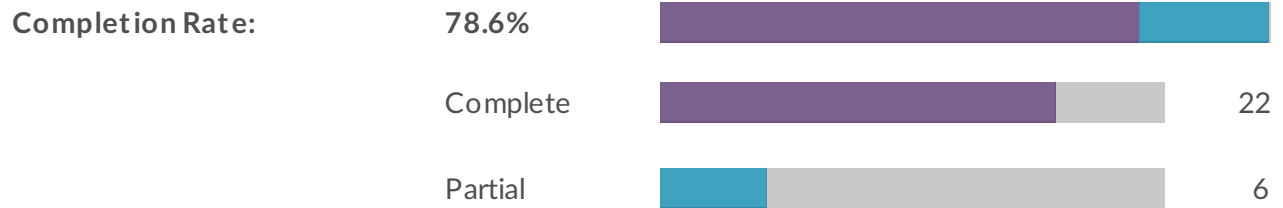


# Report for 2017 Partnership Feedback

## Response Counts



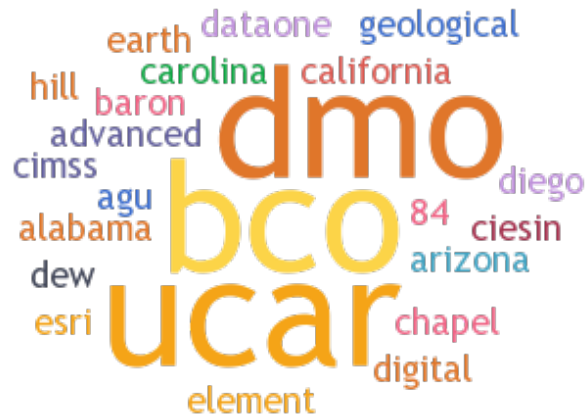
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1. What is the name of your ESIP?



Count	Response
1	Baron Advanced Meteorological Systems
1	Biological and Chemical Oceanography Data Management Office (BCO-DMO)
1	Esri
1	Geological Data Center, Scripps Institution of Oceanography
1	ISci
1	NASA Earth Observations (NEO)
1	Ocean ESIP
1	SEDAC
1	TERC
1	Tetherless World Constellation
1	USA National Phenology Network
1	Unidata

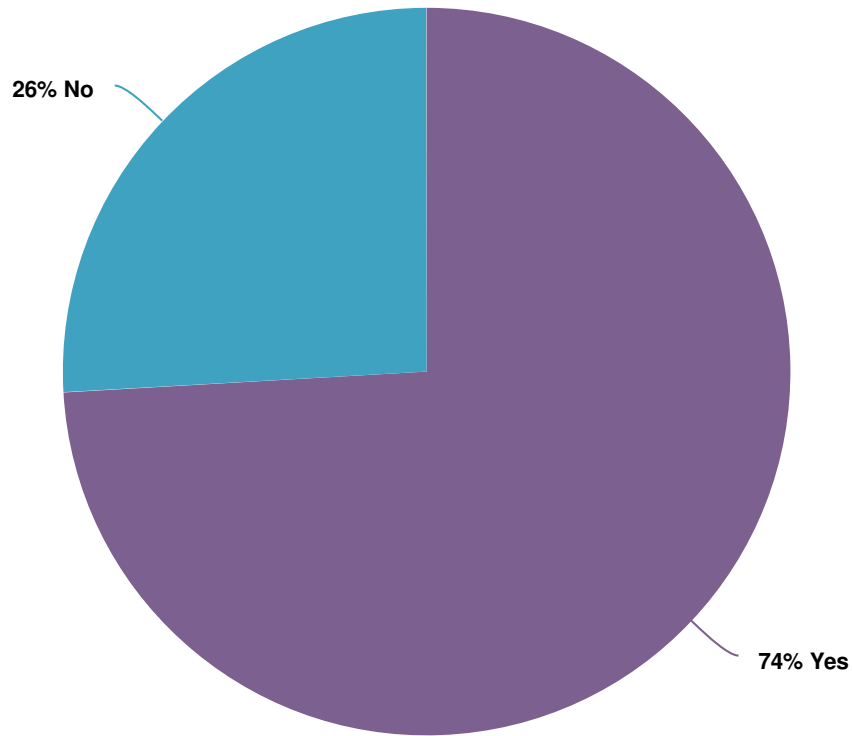
2. To which organization do you belong? (e.g., NASA, UAH, Google, Storm Center, etc.)





Count	Response
3	NASA
2	BCO-DMO
2	UCAR
1	AGU
1	Baron Advanced Meteorological Systems / Baron Services
1	CIESIN
1	CIMSS
1	DataONE
1	Digital Earth Watch (DEW)
1	Element 84
1	Esri
1	Geological Survey of Alabama
1	ISciences, LLC

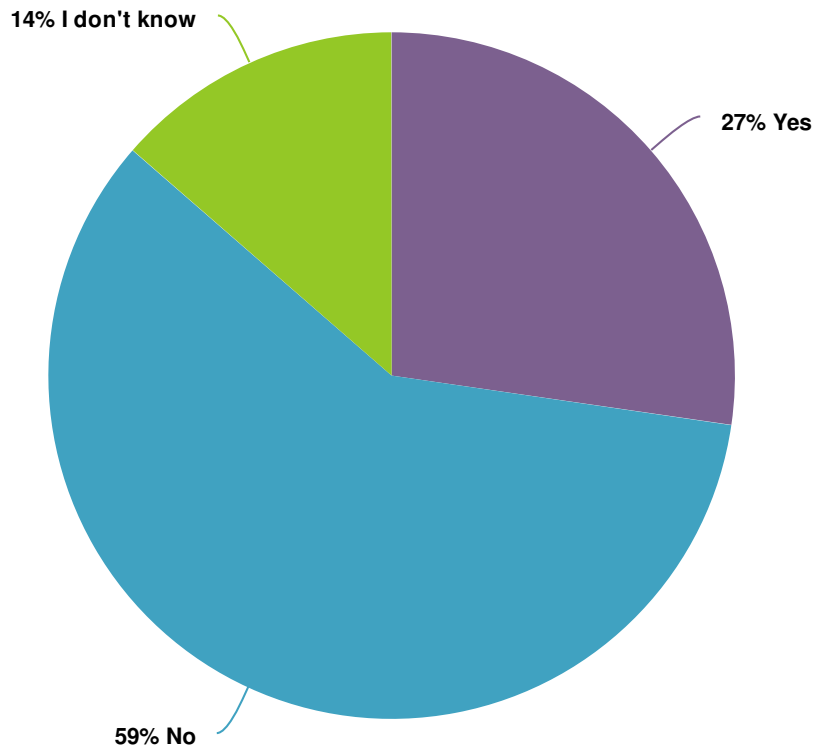
Count	Response
1	LASP
1	NASA PO.DAAC
1	NOAA NCEI
1	Northwest Knowledge Network (NKN) at the University of Idaho
1	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
1	SCP
1	Scripps Institution of Oceanography/University of California San Diego
1	TERC
1	University of Arizona
1	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

