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Experiences and Lessons Learned of Swiss-Romanian partnerships Results of Online-Survey

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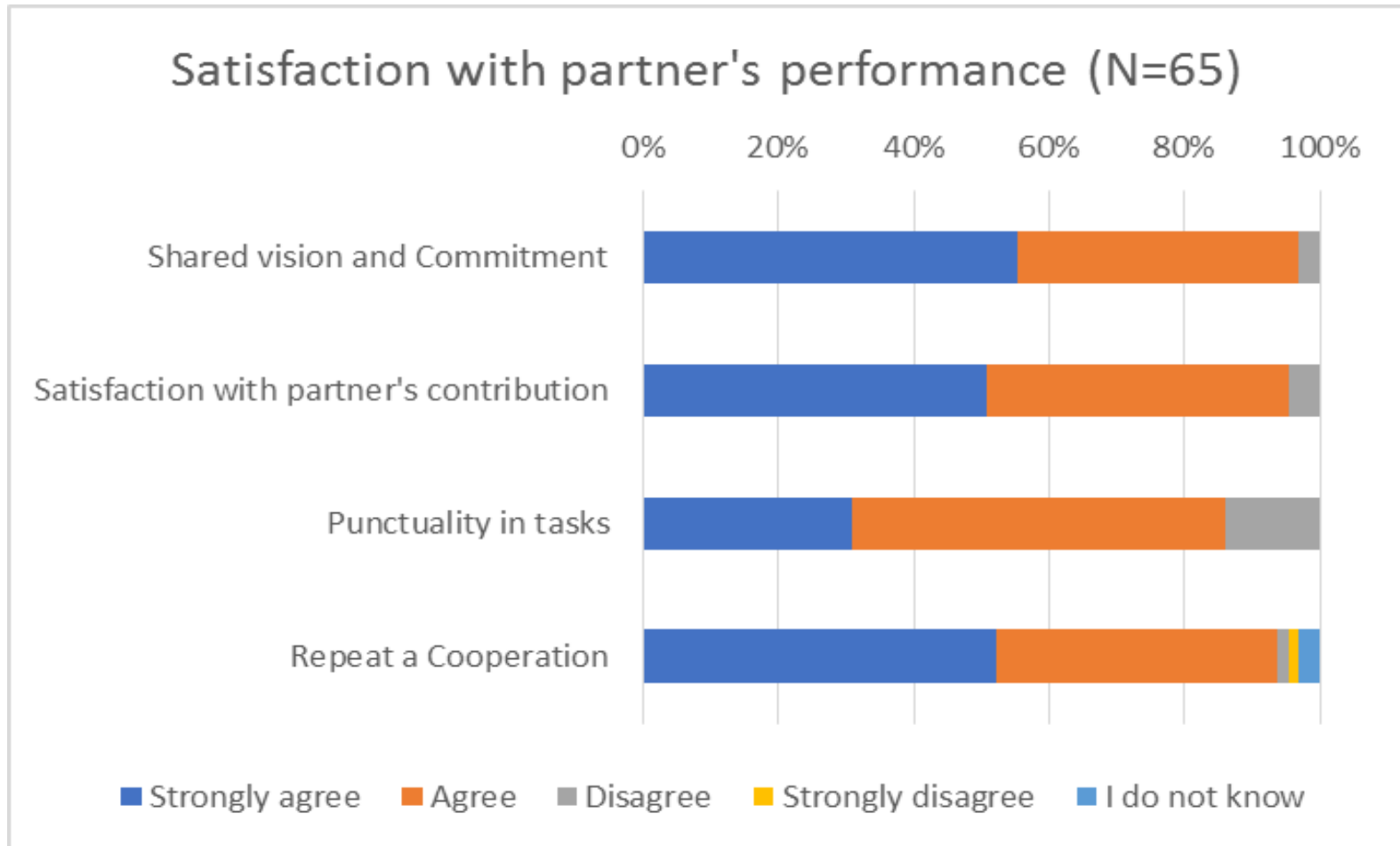
Online Survey – Structure & Participation

- **Target group:** All RO & CH partners of PF Grant projects or Retained Activities (40 PF Block Grant projects and 7 Retained Activities)
- **Participation numbers:**

Swiss partners	28 (40%)
Romanian partners	42 (60%)
Total	70 (of 132 contacted)



