

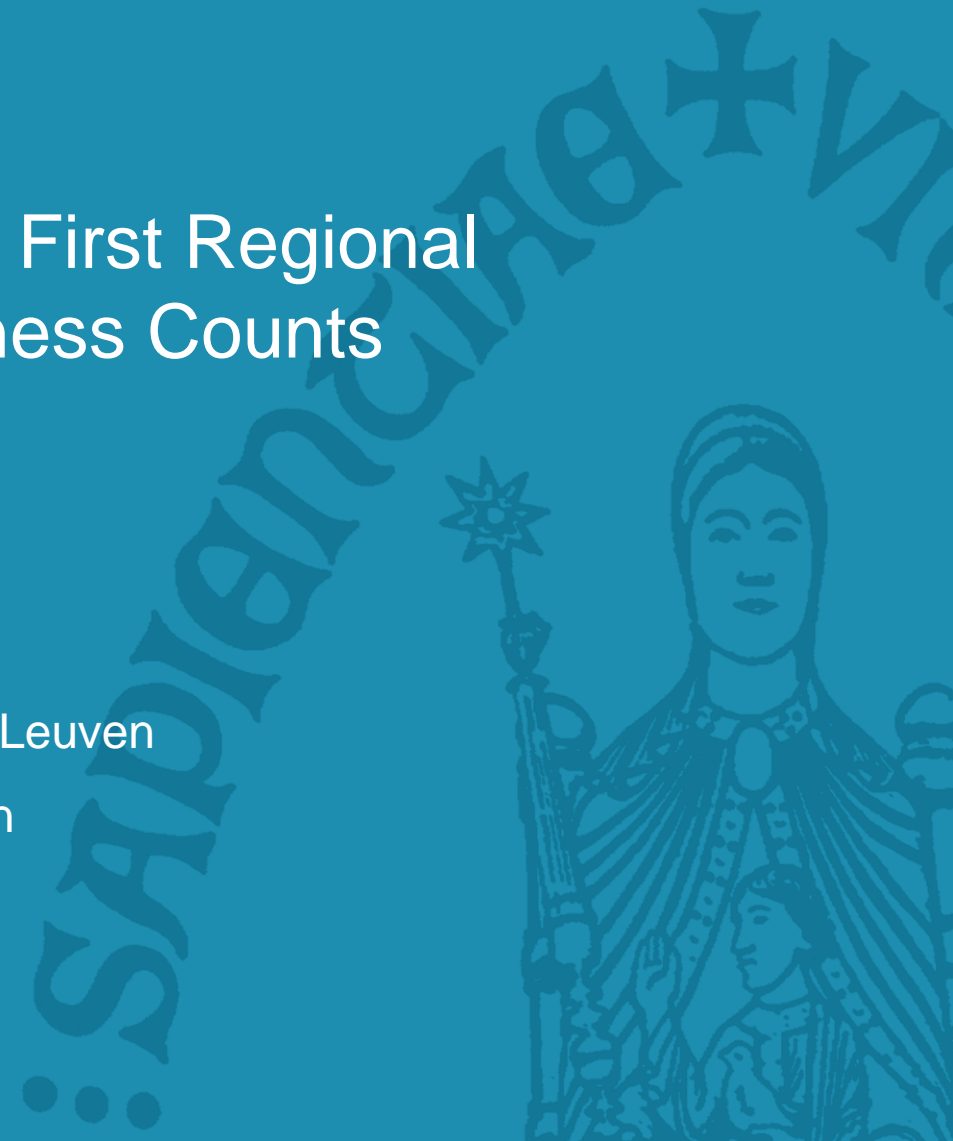


Impact Evaluation of the First Regional Point-in-time Homelessness Counts in Belgium

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Point-in-time counts in Belgium

2020

- Leuven, Ghent and Limburg
- Liège and Arlon (University of Liège)

