



SPIRU HARET UNIVERSITY
Central Research Institute

INTERNAL ANALYSIS

**Concerning the practical application of the principles of the European Charter for Researchers
and the Code of Conduct for their Recruitment (C&C)**

2023



In December 2011, Spiru Haret University signed the *Declaration of Commitment to the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers*.

In September 2012, Spiru Haret University decided to join *the 4th Cohort Institutional Human Resources Strategy Group* following the invitation of the European Commission.

As a result Spiru Haret University followed a 5-step process that is designed to help the actors concerned in integrating the Charter & Code at institutional level – the "Human Resources Strategy for Researchers incorporating the Charter & Code."

In 2013 Spiru Haret University performed the first internal analysis at institutional level concerning the practical application of the principles of the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for their Recruitment (C&C).

In October 2013, *Spiru Haret University* has been the recipient of the "Human Resources Excellence in Research" logo, awarded by DG Research & Innovation of the European Commission.

In December 2015 the logo was confirmed after a review of the progress in implementing the Human Resources Strategy for Researchers (HRS4R).

Between January and March 2016 Spiru Haret University performed a second internal analysis at institutional level.

Between March and April 2018 Spiru Haret University performed a third internal analysis at institutional level.

In 2019 the "Human Resources Excellence in Research" distinction was reconfirmed following the on-site evaluation by the team of external evaluators. In January and February 2023, this internal analysis was carried out at the institutional level. To perform the analysis, a survey was conducted by the [Central Research Institute](#) of Spiru Haret University using LimeSurvey - software tool. The questionnaire was administered online, in a controlled environment.¹

¹ USH staff had access to survey based on their personal ID/email



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The analysis is based on 4 indicators to assess the degree of application of C&C principles in the Spiru Haret University

Dimension 1- Open recruitment and portability of grants

Dimension 2- Meeting the social security and supplementary pensions needs of mobile researchers

Dimension 3- Attractive employment and working conditions

Dimension 4- Enhancing training, skills and experience of European researchers

We have proposed 32 statements divided into 4 dimensions.

The possible answers were registered using a 5 steps scale, as follows:

total agreement; agreement; disagreement; total disagreement; don't know/don't answer



Who answered?*

	Answers	Total in the category	%
Full Professors	17	32	53,12
Full Professors (Adjunct)	2	10	20,00
Associate Professors	51	110	46,40
Associate Professors (Adjunct)	3	14	21,40
Assistant Professors	37	112	33,00
Assistant Professors (Adjunct)	2	44	4,50
Teaching Assistants	1	8	2,50
Teaching Assistants (Adjunct)	1	5	20,00
Total	114	335	100,00

*According to art. 287 al. 1 from the Law of National Education 1/2011 university workload includes teaching load and **research load**. Teaching load is between 7 conventional hours/week for Full Professors and 11 conventional hours for Teaching Assistants. The difference up to the total amount of working hours represents **research load**. The total amount of working hours (teaching load and **research load**) is of 40 hours/week (art.287 al. 22). To be a Teaching Assistant you have to be at least a **PhD Candidate**. Researchers include all academic personnel, starting with **Teaching Assistant**.

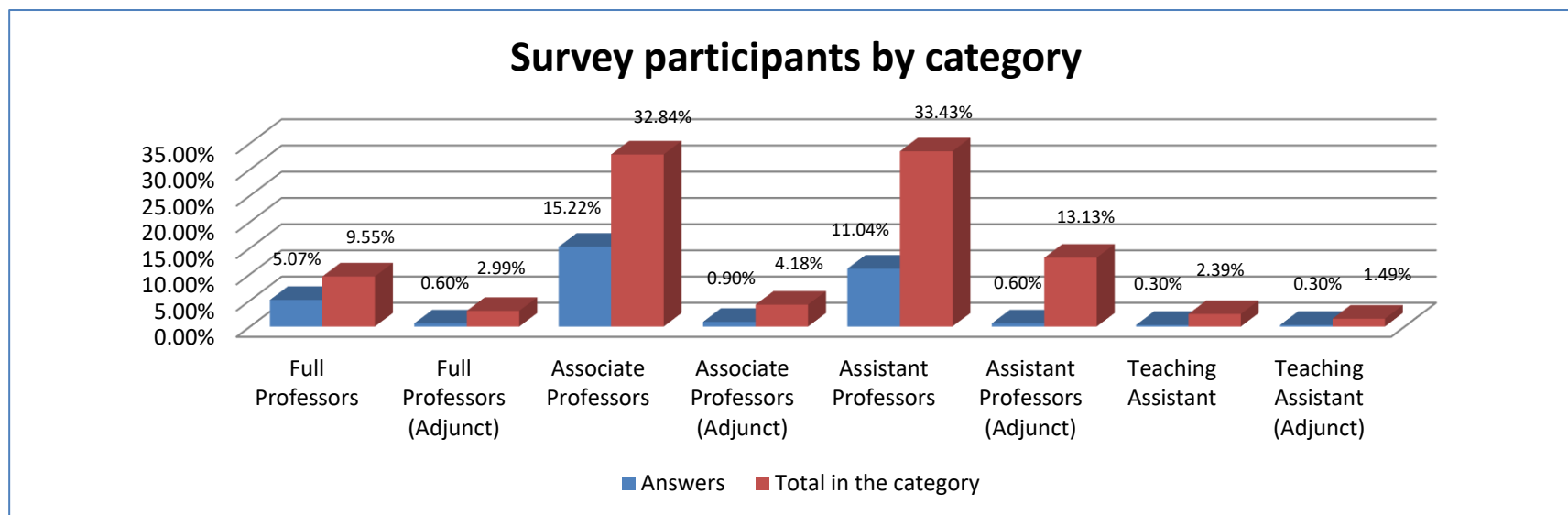
Spiru Haret University does not currently running Doctoral Schools.



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We have analyzed data provided by all researchers².
 Separately we have analyzed results obtained subsamples from the following categories:
Subsample 1: experienced researchers; Subsample 2: female researchers;

² In this survey, we had only 2 answers from early career researchers, therefore insufficient to create a subsample for analysis.