Finding 1: High satisfaction with partner's performance



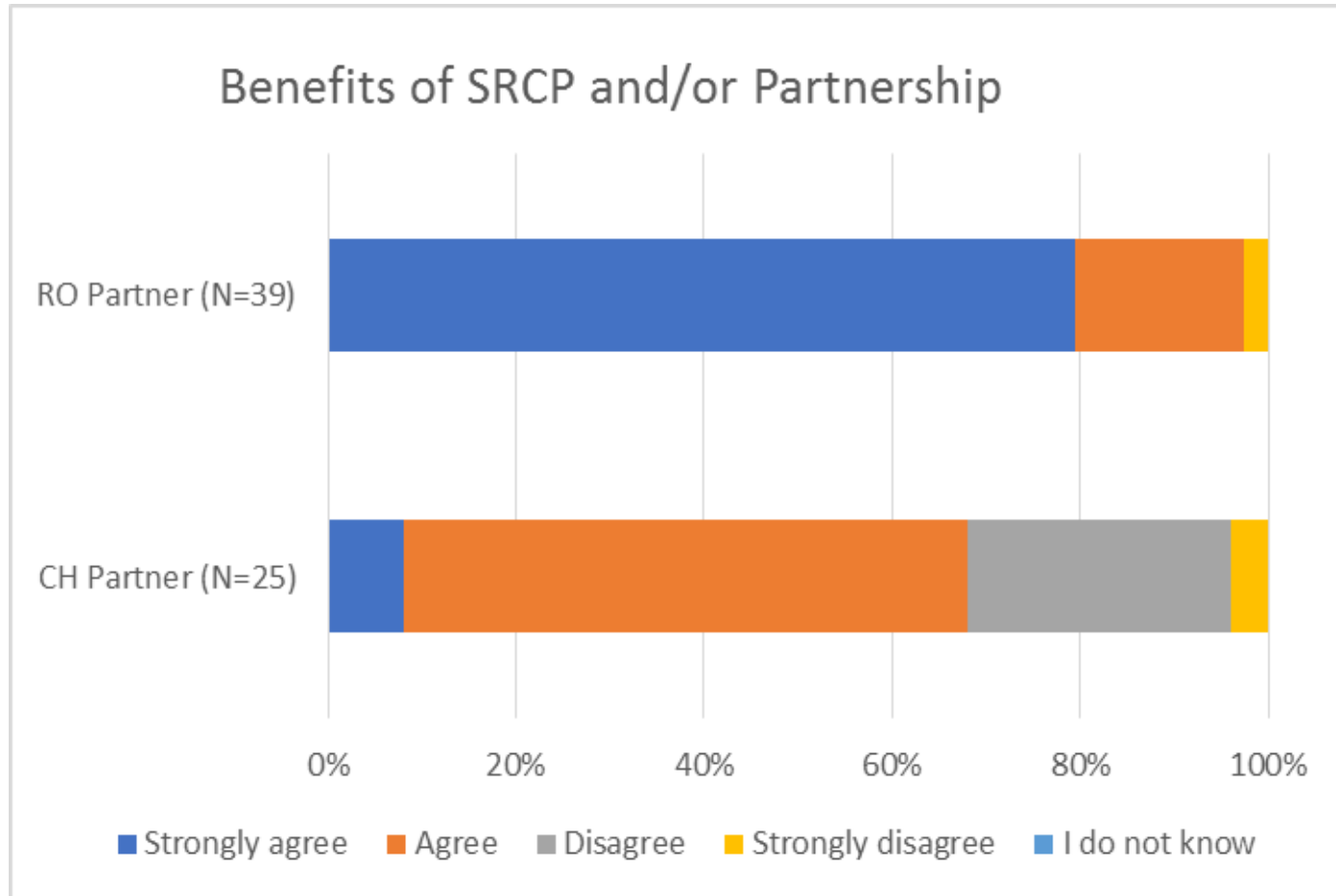


Finding 2 – The SRCP project helped improving skills on individual and organisational level

- **Improved skills RO partners:** Project and general management skills and instruments; Specific new knowledge; Applying for further funds
- **Improved skills CH partners:** Self-reflection; Awareness and insights in working in a difficult context; Intercultural competences; Know-how exchange in a multidisciplinary project team



Finding 3 – Benefits of Know-how transfer





Finding 4 - Challenges

- **Distance** obstacle (missing personal and/or direct contact with SIB and/or partner)
- First experiences with an **international donor project** for Swiss partner
- Time-consuming **reporting and delays** in reporting (e.g. different standards in financial accounting and audit)



Finding 5 - Success factors

- Competent staff and **context knowledge**
- Clear **division of roles** and common working language
- Democratic and/or agreed **decision-making processes**
- **Regular meetings** (face to face or skype) and trust- and teambuilding



Finding 6 – Exchange visits are very helpful

- Understanding of the **partner's context**, country structures and system
- See the **project site** and meet **beneficiaries**
- **Teambuilding** and enhance communication
- See and learn **best practice examples** and new approaches
- Motivating and inspirational



Sustainability of partnerships

- Only 34% of organisations have had worked together before the SRCP project.
- 98% of CH and RO partner organisations are still in contact (38% very frequently and 60% sometimes).
- 94% of all partners can imagine to cooperate again in a future project.



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Thank you!