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# **Public Opinion Survey**

# on Lifelong Learning

**Conducted on behalf of** 

the Greek Ministry of Education, Lifelong Learning & Religious Affairs

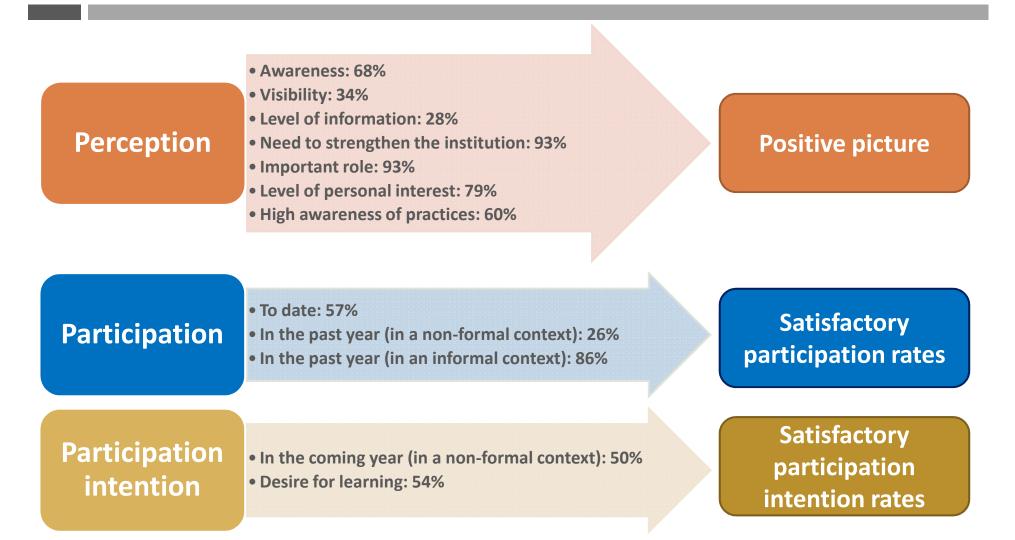
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### **SURVEY PROFILE**

COMPANY:	PUBLIC ISSUE
COMMISSIONED BY:	Ministry of Education, Lifelong Learning & Religious Affairs
TYPE & METHOD:	Quantitative survey, conducted by telephone interviews based on a structured questionnaire
POPULATION:	General population, aged 18 and over
AREA:	Nationwide
SAMPLE:	The planned sample size was 3,004 individuals and the actual size 3,050
PERIOD:	23/12/2010-18/01/2011
SAMPLING METHOD:	Multi-stage, stratified
STANDARD ERROR:	+/- 1.8% at a confidence interval of 95%
SURVEY PERSONNEL:	46 interviewers and 2 supervisors

# Lifelong Learning



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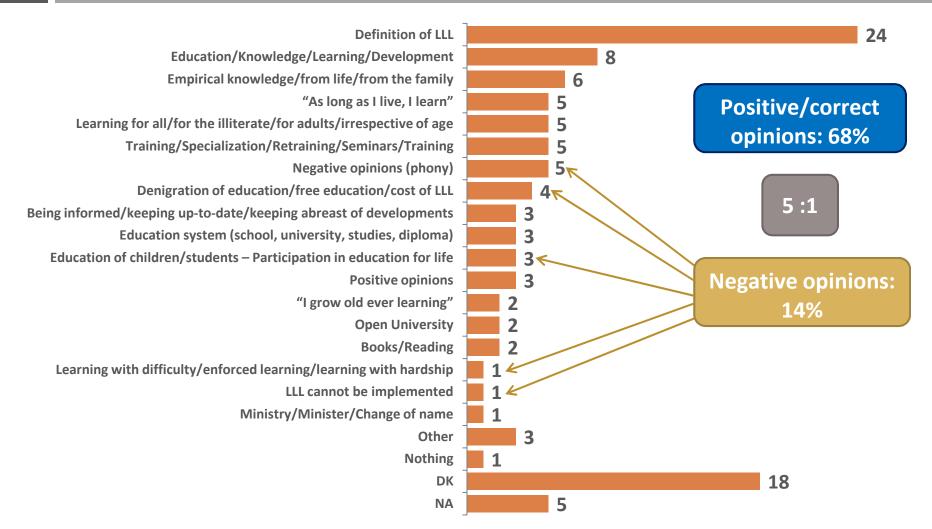
# Chapter 1: Views about lifelong learning

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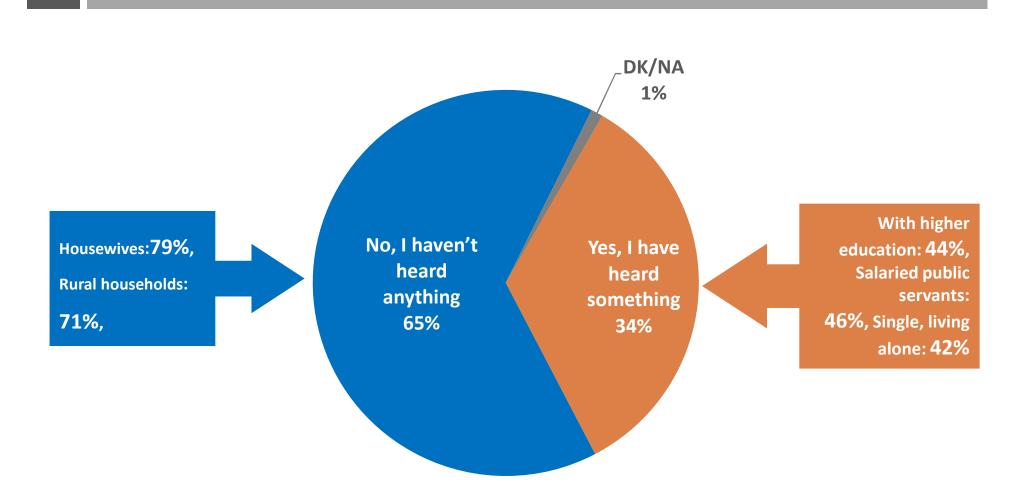
# SUBJECTIVE OPINIONS ABOUT LIFELONG LEARNING

In recent years, an increasing number of people have been referring to lifelong learning. When you personally hear the phrase 'lifelong learning', what is the first thing that springs to mind? **Spontaneous, multiple responses** 



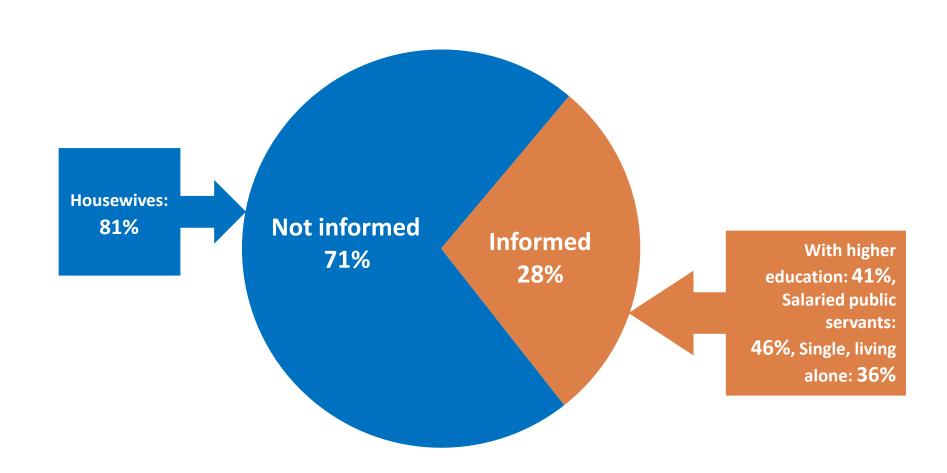
### **VISIBILITY OF LIFELONG LEARNING**

By the term 'lifelong learning' we mean all the learning activities in which one participates during one's entire life, with the aim of enhancing one's knowledge, skills and abilities at a personal, social or professional level. Bearing in mind this clarification, have you recently seen or heard anything on the television, the radio, in newspapers, or on the Internet relating to what we call 'lifelong learning'?



