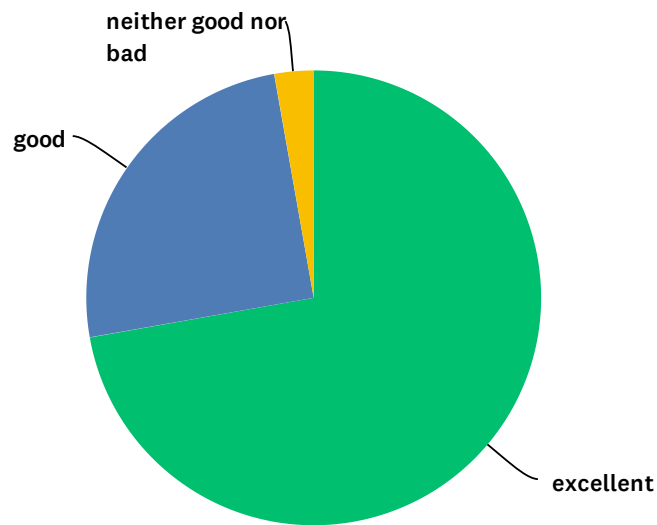


Q1 How did you like the virtual venue (Zoom + Slack + YouTube)?

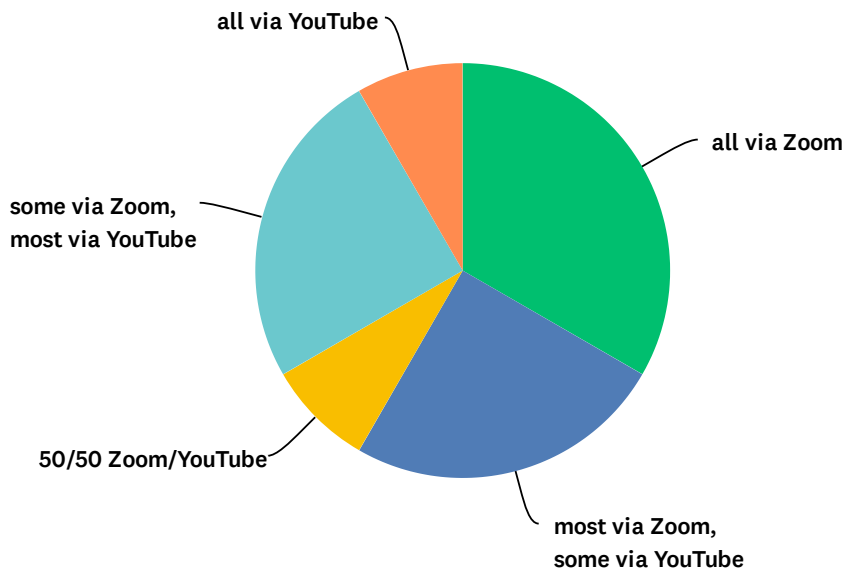
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	72.22%	26
good	25.00%	9
neither good nor bad	2.78%	1
bad	0.00%	0
very bad	0.00%	0
TOTAL		36

Q2 How did you watch the talks?

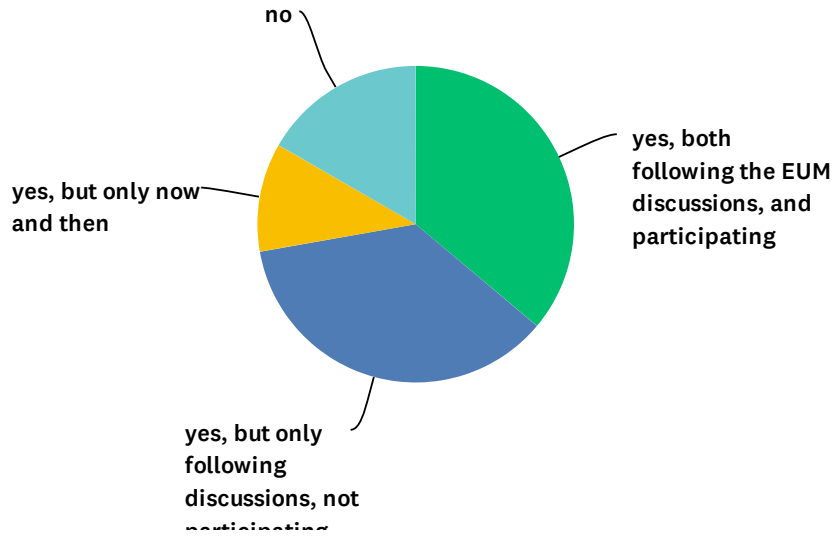
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
all via Zoom	33.33%	12
most via Zoom, some via YouTube	25.00%	9
50/50 Zoom/YouTube	8.33%	3
some via Zoom, most via YouTube	25.00%	9
all via YouTube	8.33%	3
TOTAL		36

Q3 Did you use Slack during the meeting?

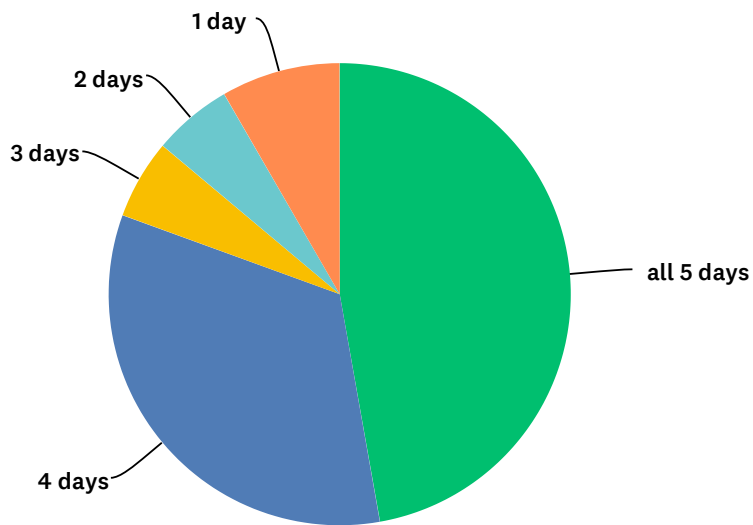
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
yes, both following the EUM discussions, and participating	36.11%	13
yes, but only following discussions, not participating	36.11%	13
yes, but only now and then	11.11%	4
no	16.67%	6
TOTAL		36

Q4 How many days did you attend?

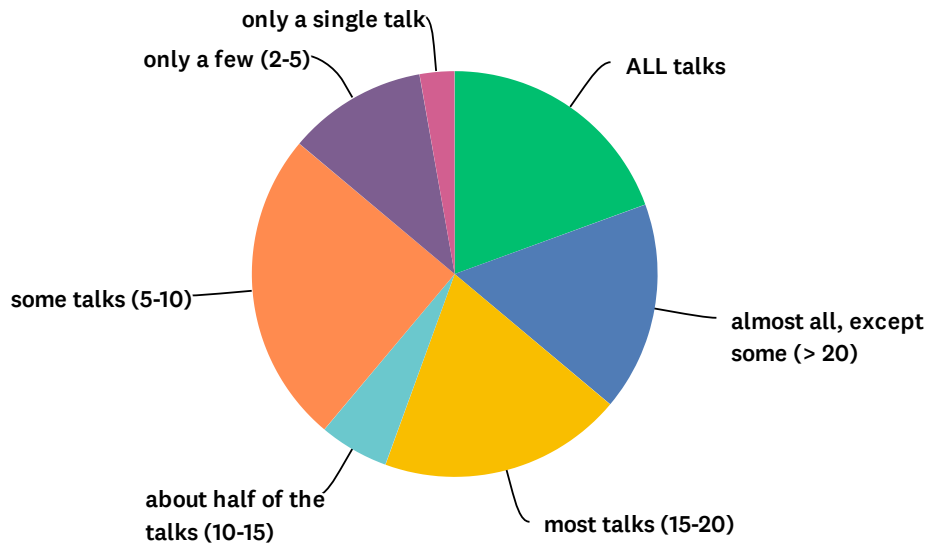
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
all 5 days	47.22%	17
4 days	33.33%	12
3 days	5.56%	2
2 days	5.56%	2
1 day	8.33%	3
TOTAL		36

Q5 How many talks (except tutorials) did you attend?

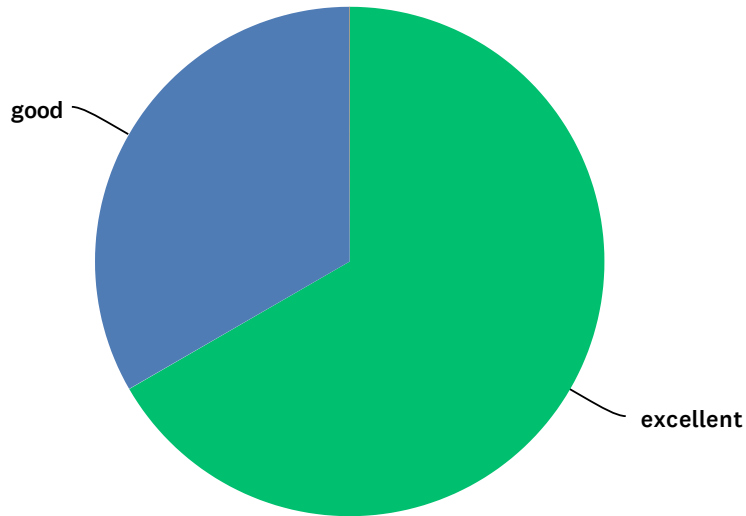
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
ALL talks	19.44%	7
almost all, except some (> 20)	16.67%	6
most talks (15-20)	19.44%	7
about half of the talks (10-15)	5.56%	2
some talks (5-10)	25.00%	9
only a few (2-5)	11.11%	4
only a single talk	2.78%	1
TOTAL		36

Q6 How did you like the meeting format (talks of varying length + 2 tutorials)?