3. Do you belong to a department within a larger organization (e.g., Marine Data Stewardship Division within NOAA)?



Value		Percent	Responses
Yes		74.1%	20
No		25.9%	7
			<b>Totals: 27</b>

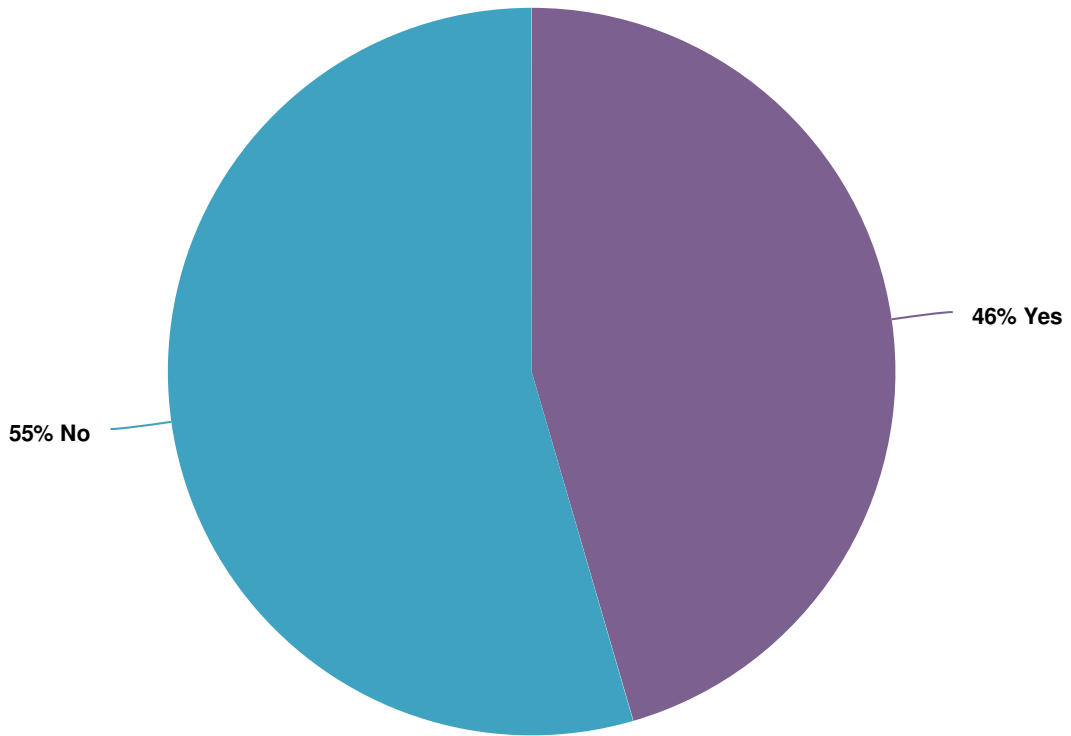
4. If your answer to #3 is YES: Is your department is (also) an ESIP member?



Value	Percent	Responses
Yes	27.3%	6
No	59.1%	13
I don't know	13.6%	3

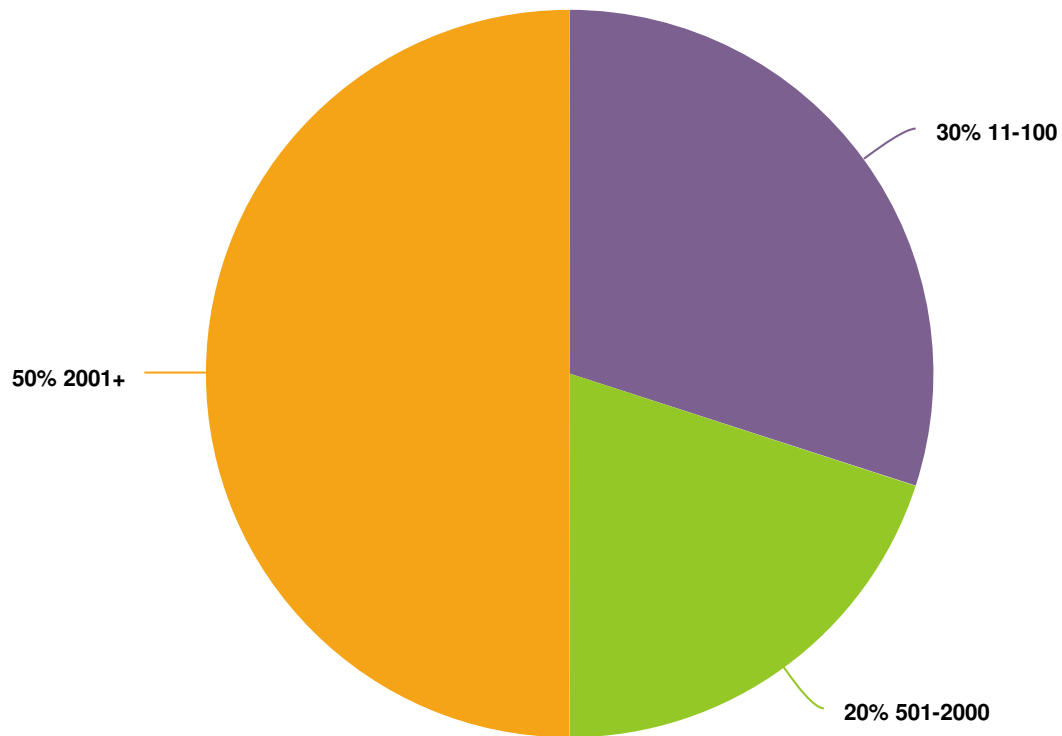
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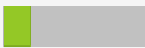

5. If your answer to #4 is YES: Is the larger organization (such as NOAA. referenced in the example above) an ESIP member?



