

Human-Centric Understanding of the FAIR Data Landscape: HMC Community Surveys

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- HMC develops, runs and analyses community surveys across the Helmholtz Association to assess human-centered factors in FAIR data practices across Helmholtz.
- In the HMC Community Survey 2021, we addressed researchers all across Helmholtz to understand the status quo, gaps, and needs of research data management practices across the Helmholtz Association.
- In the upcoming HMC Survey 2023, we will address technical staff in Helmholtz to establish a community network and identify the status quo, gaps, and needs of FAIR data practices across Helmholtz.

HMC Community Survey 2021

Target group: Researchers

17 %

of all respondents
apply FAIR guidelines to the
best of their knowledge

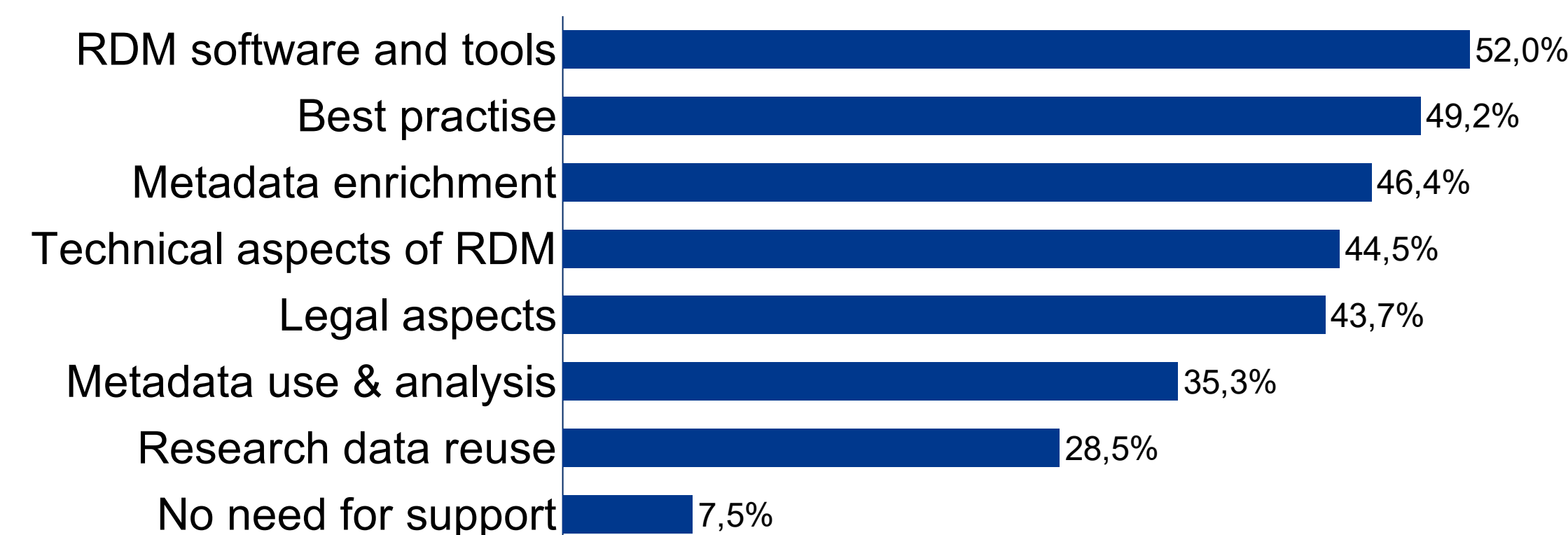
40 %

of all respondents
have never
published data

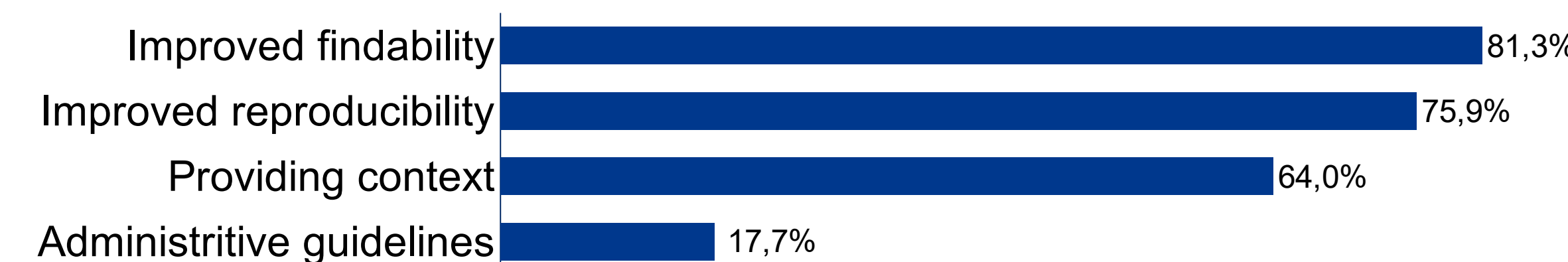
18 %

of data produced
is accessible

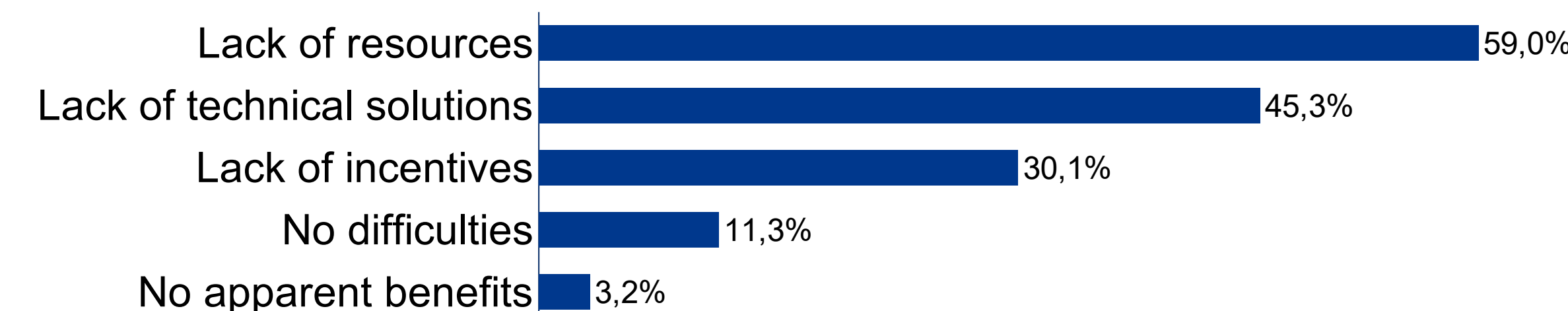
Where researchers need support



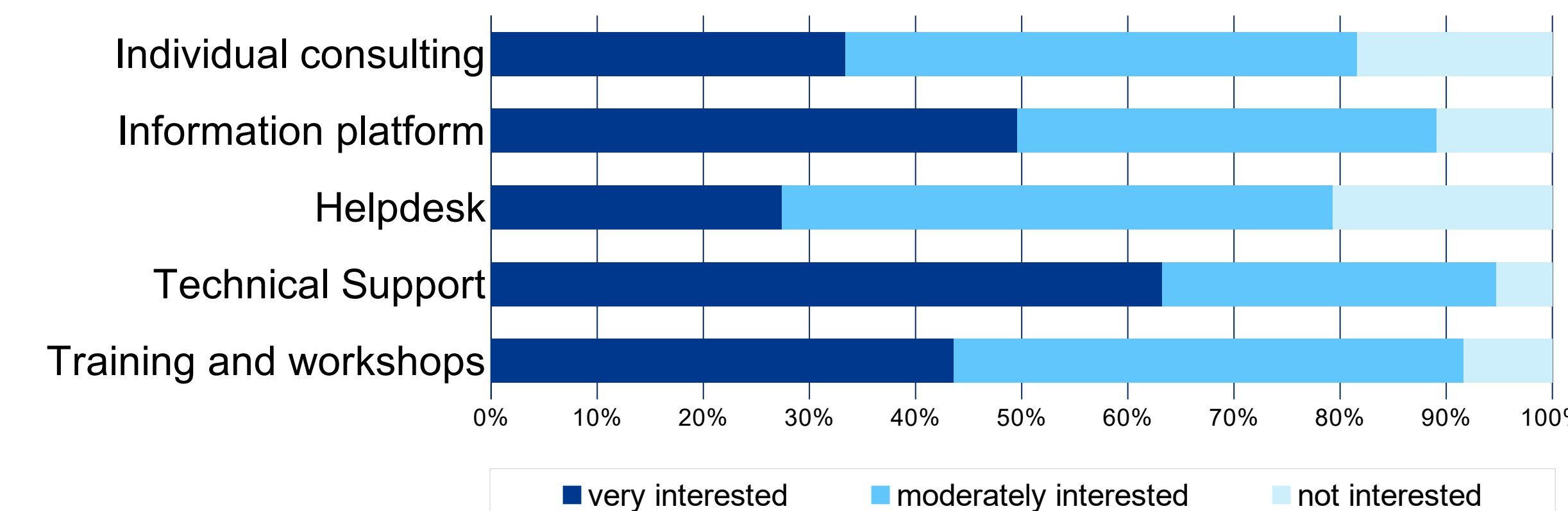
Motivation – Collecting metadata



Challenges – Handling metadata



Interest in service formats



HMC Survey 2023

Target group: Technical staff with RDM-related tasks

Coming soon!

Connect: Establish a network of technical / RDM staff in Helmholtz.

