



Irish Universities Association
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Towards Mobility of Researchers

Scientific Visa Scheme in Ireland

MOREBRAIN project

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Who we are

- National organisation for the EURAXESS Services Network in Ireland
 - Dr Conor O' Carroll: Research Director
 - Jennifer Cleary: Head of EURAXESS Ireland
 - Magdalena Wislocka: Helpdesk & Hosting Agreement Scheme Manager
- Provides 2 key national services – EURAXESS & Marie Curie NCP
- Strong in-house expertise & experience relating to researcher mobility issues

Implementation of the Third Country Directive in Ireland

- The Researcher **Hosting Agreement Scheme**, which Ireland opted into voluntarily in 2007, implements the Third Country Directive.
- The scheme enables recruitment of researchers from outside the EEA to carry out research in Ireland without the need for a Work Permit.
- This mechanism facilitates researchers and their immediate family for the duration of their contract.
- EURAXESS Ireland, hosted in the IUA, is a government appointed central processing house for hosting agreements and plays a key role in the official accreditation and immigration process.

Who can avail of the Hosting Agreement Scheme in Ireland ?

- Non EEA researches from accredited institutions, engaged in defined research projects on a contract of employment of minimum 3 months.
- Salary must be at least €30,000 for researchers with families and €25,000 for researchers without accompanying dependants in Ireland.

Hosting agreement has several advantages over other immigration schemes

- It is free to the research institutions (accredited for the Scheme)
- Fast tracks Visa application
- It provides for instant family re-unification (spouse and dependents can come in to Ireland immediately)
- Spouses of H.A holders have easier access to employment than spouses of other non EEA employees in Ireland
- It covers the length of the employment contract
- **Plans** for speeding up the naturalisation process (Long term residency after 2 yrs vs 5 yrs on work permit)
- It takes 1– 14 days to process a hosting agreement

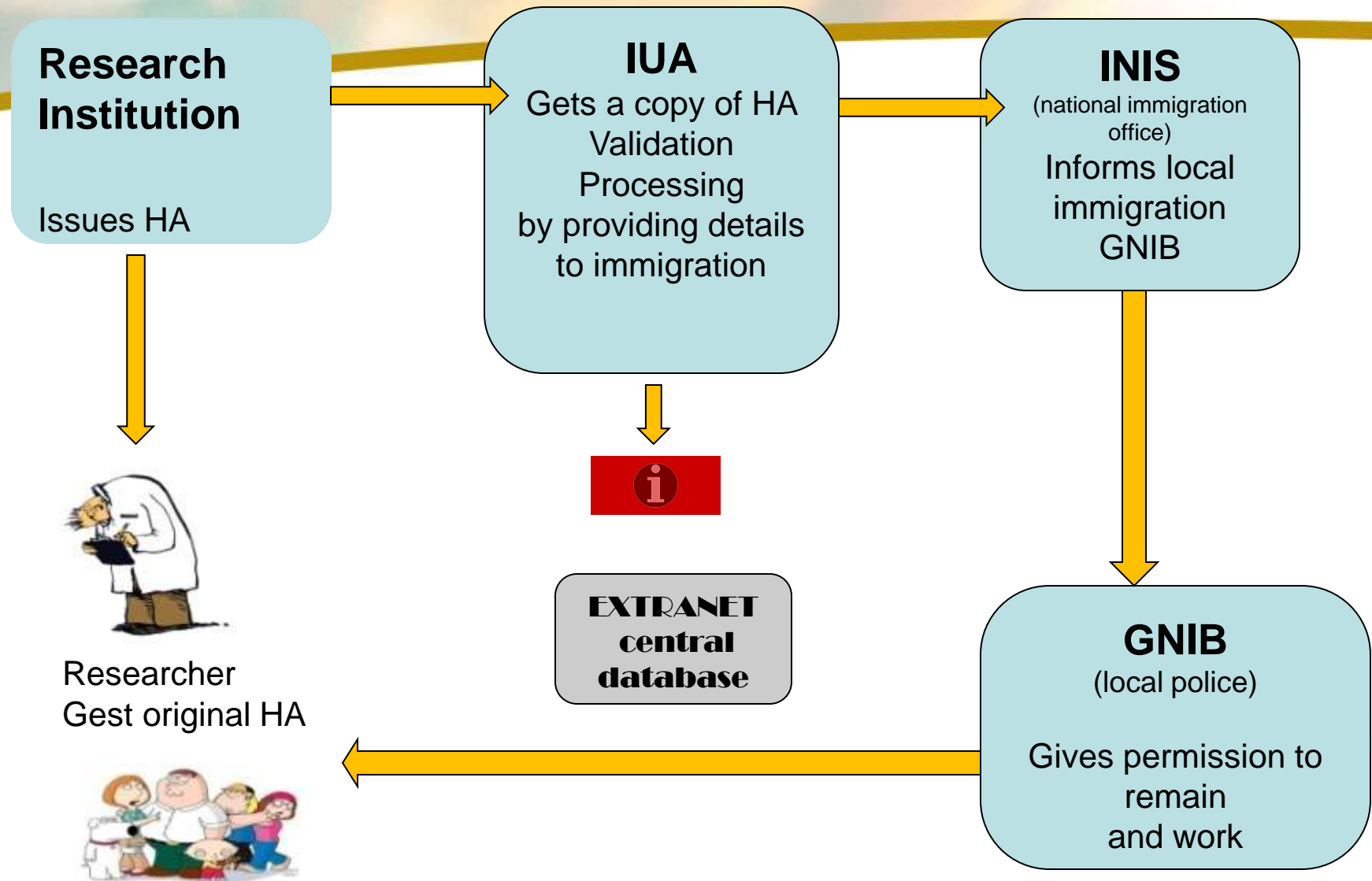
How the System Works

First step: Accreditation



- Application approved and Accreditation granted within 1 week max
- Helpdesk at DETI for Institutions

Who is involved ?



