not important for the project
- **10.7%** don't have sufficient capacity (human or financial)
- **6.2%** don't know how to do it
- **2.4%** lack of technical equipment



Why is Data Management Plan used?

Out of 1100 answers, 607 claimed they use DMPs.

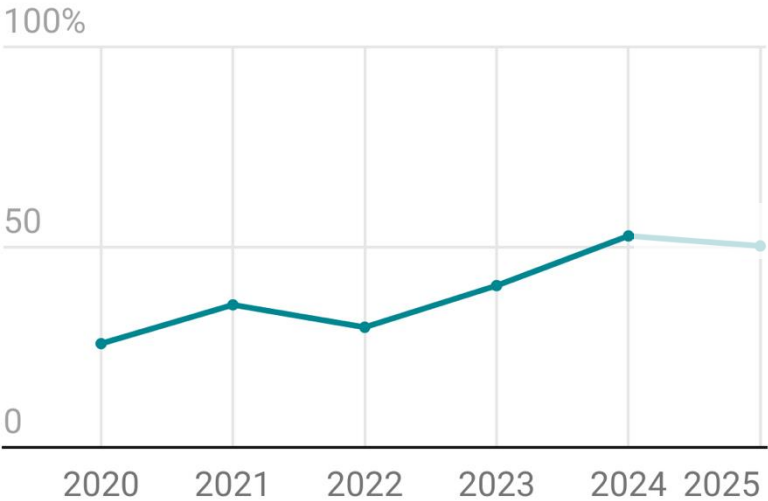
Out of those:

- **257 respondents** do it just to fulfil the rules and obligations by the grant agencies.
- **350 respondents** claim practical reasons, including:
 - **180** to **set data management practice** in the project
 - **152** to adhere to the FAIR principles
 - **119** to **communicate about data-related issues within the team**
 - **79** to manage opportunities and restrictions with respect to the project's data
 - **31** to manage project's risks

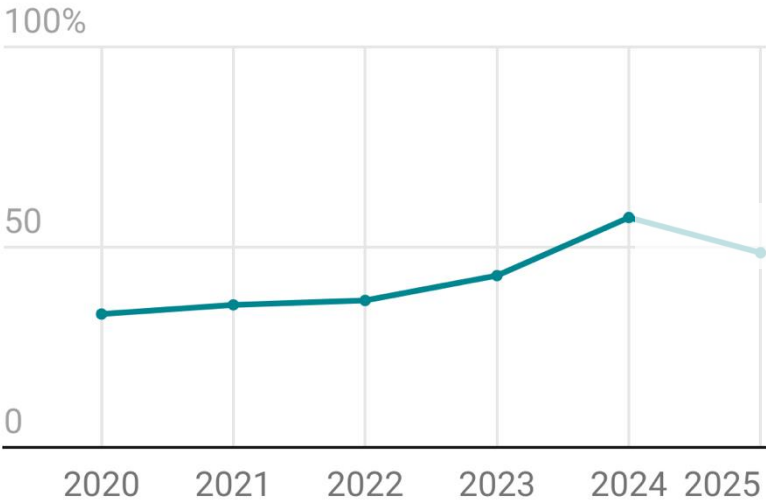


Obligation to retain research data in relation to the project's start year

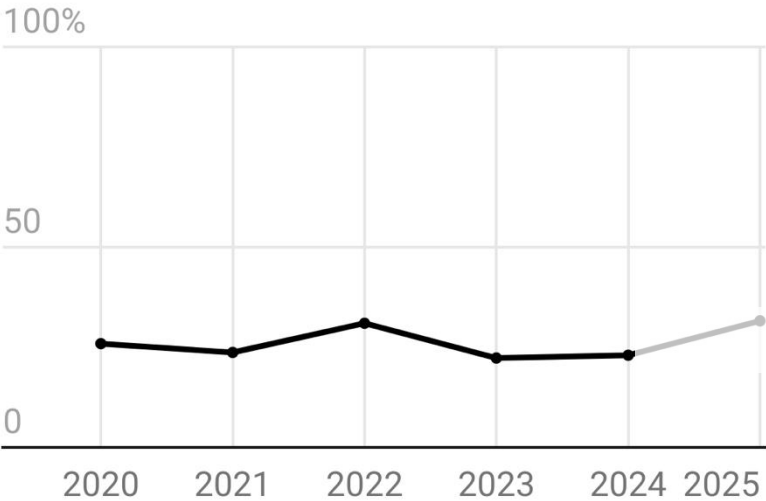
Yes, it's part of our data management plan



