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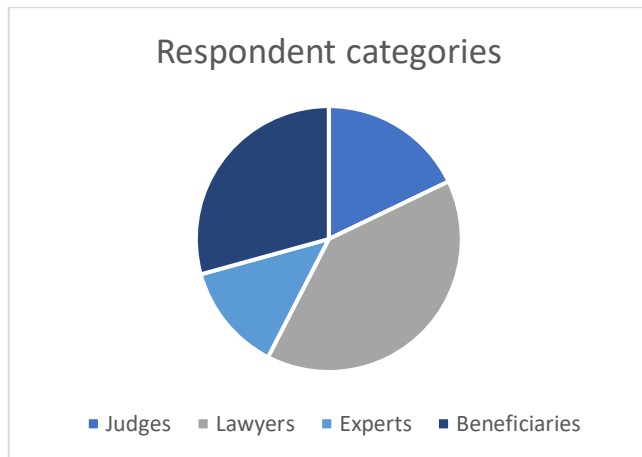
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Qualities of Sample

There were 403 responses to the Greek survey of which (18%, 72) were Judges, (40%, 160) Lawyers, (13%, 53) Experts and (29%, 118) Beneficiaries.

Respondent categories	%	#
Judges	18%	72
Lawyers	40%	160
Experts	13%	53
Beneficiaries	29%	118
Total	100%	403



Country locations

Of the 68%, 274, of respondents who indicated their location, (68%, 274) were based in Athens (59% 161), followed by Thessaloniki (20%, 54), the Macedonian region (3%, 8), Dodecanese islands (3%, 8) Thessaly (2%, 6), Crete (2%, 6), Patras (2%, 6), Chios (1%, 3), and (8%, 23) indicated the remaining areas.

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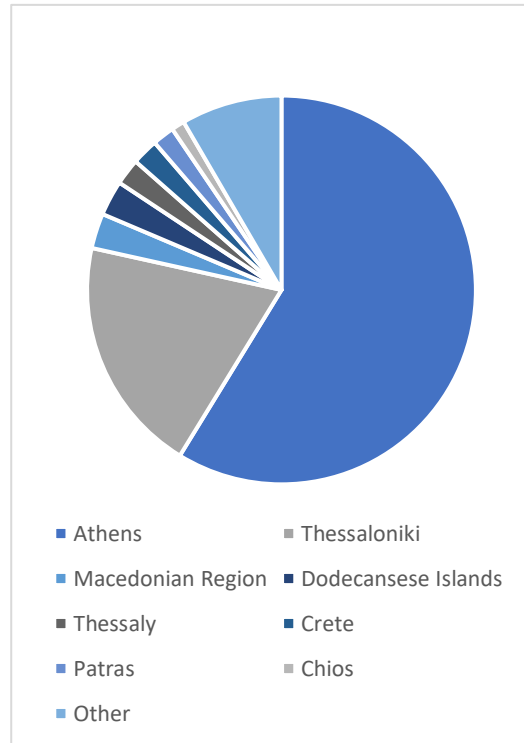
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Country location	%	#
Athens	59%	161
Thessaloniki	20%	54
Macedonian region	3%	8
Dodecanese Islands	3%	8
Thessaly	2%	6
Crete	2%	6
Patras	2%	5
Chios	1%	3
Other	8%	23
Total	100%	274



Judges

The most common degree of jurisdiction for Judges was 'Court of First Instance' (42%, 29), followed by 'Court of Appeal' (26%, 18), 'Supreme Court' (17%, 13) and 'County Court' (14%, 10).

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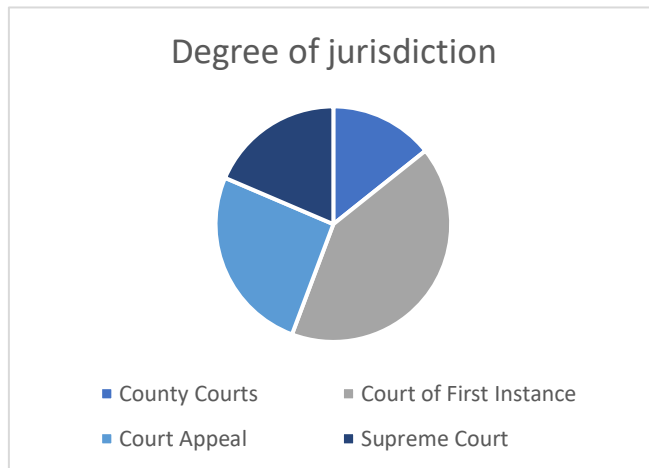
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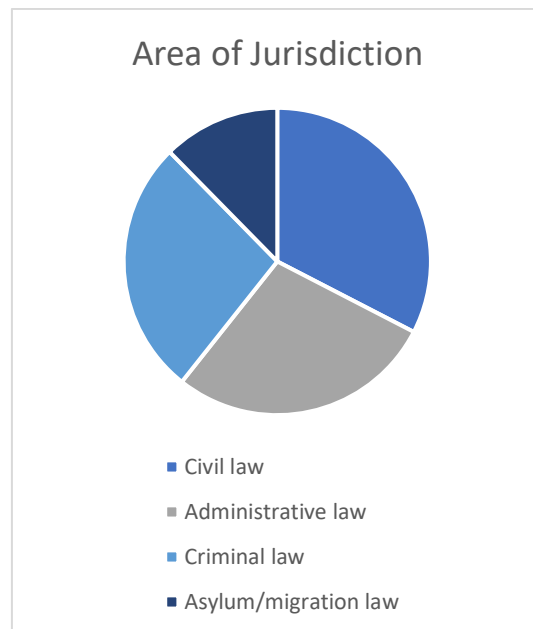
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Degree of jurisdiction	%	#
County Courts	14%	10
Courts of first instance	42%	29
Courts of appeal	26%	18
Supreme court	18%	13
Total	100%	70



The most common area of jurisdiction was ‘Civil law’ (33%,29) followed by ‘Administrative law’ (28%, 25), ‘Criminal law’ (27%, 24) and Asylum/migration law (12%, 11).

