



# WELCOME to the EAPS Parent Network Online Inaugural Event

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Special guest: Agnese Vitali



# AGENDA

- ▶ Short introduction (5 min)
- ▶ Results from the EAPS Parent Network questionnaire (10 + 5 min)
- ▶ Presentation by Agnese Vitali on Parenting Academia (10 + 5 min)
- ▶ Networking in break-out rooms (15 + 5min)
- ▶ Future activities and wrap up (10 + 5min)



# JOINT INITIATIVE

## Steering Committee



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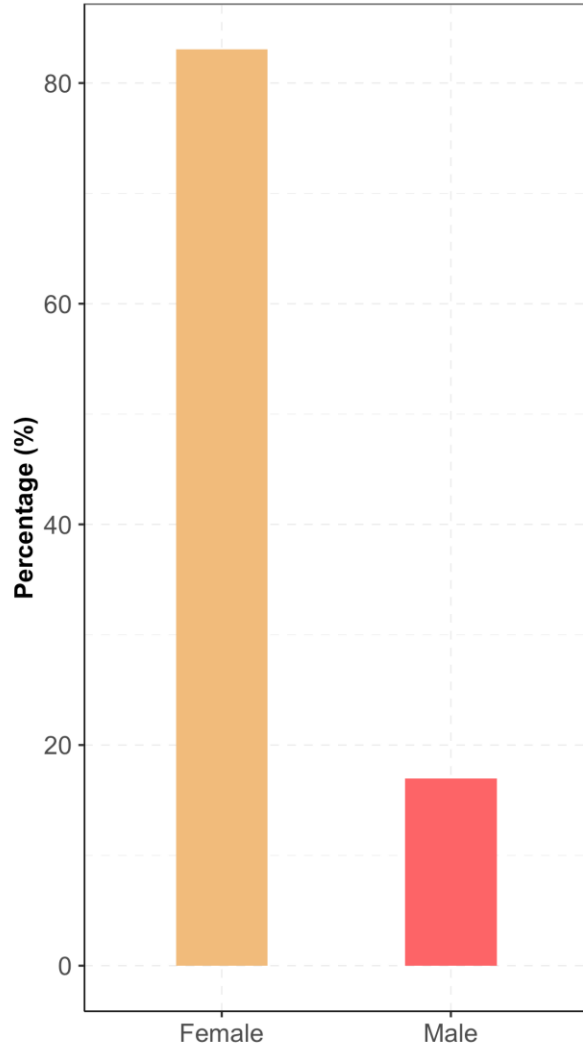
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**& THOSE INTERESTED**  
**who filled out the questionnaire,**  
**talked and wrote to us**

