

ANALYSIS

of the End line Survey

of the project ROBG-23 (15.3.1.017)

„Risk Management for Large Scale Infrastructures in the Romanian-Bulgarian Cross-Border Area”

under the INTERREG V-A Romania-Bulgaria programme

Period of the survey: 01 December 2017 - 31 January 2018

SURVEY RESULTS

A survey has been carried out among 80 persons, in the different target groups of the project in order to estimate the effect of the project’s activities on the local awareness.

The distribution of the participants in the target groups is presented in Fig. 1. As can be seen the distribution is relatively equal between the target groups.

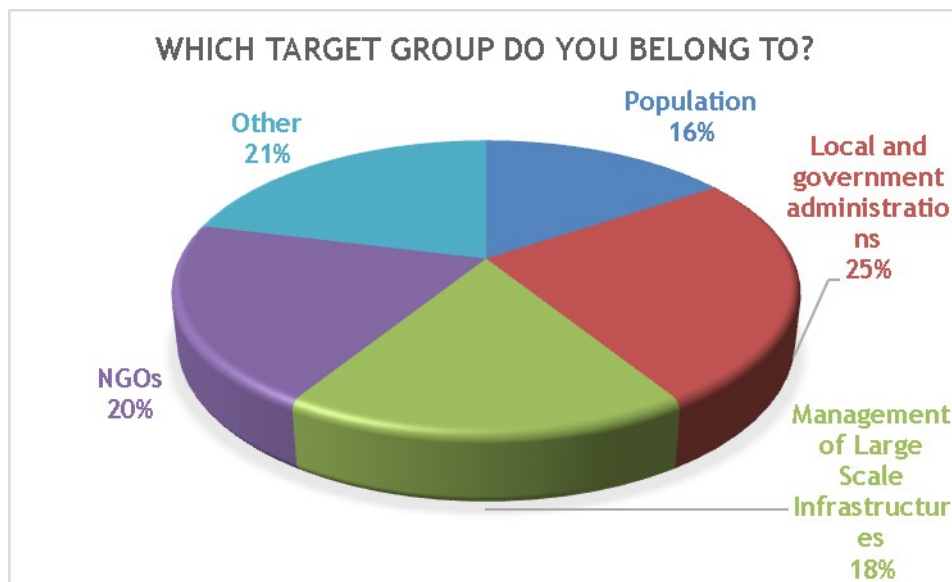


Fig. 1. Distribution of the target groups of the surveyed.

The distribution of the information channels, used to reach the stakeholders, is presented in Fig. 2. Most people gave more than one answer to this question. More than 40% of the surveyed were participants in one or more of the project’s events. The internet and the distributed informational materials share 21% and 23% respectively and 15% of surveyed obtained information from the Mass media.

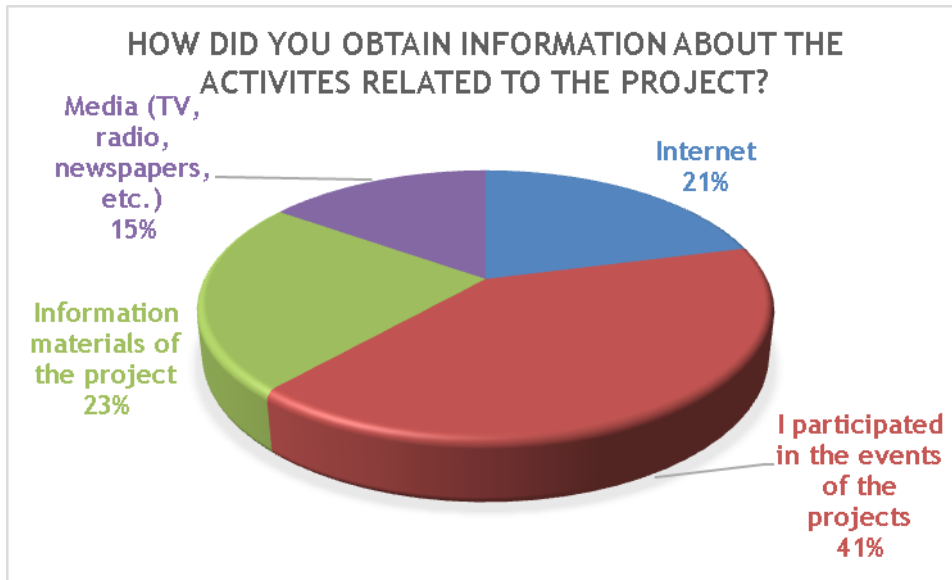


Fig. 2. Distribution of the information channels, used by the surveyed to obtain information about the project.