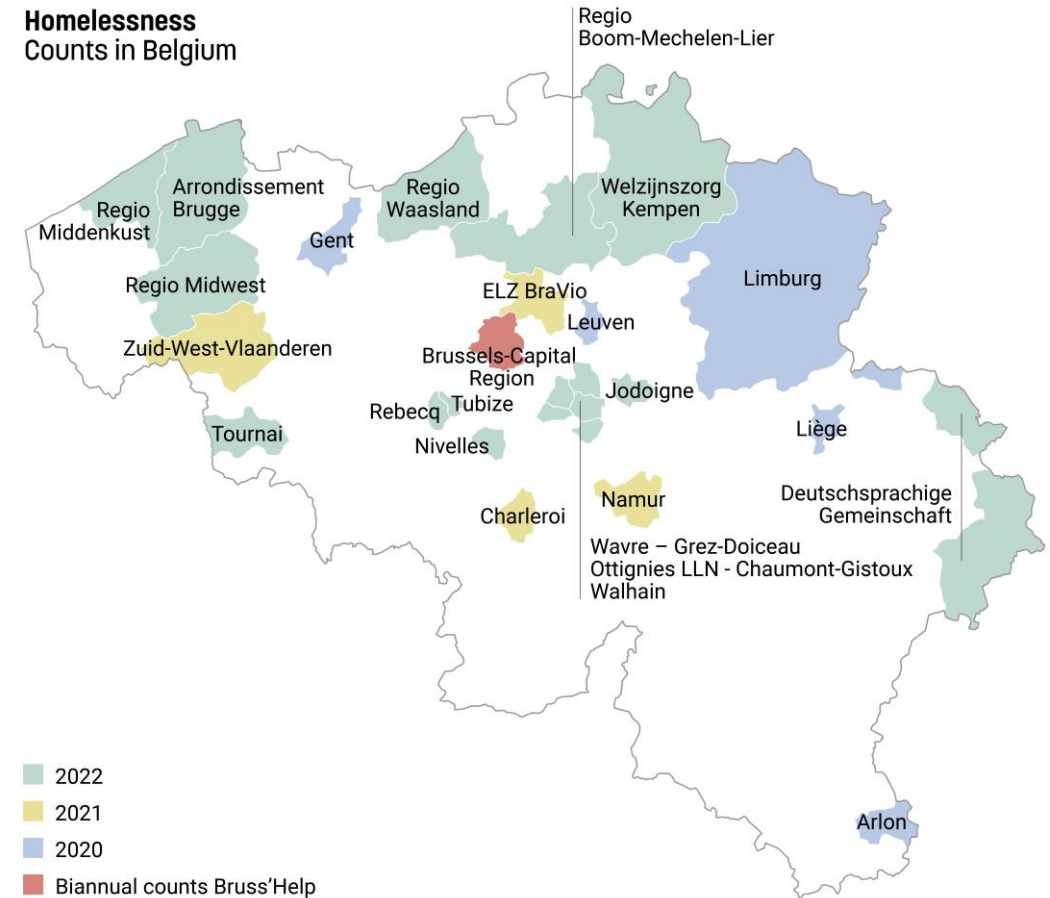
2021

- BraVio and South West Flanders
- Namur and Charleroi (UC Louvain)

2022

- Bruges district, Middenkust, Midwest, Waasland, Boom-Mechelen-Lier, Kempen
- Tournai, Walloon Brabant, German community (UC Louvain)

Cooperation **King Baudouin Foundation** (2020-2022)
and **Flemish government** (2022)