Value	Percent	Responses
Yes	45.5%	5
No	54.5%	6
		<b>Totals: 11</b>

6. If your answer to #5 is YES: Roughly how many people are the larger organization?



Value		Percent	Responses
11-100		30.0%	3
501-2000		20.0%	2
2001+		50.0%	5
			<b>Totals: 10</b>

7. How long has your immediate organization/division/team/project been an ESIP member?

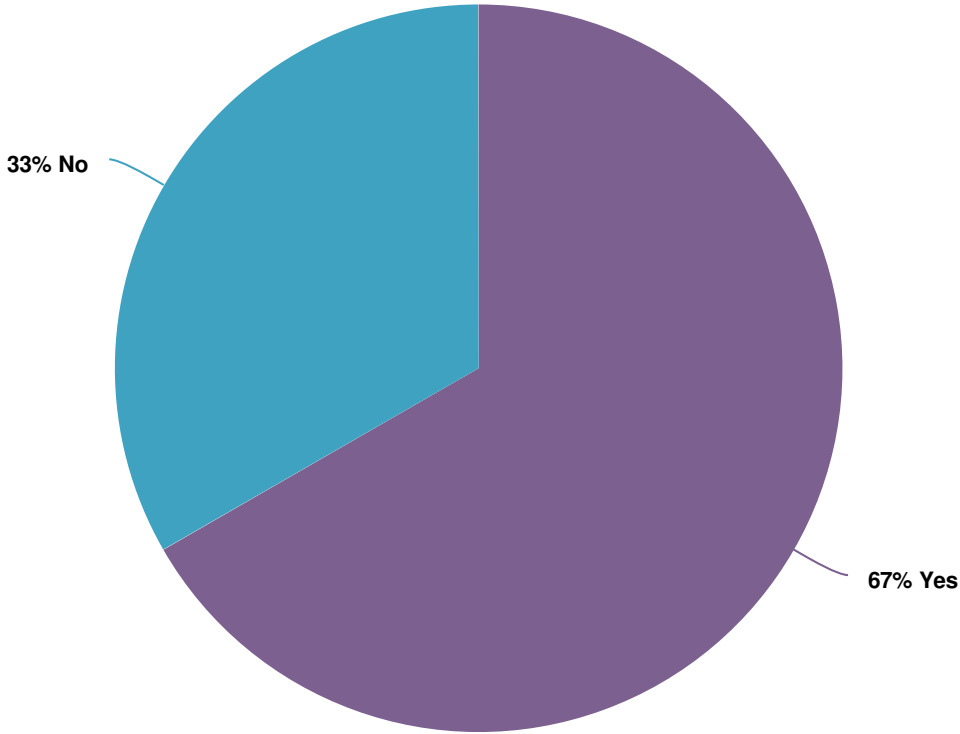


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Count	Response
2	2 years
2	3 years
2	since 2013
1	10 years
1	10 yrs
1	11-12 years
1	20 years
1	4 years
1	5 yrs +-
1	5+ years
1	6 years
1	6 years?
1	8 years
1	About 15 years, when we were separate members (NODC, NCDC, NGDC)
1	N/a
1	Over 15, I think
1	about 10 years
1	since 2005
1	since the beginning
1	~ 10 years
1	~18 years

8. Do you or your organization participate in international efforts related to information management (such as the RDA, Belmont Forum, CODATA, etc.)?



Value	Percent	Responses
Yes	66.7%	18
No	33.3%	9
		<b>Totals: 27</b>

9. What do you consider your organization's biggest benefit from engaging with ESIP?

# community science agu agencies access data work activities

ResponseID	Response
12	Learning about data stewardship and management, along with making the connections to help make our data matter
13	contacts with other organizations and technologies
14	Increased visibility
16	ESIP provides AGU will executive leadership that helps us to connect our work to ESIP and other informatics communities. ESIP is critical to the success of our Data Fair program at Fall Meeting and Ocean Sciences Meeting. ESIP is an important partner on the Community Driven project "Enabling FAIR Data". I can go on...
17	Networking, collaborating, working with multiple gov't agencies
18	networking, interactions with data repositories
23	Collaboration and knowledge exchange
25	The opportunity to interact with other groups with similar goals and interests.
26	Awareness of community activities
27	When I am able to commit the time to engage, it is extremely useful to interact with members from outside of NASA to get their perspective on the challenges they face when trying to access NASA data and imagery.

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28	Networking and engaging in ESIP activities to support NASA funded data center in serving new user communities
29	I have benefited tremendously in that ESIP has supplied support for what is now the CLEAN Network cluster. We have had the support of an ESIP Fellow, the webconferencing platform, and access to organize meetings at the ESIP meetings.
30	Awareness of activities going on within the Earth Science Community and in particular w/rt information management
31	The collaborative environment for posing and solving common problems
32	Partnerships and strategy for development
33	Staying lightly apprised of technologies, developments in big data, knowing what key players are up to. Knowing who to touch in with if we do have a question, want to know how others solved a problem.
34	It allows us to have visibility into other contracts work and also to raise the visibility of our small business.
35	Networking with collaborators and idea exchange
36	Networking with the science community, especially to understand their geospatial needs and projects so we can better serve them with our software
37	Professional development (learning about new technologies, approaches, projects, etc.) Networking Fun
38	We have several members of NASA/JPL members of ESIP and contributors. We learn a lot at ESIP meetings.