## LEVEL OF INFORMATION ABOUT LIFELONG LEARNING

In general, how informed do you feel about matters relating to lifelong learning?

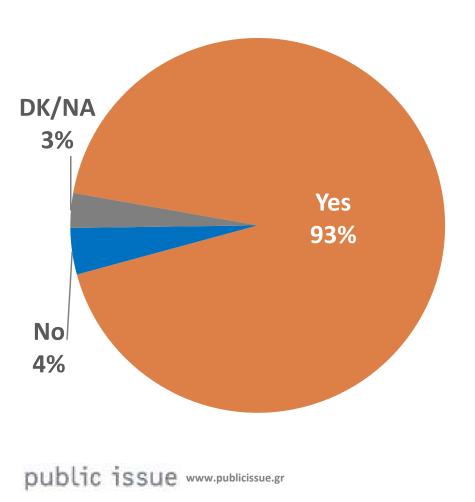


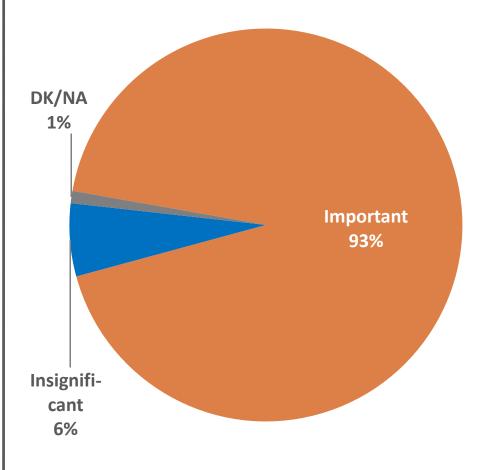
#### OPINION ABOUT THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN LIFELONG LEARNING

In your opinion, does lifelong learning need strengthening in Greece or not?

#### IMPORTANCE OF LIFELONG LEARNING

Based on what you know or have heard, what role can lifelong learning play in a person's life?

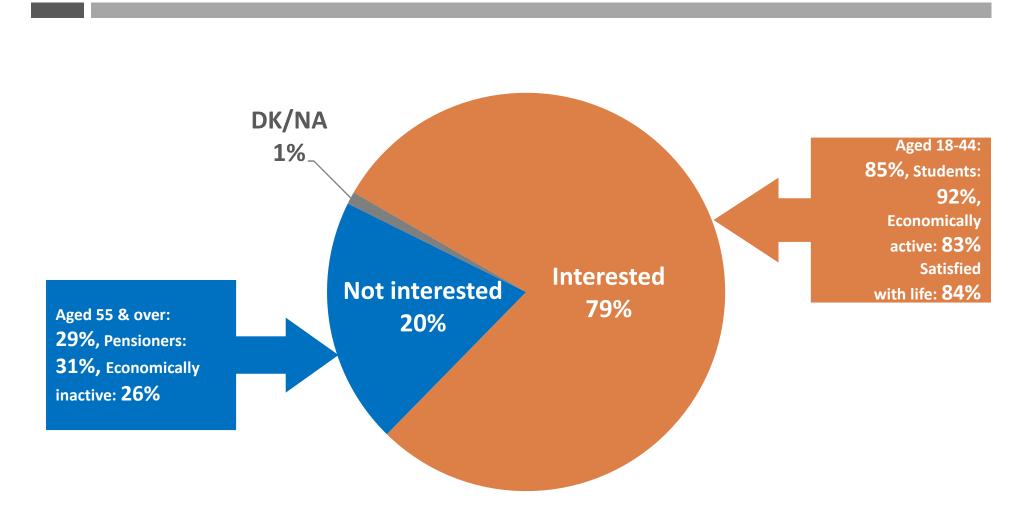




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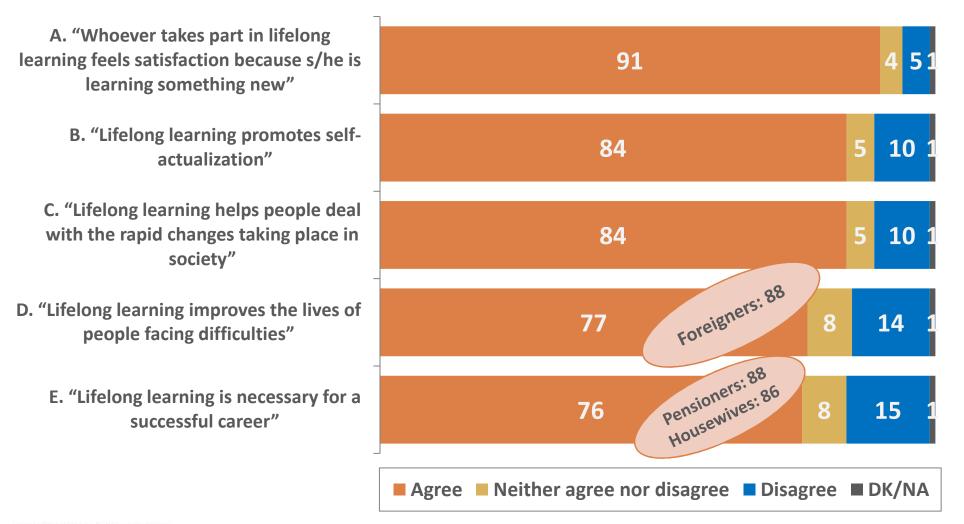
## **INTEREST IN LIFELONG LEARNING**

Would you personally say that lifelong learning interests you very much, quite a lot, a little, hardly at all?



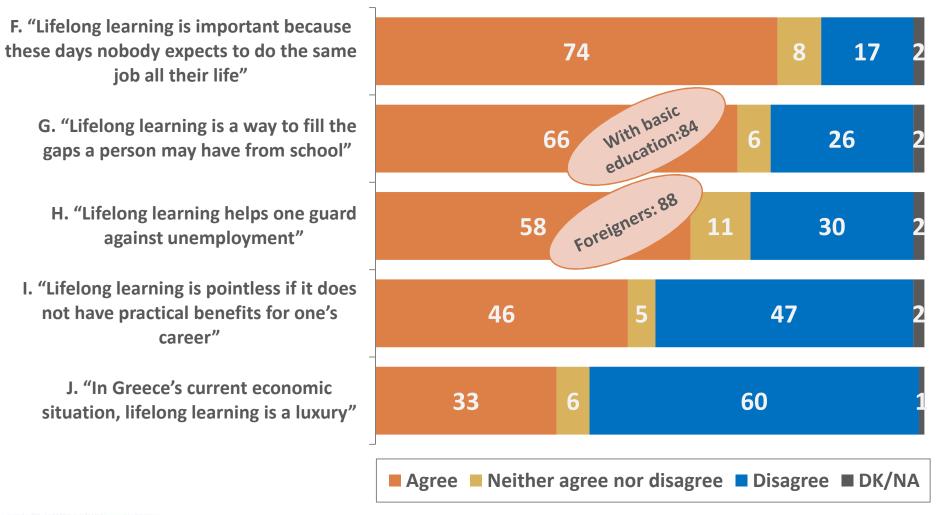
# VIEWS ABOUT LIFELONG LEARNING – 1

Do you agree, neither agree nor disagree, or disagree with each of the following views that have been heard about lifelong learning?