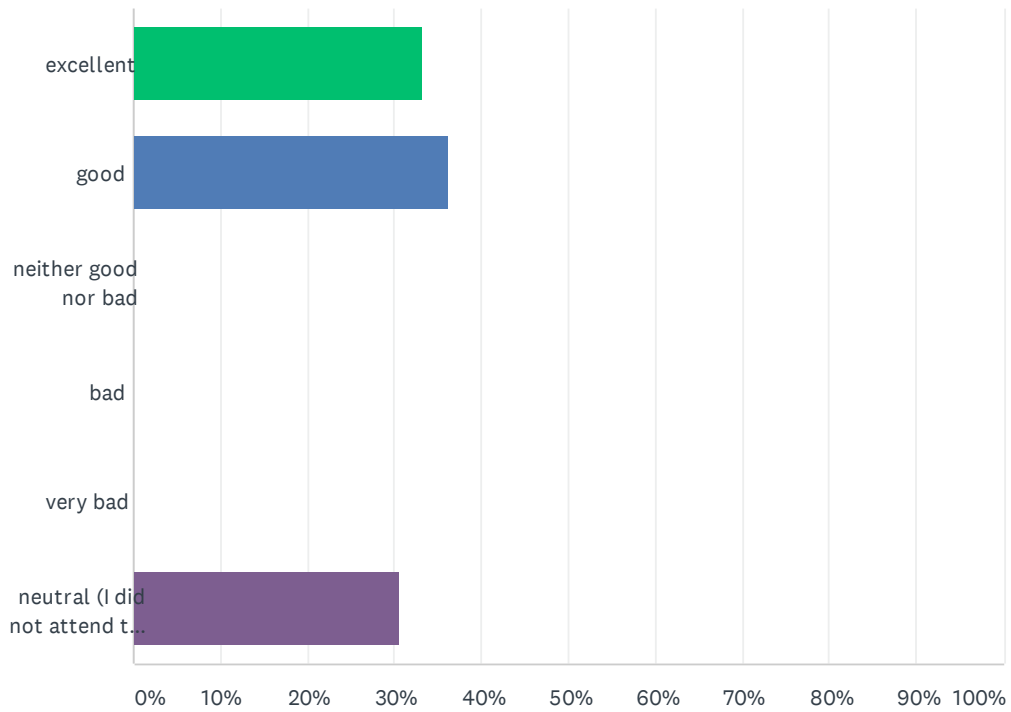
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	COUNT
excellent	66.67%	24
good	33.33%	12
neither good nor bad	0.00%	0
bad	0.00%	0
very bad	0.00%	0
neutral (I did not attend)	0.00%	0
TOTAL		36

Q7 How did you like the "Writing powerful HPC regression tests with ReFrame" presentation by Vasileios Karakasis (CSCS)?

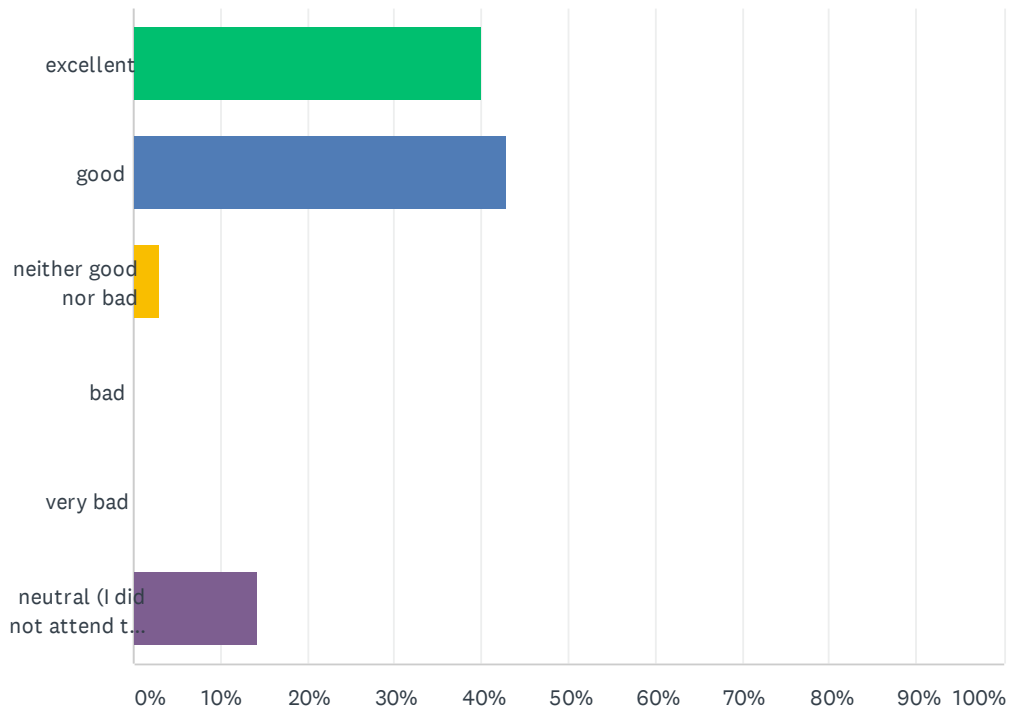
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	33.33%	12
good	36.11%	13
neither good nor bad	0.00%	0
bad	0.00%	0
very bad	0.00%	0
neutral (I did not attend this presentation)	30.56%	11
TOTAL		36

Q8 How did you like the "CernVM-FS: Overview and Roadmap" presentation by Jakob Blomer (CERN)?

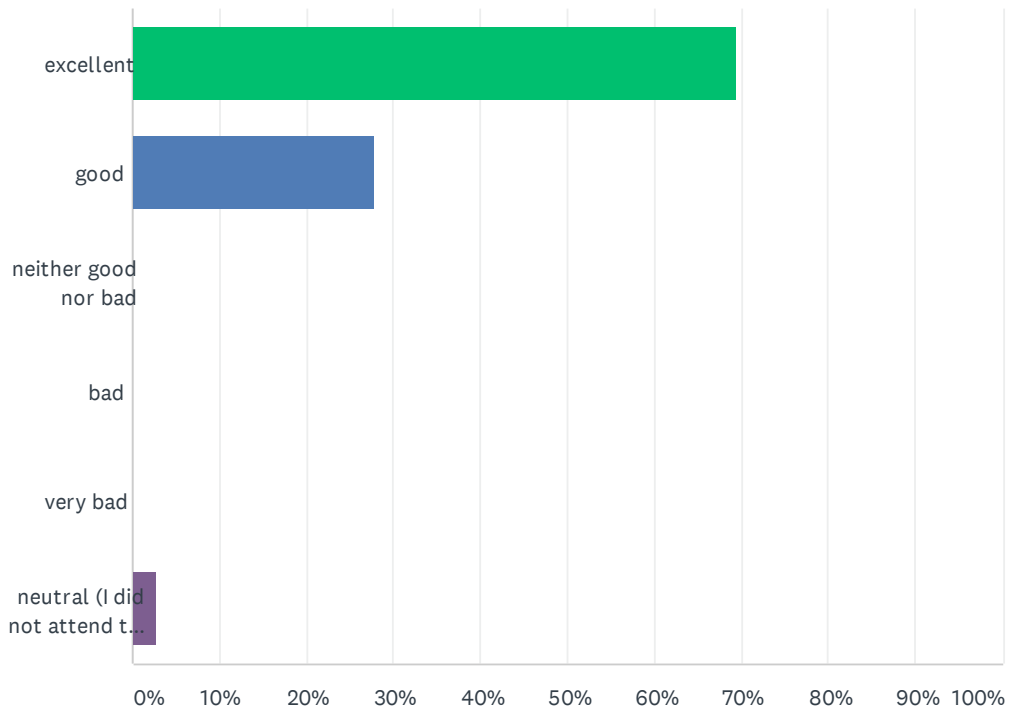
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	40.00%	14
good	42.86%	15
neither good nor bad	2.86%	1
bad	0.00%	0
very bad	0.00%	0
neutral (I did not attend this presentation)	14.29%	5
TOTAL		35

Q9 How did you like the "EasyBuild: State of the Union" presentation by Kenneth Hoste (HPC-UGent)?

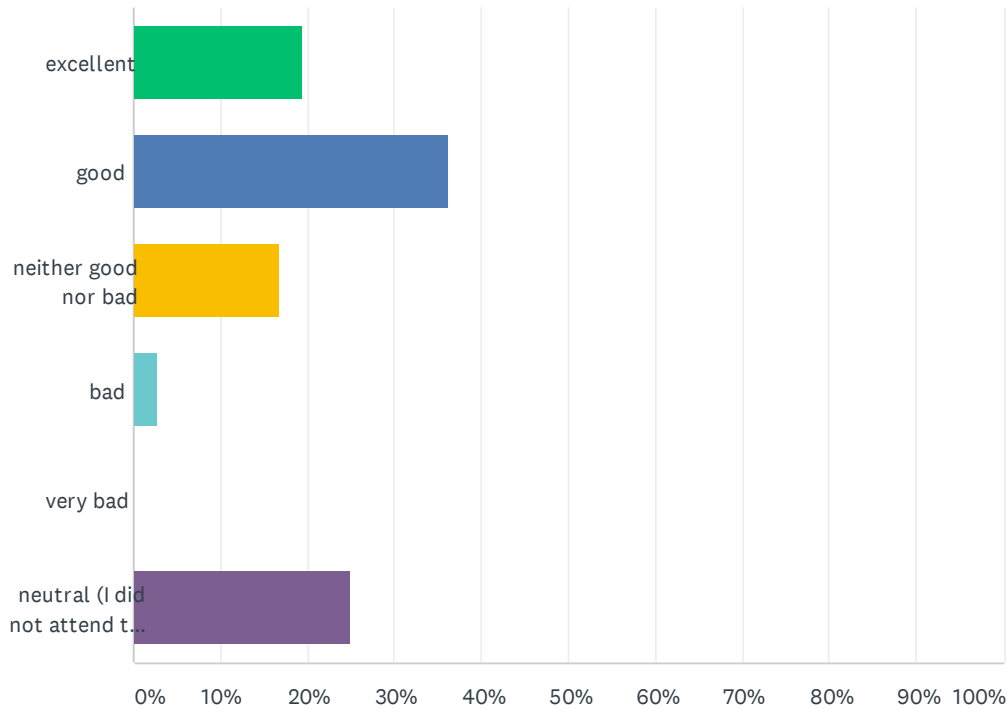
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	69.44%	25
good	27.78%	10
neither good nor bad	0.00%	0
bad	0.00%	0
very bad	0.00%	0
neutral (I did not attend this presentation)	2.78%	1
TOTAL		36

Q10 How did you like the "Easy-Build Singularity Containers" presentation (on Tuesday) by Jörg Saßmannshausen (Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust and King's College London)

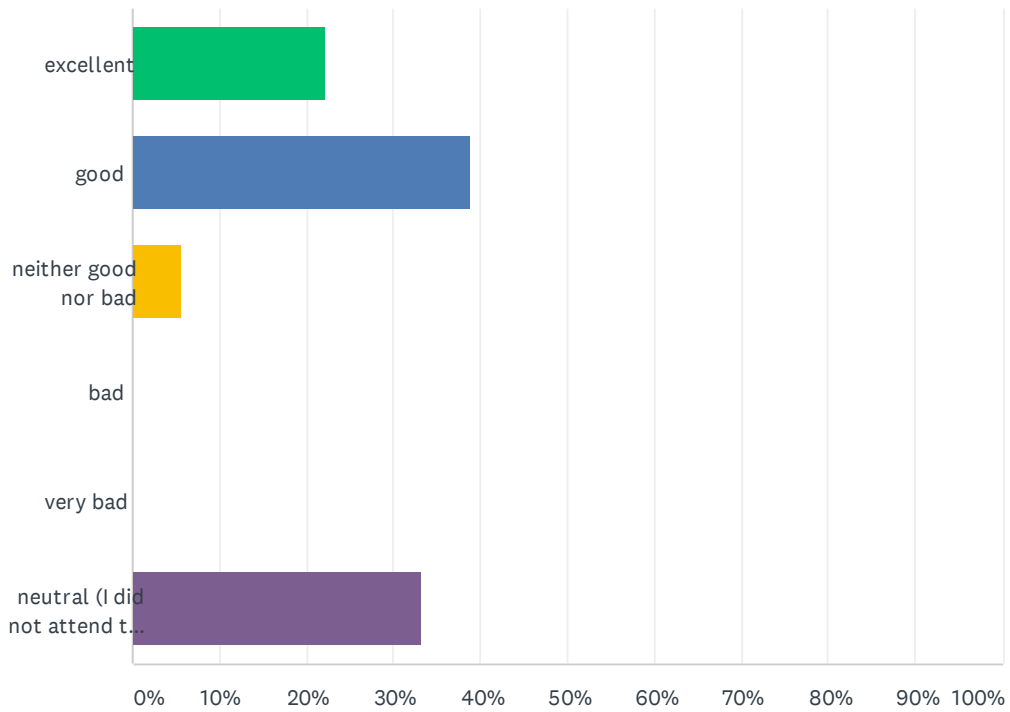
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	19.44%	7
good	36.11%	13
neither good nor bad	16.67%	6
bad	2.78%	1
very bad	0.00%	0
neutral (I did not attend this presentation)	25.00%	9
TOTAL		36

Q11 How did you like the "Gentoo Prefix: a unified experience on top of another distribution" presentation by Fabian Groffen (Gentoo) ?