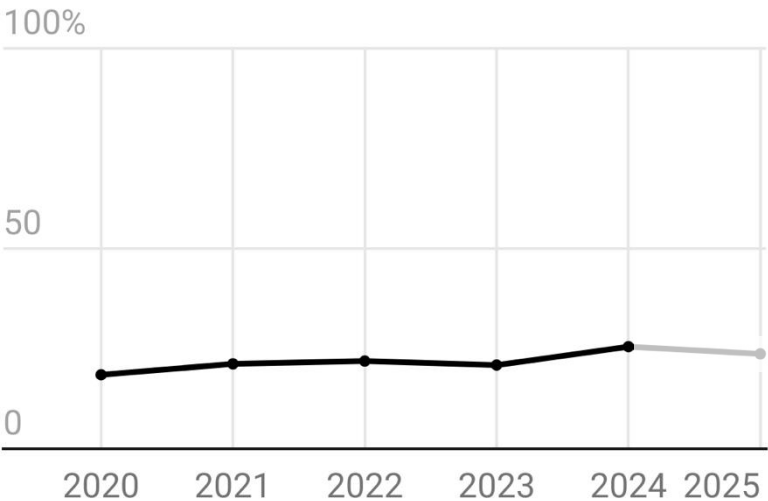
Yes, it's a funder's stipulation



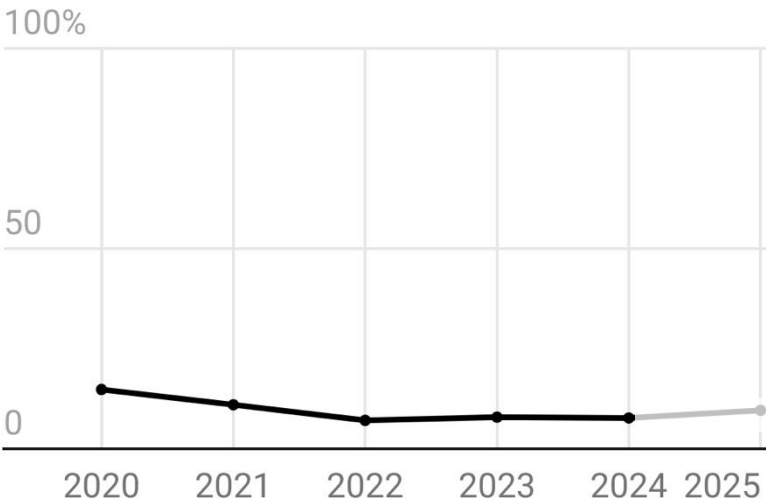
Yes, it's stipulated by the home institution/organization



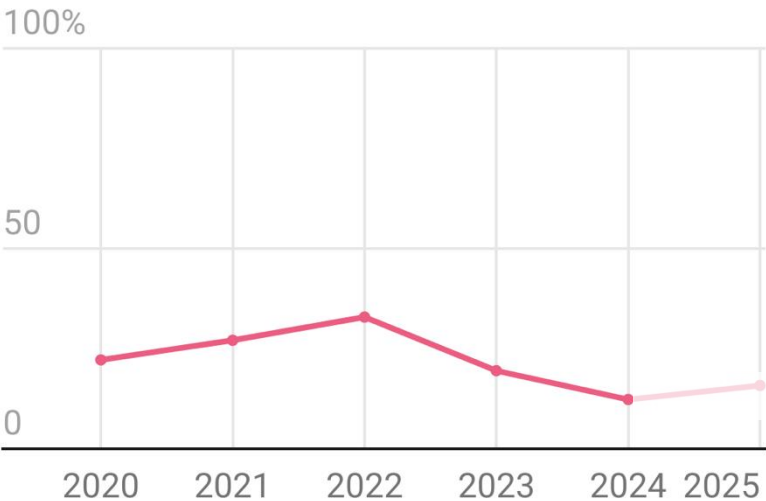
Yes, it's a publisher/journal's stipulation



