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# Volunteering in Post COVID19 Crisis: What now? #VISCovid19 Webinar Report



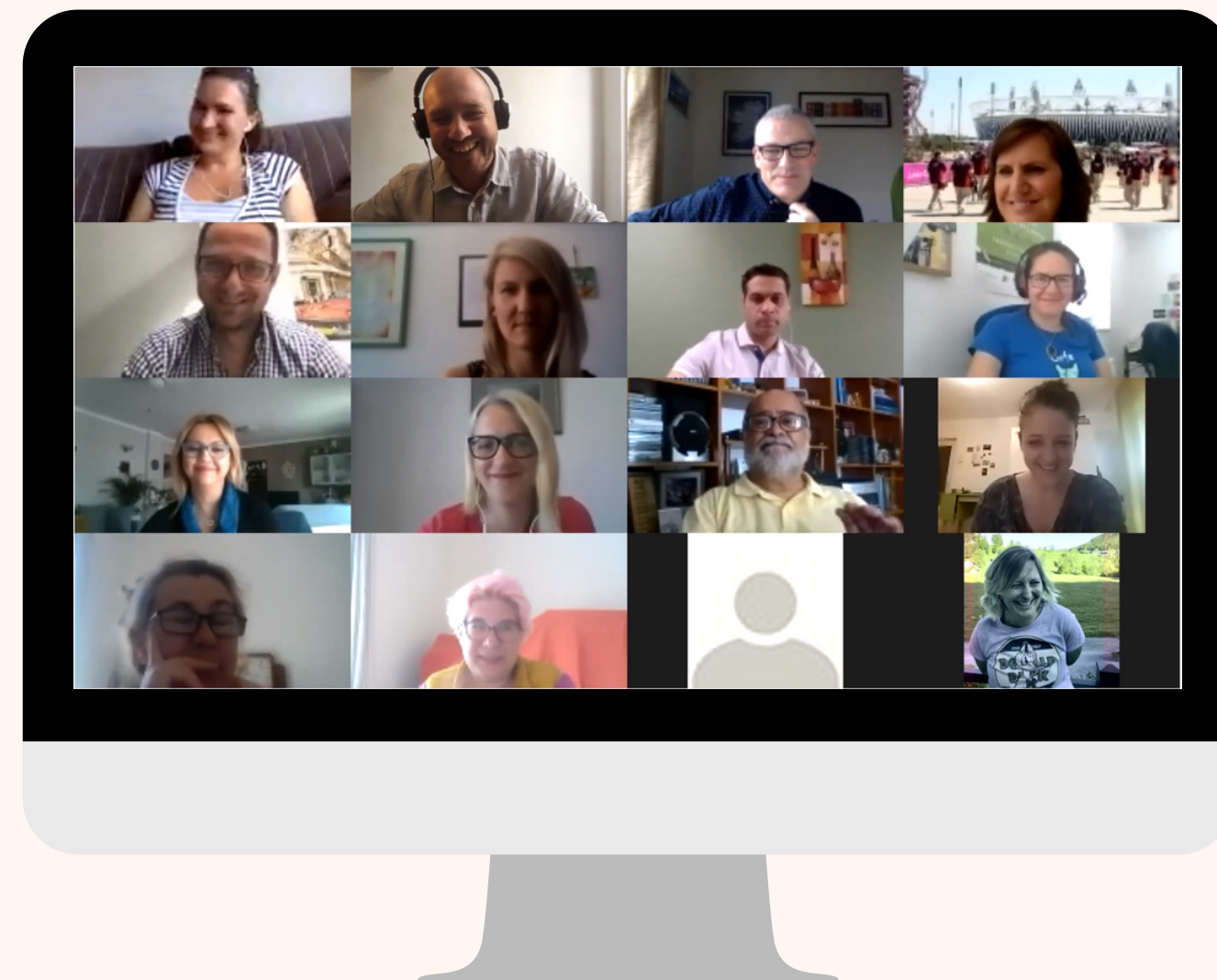
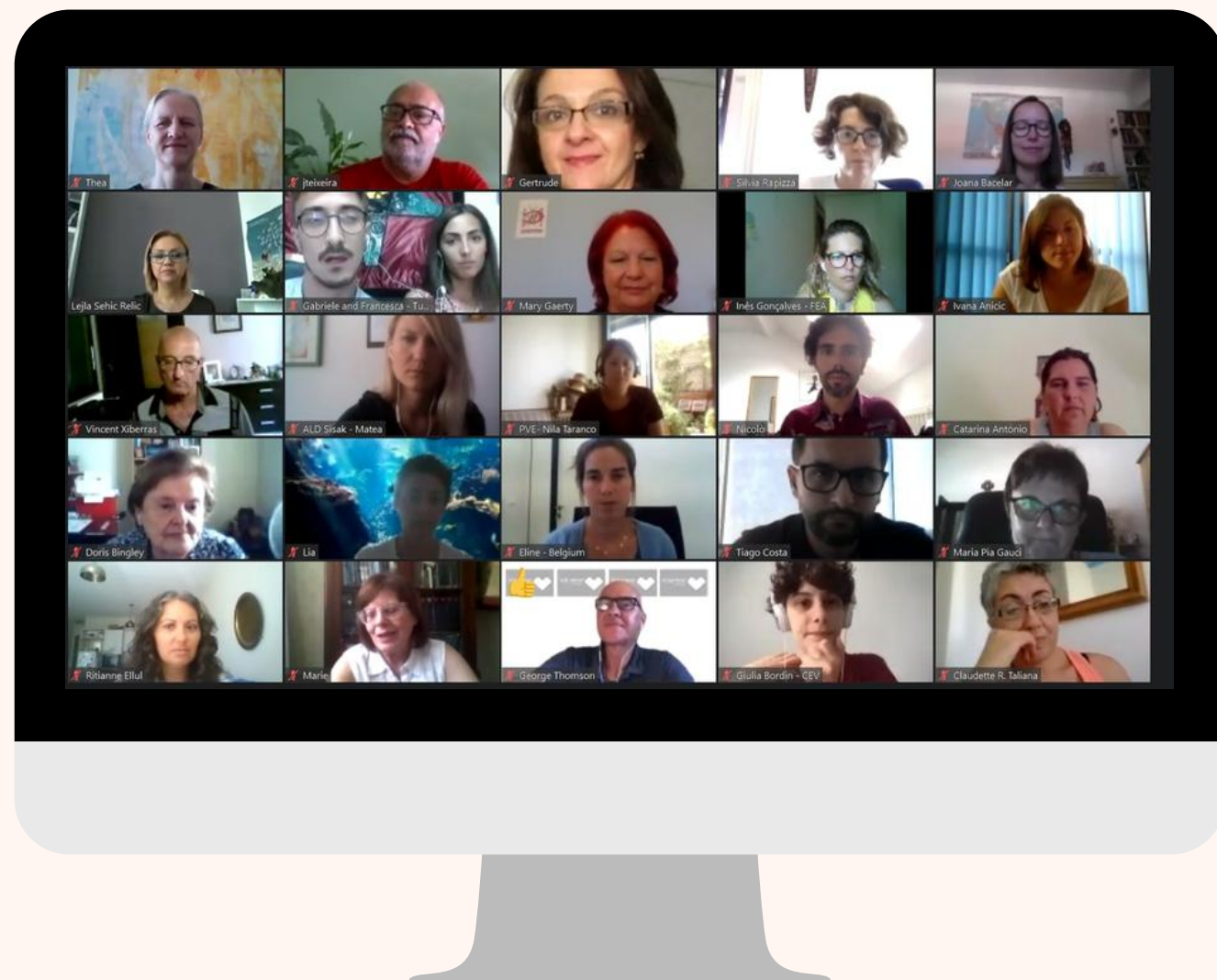
CEV organised the 2nd **#VISCovid19 Webinar: Volunteering in Post COVID19 Crisis: What now?** on 24 July. Since the first day of the **COVID19** pandemic crisis, citizens have responded by adapting and launching numerous volunteer initiatives. This has demonstrated, beyond all doubt, the importance of volunteers and a vibrant and responsive civil society, reflecting the spirit of a resilient and caring community. In a context where, in many parts of Europe, volunteers, volunteer organisations and volunteering infrastructure organisations have suffered from a lack of investment and absence of public and State support in recent times, this unprecedented situation **has highlighted more than ever just how critical volunteers are to our society, especially as a key partner of local policymakers at municipality level.**