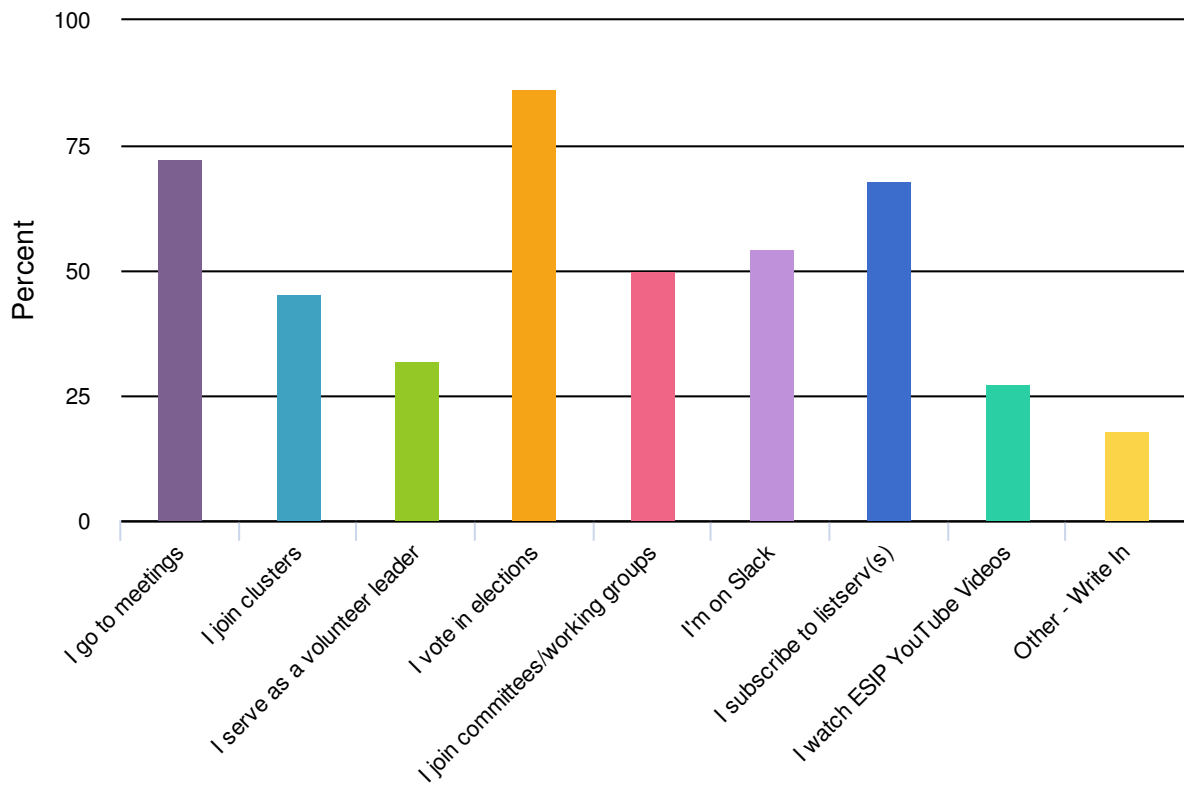
## 10. What challenges does your organization face in engaging with ESIP?



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12	We typically have to charge time/travel to specific externally funded projects. Since those projects are typically not specifically related to DATA, it's sometimes difficult to justify the time/travel to higher-ups, since it can't be directly billed to funded projects.
13	nothing
14	Time & money
16	AGU has international membership and publications. When we partner with ESIP we need to consider how to mitigate that dimension. ESIP's focus on Earth and Space sciences is incredibly valuable as a resource and place where problems can be solved. We are happy to mitigate the international connection in order to work with such an important partner.
17	Time
18	I am always out of town and unavailable for the January meeting
21	Lack of financial support for ESIP interaction
23	Getting more people to be able to attend the meetings
25	Time.
26	We are very small. So, it's hard to justify travel to attend meetings.

ResponseID	Response
27	In my micro-universe of one, the biggest challenge is carving out time to participate.
28	Continue networking and engaging in ESIP activities to support NASA funded data center in serving new user communities
29	I will remain engaged with ESIP, however, I am officially leaving TERC on Dec 22. There has not been any other engagement of TERC with ESIP other than my involvement, so I don't know if there will be a continued involvement. We should talk about this.
30	Staffing limitations.
31	Time and cost to allow all staff to engage in ESIP.
33	Not seeing any reason to further engage. Probably we don't have a big enough data management team to have the bandwidth to engage.
34	Two meetings per year is a significant time commitment. One being in DC is helpful as travel is reduced.
35	Sending a large number of people to meetings on a regular basis.
36	Getting time allocated internally for more people at our organization to participate.
37	Time! Between AGU ESSI, ODIP, RDA, Force 11, SciDataCon and all the domain conferences, there's just too much to manage.

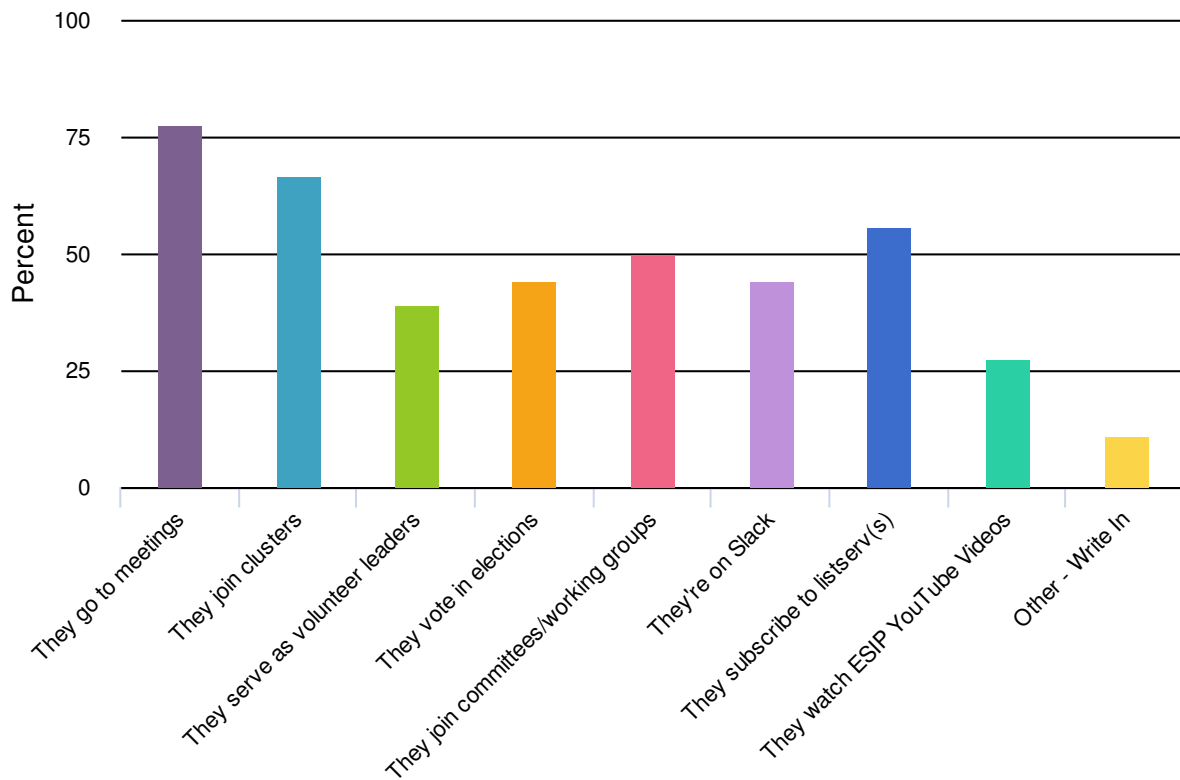
11. How do you, as an individual, engage with ESIP? List ALL that apply:












