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# **I pay my interns... ....what about you?!**

*Survey on the internship conditions  
within the European Parliament*

# Short survey overview

- ✓ Created to fill an information gap and compare with results of 2013.
- ✓ Focus on internships in MEP Offices and Political Groups.
- ✓ Open for 5 weeks in January-February 2017. Spread via e-mail.
- ✓ The survey focused on:
  - ✓ Personal information
  - ✓ Your internship at the European Parliament
  - ✓ Conditions and Satisfaction with the internship
  - ✓ What can be improved
- ✓ Questions based on the 2013 survey for comparability and based on European Youth Forum European Quality Charter on Internships and Apprenticeships.
- ✓ 266 interns started, 233 completed the survey.
- ✓ Slightly more women (54%) than men responded.
- ✓ Number of respondents in line with weight of political groups
- ✓ Bias of who responded.



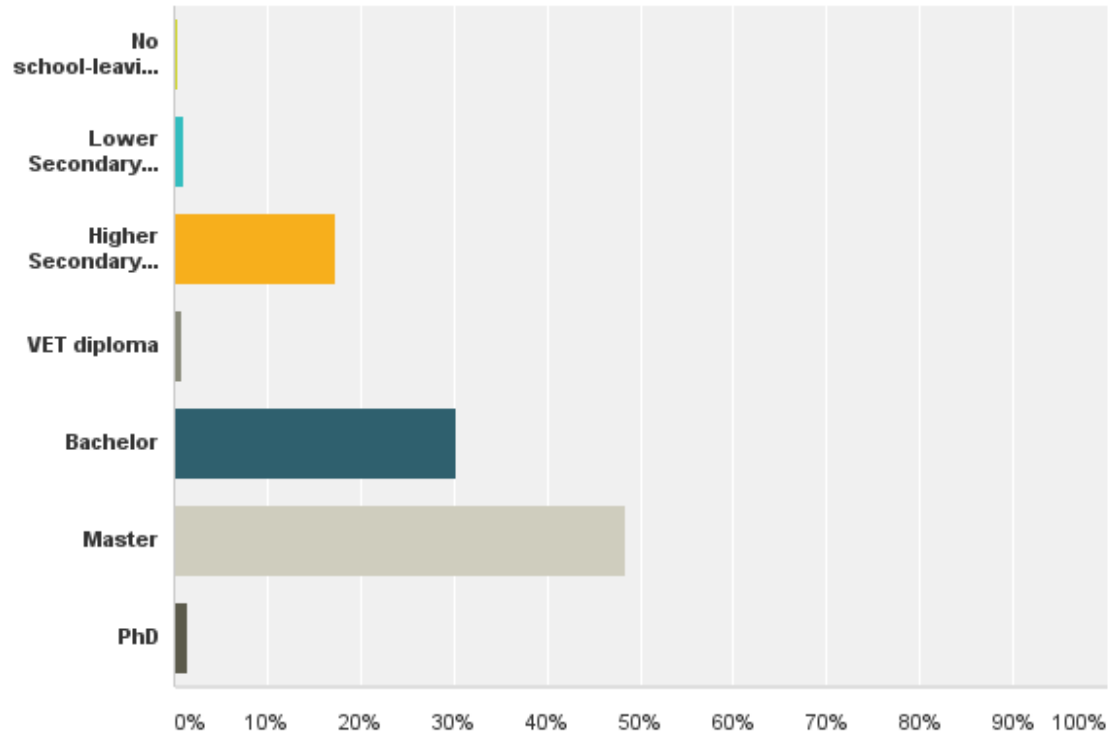
# The EP interns and their internship

- ✓ The average age of the intern is 24.
- ✓ 80% work for an individual MEP and 20% for political groups.
- ✓ For 83% the internship is not a formal part of education.
- ✓ Only 4 respondents (1,72%) don't have a written internship agreement.



