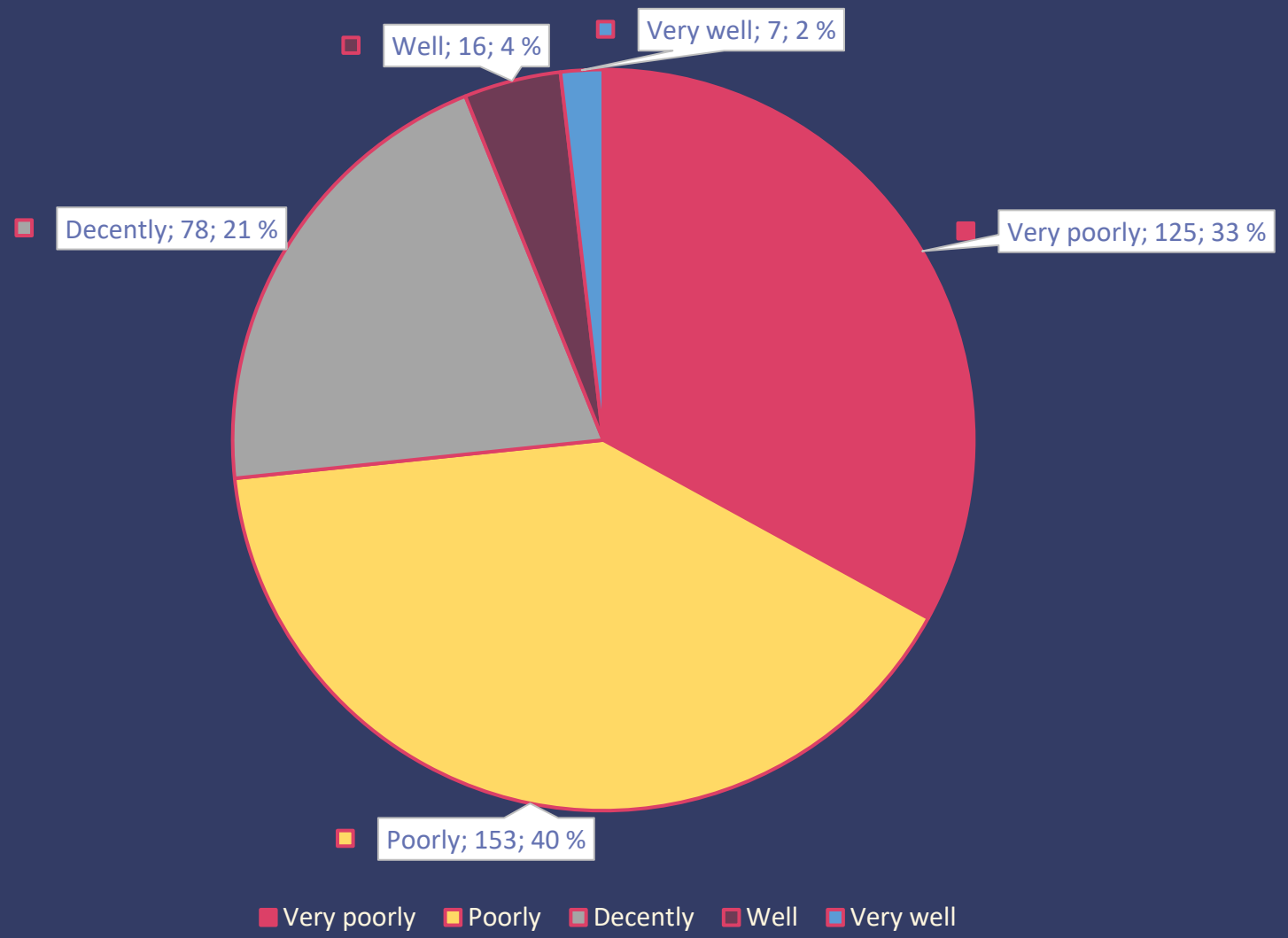
Results of the university campus survey directed towards the students of ITEE

The survey received 381 responses. All the questions were voluntary and anonymous. Nevertheless, the answer-rate was good with the lowest number of responses being 368. There were two free word questions which collected 153 responses altogether.

How well do you feel the university has informed you about the ongoing Oulu City Campus project?