Value	Percent	Responses
I go to meetings	72.7%	16
I join clusters	45.5%	10
I serve as a volunteer leader	31.8%	7
I vote in elections	86.4%	19
I join committees/working groups	50.0%	11
I'm on Slack	54.5%	12
I subscribe to listserv(s)	68.2%	15
I watch ESIP YouTube Videos	27.3%	6
Other - Write In	18.2%	4

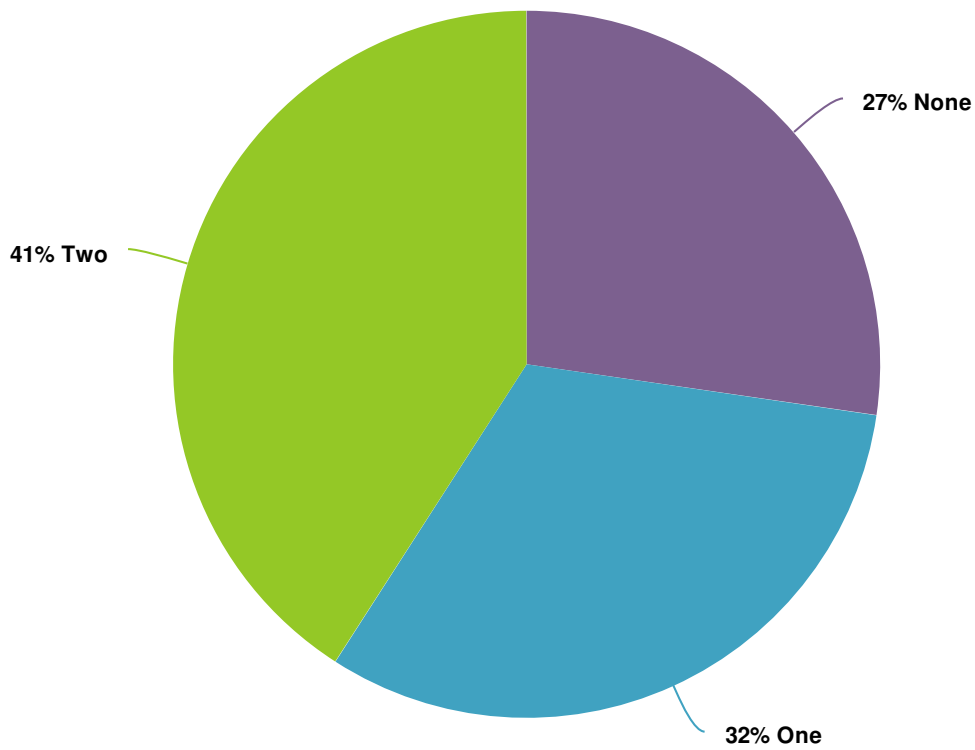


12. How do others in your organization engage with ESIP (to your knowledge)? List ALL that apply:



Value		Percent	Responses
They go to meetings		77.8%	14
They join clusters		66.7%	12
They serve as volunteer leaders		38.9%	7
They vote in elections		44.4%	8
They join committees/working groups		50.0%	9
They're on Slack		44.4%	8
They subscribe to listserv(s)		55.6%	10
They watch ESIP YouTube Videos		27.8%	5
Other - Write In		11.1%	2

13. How many ESIP meetings do you personally attend in a typical year?



Value	Percent	Responses
None	27.3%	6
One	31.8%	7
Two	40.9%	9

Totals: 22

14. Why do you attend this number of meetings?

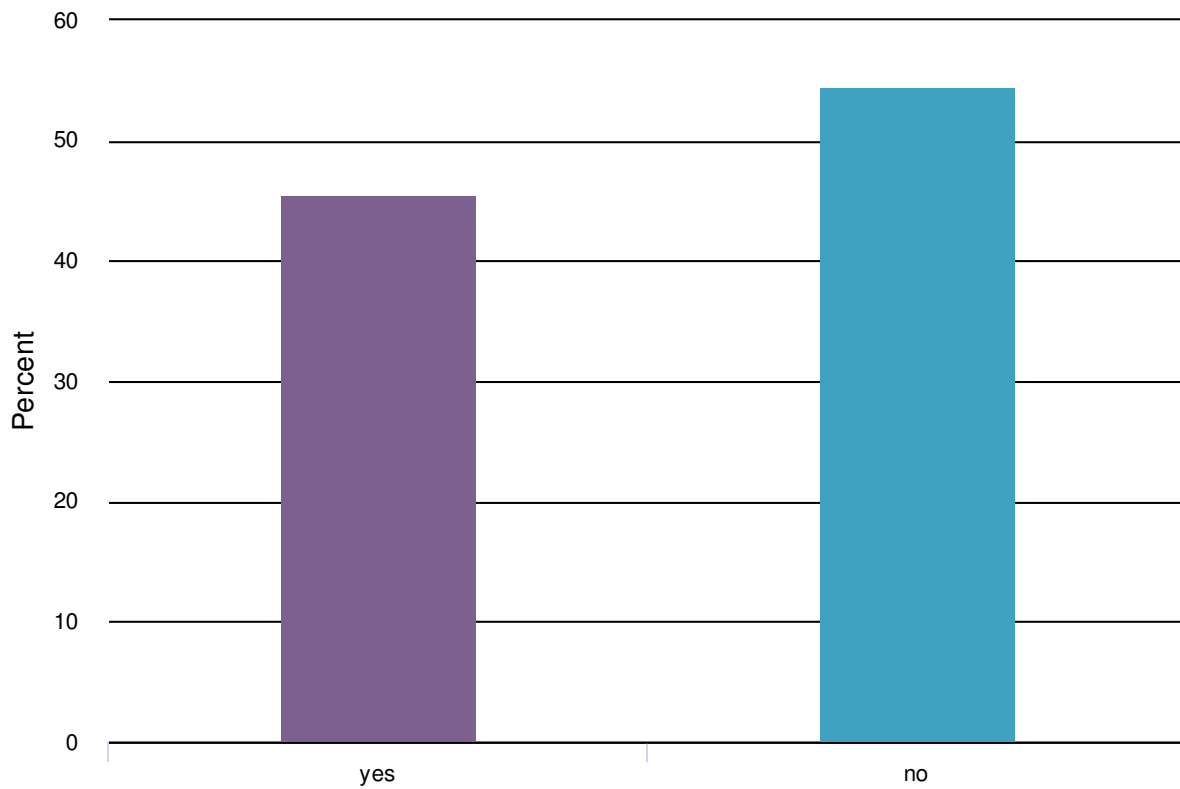
# increase year agu • winter time esip attend<sup>2018</sup> dc mtg opportunities