The next three questions were aimed to determine the level of knowledge and understanding of the surveyed regarding the risks and benefits, related to large-scale infrastructures (LSI). The results are presented in Fig. 3, Fig. 4 and Fig. 5.

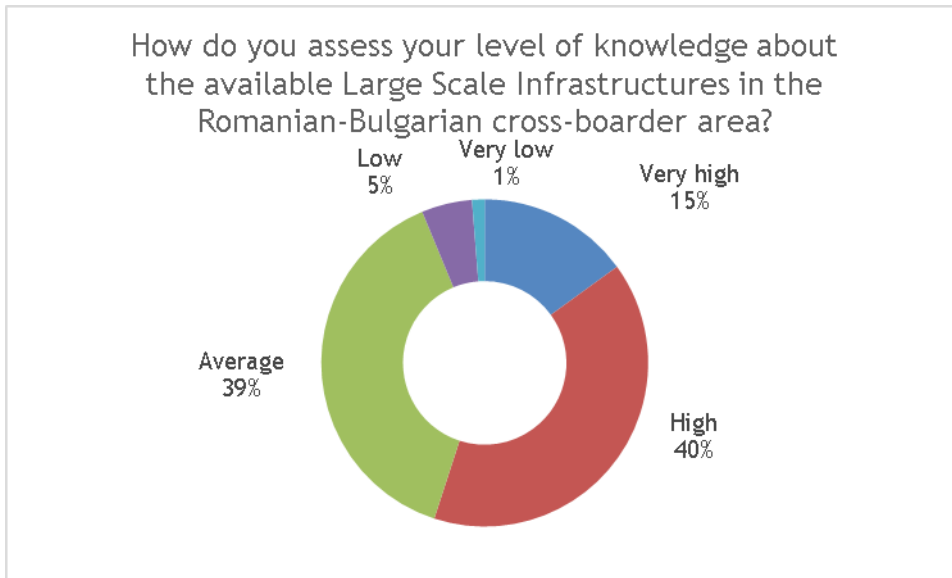


Fig. 3. Knowledge of the surveyed about the available LSIs in the cross-border area.

As can be seen from Fig. 3, 39% of the surveyed have average knowledge about the available LSIs in the cross-border area, while 55% of the surveyed (40% high and 15% very high) believe they have strong knowledge on the topic.

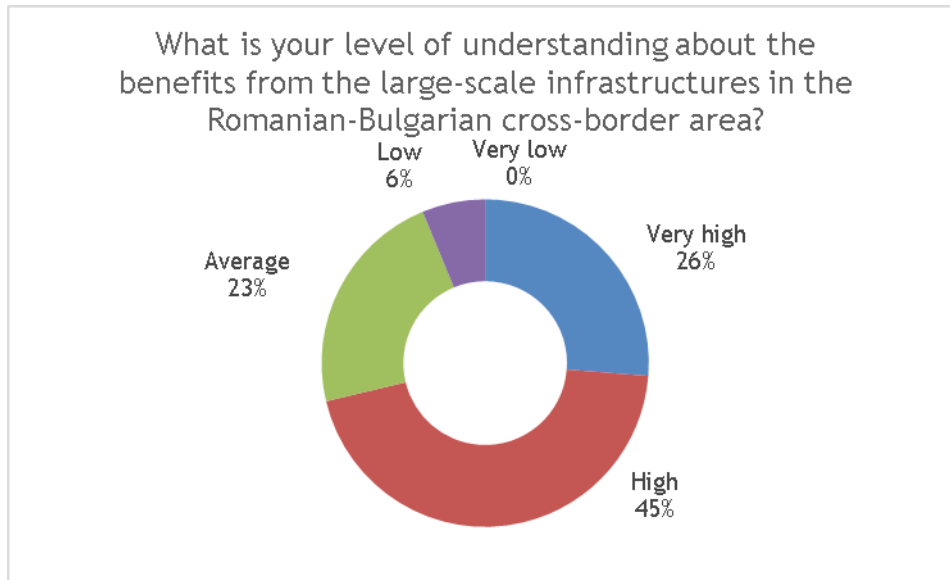


Fig. 4. Level of understanding of the surveyed about the benefits from LSIs.

Fig. 4. shows that 71% of the surveyed believe they have strong knowledge about the benefits from LSI objects (45% high and 26% very high), and 23% assess themselves at average level.