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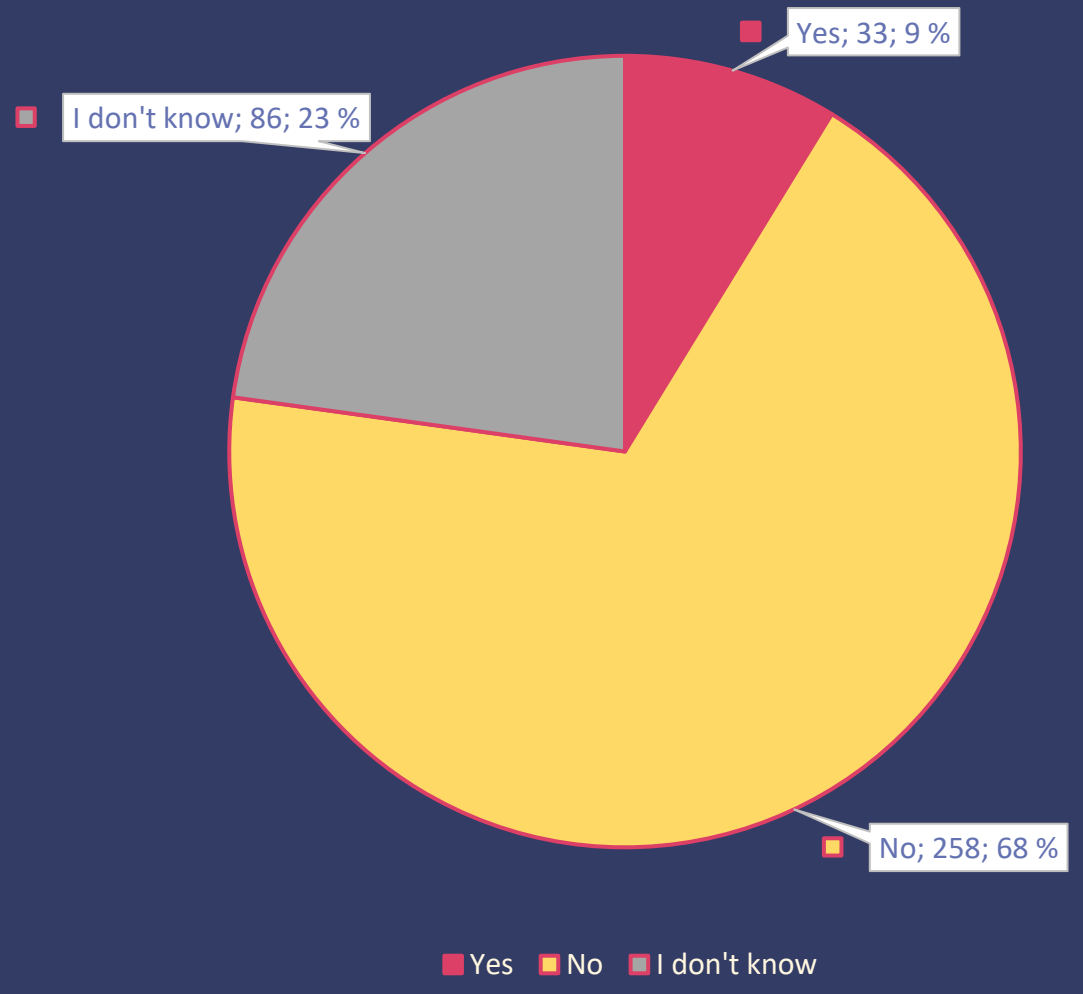
Has the university's communication been transparent and clear enough during the planning of the Oulu City Campus project?



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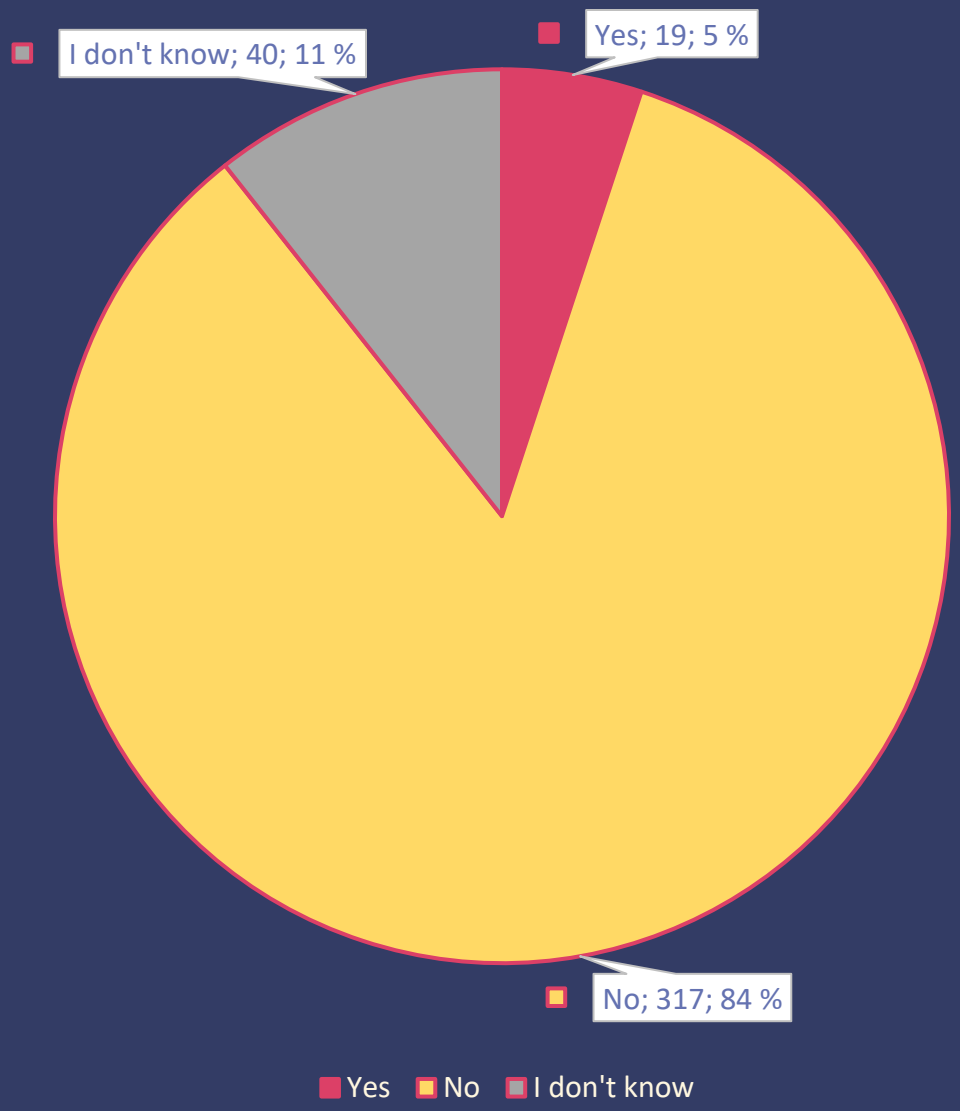
Do you feel that you have had a chance to impact the Oulu City Campus project?



