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Global sport: reform or revolution?

Results of the Good Governance Survey among EPAS Member States

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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport



Accord Partiel Élargi sur le Sport

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- 👤 European Cultural Convention, since 1955
- 👤 Co-operation bodies in the field of sport since 1970's (CDDS 1975 – EPAS 2007)
- 👤 Aims
 - 👤 Promote of CoE values through sport
 - 👤 Defend CoE values in Sport



Establishment of EPAS

-  Set-up in 2007
-  To build on the CDDS's achievements
 -  develop dialogue with sports movement
 -  as a Partial Agreement
 -  open to non-European Countries

36 Member states:

 Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovenia, Switzerland, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia".



 NGOs: ENGSO, UEFA, FIRA-AER, Peace&Sport, EGLSF, TAFISA Europe, EOC, EPC, FIBA-Europe, ISCA, EFPM, Sport Accord, ICSSPE, ...

Good governance

Background Recommendations

-  Principles of good governance in sport (2005)
-  Ethics (2010)
-  Autonomy (2011)

History

-  Ministerials (2004, 2014)
-  Work on integrity since 2009

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Objective

 Gather information what governments do to promote good governance in sport at national level





National level ??

 Background of international leaders

 National level shapes international level

 Interaction of government

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-  Basis of the questionnaire
 -  CoE recommendation on principles of good governance in sport (2005)
 -  IOC Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance of the Olympic and Sports Movement (2007)
 -  Principles of Good Governance in Sport of the EU (2013)

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Method

Survey

 Online

 Convenience sample: Email with link to questionnaire was sent out to all EPAS member states

 Field time: 28 July – 29 September 2015

 N=36 (reduced to n=21 due to missing data)

 Response rate = 58%

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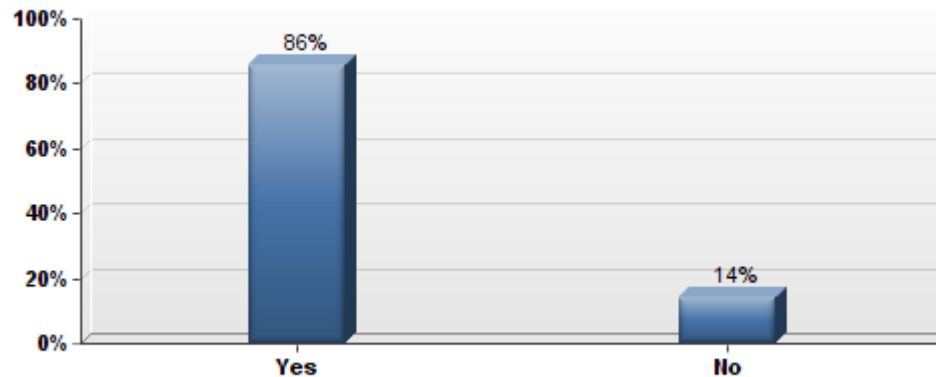
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Participant characteristics

-  21 public authorities responsible for sport
 -  Of which 10 EU countries and 11 non-EU Countries

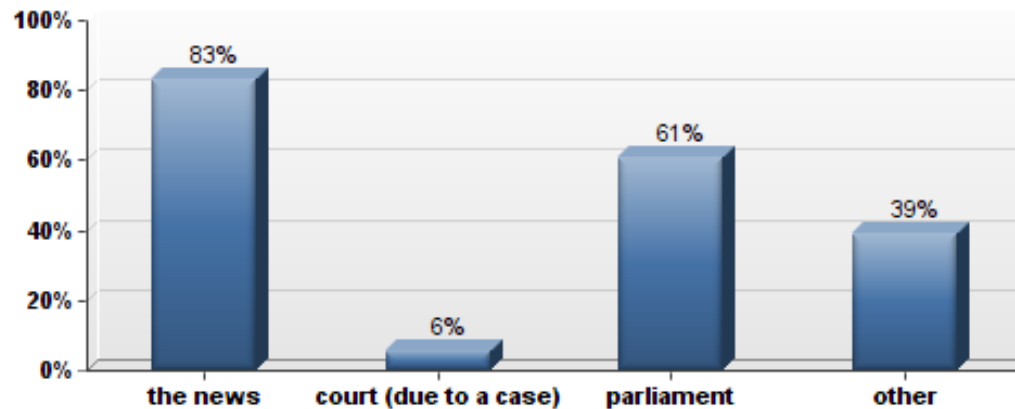
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 Is good governance in sport a topical issue in your country?