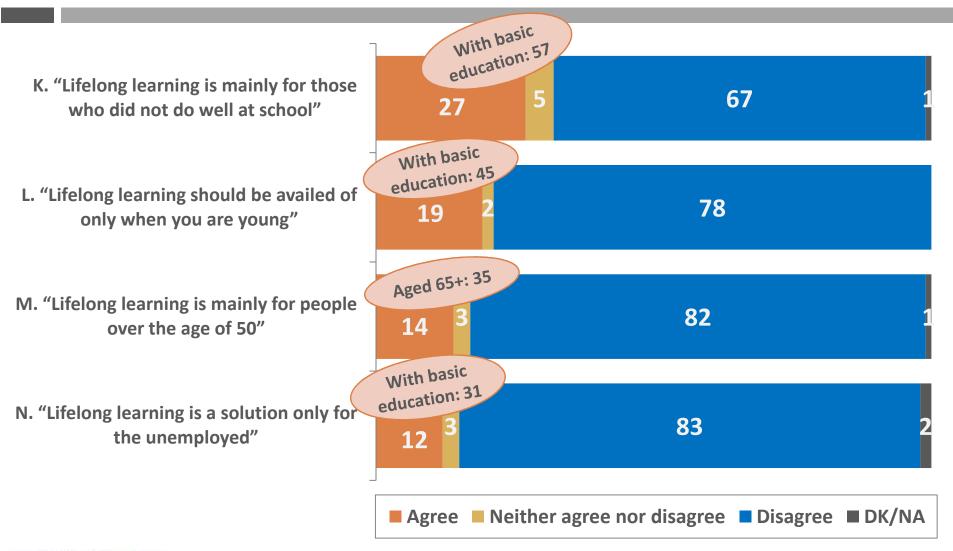
# VIEWS ABOUT LIFELONG LEARNING – 2

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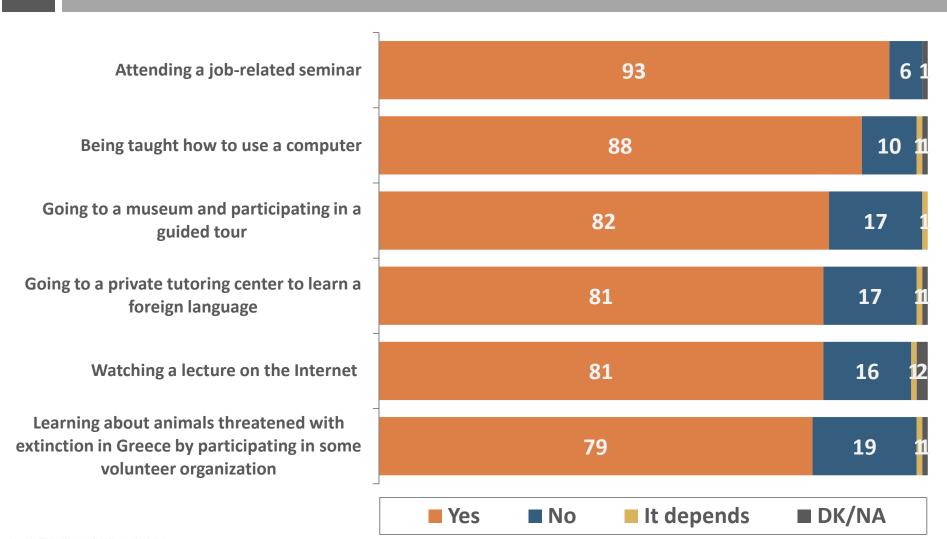
# VIEWS ABOUT LIFELONG LEARNING - 3

Do you agree, neither agree nor disagree, or disagree with each of the following views that have been heard about lifelong learning?



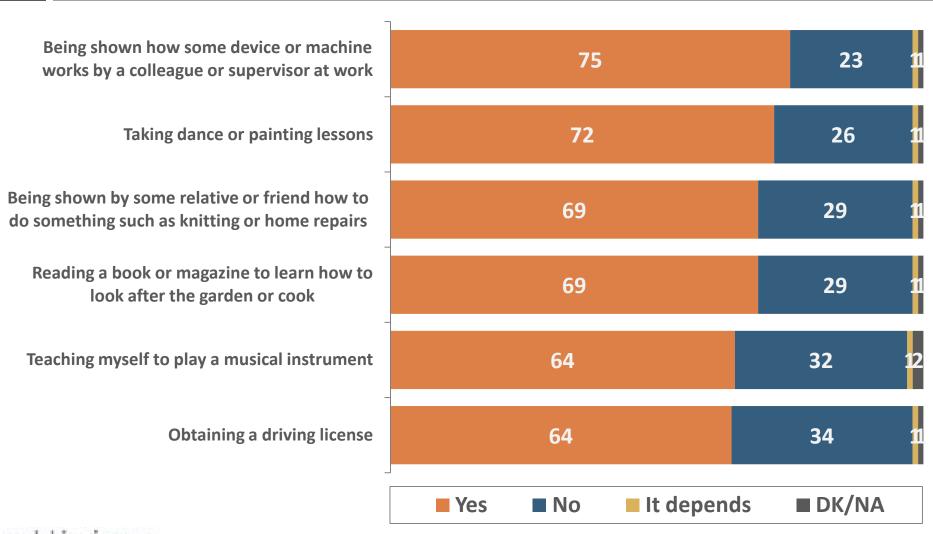
### **AWARENESS OF LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMS & PRACTICES - 1**

For each of the following examples and activities, which all of us can do, I would like you to tell me whether you believe it is an LLL activity:



### **AWARENESS OF LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMS & PRACTICES - 2**

For each of the following examples and activities, which all of us can do, I would like you to tell me whether you believe it is an LLL activity:

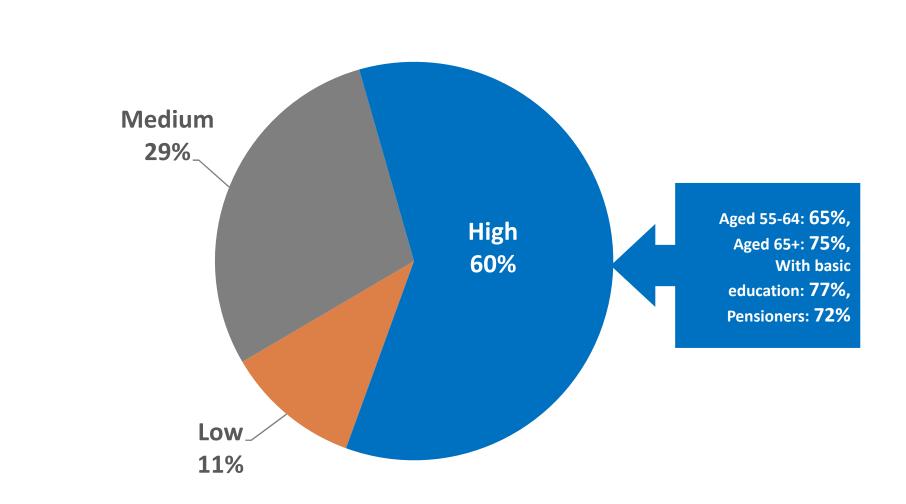


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### AWARENESS INDEX OF LIFELONG LEARNING PRACTICES

Each respondent was asked to say whether or not 6 of the above practices constitute lifelong learning. An Awareness Index of LLL Practices was then constructed on the basis of the aggregate responses, in which those respondents who correctly identified all or most of the practices (5-6 of the 6) were deemed to have a high level of awareness.