Area of jurisdiction	%	#
Civil law	33%	29
Administrative law	28%	25
Criminal law	27%	24
Asylum/migration law	12%	11
Total	100%	89



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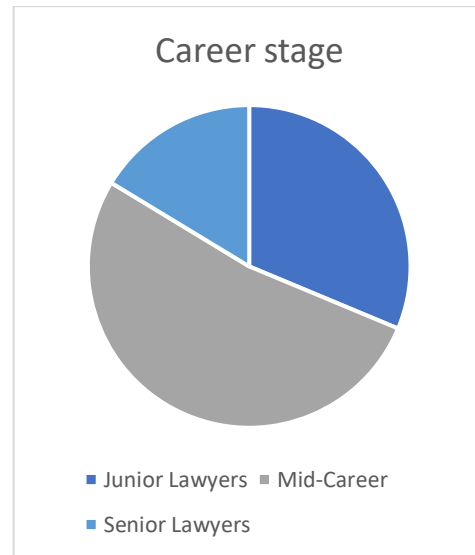
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Lawyers

Out of the 147 lawyers who responded, (52%, 77) indicated 'Mid-career', followed by 'Junior' (31%, 46) and 'Senior' (16%, 24).

Career Stage	%	#
Mid-career	52%	77
Senior	16%	24
Junior	32%	46
Total	100%	147



For the area of law practiced 'Contracts and obligations' (11%, 59) was the most common, followed by 'Family law' (10%, 54), 'Criminal law' (9%, 45) and 'Property law' (8%, 43), 'Inheritance law' (7%, 37), 'Administrative law' (7%, 35), 'Business and commercial law' and 'Immigration law' (7%, 34), with all the remaining areas accounting for 5% or less.

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Areas of law	%	#
Contracts and obligations	11%	59
Family law	10%	54
Criminal law	9%	45
Property law	8%	43
Inheritance law	7%	37
Administrative law	7%	35
Business and commercial law	7%	34
Immigration law	7%	34
Refugee and asylum law	5%	26
European law	5%	24
Labour law	5%	24
International human rights law	4%	21
Constitutional law	3%	18
Intellectual and patent law	3%	16
Financial law	2%	10
Other	2%	8
Private international law	1%	7
Environmental law	1%	5
Health law	1%	5
Medical and bio law	1%	5
Sports law	1%	5
Total	100%	515



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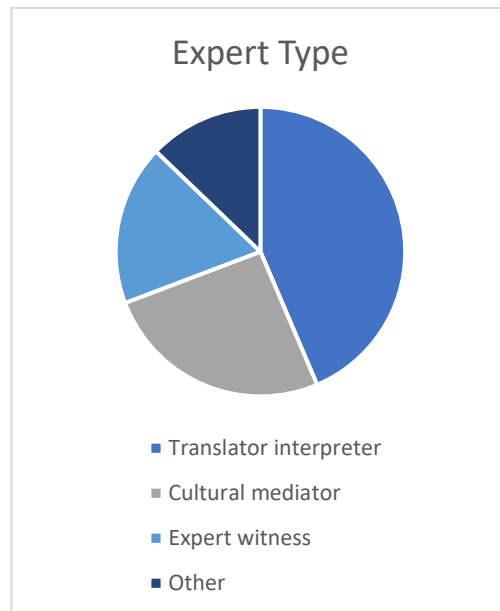
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Experts

The most common expert type was ‘Translator interpreter’ (42%, 17), followed by ‘Cultural mediator’ (27%, 10), Expert witness (18%, 7) and ‘Other’ (13%, 5).

Expert Type	%	#
Translator interpreter	42%	17
Cultural mediator	27%	10
Expert witness	18%	7
Other	13%	5
Total	100%	39



The most common response to the question regarding area of specialisation was ‘Middle East’ (26%, 12) followed by ‘North Africa’ (22%, 10), ‘Sub-Saharan Africa’ and ‘South Asia’ (11%, 5) each, ‘Minority/Indigenous populations’ (9%, 4), ‘South East Asia’, ‘East Asia’ and ‘Other’ (7%, 3) each and ‘South and Central America’ (2%, 1).

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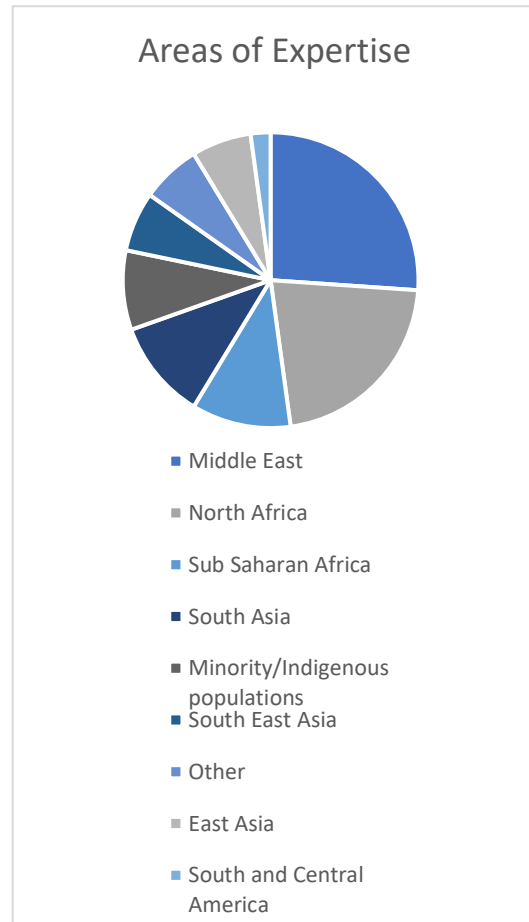
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Areas of Expertise	%	#
Middle East	26%	12
North Africa	22%	10
Sub Saharan Africa	11%	5
South Asia	11%	5
Minority/Indigenous populations	9%	4
South East Asia	7%	3
Other	7%	3
East Asia	7%	3
South and Central America	2%	1
Total	100%	47



Frequency

Frequency of involvement

To the question of how many experts did they instruct annually, most responding judges and lawyers (52%, 41) chose 'Less than 10' (59%, 107), followed by 'Never appointed experts' (21% 38), 'Between 10 and 20' (16%, 28), 'Between 30 and 50' (2% 4) and 'Between 20 and 30' (2%, 3).

