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## **European Survey in Social Disparities in Cancer Preliminary Results**

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## Europe of Social Disparities

- In **2015**, the European Cancer Patient Coalition published a Position Paper titled “**Challenging the Europe of Disparities in Cancer**”.
- In **2018**, ECPC worked with the European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer (**EORTC**) and our Members to map the legal provisions in social and employment law afforded to people with cancer, and their carers.
- In **2019**, ECPC will use these data to produce a **White Paper** on “**Challenging the Europe of Social Disparities in Cancer**”.





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## Objectives

- Need to build a better picture of social disparities in Europe
- Better knowledge on the current state of a range of social and employment issues
- Advocacy at EU level and empowerment at national level
- Pinpoint social issues that affect both patients and carers





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# Methodology

- Joint Survey ECPC – EORTC
- Focus on cancer patients, survivors and carers
- Survey developed by the ECPC Legal Network for Cancer Patients
- Survey Monkey and individual follow up
- Results verified and guaranteed



# Methodology

- **Countries that have responded with guaranteed answers:**

1. Greece

2. Spain

3. Romania

4. Italy

5. United Kingdom

6. Finland

7. Czech Republic

8. Denmark

9. Croatia

10. France

11. Belgium

12. Slovenia

13. Estonia

14. Latvia

15. Hungary

16. Cyprus

17. Malta



# Methodology

- **Countries that have responded and we have contacted a guarantor**

1. Lithuania
2. Poland
3. Portugal

4. Ireland

5. Switzerland

6. The Netherlands

7. Bulgaria



# Methodology

- **Countries with insufficient answers**

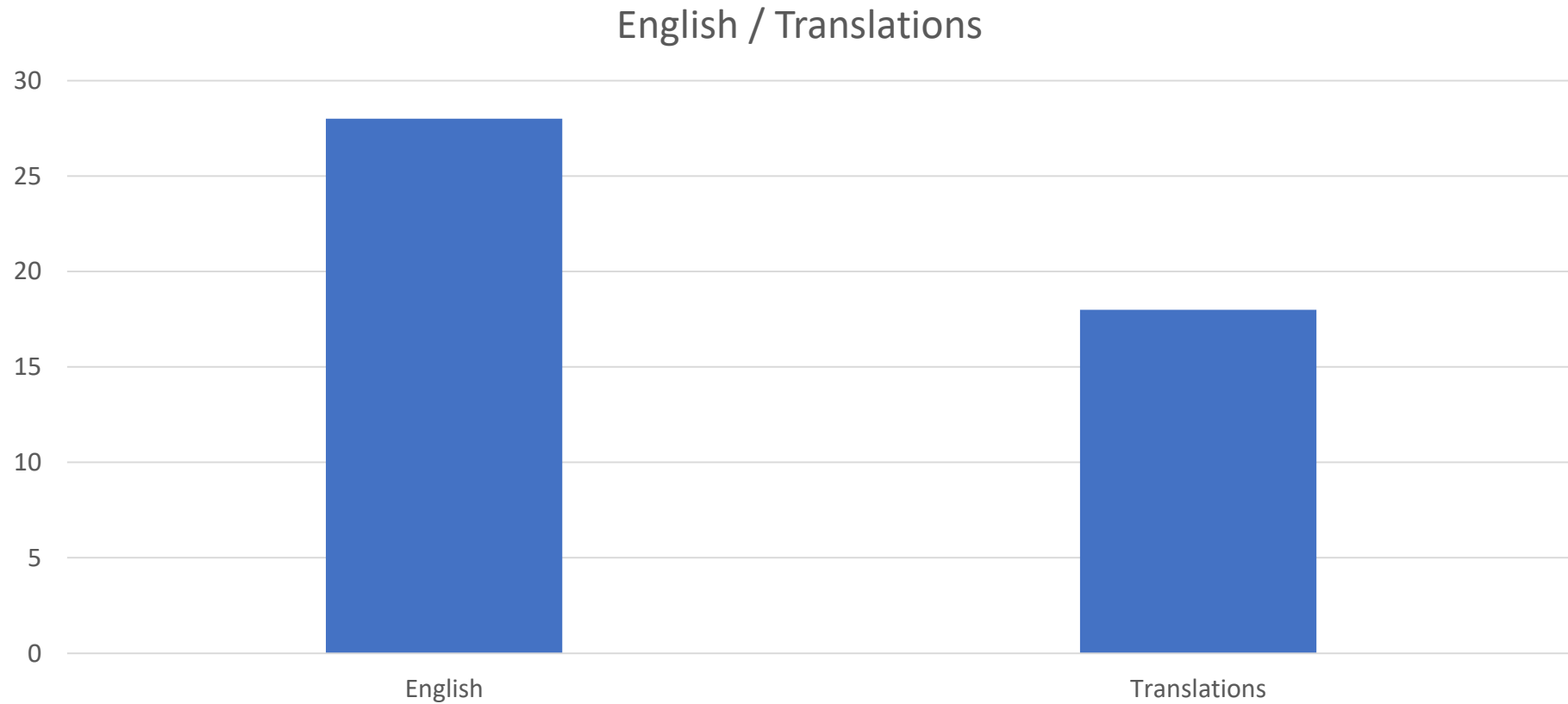
1. Armenia
2. Norway
3. Germany

- **Countries with no answers**

1. Austria
2. Luxemburg
3. Slovakia
4. Sweden



# Respondents and results

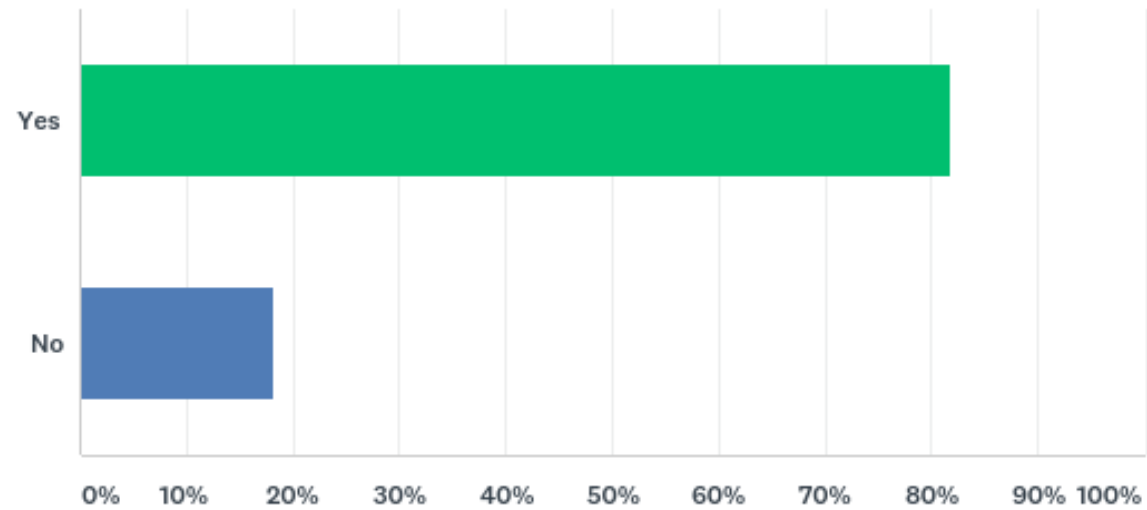






# Interim results

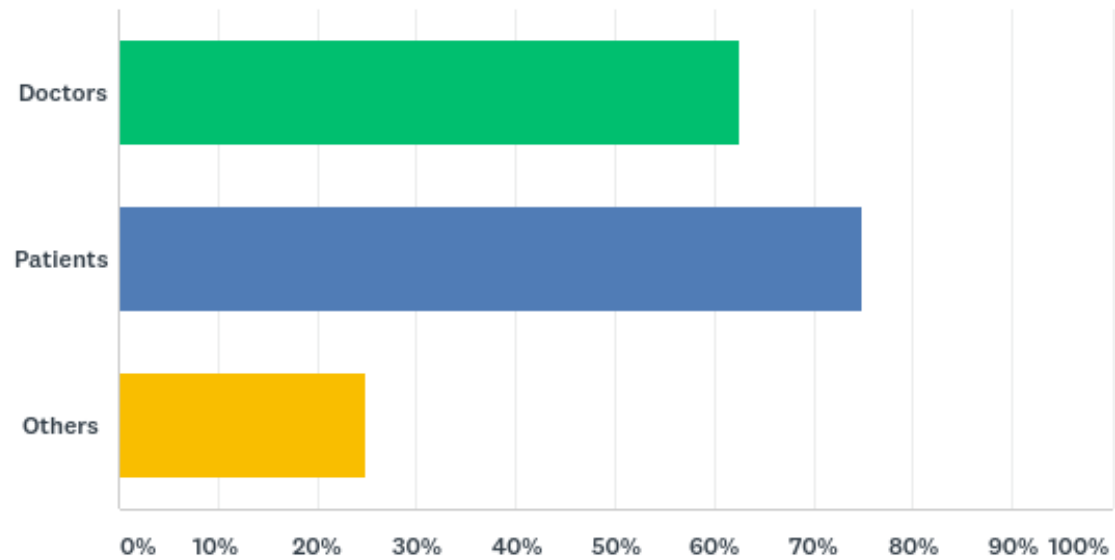
Q2 Can a patient undergo a procedure for the assessment of a disability status?





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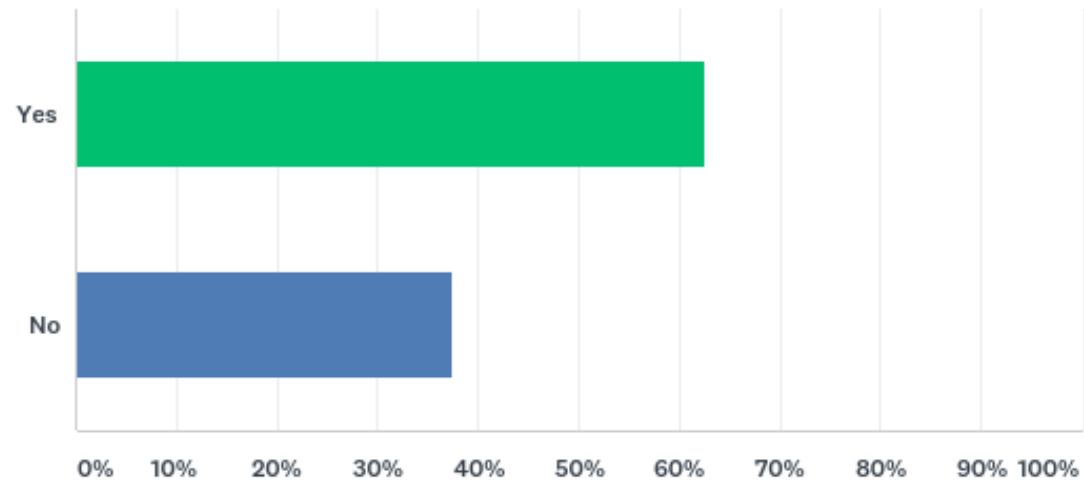
Q5 If applicable, who is eligible to initiate the procedure?