On average, respondents correctly identified 4.6 of the 6 practices



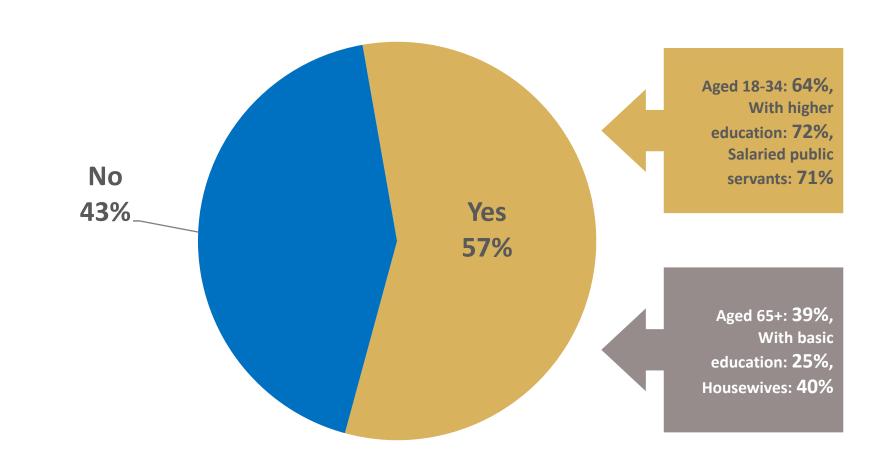
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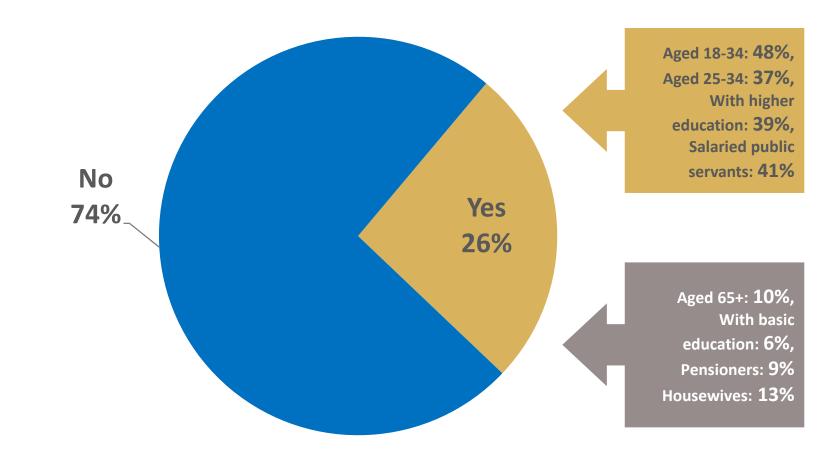
# PARTICIPATION IN NON-FORMAL OR INFORMAL LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMS, TO DATE

Have you personally ever participated in a lifelong learning program, that is, in some learning process other than the regular education system (school, technical college, university)? When we say 'learning process', we mean anything that involves some form of teaching, whether of short or long duration, (for example courses, seminars, conferences), or self-teaching.



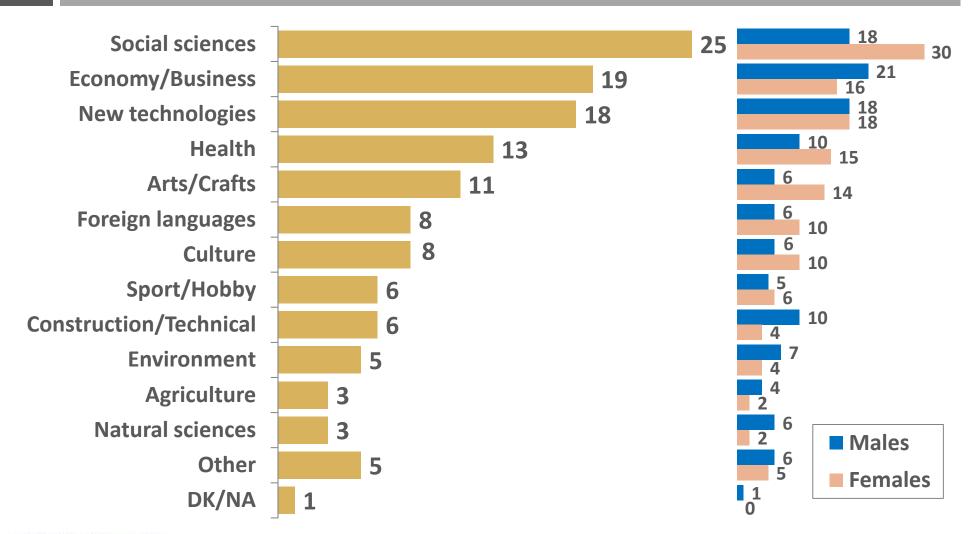
### PARTICIPATION IN NON-FORMAL LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAM IN THE PAST YEAR

In the past year, that is, during the last 12 months, have you personally attended any courses, seminars, conferences or private lessons outside the regular education system?



#### CATEGORY OF LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAM ATTENDED IN THE PAST YEAR

What was the subject of the lifelong learning program that you attended? Respondents who have attended some course outside the regular education system in the past year Spontaneous, multiple responses



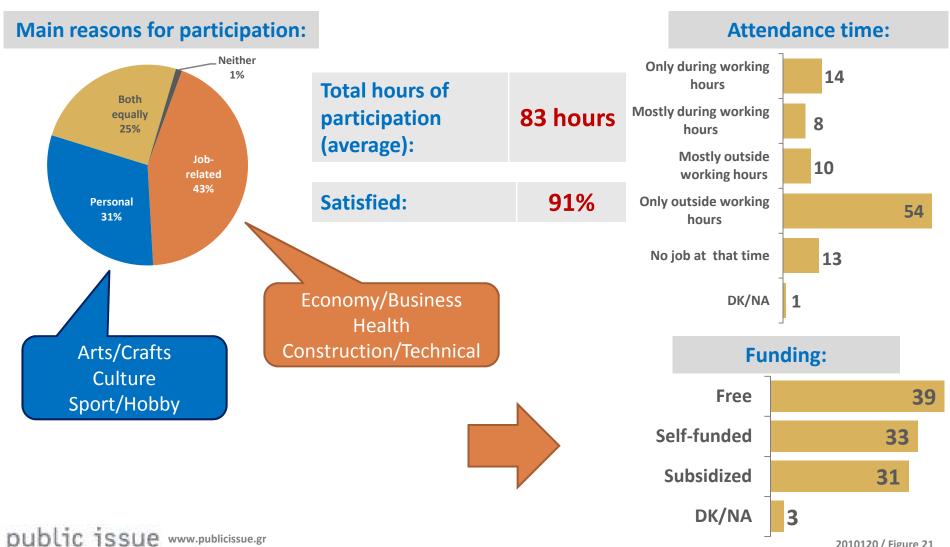
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	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Social sciences	33	21	22	27	24	24
Economy/Business	19	17	21	21	16	7
Health	12	14	13	8	20	16
New technologies	12	25	19	20	12	9
Arts/Crafts	7	9	10	8	18	20
Foreign languages	8	14	8	8	7	2
Culture	12	4	6	6	12	27

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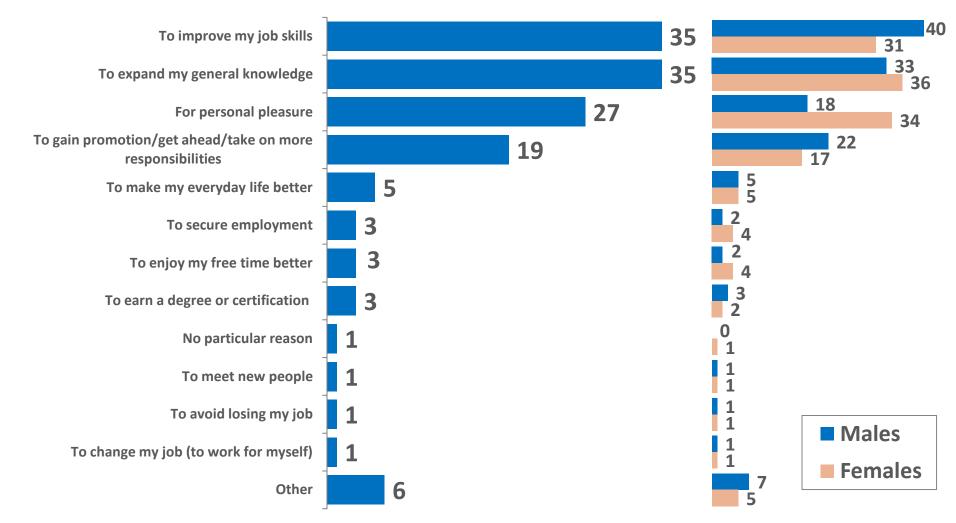
Respondents who have attended some course outside the regular education system in the past year



