

Regarding their activity type, just under half of respondents indicated “research” as their main activity type, just under a quarter “higher education”, around 12 % “industrial, and 5% public administration. Most of the SMEs responding indicated that their main activity is industrial, although a significant number (27%) listed research as their main activity.

Type of respondent	Number of responses	% of responses
Individual person	540	31.3%
University/higher education	456	26.4%
Commercial organisation (including consultancy) less than 250 employees	144	8.3%
Governmental body	141	8.2%
Commercial organisation (including consultancy) more than 250 employees	115	6.7%
Association (e.g. trade association, trade union, employers association, chamber of commerce, NGO)	113	6.5%
Other	218	12.6%
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>1727</i>	<i>100%</i>

In terms of country balance, there is generally a good response from many EU Member States, with other 100 responses from Germany, the UK, Italy, Belgium, France and Spain; and over 50 responses from the Netherlands, Portugal, Greece, Austria and Sweden. However, it should be noted that relatively few responses have come from some Member States, and in particular the 10 new Member States. Most respondents indicated that their geographical scope of activities is European or international. There was, however, a significant number of regional or local organisations responding (10% of the total).

Country	Number of responses	% of total responses	Country	Number of responses	% of total responses
DE - Germany	258	14.9%	CH - Switzerland	25	1.4%
UK - United Kingdom	157	9.1%	FI - Finland	22	1.3%
IT - Italy	147	8.5%	LT - Lithuania	22	1.3%
BE - Belgium	142	8.2%	IL - Israel	17	1.0%
FR - France	132	7.6%	PL - Poland	16	0.9%
ES - Spain	123	7.1%	CY - Cyprus	12	0.7%
NL - Netherlands	89	5.2%	CZ - Czech Republic	10	0.6%
PT - Portugal	81	4.7%	EE - Estonia	10	0.6%
EL - Greece	80	4.6%	HU - Hungary	10	0.6%
AT - Austria	79	4.6%	BG - Bulgaria	8	0.5%
SV - Sweden	68	3.9%	SK - Slovak Republic	7	0.4%
TR - Turkey	44	2.5%	SL - Slovenia	6	0.3%
IE - Ireland	33	1.9%	MT - Malta	5	0.3%
NO - Norway	31	1.8%	LV - Latvia	4	0.2%
Other country	30	1.7%	LU - Luxembourg	1	0.1%
RO - Romania	29	1.7%	IS - Iceland	1	0.1%
DK - Denmark	28	1.6%	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>1727</i>	<i>100%</i>

Subject to the above comments, the responses can be said to **represent an important indication of the views of the research community and research users**. However, the low number of responses from some Member States and in particular the new Member States means that these countries are under represented in the overall statistics. This factor is being taken into account in the Commission’s analysis of the results; this consultation is only one source of input from stakeholders and that views as represented by national governments and European parliamentary representatives have a strong importance.