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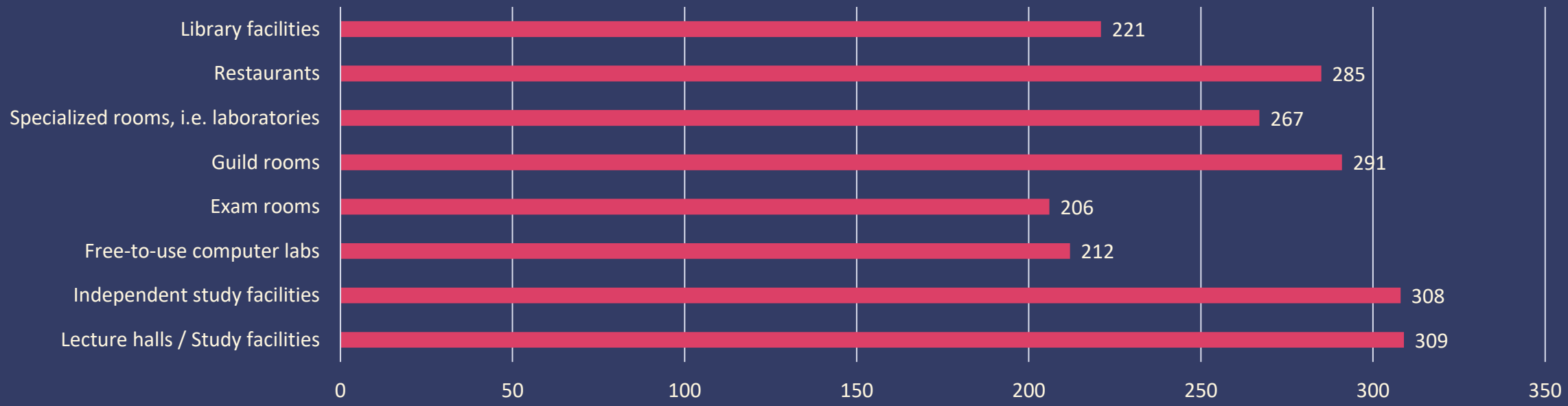
What should the university take into account when planning the Oulu City Campus? (Choose every option that applies)