Immigration issues: from researchers' perspective



Researcher signs a hosting agreement

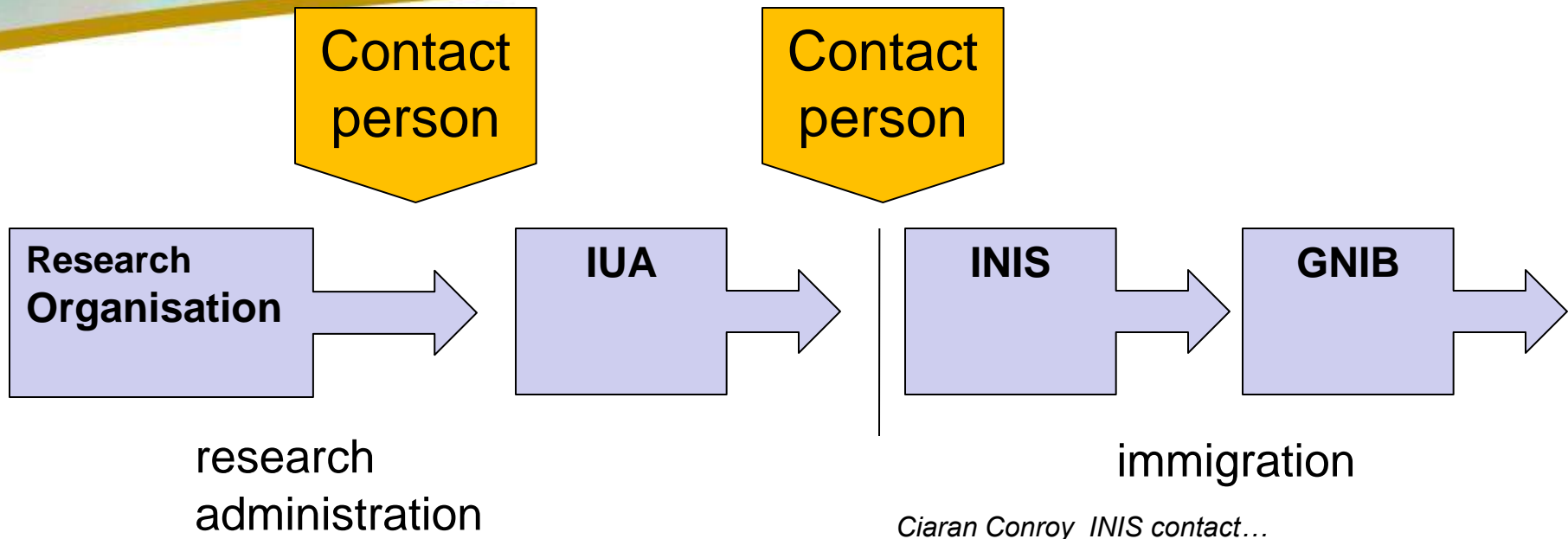
Applies for a visa (if required)
Fast track
Embassy verifies application against
EXTRANET

Researcher and dependants get an entry permission at the Irish airport on presentation of H.A

Then they are required to register at immigration office and get permission to remain in Ireland

Non EEA obliged to register annually (fee involved)

The scheme operates very smoothly



‘...The ability to be able to pick up the phone and have any question answered means any problems that do arise can be dealt with by us as they arise. And the reverse(...)any question you may have relating to any area of immigration can be addressed to one contact point and be answered quickly. This in effect, negates the red tape which can often be problematic with this type of scheme. ‘

Hosting Agreement Form is very simple

- Agreements are individually numbered
- Includes details of dependants
- Processing time: 1-14 days

SECTION 1 RESEARCHER DETAILS

Title: Dr Ms Dr Prof
 Gender: Female
 Surname: McNAMARA Forename: KELLY
 Date of Birth: 03/05/1981 Nationality: USA
 Passport No: 046102091 Expiry Date: 24/10/10
 Home Country Address: 73 Kennedy Drive, Whitehall, Dublin 9
 Irish Address: 117, Pearse Drive, Castleknock, Dublin 15
 Relevant Qualification: B.Sc. in Psychology, M.A. in Psychology
 Awarding Body: OTLEBCH Course, University of Kassel



SECTION 2 ACCOMPANYING FAMILY MEMBERS

SURNAME	Forename(s)	Date of Birth	Relationship to Researcher	Nationality	Passport No.	Expiry Date	Home Country Address	Irish Address

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SECTION 3 RESEARCH PROJECT DETAILS

Title of Research Project: EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAM FOR LIFE PROPLAN
 Purpose of Research Project: TO DETERMINE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF AN EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION (2009)
 Start Date: 01 OCT 09* End Date: 31/12/09
 Gross Annual Salary: 43,411.5
 Sources of Project Funding: UNICEF Grant (Project Funding) 450,000

Note: All details of the project from digital documents drawn up by/under the project manager and during the project will be retained by the Research Organisation.

* Attachment made by Mary Hanning

* Please Tickboxes in this case where immediate family members i.e. Spouse, partner, children or children for which the researcher has official guardianship.

SECTION 4 RESEARCH ORGANISATION

Name of Research Organisation: UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN
 Address: UCD HR, ROEBUCK OFFICES, BELVEDUE, DUBLIN 4
 Contact Person: HILARY ROEBUCK Address: HR OFFICE
 Phone: 01 708 6966 Email: hilary.roebuck@ucd.ie

Note: All research organisations must be accredited by the Office of Research, Technology and Innovation, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, before entering into a hosting agreement.