**CEV calls** for policymakers to “step up a gear” regarding volunteering policies and programmes. This “change of gear” should include increased focus, intensity and speed of investment and partnership development with volunteer-involving and volunteer infrastructure organisations and lead to a situation that more properly reflects the importance of the energy, expertise, and commitment of volunteers for health, well-being and solidarity in Europe, whilst avoiding the exploitation of volunteers in for-profit settings.

## Webinar Agenda

- 10:30 – 10:35** Welcoming Lejla Sehic Relic, CEV President
- 10:35 – 11:55** Presentations with 10 minutes Q&A after each one
- Micky Lefranc, Board member of France Benevolat: "In search of new ways of Volunteering, COVID19 and its consequences on Volunteering"
  - Mary Gaerty, President of National Council of Woman, Gertrude Buttigieg, President of Malta Health Network & Mauro Pace Parascandalo, CEO of Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector (MCVS): "The Malta Experience"
  - George Thomson, CEO of Volunteer Scotland: "Wearing the volunteer's shoes"
  - Joana Bacelar, CNE Youth Projects Executive Coordinator: "From nature to home and community – the adaptation of scouting in Portugal"
- 11:55 – 12:00** Closing

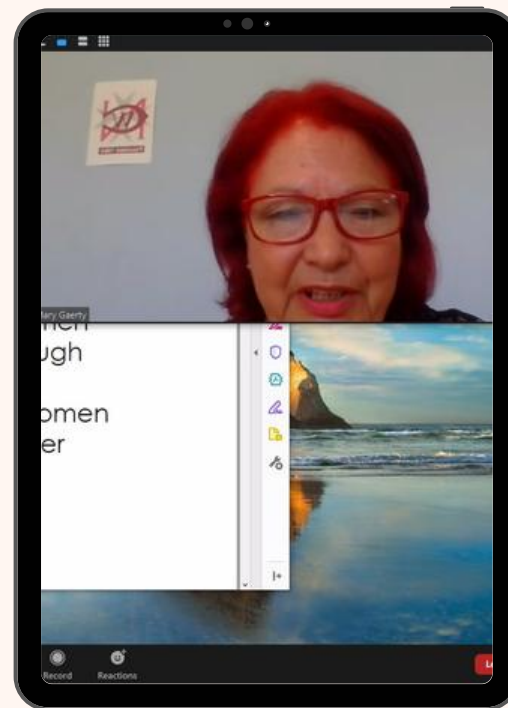
The webinar gathered **56** participants from **14** countries, it explored the actions already planned and/or in place in different countries and contexts in Europe, and provided the space to exchange good practice and to inspire others.