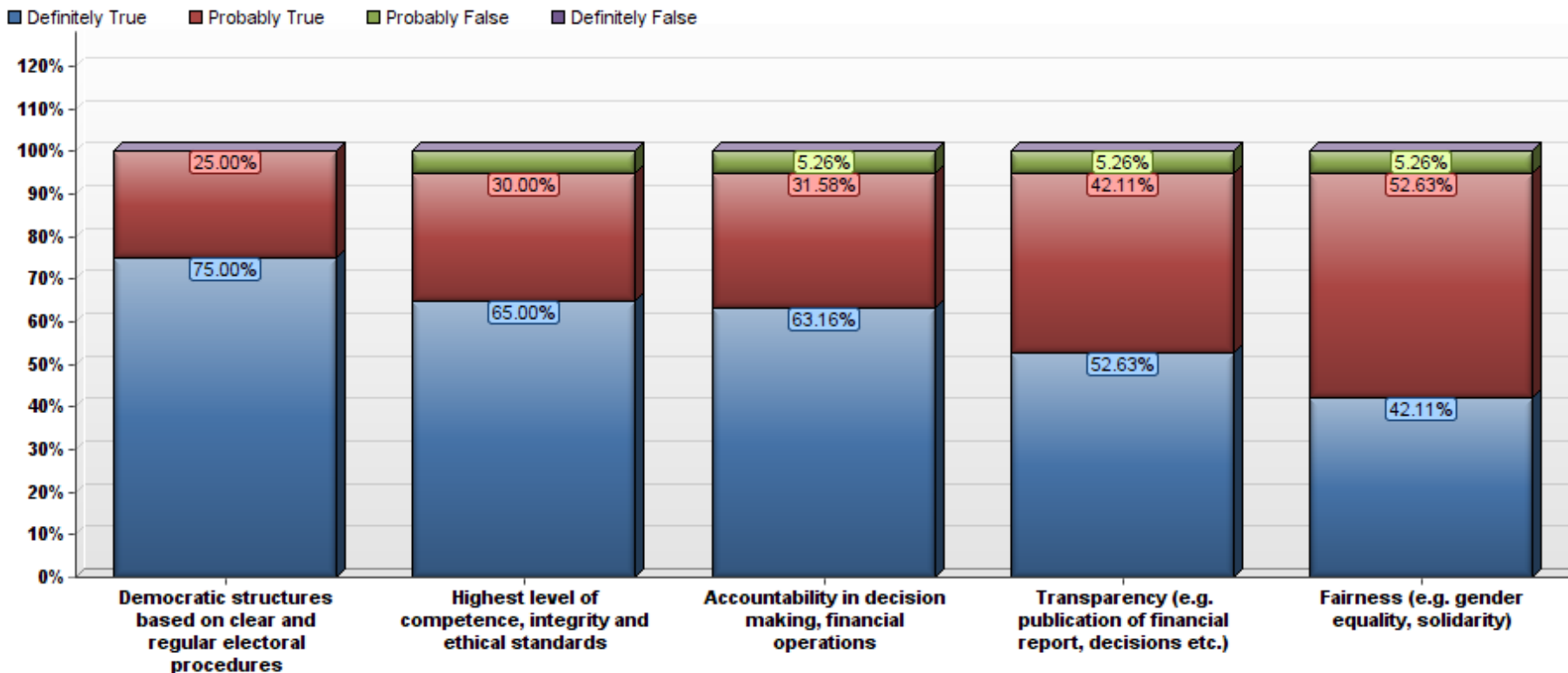
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 If yes, was good governance addressed in