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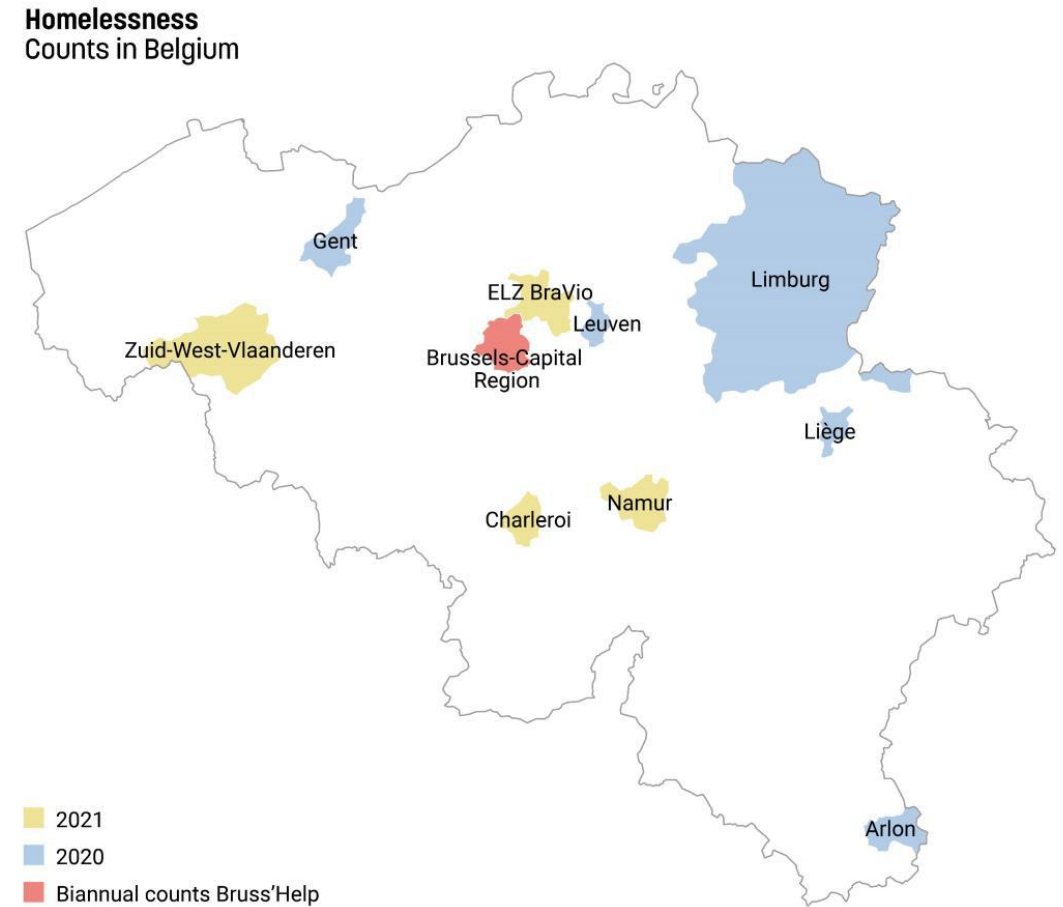
- 1. Who do we count?**
 - ETHOS Light
- 2. Who is counting?**
 - A wide range of services
- 3. What do we want to know?**
 - Extent and profile characteristics
- 4. How can we measure this?**
 - Short questionnaire
- 5. How do we communicate?**
 - Services, local governments, press

Impact evaluation

- **evaluation of previous counts (2020-2021)**
- **organization of future counts**
- **what can counts induce?**

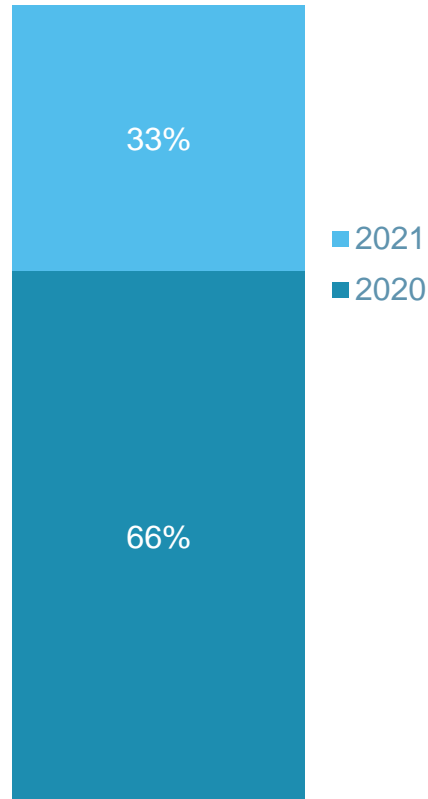
Experiences of participating services and local coordinators