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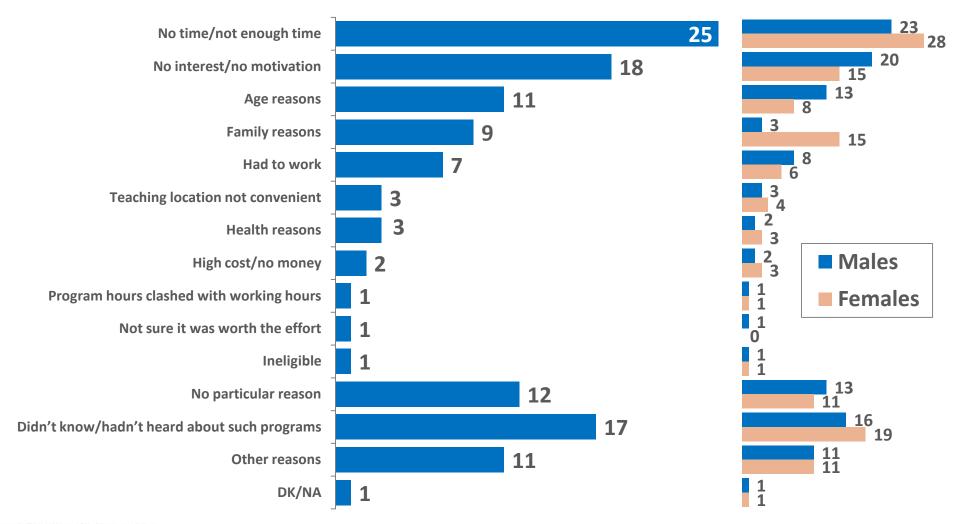
#### REASONS FOR PARTICIPATING IN A LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAM IN THE PAST YEAR – (OPEN-ENDED QUESTION)

What are your reasons for participating in a lifelong learning program? Respondents who have attended some course outside the regular education system in the past year Spontaneous, multiple responses



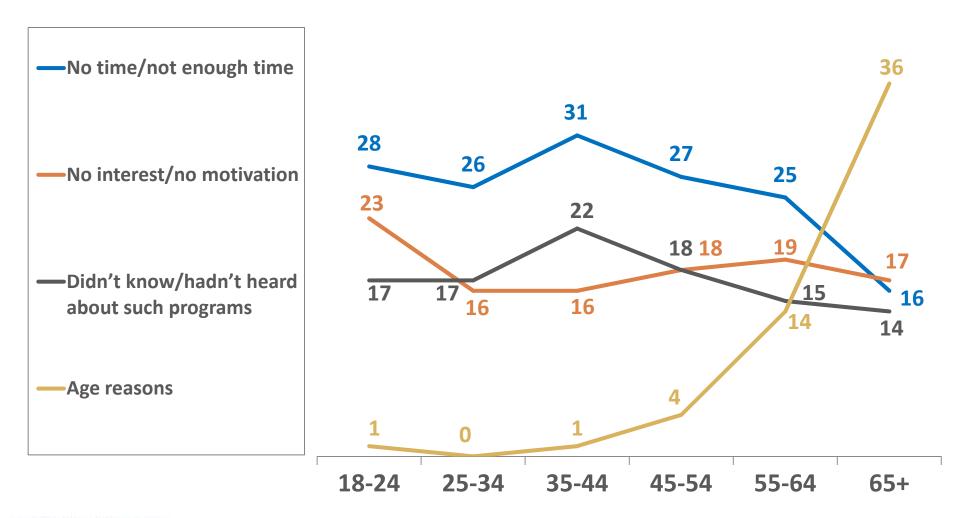
### **REASONS FOR NOT PARTICIPATING IN A LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAM**

What are your reasons for not participating in a lifelong learning program? Respondents who have not attended some course outside the regular education system in the past year Spontaneous, multiple responses



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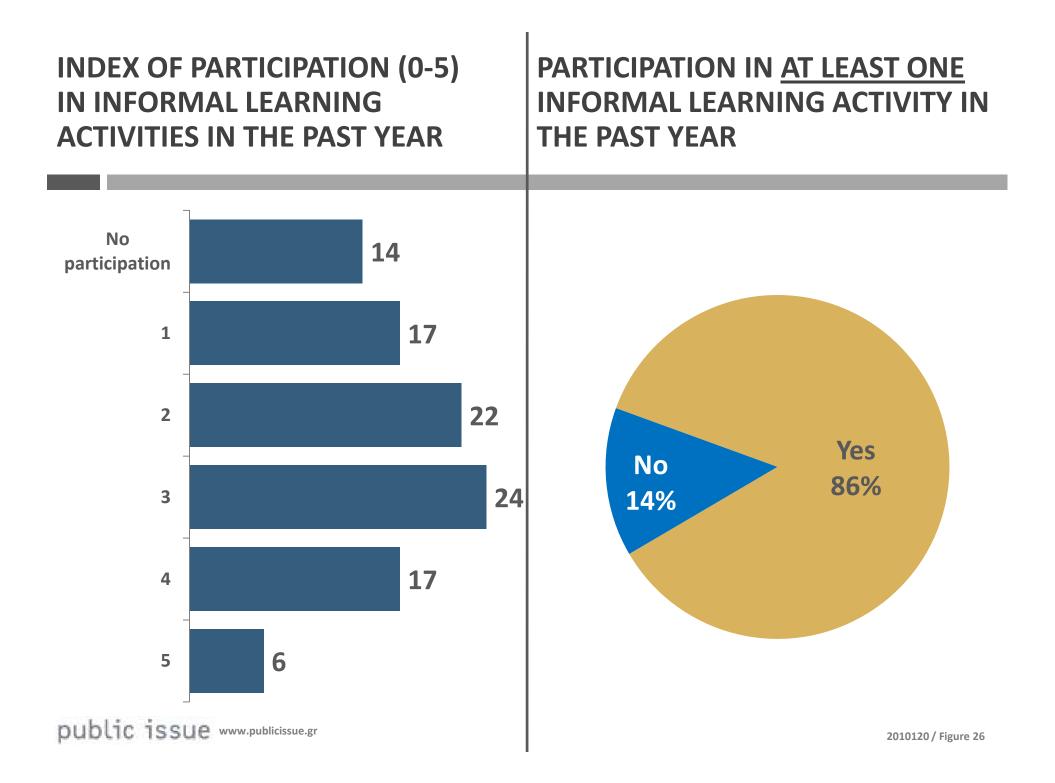
What are your reasons for not participating in a lifelong learning program? Respondents who have not attended some course outside the regular education system in the past year Spontaneous, multiple responses, by age group



# PARTICIPATION IN INFORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Regarding each of the following ways in which an adult can learn something without a teacher, have you personally done something similar in the past year, that is, in the past 12 months?