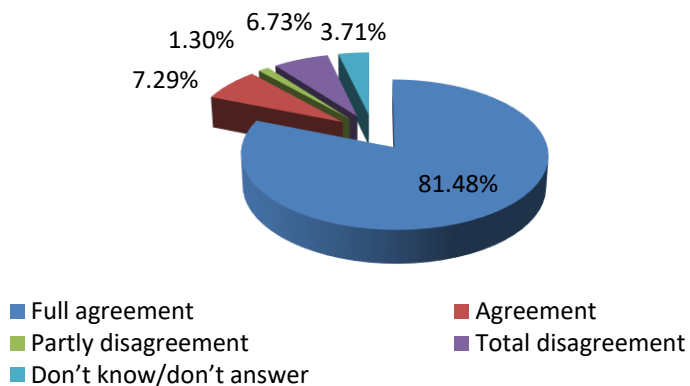


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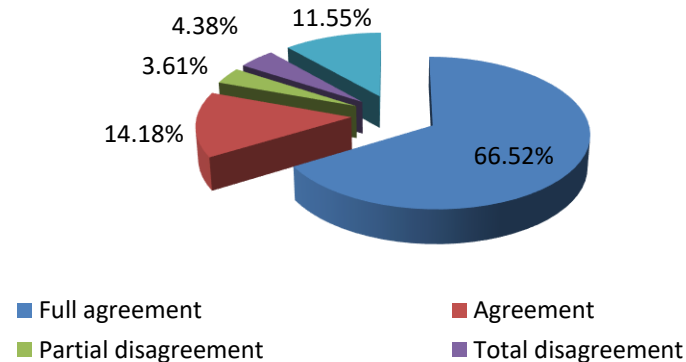
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Dimension 1- Open recruitment and portability of grants



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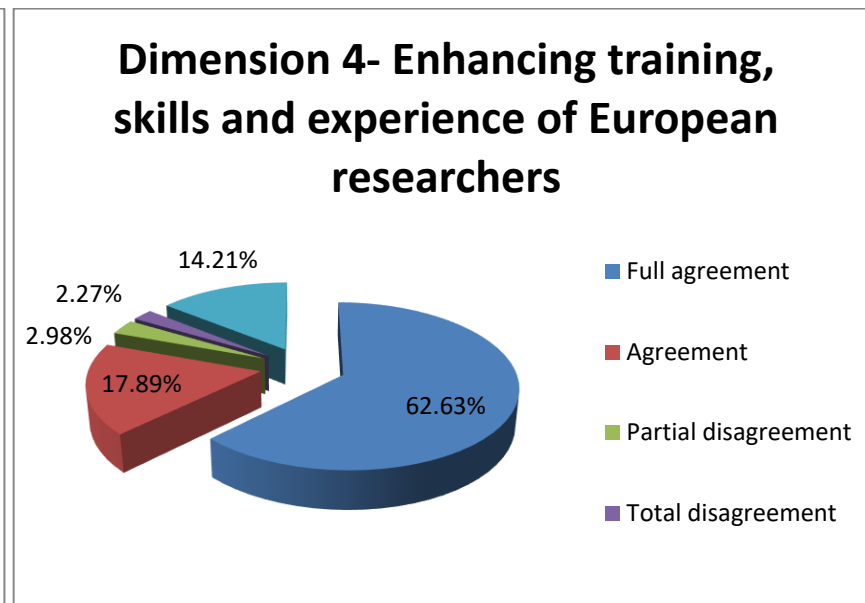
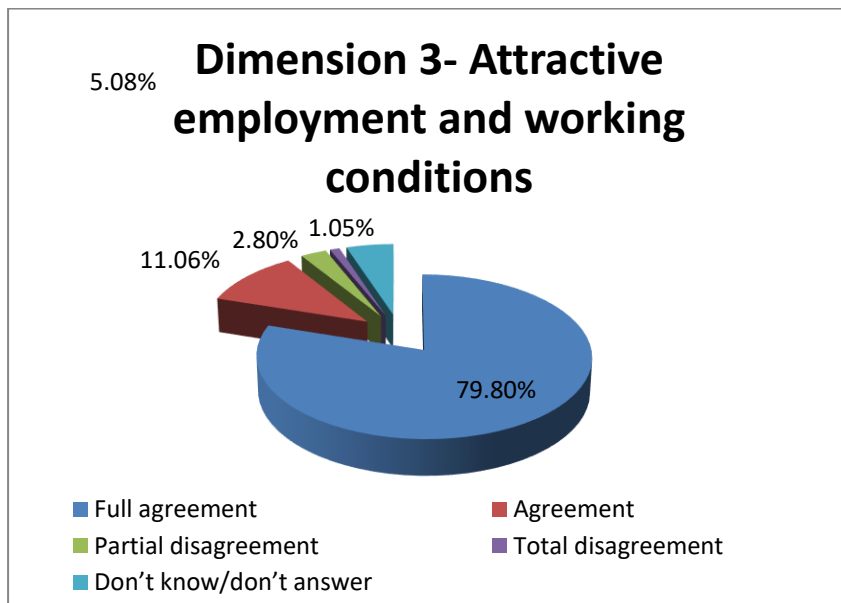




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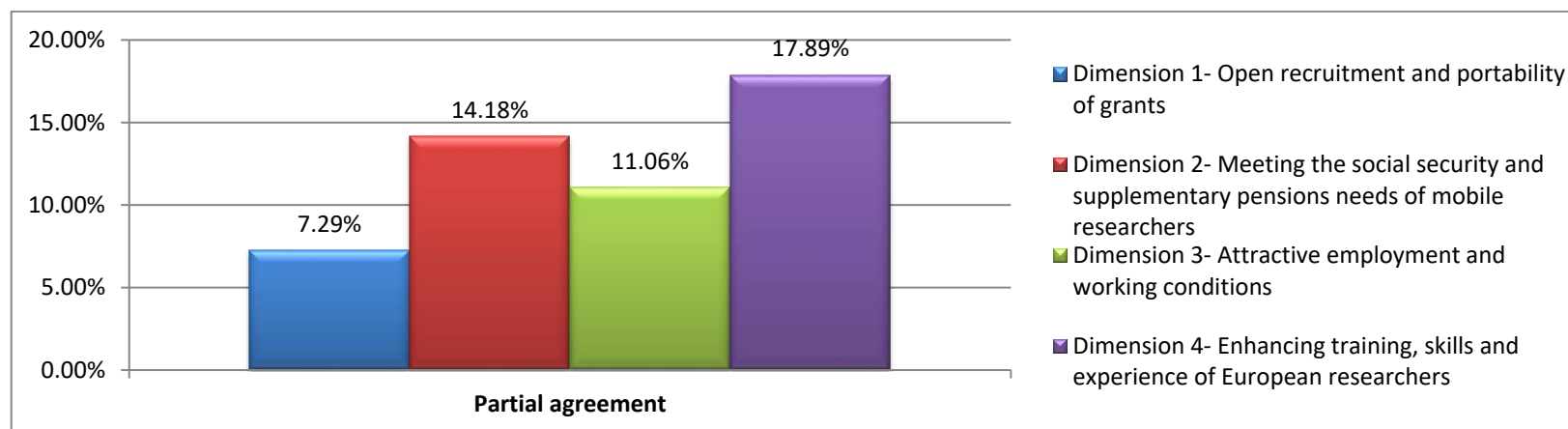
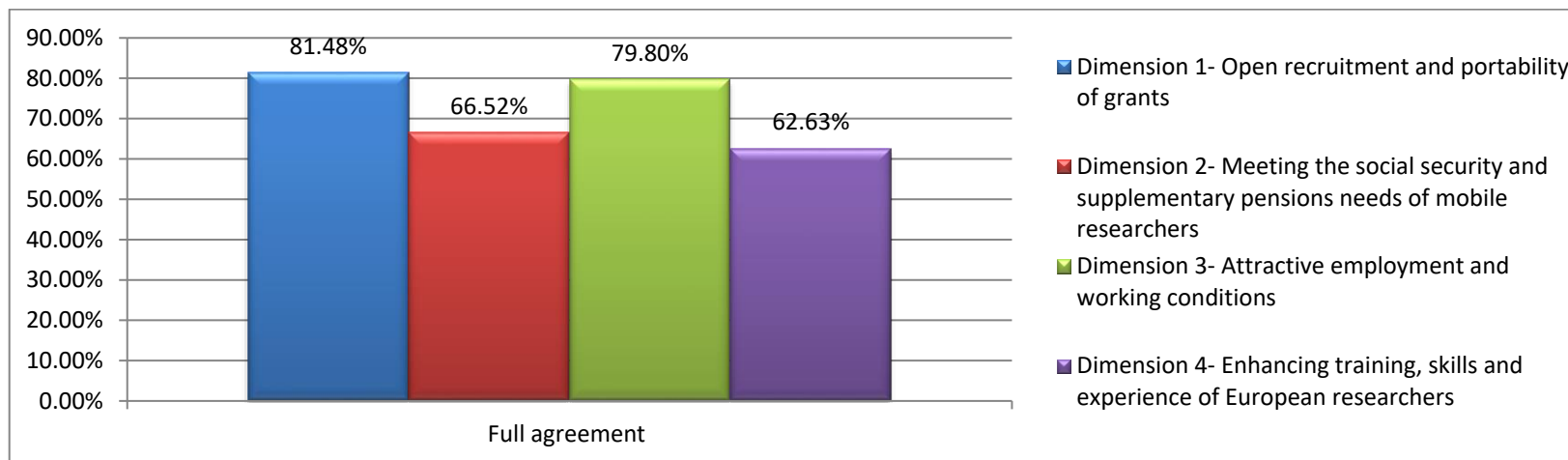


