

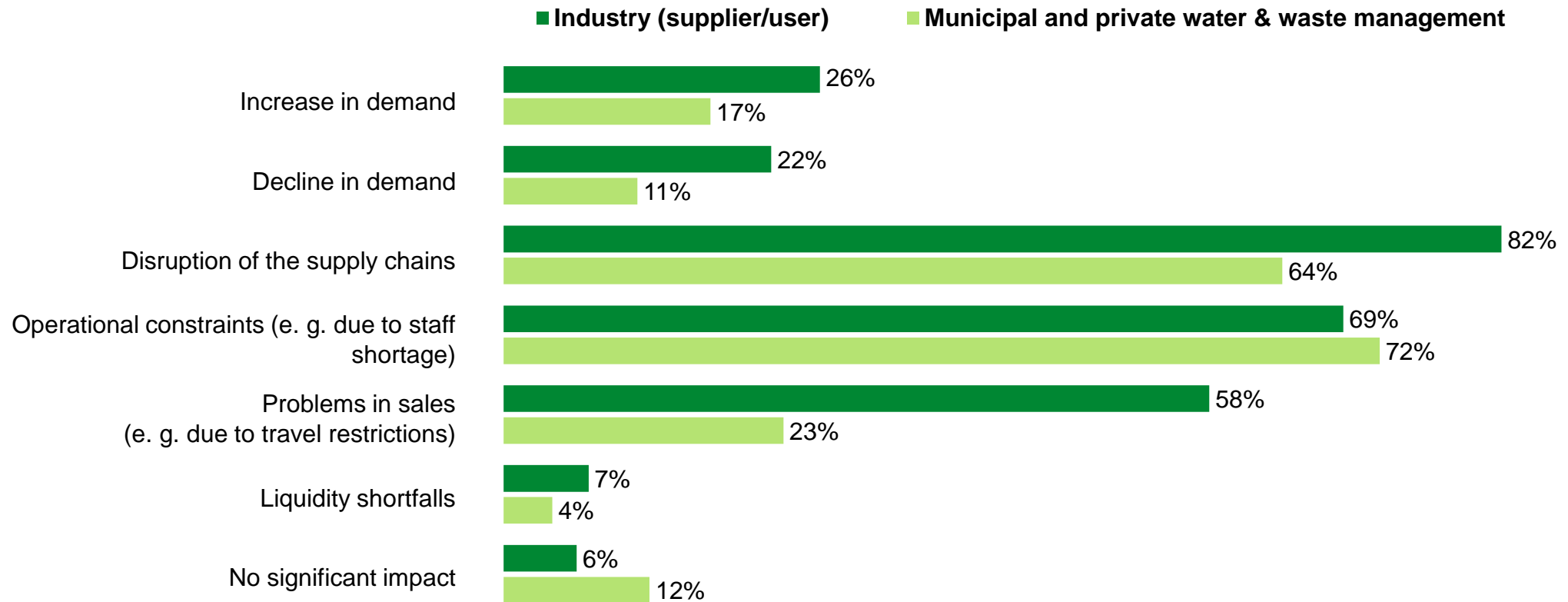
# IFAT Munich Trend Index 2022

**Survey among participants of the world's largest environmental technology trade fair.  
The topics: COVID-19, supply chains, war in Ukraine, EU Green Deal, circular economy**

Online survey conducted among 943 German IFAT Munich attendees from the industry (suppliers and users) as well as the private and municipal water & waste management sectors.

# In the pandemic, the industry primarily struggles with supply chain disruptions, and the water & waste management sector mainly with operational constraints