ResponseID	Response
12	I get a lot out of the face to face meetings, as well as having dedicated time spent on data-related projects and issues.
13	my availability
14	I have funding to attend
16	The summer meeting is incredibly valuable to the work I do at AGU. The winter meeting ,which is also valuable, tends to include a significant number of gov employees who can't make it to the summer mtg because of proximity to Washington DC.
17	ESIP meetings are very useful
18	Am not able to attend January mtg in DC
23	Increase opportunities for learning and collaboration
25	Time and travel budgets are tight.
26	Limited resources for travel.
27	I have fallen off over the past few years but I hope to increase to at least one of the meetings per year again starting in 2018.
28	Daily workload and agenda

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29	I have typically gone to 2 meetings a year. However, I have not been able to attend in the last year. However, the most valuable part of the meetings for me is the networking opportunities. I do find it challenging to always know all that ESIP can offer to see how I might engage most effectively.
30	If an ESIP meeting is being held in the same location as another higher priority meeting, I will attend.
31	The timing of meetings helps move collaborations and projects along.
33	I (and our new IT coordinator) have considered going several times (he did attend once several years ago), but the return which I imagine we'd get - relationships with others facing similar challenges, knowledge of new technology - doesn't outweigh costs of time, competing priorities either day-to-day or other science & citizen science meetings. We have engaged with ESIP and other ESIP partners at AGU frequently.
34	Element 84 does a significant amount of work in the field and typically is presenting at some sessions.
35	Networking, and leadership responsibilities.
36	Because I serve on the ESIP volunteer leadership its important to attend the meetings to build relationships and information sharing in-person. If I wasn't an elected ESIP leader, it is still the same answer - the in-person brainstorming, problem-solving, and unplanned opportunities (meeting new people, getting to know others better) are more likely to happen with that committed in-person time.
37	The winter ESIP always conflicts with an annual project-specific meeting I must attend. So I can only go to summer.
38	I am not as technically involved as my colleagues, so once a year suffices for me. I dont enjoy long travel much.

15. Is travel a barrier to your attendance at ESIP meetings? If YES, please tell us in the comments what aspect(s) of travel are problematic (time/expense/location, etc).



Value		Percent	Responses
yes		45.5%	10
no		54.5%	12

16. Is travel a barrier to your attendance at ESIP meetings? If YES, please tell us in the comments what aspect(s) of travel are problematic (time/expense/location, etc). - comments

We're a soft money organization and need funding for all efforts.

**Time and expense**

Federal travel ceiling is the problem

Cost and time.

The main barrier to travel is expense.

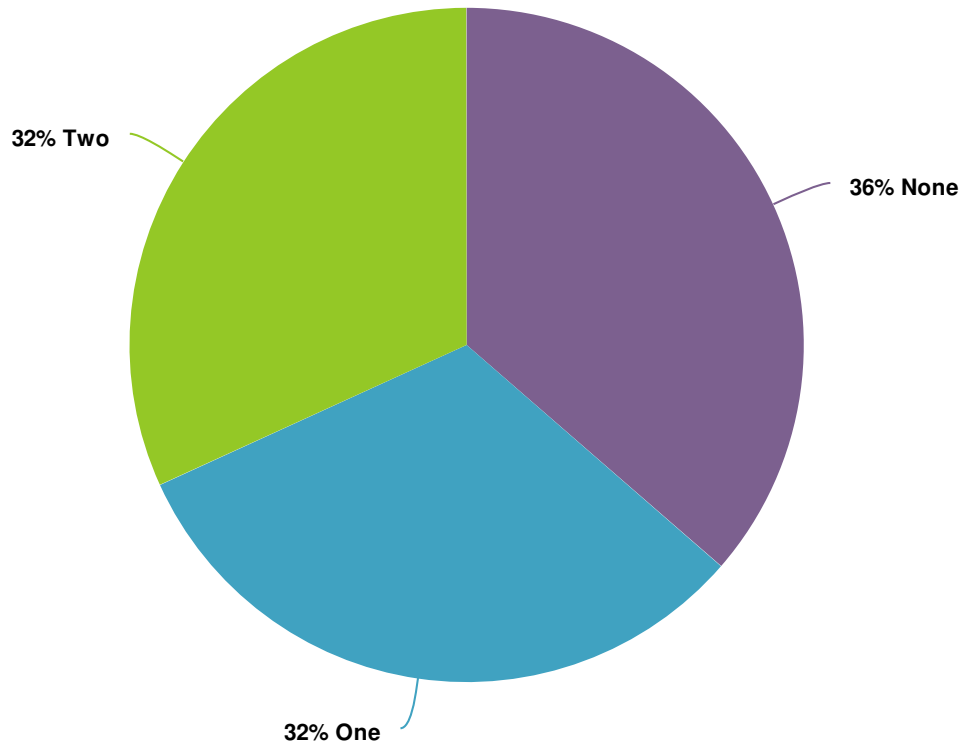
Time/expense given higher priority for travel and R&D activities.

