PRELIMINARY SURVEY RESULTS - IDENTIFYING INTEREST IN THE AREAS OF THE SET ACTION 6 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The aims of the survey are to:

- **Engage** with stakeholders to map their interests in Action 6 areas;
- **Map critical masses** of stakeholders interested in the same area, per country, in order to identify opportunities for cross-border cooperation.

The information collected will enable the Secretariat to:

- **Match** areas of interest and funding available in specific countries;
- **Guide** country representatives to support cross-border collaboration through their **funding programmes**, where need has been identified in specific R&I areas;
- Organise tailored **networking events** for industry, research centres and country representatives;
- Provide **new project ideas with funding advice**.

The survey was launched on 26th August 2019. It **remains open until 22 November 2019**, as not enough responses have been received to fulfil these aims.

The survey can be accessed here: [https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SETPlanIndustryInterest](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SETPlanIndustryInterest)

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

By **29 October 2019**, **71** respondents from **14** countries had completed the survey.

Figure 1 contains some preliminary results from the survey. For each country, it shows the number of respondents who consider the different SET Plan Action 6 activities a high priority. The aim of this table is to identify if and where there is a critical mass of interest. A critical mass requires 15 or more interested organisations.

So far, a **critical mass of organisations with shared interests has not been** reached for **any** of the areas.

There is, however, **evidence of an emerging critical mass of interest** from **Austria, Germany and Norway** in the cross-cutting areas. In the heating and cooling areas, there is the highest interest in **technologies for the utilisation of waste heat** and **heat recovery**. For systems and infrastructure, **industrial symbiosis** and **digitalisation** have attracted the most interest. The level of interest is currently too low for cross-border cooperation support to begin.
**RESPONDENT OVERVIEW**

As shown in Figure 2a, the majority of respondents come from industry (38%) or research centres (33%). Figure 2b shows the survey received the highest interaction from stakeholders on the cross-cutting areas of Action 6. Over half of the respondents have indicated that the activities heating & cooling and systems & infrastructure are relevant to them. There have been lower levels of response from organisations who work in the iron & steel or chemical & pharmaceuticals sectors.

**CONTRIBUTING TO THE PROJECT**

A number of respondents have started the survey, but not finished it. Often the sections that are of most value, regarding their interest in SET Plan Action 6 activities, have not been completed. Support is available for any organisation with questions on how to complete the survey. Please email SETAction6@ricardo.com with any queries.

If you prefer to discuss the topics of the survey and your organisation’s areas of interest over the phone, please let us know by the email above.