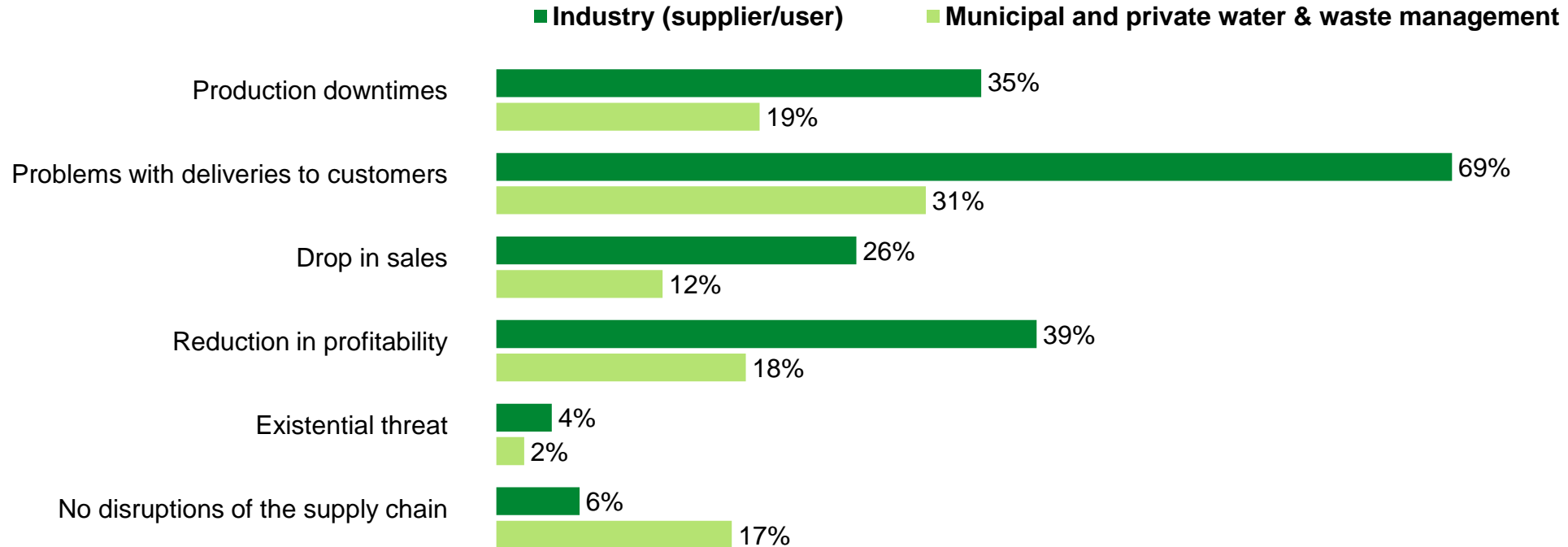
Question: Significant impact of COVID-19 on the company's business activities



Notes: Multiple responses possible (except for "No significant impact"); rounding differences possible  
 Basis: 943 participants

# Companies and municipalities struggle with decline in profitability due to delivery problems and production downtimes

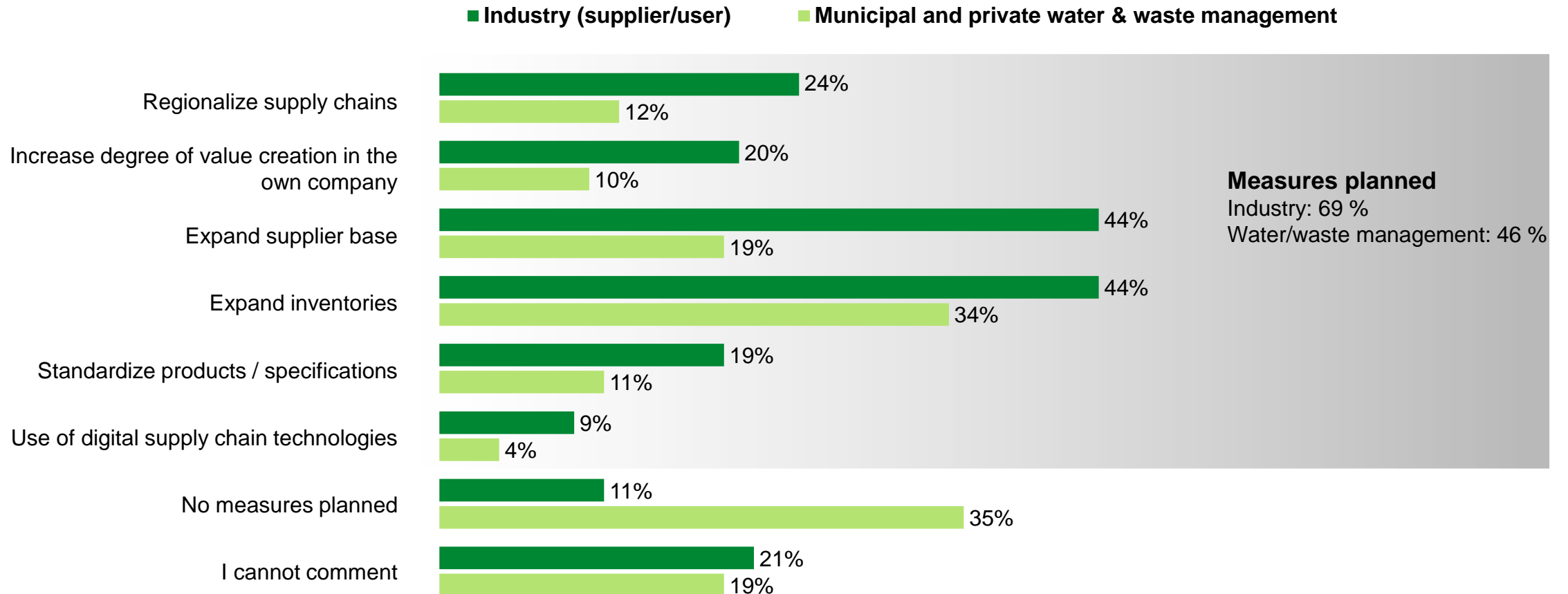
Question: Significant impact of supply chain disruptions on the company in the last 24 months