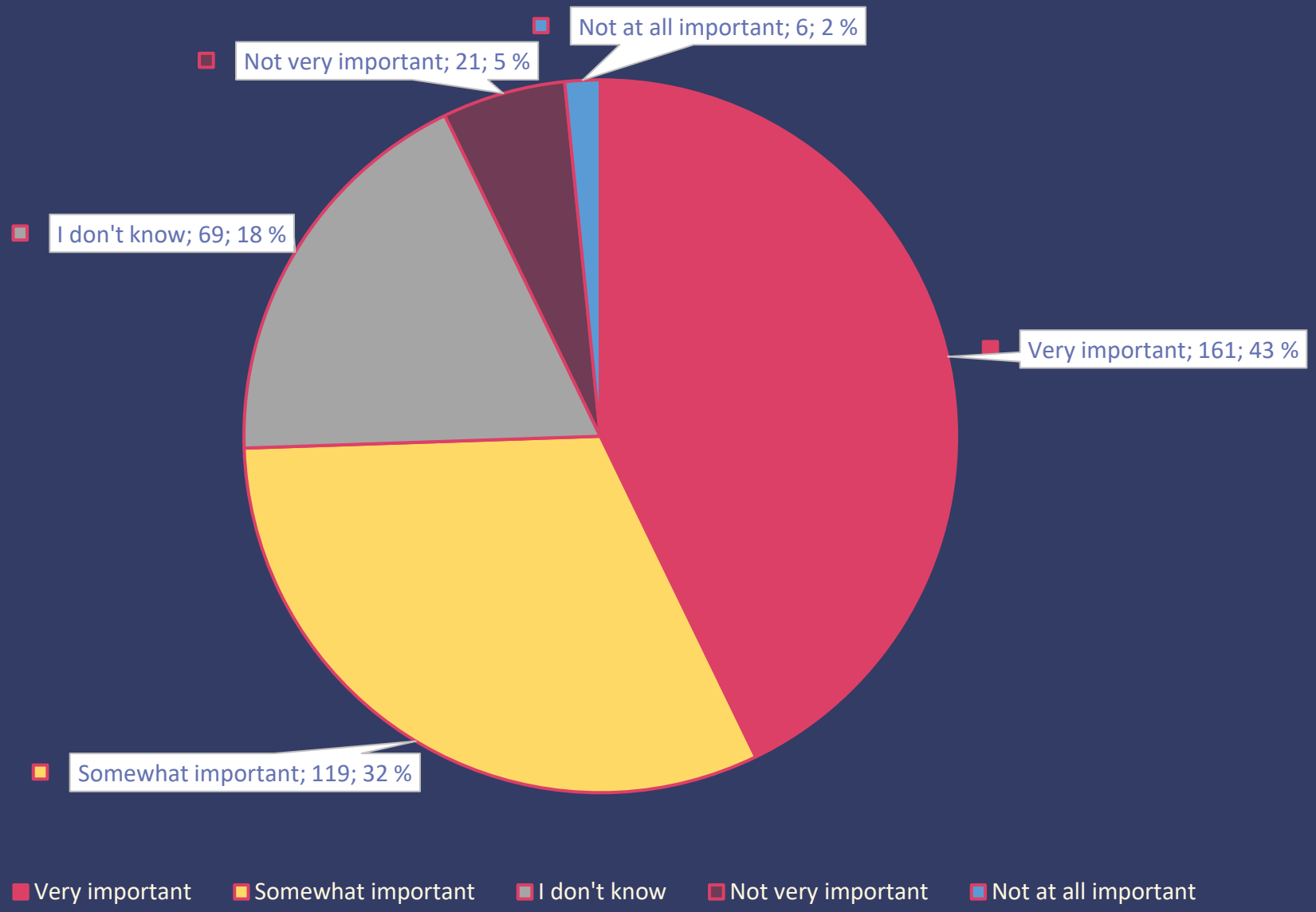


Additionally, the optional ”Other” option got 15 answers regarding parking lots/parking with car or bike

Three respondents mentioned test networks

Individual answers included spaces for group work and hanging out as well as affordable student apartments

How important is preserving the legal deposit library and it's equal availability to you?



