

How to regenerate social capital in a post-pandemic context, for the future age-friendly communities?

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VM GRANT

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Objectives of the VM GRANT

Recent data on the Covid19 crisis focuses on the impact on older people's social capital or lack of resources in achieving their care and leisure goals, while highlighting compromised levels of trust, cooperation and civicism in Europe.

Social Capital



Digital tools

Intergenerational relationship

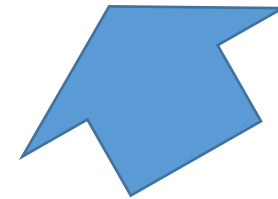
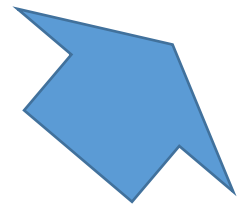


Post pandemic problems and resources



1. Bibliographical desk research;
2. Small survey (Delphi method) for experts (both involved in the COST action and not) and data analysis:

https://unicatt.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_09hVGwediMw9xbM



3. Video about the VM and online discussion with Group n.2 and n.4



- Focus on obstacles and difficulties, but also on element of innovation of local welfare;
- Focus on the generative purpose of the older adults' transition (aging) in relations to young generations: *passage of witness and of material and moral inheritances for the new generations who will have to carry the world forward;*
- Focus on development of an age – friendly virtual space.



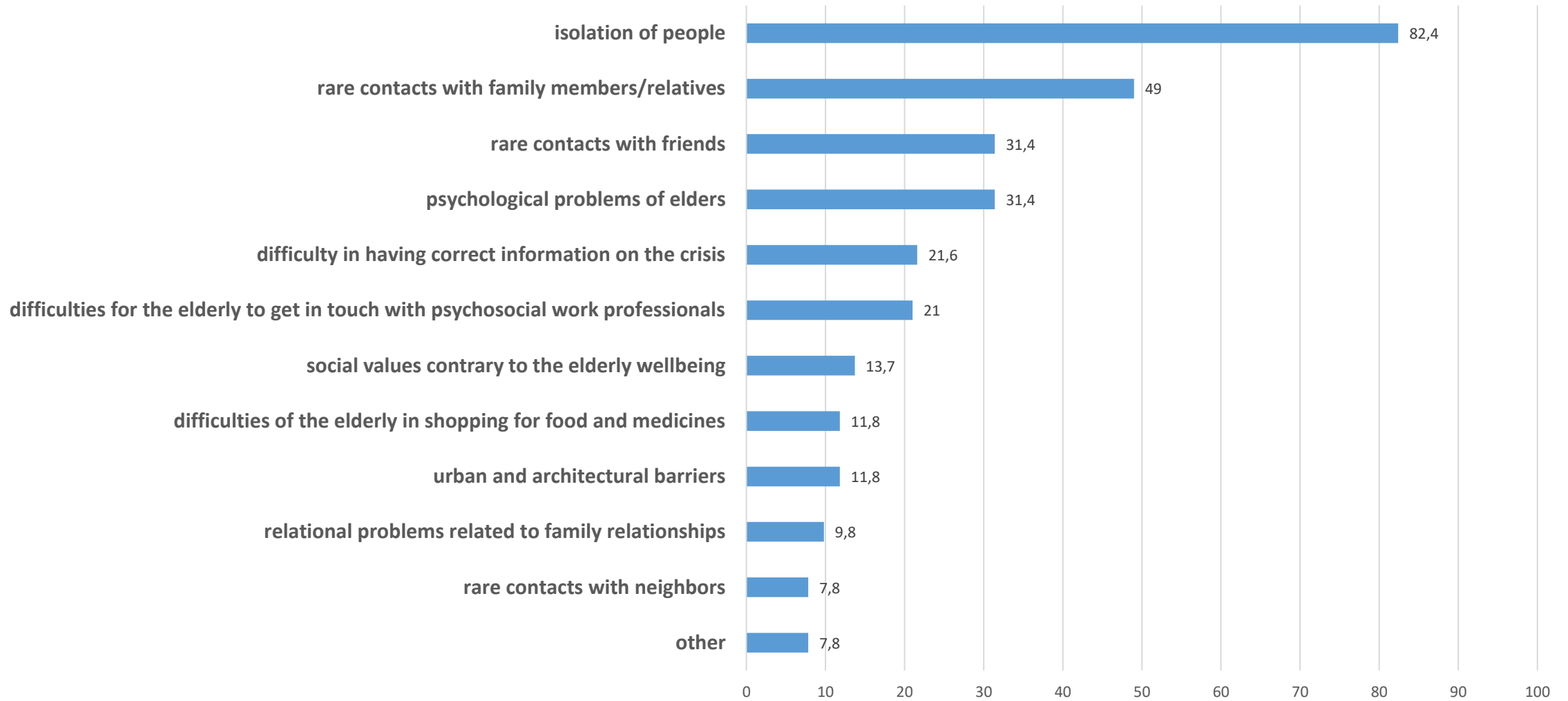
51 experts responded to the online survey.