- Understanding of Research Organisation**
- The sponsor confirms that the research project has been accepted by the research organisation through appropriate channels, and that the research organisation has the necessary resources to support the project.
 - The sponsor confirms that the research organisation is satisfied that the researcher holds the appropriate higher education qualifications required to carry out the research project outlined in the agreement.
 - The sponsor confirms that the researcher will have sufficient security clearance to meet the requirements of the research project, and that the researcher will have sufficient security clearance to meet the requirements of the research project.
 - The sponsor confirms that the researcher has obtained clearance from the relevant authority, and that the researcher is satisfied with the terms of the agreement.
 - The research organisation accepts that the hosting agreement is of an indefinite duration, and that the researcher is not entitled to a fixed term of hosting.
 - The research organisation will provide the researcher with the necessary resources to carry out the research project.

Extranet

Highly Secured, Central Database of researchers on hosting agreements and their dependants.

Operated by IUA

Can be accessed by accredited organisations, immigration authorities including Irish embassies abroad, for verification purposes.



Hosting Agreements

Hosting agreements search | Reports | Organisations | Immigration | Administrators

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Hosting agreements search

Search criteria

Please choose from the following search criteria.

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Organisation:	<input type="text" value="(Any)"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athlone Institute of Technology Dublin City University Dublin Institute For Advanced Studies Dublin Institute of Technology 	Contact:	<input type="text" value="(Any)"/>

Researcher forename:	<input type="text"/>	Researcher surname:	<input type="text"/>
Passport number:	<input type="text"/>	Nationality:	<input type="text" value="(Any)"/>
Dependants:	<input type="checkbox"/> Has dependants	Gender:	<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female <input checked="" type="radio"/> Both

Contract dates: Start: End:

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Hosting agreements search

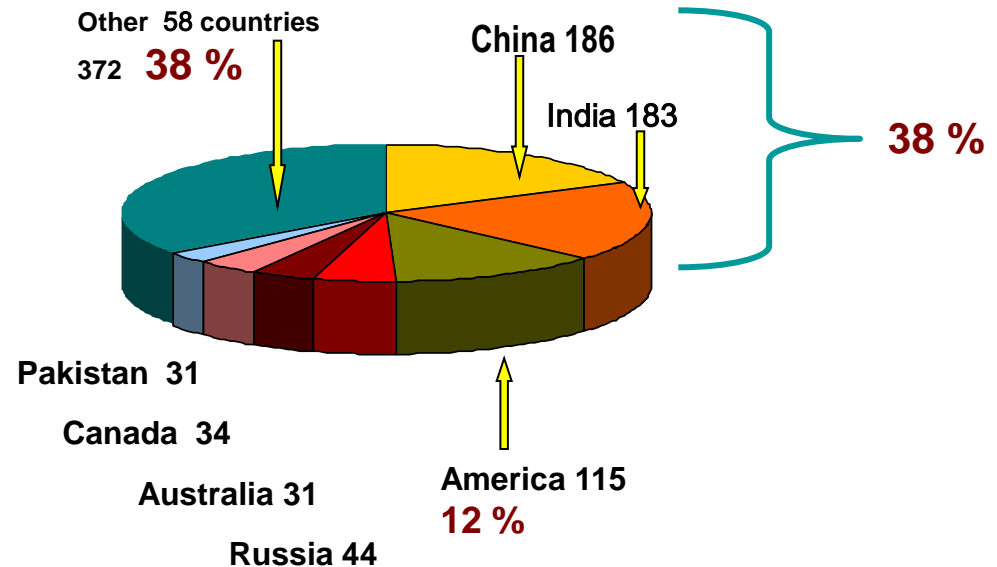
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Statistics

- **27** research institutions accredited including **4** private enterprises
- **970 new** agreements processed to date
- Overall number of processed contracts is **1400**, including extensions
- **480** live contracts at present
- Total number of researchers in Ireland: **3000** including H.A researchers (ca 16 % on H.A)



Top nationalities with a hosting agreement in Ireland
HA researchers represent 65 nationalities