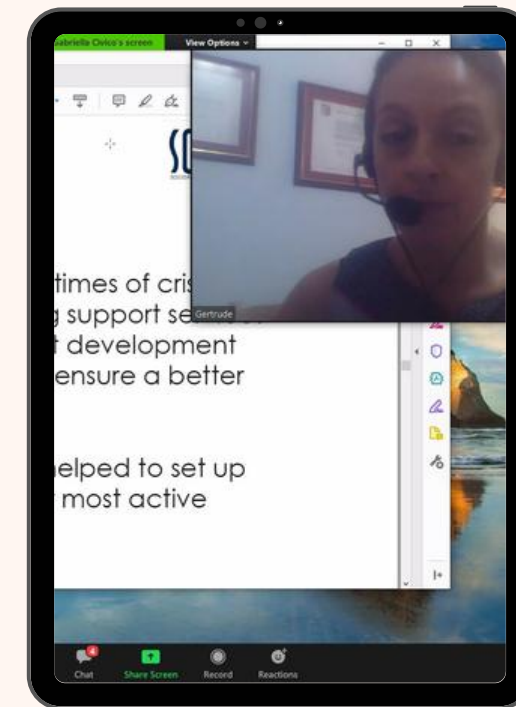




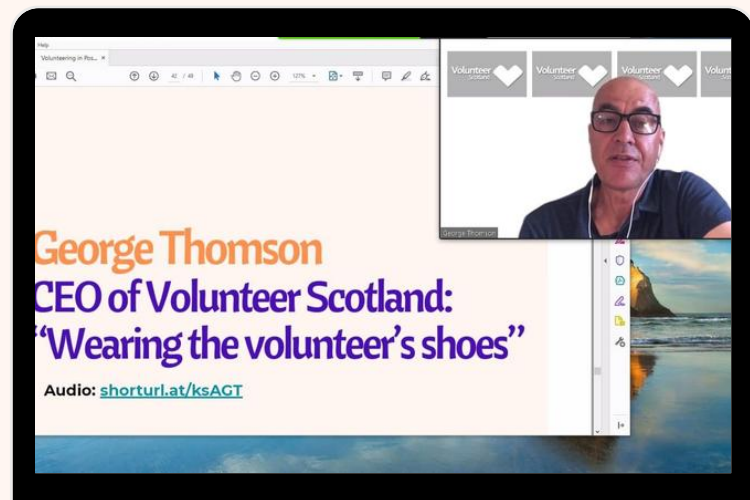
*"The public authorities must be on hand to help, in particular by providing additional resources for the training of associations/volunteers and support for networking structures".*  
Micky Lefranc



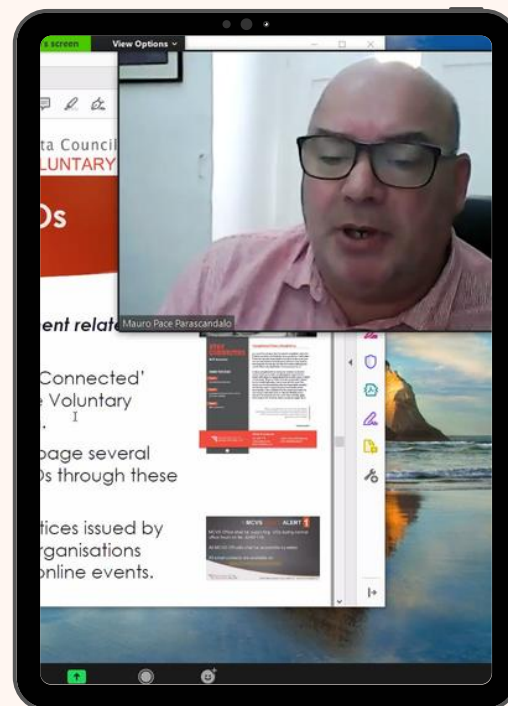
*"NCW tried to connect with people as much as possible to find new ways to stay in touch during this time. NCW is aware that loneliness can bring about mental health problems".*  
Mary Gaerty



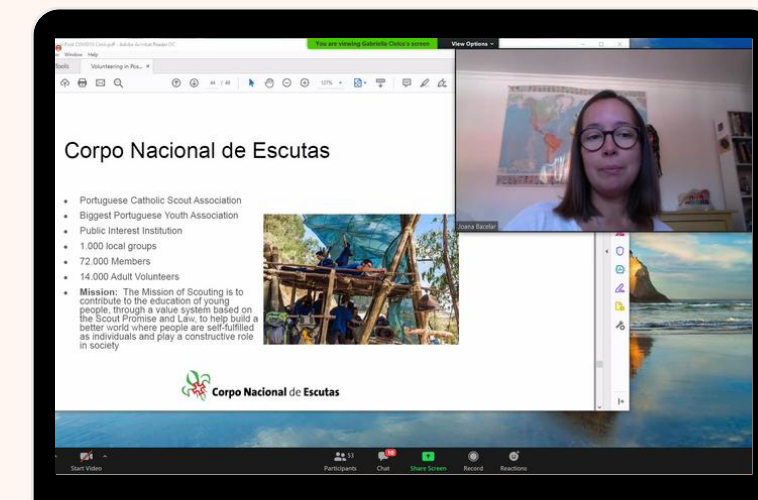
*"The generosity of people and their availability to do anything which was necessary was incredible".*  
Gertrude Buttigieg