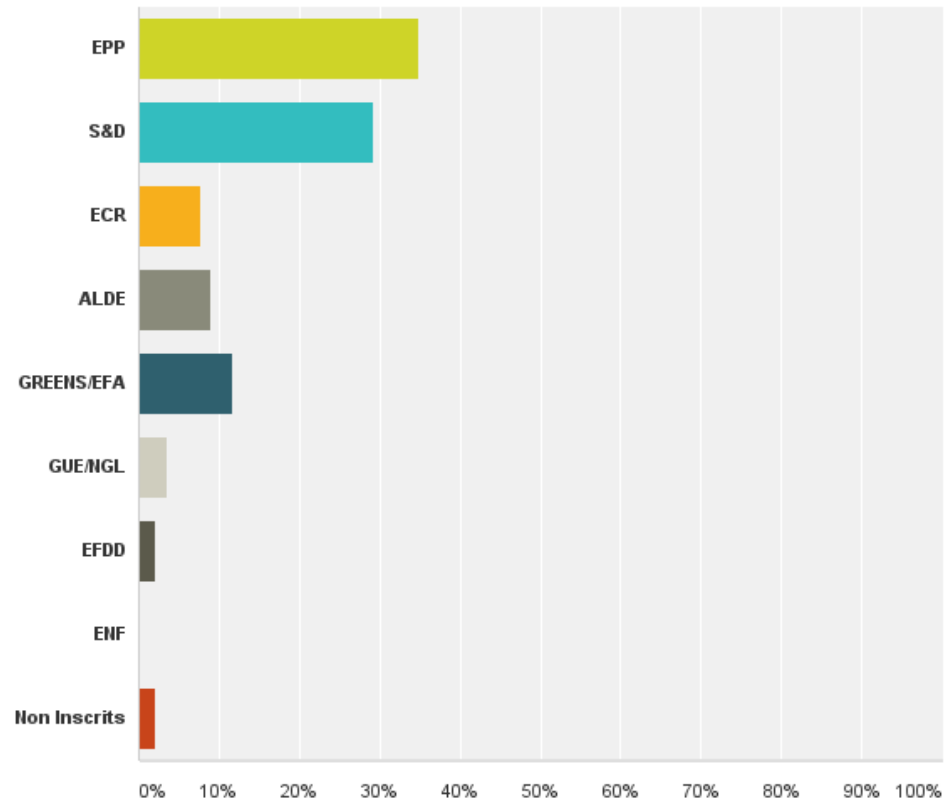
## Q2 What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Answered: 264 Skipped: 2



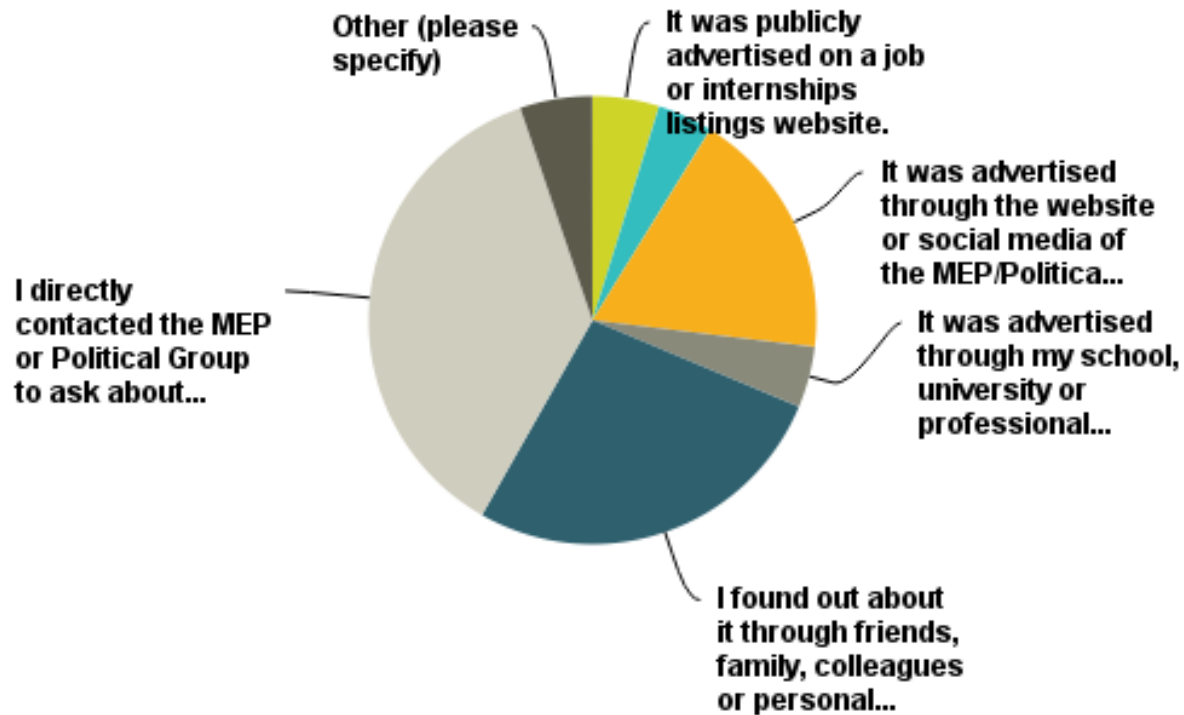
## Q5 Which group do you work for / does your MEP belong to?