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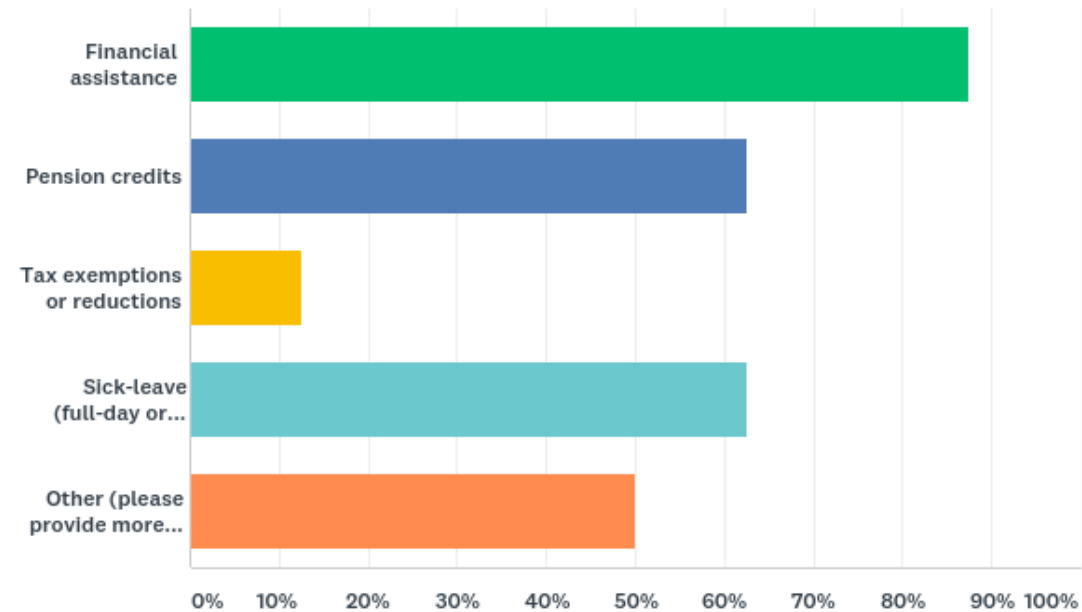
Q7 Does the disability assessment depend on the employment status?





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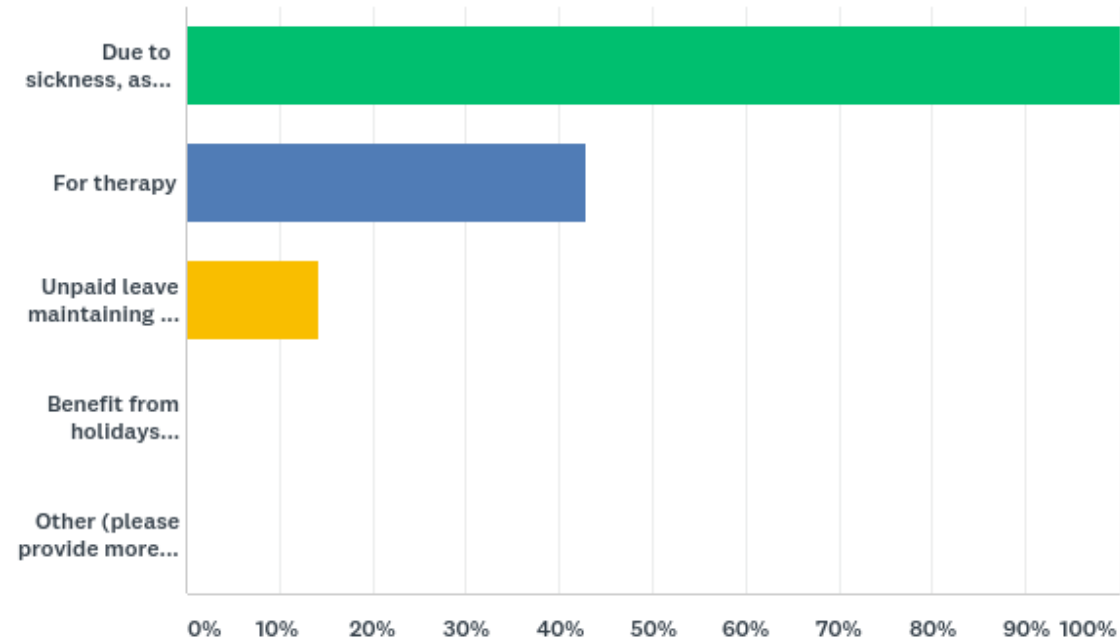
Q9 Does the disability or partial inability certification entitle the person with disability to receive social benefits such as:





