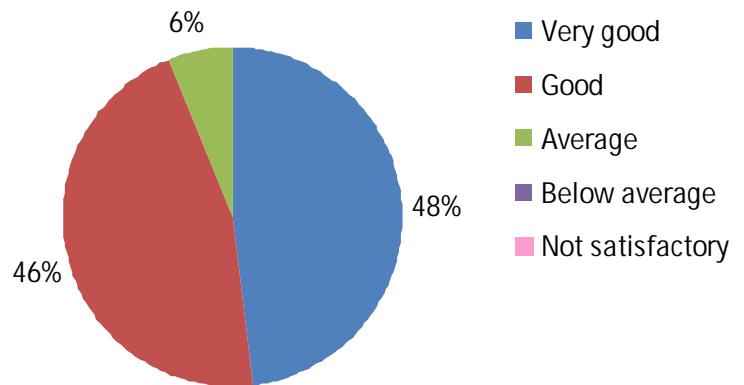


Evaluation of the ManagEnergy Annual Conference 2009

Around 500 local and regional energy actors participated in the ManagEnergy Annual Conference, which took place during the EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) in February 2009. All the participants were asked to complete a questionnaire in order to evaluate their impressions and provide feedback for future events.

Responses were received from around 10% of participants and the results have now been analysed.

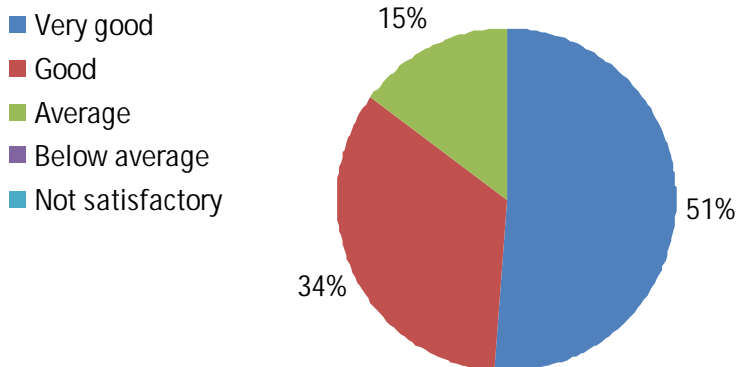
General impression of the ManagEnergy Annual Conference 2009



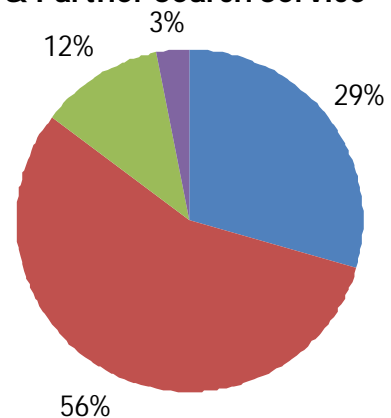
We are pleased to confirm that almost all of those who completed the questionnaire indicated that their general impression of the Annual Conference was that it was good or very good. In addition, individually the ManagEnergy Plenary event, workshops, training, stand and partner search facilities were judged to be good or very good by at least 77% of the participants.