Notes: Multiple answers possible (except for "No disruptions of the supply chain"); rounding differences possible; "I cannot comment" = 8 % and 32 % respectively  
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# Two-thirds of industrial companies plan for example to expand their inventories and supplier base in order to avoid future supply problems

Question: Measures planned to stabilize the supply chains

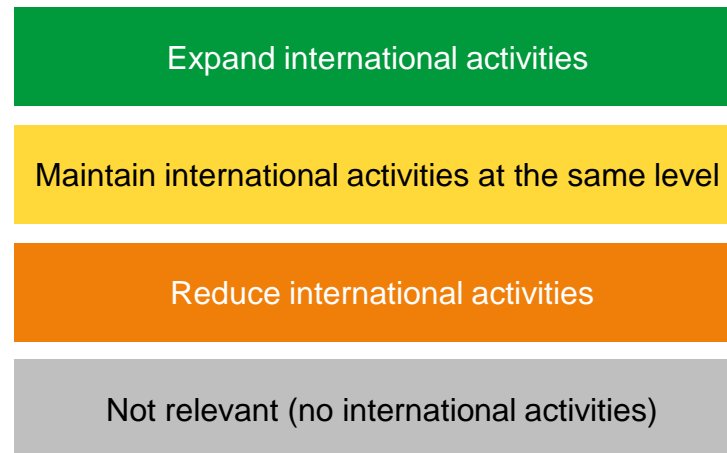
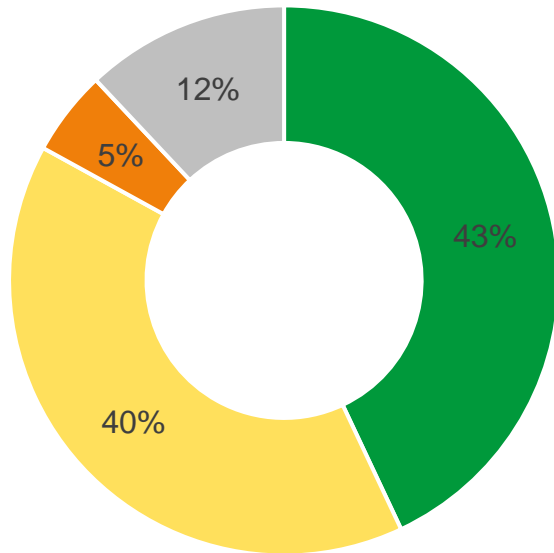


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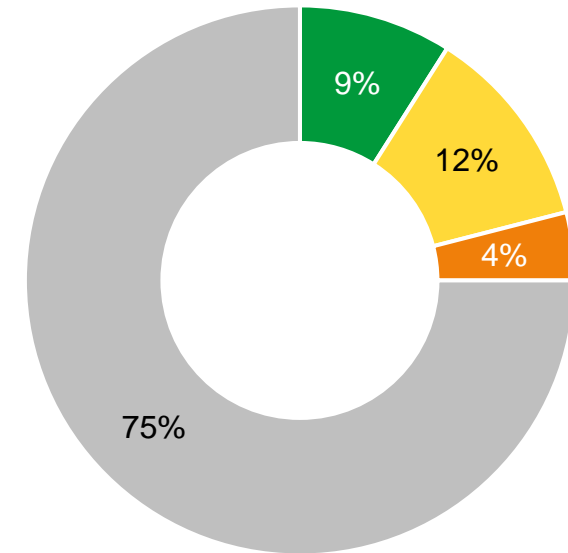
# Most of the industry continues to rely on international activities, while water and waste management has a local focus

Question: Company's future international commitment

Industry (supplier/user)