Answered: 247 Skipped: 19



## Q8 How did you find out about this internship opportunity?

Answered: 249 Skipped: 17



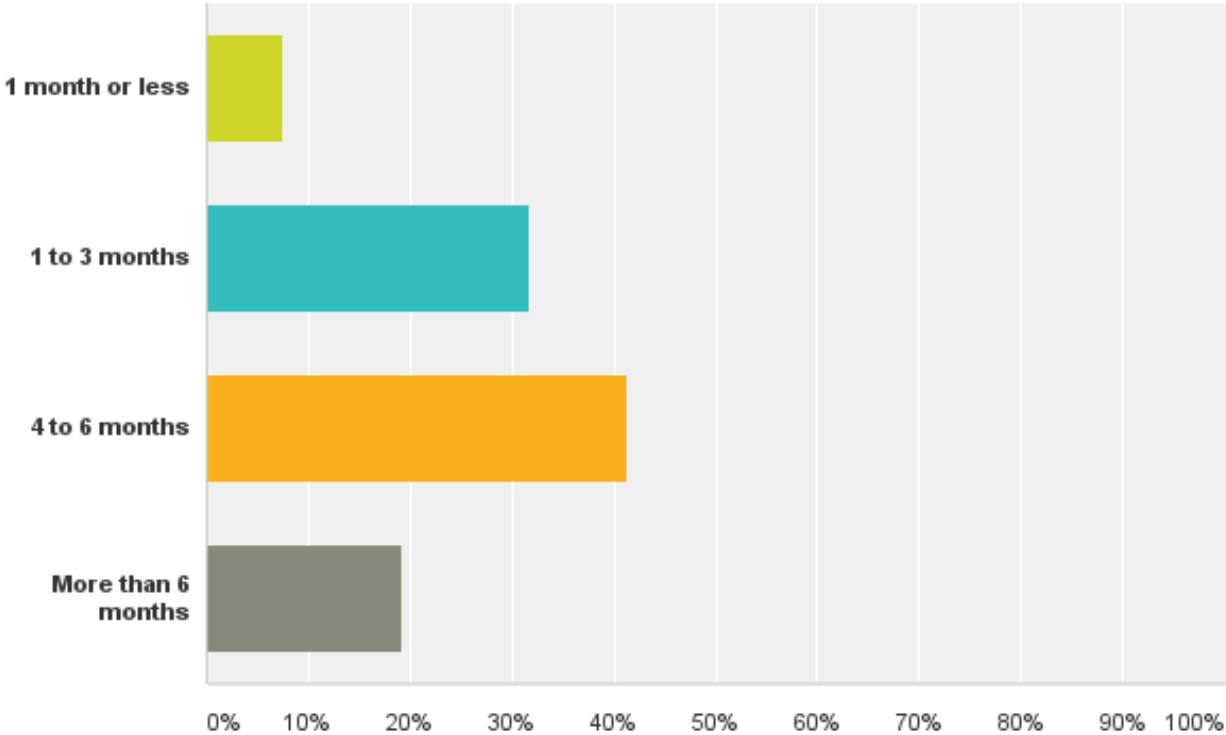
# Conditions and Satisfaction

- ✓ Only 22% have a learning agreement or written learning objectives.
- ✓ 95% work in the office of an MEP or a political group and have working materials provided for them.
- ✓ There is in general a **good level of supervision/tutoring**: 90% declared to be supported in developing their duties;
- ✓ Only 10% rate the level of the tutoring as poor/very poor. 72% rates it as good/excellent.
- ✓ 72% agree/strongly agree that their tasks fit their qualification and experience.
- ✓ 70% agree/strongly agree that they can make decisions affecting their work. Only 10% disagree. 80% say taking initiative is appreciated.



