



# Update on: EURAXESS Survey of European Researchers in Japan

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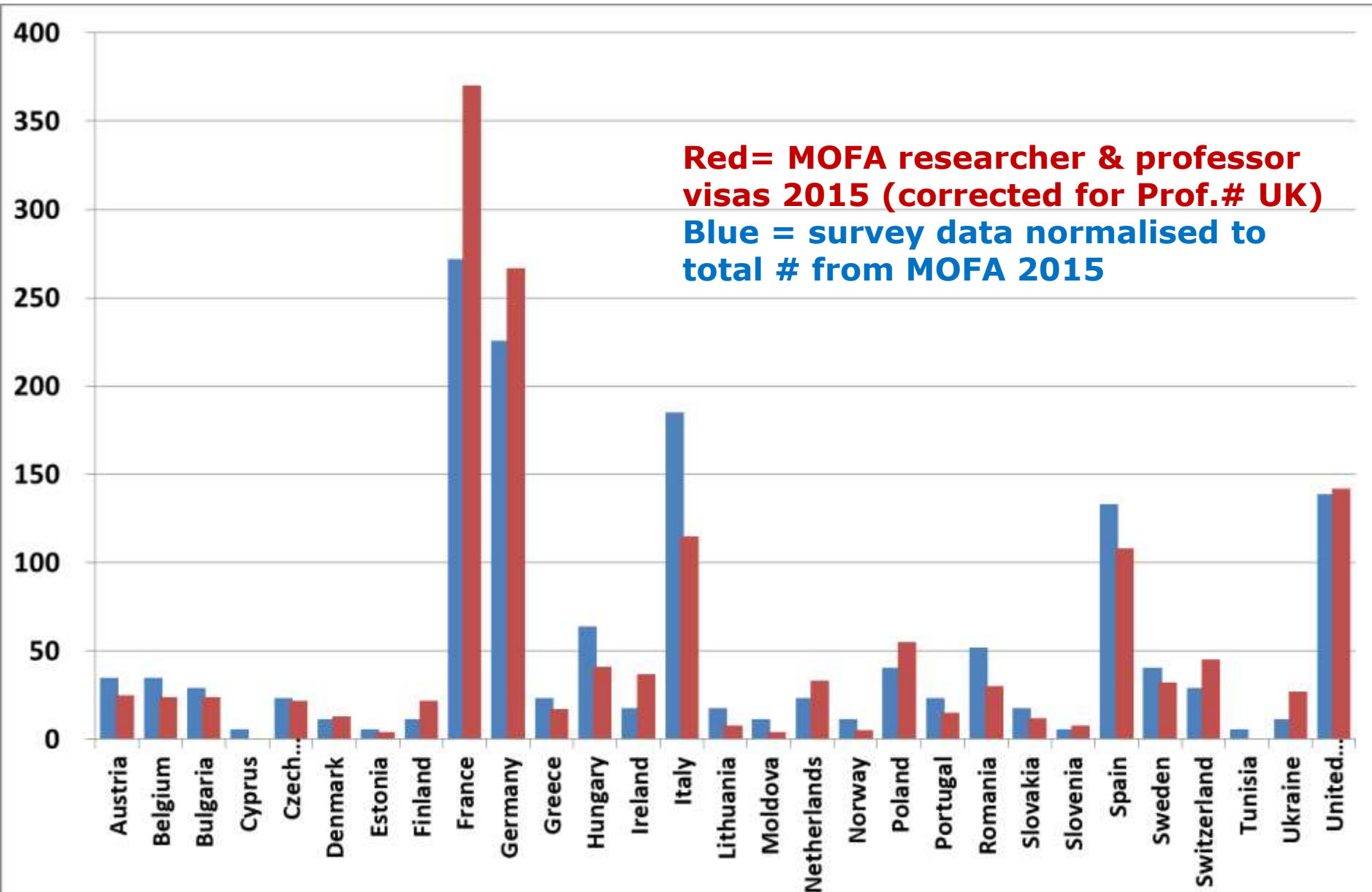
## **WHY? First survey of its kind**