Municipal and private water & waste management

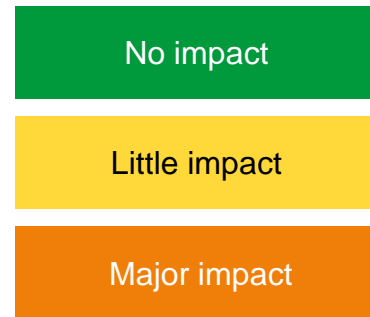
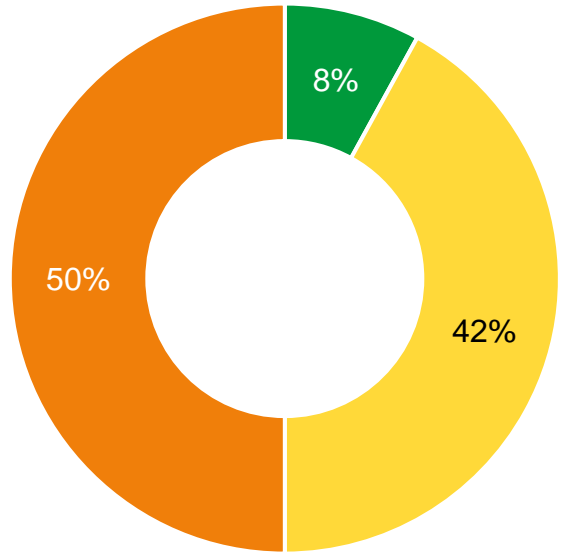


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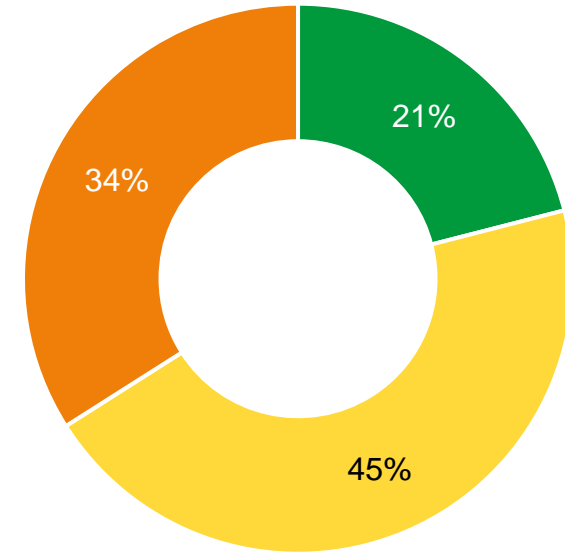
# The industry expects the war in Ukraine to have a much stronger economic impact than the water & waste management sector does

Question: Economic impact of the war in Ukraine on own company

Industry (supplier/user)



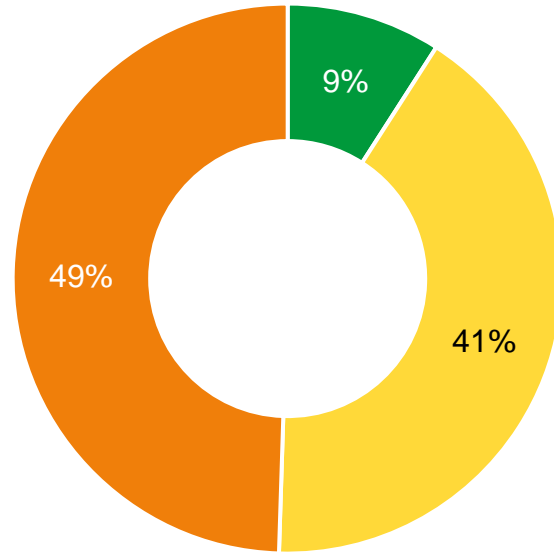
Municipal and private water & waste management



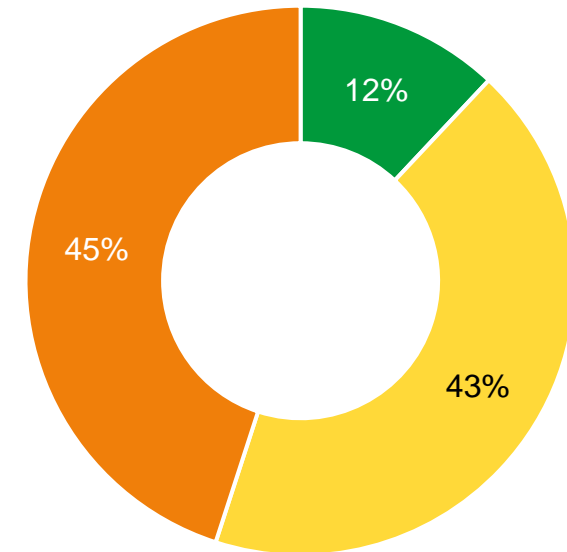
# The war in Ukraine could overshadow environmental protection in politics and the public sphere