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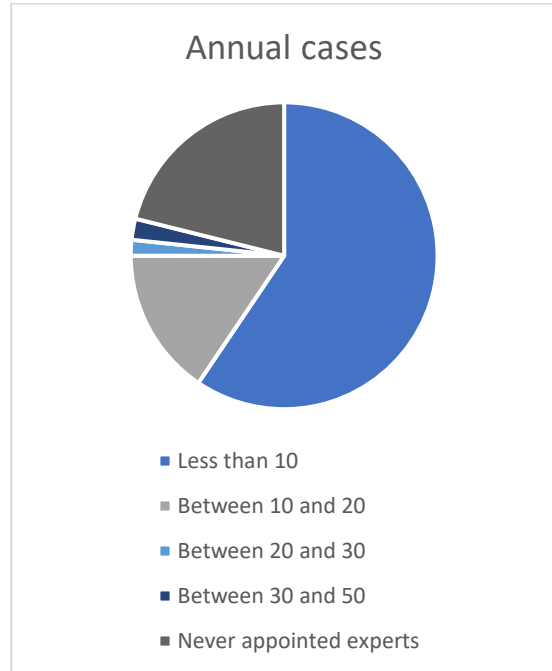
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Annual cases	%	#
Less than 10	59%	107
Between 10 and 20	16%	28
Between 20 and 30	2%	3
Between 30 and 50	2%	4
Never appointed experts	21%	38
Total	100%	180



(27%, 10) of experts provided 'Less than 5' written reports, (22%, 9) indicated a number of written reports 'Between 20 and 50', (22%, 8) indicated 'Between 5 and 10', (19%, 7) 'Between 10 and 20', (8%, 3) choose 'Other' and (3%, 1) indicated 'Between 50 and 100.'

(27%, 10) of experts provided a total of 'Less than 5 oral reports', (22%, 9) indicated 'Between 10 and 20', (16%, 6) 'Between 5 and 10' and 'Between 20 and 50', (14%, 5) 'Between 50 and 100' and (5%, 2) chose 'Other'.

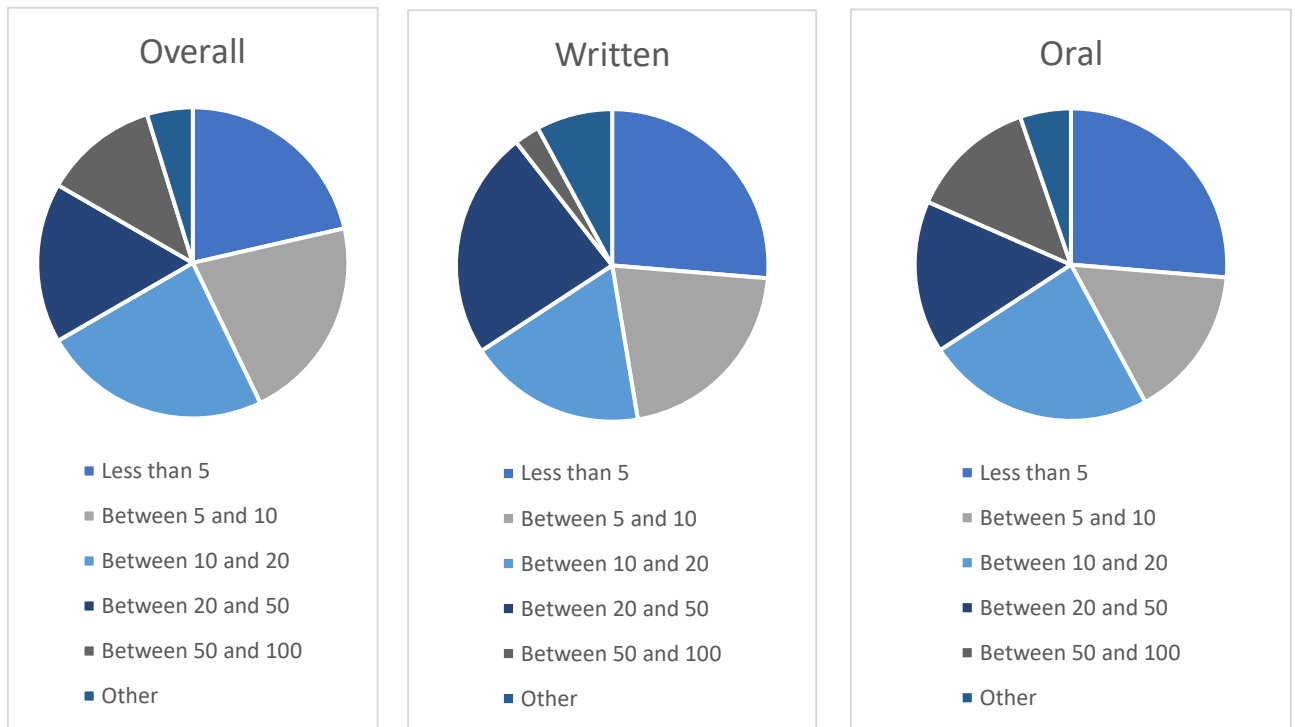
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Fields of law

The most common area of use of cultural expertise was 'Refugee and Asylum Law' (15%, 97), followed by 'Immigration Law' (14%, 92), 'Family Law' (10%, 61), 'International human rights law' (9%, 58), 'Administrative Law' (7%, 42), 'Criminal law' (6%, 40) and 'Inheritance law' (6%, 49), with all the remaining areas accounting for 4% or less.