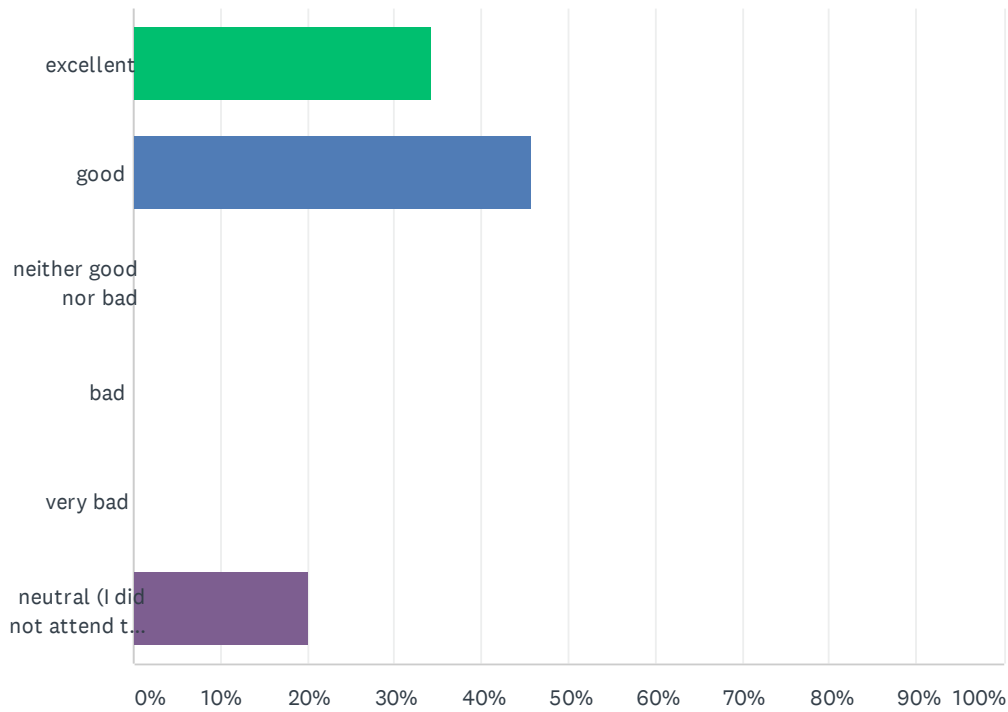
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	22.22%	8
good	38.89%	14
neither good nor bad	5.56%	2
bad	0.00%	0
very bad	0.00%	0
neutral (I did not attend this presentation)	33.33%	12
TOTAL		36

Q12 How did you like the "European Environment for Scientific Software Installations (EESSI)" presentation by Bob Dröge (Univ. of Groningen) ?

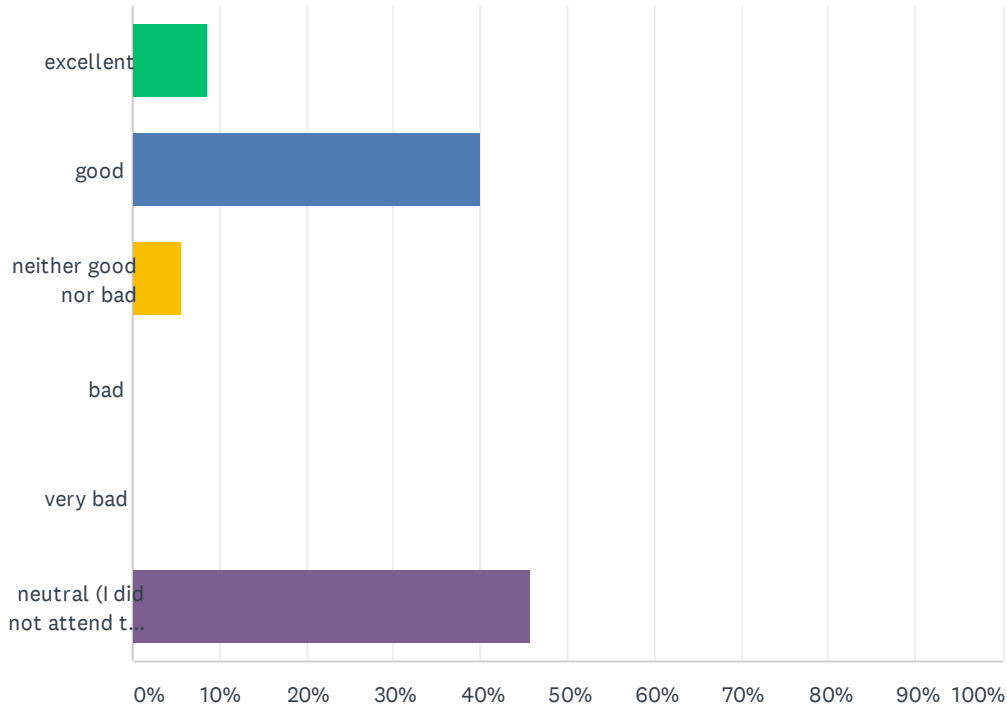
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	34.29%	12
good	45.71%	16
neither good nor bad	0.00%	0
bad	0.00%	0
very bad	0.00%	0
neutral (I did not attend this presentation)	20.00%	7
TOTAL		35

Q13 How did you like the CSCS site presentation by Luca Marsella?

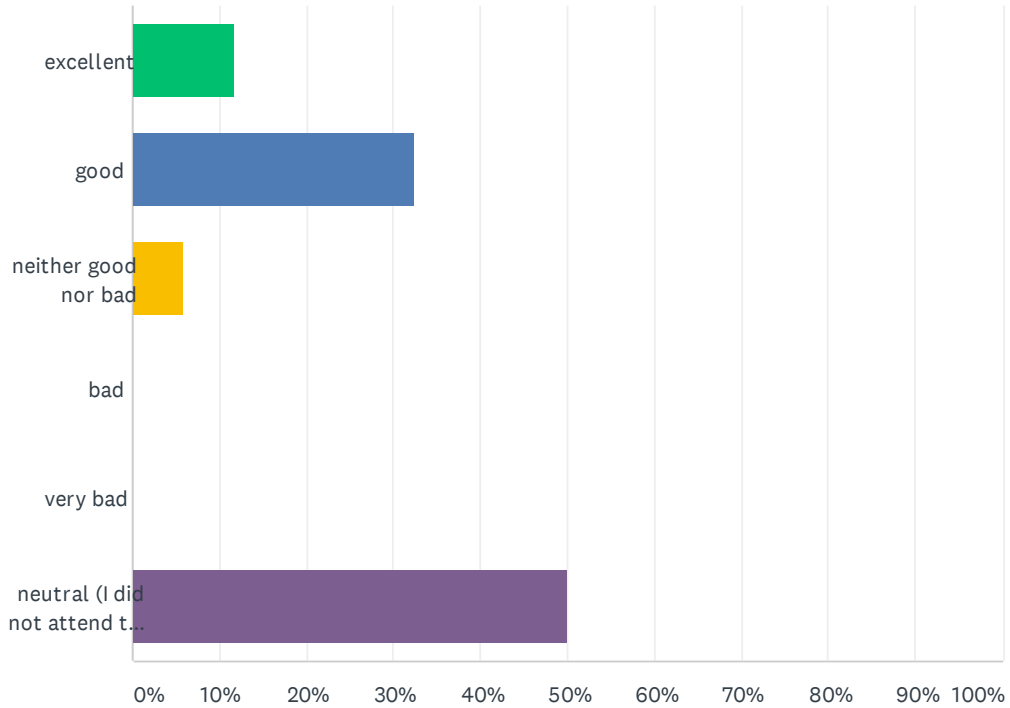
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	8.57%	3
good	40.00%	14
neither good nor bad	5.71%	2
bad	0.00%	0
very bad	0.00%	0
neutral (I did not attend this presentation)	45.71%	16
TOTAL		35

Q14 How did you like the ITER site presentation by Simon Pinches?

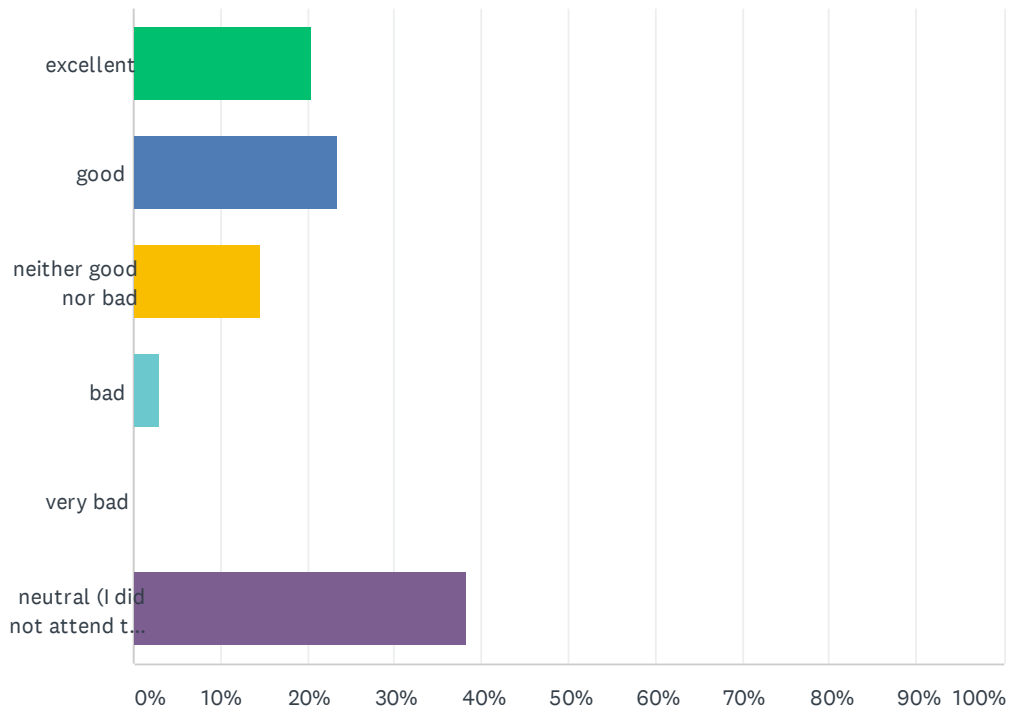
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	11.76%	4
good	32.35%	11
neither good nor bad	5.88%	2
bad	0.00%	0
very bad	0.00%	0
neutral (I did not attend this presentation)	50.00%	17
TOTAL		34

Q15 How did you like the "PRACE Best Practice Guides" presentation by Ole Saastad (Univ. of Oslo)?