Question: Environmental and climate protection at risk of being given lower public and political priority due to war in Ukraine

Industry (supplier/user)

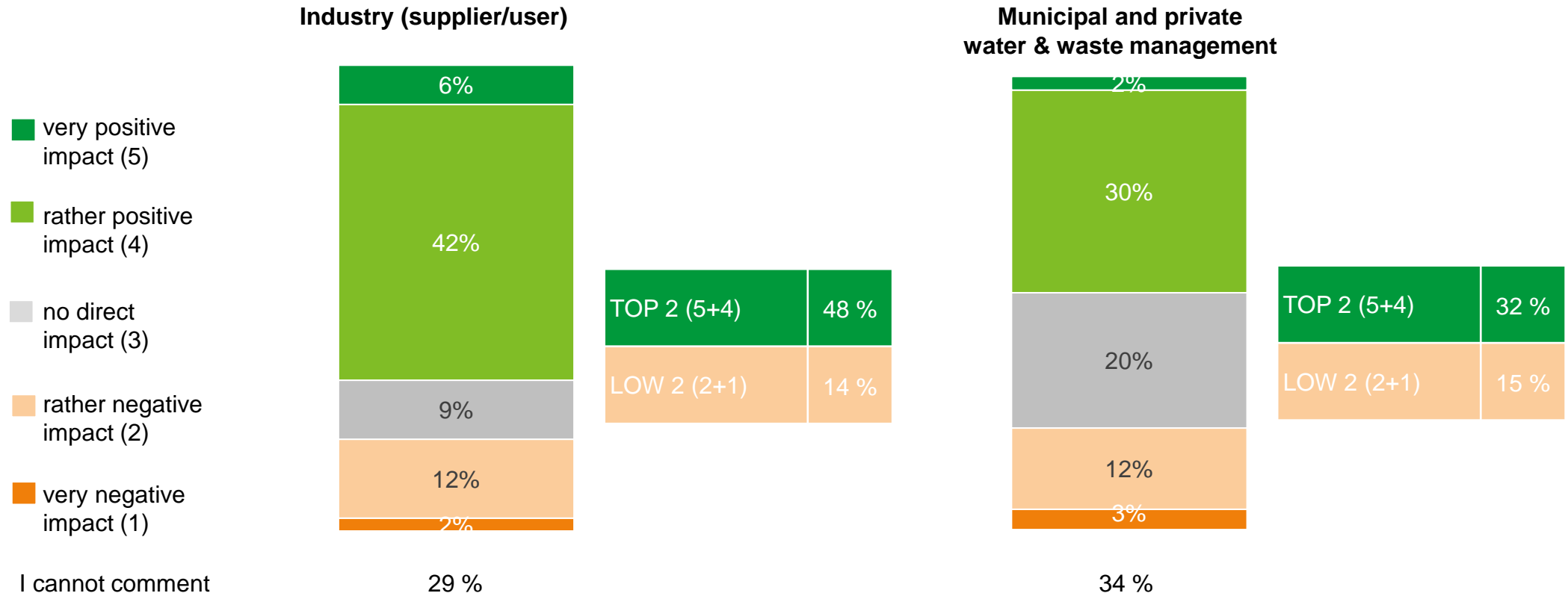


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# The European Green Deal has an impact on the business of most companies in the environmental sector