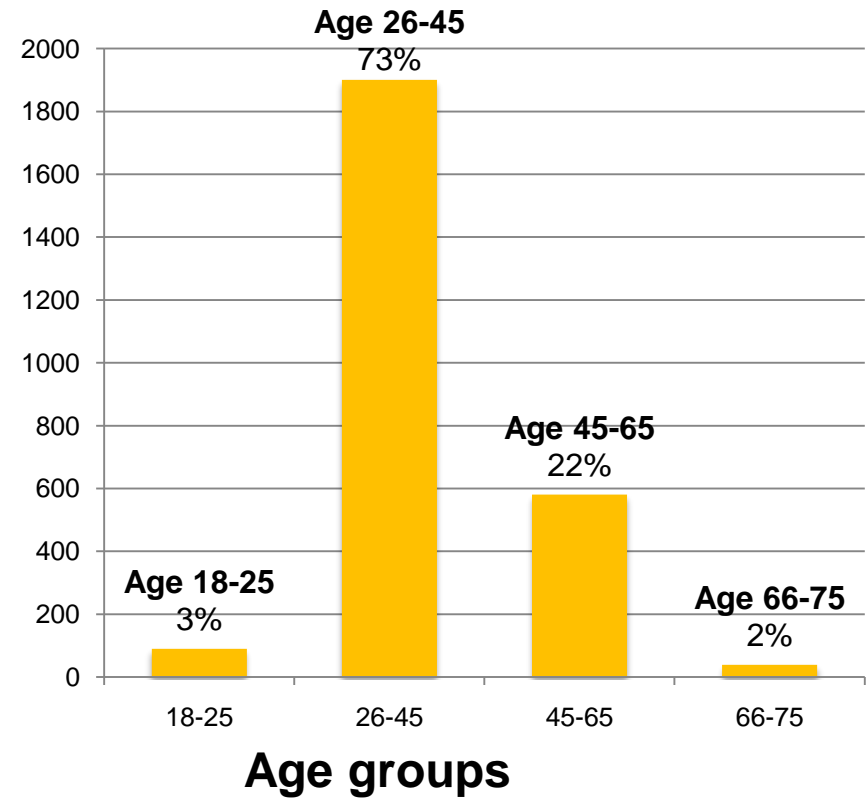
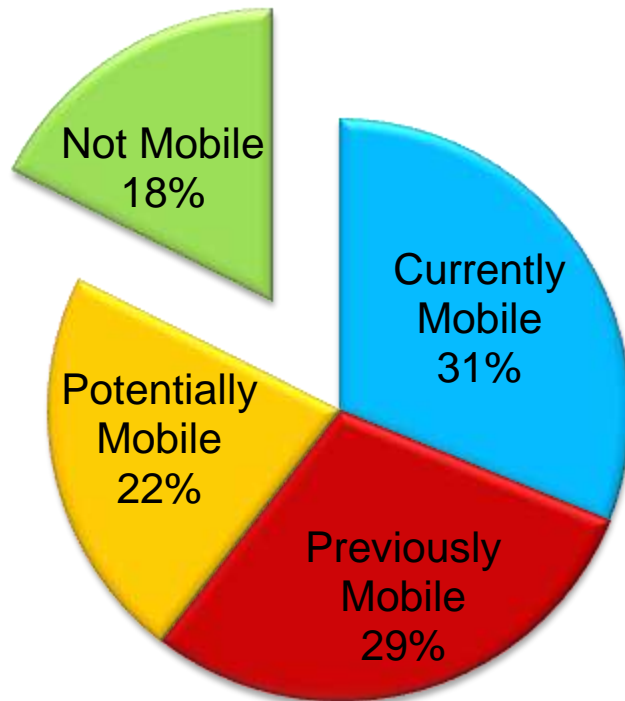
MOREBRAIN: EU FP7 funded project 'Brain Circulation from Brain Drain to Brain Gain'

1. Partners: Bar Ilan University Service Centre (Israel), the Foundation for the Development of Science and Technology in Extremadura (Spain), the Icelandic Centre for Research (Iceland), and Irish Universities Association (Ireland)
2. Examines factors causing researchers to emigrate abroad and motives inhibiting their mobility in the context of the European 'Brain Drain'
3. Proposes new concepts of e-reintegration and co-sharing positions to counteract the brain drain phenomenon in Europe

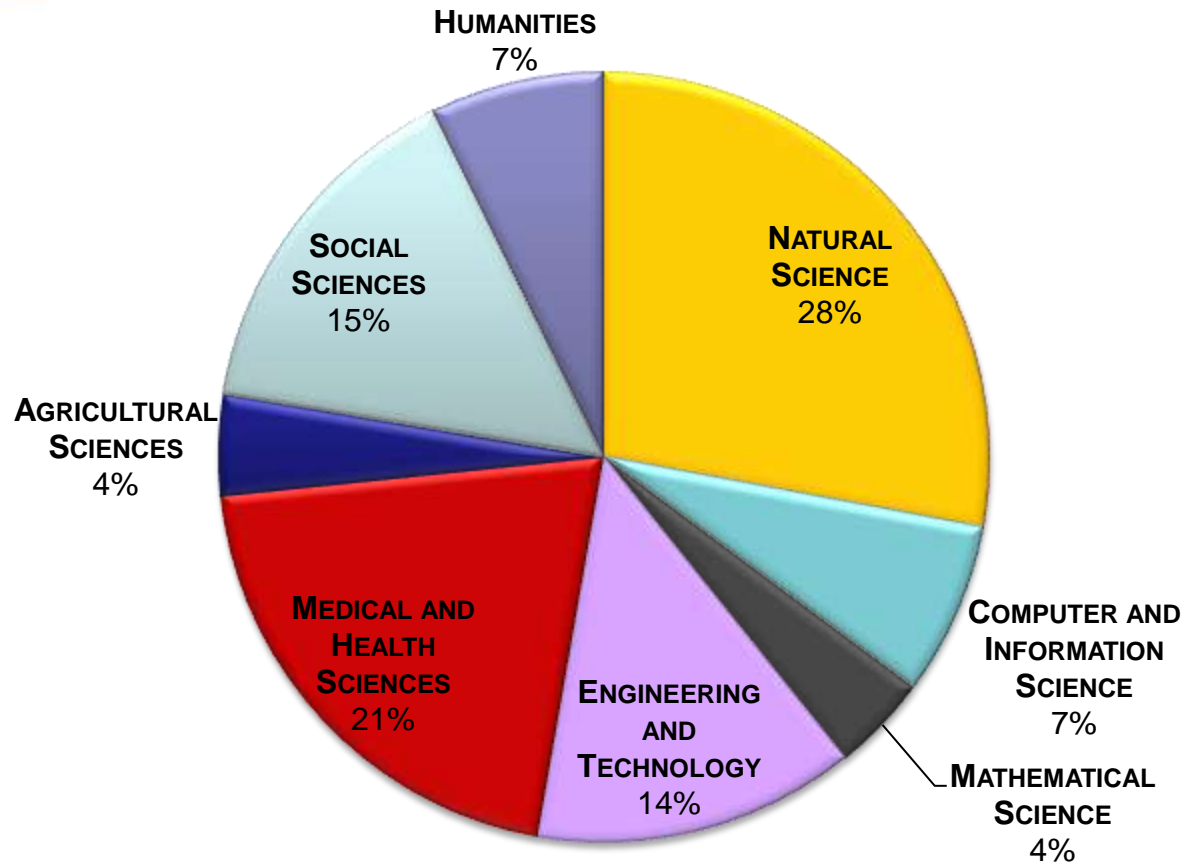
Concept and Objective of the MOREBRAIN

- Developing a **questionnaire** for distribution to researchers throughout Europe:
- why researchers pursue a research career outside Europe & remain there
- why researchers choose to return to their home countries in Europe
- Concepts of e-reintegration and co-sharing
- <http://survey.ucd.ie/morebrain/>
- The online survey is still ongoing
- **2.560** response to date