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1	Cost and time.
1	Federal travel ceiling is the problem
1	For me, time is a challenge (can I take that time away), expenses are less so but still a consideration.
1	In the past I was able to pay for my travel through grants or it was paid by my role on the ESIP Board. I do not have either of those avenues available to me now, so cost is an issue.
1	It's not the main barrier, but we do think about carbon footprint and costs of time away from the office.
1	The main barrier to travel is expense.
1	Time and expense
1	Time/expense given higher priority for travel and R&D activities.
1	Travel is not a problem at this time, as I greatly appreciate ESIP supporting leaders to travel. ESIP's efforts to diversify the location of the Summer Meeting to spread out the regional travel pain is thoughtful, and also to have a regular meeting in DC that attendees can regularly plan for. We've talked about having ESIP-subgroups meet as nodes in concert with the larger meetings when travel is a barrier... I think that's an interesting model to try if many people find travel a barrier
1	We're a soft money organization and need funding for all efforts.
1	since much of my travel must be related to funded projects, it's sometimes hard to justify to my higher-ups the expense. Luckily, I've been able to work around this for most meetings.

17. In addition to you, how many ESIP meetings do people in your particular ESIP attend in a typical year?



Value	Percent	Responses
None	36.4%	8
One	31.8%	7
Two	31.8%	7

Totals: 22

18. How do members of your ESIP decide which/how many meetings to attend?



# agenda

or ability 16 work group staff business decide attend esip

ResponseID	Response
12	Right now, I'm the primary person engaged with ESIP, although others are interested.
13	agenda
14	NA
16	We consider what the sessions will be and if participation would be valuable.
17	Most only go to summer mtg because of more technical focus. Also, early January isn't optimal especially when it overlaps or is close to AMS (our biggest mtg of the year).
18	Summer meeting coincides with DataONE Users Group meeting
21	Vote based on available funds
23	I make ultimate decision if needed, but typically our branches figure it out on their own based on guidance from me on how many we can send
25	We generally spread out the load as possible, constrained within our travel budget.
26	Topics directly related to our work that will lead to an ability to perform higher quality work (and find partners for doing so)

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27                    Availability.

28                    Depends on daily workload and agenda

29                    Members of my ESIP do not consider attending. However, the CLEAN Network Cluster is very active, and many of the members of the cluster decide if they come or participate remotely based on the sessions we organize.

30                    Business priorities

31                    Question number 16 varies in answer: Some of my office (higher level staff) attend ESIP frequently, while others (part-time or new staff) attend either infrequently or not at all. We have limited travel for the entire office, and project directors decide which staff will attend based upon project relatedness, networking and/or meetings of opportunity and session or working group/committee involvement. We try to split up attendance so that all staff get to attend at some point if there is interest.

33                    As described above.

34                    Largely upon speaking slots and customer preference.

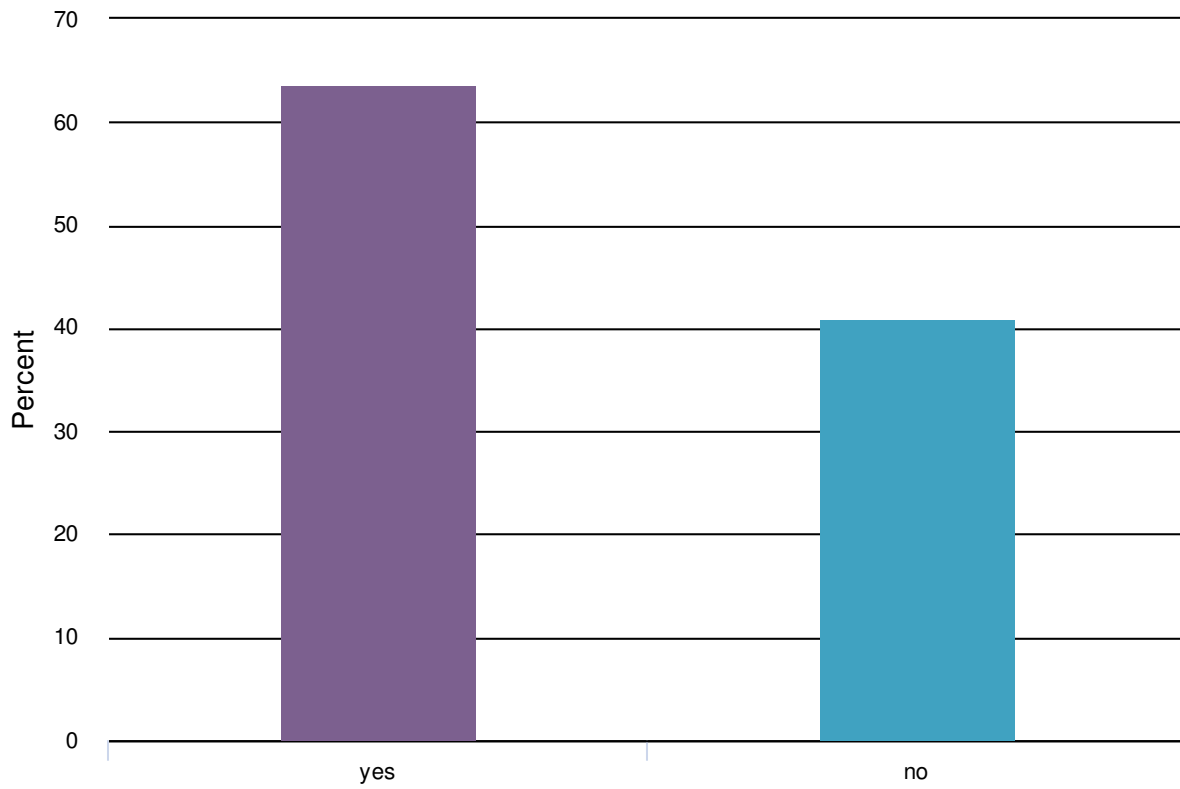
35                    By approval of participation, and travel funding via appropriate projects.

36                    We typically provide a justification that then must be approved internally if we want to travel and attend any meeting, ESIP meetings includes. Identifying specific individuals, organizations, and initiatives relevant to our regular work and business is key to that process. People who want to attend an ESIP meeting look at the theme and agenda and use that to build the justification. Invitations from people outside our organization to participate/collaborate in a session or speak are easier to justify. Location also drives the decision-making process; easier for our DC staff to attend the Winter Meeting, and this Summer's meeting in San Diego means that some of our West Coast staff that doesn't typically join can easily be involved.

37                    How good the agenda looks, how expensive the meeting will be, how the timing fits in with our projects' deadlines.

38                    My particular ESIP now has very few technically inclined members.

19. Is travel a barrier to the attendance of other individuals in your ESIP at ESIP meetings? If YES, please tell us in the comments what aspect(s) of travel are problematic (time/expense/location, etc).