# Q6 How long will your internship last:

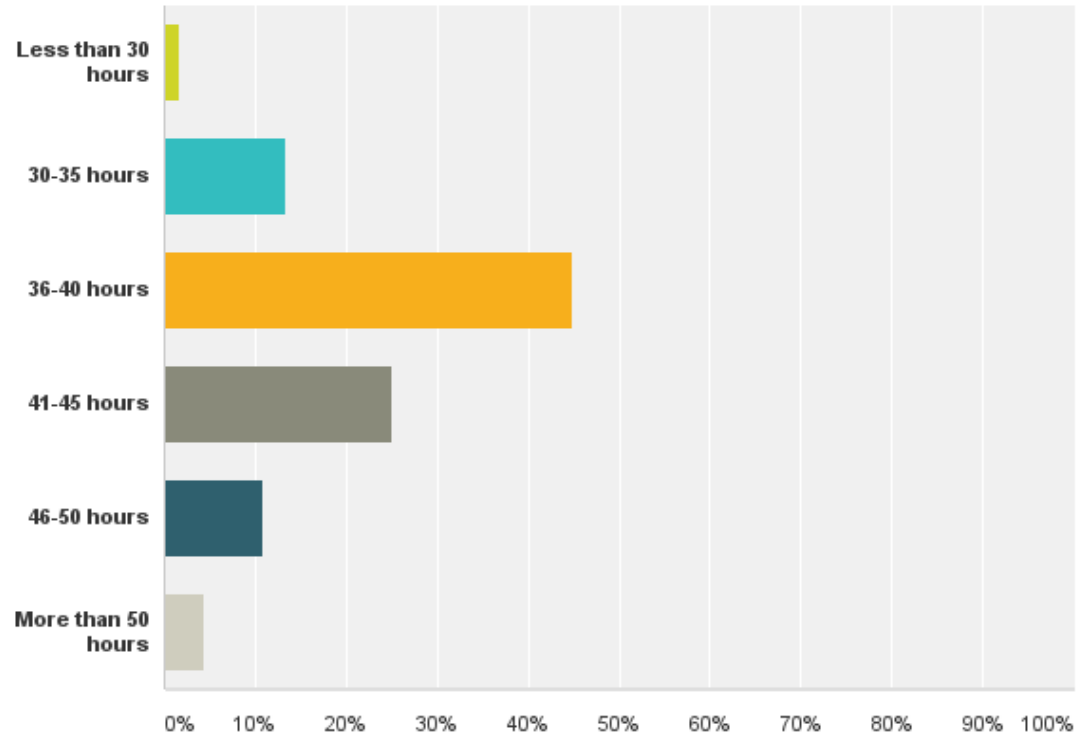
Answered: 198 Skipped: 1





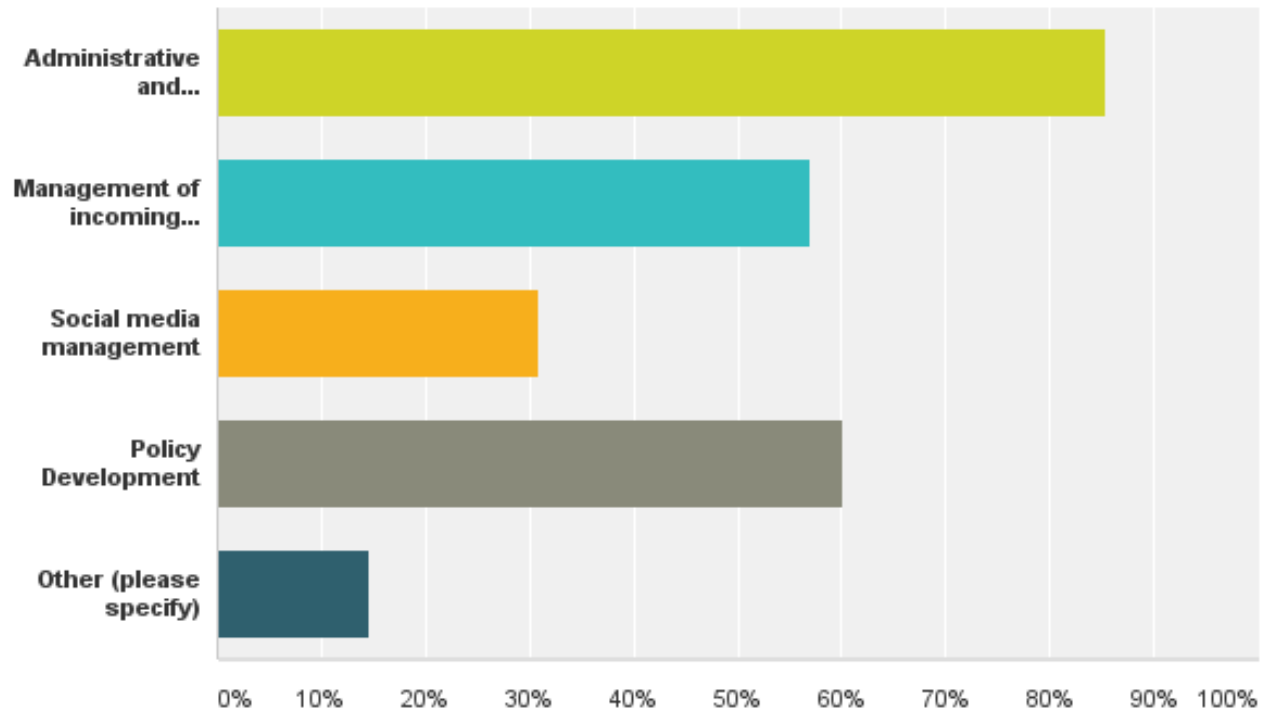
## Q12 How many hours are you working per week on average?