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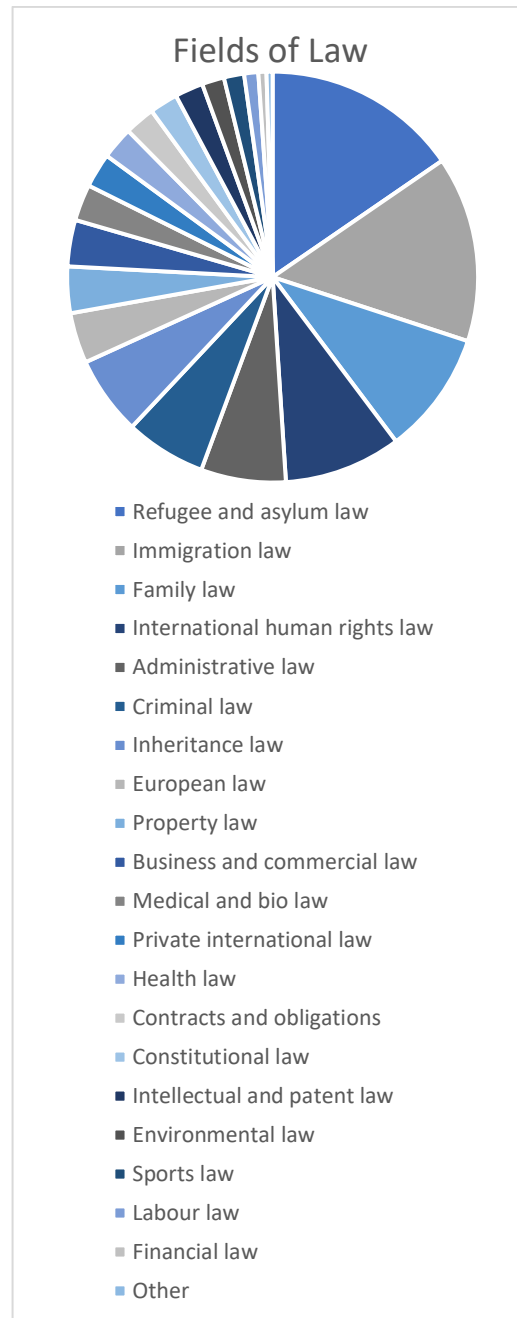
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Fields of Law	%	#
Refugee and asylum law	15%	97
Immigration law	14%	92
Family law	10%	61
International human rights law	9%	58
Administrative law	7%	42
Criminal law	6%	40
Inheritance law	6%	39
European law	4%	25
Property law	4%	23
Business and commercial law	4%	23
Medical and bio law	3%	18
Private international law	3%	17
Health law	3%	16
Contracts and obligations	2%	15
Constitutional law	2%	14
Intellectual and patent law	2%	14
Environmental law	2%	11
Sports law	2%	10
Labour law	1%	7
Financial law	1%	4
Other (please specify)	0%	3
Total	100%	629



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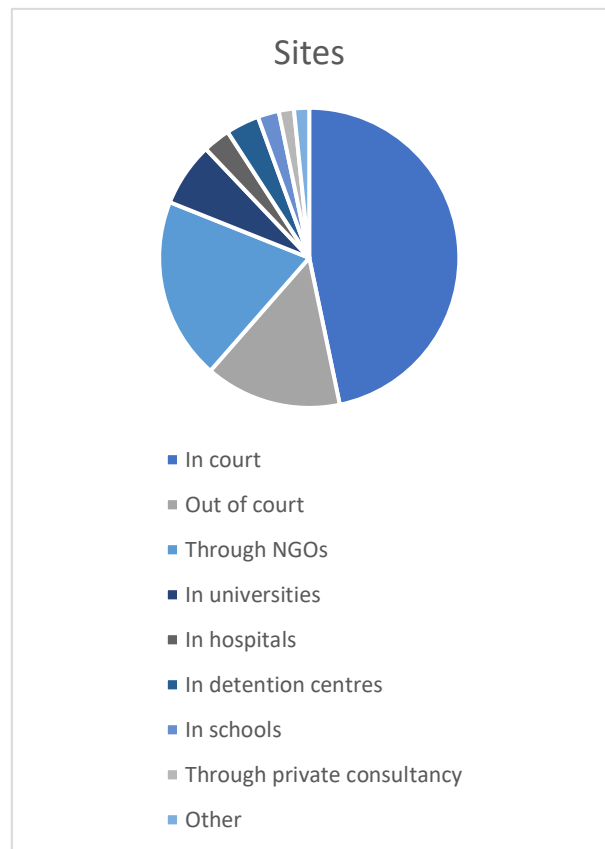
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Sites

The most common site of cultural expertise was ‘In court’ (47%, 143), followed by ‘Through NGOs’ (20%, 60) then ‘Out of Court’ (15%, 45), ‘In Universities’ (7%, 21) and ‘In detention Centres’ (4%, 11), with all remaining categories receiving 3% or less.

Sites	%	#
In court	47%	143
Out of court	15%	45
Through NGOs	20%	60
In universities	7%	21
In detention centres	4%	11
In hospitals	3%	9
In schools	2%	7
Through private consultancy	1%	5
Other	1%	5
Total	100%	303



Typology of Experts

The most common response to the question regarding the expert type was ‘Native language speakers’ (36%, 26), followed by ‘Native language speakers’ (29%, 73), ‘Country experts’ (27%, 69), ‘University professors’ (18%, 46), Native lawyers (13%, 32) and ‘Community leaders’ (5%, 14), with all remaining categories receiving 4%.

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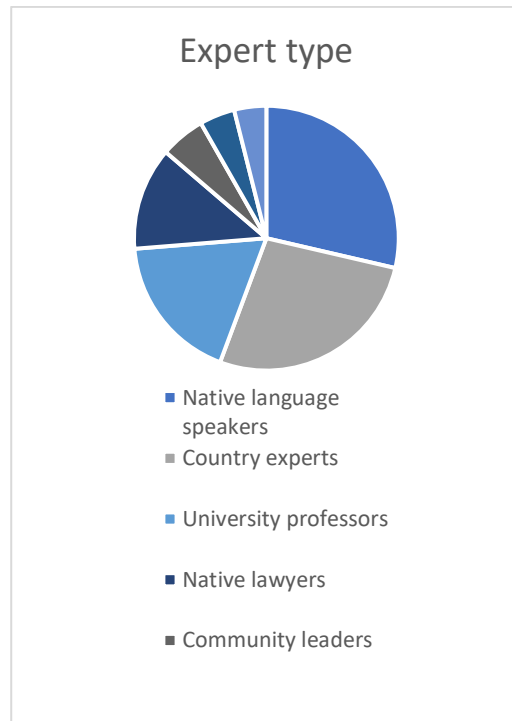
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Expert type	%	#
Native language speakers	29%	73
Country experts	27%	69
University professors	18%	46
Native lawyers	13%	32
Community leaders	5%	14
Other	4%	11
Religious leaders	4%	10
Totals	100%	255



Discipline

The (18%, 46) who selected 'University professors' were asked to specify the disciplines of those professors. The most common responses were 'Law' (37%, 28) followed by 'Sociology' (23%, 17), then 'Political Science' (21%, 16), 'History' (8%, 6), 'Linguistics' (4%, 3) and 'Other' (1%, 1).