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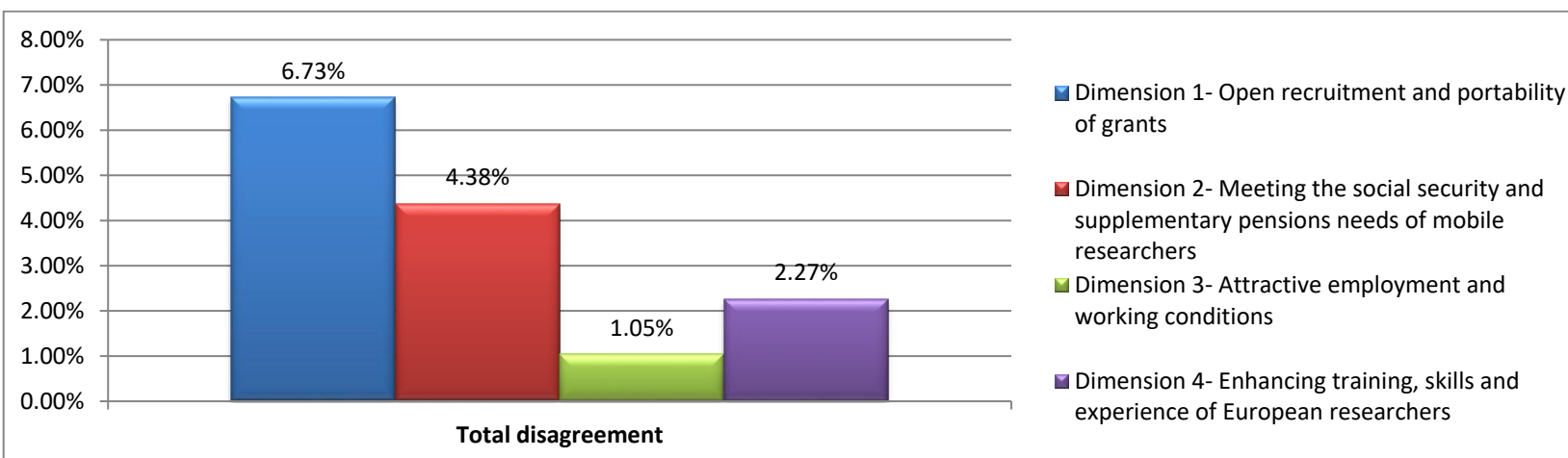
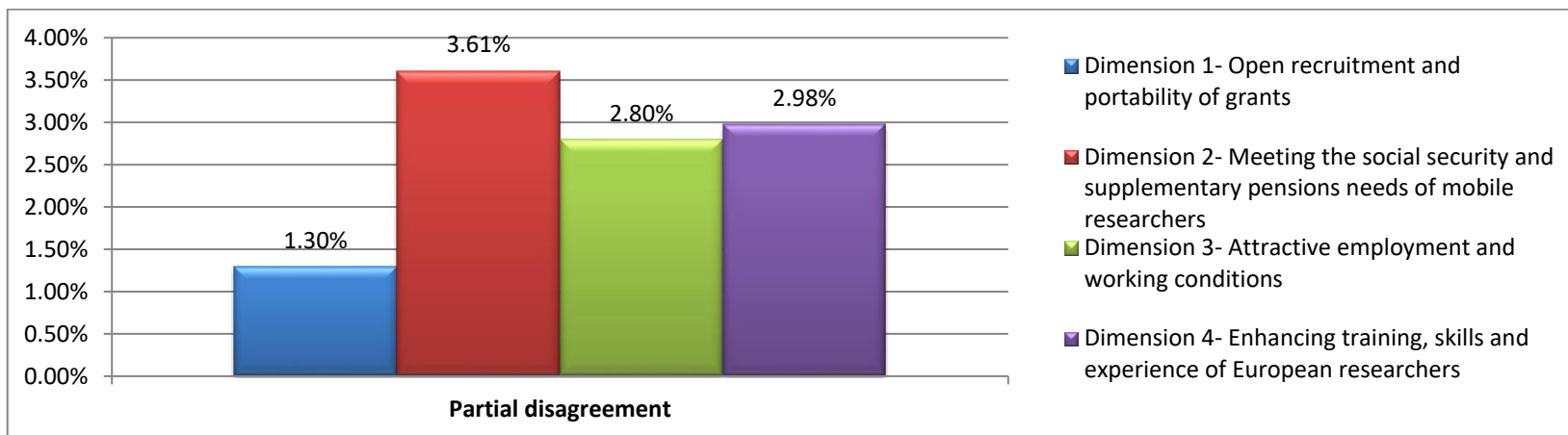