Answered: 232 Skipped: 34



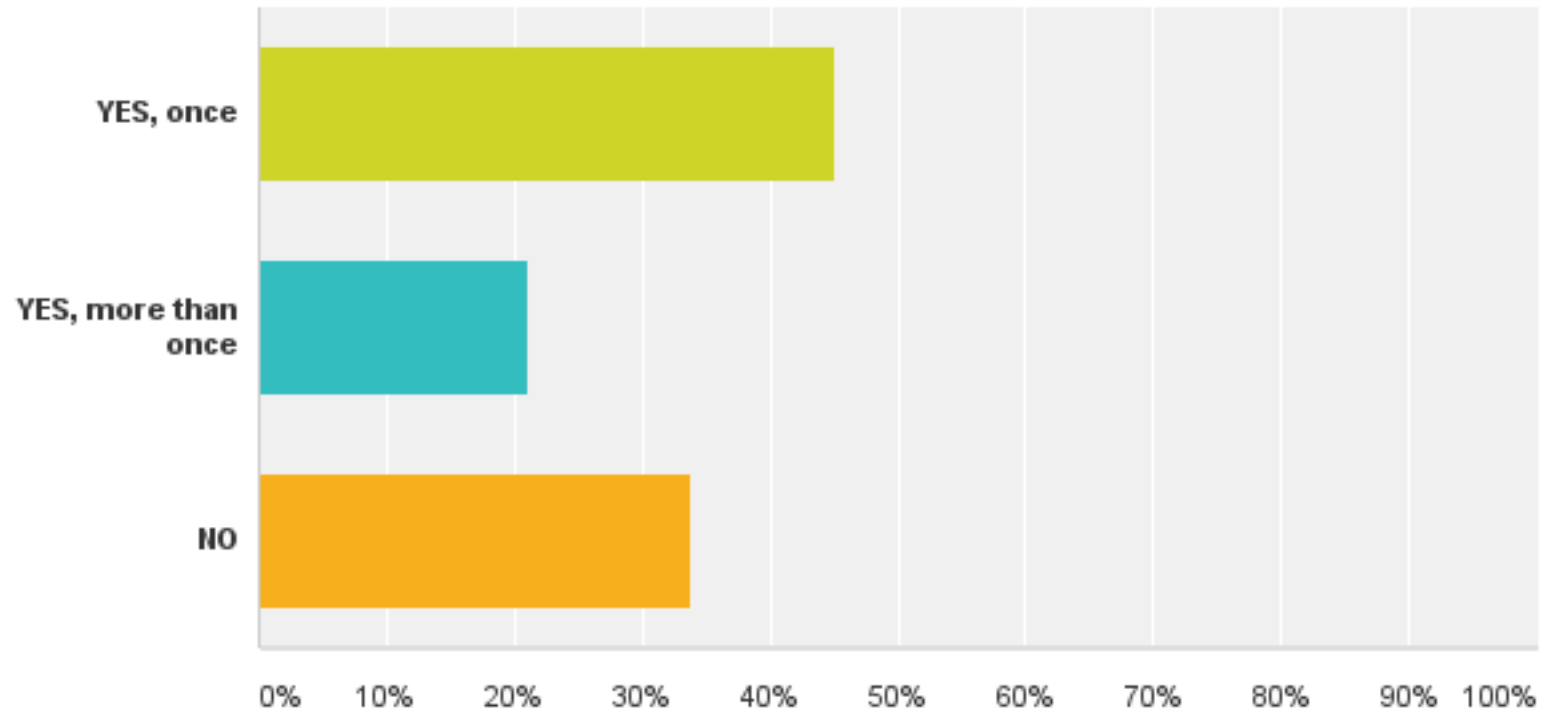
# Q16 Which tasks are you required to perform ?