General impression of individual events and activities

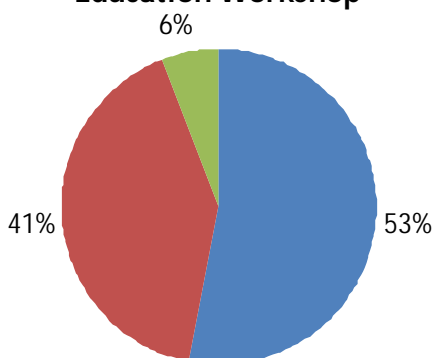
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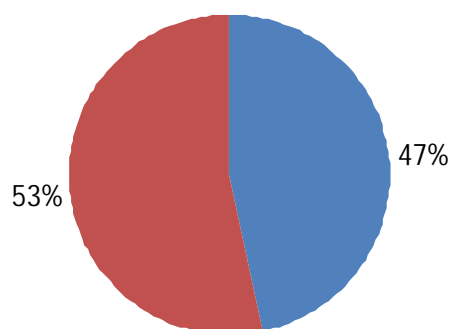
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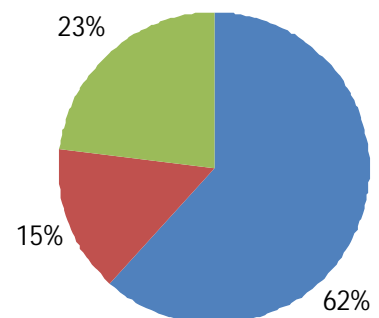
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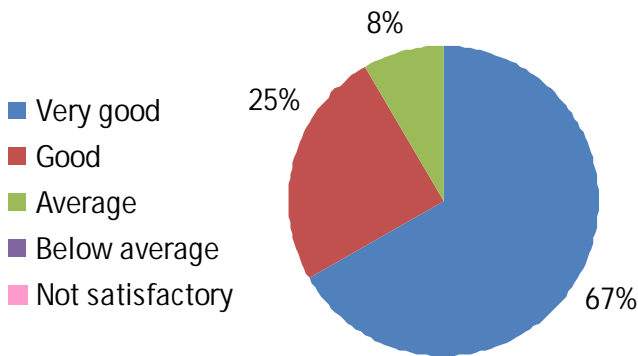
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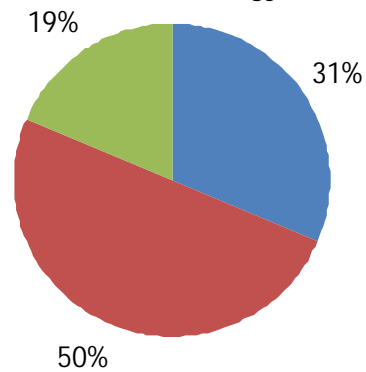
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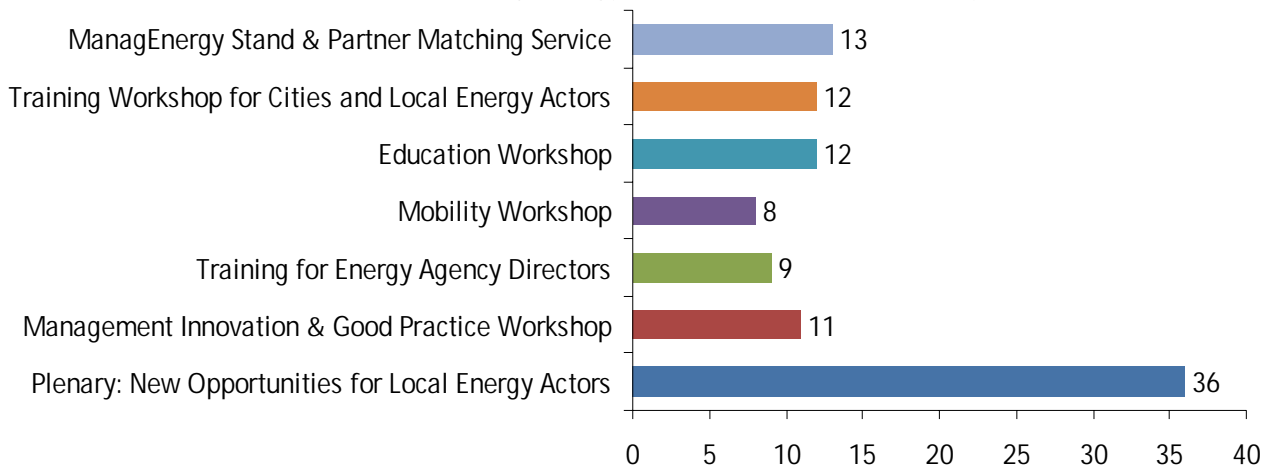
Training for Energy Agency Directors



Training Workshop for Cities and Local Energy Actors

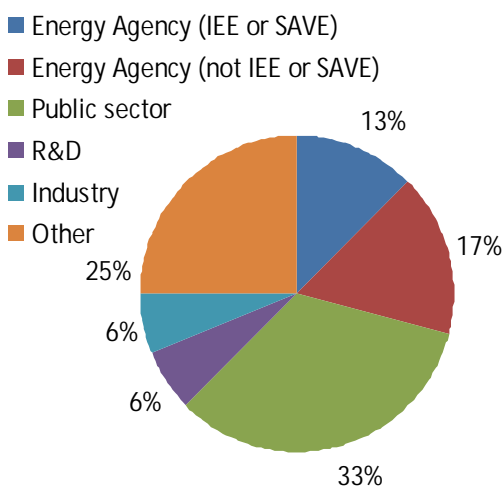


Which parts of the ManagEnergy Annual Conference did you attend?