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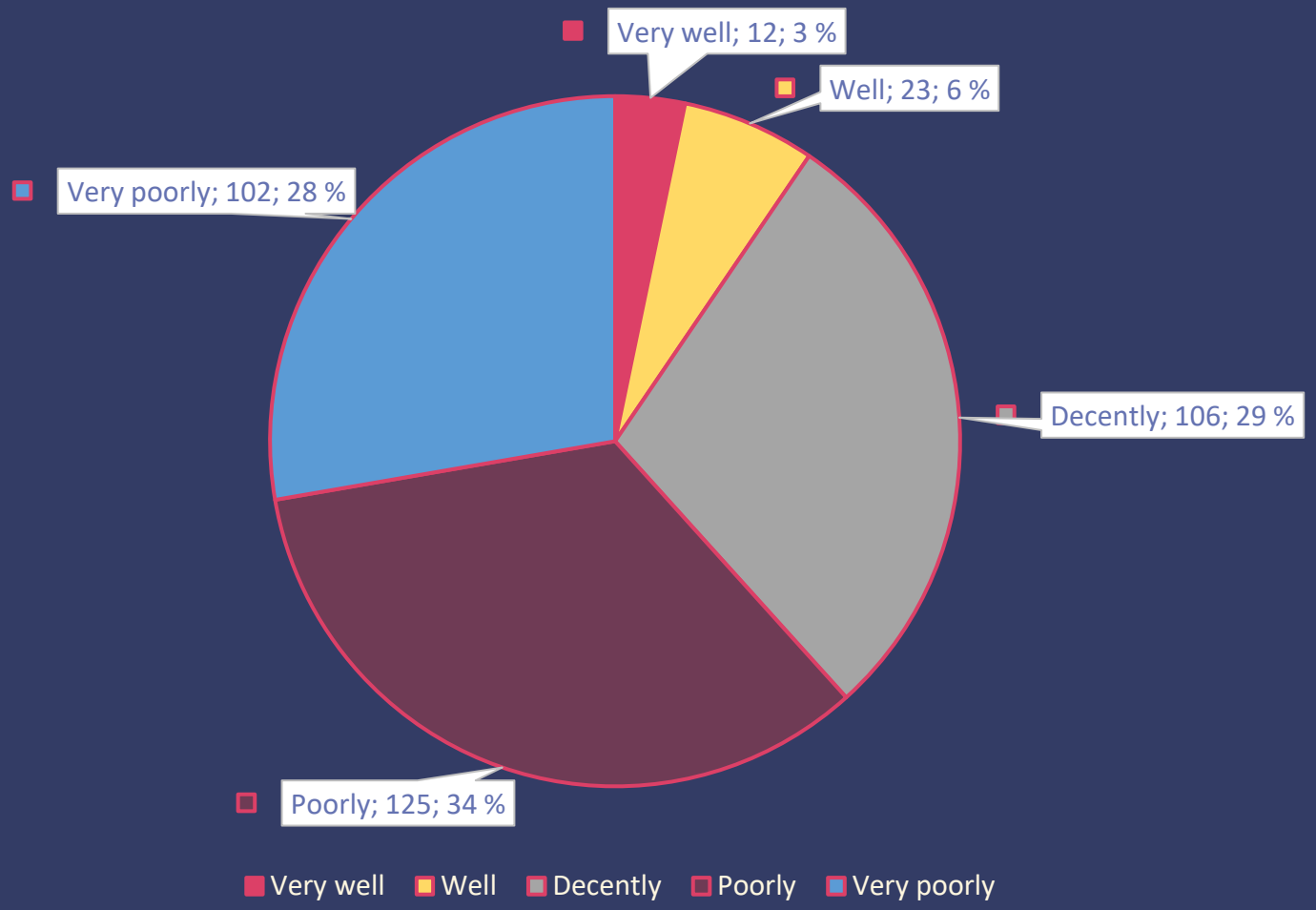
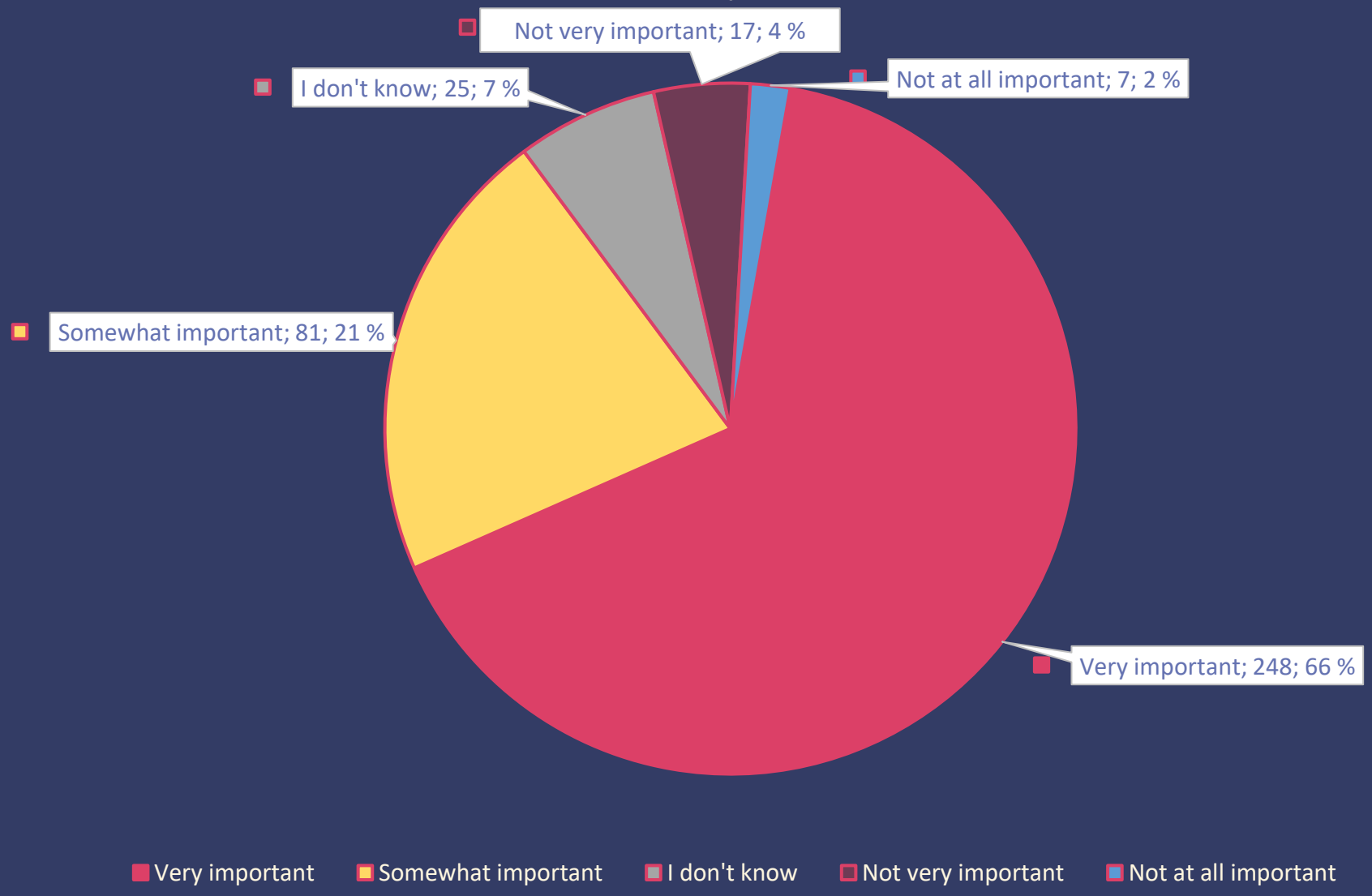
How well do you feel that the needs of research of the Faculty of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering have been