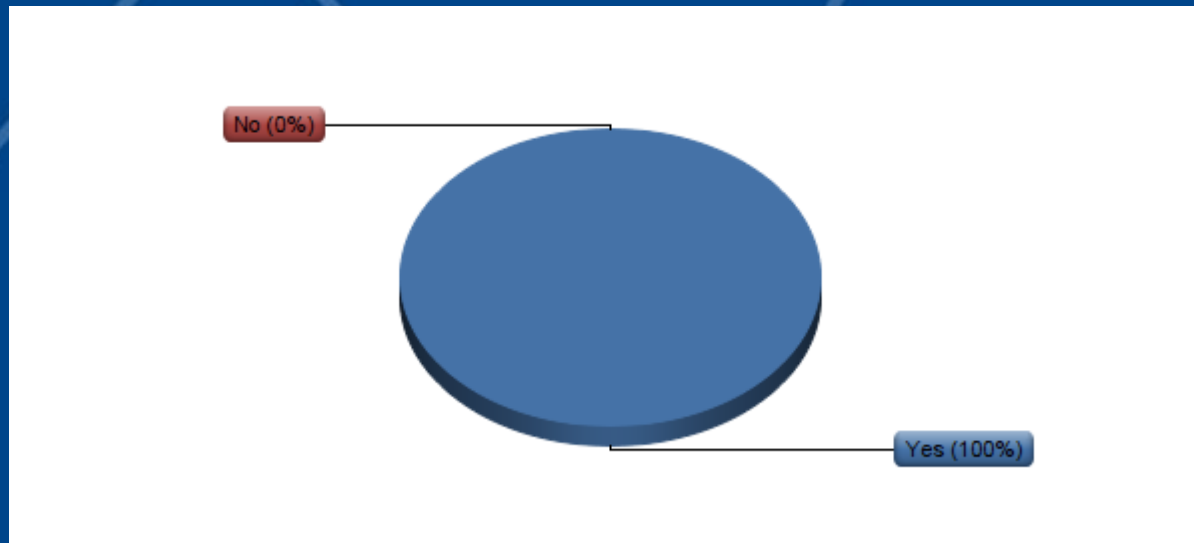
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 Are there good governance principles in place which relate to



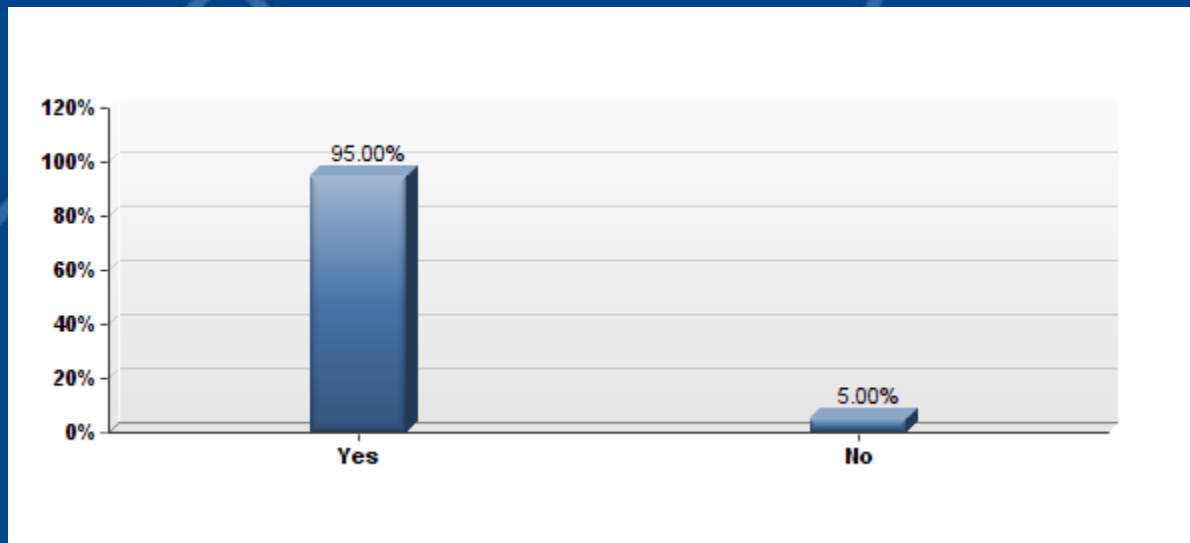
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- Are you using the above mentioned good governance principles as the basis in the discussions with the sports movement?