71 % of them are from EU countries (12% from Italy).

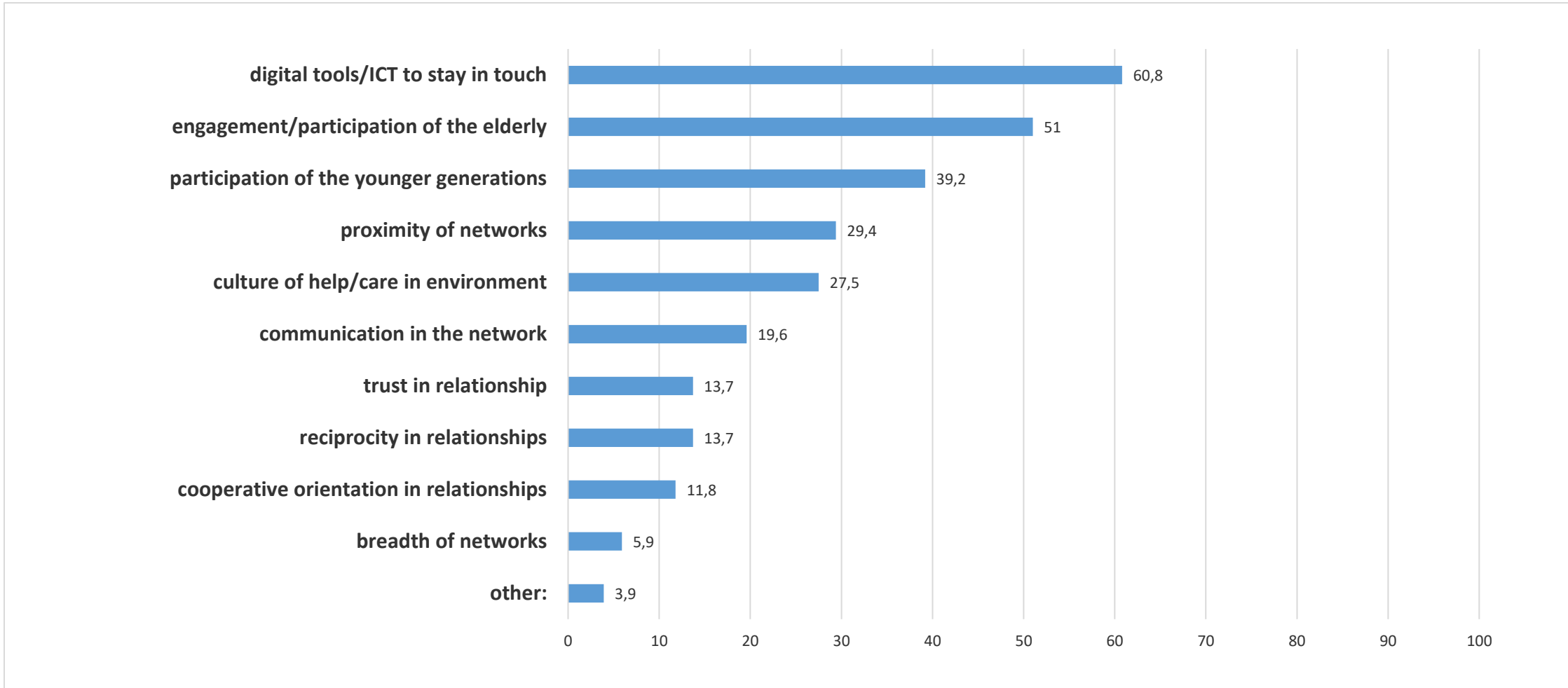
29% of them are from countries non-EU.