Mobility Status and Age

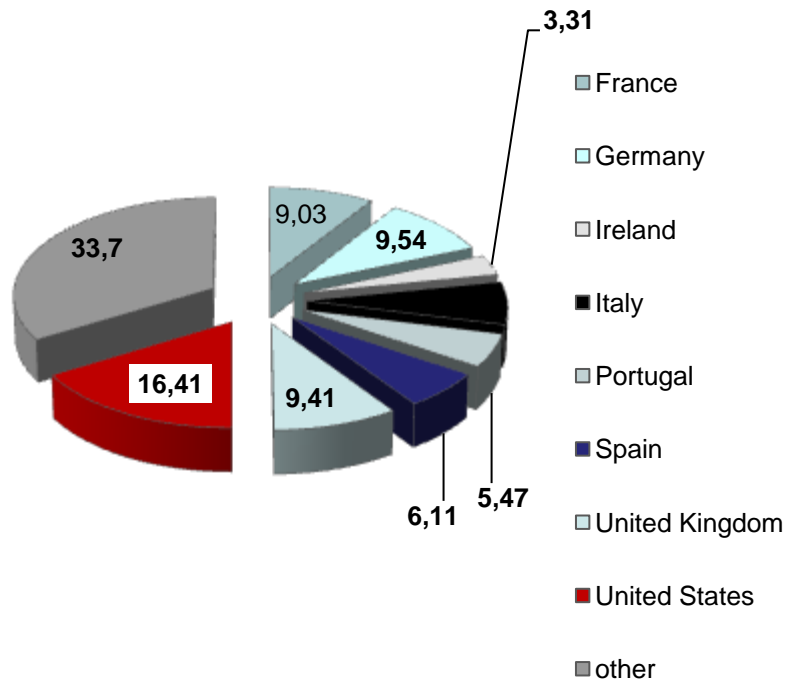


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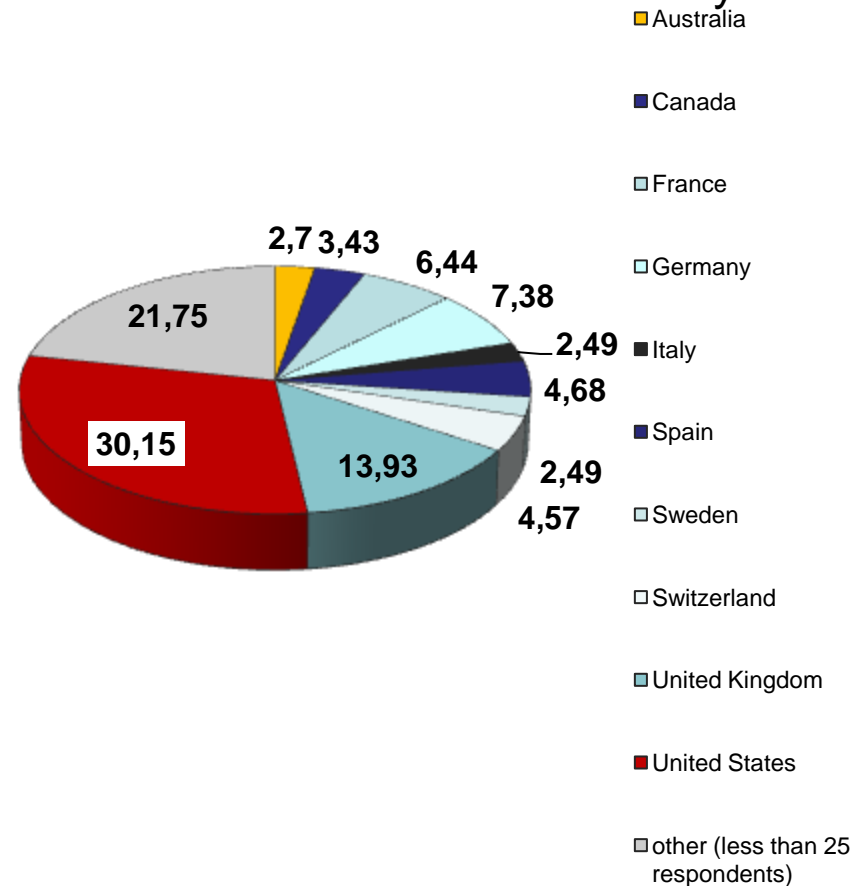