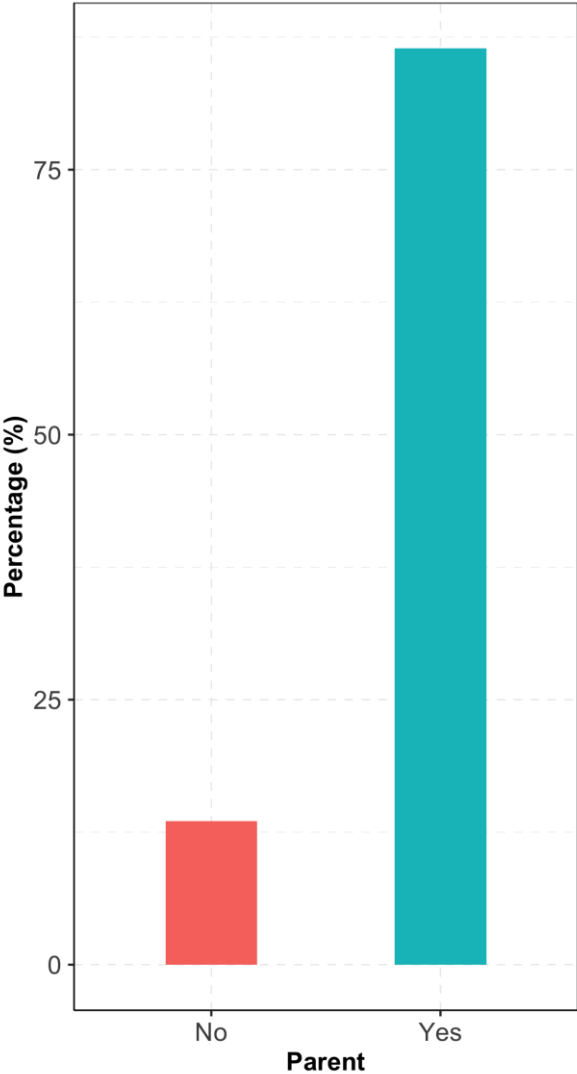
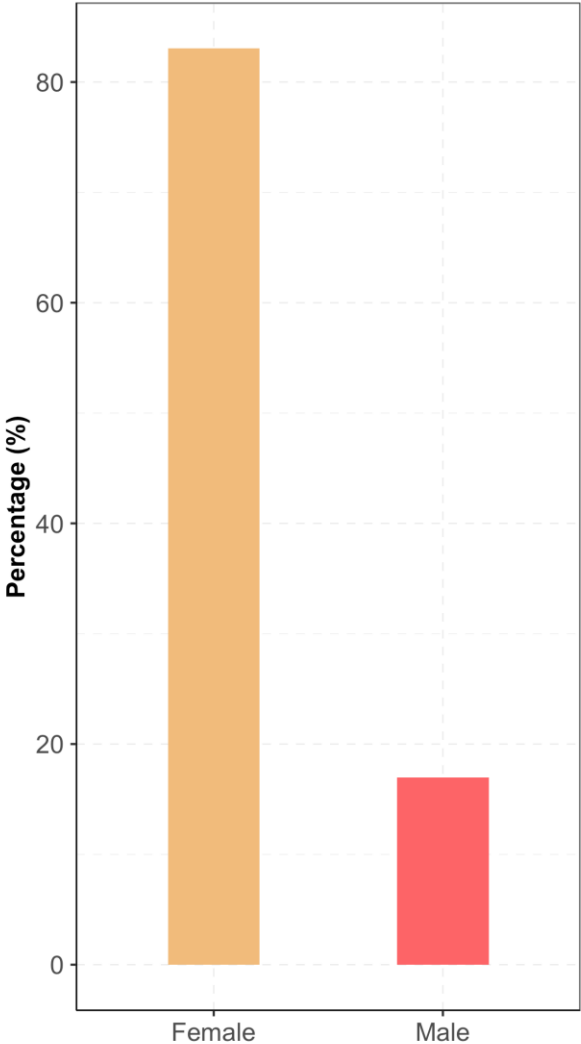
# EAPS PARENT NETWORK QUESTIONNAIRE

- ▶ June 2022 - March 2023
- ▶ Closed and open questions
- ▶ Basic socio-demographic variables
- ▶ How useful some activities would be for the respondents
  
- ▶ Results from 60 respondents

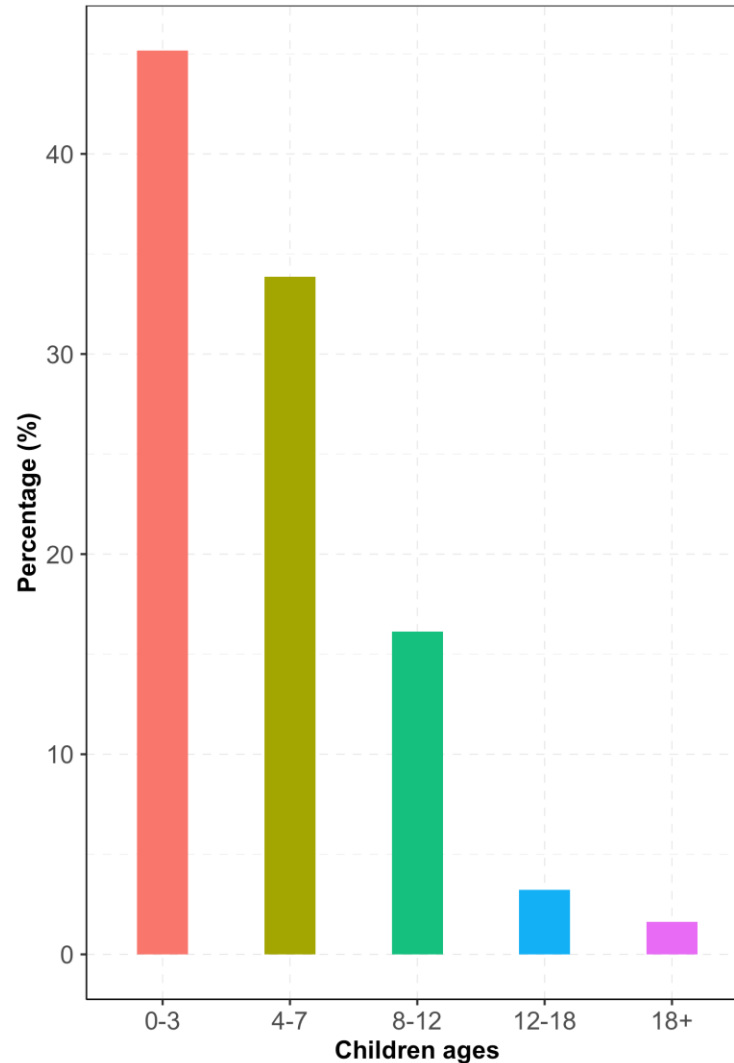
# More than 80% of respondents are women