Answered: 233 Skipped: 33



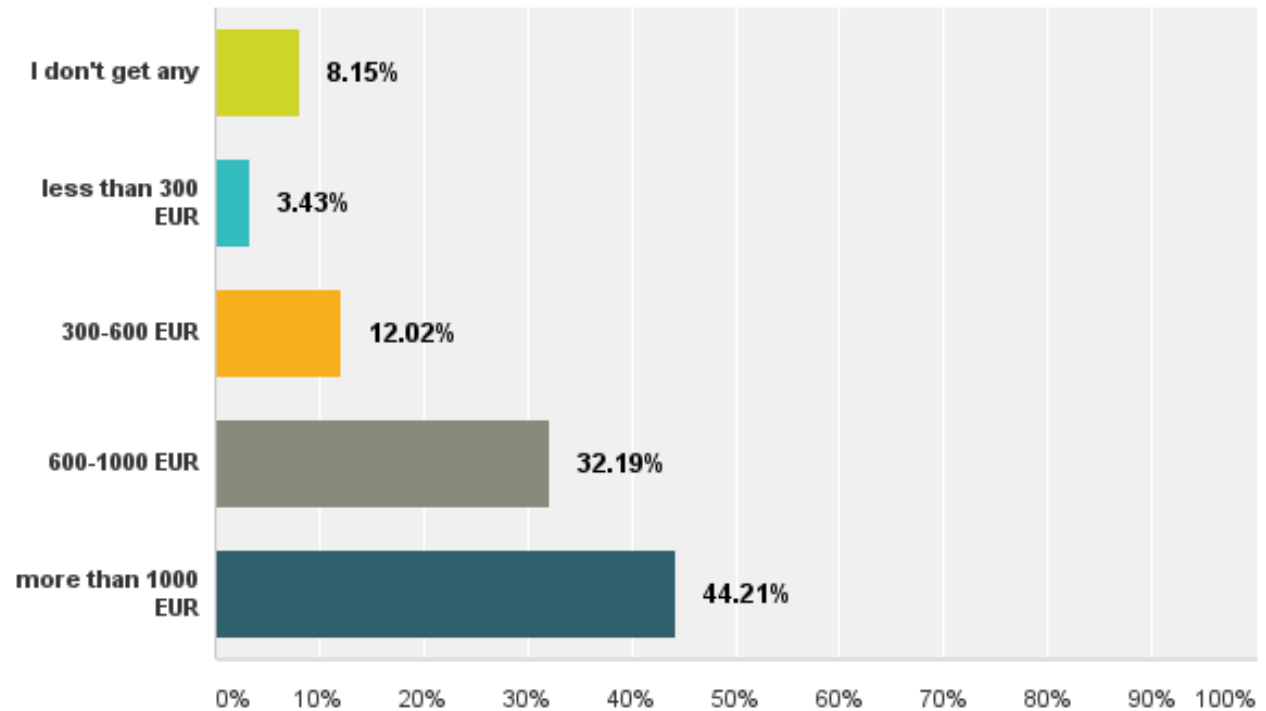
## Q23 Do you go to Strasbourg?