Mobile Researchers: Preferred destination

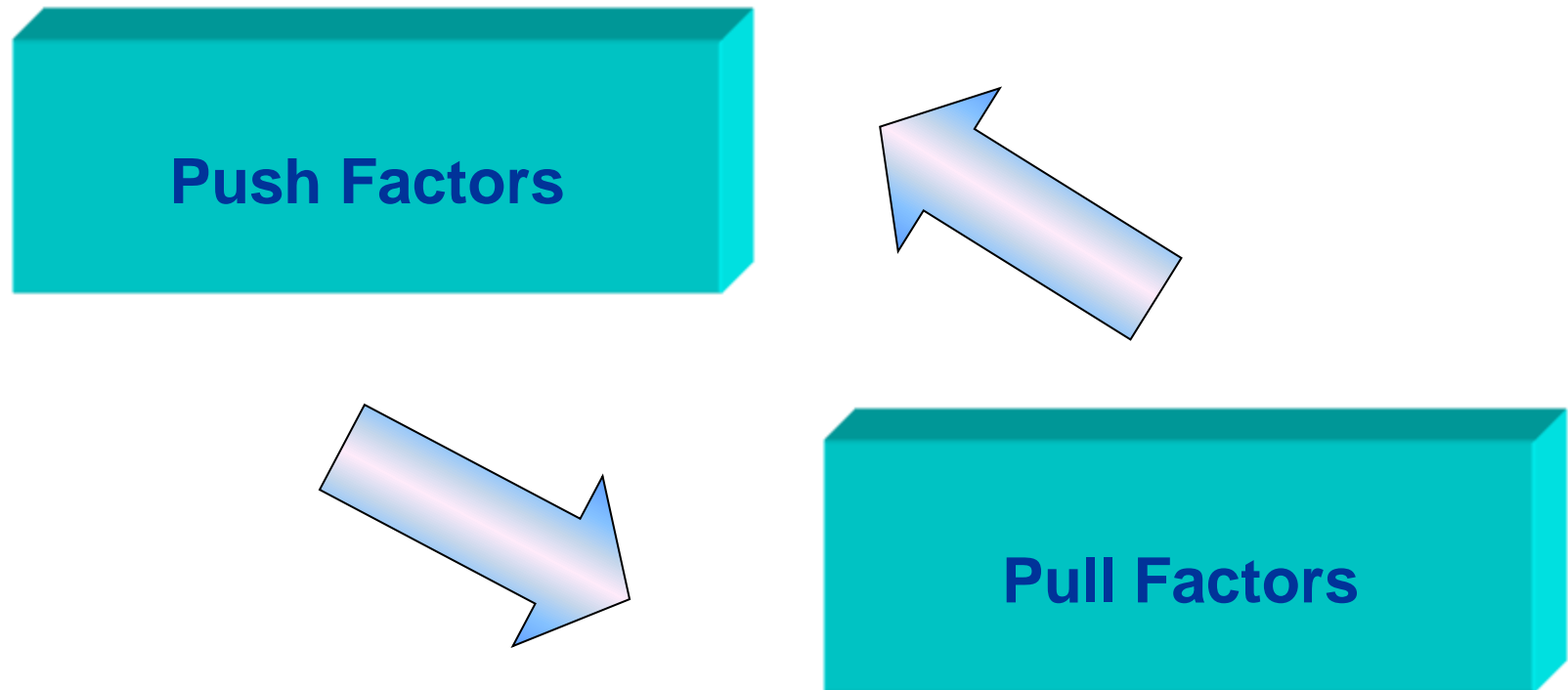
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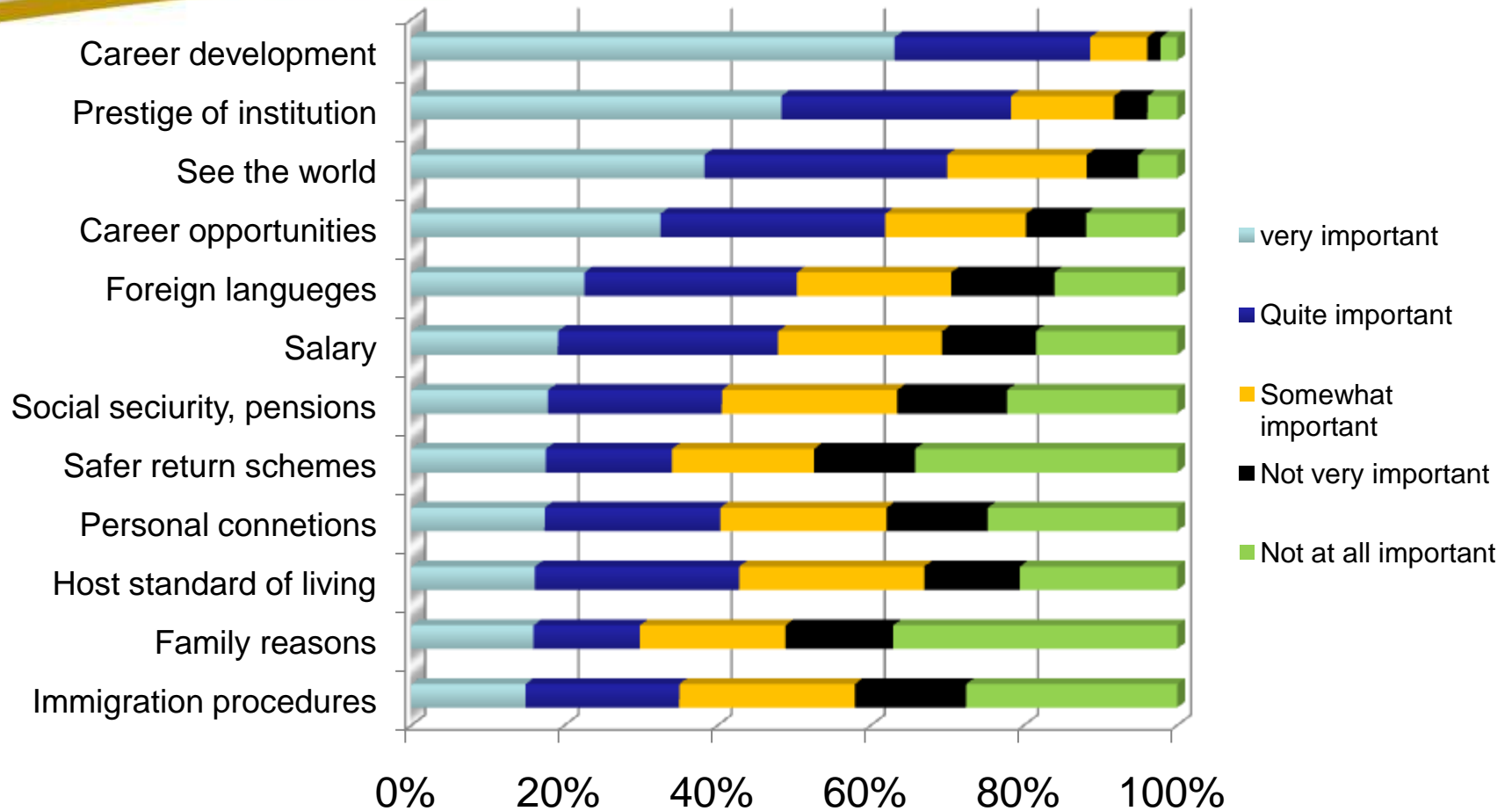