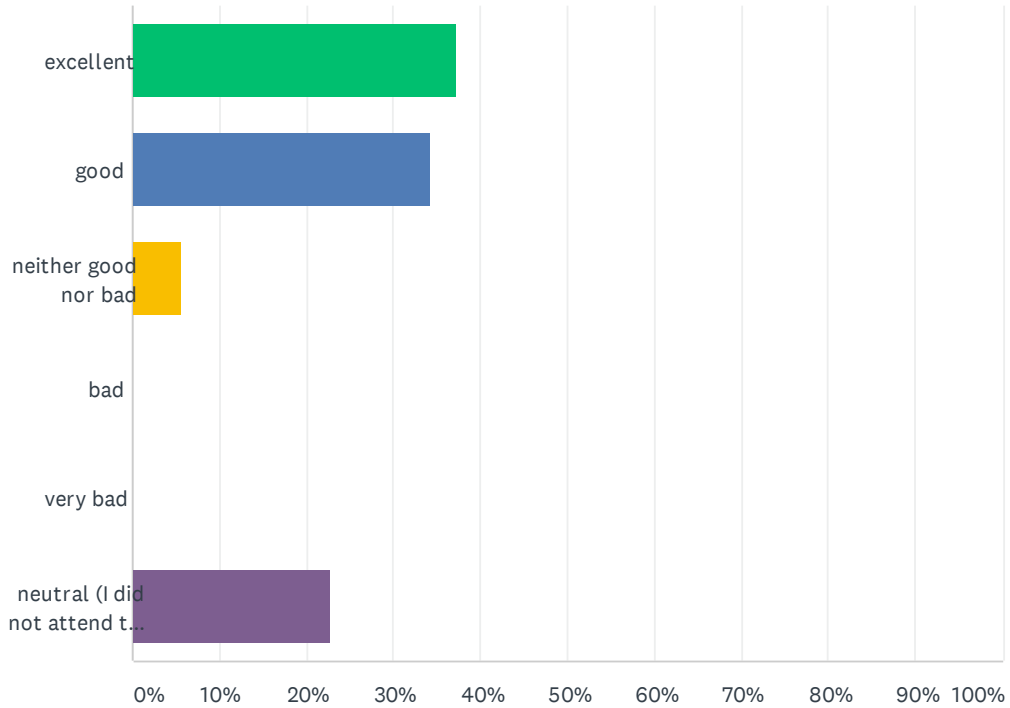
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	20.59%	7
good	23.53%	8
neither good nor bad	14.71%	5
bad	2.94%	1
very bad	0.00%	0
neutral (I did not attend this presentation)	38.24%	13
TOTAL		34

Q16 How did you like the Lmod presentation by Robert McLay (TACC)?

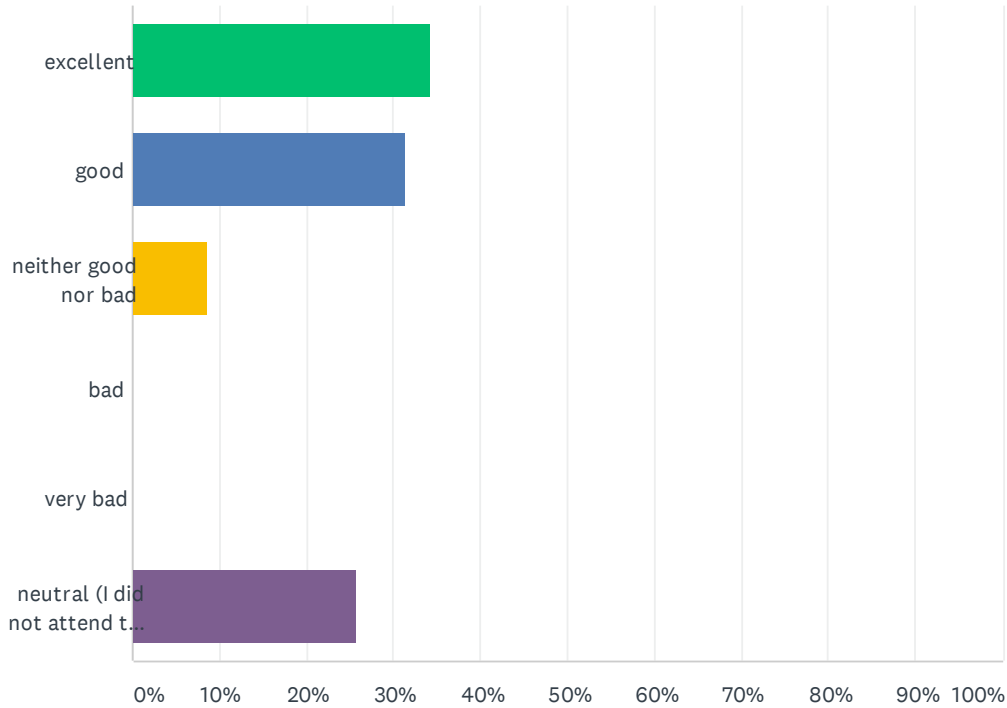
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	37.14%	13
good	34.29%	12
neither good nor bad	5.71%	2
bad	0.00%	0
very bad	0.00%	0
neutral (I did not attend this presentation)	22.86%	8
TOTAL		35

Q17 How did you like the XALT presentation by Robert McLay (TACC)?

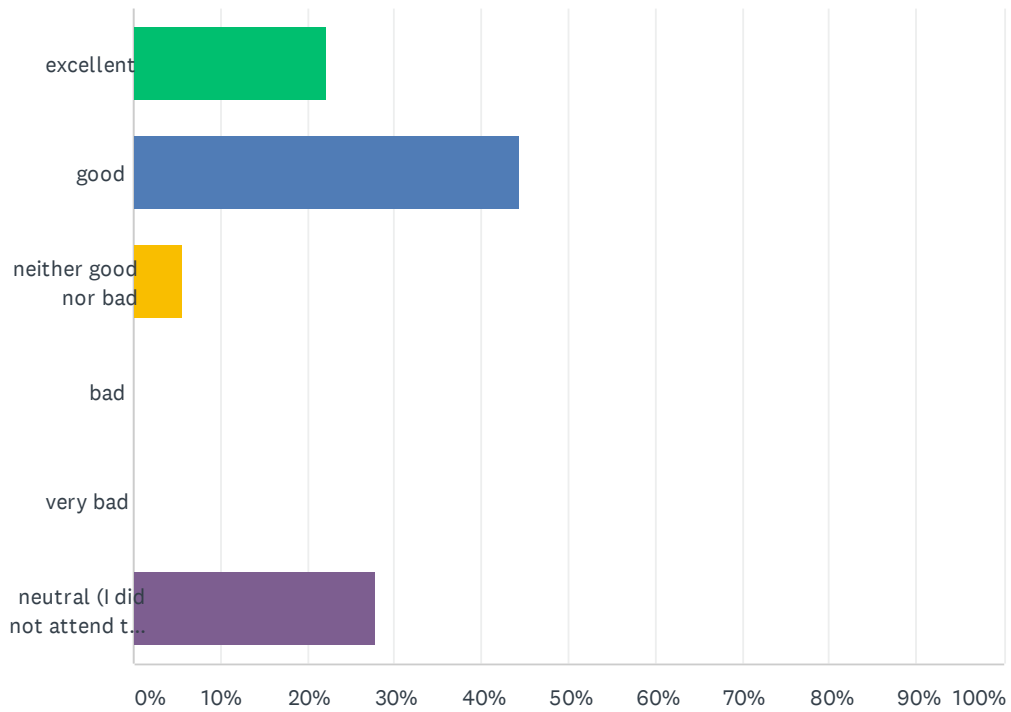
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	34.29%	12
good	31.43%	11
neither good nor bad	8.57%	3
bad	0.00%	0
very bad	0.00%	0
neutral (I did not attend this presentation)	25.71%	9
TOTAL		35

Q18 How did you like the "Magic Castle" presentation by Félix-Antoine Fortin (Université Laval, Compute Canada)?

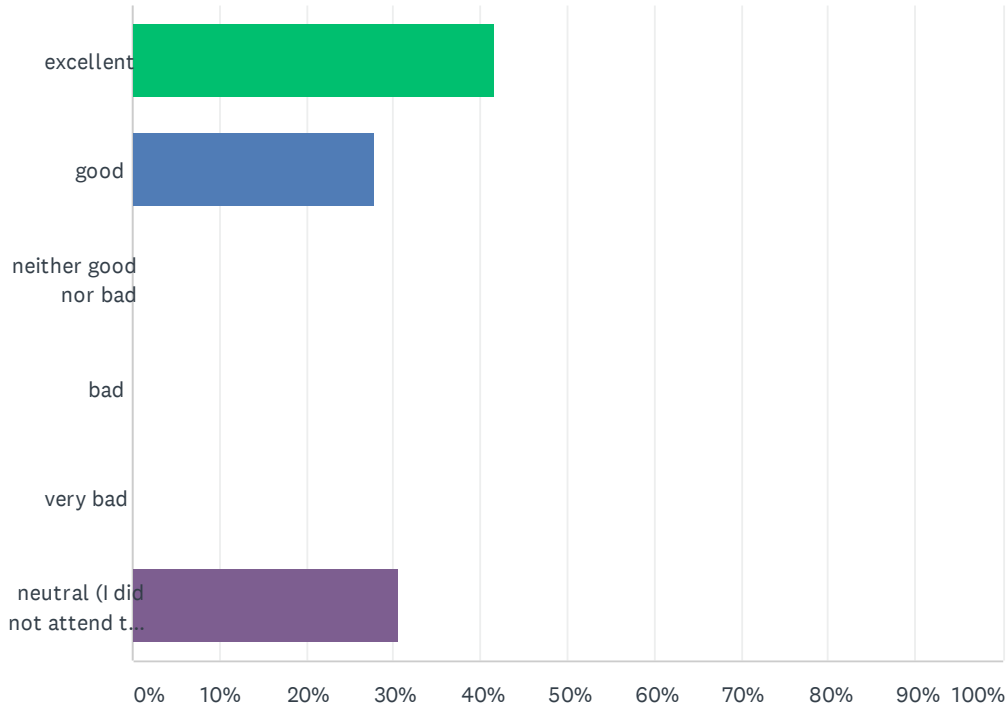
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	22.22%	8
good	44.44%	16
neither good nor bad	5.56%	2
bad	0.00%	0
very bad	0.00%	0
neutral (I did not attend this presentation)	27.78%	10
TOTAL		36

Q19 How did you like the "BLIS: A Framework for Rapidly Instantiating BLAS Functionality " presentation by Field G. Van Zee (University of Texas at Austin)?