Question: Impact of the European Green Deal on business operations



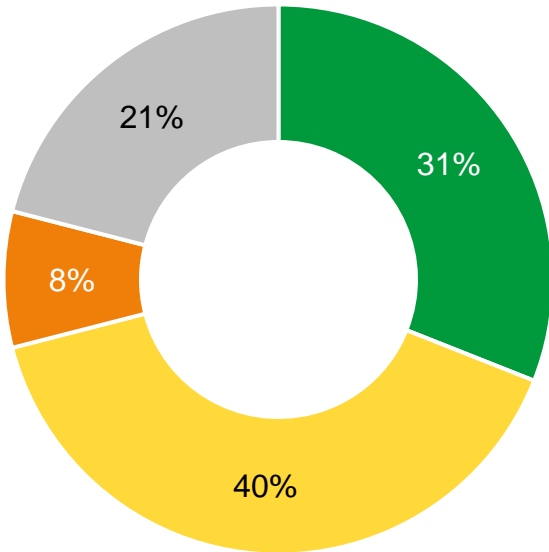
Notes: All respondents; rounding differences possible; TOP 2: values 5 (very positive) + 4 (rather positive); LOW 2: values 2 (rather negative) + 1 (very negative)  
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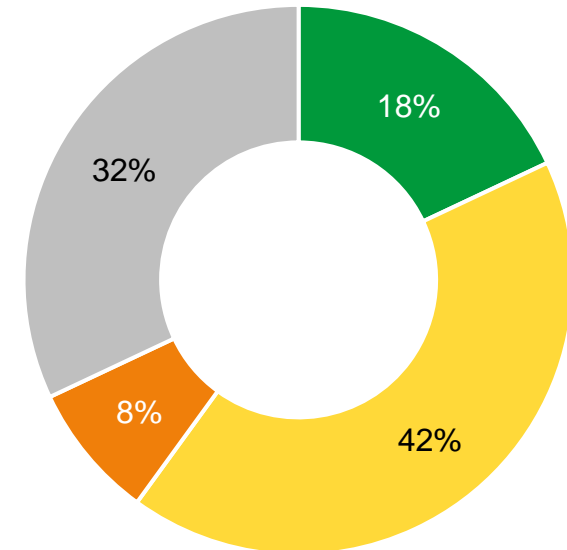
# Two-thirds of companies and municipalities are not familiar with the EU's sustainable finance taxonomy or cannot yet estimate its impact

Question: Assessment of the EU's sustainable finance taxonomy

Industry (supplier/user)