*"If we listen more deeply than ever before to volunteer voices, we will find the right way forward".*  
George Thomson



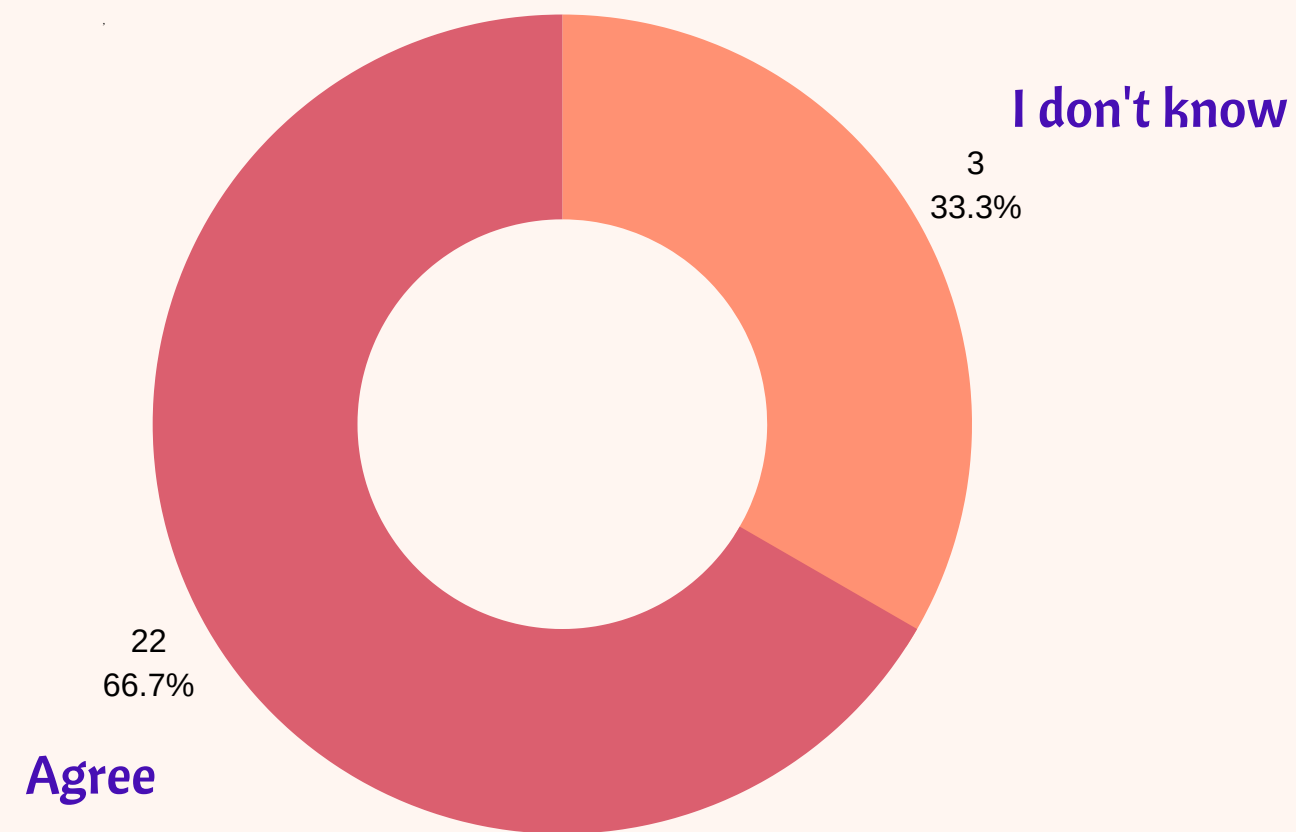
*"Supporting volunteering organisations at this stage of getting back to 'normal' is crucial. This is done by keeping ongoing support, promoting more networking and collaboration and getting public support".*  
Mauro Pace Parascandalo