- 1/ Who are the European researchers based in Japan and what are their career-wise expectations;*
- 2/ What brought/attracted these researchers to Japan;*
- 3/ How do Europe and Japan compare and contrast as research locations from the European researchers' point of view;*
- 4/ What would make Europe an attractive area for research upon return from Japan;*
- 5/ Which support tools would researchers need the most in order either to facilitate their return or to engage in collaborative activities with Europe.*

## Implementation - sampling

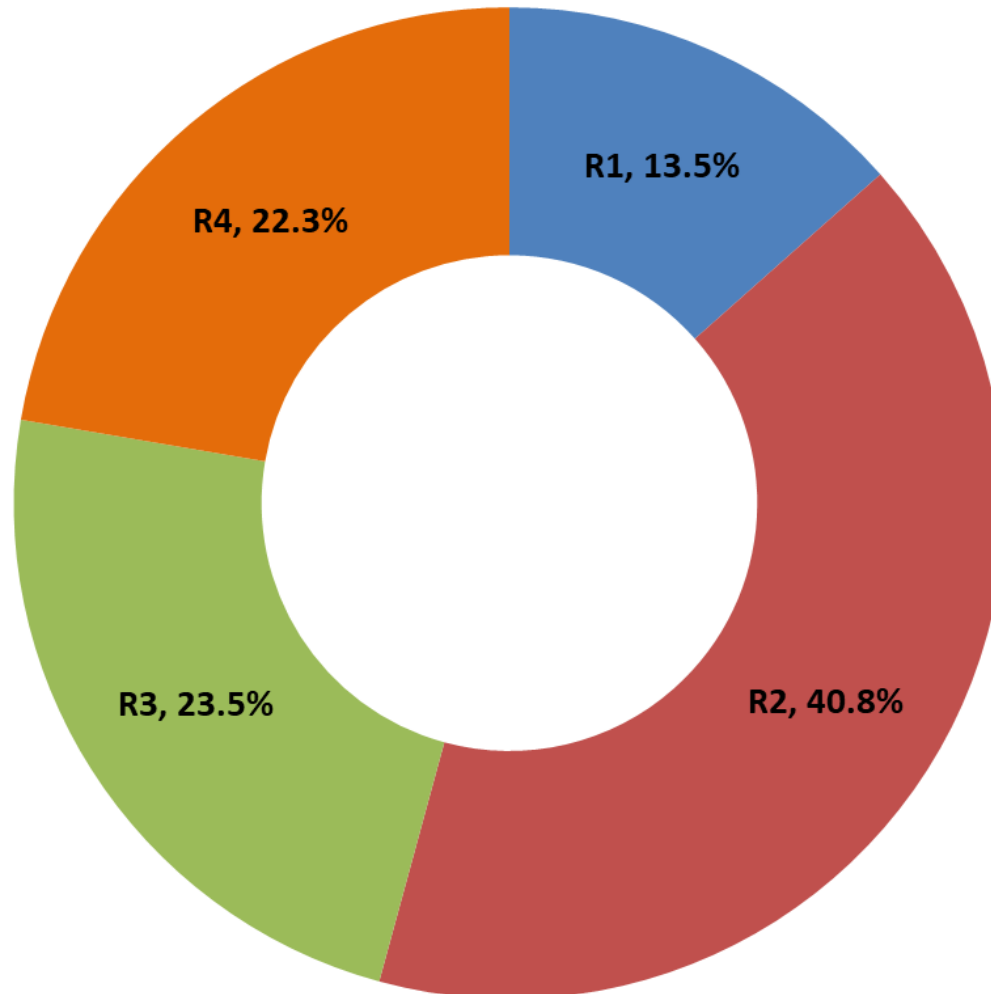
- *40+ questions with control/descriptive parameters (age, gender, nationality, career levels, etc)*
- *Online & paper, Dec 2015 → Apr 2016*
- *No comprehensive existing database → no means for random sampling*
- *Widespread diffusion through local actors → 260 complete answers (~x10 compared to similar surveys)*