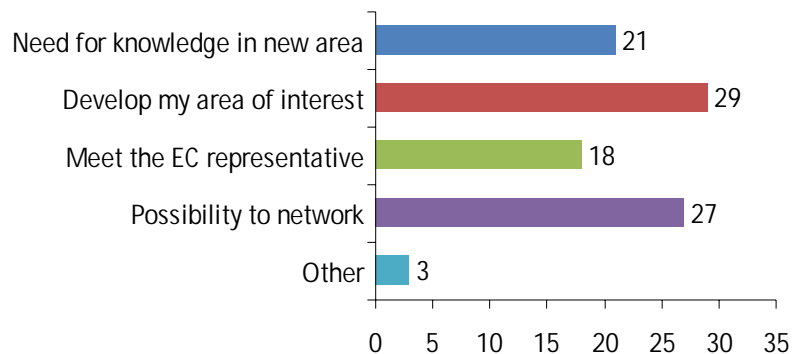


The questionnaire respondents were from a spread of organizations and they had attended the Annual Conference for a range of reasons including finding information in an existing or new area of interest, networking and meeting the European Commission staff.

Please specify your Type of Organisation



Why did you decide to attend the ManagEnergy Annual Conference?



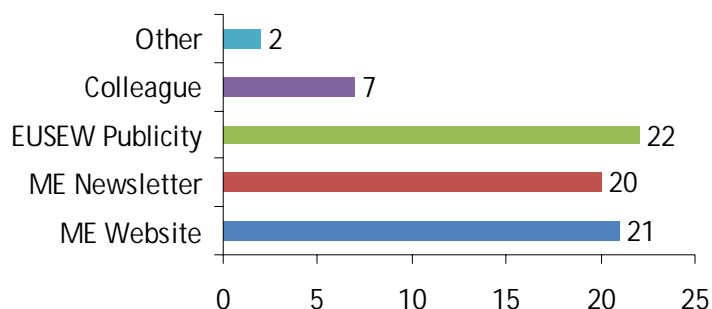
As shown, 63% of participants were from local and regional energy agencies or the public sector, and 12% were from industry or R&D, while the final 25% were mainly consultants or from NGOs.

More than half of respondents had heard of the events via the ManagEnergy Newsletter or Website.

In addition, respondents were invited to comment on:

- Most valuable speaker or presentation/subject
- Subjects that may have been overlooked
- Areas where there is a need for ManagEnergy to arrange workshops or conferences
- Whether they will visit the website after the event and why/why not
- Any other suggestions or feedback

How did you receive information about the ManagEnergy (ME) Annual Conference?



The comments (some of which relate to EUSEW as a whole) are listed below.

Thank you to everyone who responded. We value your opinion and will be using the results of this evaluation to maintain high standards and tailor future events to your need.

Most valuable speaker or presentation/subject
All of them
I cannot choose because all were very concise, interesting and very well prepared and delivered.
Caroline Ofoegbu, FIA
Mr. Juan Alario
Ms. Inete Ielite
Mr. Jose Manuel Barroso, Mr. Guido Sacconi and Mr. Andris Piebalgs
Local Energy Agencies as intermediaries and catalyst for deploying renewable energies solutions.
Mr. José La Cal Herrera, Director, AGENER SA - Agencia de Gestion Energética de la Provincia de Jaén
All presentations have been interesting for us and each of them had some points of innovation and practical implementation topics. We realized how much the national governments should do and how responsibilities should be delegated to the local level.
Mr. Paolo Bertoldi, DG JRC
Roman Doubrava, Prod. Eduardo de Oliveira Fernandes
It was interesting to hear so many different people's experience/background/point of view.
ManagEnergy Thematic Group on Energy Education
Mr. Eddy Deruwe, Director, ABEA - Brussels Energy Center, Belgium
Mr. William Gillett
Mrs. Gerard Magnin
Mr. Werner Neumann
Covenant of Mayors and help of ManagEnergy representatives on stand
Cities and Local Energy Actors working successfully together
Fact-based Reference Energy System and Scenario Modelling
Mr. John Johnsson, Senior Advisor, PROFU Consultants, Sweden
Effective Sustainable Energy Plans for Cities and Local Energy Actors - Tools and Support
Mr Juan Alario