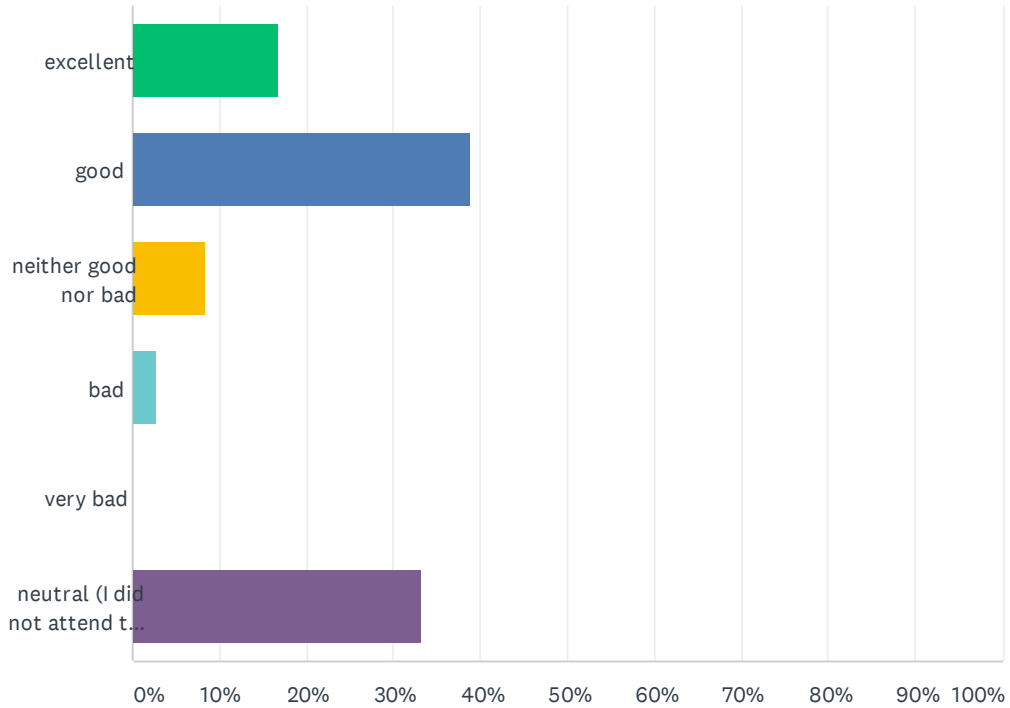
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	41.67%	15
good	27.78%	10
neither good nor bad	0.00%	0
bad	0.00%	0
very bad	0.00%	0
neutral (I did not attend this presentation)	30.56%	11
TOTAL		36

Q20 How did you like the AstraZeneca site presentation by Jon Jackson?

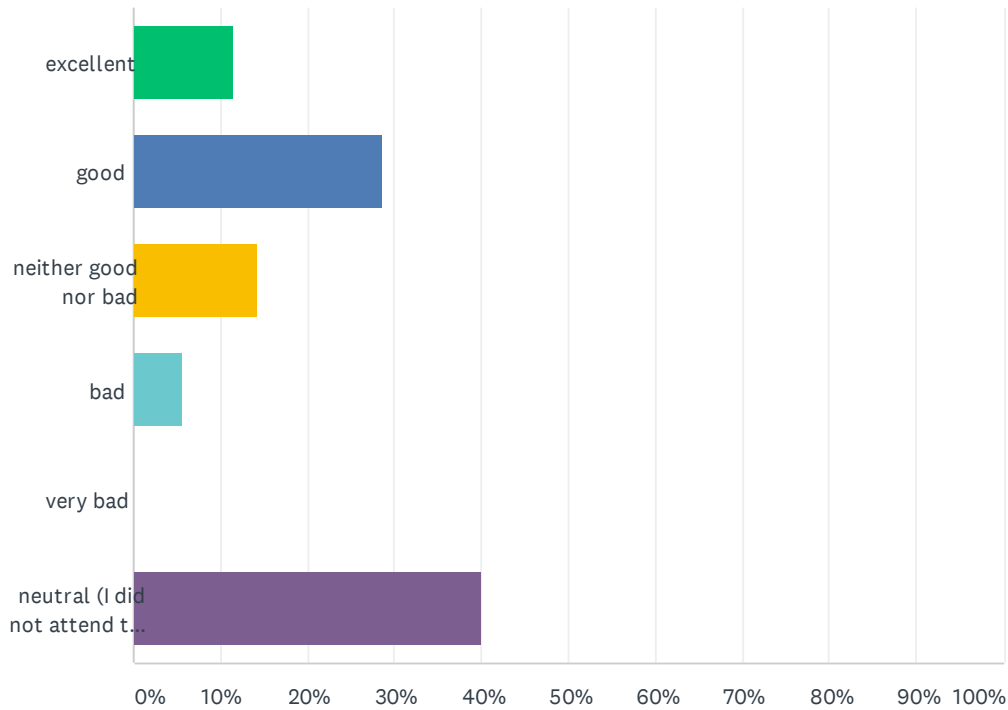
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	16.67%	6
good	38.89%	14
neither good nor bad	8.33%	3
bad	2.78%	1
very bad	0.00%	0
neutral (I did not attend this presentation)	33.33%	12
TOTAL		36

Q21 How did you like the LearnHPC presentation by Alan O'Cais ((JSC)?

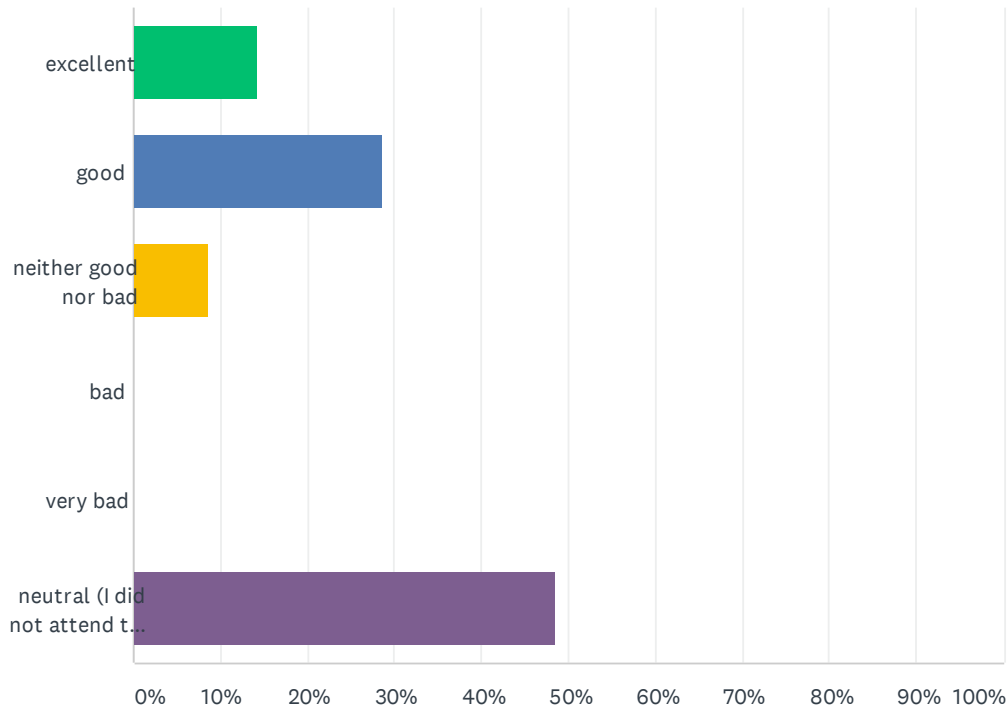
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	11.43%	4
good	28.57%	10
neither good nor bad	14.29%	5
bad	5.71%	2
very bad	0.00%	0
neutral (I did not attend this presentation)	40.00%	14
TOTAL		35

Q22 How did you like the JSC site presentation by Anke Kreuzer?

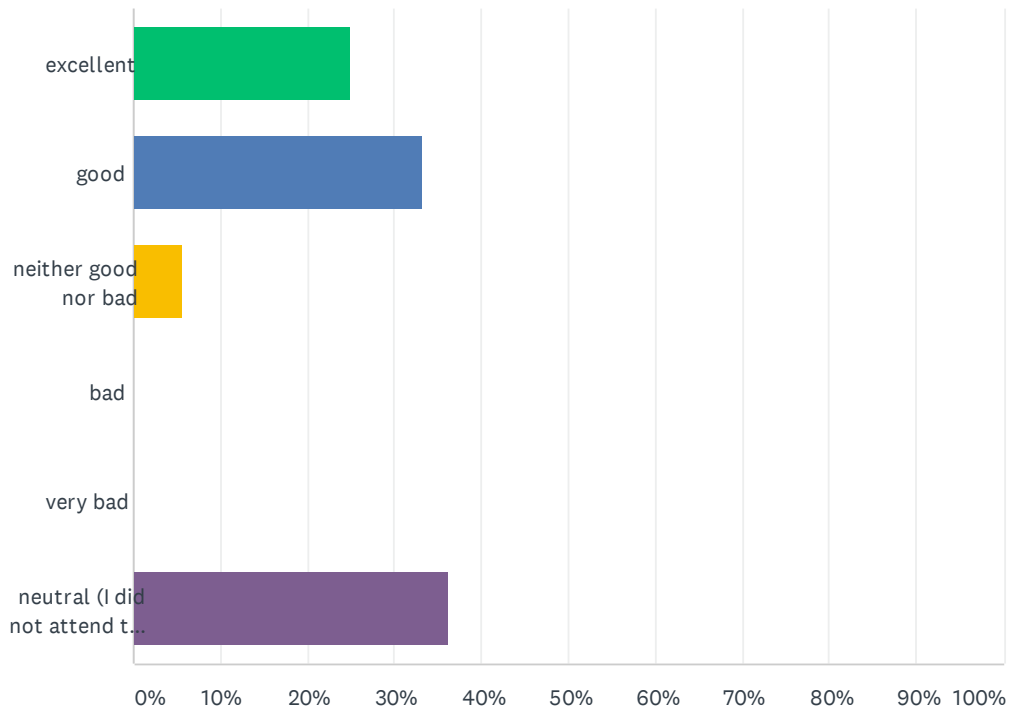
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	14.29%	5
good	28.57%	10
neither good nor bad	8.57%	3
bad	0.00%	0
very bad	0.00%	0
neutral (I did not attend this presentation)	48.57%	17
TOTAL		35

Q23 How did you like the "Cluster-in-the-Cloud" by Matt Williams (Univ. of Bristol)?