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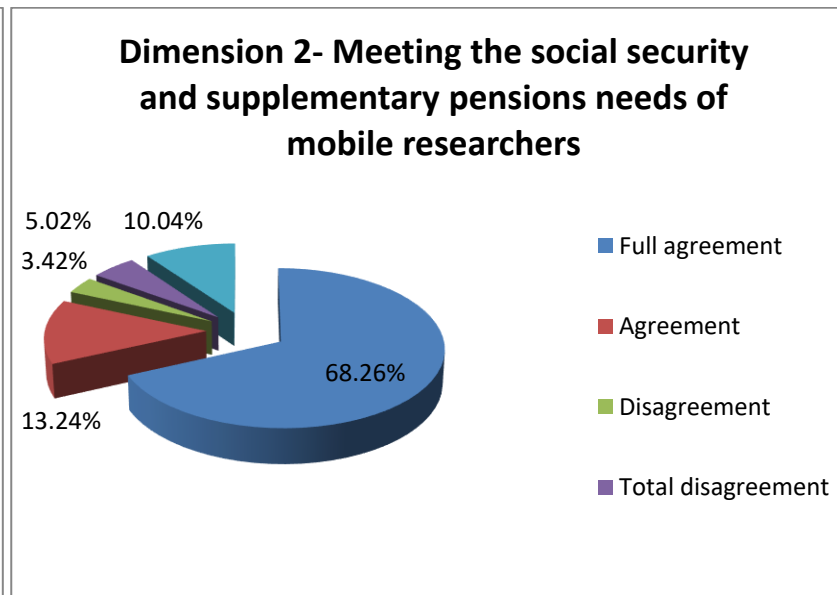
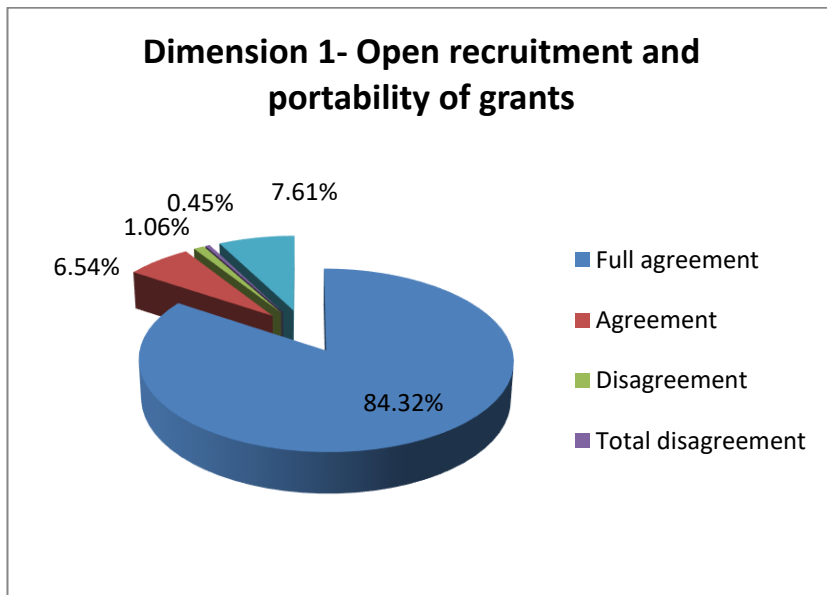


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(Full Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors representing 33, 97 % of all respondents)