Subject overlooked
Existing network initiatives like EPOMM, CIVITAS, Eurocities, Polis etc. were not present and not mentioned enough.
To move behind with a new financial operative system and development for good practices and social development.
Convert carbon powerstation into biomass powerstation
I understand that you deal with energy issues, at the same time it would be useful to talk about adaptation to climate change on the city level as well.
The focus of the plenary on the CoM and Bank finance was interesting and may be useful, however it was very narrow. We had anticipated more information on how local energy actors and agencies can get more value and involvement from European projects and programmes and opportunities for partnerships and new funding.
Urban Planning

In what area do you think there is a need for ME to arrange workshops/conferences?
In the area of Infrastructure, water management, etc.
In gasification processes
We recommend Mr. Jose Manuel Barroso, Mr. Guido Sacconi, Mr. Andris Piebalgs
Italy - greece
In the application activities: I'll recommend a ManagEnergy tutor who go to the agencies to support and correct the procedure to applicate to local activities
Benchmarking of cities and IEE projects
Energy efficiency tools adjusted to each country development level, opportunities and possibilities (based on a general evaluation to all member states)
Concrete action plans for introducing the energy efficiency procedures to the new member states from eastern Europe.
Economic area
Include fuel cells and hydrogen topics in ManagEnergy events agenda: FuelCellEurope.
Practical training in local energy planning for signatories to the Covenant of Mayors
Podcars
There is need to spread the knowledge in the EU candidate countries also. The Energy sector is important for the other European countries that are still not in EU, but there are not enough information about what the EU priorities are and what should be the future action in those countries.
Aeolian energy in the region of Aegean sea, with speaker Mrs Panos Korogiannakis
Practical training in local energy planning for signatories to the Covenant of Mayors
Conference about the importance of using enough isolation in the construction of buildings.
Everybody talks about Solar Power and other new technologies while they forget to make sure that isolating is key.
The preparation of energy plans for local municipalities and regions
Need to address the key challenges facing local energy agencies - maybe to consult in advance on these challenges in order to provide support in response
Guidelines and templates for Sustainable Energy Action Plans and Emissions Inventory as well as exchange of good practices of similar cities - identification of quantitative indicators, measures and outcomes.
More workshops/conferences on Low Carbon Energy financing
Mobility is a topic I think should be overlooked in a broader and very urban way.

Will you visit the website after the workshop - and if so, why?
86% of respondents indicated that they would visit the website after the event.
Documentation and pictures
Renewables
Looking for speaker profile, items of presentations, reminder of topics
Follow up on the presentations made, Refresh information on next IEE Call
General
Conference presentations and possibly contacts (if available)
Benchmarking data and initiatives which emerge from ideas generated by the conference
Events presentations, new calls, best practices
News from the field: events, new policies, ongoing projects etc.
To download documents about local activities recommended
How to send papers
After support materials have been sent to me by email
To look the information about the event
Case studies, see which cities became members and what are they doing
Download presentations
Further info for networking, updates, and Covenant of Mayors office
News and progress on current educational projects and opportunities to develop networks and partnerships
Partner searches and presentations
Some presentations I didn't see the other days
About energy programmes and how we can take part in these
I missed the conference Intelligent Energy Europe. I would like to apply for the next call.
Sustainable energy plans for municipalities
Presentations, CoM
Presentations, information about speakers
Management of EIE projects, technical details from presentations
Partner search tool
Local energy plans
Usage of Covenant of Mayors' supporting structures providing technical expertise in the innovation process and in implementation of local action plans of the cities from other countries.
Best practice examples

Additional comments
No, everything was excellent
I regret not having the opportunity for a meeting with a Commission representative to discuss a proposal for the next call. In the circumstances of the call not being published until next month and the presentation made by Bill Gillett, I am happy, at this stage, that I'm on the right track.
Nice effort
A good conference overall; venue was easy to get to and facilities were very good.
Give me a good feeling, the feeling to be European!
Very good organization, very useful materials, very good contact after the events. Hope to keep it as an annual and popular event!
For me it was well worth the time and cost of attending
We were promised the project details for numbers indicated at the partner search stand and that these would go onto the website however it is now 3 - 4 weeks after the event and we still have not received contact details and this information is still not public. This is a problem for us, especially because of the time required to develop an IEE application and find partners.