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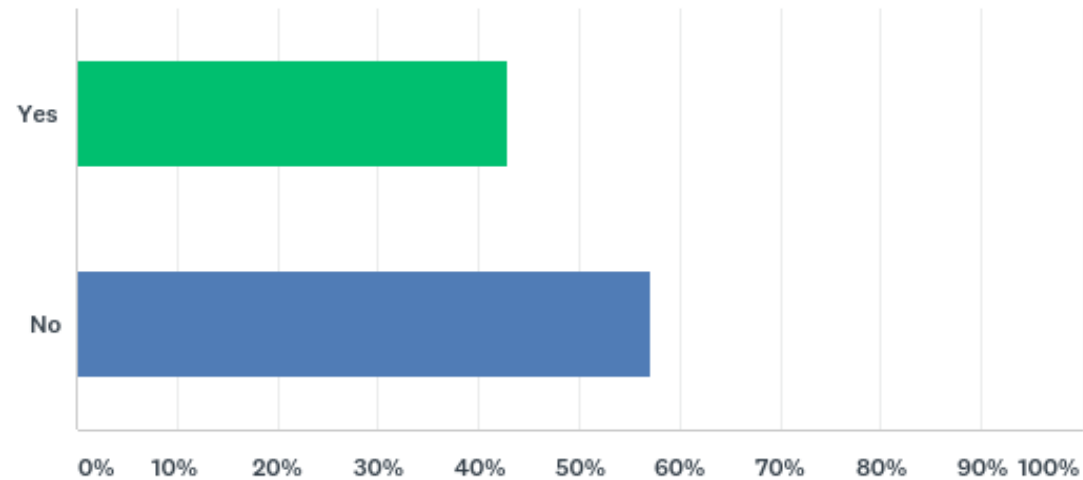
Q11 Is the cancer patient in employment at the time of diagnosis, entitled to paid sick-leave:





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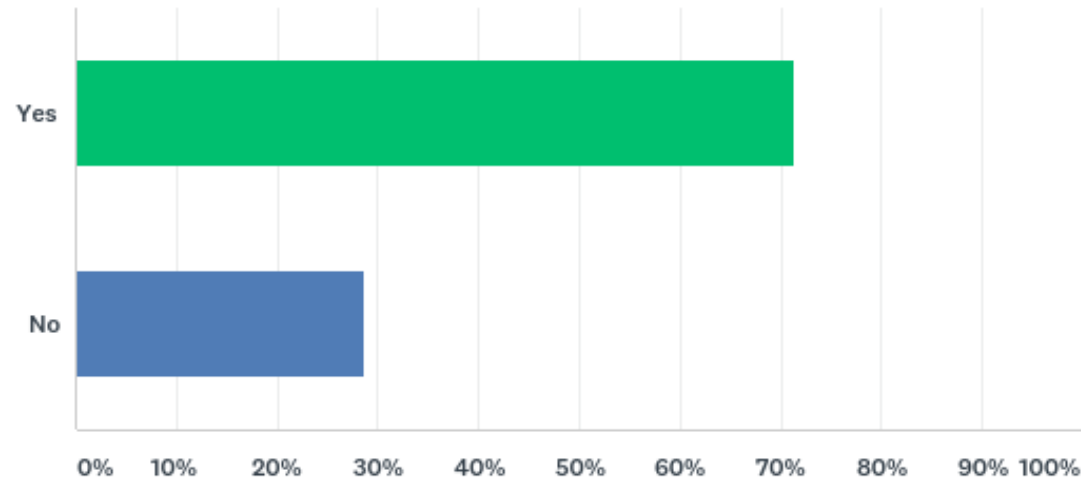
Q12 Does the sick pay entitlement differ if the person with cancer is employed in private or public sector?