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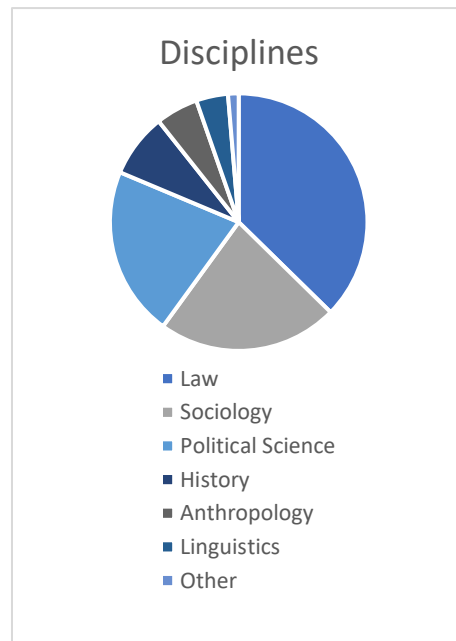
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Disciplines	%	#
Law	37%	28
Sociology	23%	17
Political Science	21%	16
History	8%	6
Anthropology	5%	4
Linguistics	4%	3
Other	1%	1
Total	100%	75



Modalities

Appointment of Experts

The most common factor influencing the decision to appoint was ‘The law allows’ (20%, 95), followed by ‘The court is keen to hear cultural arguments’ (16%, 76), ‘Cost’ (14%, 65), ‘Client request’ (13%, 60), ‘Advised by the court’ (9%, 43), ‘Successful legal outcomes’ (8%, 38), ‘Time’ (7%, 36), and ‘The reputation of the expert’ (7%, 32), with all remaining categories accounting for 4% or less.

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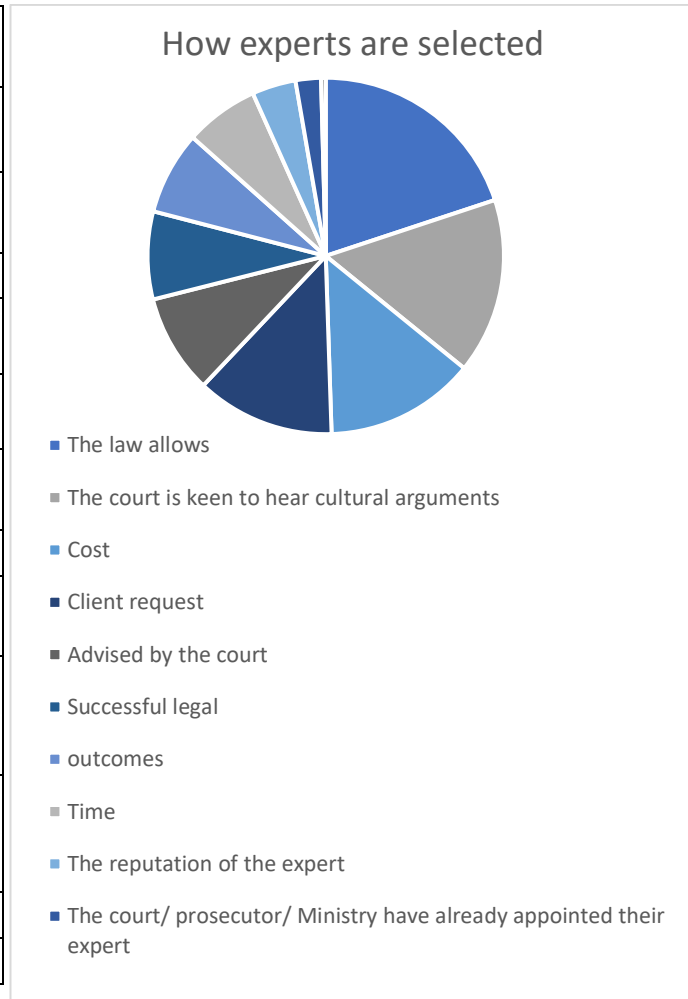
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How experts are selected	%	#
The law allows	20%	95
The court is keen to hear cultural arguments	16%	76
Cost	14%	65
Client request	13%	60
Advised by the court	9%	43
Successful legal outcomes	8%	38
Time	7%	36
The reputation of the expert	7%	32
The court/ prosecutor/ Ministry have already appointed their expert	4%	19
Useful for an out of court settlement	2%	11
Other	0%	2
Total	100%	477



Most experts started giving opinions after being ‘Contacted by a client’ (35%, 11), followed by ‘Contacted by a lawyer’ (23%, 8), ‘Contacted by a court’ (13%, 4), ‘Contacted by the ministry’ (13%, 4), ‘Referred by a colleague’ (10%, 3) and other (6%, 2).

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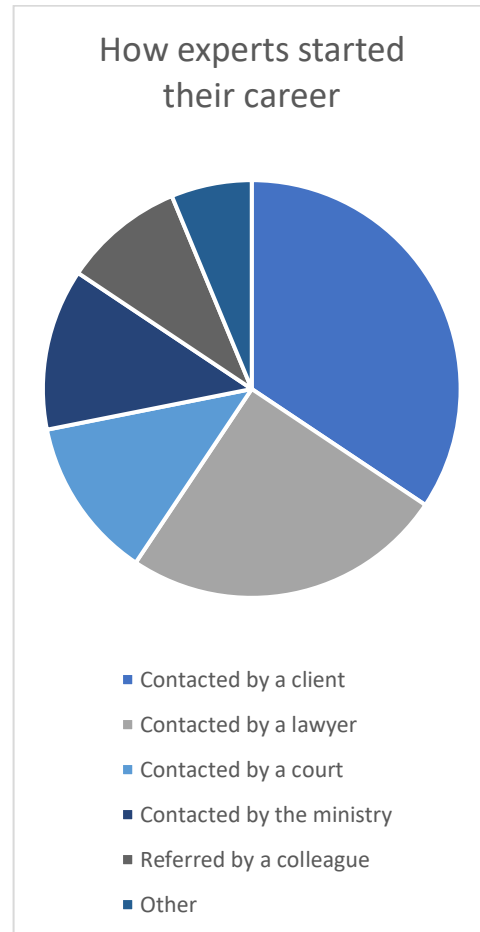
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How experts started their career	%	#
Contacted by a client	35%	11
Contacted by a lawyer	23%	8
Contacted by a court	13%	4
Contacted by the ministry	13%	4
Referred by a colleague	10%	3
Other	6%	2
Total	100%	31



Experts most frequently indicated ‘Work as an expert for NGOs’ (36%, 19), followed by ‘Instructed by lawyers as need arises’ (19%, 10), ‘Contacted directly by clients’ (15%, 8), ‘Instructed by courts’ (13%, 8), ‘Instructed by the Ministry of the Interior’ (13%, 7) and ‘Other’ (4%, 2).