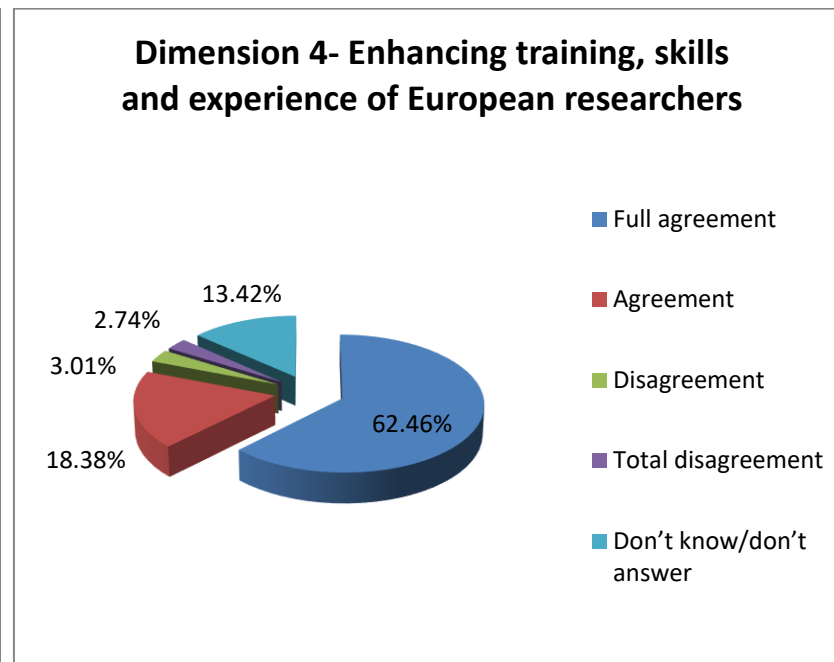
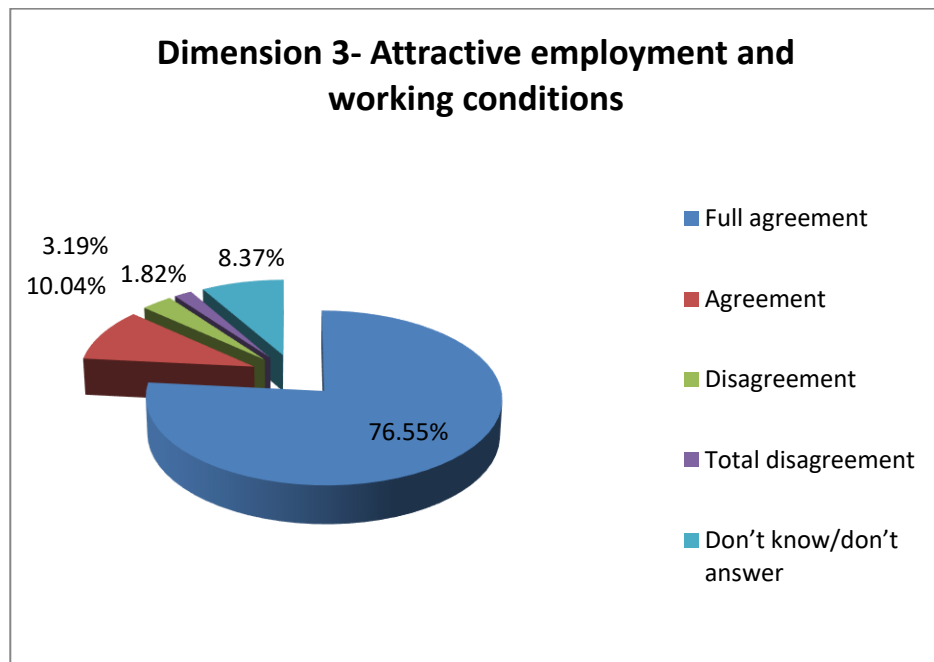
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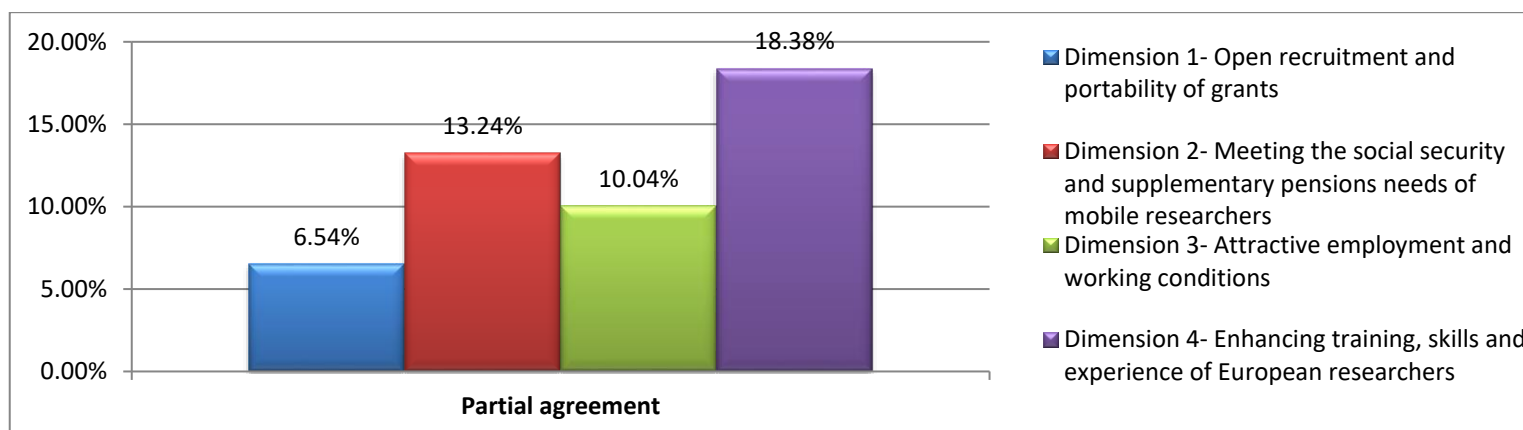
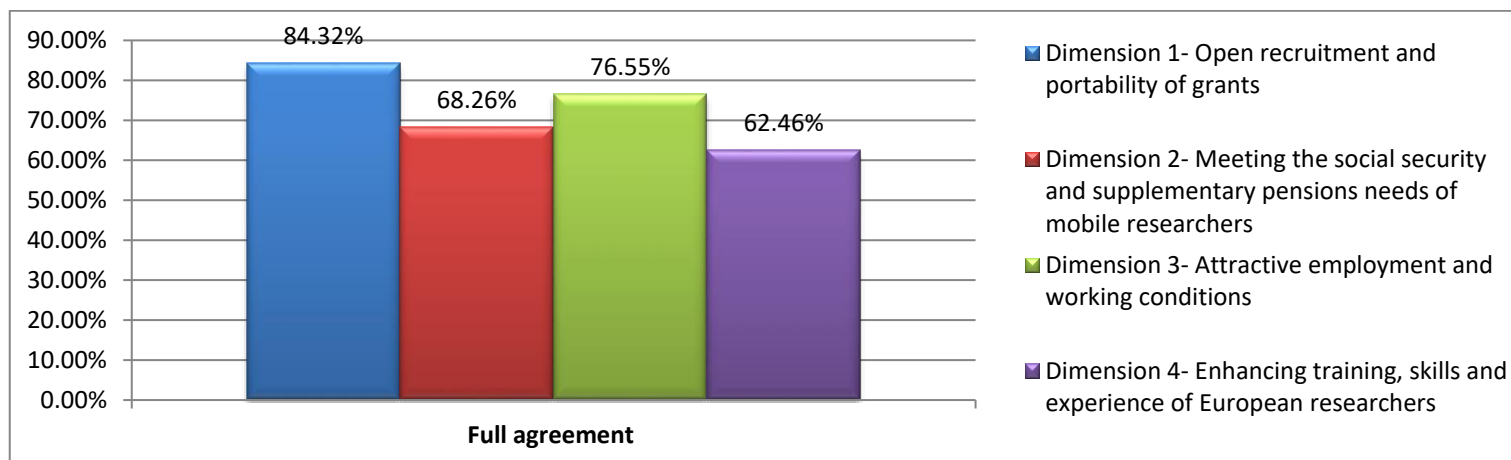