Assess: Status quo, gaps and needs of FAIR data practices in Helmholtz from the perspective of technical staff in Helmholtz.

Including self-assessment questions adopted from FAIR Aware.

When? Planning to run survey in November 2023.

Please support us in distributing the survey!

Outlook

Monitoring: Combine survey approaches to recurring survey for monitoring human factors regarding FAIR data practices over time.

Data reuse: Include questions on data reuse practices, gaps and needs.

Please support us: Planning to run survey in 2024.

Ready for reuse

Reusable: Report and survey data published.

- Report: https://doi.org/10.3289/HMC_publ_05

- Data set: <https://doi.org/10.7802/2433>

Interactive: [HMC Survey data explorer](#) (dashboard).

Ready for adoption: Questionnaires, tools and workflows available on a public [GitLab repository](#).



NEEDS

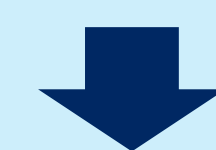
**Need for technical systems
supporting data annotation,
handling, provision and publication**



ACTION

**Metadata annotation and
management during and close to
the research process**

**Need for training, individual consulting
and advice**



**Closing the gap in a bottom-up
direction: enable and incentivize the
research community**

**Lack of incentives, legal and ethical
concerns**



**Closing the gap in a top-down
direction: bringing
recommendations closer to practice**