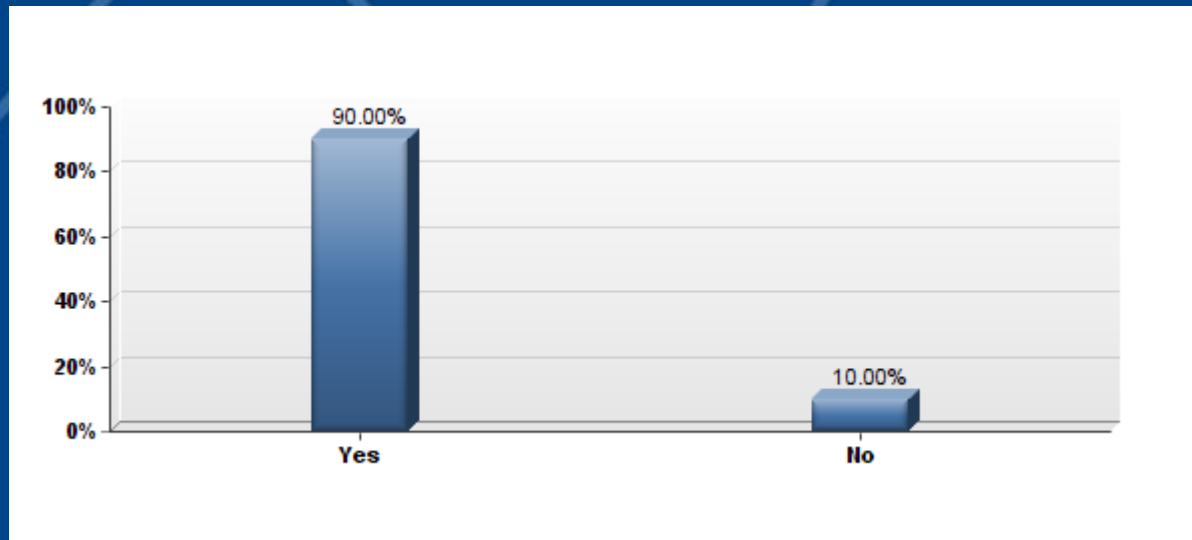
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 Do you monitor the implementation of good governance principles in sport?





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 Did your ministry express (formally or informally) expectations that the sports movement should strengthen good governance (principles)?



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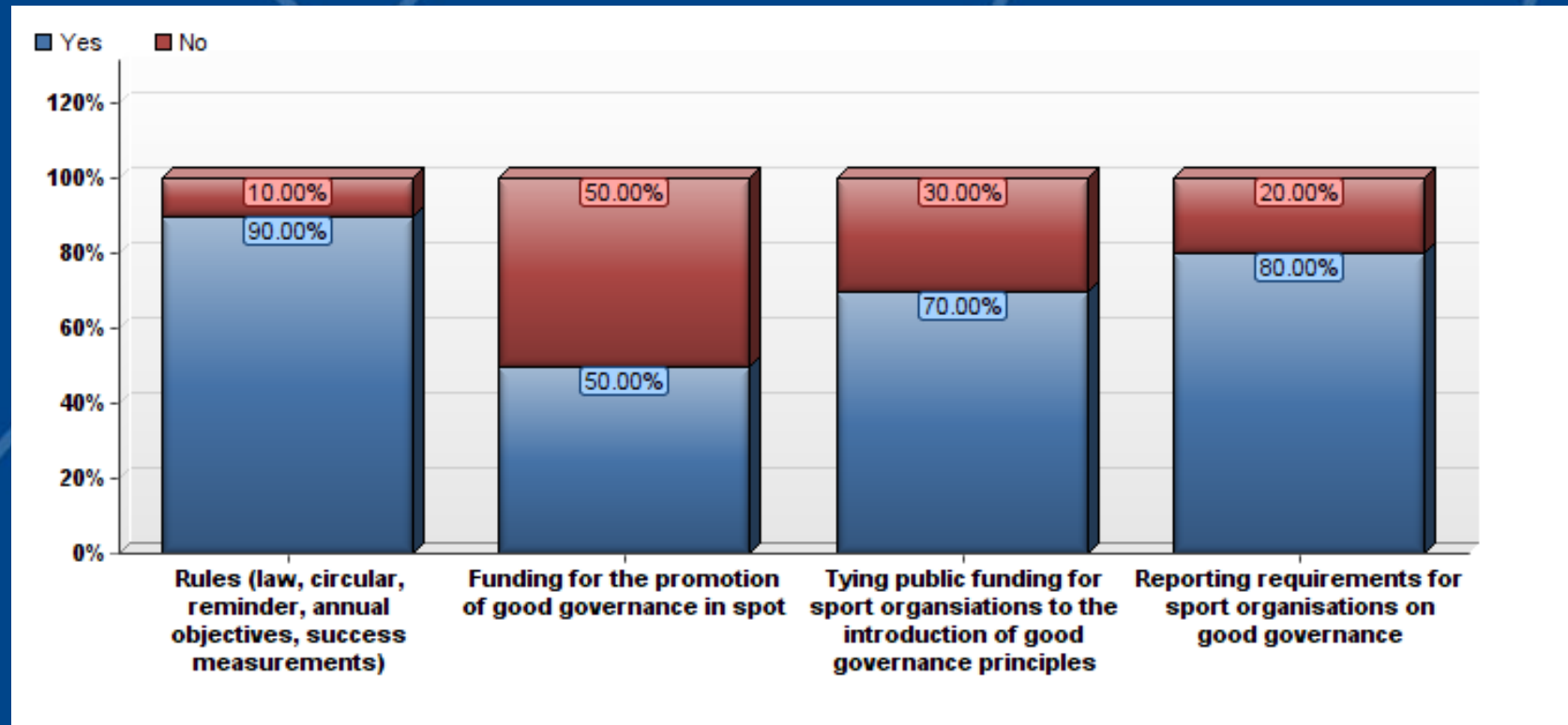
If yes, please briefly explain how!