Yes, based on collaboration with our international partners

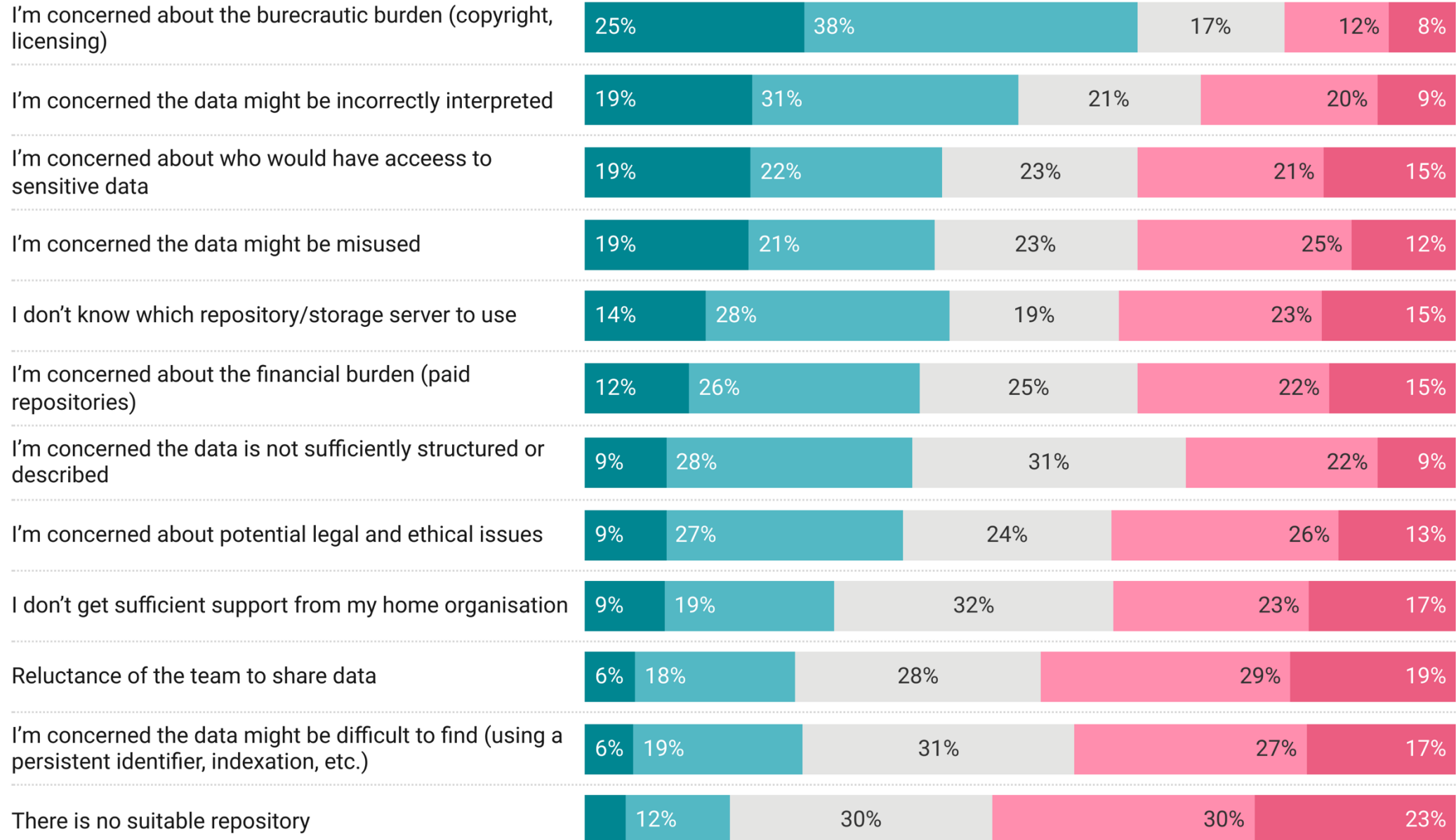


No, we haven't encountered such a requirement

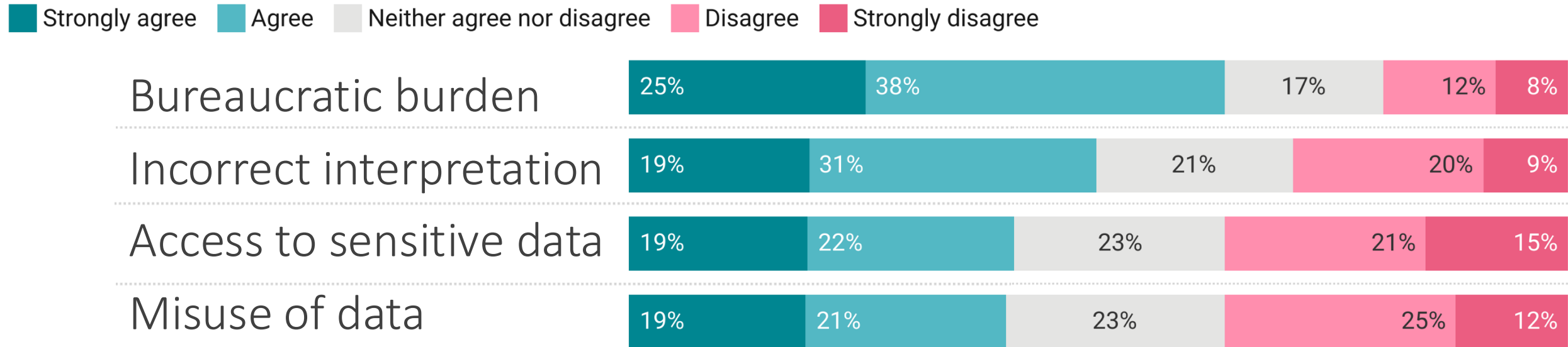


What kind of obstacles do you see in sharing the data?

Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree



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Research data in Czech republic – way forward

We, the scientific community, need to:

- **increase the awareness**
- develop and actively use **new tools for data management**
- adhere to everchanging incentives and **seize the opportunity**
- advance our **data related skills**

Tools for data management

Data storage

National Data Repository

A service for the storage, sharing and long-term preservation of research data, supporting open access and data management according to FAIR principles

e-INFRA CZ storage

within the
Repository Platform

ZENODO

Enables researchers around the world to store, share and publish research data, papers, software tools and other outputs across disciplines, supporting the principles of open science

Data management planning

ARGOS

ARGOS is a joint effort by OpenAIRE and EUDAT to create an open platform for data management planning

Data Stewardship Wizard (NRP)

An open-source tool in its pilot version, available in a localized instance for the Czech Republic. It helps researchers create DMPs in accordance with the FAIR principles and provides methodological support and documentation.