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Who instructs the experts	%	#
Work as an expert for NGOs	36%	19
Instructed by lawyers as need arises	19%	10
Contacted directly by clients	15%	8
Instructed by courts	13%	8
Instructed by the Ministry of the Interior	13%	7
Other	4%	2
Total	100%	54



Cost of Cultural Expertise

Cultural expertise is most commonly financed by ‘Clients/ applicants/ defendants/ litigants’ (35%, 108), followed by ‘Legal aid’ (25%, 75), then ‘Courts’ (18%, 55), ‘Philanthropists/NGOs/relatives/community’ (18%, 53), the Ministry of the Interior (4%, 12) and other (1%, 2).

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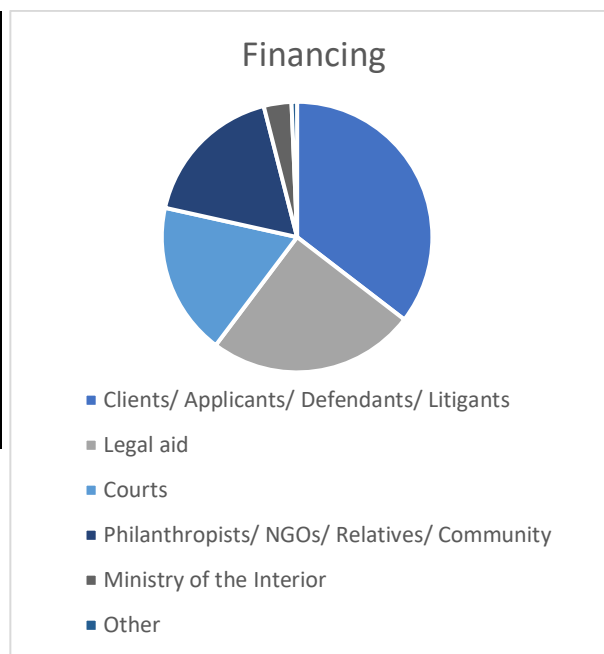
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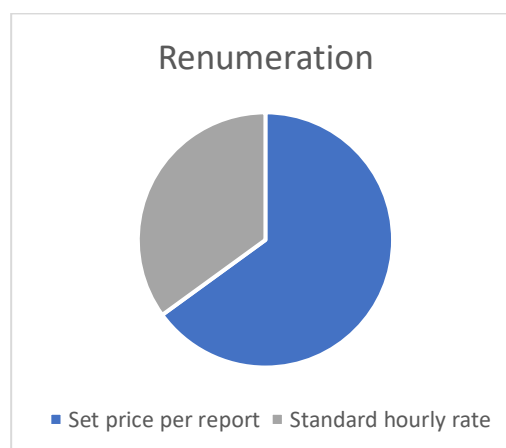
How are experts paid?	%	#
Clients/ applicants/ defendants/ litigants	35%	108
Legal aid	25%	75
Courts	18%	55
Philanthropists/ NGOs/ Relatives/ Community	18%	53
Ministry of the Interior	4%	12
Other	1%	2
Total	100%	305



Remuneration of cultural expertise

The majority of responses indicated that experts were paid at 'Set price per report' (65%, 13), followed by 'Standard hourly rate (35%, 7).

Remuneration of experts	%	#
Set price per report	65%	13
Standard hourly rate	35%	7
Total	100%	20



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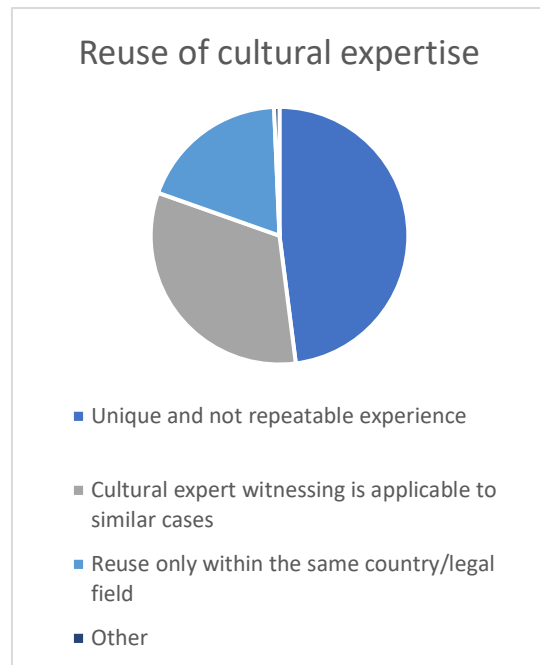
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Reuse of cultural expertise

The two most frequent responses to the question of the reuse of cultural expertise were ‘Unique and not repeatable experience’ (48%, 71), followed by ‘Cultural expert witnessing is applicable to similar cases’ (33%, 48), ‘Reuse only within the same country/legal field’ (19%, 28) and ‘Other’ (1%, 1).

Reuse of cultural expertise	%	#
Unique and not repeatable experience	48%	71
Cultural expert witnessing is applicable to similar cases	32%	48
Reuse only within the same country/legal field	19%	28
Other	1%	1
Total	100%	148



Impact

Components of Impact

The most common components of impact include ‘Reliable sources of contents’ (21%, 115), followed by ‘First-hand experience’ (17%, 91), ‘Use of statistics’ (16%, 88), ‘Stringent conclusions’ (11%, 63), ‘Reputation of experts’ (10%, 54), ‘Remuneration of experts’ (7%, 38), ‘Quantitative assessment of risk’ (6%, 32), ‘Advocacy’ (6%, 31) and ‘Style’ (6%, 31).