-  Legal requirement/ guidelines/ contracts related to public financing of national sport organizations
-  It is part of the general dialogue with the sports movement

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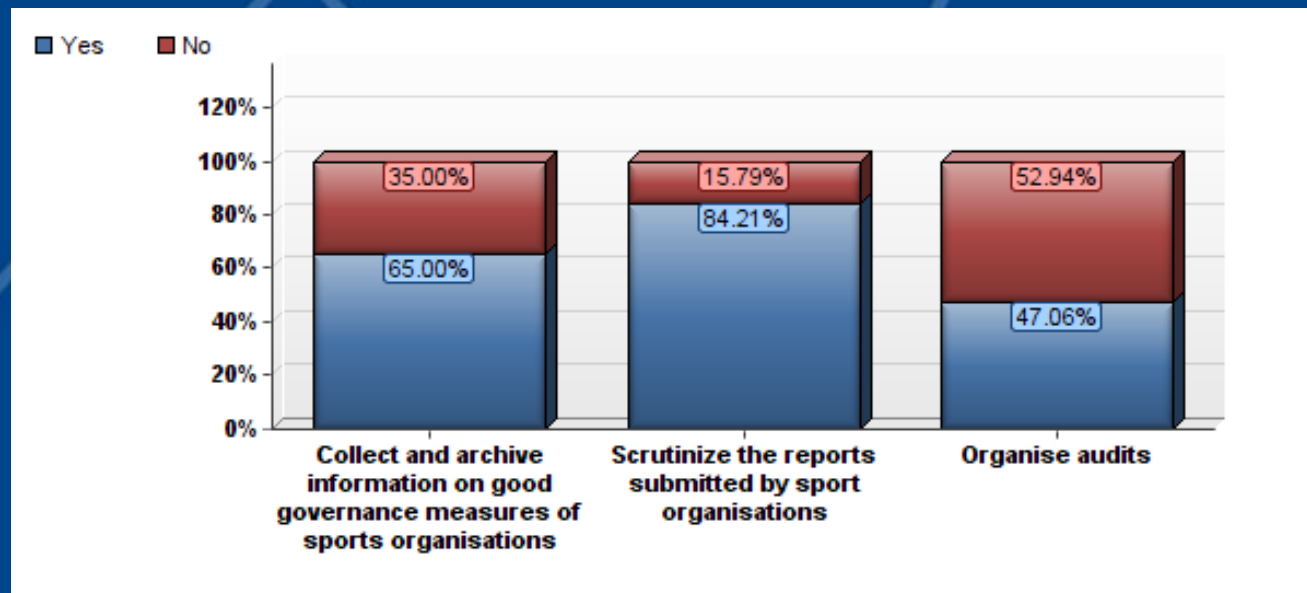
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Did you introduce any new requirements regarding the implementation of good governance principles?



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 How do you monitor and scrutinize information on good governance?