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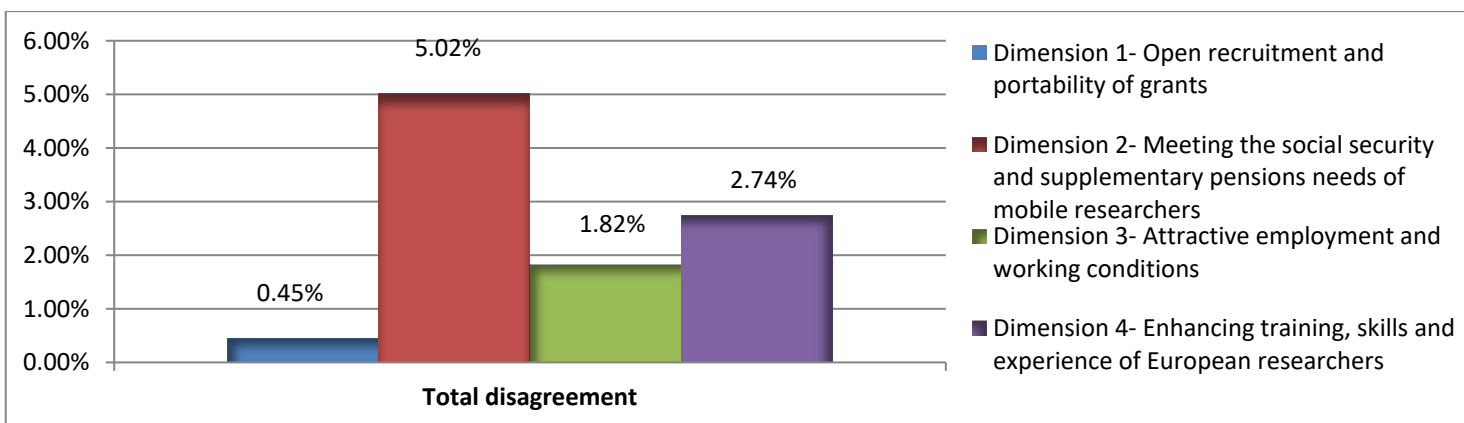
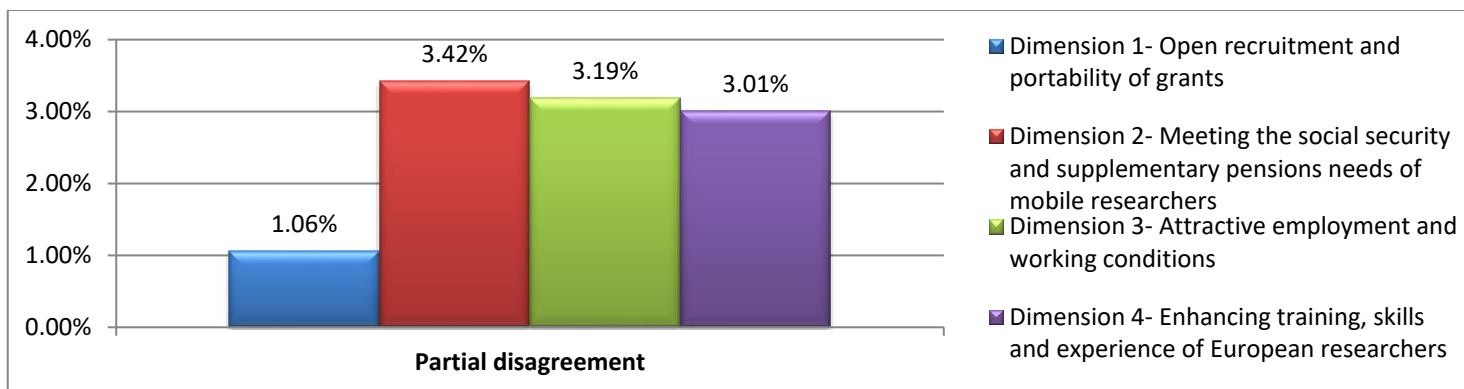
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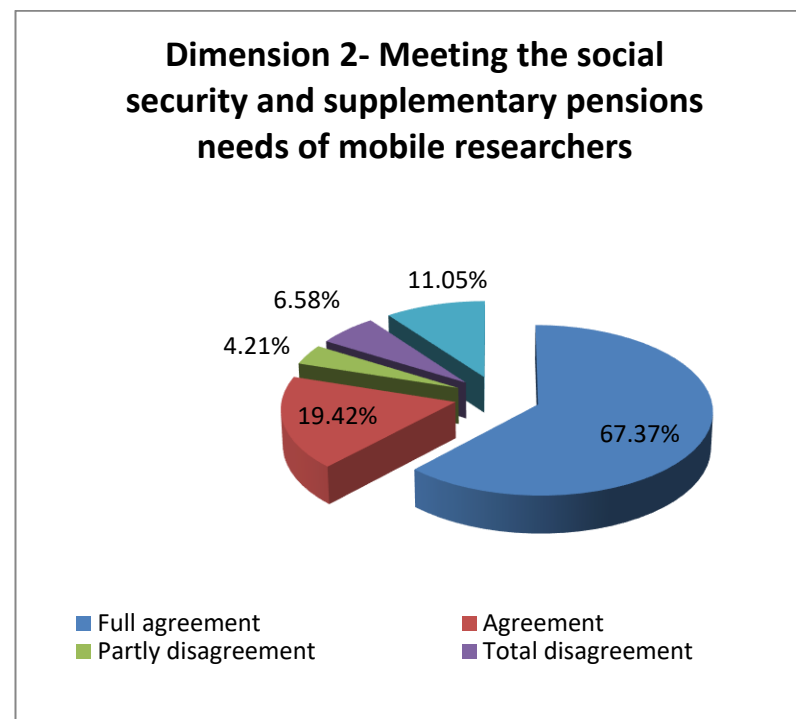
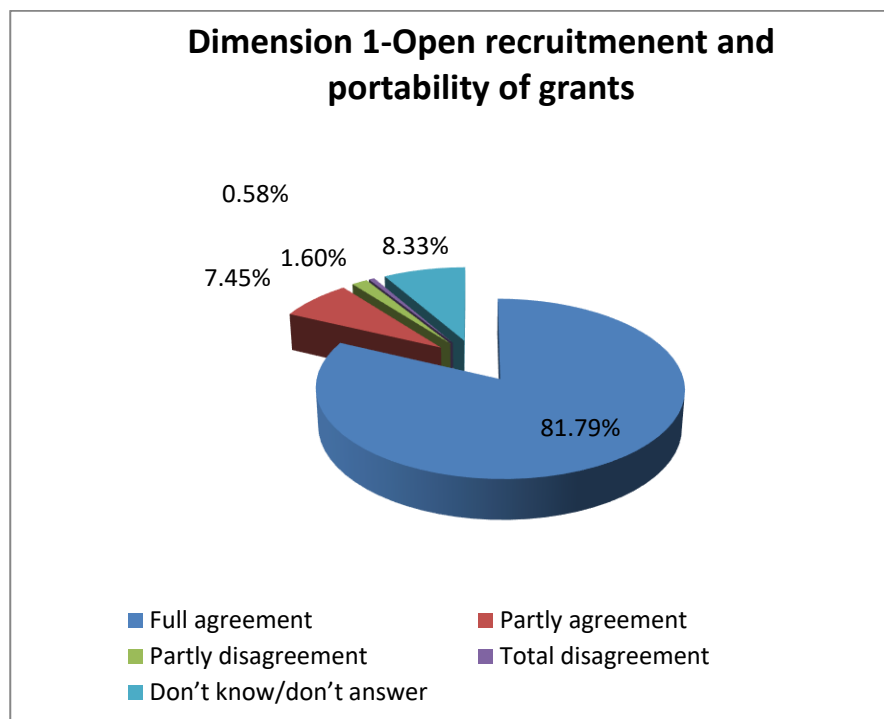