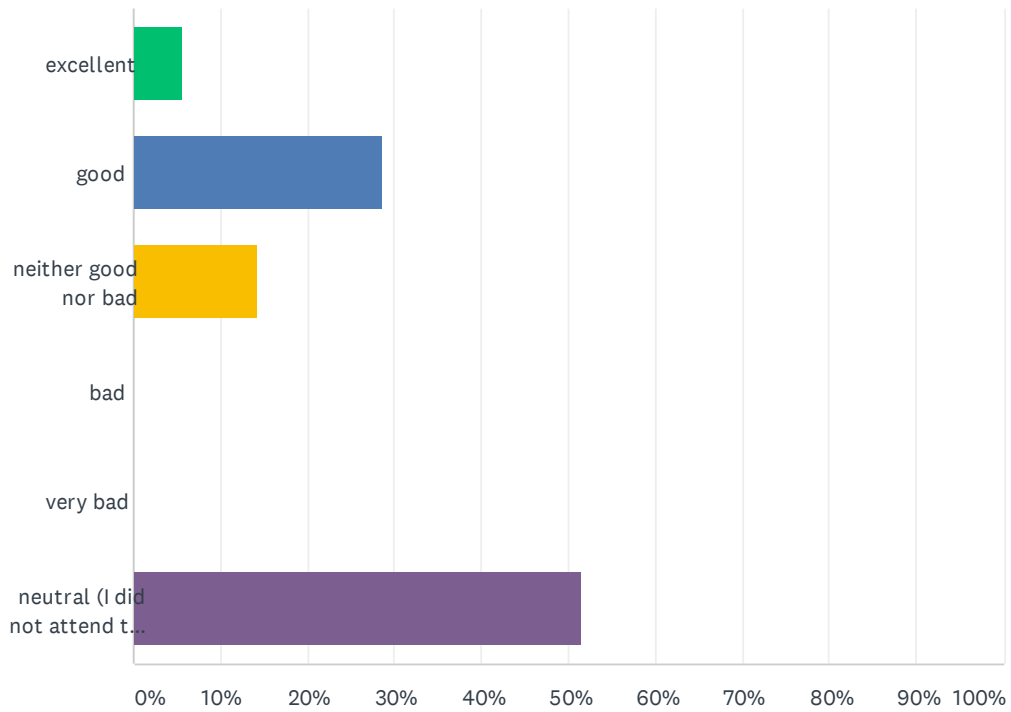
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	25.00%	9
good	33.33%	12
neither good nor bad	5.56%	2
bad	0.00%	0
very bad	0.00%	0
neutral (I did not attend this presentation)	36.11%	13
TOTAL		36

Q24 How did you like the LuxProvide site presentation by Valentin Plugaru and Robert Mijakovic?

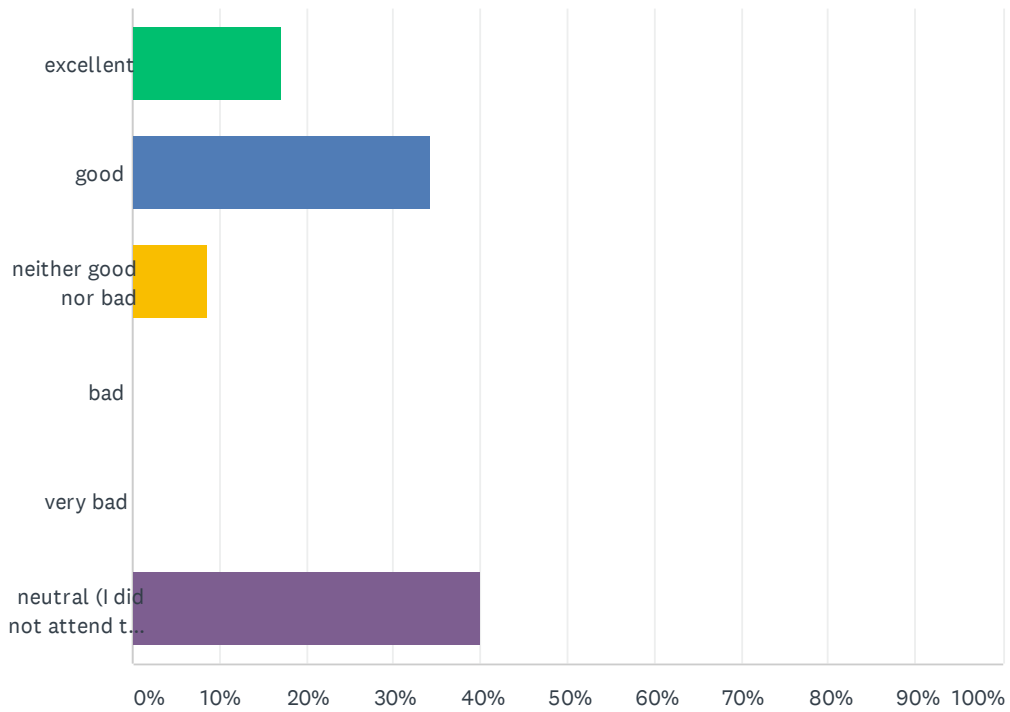
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	5.71%	2
good	28.57%	10
neither good nor bad	14.29%	5
bad	0.00%	0
very bad	0.00%	0
neutral (I did not attend this presentation)	51.43%	18
TOTAL		35

Q25 How did you like the University of Birmingham site presentation by Simon Branford?

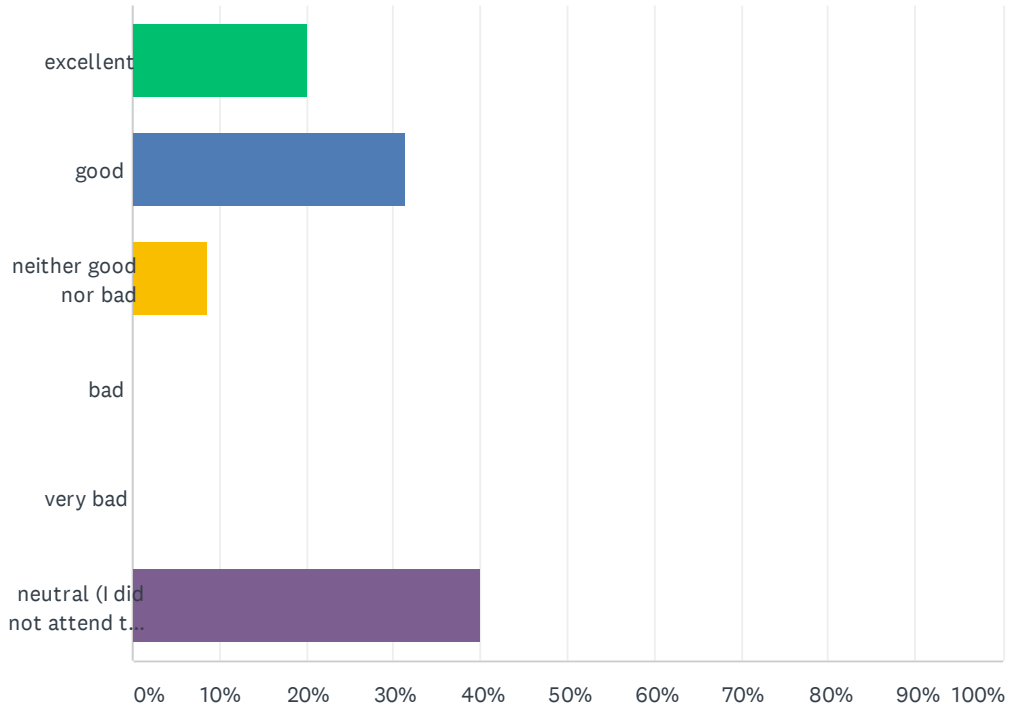
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	17.14%	6
good	34.29%	12
neither good nor bad	8.57%	3
bad	0.00%	0
very bad	0.00%	0
neutral (I did not attend this presentation)	40.00%	14
TOTAL		35

Q26 How did you like the Compute Canada site presentation by Bart Oldeman?

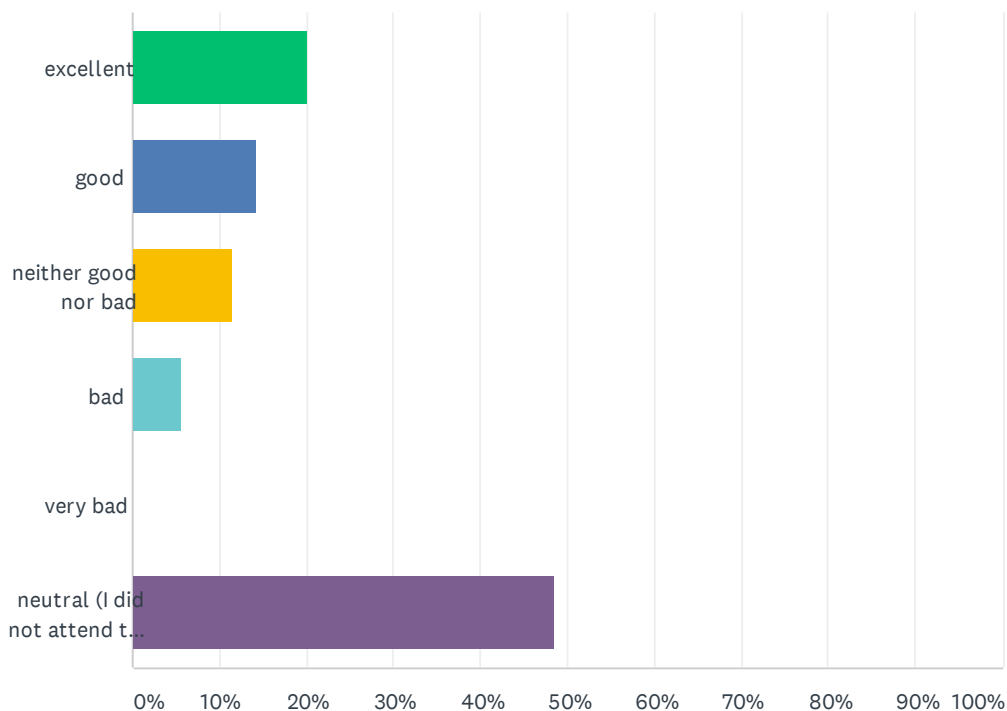
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	20.00%	7
good	31.43%	11
neither good nor bad	8.57%	3
bad	0.00%	0
very bad	0.00%	0
neutral (I did not attend this presentation)	40.00%	14
TOTAL		35

Q27 How did you like the "Easy-Build Singularity Containers" tutorial (on Friday) by Jörg Saßmannshausen (Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust and King's College London)