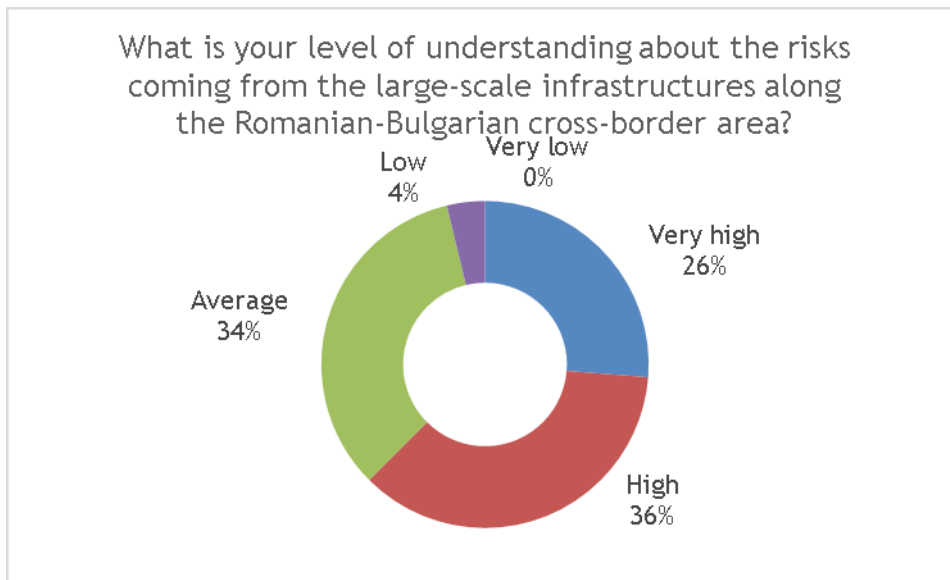


Fig. 5. Level of understanding of the surveyed about the risks from LSIs.

Similar results have been obtained about the risks related to LSI objects, with 26% very high, 36% high and 34% average knowledge.

The last three questions were aimed to assess the opinion of the surveyed about the efficiency of the project activities towards increasing of the local awareness (Fig. 6, Fig. 7 and Fig. 8).

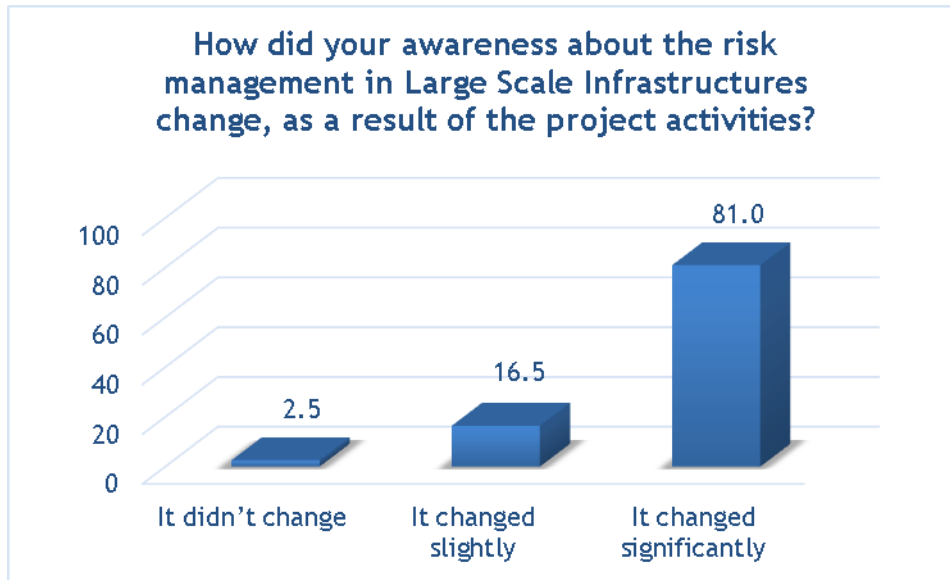


Fig. 6. Influence of the project activities on the awareness of the target groups.

A major number of the surveyed answered their own awareness on risk management in LSIs have changed significantly, surpassing 81%. Approximately 16% believe it changed slightly and 3% believe it didn't change.