Data searching

CCMM

CCMM is the core metadata model for describing research data in the Czech Republic. Its goal is to define unified elements for dataset description across repositories and ensure interoperable metadata across disciplines.

National Metadata Directory

Enables search and access to scientific data metadata and repositories

data.gov.cz

National Open Data Portal of the Czech Republic, which provides access to public administration datasets

Google Dataset Search is a search engine for finding and accessing publicly available research datasets from a variety of disciplines and sources around the world

Analyzing data and performing calculations

Supercomputing Capacities

IT4Innovations computing capacity for research and development tasks

MetaCentrum Services

Cloud and grid-based computing services

CERIT-SC Services

Computing services on batch, cloud and container platforms

Sensitive data processing

Advanced security features to ensure your data is safe and compliant

**BLOCK #1 TODAY:
Tools for Data Management**

ARTS 	AGROFOOD 	AI 	CORPUS 	GENESIS 	OMICS 	ZOOLOGY 	SIMULATIONS 	SENSORS 
DUNE 	ARCHAEOLOGY 	BIOIMAGING 	CZECH REPO			SOLAR 	PLANTS 	MAPS AND DATA 
LINGUISTIC 	ISOARCH 	SOCIAL 	CZECH REPO			SENSITIVE SOCIAL DATA 	MOLECULAR BIOPHYSICS 	
BIO/CHEM 	LAUEDB 	MATERIALS 	EXPOSOME 	TELESCOPE 	BIBLIOGRAPHY 	BIOPHYSICS 	BIOMONITORING 	REPO CZ 
<div>Repo Builders Workshop tomorrow</div>								