# Description - controls



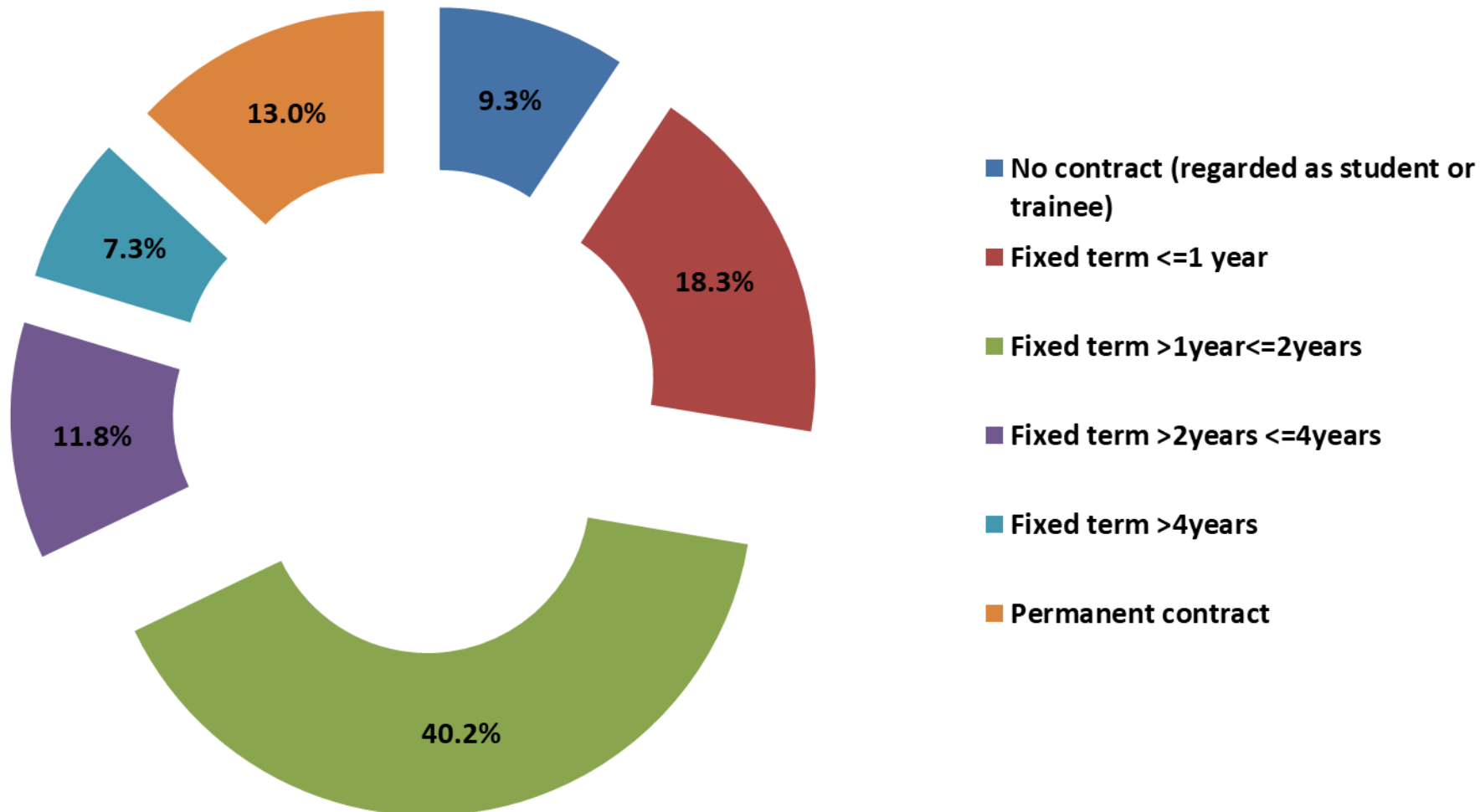
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Career level (inferred from declarations, N=260)