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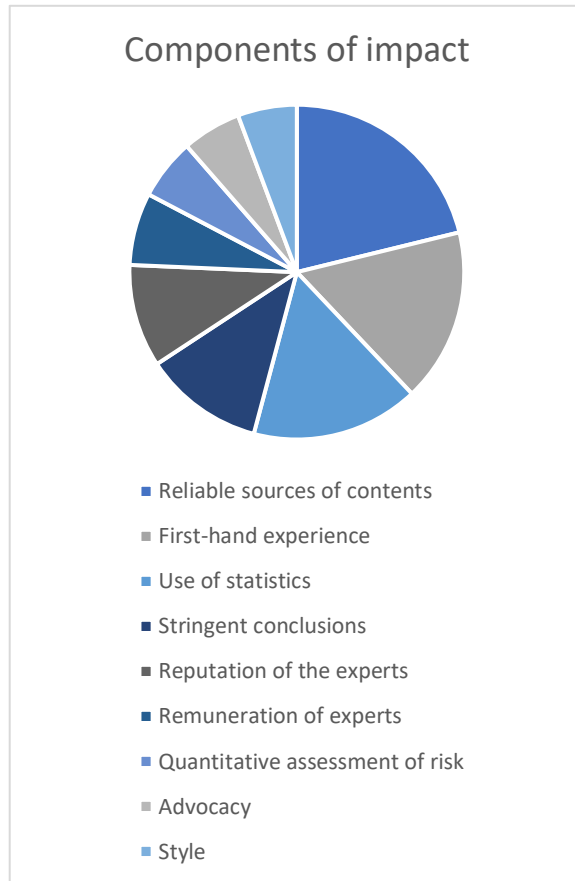
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Reputation of the experts	10%	54
Remuneration of experts	7%	38
Quantitative assessment of risk	6%	32
Advocacy	6%	31
Style	6%	31
Total	100%	543



Usefulness

The most common response to the question regarding the usefulness of cultural expertise was 'Very useful' (36%, 65), followed by 'Moderately useful' (25%, 45), then 'Extremely useful' (19%, 35), 'Slightly useful' (15%, 28) and 'Not at all useful' (4%, 8).

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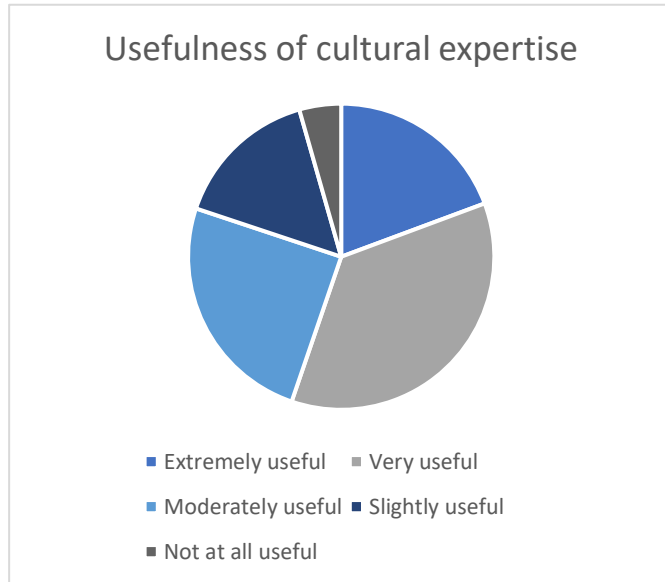
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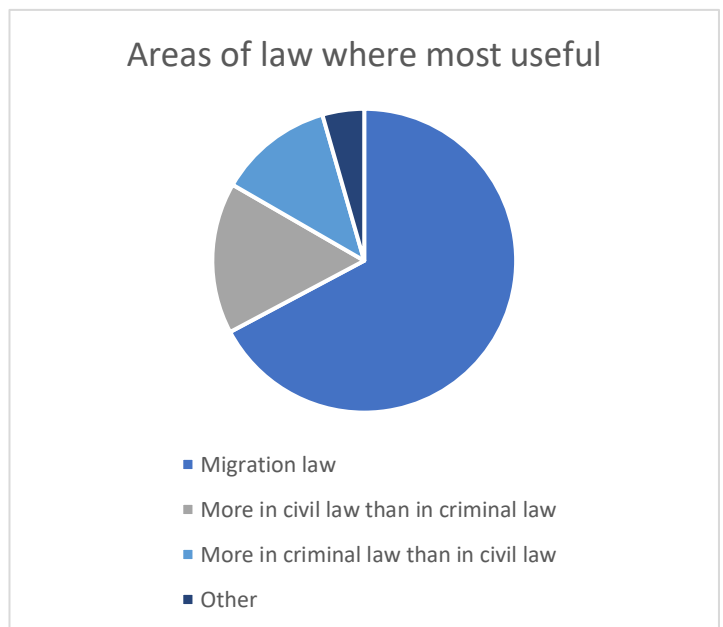
Usefulness of cultural expertise	%	#
Extremely useful	19%	35
Very useful	36%	65
Moderately useful	25%	45
Slightly useful	15%	28
Not at all useful	4%	8
Total	100%	181



Usefulness: fields

Cultural expertise is most useful in 'Migration law' (67%, 121), followed by 'More in civil law than in criminal law' (16%, 29), 'More in criminal law than in civil law' (13%, 21), and 'Other' (4%, 8).

Areas of law where cultural expertise is more useful	%	#
Migration law	67%	121
More in civil law than in criminal law	16%	29
More in criminal law than in civil law	13%	22
Other	4%	8
Total	100%	180



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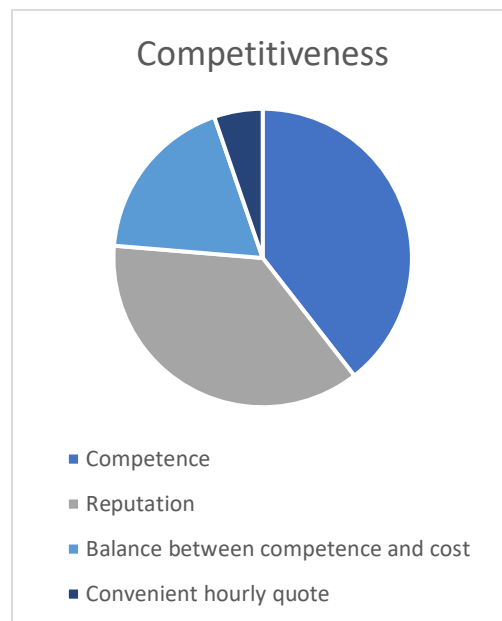
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Competitiveness

Experts thought that their expertise was competitive because of their 'Competence' (41%, 15), followed by 'Reputation' (35%, 14), 'Balance between competence and cost' (19%, 7) and 'Convenient hourly quote' (5%, 2).