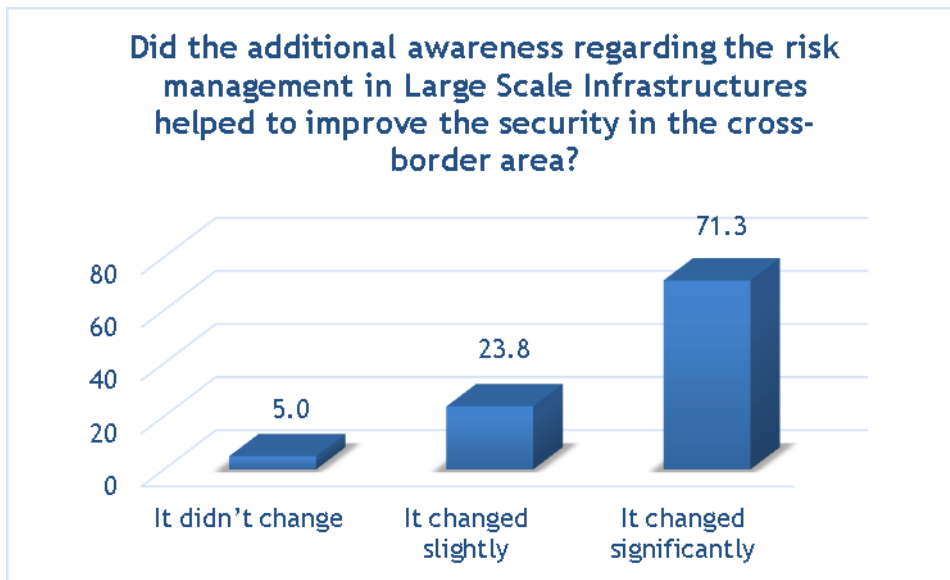


Fig. 7. Influence of the additional awareness on the security in the cross-border area.

95% of the surveyed believe the increased awareness regarding the risk management in LSI objects helped to improve the security in the cross-border area, while 5% believe the project activities had no effect on the security.

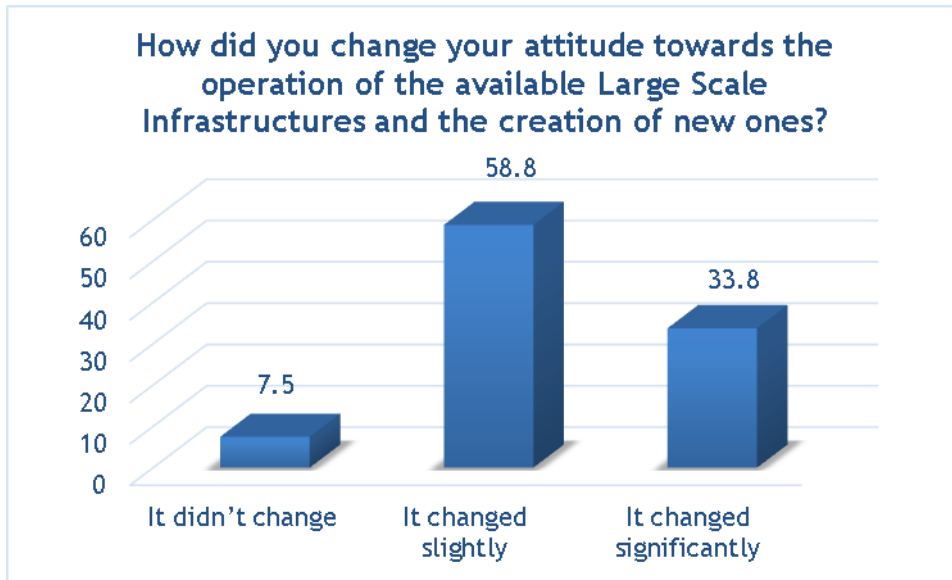


Fig. 8. Change in the level of support of the surveyed towards LSIs.

Finally more than 92% of the surveyed declared the project activities improved their attitude towards LSIs, and 8% declared it didn't change. However most of the people who answered "It didn't change" have also assessed their knowledge about risk management in LSIs as high or very high.

CONCLUSIONS

The obtained results from this survey show pretty straightforward that the project had a positive effect on the local awareness regarding risks and benefits. More than 90% of them state that their awareness and attitude towards risk management of LSIs in the cross-border area has improved. Considering only 41% of the surveyed have participated in events of the project, can be made the conclusion that the other channels for communication with the stakeholders were also very efficient.

The obtained results make us confident that the main project goals and objectives, to increase the local awareness about risk management and benefits from large-scale infrastructure objects through improved communication, were successfully met.

Manager of Partner no 2:

January, 2018.

/prof. Dr. Nicolay Mihailov, DHC/