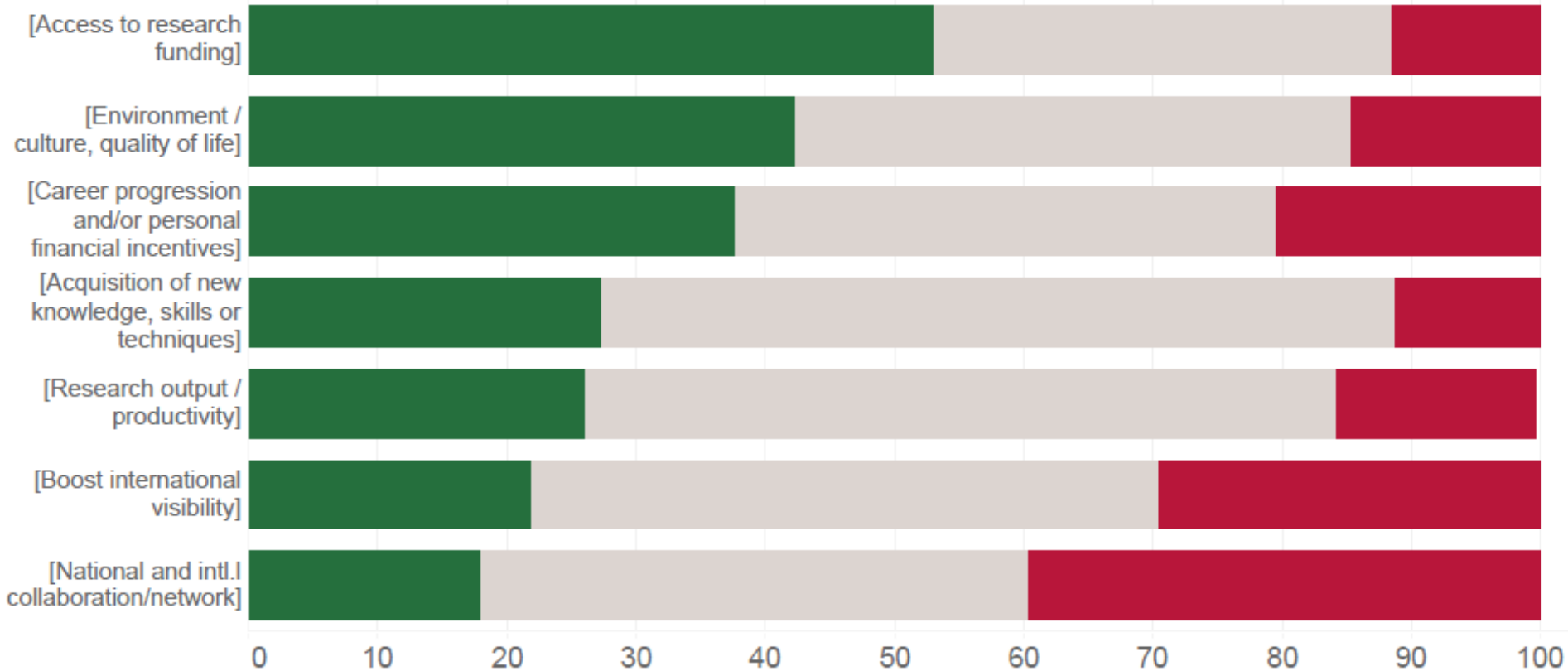


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## Contract duration