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Reading specialized books or magazines in order to enhance your knowledge or skills	59	41
Using the Internet to enhance your knowledge or skills, e.g. watching online lectures or visiting websites with educational content	53	47
Using educational software (e.g. cd, dvd), videos, cassettes, or watching educational programs on the television, in order to enhance your knowledge or skills	42	58
Learning something by experience (e.g. working next to someone more experienced or knowledgeable)	41	59
Visiting libraries or other learning centers where information is available (e.g. museums), in order to enhance your knowledge or skills	36	64
-	<b>Yes</b>	■ No



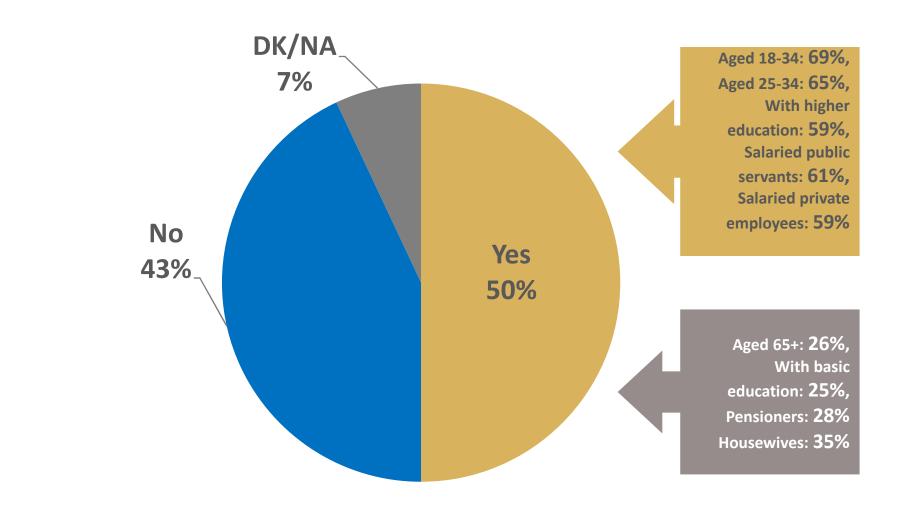
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### INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN A NON-FORMAL LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAM IN THE COMING YEAR

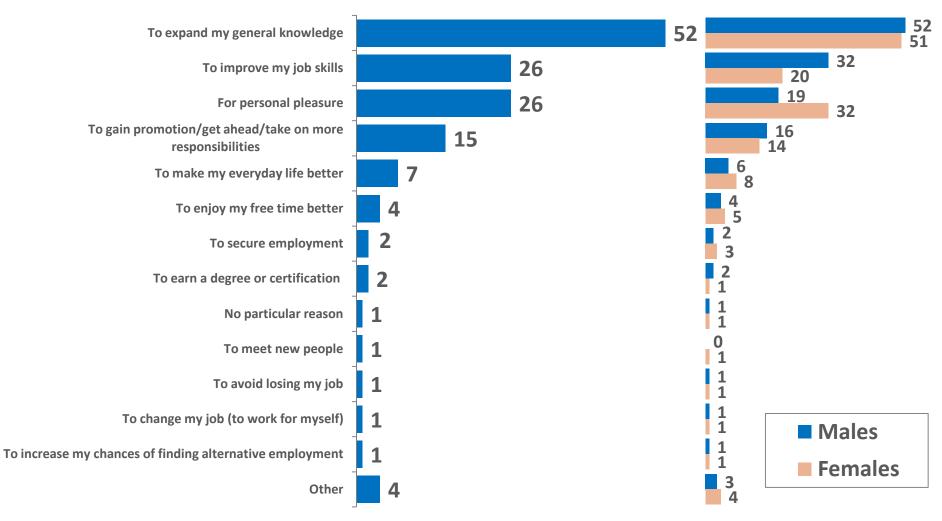
In the coming year, that is, during the next 12 months, do you intend to attend any course, seminar, conference or private lesson outside the regular education system?



#### **REASONS FOR INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN A LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAM**

What are the main reasons for your intention to attend a lifelong learning program? (OPEN-ENDED QUESTION)

Respondents who intend to attend some course outside the regular education system in the coming year Spontaneous, multiple responses

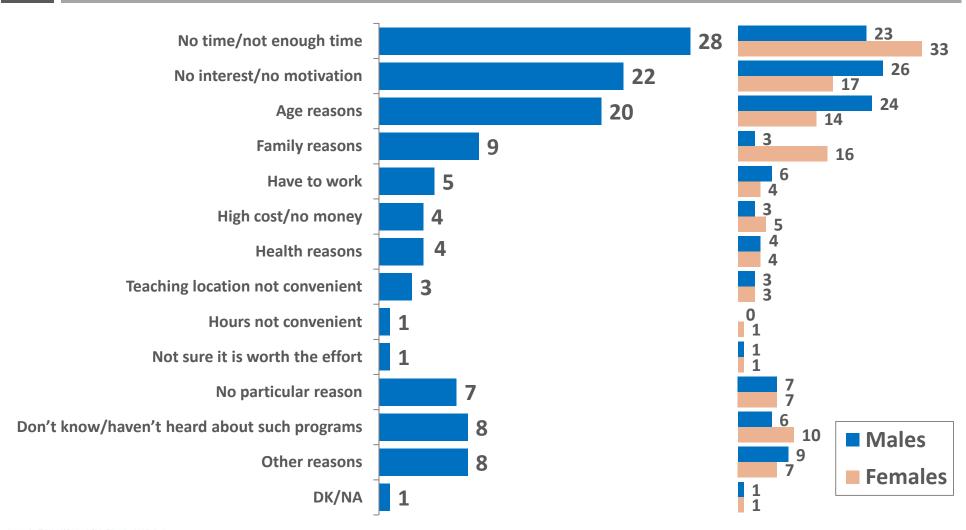


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#### **REASONS FOR LACK OF INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN A LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAM** What are the reasons for your lack of intention to attend a lifelong learning program in the

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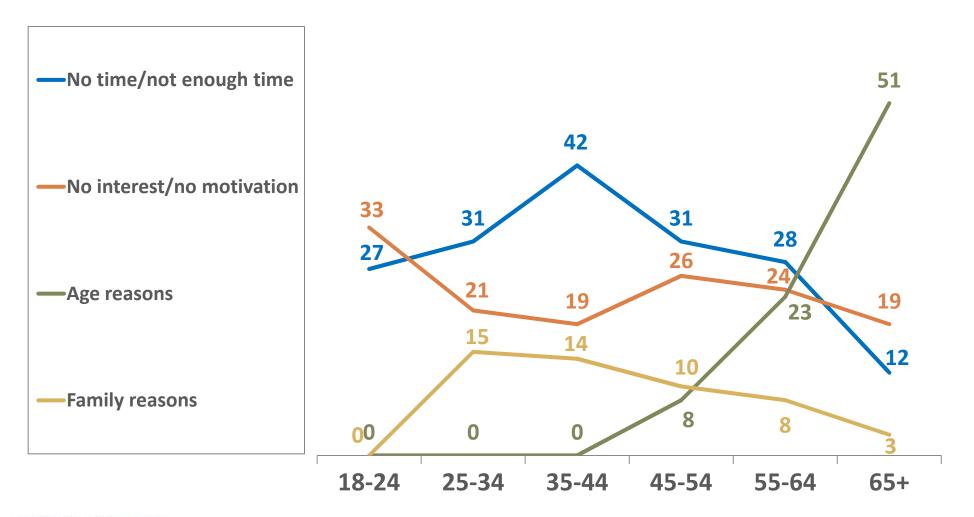
Respondents who do not intend to attend some course outside the regular education system in the coming year Spontaneous, multiple responses



#### REASONS FOR LACK OF INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN A LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAM

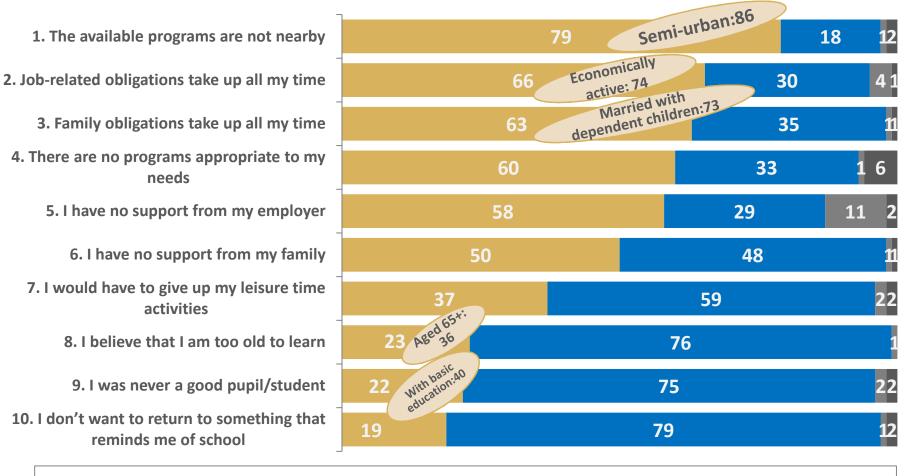
What are the reasons for your lack of intention to attend a lifelong learning program in the coming year? (OPEN-ENDED QUESTION)

Respondents who do not intend to attend some course outside the regular education system in the coming year Spontaneous, multiple responses, by age group



#### **OBSTACLES TO PARTICIPATION IN LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMS**

For each of the following obstacles that may prevent people from participating in a lifelong learning program, which would probably be, or not be, an obstacle for you personally?



■ Probably an obstacle Probably not an obstacle Not relevant to me DK/NA

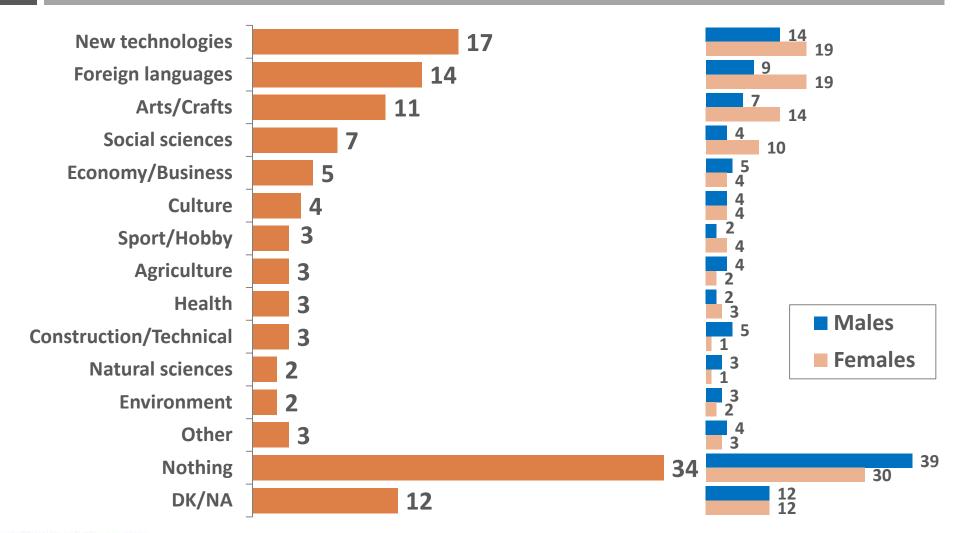
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## PREFERRED SUBJECT OF LIFELONG LEARNING

Is there something that you personally would like to learn today? (IF YES) What is it?

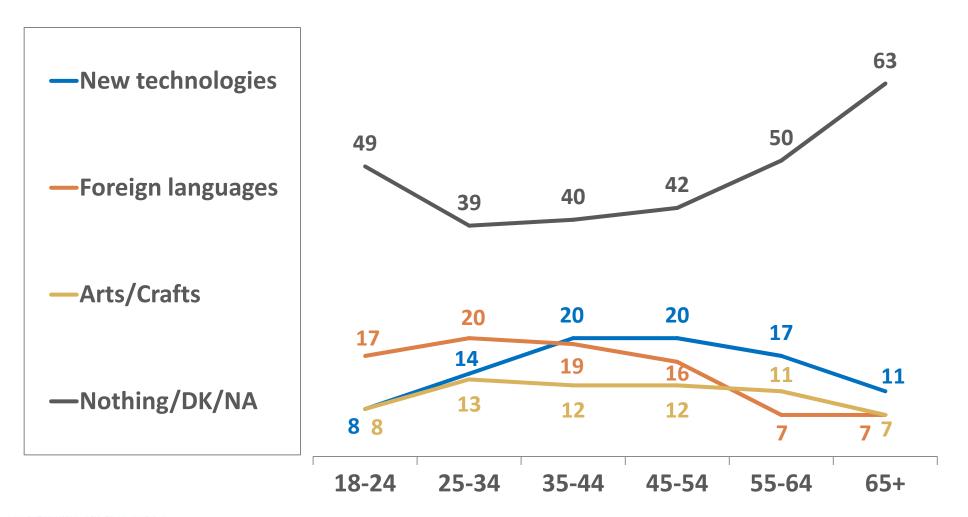
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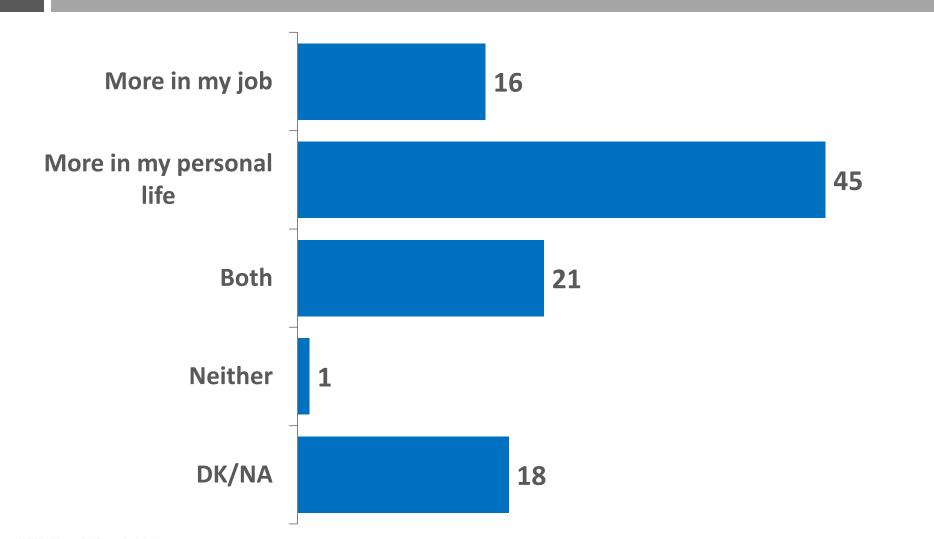
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Spontaneous, multiple responses, by age group



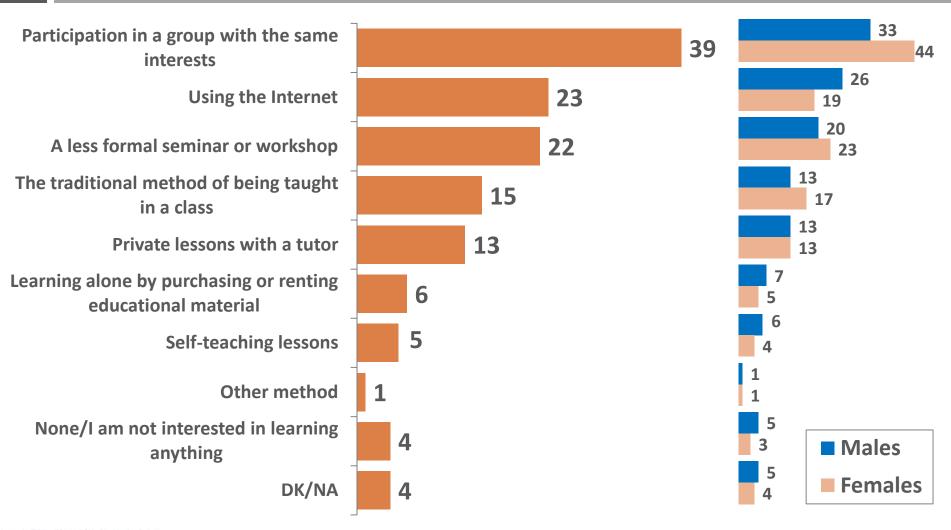
### **REASONS FOR CHOOSING A LIFELONG LEARNING SUBJECT**