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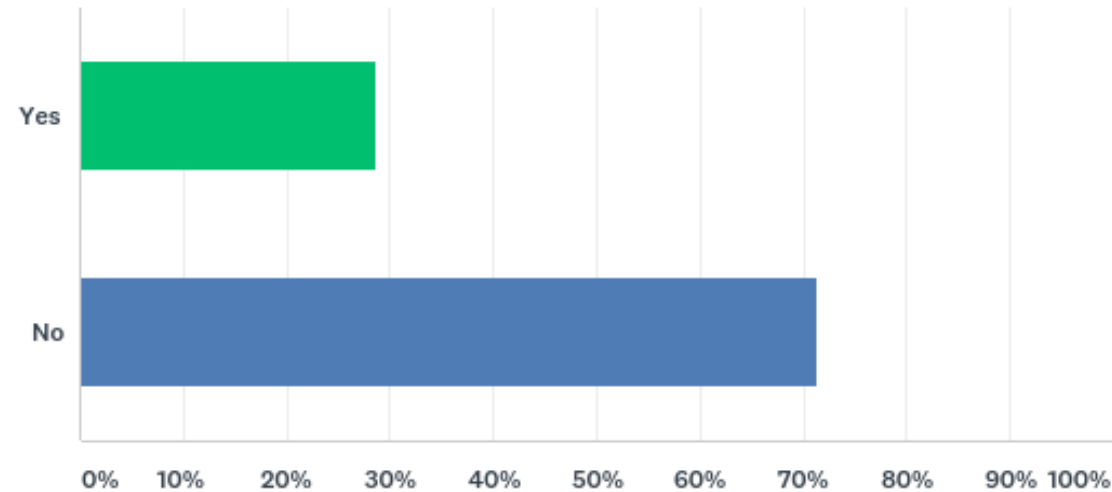
Q16 Do legal protections exist to protect persons with cancer who are in employment from unfair dismissal?





## Interim results

Q17 Is a patient after disability assessment, or a cancer survivor, entitled to facilitated employment assistance provided by law?

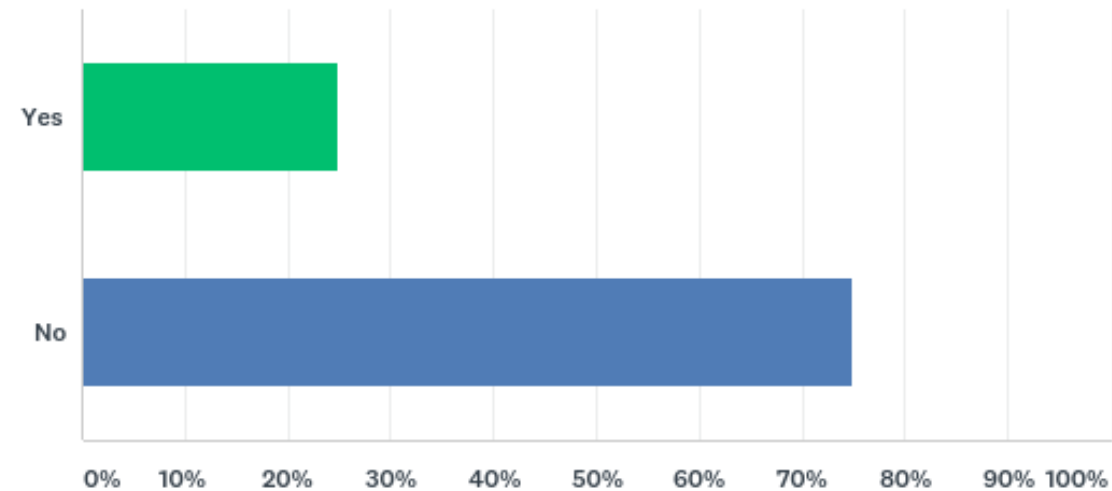






## Interim results

Q24 Is the carer of a cancer patient entitled to pension benefits in compensation of the time spent out of work and to what extent?





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# Thank you

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