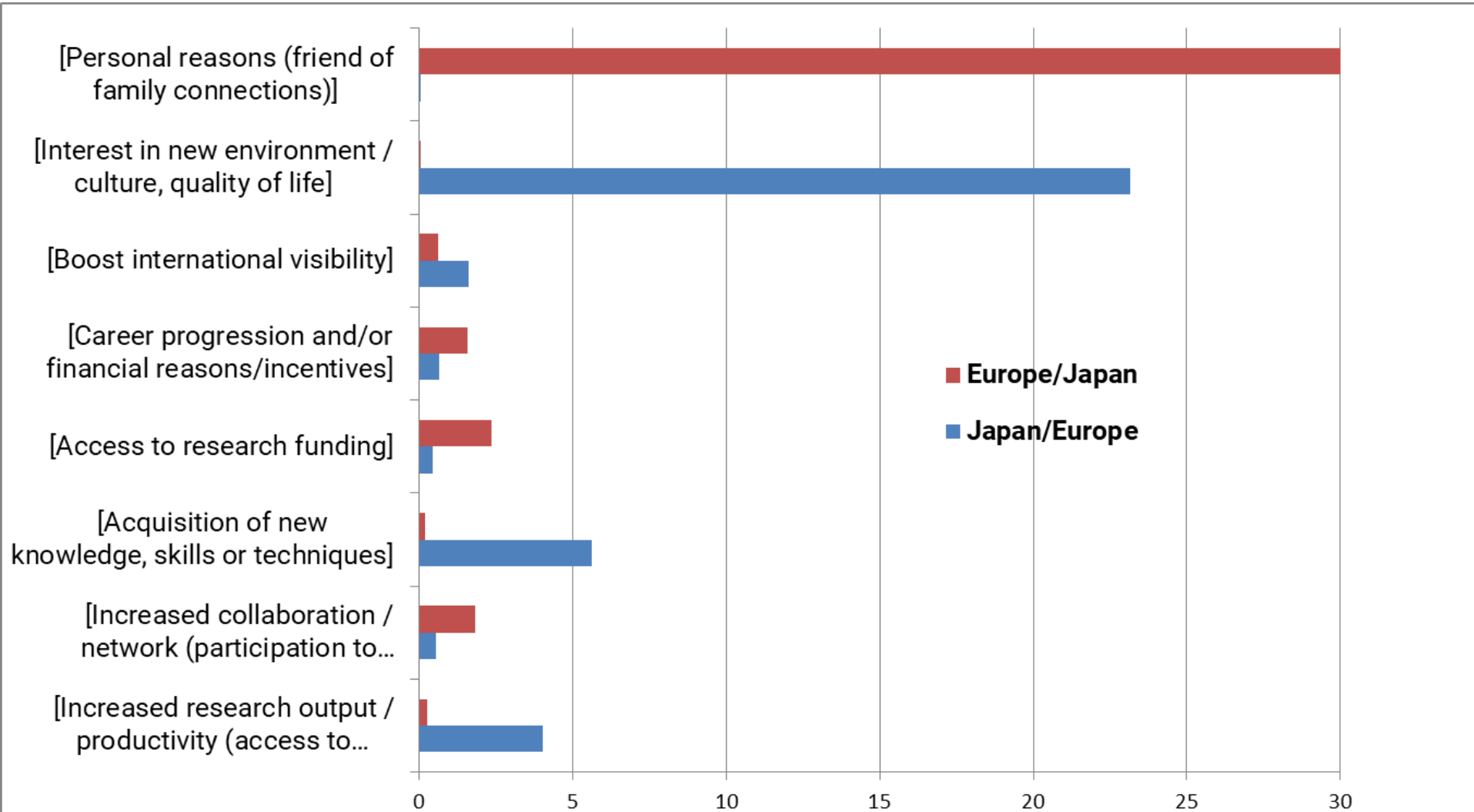
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