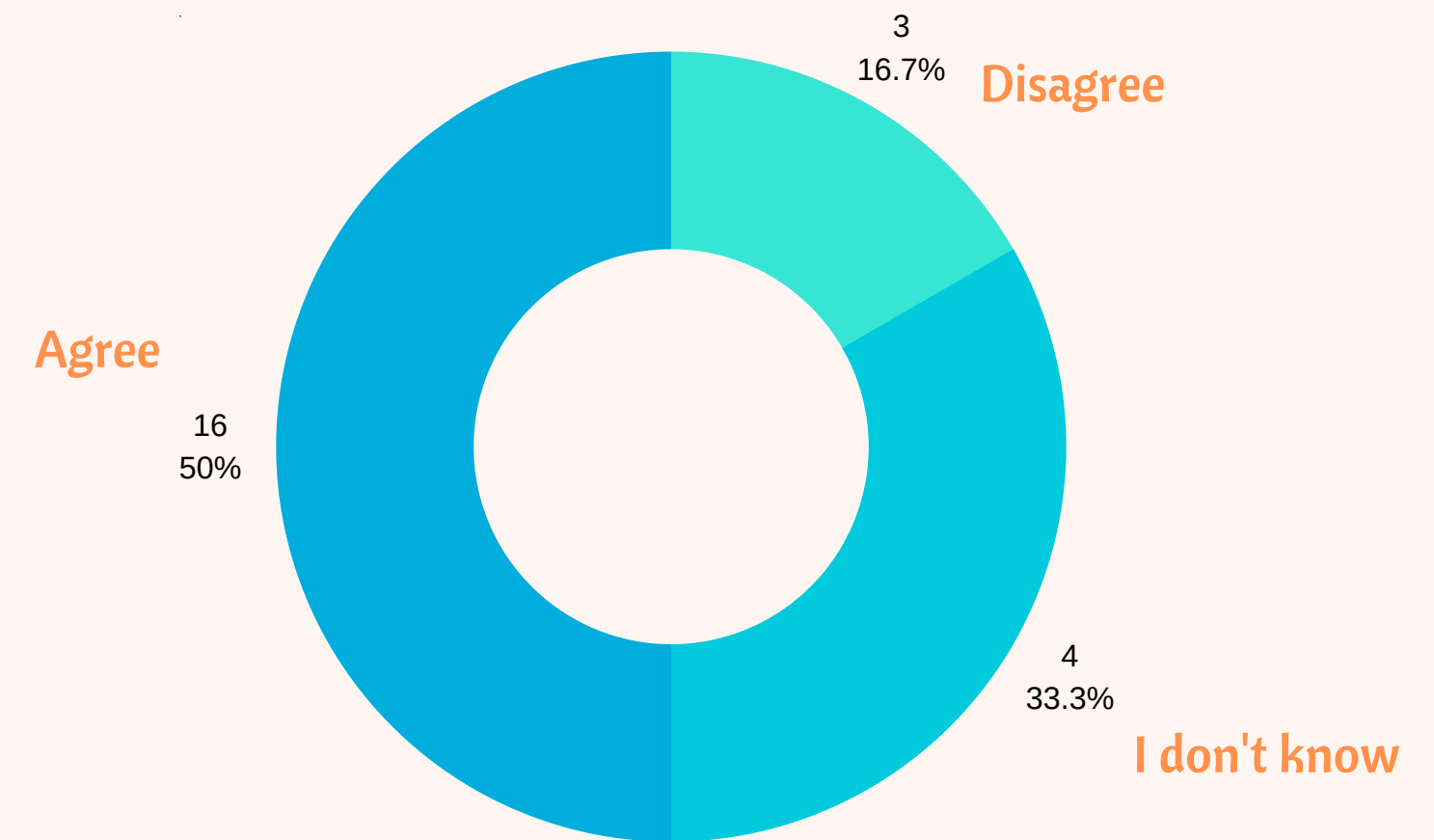
*"A huge number of scouts mobilized and helped their communities during this pandemic depending on the local needs".*  
Joana Bacelar

# Q&A - PARTICIPANTS' ONLINE POLL

This webinar has given me new ideas to increase the impact of volunteering?



The COVID19 pandemic has forced volunteering to change for the better?



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