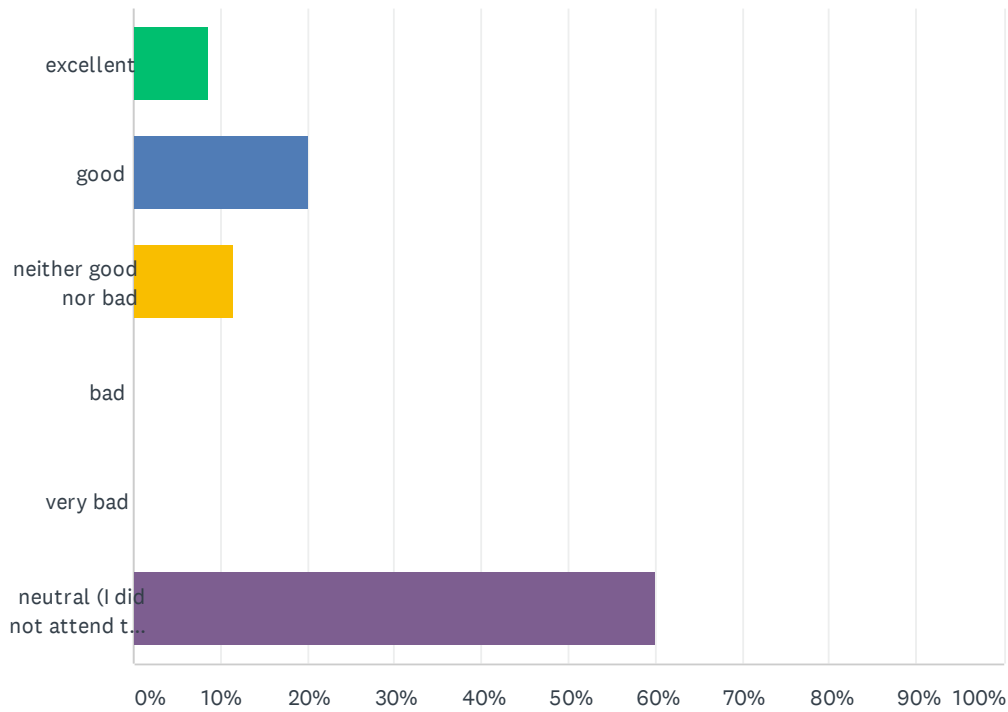
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	20.00%	7
good	14.29%	5
neither good nor bad	11.43%	4
bad	5.71%	2
very bad	0.00%	0
neutral (I did not attend this presentation)	48.57%	17
TOTAL		35

Q28 How did you like the "buildtest: Testing Framework for HPC systems" by Shahzeb Siddiqui (NERSC)?

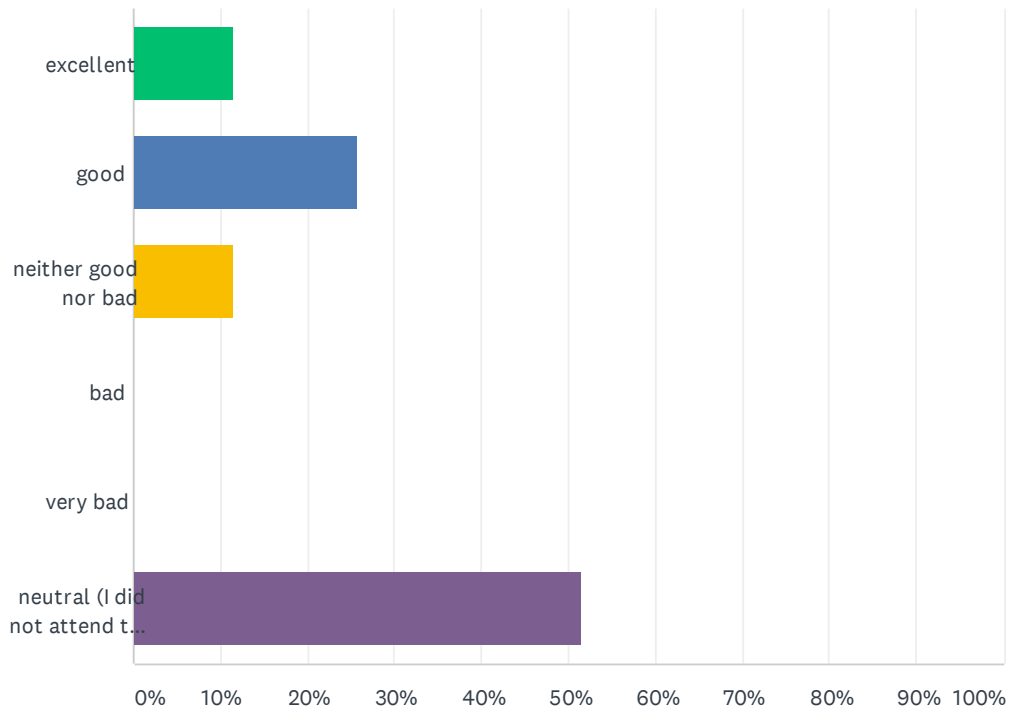
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	8.57%	3
good	20.00%	7
neither good nor bad	11.43%	4
bad	0.00%	0
very bad	0.00%	0
neutral (I did not attend this presentation)	60.00%	21
TOTAL		35

Q29 How did you like the "Automate Module Testing with Lmodule" site report by Shahzeb Siddiqui (NERSC)?

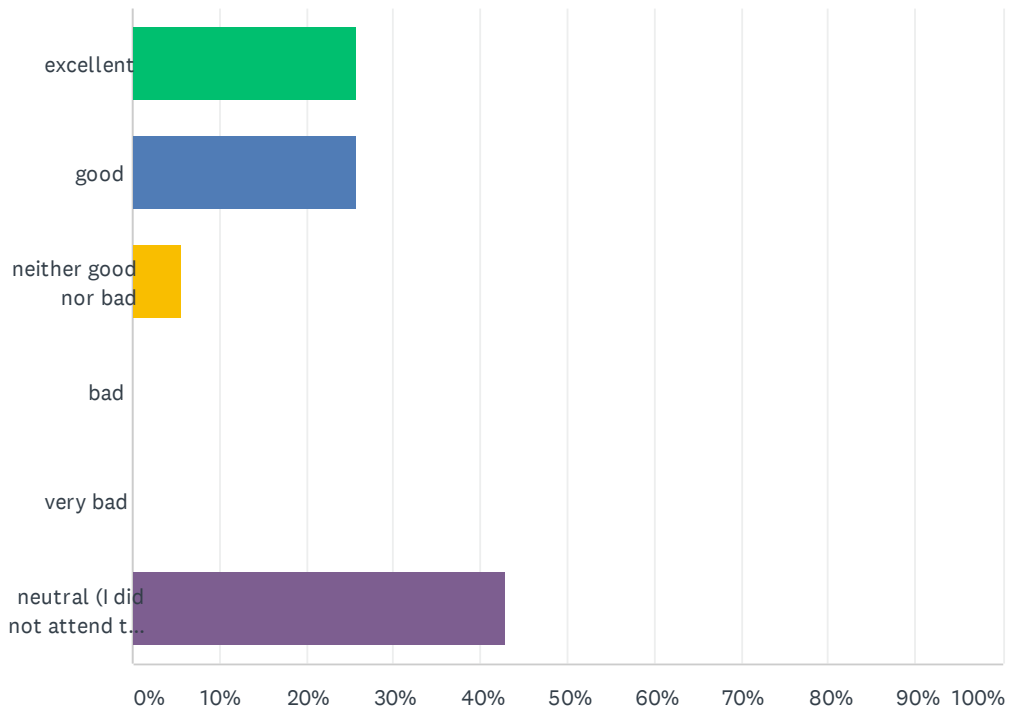
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	11.43%	4
good	25.71%	9
neither good nor bad	11.43%	4
bad	0.00%	0
very bad	0.00%	0
neutral (I did not attend this presentation)	51.43%	18
TOTAL		35

Q30 How did you like the "What's new in Spack?" site report by Todd Gamblin (LLNL)?

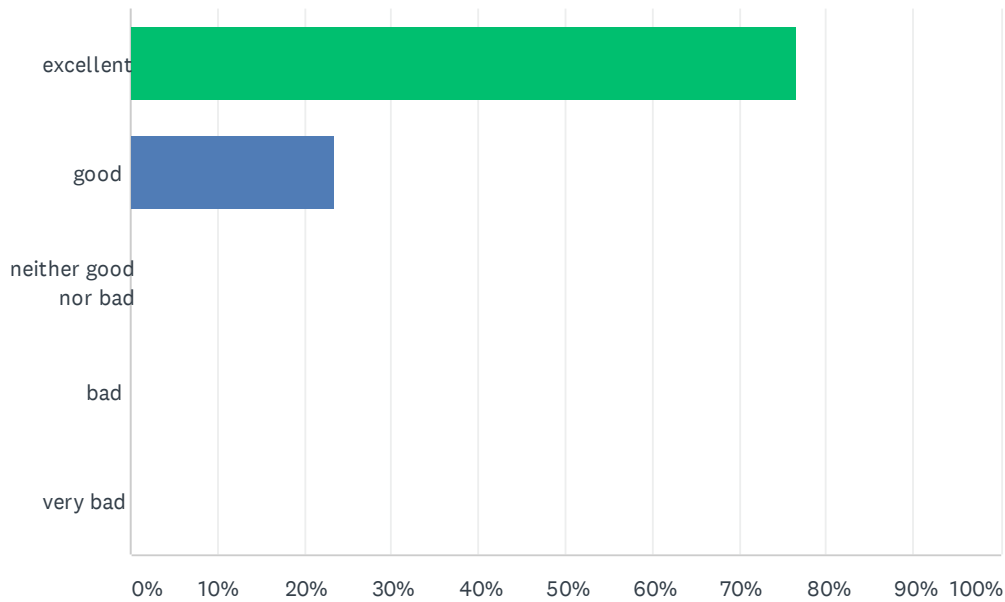
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	25.71%	9
good	25.71%	9
neither good nor bad	5.71%	2
bad	0.00%	0
very bad	0.00%	0
neutral (I did not attend this presentation)	42.86%	15
TOTAL		35

Q31 How did you like the 4-part CernVM-FS tutorial by Bob Dröge (Univ. of Groningen) and Kenneth Hoste (HPC-UGent)?