Answered: 233 Skipped: 33



## Q15 How much is your compensation/allowance?

Answered: 233 Skipped: 33

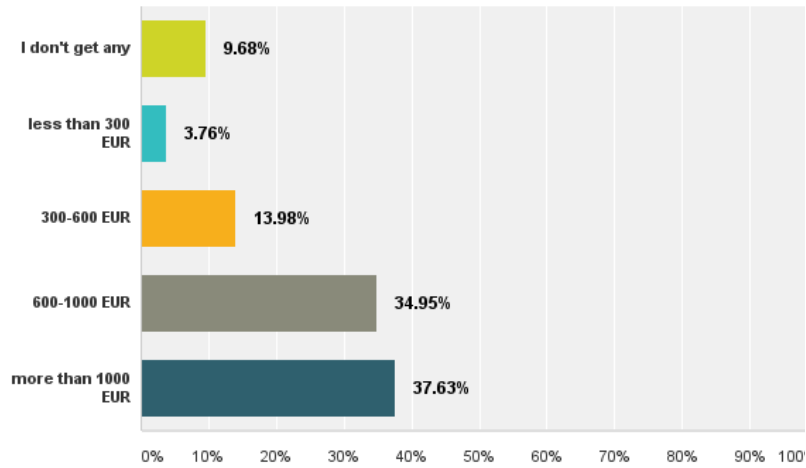


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# Political Group

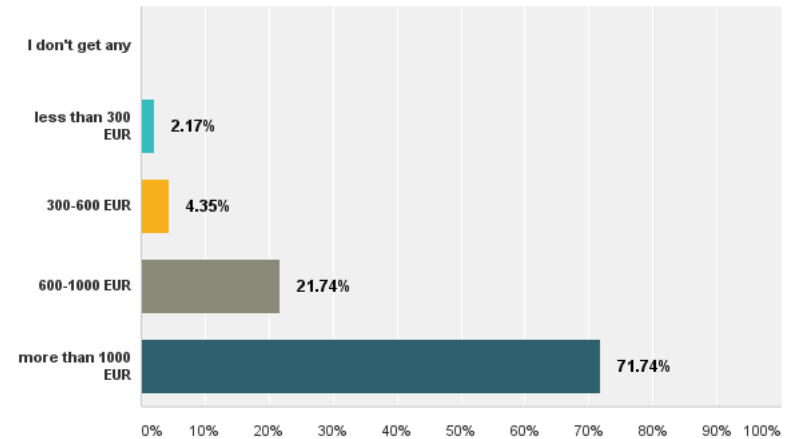
Q15 How much is your compensation/allowance?