Do you want to learn about the subject you mentioned (THE FIRST SUBJECT REPORTED BY THE RESPONDENT) because it will help you more in your job or more in your personal life? Based on the 1<sup>st</sup> subject reported



### PREFERRED METHOD OF LEARNING

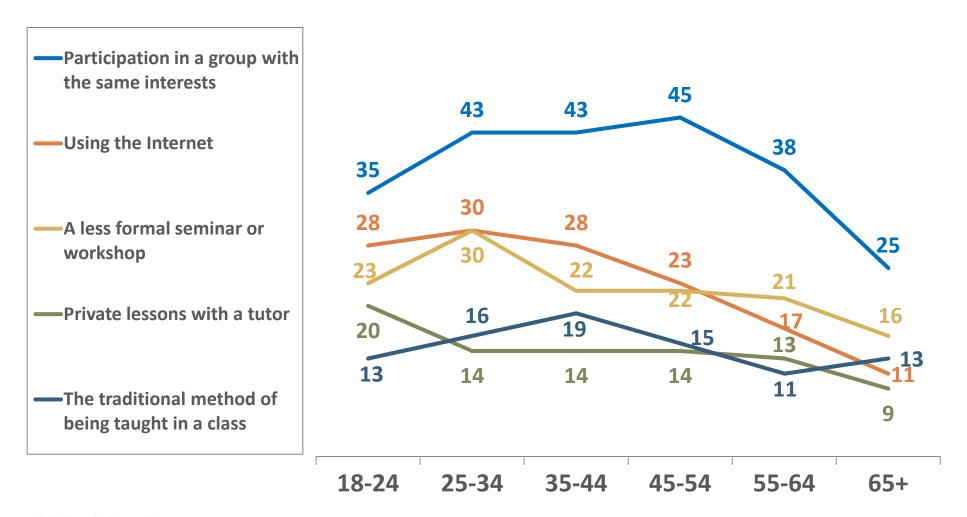
In the case of something that interests you or you would like to learn more about, which of the following learning methods would you prefer? Would you prefer the traditional method of being taught in a class, a less formal seminar or workshop, private lessons with a tutor, participation in a group of people with the same interests, learning alone by purchasing or renting educational material, self-teaching lessons or using the Internet? Which of these do you prefer most? **Multiple responses** 



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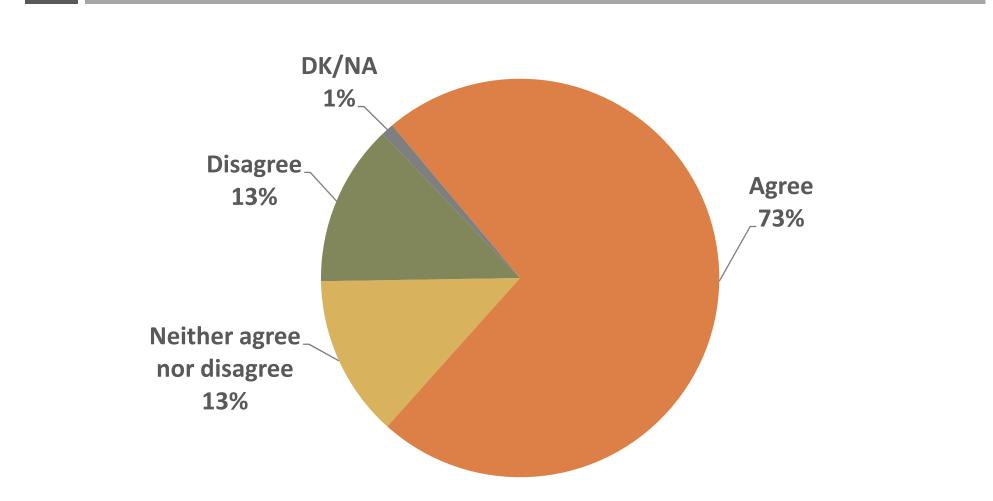


Chapter 5: The State/lifelong learning funding & programs

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### **OPINION ABOUT THE STATE'S ROLE IN LIFELONG LEARNING**

Some maintain that it is the responsibility of the state to enable citizens to improve their skills and qualifications. Others disagree with this view. What do you believe?



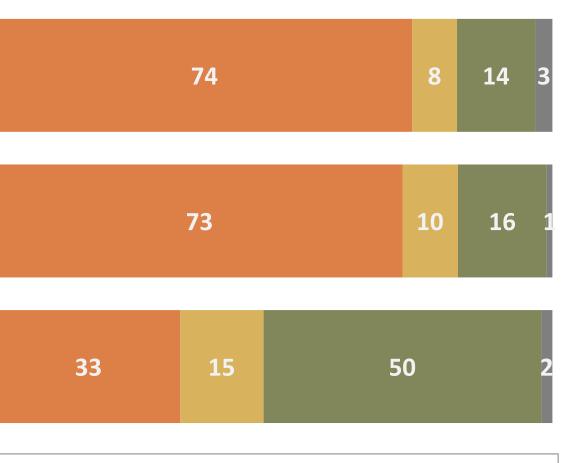
## **OPINIONS ABOUT THE FUNDING OF LIFELONG LEARNING**

Do you agree, neither agree nor disagree, or disagree with each of the following views expressed by some people?

It is the obligation of companies to provide 100% funding for the Lifelong Learning programs of their employees

The state should provide 100% funding for Lifelong Learning programs

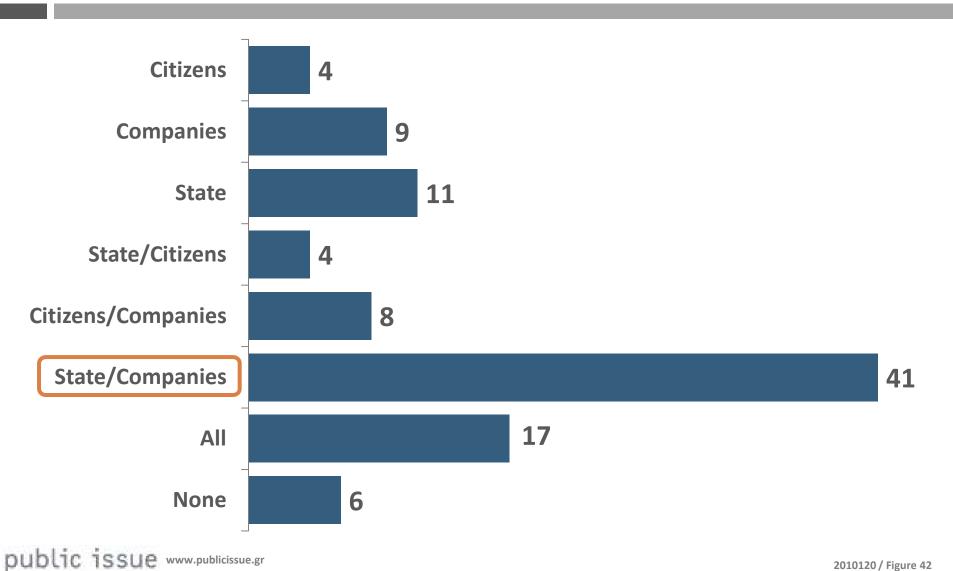
Citizens themselves should take the necessary steps and at their own expense to improve their skills and qualifications



■ Agree ■ Neither agree nor disagree ■ Disagree ■ DK/NA

## LIFELONG LEARNING FUNDING SOURCE

**Combinative responses** 



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