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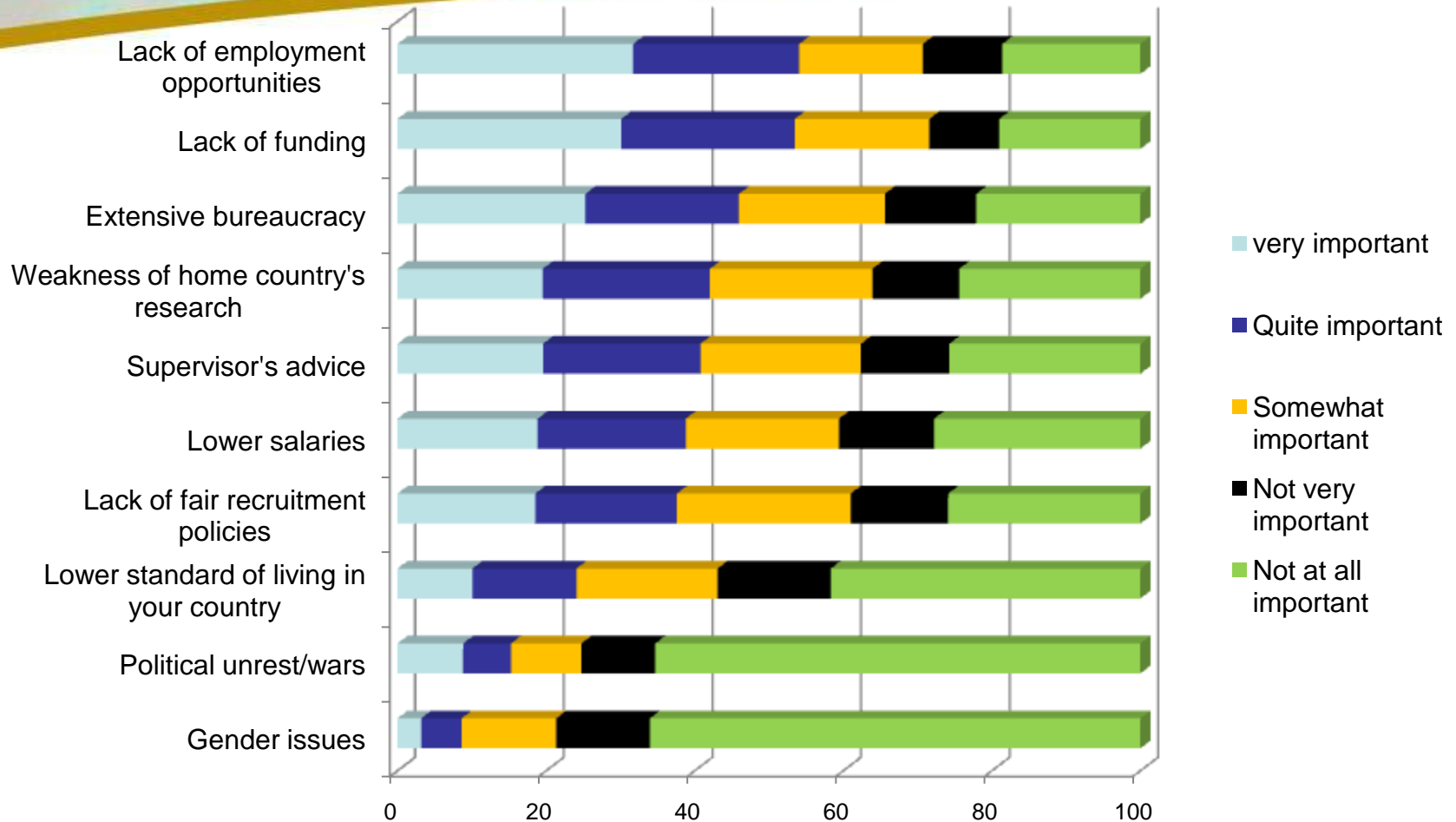
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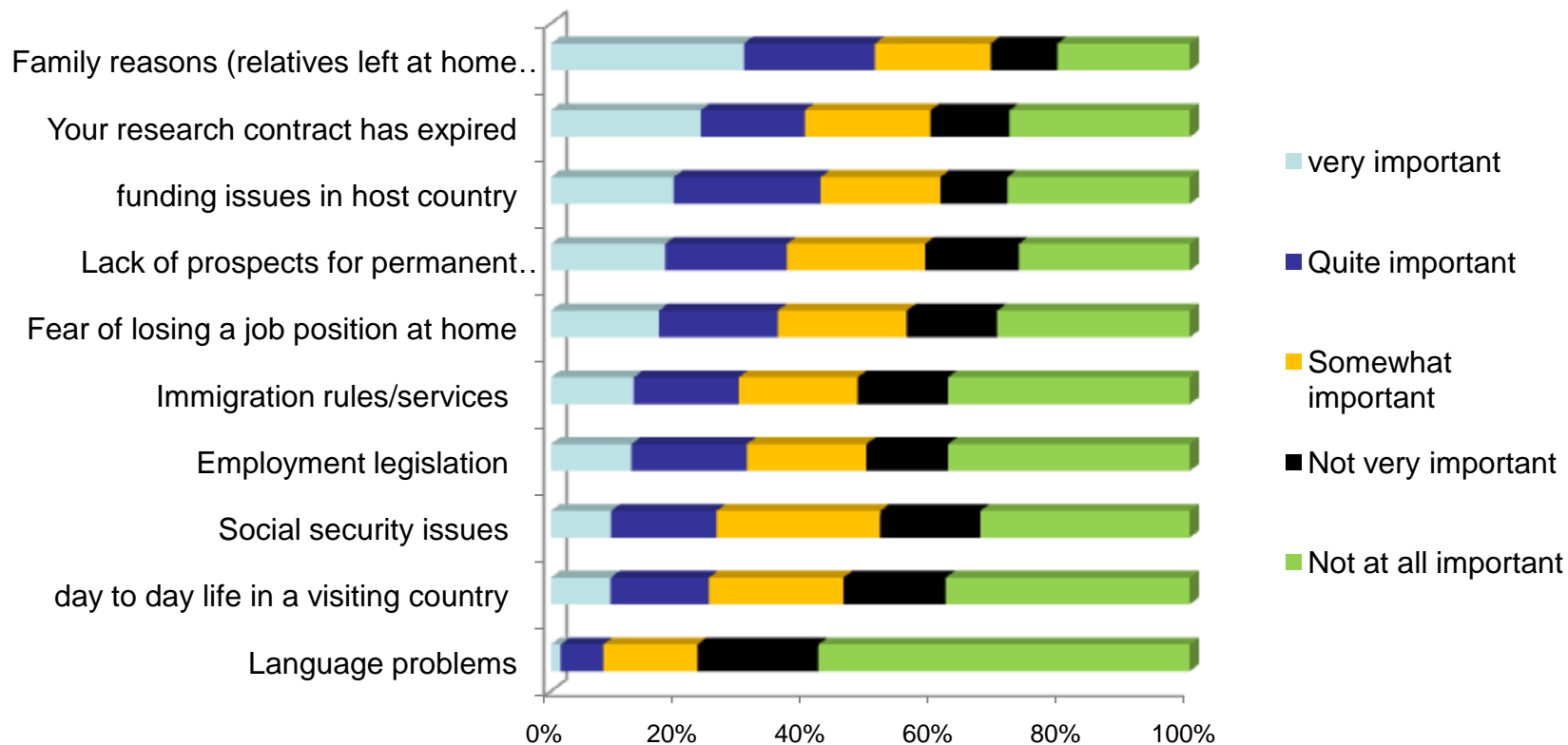
Pull Factors