Answered: 186 Skipped: 13



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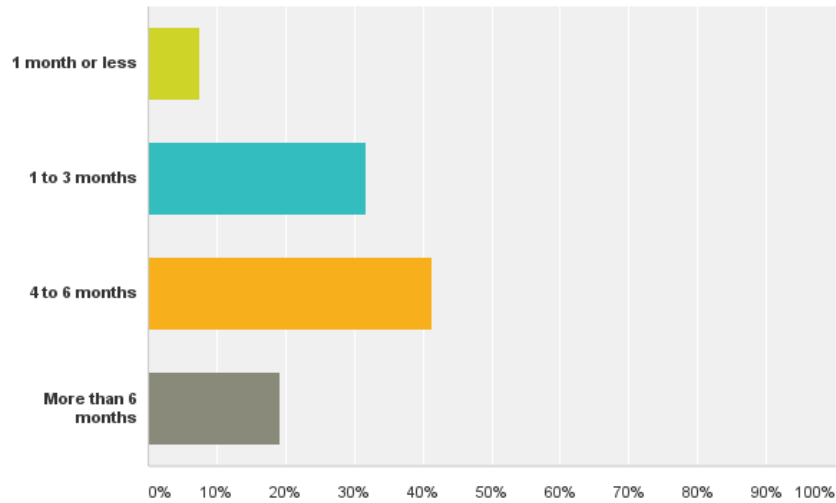
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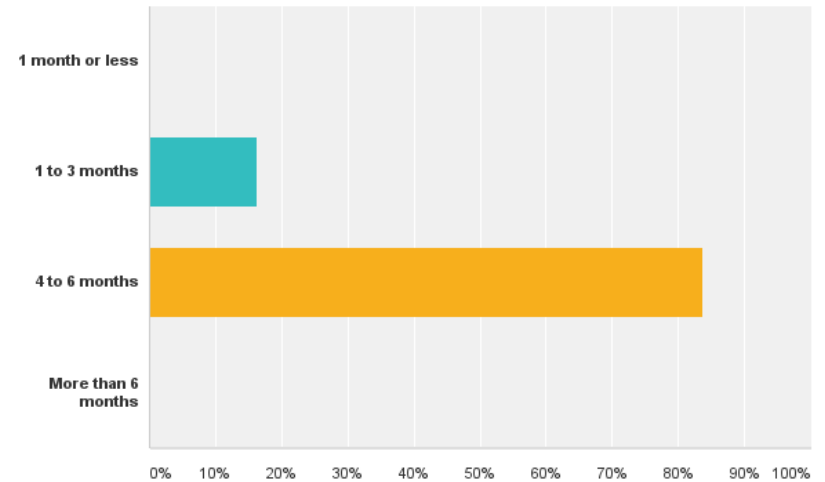
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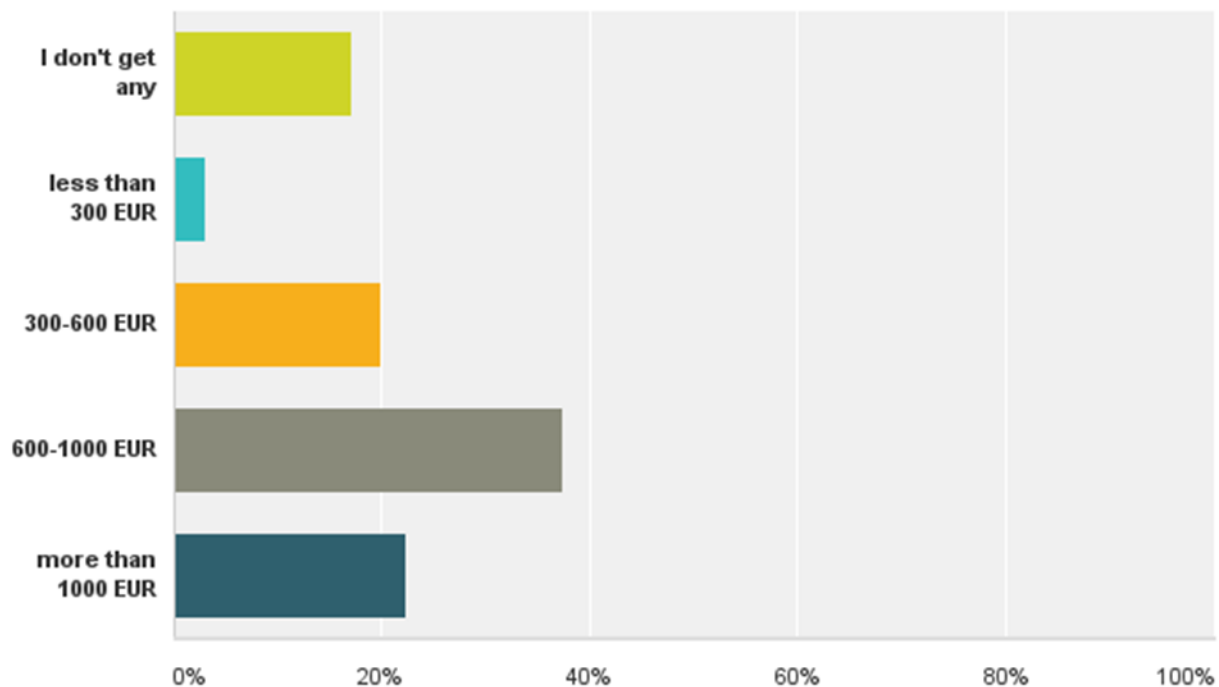
Q6 How long will your internship last:

Answered: 49 Skipped: 0



### Q3 How much is your compensation/allowance?

Answered: 291 Skipped: 0



Answer	Responses
I don't get any	17.18% 50
less than 300 EUR	3.09% 9
300-600 EUR	19.93% 58
600-1000 EUR	37.46% 109
more than 1000 EUR	22.34% 65
Total	291



# How would you overall rate your internship experience?

<u>MEP offices</u>				
Very Bad	Poor	Satisfactory	Good	Excellent
1,61%	3,76%	13,44%	40,86%	40.32%

<u>Political Groups</u>				
Very Bad	Poor	Satisfactory	Good	Excellent
2,17%	2,71%	8,70%	41,30%	45,65%