How important do you feel it is to have ITEE research and teaching on the same campus?



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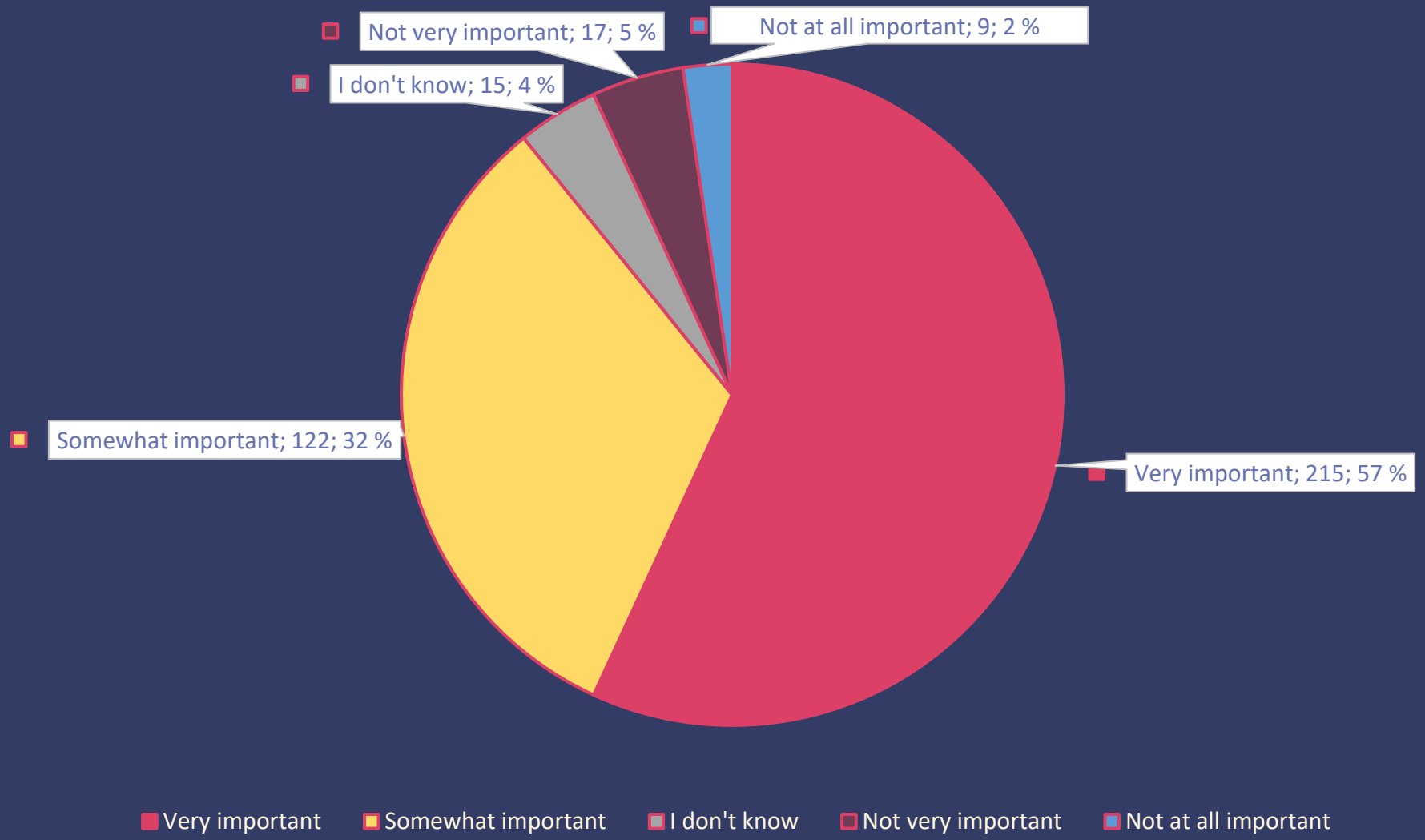
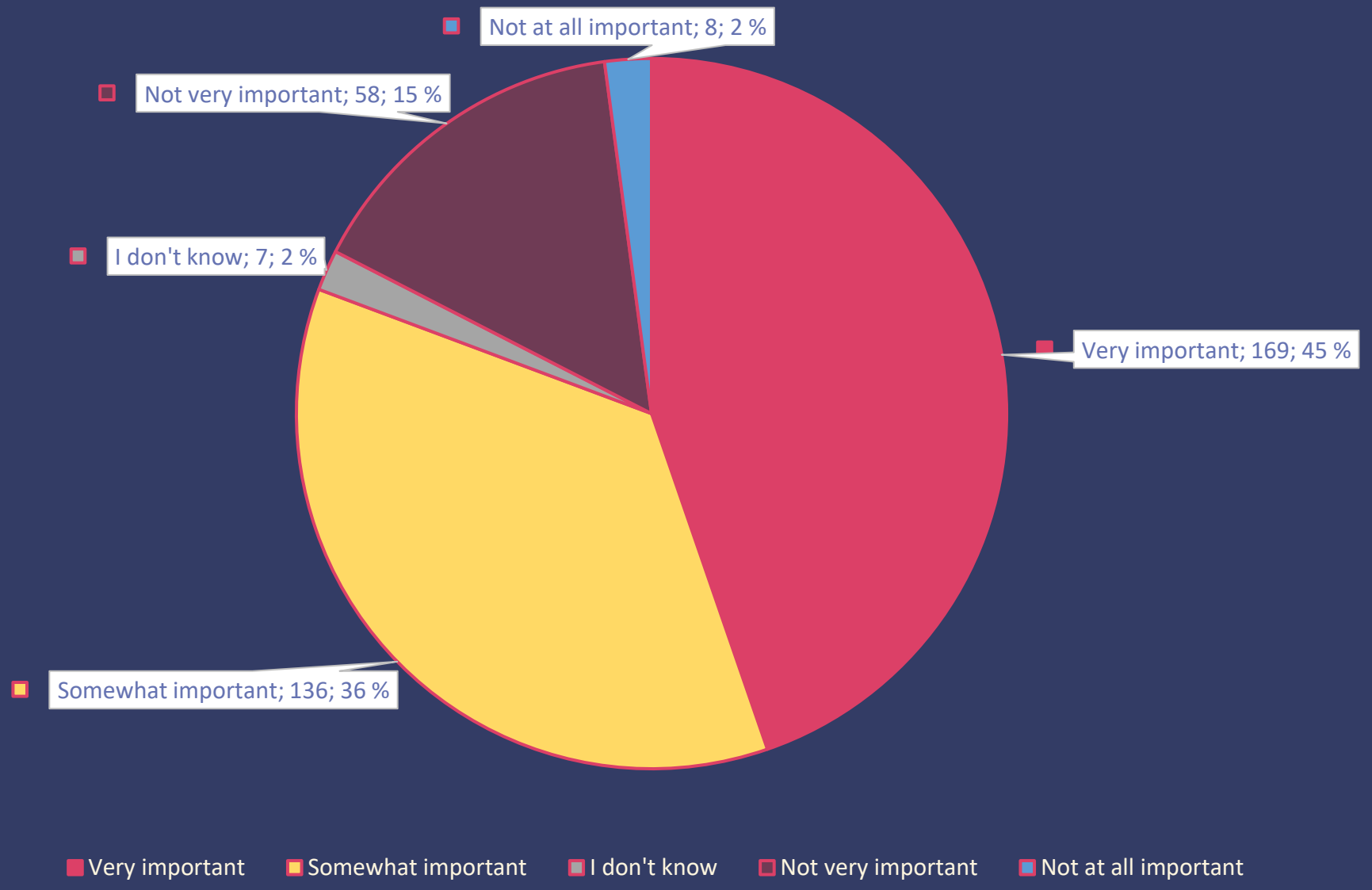
How important do you feel the interdisciplinarity of the university and it's campuses is?



How important it is for you to be able to live near your campus?



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Additionally, the optional ”Other” option had four answers suggesting city center.
Individual mentions included Kesäkatu, Ratapiha, Heinäpää, Metsokangas, Vihreäsaari, Hailuoto, Nallikari, Helsingin keskusta, Rusko, Virpiniemi, Kaukovainio, Toppilansalmi and Hiironen.