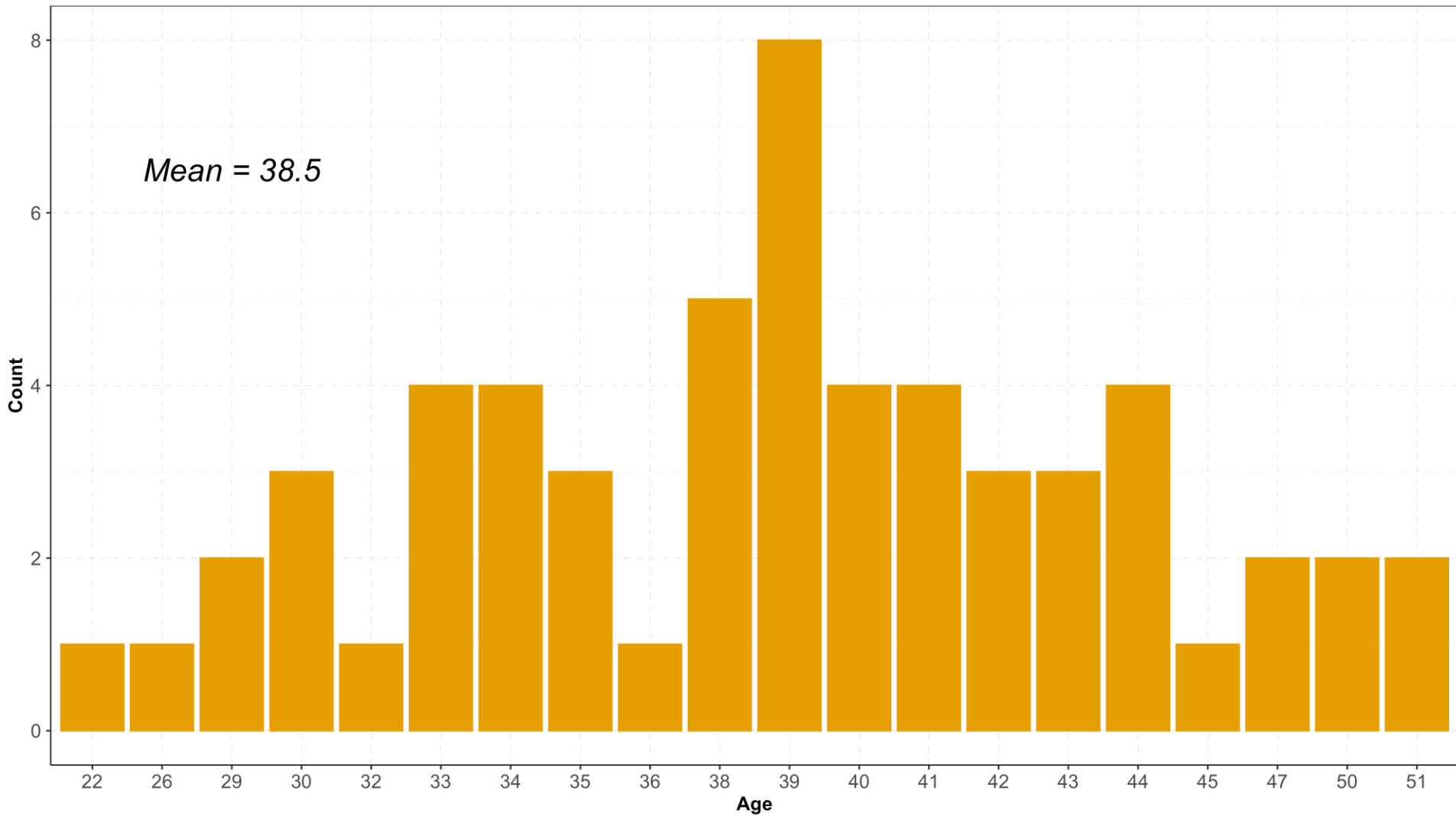
# The majority of respondents are parents