Push Factors

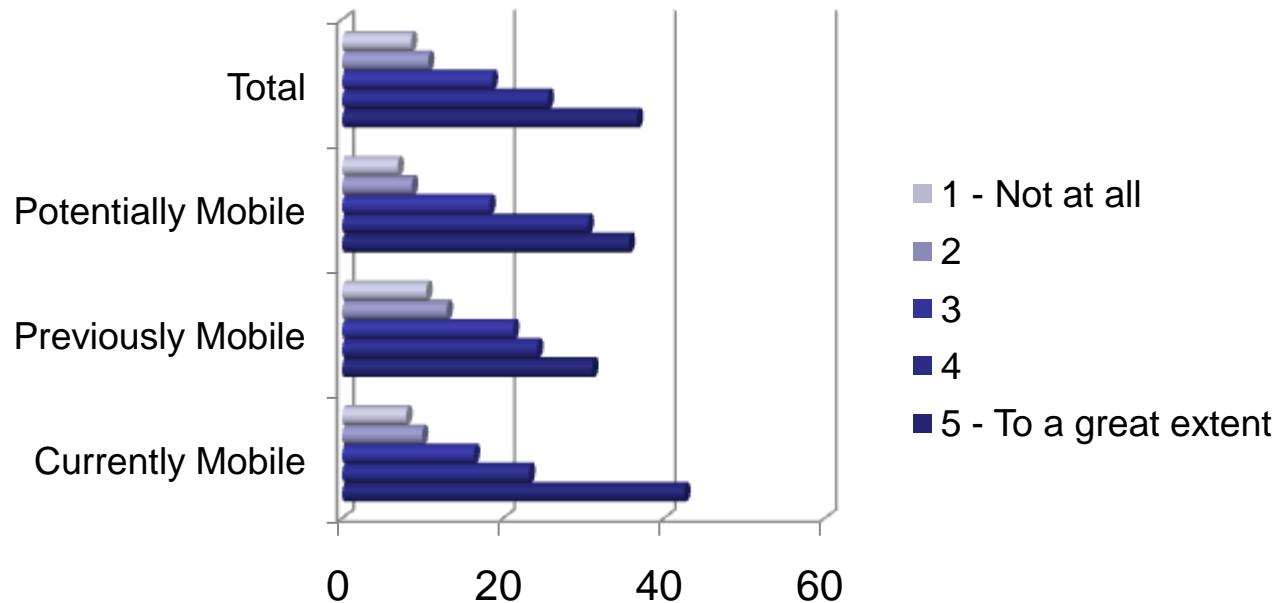


Reasons Against Mobility



Co-sharing positions

As a mobile researcher, to which extent would you be interested in spending partial time in your home country while working abroad most of the time?



Thank you

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