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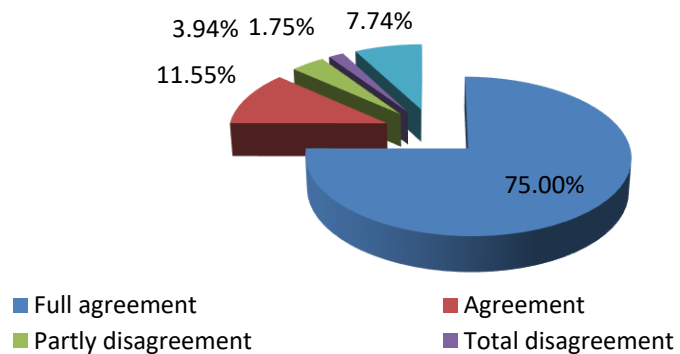


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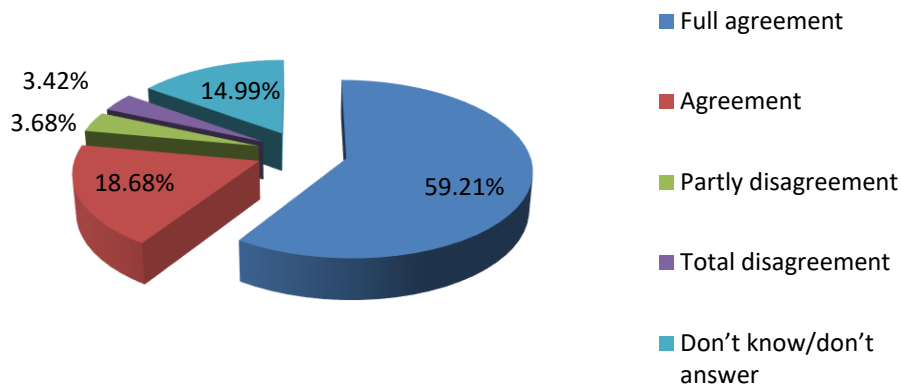
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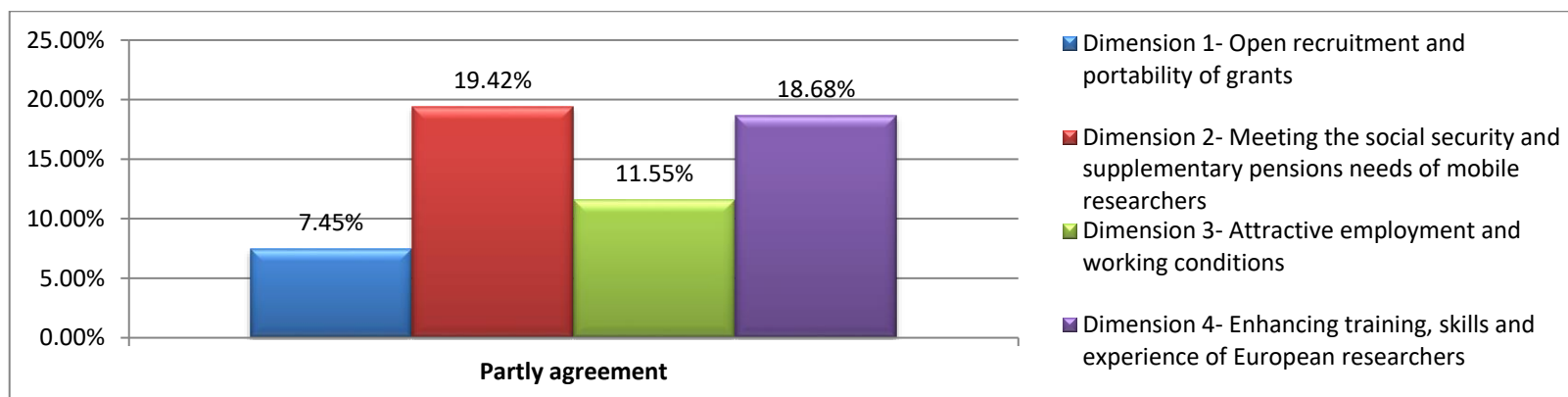
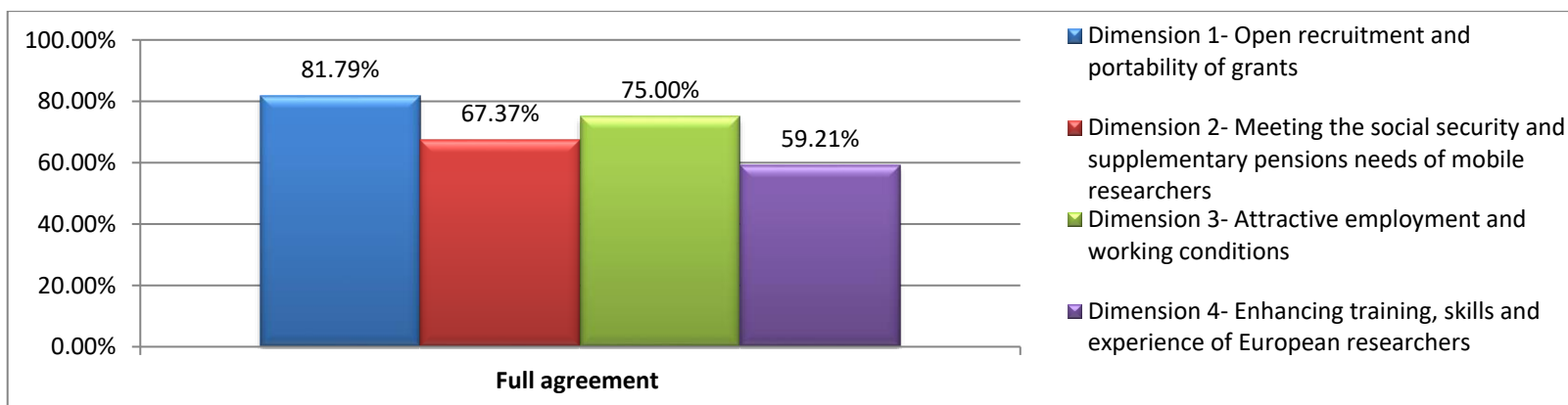
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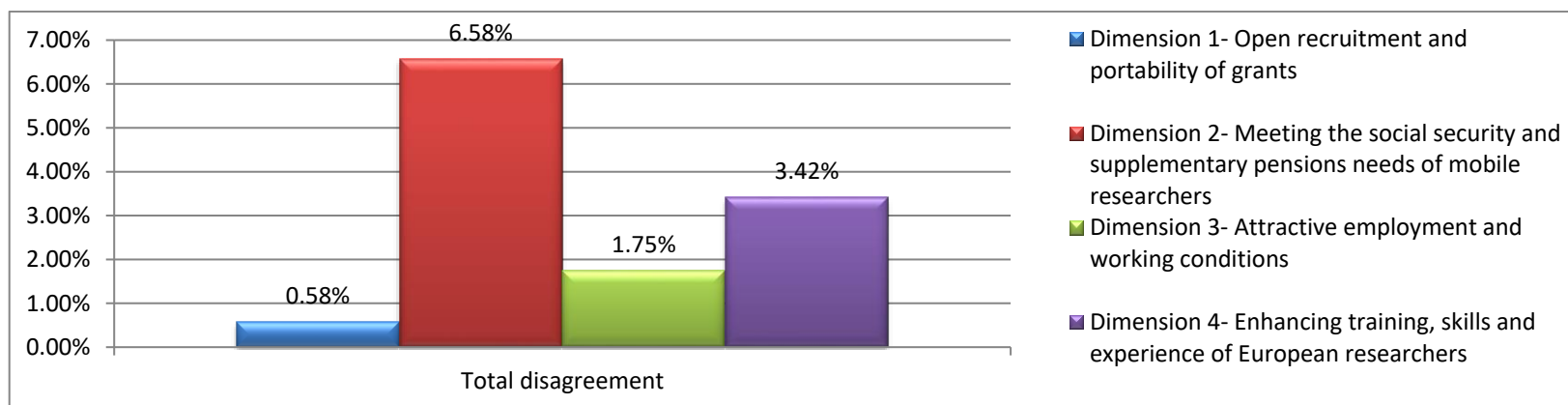
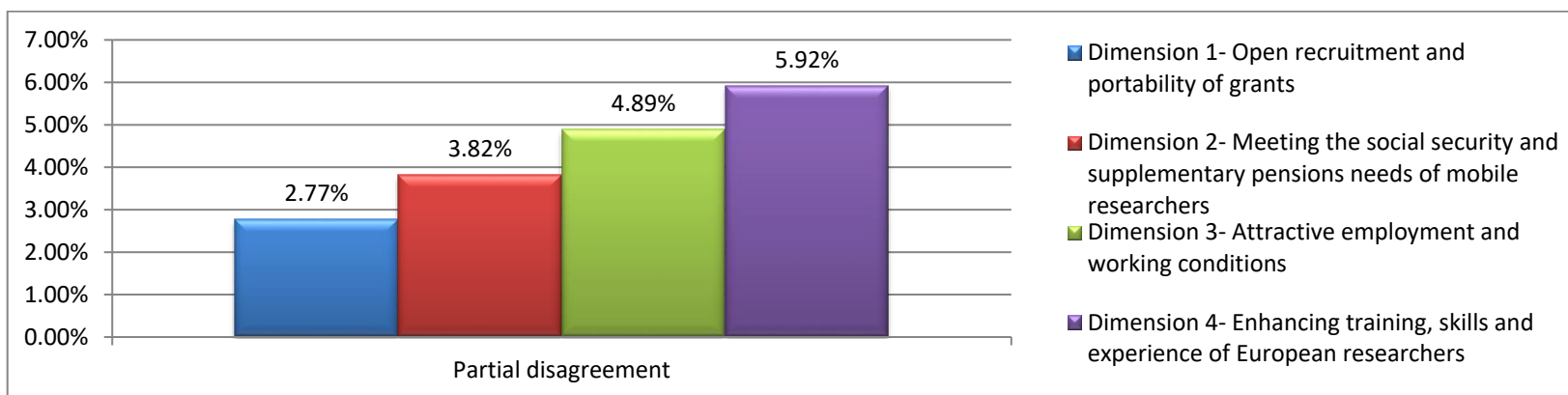