# More than 40% are parents of very young children



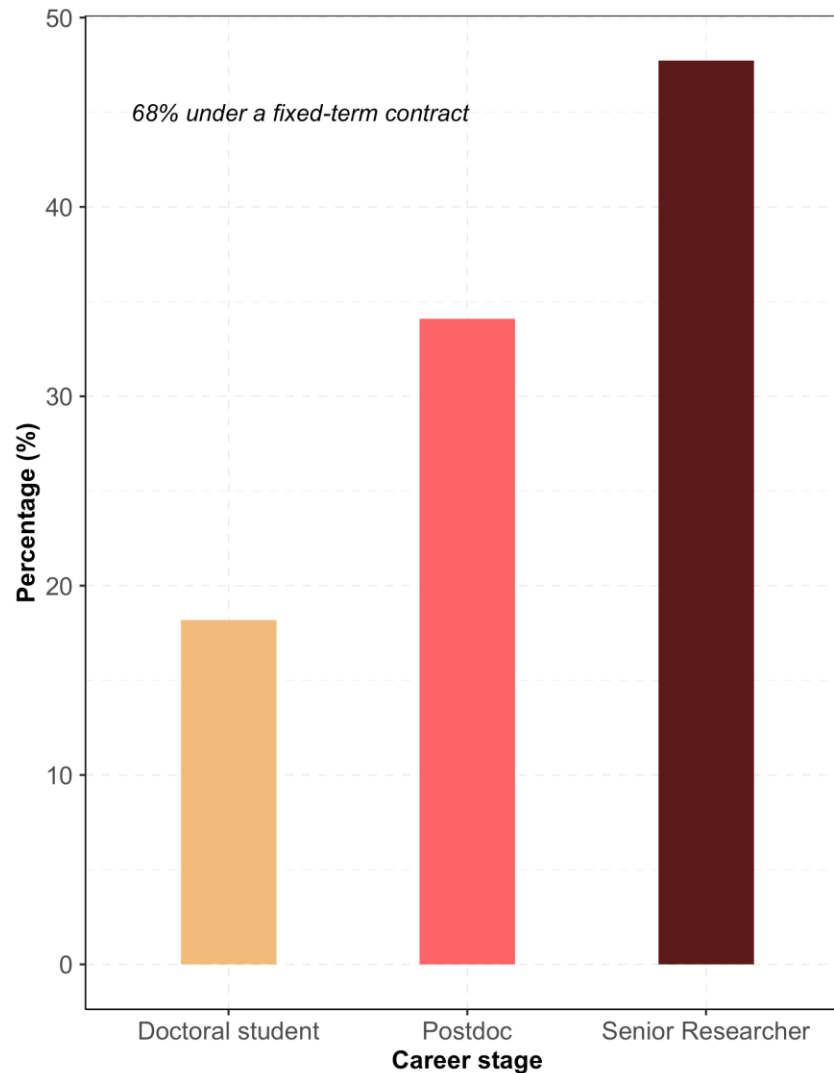
# Age of respondents



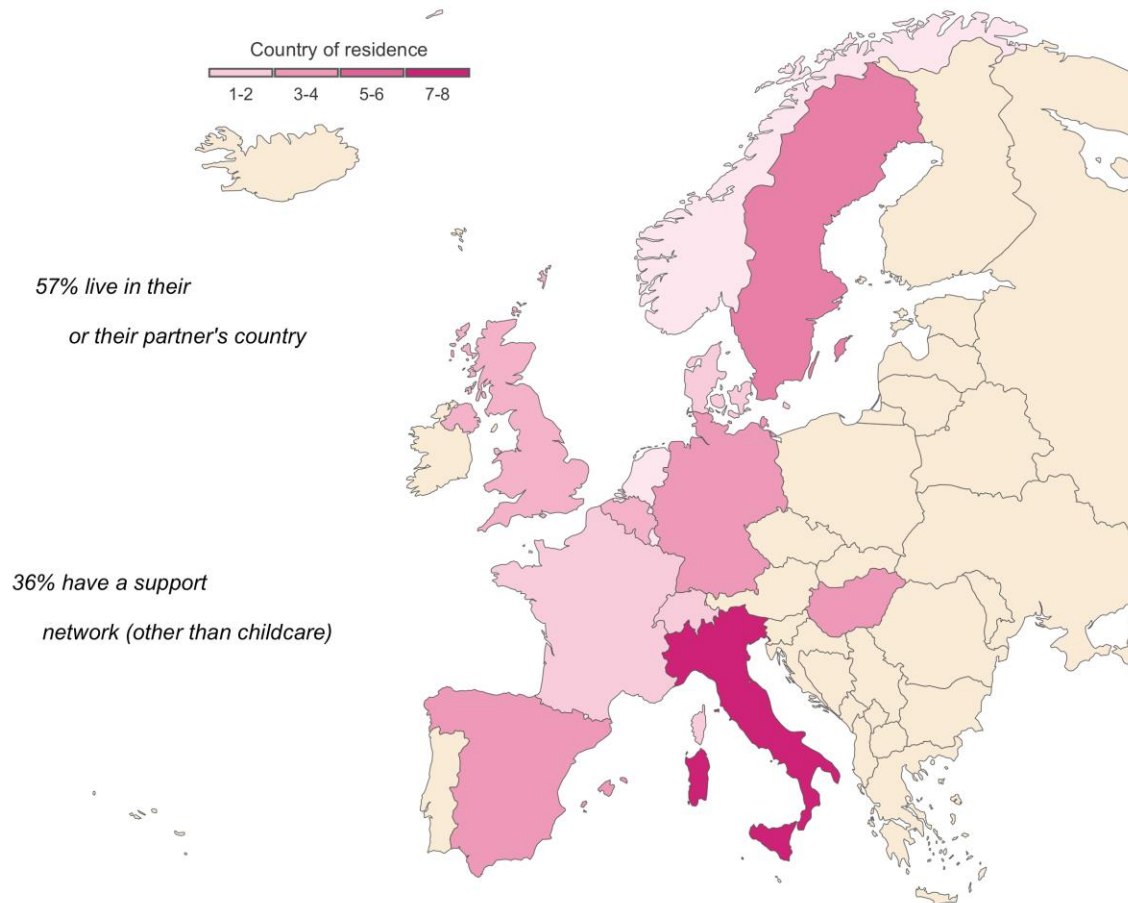


# Career stage of the respondents

## 68% have a fixed-term contract

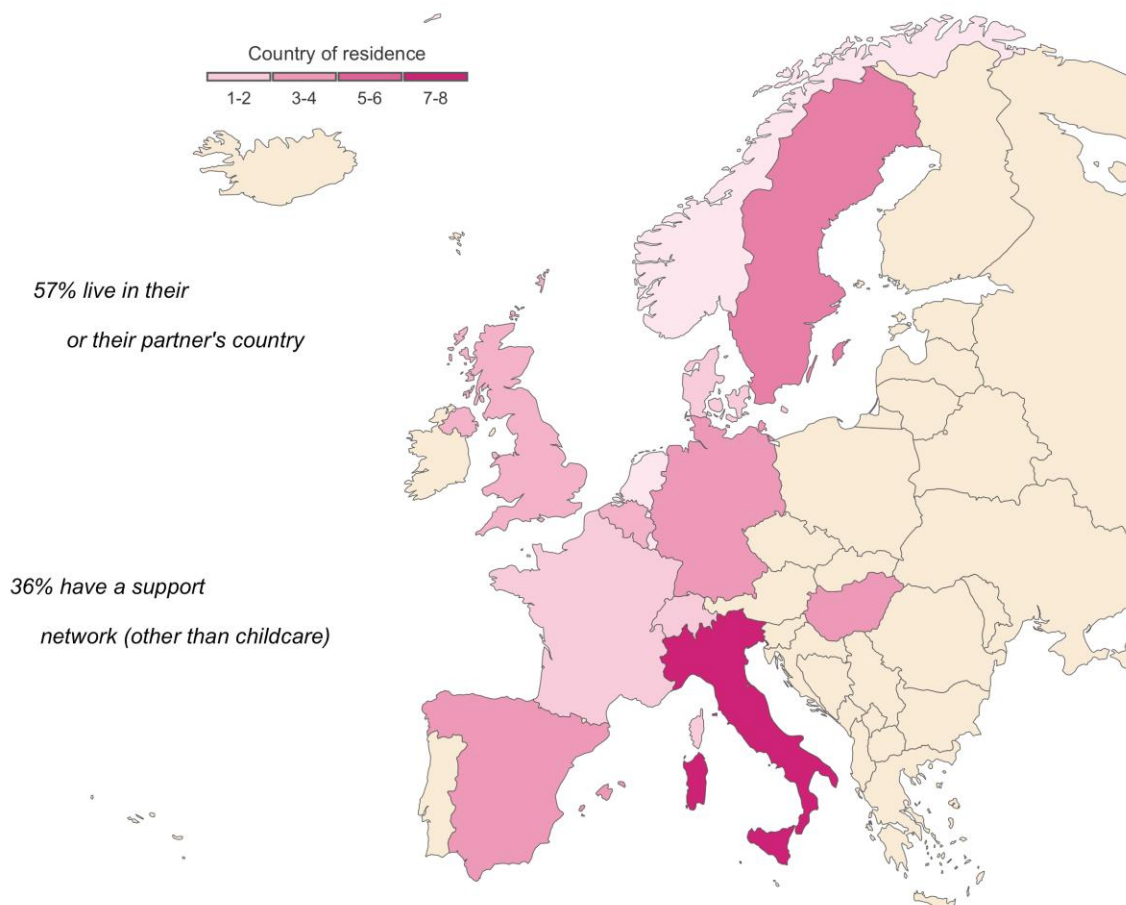


# Country of residence

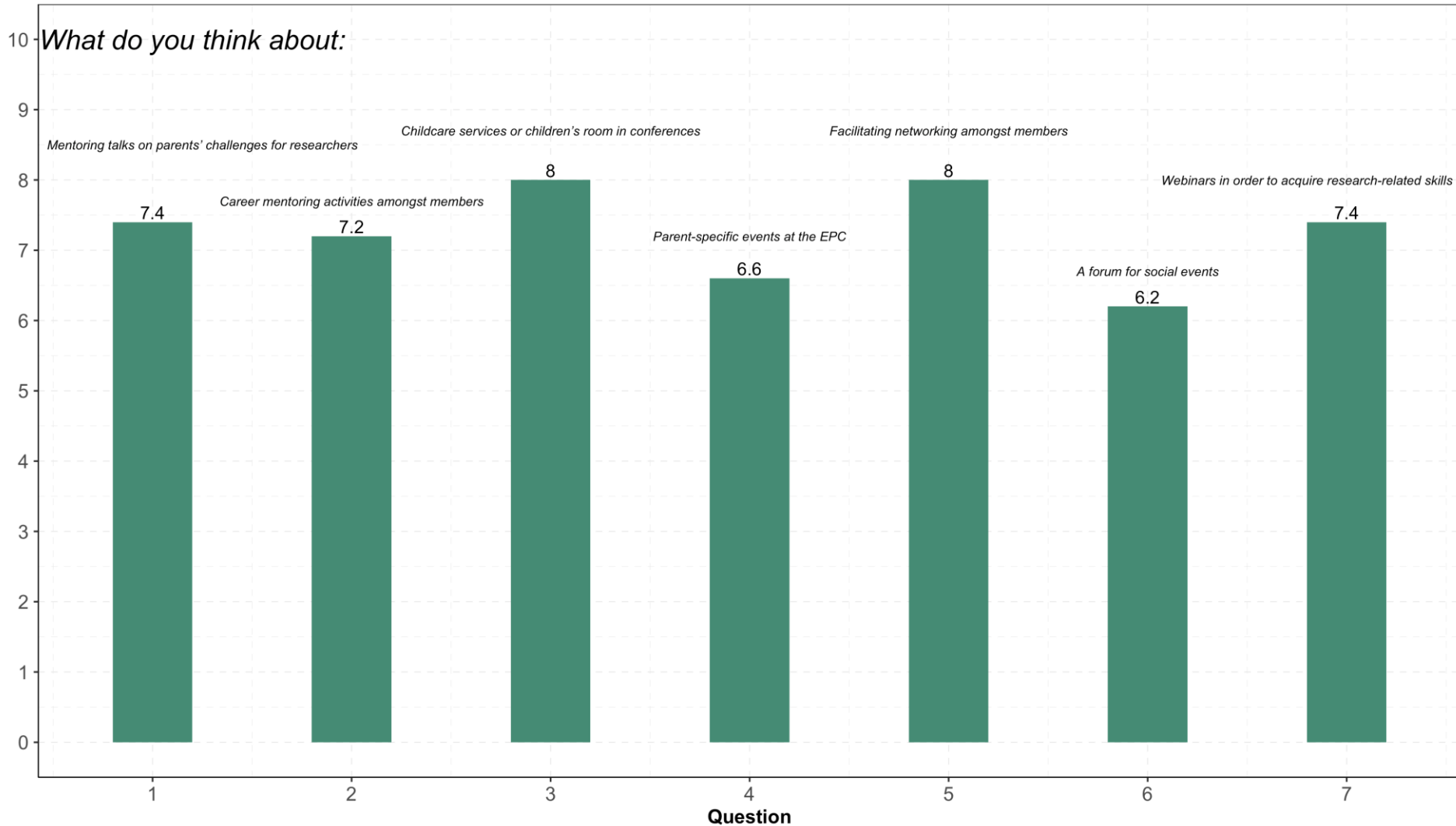


# Country of residence

## 64% of respondents do not have a support network



# How useful the following activities would be for the respondents



# Open questions and answers

- ▶ “I think that one useful thing that the network can do is to encourage organizers of research initiatives (e.g. conferences, research projects, etc.) to **make easier for parents to get involved in.**”