Value	Percent	Responses
yes	63.6%	14
no	40.9%	9

20. Is travel a barrier to the attendance of other individuals in your ESIP at ESIP meetings? If YES, please tell us in the comments what aspect(s) of travel are problematic (time/expense/location, etc). - comments

Same as mine.

Cost, time. Time and cost

Alignment of available travel funds and purpose for attending ESIP

expense Expense

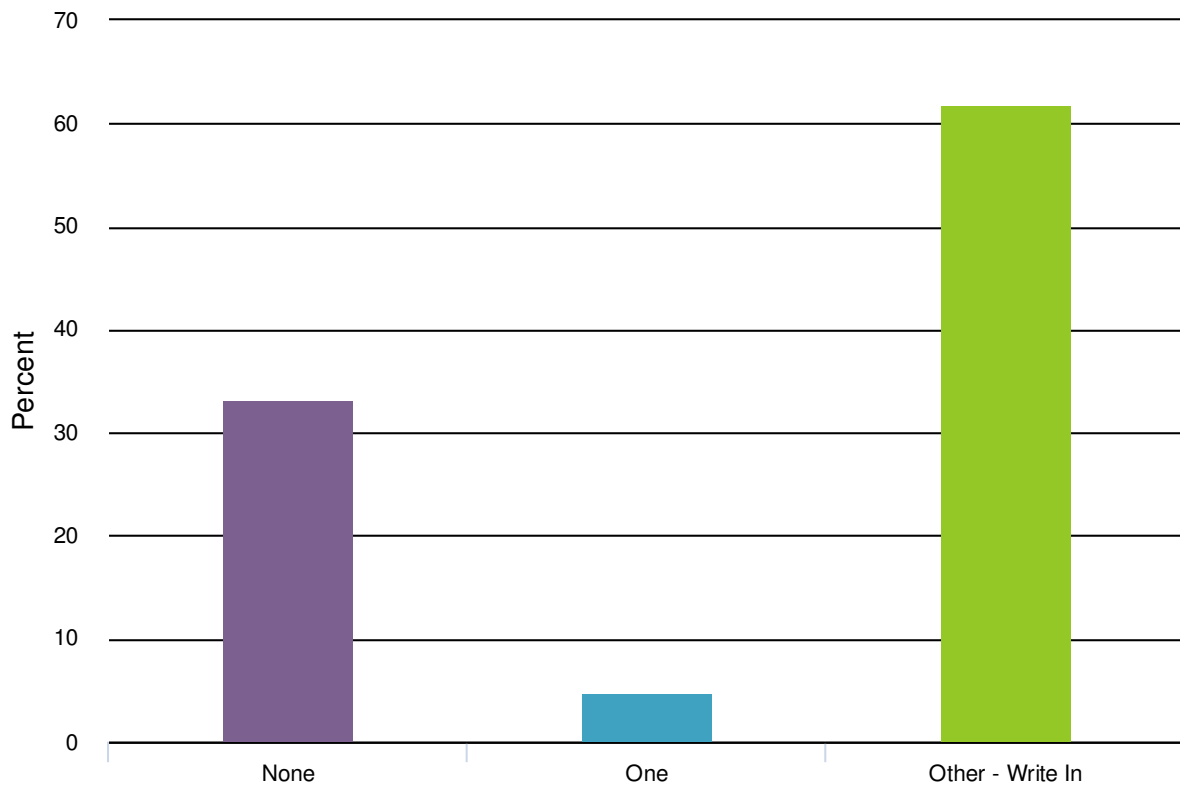
Same issue

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1	Alignment of available travel funds and purpose for attending ESIP
1	Cost, time.
1	Expense
1	How many people I can send from my group depends a lot on the cost and location (short flight or full extra travel days).
1	It's not the main barrier, but we do think about carbon footprint and costs of time away from the office.
1	Mostly about prioritizing the meetings they attend. Both in terms of how much they are interested in or willing to travel and travel budget.
1	Not all staff can attend every ESIP meeting due to time and expense (see answer to Q 17)
1	Others from TERC do not consider coming. However, for members of the CLEAN Cluster both the expense and at times the time commitment are barriers to participation.
1	Same as mine.
1	Same issue
1	Time and cost
1	Yes, but nothing specific to ESIP - travel is always a barrier because it costs money and time, so must go through the approval process. All our employee travel is like this. What's great about ESIP is that people can be involved through the virtual organization and do a lot of important work there too.
1	expense

21. If your organization has staff that also participate in ESIP, how many do so?



Value	Percent	Responses
None	33.3%	7
One	4.8%	1
Other - Write In	61.9%	13

22. What suggestions do you have for ESIP that will help your organization achieve its goals?

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12	Keep doing what you're doing!
13	none
14	none at this time
17	Keep up the good work
18	Discuss/promote CI sustainability
28	Keep bringing expertise together from data, research, education backgrounds to share information on data discovery, access, and use
29	<p>I don't think there is an interest at TERC. However, the CLEAN Network Cluster really needs the infrastructure support of ESIP to more effectively do its work. Enabling the CLEAN Network Cluster to bring external potential partners to ESIP meetings to discuss addressing climate change impacts is the one that I can think of right now. Addressing climate change is a cross-sector issue and so engaging a range of partners who might not otherwise be involved in ESIP is important - both for the activities and potential funding. Also, I am not sure at this point - or at least after Jan 1 - what ESIP I should consider myself associated with. At this point I can be considered a consultant, but that does not associate me with an ESIP, just the CLEAN Network Cluster. We should probably have further conversations about this.</p>
30	Try to meetings at times/locations in close concurrence to large societal meetings, such as AMS and AGU
31	We benefit greatly from ESIP and don't feel ESIP needs to change!
34	As much posting of talks and supporting materials as possible on the publicly accessible web as possible.
36	<p>The mix of in-person collaboration opps and virtual is important. As both take effort and resources to maintain, I'm so glad that ESIP has these different ways people can engage and add/receive value. Virtual community is a challenge and ESIP does a good job of trying new ways to make virtual community ever more vibrant and active. Let's keep innovating and building upon what's working there. RE: helping my organization achieve its goals, the virtual community is the easiest way that we get others in our org involved - and the low stakes ability to "check it out" or join for a particular topic while still being able to contribute is excellent.</p>
37	Work with other groups to coordinate shared meetings or streamline activities.