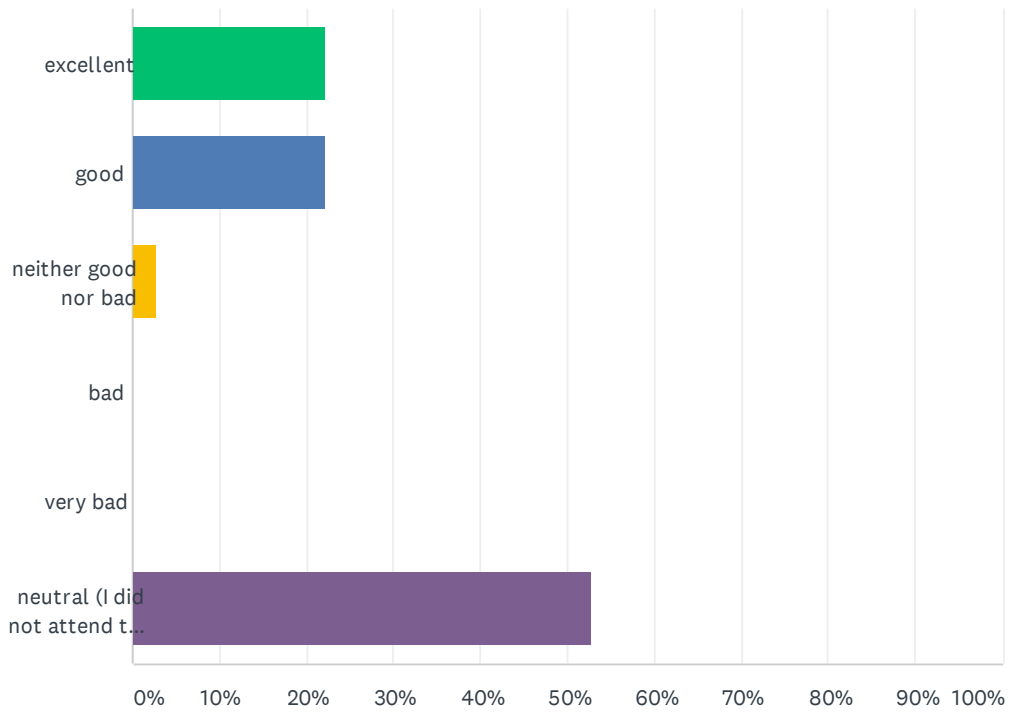
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	76.47%	13
good	23.53%	4
neither good nor bad	0.00%	0
bad	0.00%	0
very bad	0.00%	0
TOTAL		17

Q32 How did you like the 3-part ReFrame tutorial by Vasileios Karakasis (CSCS) and Victor Holanda Rusu (CSCS)?

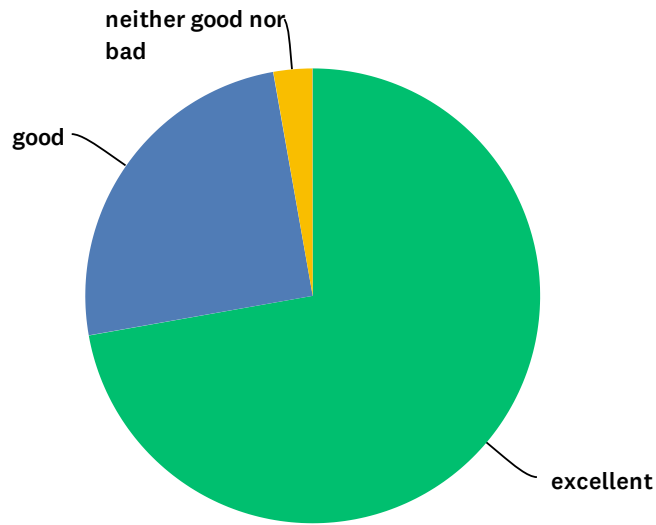
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	22.22%	8
good	22.22%	8
neither good nor bad	2.78%	1
bad	0.00%	0
very bad	0.00%	0
neutral (I did not attend this tutorial)	52.78%	19
TOTAL		36

Q33 How would you rate the EasyBuild User Meeting 2021 overall?

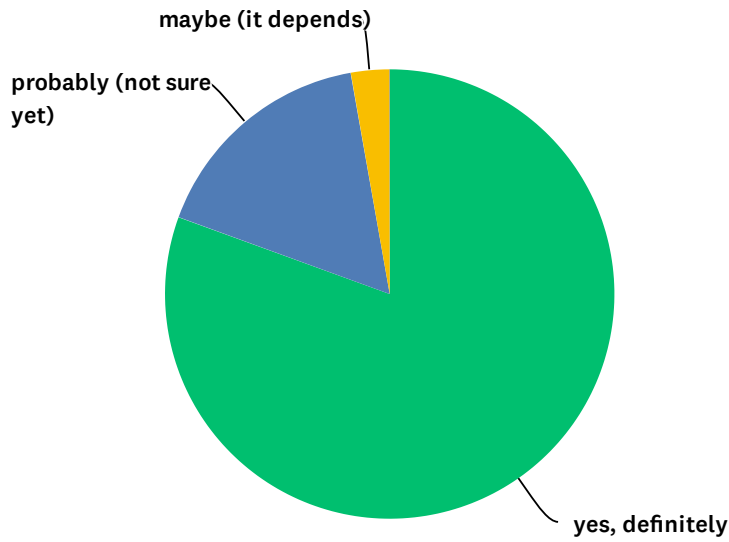
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
excellent	72.22%	26
good	25.00%	9
neither good nor bad	2.78%	1
bad	0.00%	0
very bad	0.00%	0
TOTAL		36

Q34 Are you planning to join future EasyBuild User Meetings?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
yes, definitely	80.56%	29
probably (not sure yet)	16.67%	6
maybe (it depends)	2.78%	1
neutral	0.00%	0
probably not	0.00%	0
definitely not	0.00%	0
TOTAL		36

Q35 Any other comments or suggestions?

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Evaluation of EasyBuild User Meeting (2021)

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Superb meeting. Aside from the difficulties inherent in having people from widely separate time zones, this was probably the smoothest operating, best run, and most informative meeting I've attended in a decade. I really liked getting some exposure to how other sites do things, how other site administrators think about the problems. Community Slack is great, but it focuses on specific, isolated problems to be solved, and the bigger picture stays hidden behind stays mostly hidden.	2/3/2021 12:38 PM
2	Keep with the technology oriented presentations, like the BLIS, Lmod, XALT, MagicCastle, etc. These presentations increase highly the quality of meeting. And bring more! The site specific things are nice, but who cares? Can you add an open session (or even a presentation) to discuss what features people miss and help direct the future of EB? For me, the EUM misses community engagement or opportunities to discuss what is coming. We miss some sort of roadmap or opportunity to speak up why/where EB shines and fails. But I am not sure if this will work. Anyway, overall the meeting was great! And I liked the fact that you haven't made a European lunch time break, which implies that you were sensitive to the other time zones. Thanks for that!	2/3/2021 10:11 AM
3	Very good that you have recorded all presentations and tutorials. Will definitely revisit those I have attended (particularly the tutorials) and also tune into those I could not attend. Thanks for the great event!	2/2/2021 9:44 AM
4	there is no substitution for talking to people in person	2/1/2021 5:15 PM
5	In future, it would be nice to be able to download the dates and times of the presentations and workshops as iCalendar files.	2/1/2021 1:02 PM
6	A source for inspiration for the next year - as always ;) Using CVMFS on a broader base is very interesting, I hope we will finally get around to setup ReFrame. Build automation for multiple architectures or OSES is also an interesting topic, which is always here and there, I remember it slightly touched by the CSCS site presentation.	2/1/2021 10:55 AM
7	Thanks a lot to all the organizers and presenters, it was a very interesting conference!	1/30/2021 6:13 PM
8	It's good to have a virtual meeting although there is a face-to-face meeting for future meetings, and keep it up.	1/30/2021 9:39 AM
9	Unfortunately it didn't align well with my schedule this year ... At one point I was attending anothe user meeting (beegfs) while deploying new cluster nodes ;)	1/30/2021 9:10 AM
10	I missed hanging out with all the community and the general fun of an F2F event. But, as a virtual event, it was perfectly organized and I enjoyed the talks. Well done!	1/30/2021 12:33 AM
11	Many thanks for organizing such an interesting and stimulating week! I heard excellent talks and been to excellent workshops. I am looking forward to more of the good stuff you are doing and next year's conference. Hopefully more real and not a virtual meeting again.	1/29/2021 11:36 PM
12	IMHO, the user meeting missed some sort of hackathon and/or development centric tutorials/sessions for EB. Of course, one doesn't have to be a developer to be a EasyBuild user and care has to be taken in order to drive non developers away. Having said that, if there is no development sessions planned for the EUM, one should seriously consider doing 1 week hackathon, most likely on the second semester (since the EUM is in the first semester). One misses the first steps or the possibility to have real pair programming sessions with one of the EB developers. The EB code is improving but a lot has to be done in order to make it more modular and having the help of a maintainer to guide you through the code is priceless. There are a lot of nice things that the community could develop together, especially now with EESSI, since it can attract attention from multiple centres. For instance, a good planned hackathon week can basically go through all the needs of the EESSI project and help implement solutions that foster the use of EB on each individual centre. It is clear from the "Estate of the Union" meeting that developer time is lacking in the project. So, we should create opportunities for the community to come together. I am coming back now to my daily routine and I will not have the time nor the throughput to go and learn about the EB framework and implement by myself the features that my company needs. Maybe not for those working on academic institutions, but for us private sector, justifying why one needs to attend a 1 week user meeting is very difficult. I think (one cannot be 100% sure) that if I talk to my manager and tell him that I will attend the meeting where I will try to implement together with the community a pre-approved project that will benefit the company he would allow me to come for 100%. This time, I had to juggle with	1/29/2021 11:03 PM

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vacations in order to attend the EUM. What about making something like OpenSUSE's hack week (<https://news.opensuse.org/category/hack-week/>) where people submit projects and others join to work for that week on those projects? The projects do not have to be very difficult, they could also be about implementing Easyconfigs, or automated CI/CD solutions for software stack deployment using Ansible, or fixing a series of bugs that are affecting EasyBuild or implementing new features required by some sites. What about Google's summer of code (<https://summerofcode.withgoogle.com/>)? It appears that there are very interesting and crazy people in the EB community that apparently can help with that. There was that guy that was always asking interesting questions with an avatar that is bold with glasses (I think he was involved with the ReFrame tutorial). One cannot be 100% sure again, but my feeling is that people like him can help too. From what I could feel, most of us (easybuilders) are sysadmins or scientists working on application support teams or simply research software engineers. There are a multitude of skills and 1 week of 120 people, well, I think we can do great development, move forward and benefit all. One needs to read with a bit grain of salt what I am proposing, because in reality things may not work like that and this can be just a utopia created by my mind. E.g. maybe the guy behind the avatar cannot help or just doesn't want to help. But I want to keep believing that he and others will rise up if the opportunity presents itself. Either way, have a nice rest mates! You did great! I personally enjoyed every single bit of it. This was a well spent vacations! Cheers.

13	I am still planning to watch the recordings of some of the talks I've missed and maybe watch again some of the talks I attended, I am sure I will get more out of them. Excellent selection of topics, thanks so much for organizing this helpful meeting.	1/29/2021 10:25 PM
14	I think that I missed somewhere the need to register for the Singularity tutorial; it was clear the need to register for CernVM-FS but not so clear for the Singularity. But I can watch the YouTube, so no issue.	1/29/2021 10:19 PM
15	Thanks a lot for the organization and all your work	1/29/2021 10:11 PM