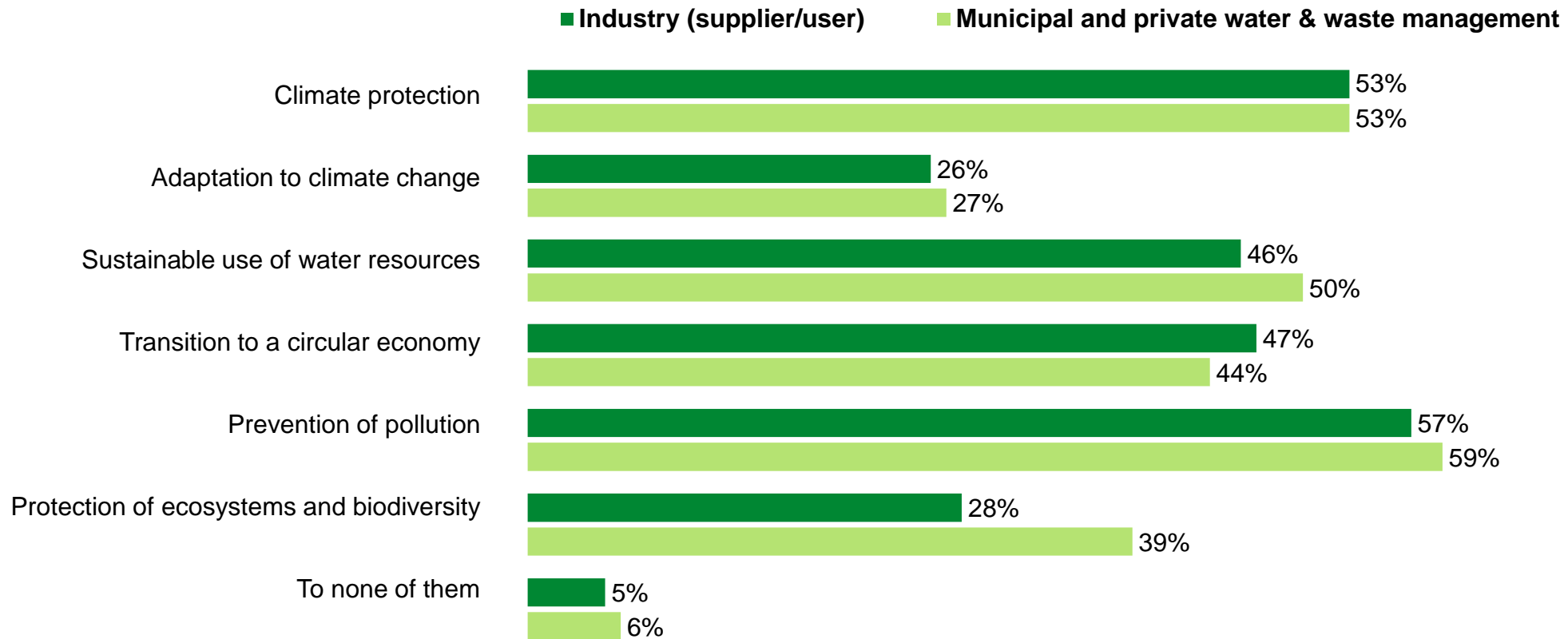


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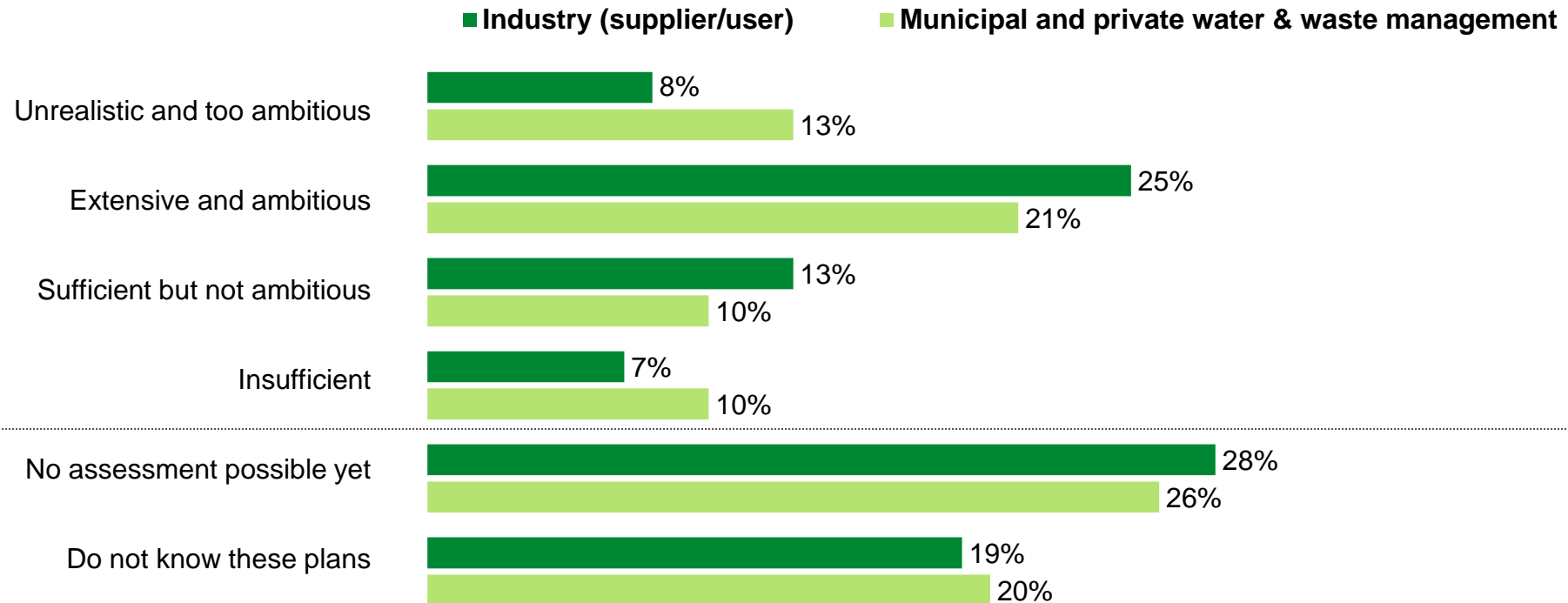
# The companies surveyed from industry and water & waste management make an equally high contribution to the taxonomy-compliant environmental goals