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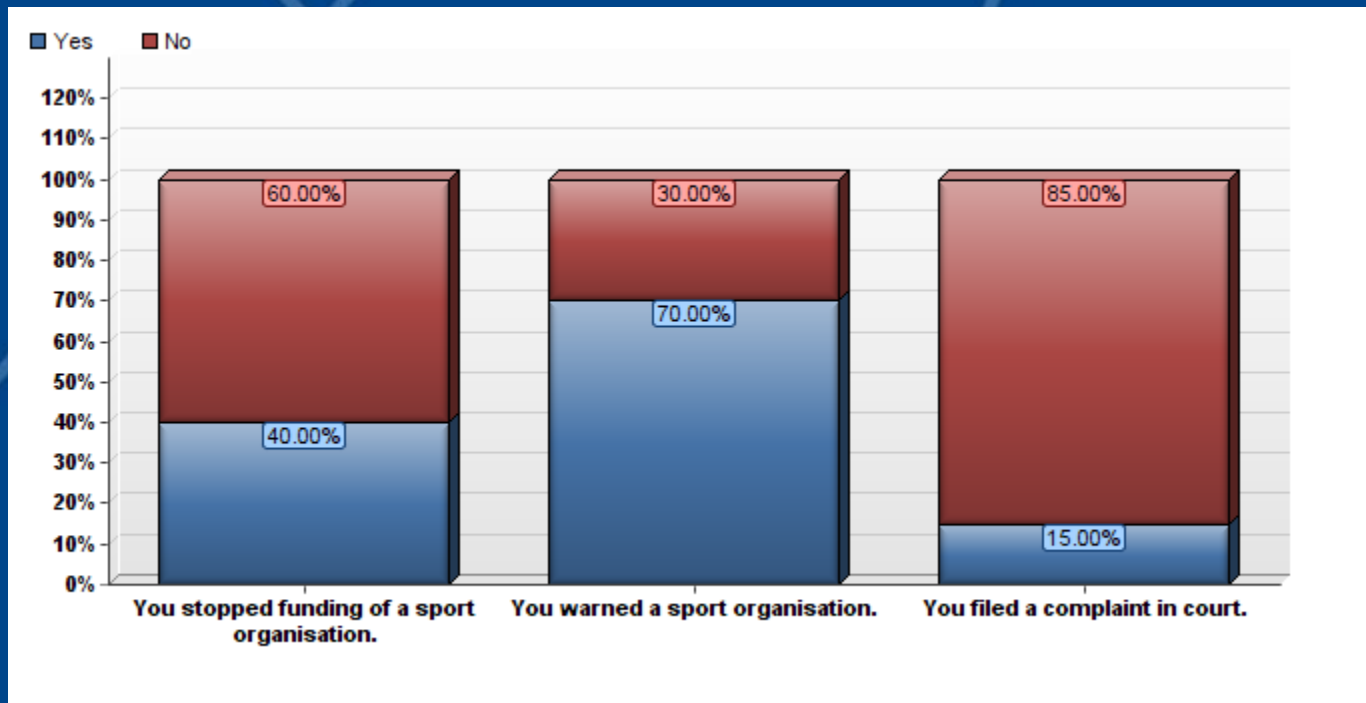
Did you take some new measures to enhance the monitoring of good governance during the last 5 years?

 Contracts obliging sport organisations to abide by good governance rules

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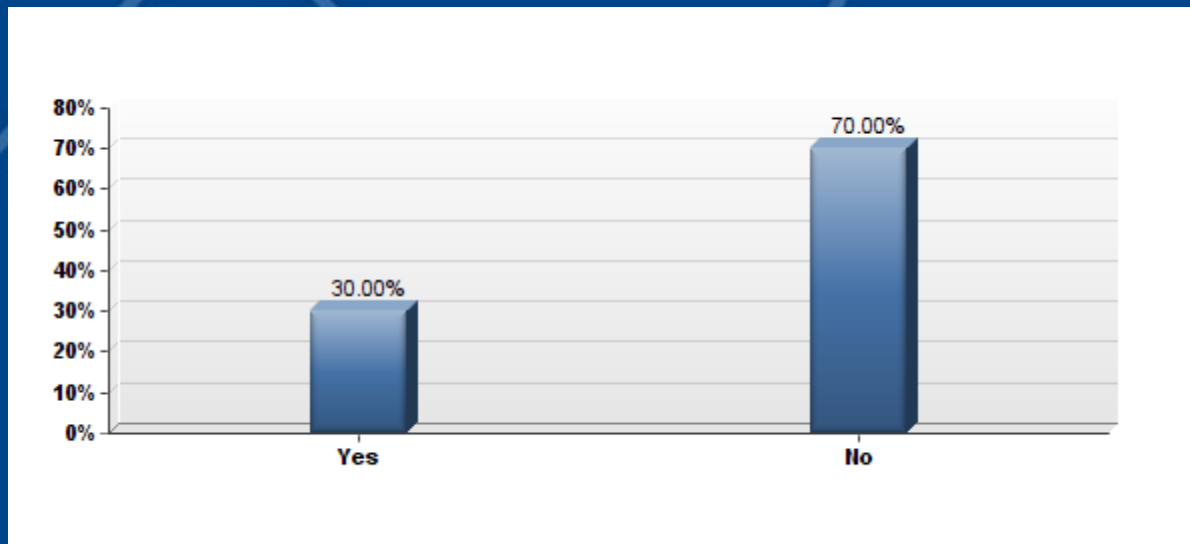
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 Did you intervene in specific cases related to good governance?