Most of the experts involved are from research/academia, others from the health services, less of them work in architecture/design/urban/technology fields.





Aspects of older people's networks need to be improved after the pandemic (%)



- **Re-organization of service institution**

- ✓ *Efficiency*
- ✓ *New Centres*
- ✓ *Help Food buying/shopping delivery;*
- ✓ *Better Irrigation and agriculture in rural area.*

- **ICT innovation**

- ✓ *More use of digital tools and social networks;*
- ✓ *Communication to socialize (online classes or communities) ;*
- ✓ *Online shopping.*

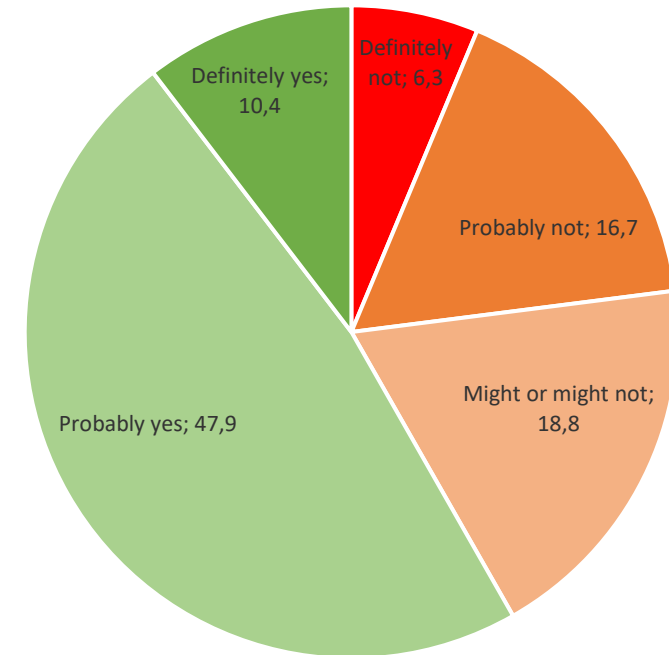
- **Voluntary activation**

- ✓ *Association of seniors professors;*
- ✓ *Closer neighbour collaboration, and support;*
- ✓ *The increased presence of volunteer groups.*

- **Innovation in culture**

- ✓ *New ways of socializing;*
- ✓ *Hygiene and respect for vulnerability due to illness;*

Do you notice some good innovation related to solidarity nets for the elders (es. new protective context across elders) after pandemic? (%)



1. Redesign a *community-oriented care* for elders

- ✓ New spaces and methodology
- ✓ Local strategic planning
- ✓ Family involvement
- ✓ Prevention



+ regenerate trust

2. ICT innovation

- ✓ Digital literacy
- ✓ Health technology
- ✓ Technology for prevent isolation

3. Relationship with young generations



+ focus on the generative transition of older adults (the cultural meaning)

4. Financial equality

5. Environment care

- ✓ Green Environment sustainability
- ✓ Smart Age-friendly accessible cities



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Thank you!

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