Question: Own company's contribution to taxonomy-compliant environmental goals



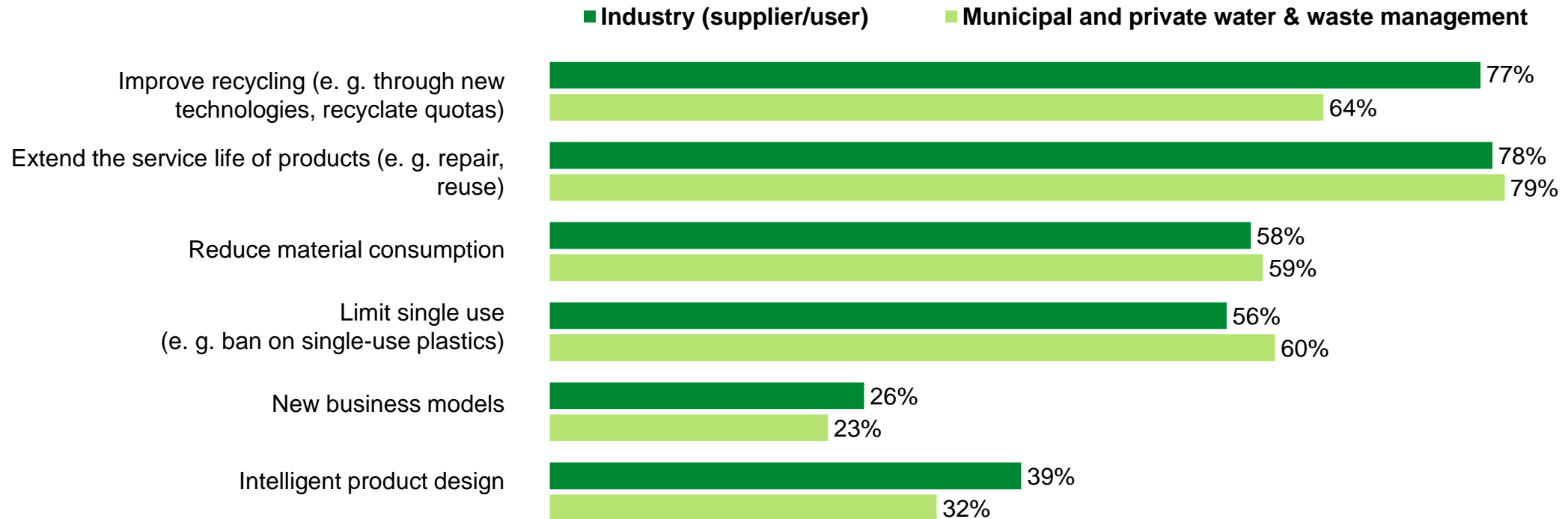
# Respondents disagree on the plans for the National Circular Economy Strategy, and many are not yet sufficiently aware of the plans

Question: Assessment of the National Circular Economy Strategy plans



# The most important measures for a successful circular economy are an extended service life of products and better recycling

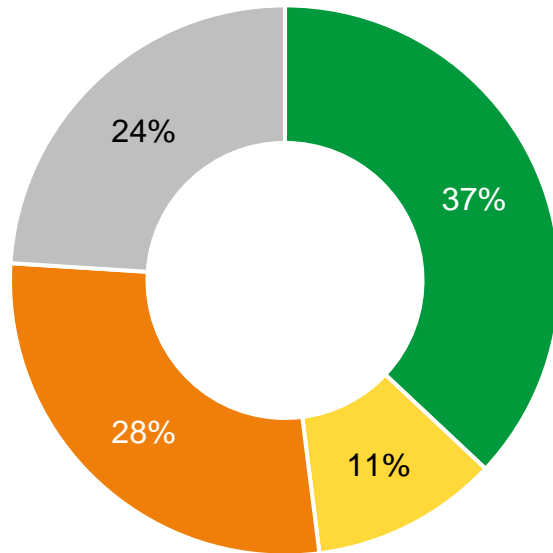
Question: Key measures on the way to a circular economy



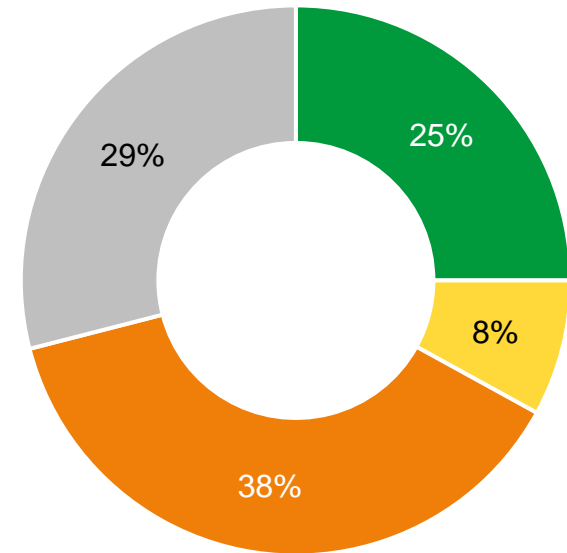
# Around every third industrial company and every fourth in the water & waste management sector currently offer circular products or services

Question: Offer of circular products and services in the company

Industry (supplier/user)



Municipal and private water & waste management



# The IFAT Munich Trend Index 2022 surveyed German participants from industry and the water & waste management sector

## Survey method

### Field period

- April 5–19, 2022
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### Population

- German exhibitors and visitors of IFAT 2018 & already registered German exhibitors and visitors of IFAT Munich 2022 from industry and water & waste management.
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### Survey method

- Anonymous online survey
  - Conducted by the polling institute IfaD
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### Number of interviews

- n = 943

## Distribution of respondents by segment

Since the survey values were the same for each sector, it was possible to combine the supplier and user industries as well as the municipal and private water and waste management sectors in the evaluation.