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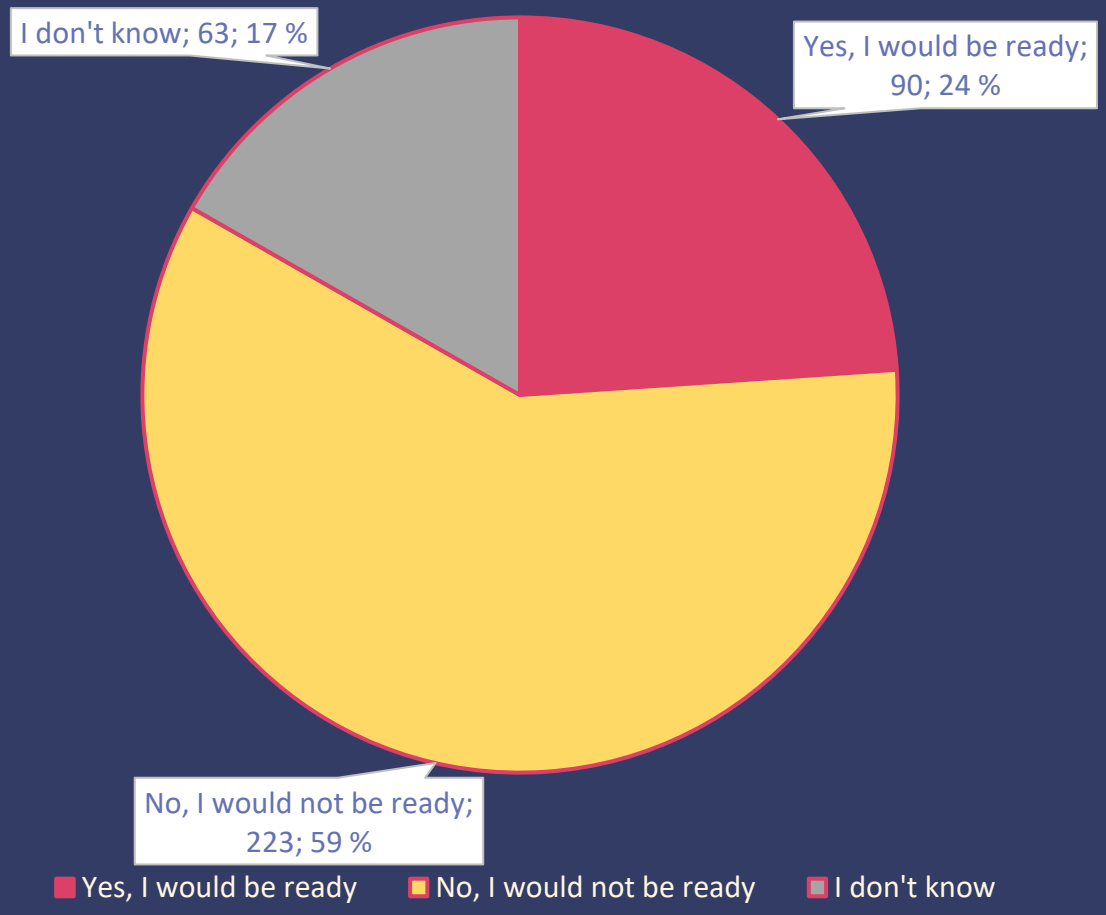
Would you be willing to move to downtown, to Raksila?



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Free Word Responses

- The survey received altogether 153 Free Word answers
- The open feedback from students on the project highlighted concerns about the decentralization of the joint campus, the perception of the Raksila campus as a futile project and a bad idea and questioned the rationale behind the campus project. As many as 72 out of 153 responses questioned the purpose, necessity or usefulness of the project as well as whose interests the campus project serves and for whom it is being promoted.
- Only six of the responses felt that the project was a good idea, but that its implementation was lacking. Only two responses were unreservedly positive about the project.

Free Word Responses

- In the open feedback, students were also concerned about the inadequate facilities in Raksila, traffic arrangements, the higher rent level in the Raksila area, and the possible unwanted commutes between the two campuses during the study day.
- Many respondents also highlighted the project's lack of communication and transparency, as well as a lack of trust in the Rector and the University's Board of Directors. Additionally, the involvement of students and staff was perceived to be very inadequate. A few responses were also specific about the questionnaire received from the university in October 2021 regarding the city campus, which was perceived as non-neutral and leading, and according to the open feedback, did not give the respondent the opportunity to express a negative opinion.

Free Word Responses

- Several responses also expressed concern about the negative changes in student well-being caused by the city campus. These included the increase in distance learning and the loss of community spirit, and the resulting problems of burnout, isolation and mental health.
- As the survey was aimed at students of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering, the open responses also highlighted concerns about meeting the specific needs of the faculty and the impact of the move on cooperation with the Technology Village in terms of faculty and research as well as personal life and work. 15.0% of the open responses expressed concerns about the arrangement of laboratories and other specific facilities in Raksila, for example, and stated that Linnanmaa is a better location for ITEE than Raksila because of the proximity to the Technology Village and its companies. There were also concerns about research in the faculty being negatively influenced by the move in several responses.