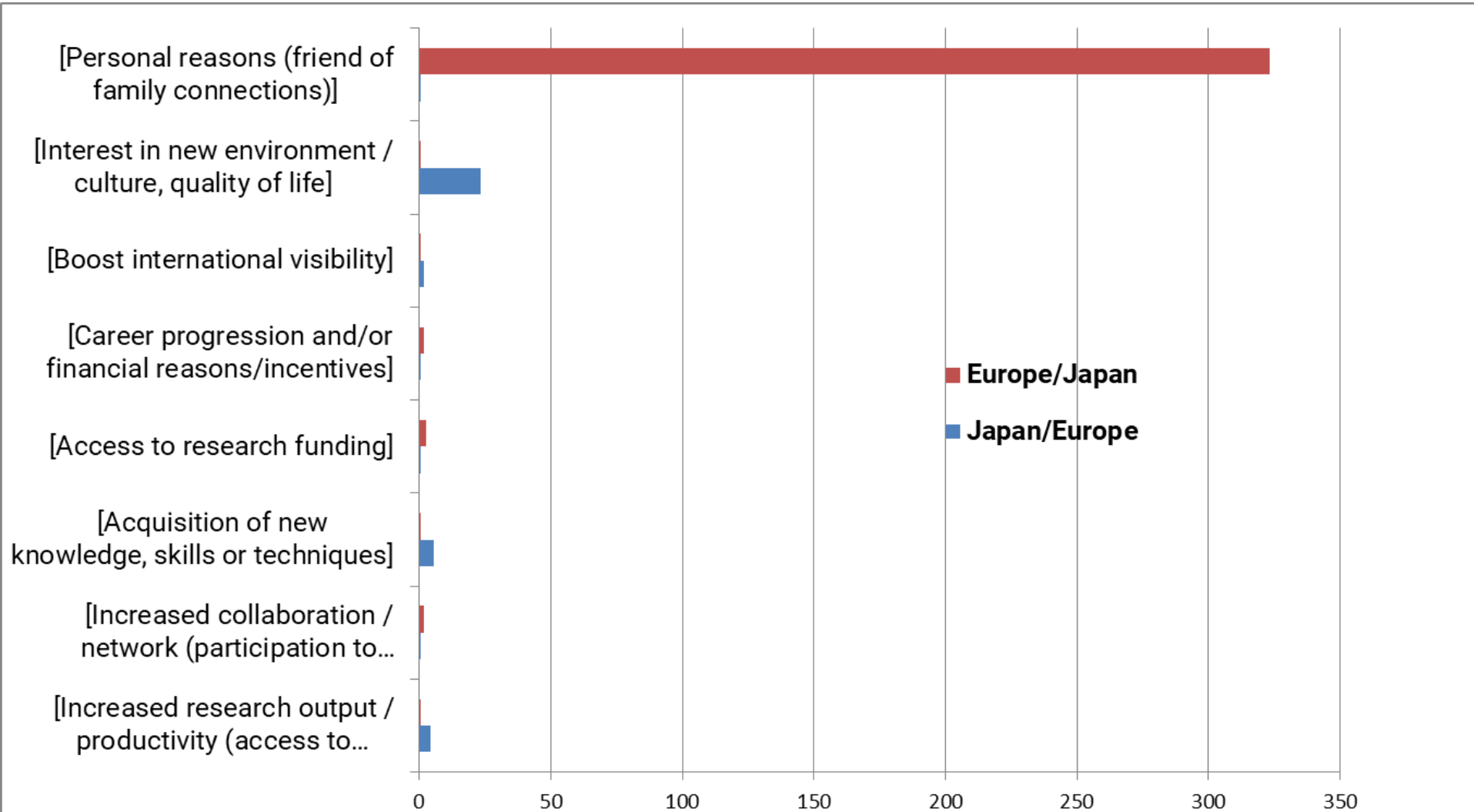
Green = better | Gray = similar | Red = worse (percentage, N=260)