1. Online survey **64 participants**
2. Focus group **10 participants**

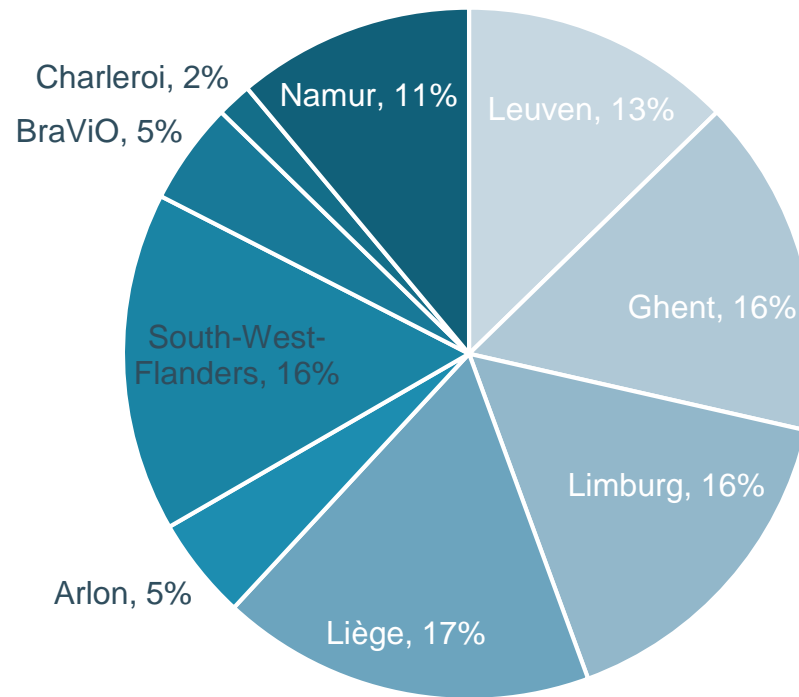


Participants online survey

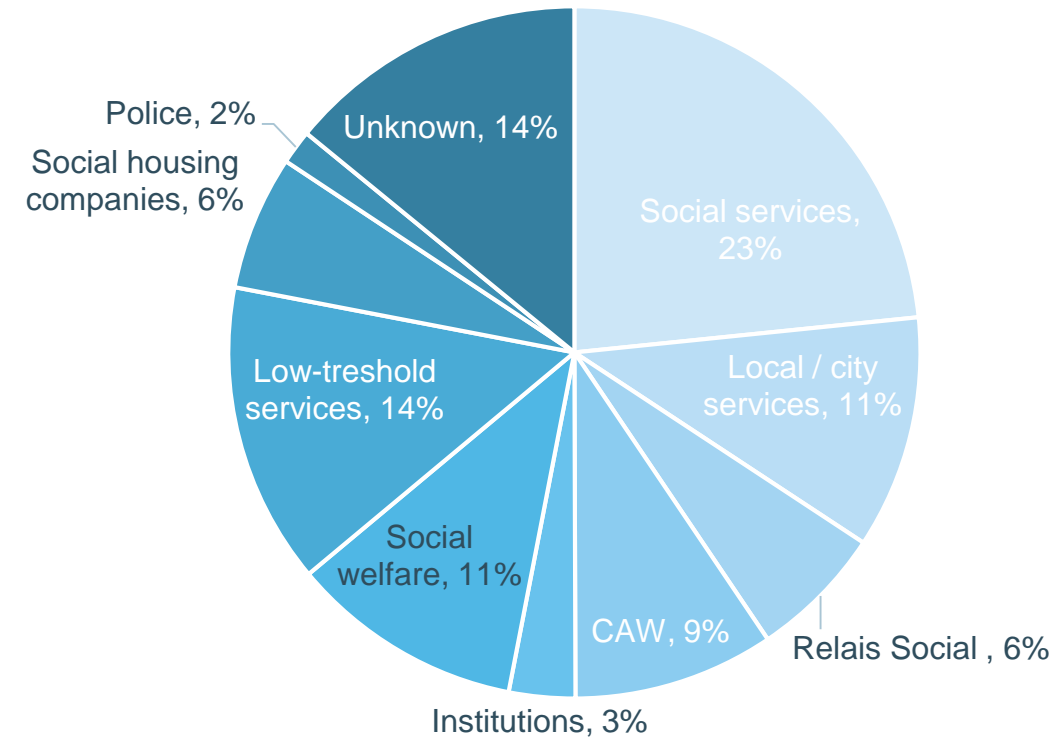
Year of PIT count



Region

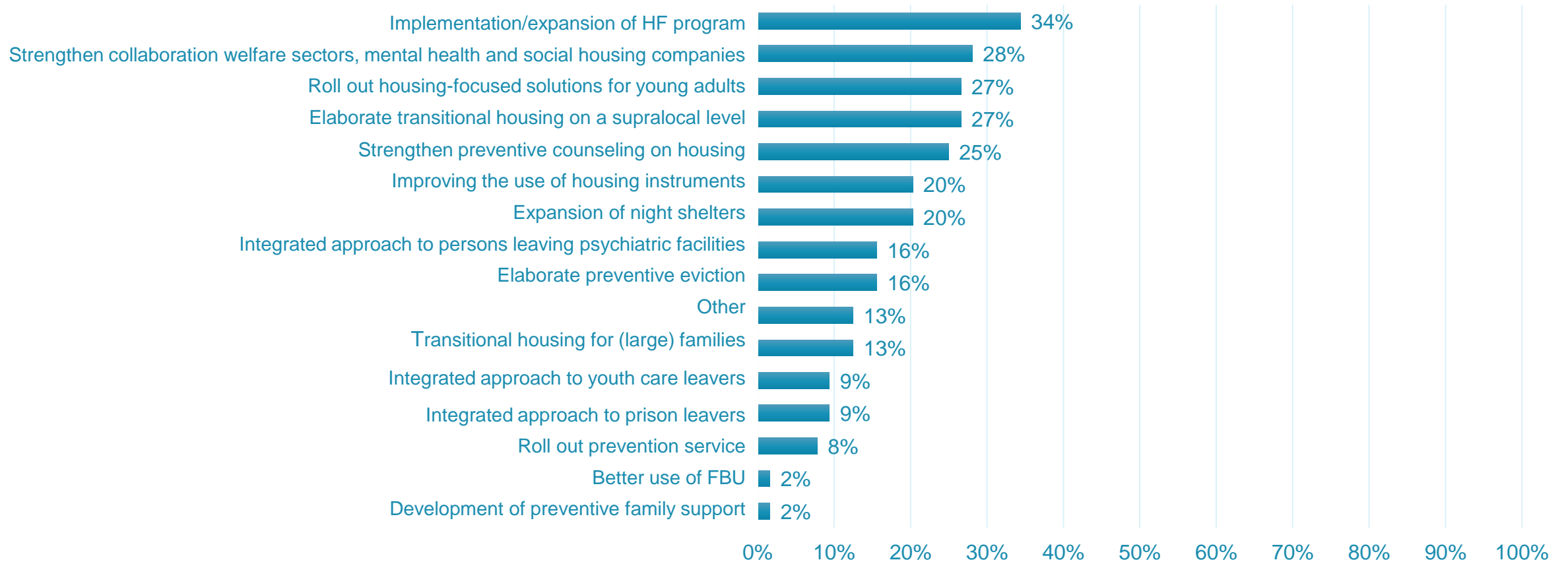


Services



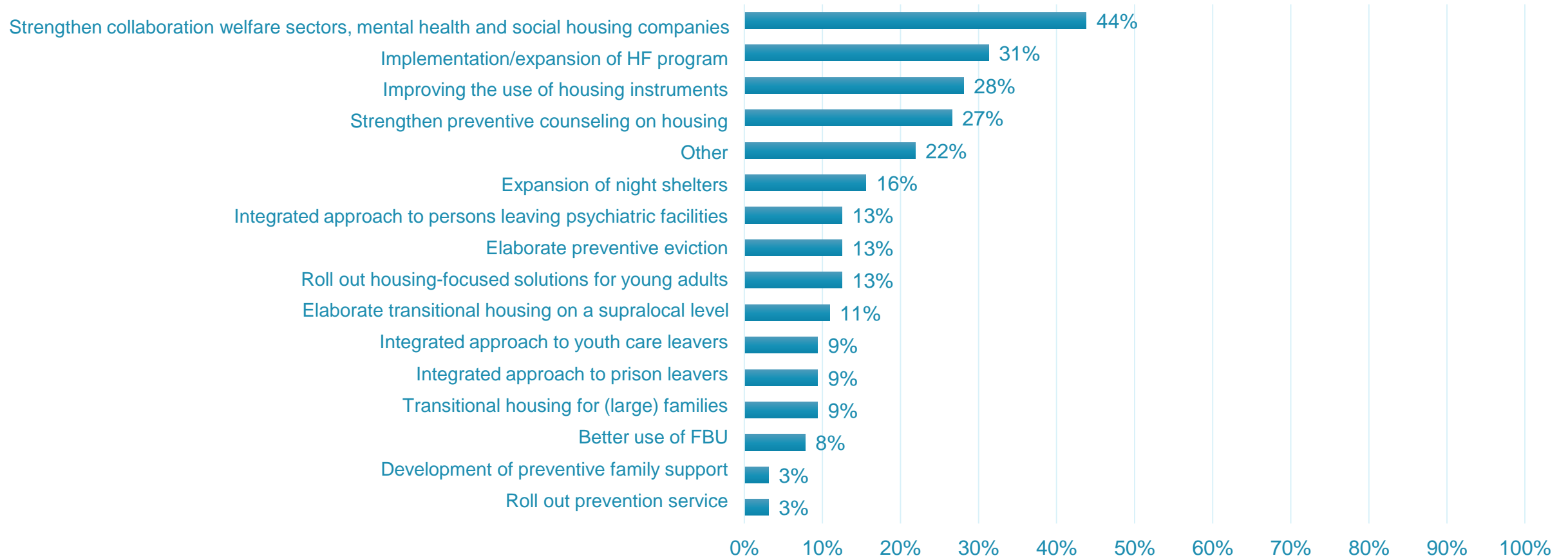
Results: identified priorities

Actions - priorities



Results: future actions

Future actions



Impact of the PIT count

- **Awareness and visibility at the local level**
 - 'homelessness is discussed beyond the boundaries of one's own municipality'
 - 'subjective impressions are confirmed numerically'
- **ETHOS Light typology**
 - diversity
 - raising awareness
- **Collaboration with services**
 - networking
 - shared goals
- **PIT counts create expectations at the level of the NGO's**

Impact of the PIT count

- **Specific actions**

- city action plan on homelessness
- regional action plan on homelessness
- network events, cross-organizational meetings, local working groups, task force
- scaling up, implementation or supporting Housing First initiatives, emergency housing, night shelters, tiny houses
- development of prevention plan, launch of memorandum on homelessness, participation in European projects
- ...

- **Consultation with external parties**

Points of improvement and challenges of the PIT count

- **All services participate in the PIT count**
 - network
- **Point-in-time**
 - recurrence of PIT counts
- **Interpretation of the results requires expertise**
- **What happens after the PIT count**
 - recommendations, action plans, follow-up
- **Involvement of target group**
- The importance of **national** numbers
 - reduce responsibility and comparisons

Preconditions of PIT counts

- **Time, resources, coordination, staff**
- **Support of research team**
 - interpretation of results
 - independent research institution
- **Importance of policy at each level**
- **Negotiation with local authorities and services**
 - acceptance of and transparency about results
 - commitment to act on results
- **Impact of crises** e.g. COVID, floods, energy crisis, war in Ukraine, ...

Questions and feedback

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