# Open questions and answers

- ▶ Show **role models** for younger researchers
- ▶ Create a platform specifically for single parents
- ▶ Promote a review of family policies and practices
- ▶ **Plan activities that are not during evenings**
- ▶ Use the group to **share best practices, good policies and examples of concrete institutional support to promote better environments for all. / Offering a forum to discuss examples of institutional setups and good practices that facilitate work-life balance for parents in academia**

# DISCUSSION

- ▶ Comments?
- ▶ Questions?
- ▶ Suggestions?



## ▶ Presentation by Agnese Vitali





# Open discussion

- ▶ **What would help/what would have helped you more while caretaking and working in academia?**
- ▶ **What could the EAPS Parent Network give you/help you with the most? What motivates you to be here? Do you have a more concrete idea for our next webinar?**

# FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- ▶ EAPS Parents Network at EPC2024
- ▶ Contact the organizers and recommend
  - ▶ Having a room for children at the conference (many thanks to Chia Liu for already initiating this and arrange some books and toys for the room)
  - ▶ Provide a list of babysitters, activities for children and families
- ▶ Keep meetings, activities to core working hours
- ▶ ...



# WRAP UP & FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Anyone who would like to join as a Steering Committee member, please let us know!
- ▶ We are planning one event / year
- ▶ Please sign up if you would like to hear about our activities here:  
[eaps.parentnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:eaps.parentnetwork@gmail.com)



# MANY THANKS FOR JOINING THE FIRST EAPS PARENT NETWORK WEBINAR!

Do you have any more questions,  
suggestions or comments?

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