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## Exploitation – status update!

- *40+ x 260 matrix to exploit, extremely rich data but not much time!*
- *Objective: publish in open access & publish data ~first semester 2018*
- *Partnership with specialist for results exploitation*
- *Looking for interested researchers! Floor is yours!*



# The EURAXESS Japan Grant Proposal Peer-Review Service

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**Reviewers:** provide applicants with comments and advice and get some valuable insight on how to draft your own projects!

# WHY?



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IN PRACTICE

While administrative or general reviewing systems may be available, at Japanese institutions mostly for Japanese grants such as Kakenhi; and in Europe for schemes such as the MSCA and ERC through the Horizon 2020 National Contact Point (NCP) network –also available from NCP Japan– it is often useful to have the scientific part of one's proposal reviewed by a researcher in a similar field (to ensure basic understanding of the proposal's science) but outside of the first circle of the applicant (to avoid bias).

'Applicants' can receive valuable advice on the scientific part of their proposal; 'reviewers' will indirectly obtain experience in grant writing and, if the application is successful, could valorize their participation in the review process.



To facilitate networking amongst community members, EURAXESS provides all community members a platform to allow researchers to identify their potential reviewers.

# WHO, WHAT, WHEN?



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EURAXESS only provides this platform in order to facilitate the exchange of advice between EURAXESS Japan community members (researchers) based in Japan. EURAXESS will not take an active part in the data transfer and the exchanges between the applicants and reviewers.

## Conditions for participation:

- 'Applicants' must be based in Japan ('reviewers' can be based anywhere);
- Proposal drafts from 'applicants' must be at an advanced stage (redacted proposal);
- Voluntary-basis service. No transfer of funds, or any kind of other service, can condition exchange of data and advice between 'applicants' and 'reviewers';
- Best-effort basis: no claim on due dates for review from the 'applicant' side, neither to EURAXESS nor to potential 'reviewers'.

## Additional review by Horizon 2020 National Contact Points (NCPs)

Although in most cases, NCPs cannot judge the scientific soundness of a proposal, they can provide extremely valuable input with regards to its structuring, balancing and addressing of the policy issues necessary to succeed in securing a grant.



Applicants and potential reviewers must be EURAXESS Japan community members. If not already members at the time of submission/ contact, they can become members, for free, by providing the necessary information [here via e-mail](#).

### For applicants:

1. *[NON CONFIDENTIAL]* Send proposal tentative title, short abstract (200-2000 characters), keywords (10 max), grant scheme name, number of pages of the scientific part of the proposal, language of the proposal (if Japanese, prepare English abstract & title as well), URL of call page (if applicable) & deadline of call to EURAXESS Japan via email or dedicated form;
2. *[CONFIDENTIAL]* Prepare proposal document in a format easy to read/annotate by potential reviewers;

### For reviewers:

1. Contact applicant to start reviewing process -- applicant can decide to accept the reviewer or not, EURAXESS will have no mediation role in this process;
2. Agree and sign NDA agreement if applicable;
3. Review proposal and send detailed feedback to applicant.



# IPR?



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Proposals are made available by applicants on their own and responsibility for data protection lies with the applicants solely. EURAXESS cannot take any responsibility in conflicts potentially rising from the data sharing.

For potentially litigious cases EURAXESS recommends the signing of a Non Disclosure Agreement (NDA) between the applicant and the reviewer. For this purpose, EURAXESS makes available the following NDA template (on the model of the [European IPR Helpdesk's mutual NDA template](#) ) :

EURAXESS NDA TEMPLATE FOR GRANT APPLICANTS / REVIEWERS

## ATTENTION:

*EURAXESS does not vet reviewers or applicants. EURAXESS cannot be held responsible for any data leak ensuing from the voluntary exchange of data between applicants and reviewers. EURAXESS cannot be held responsible for conflicts related to confidentiality issues. The use or misuse of an NDA, even if adapted from the provided template, is not of the responsibility of EURAXESS but of both parties, i.e. applicants and reviewers.*

## **Results so far:**

**> 20 voluntarily declared reviewers**

**No Applicants yet!?!**

**→ Discussion!**

*Thank you for your attention!*

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