Everchanging incentives,
and stories of (Re-)Use

BLOCK #2 TODAY: Stories of Data (Re-)Use

- We will hear the stories of responsible research data management
- RIV recognizes **new output – “type T”** – digital research outputs
- **Data planning is required** by the funders – anyone who receives research funding must manage data responsibly
- It’s not about if or when anymore, but about **how we approach the management of our research data responsibly today**

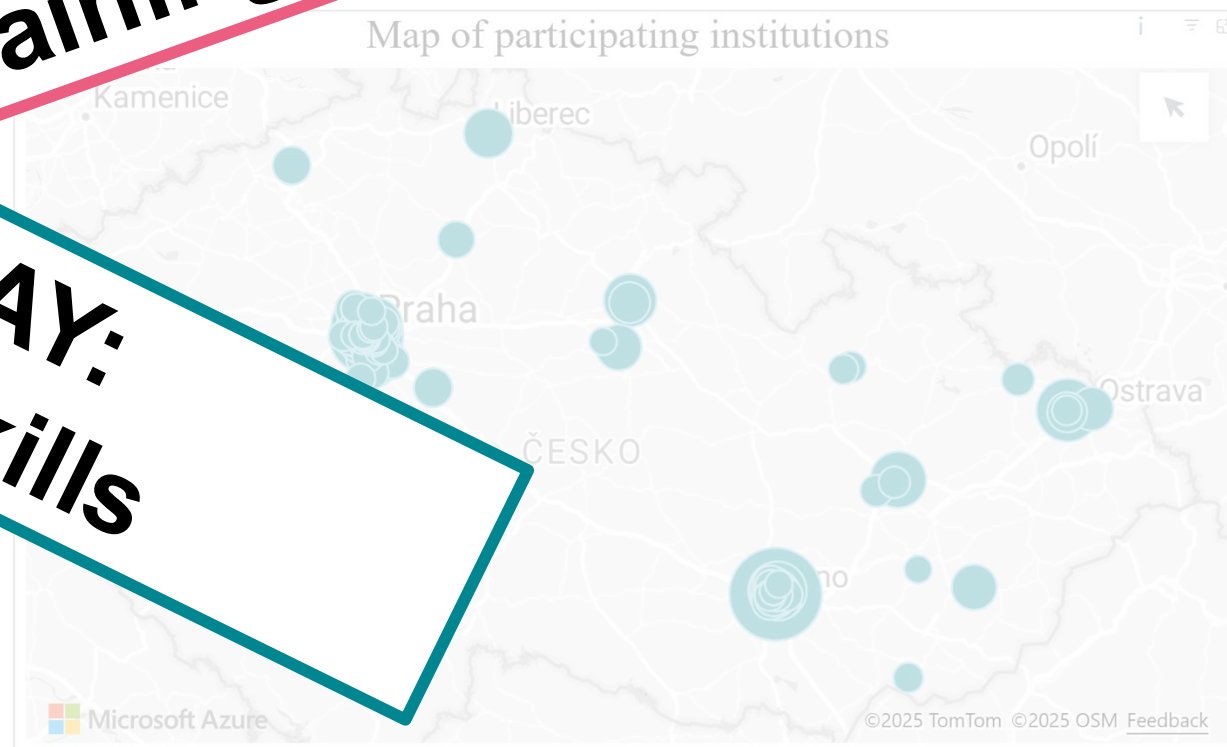
Advancing data skills

EOSC training center on itself served over 4.000 (6
train workshops and one summer school

Courses
at the univer

**Young Researchers
training tomorrow**

**BLOCK #3 TODAY:
Advancing Data Skills**



Conference Sessions (today)

Tools for Data Management	10:30–12:00
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Stories of Data (Re-)Use	13:00–14:30
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Advancing Data Skills	15:00–16:30
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Poster Session	17:00–17:45
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Workshops and Training (tomorrow)

Repo Builders	parallel sessions
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Young Researchers	
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