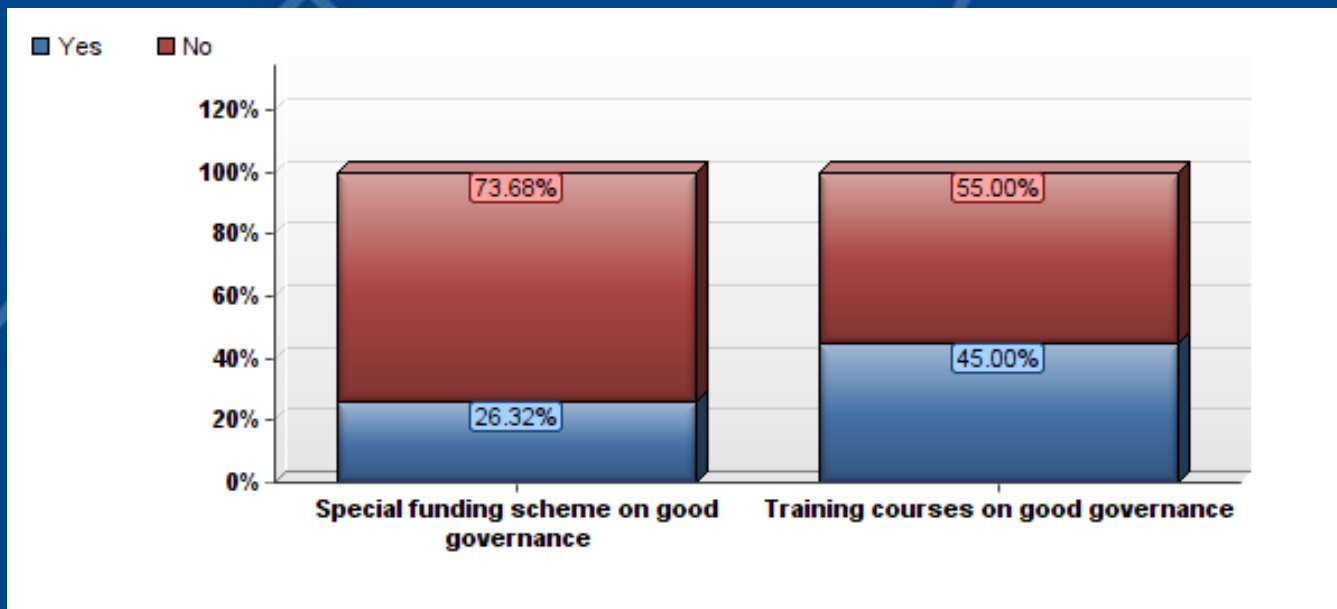
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 Have there been issues with sport organisations regarding autonomy versus governance?









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 Do you have any special project or activity to promote good governance?









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Would you like to share any other thoughts on good governance in sport?

-  Educating sport administrators seems to be a step forward.
-  Put in place a database to be used by the federations.
-  To encourage federations to apply good governance principles by increasing the funding or decreasing it if they don't.
-  Put in place priority criteria such as gender equality, limit the duration of executive board.
-  Transparency in financial reporting and audit of the report.
-  The creation of an international body that defines, monitors and, eventually, sanctions the violation of good governance principles could be useful.

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-  Broad awareness on good governance
-  There is common understanding of the good governance principles as defined by IOC/ CoE / EU (basis for discussions)
-  The implementation of good governance principles is monitored.
-  More measures at operational level
-  No agreement between on measurement indicators, implementation measures, ...
-  Suspicious: 70% indicated no controversy with the sports movement



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