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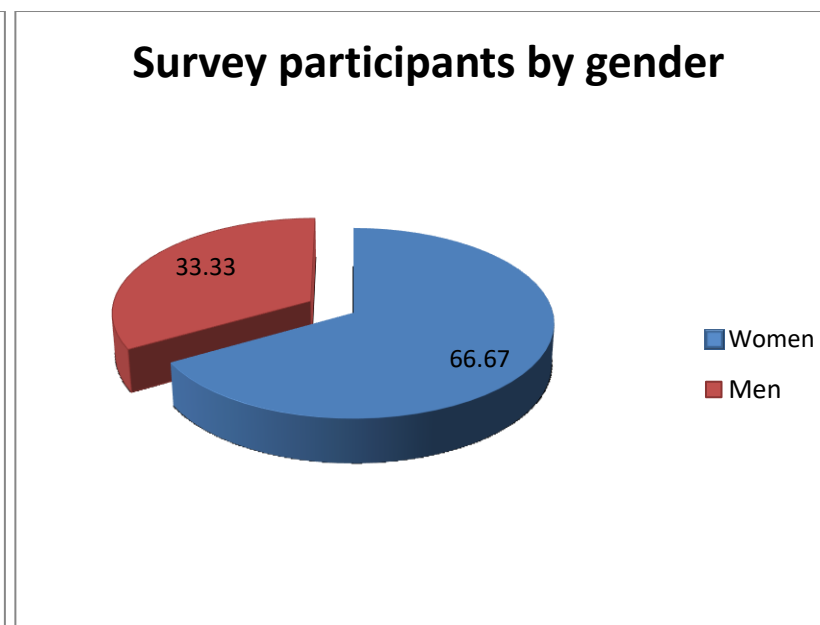
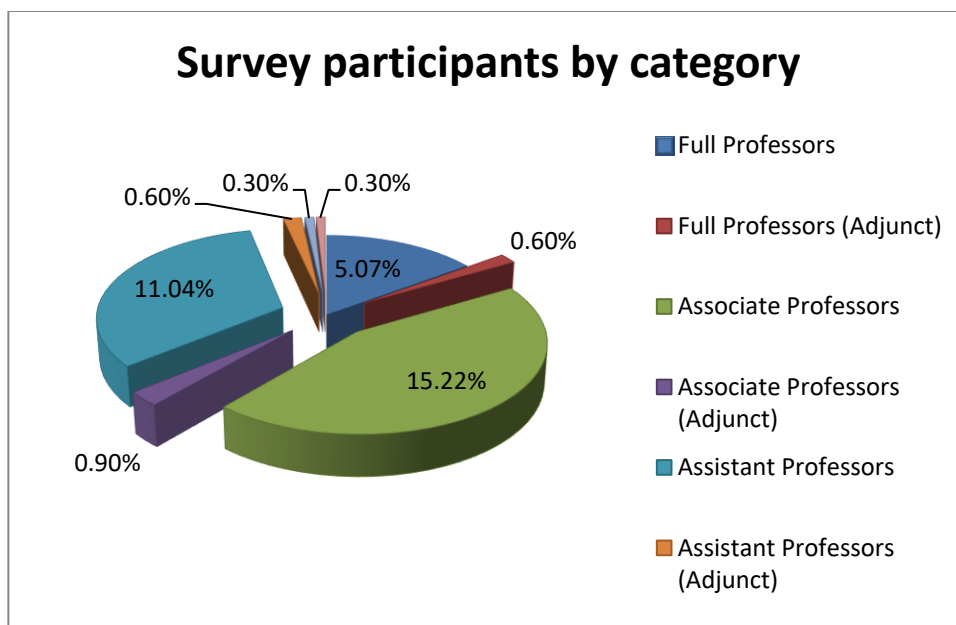
According to Act 443 of July 5, 2002, Spiru Haret University is a “higher *education institution of private right and public utility, part of the national education system.*” Spiru Haret University states its academic autonomy and private property as guaranteed by the Romanian Constitution.

Being a signatory of the *Magna Charta Universitatum*, Spiru Haret University organizes Bachelor’s degree and Master degree programmes in accordance with the provisions of **Bologna Charta** and with the study programmes of the European space of higher education. Spiru Haret University currently has 14 faculties with 48 accredited or majors authorized for temporary operation, 34 Master Programmes (Bologna Cycle II) and 94 Postgraduate Programmes.

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- Spiru Haret University has a number of 335 of teaching and research staff (262 full time-73 associates), out of which **55,52 %** are women.
- 34,03 % of the staff of Spiru Haret University has answered to the questionnaire.
- The highest feedback was from Assistant Professors (33,43 %) and Associate Professors (32,84).
- From the total number of respondents **66, 67%** are women.





- Most of the answers fall in the category “full agreement” and “agreement” regardless of dimensions or interviewed categories.
- Based on this analysis Spiru Haret University will adapt the *Human Resources Strategy for Researchers* in order to better respond to the needs of researchers.

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