Competitiveness	%	#
Competence	41%	15
Reputation	35%	14
Balance between competence and cost	19%	7
Convenient hourly quote	5%	2
Total	100%	38



Reputation of Experts

The majority of experts indicated that their 'Expert opinions have been successful' (59%, 16), followed by 'Regularly instructed/appointed as an expert for many years' (37%, 10) and 'Other' (4%,1).

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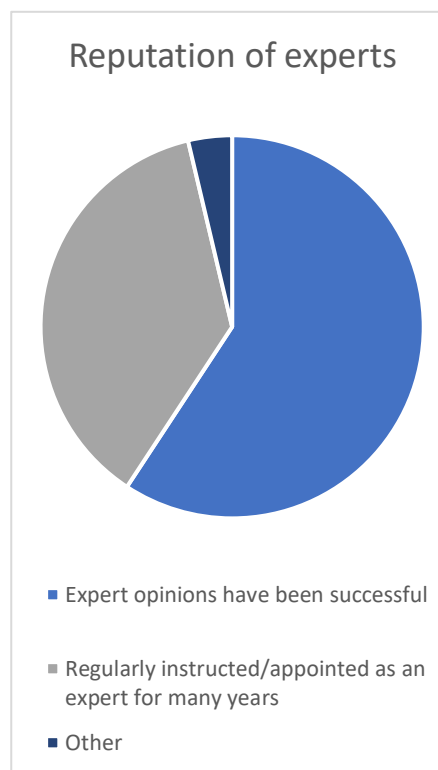
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Reputation of experts	%	#
Expert opinions have been successful	59%	16
Regularly instructed/appointed as an expert for many years	37%	10
Other	4%	1
Total	100%	27



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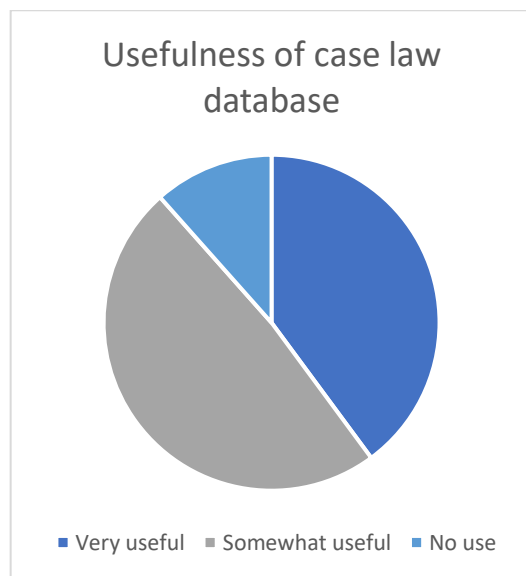
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Improved Access

Database

Regarding the question of the usefulness of a case law database, the most common response was that it would be ‘Somewhat useful’ (49%, 84), followed by ‘Very useful’ (40%, 69) and of ‘No use’ (12%, 20).

Usefulness of case law database	%	#
Very useful	40%	69
Somewhat useful	49%	84
No use	12%	20
Total	100%	173



Contribution to law database

Most respondents did wish to contribute to the establishment of a case law database (54%, 72), while (46%, 62) did not.

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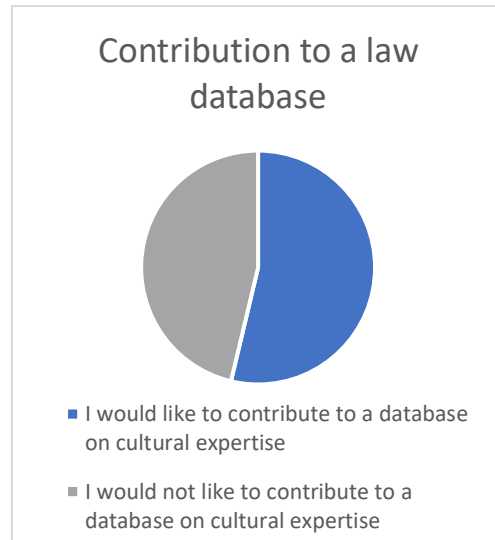
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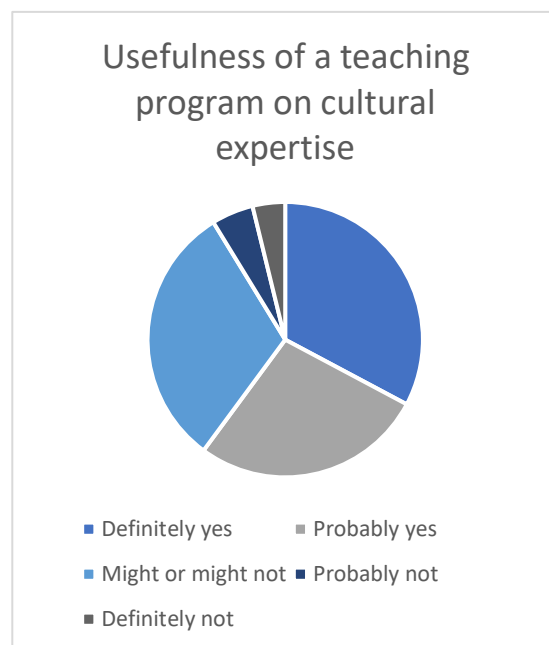
Contribution to a law database	%	#
I would like to contribute to a database on cultural expertise	54%	72
I would not like to contribute to a database on cultural expertise	46%	62
Total	100%	134



Capacity Building

The most common response to the question regarding the usefulness of a program teaching cultural expertise was 'Definitely yes' (33%, 60), followed by 'Might or might not' (31%, 57), 'Probably yes' (27%, 50), 'Probably not' (5%, 9) and 'Definitely not' (4%, 7).

Usefulness of a teaching program on cultural expertise	%	#
Definitely yes	33%	60
Probably yes	27%	50
Might or might not	31%	57
Probably not	5%	9
Definitely not	4%	7
Total	100%	183



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Organisations interested in a teaching program

With regards to the question on interest in the teaching program, the most common response was 'Interested in teaching themselves' (70%, 33), followed by 'Know professional organisations interested in teaching' (11%, 5), and other (19%, 9).

Organisations interested in a teaching program	%	#
Know professional organisations interested in teaching	11%	5
Interested in teaching themselves	70%	33
Other	19%	9
Total	100%	47

