ERIH INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE BAROMETER 2020/21

SURVEY OF EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE SITES



ERIH INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE BAROMETER 2020/21 – THE RESULTS

- Third European-wide Industrial Heritage Barometer after 2018 and 2019
- Initially planned in 2020; due to the Coronavirus pandemic postponed to 2021
- Internet online survey in May 2021
- 376 operators of industrial heritage locations were contacted
- 73 advertised locations participated in the survey (19,4 %)
- topic groups: core data, target groups, perspectives and measures
- data from 2019 and 2020 allow to assess the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on a year-to-year basis

Cooperation: - ERIH European Route of Industrial Heritage - RVR Regionalverband Ruhr





Core data

From the participating locations

- 48% are in public ownership, 34% are run by private organisations, 14% by foundations and 4% other status
- 80% open all year, 20% seasonal
- all sites are dependent on public subsidies of varying amounts to finance current operations
- 39% have 1-5 full-time employees, 19% 11-20 employees, 8% more than 50 employees





Target groups

- The industrial heritage sites appeal to broad sections of the population (general public: 68 from 73 sites, families: 62).
- In addition, they pursue an important educational mission; for 32 sites, school groups are an important target group.
- The tourism target groups (Best Ager Over 50s: 53, Educational Travellers: 40, Young People: 60, and Mice Group: 29) are highly rated.

Due to their attractiveness, the industrial heritage sites have a trans-regional appeal: 60% of the visitors come from the region, 30% from the respective country, 10% are international visitors.

The annual visitor numbers are varied and depend, for example, on location, size and attractiveness. In 2020, the Corona pandemic resulted in a significant slump.







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Impact of the Coronavirus pandemic in 2020

Due to the measures ordered by the authorities to combat the Coronavirus pandemic

- the sites had to close on half of the intended opening days
- most of the opening days took place under Corona restrictions
- special events, rentals pp. could not be carried out
- visitor numbers decreased by 56% compared to 2019
- 79% of all sites developed replacement offers during corona-related closures







Impact of the Coronavirus pandemic in 2020

- revenue shortfall in the amount of 28% compared to 2019
- 34 % of the sites had to reduce staff (especially seasonal workers)
- financial support for loss of income due to Corona:
 - from public authorities: received by 51% of the sites
 - (public funding is 12% higher than in 2019)
 - from others: received by 24% of the sites
- 14% see site operation as permanently at risk









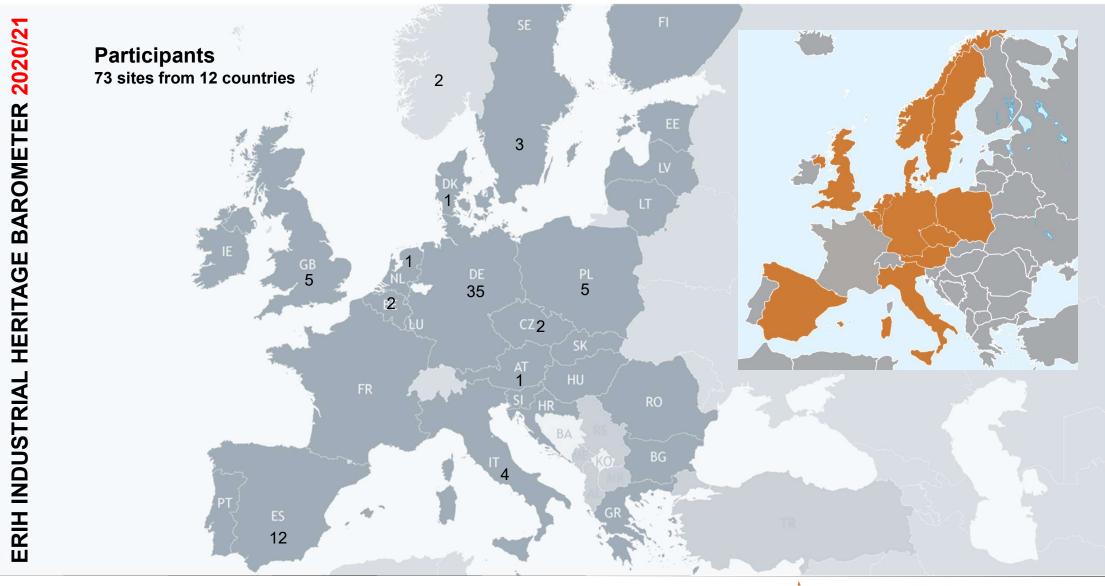
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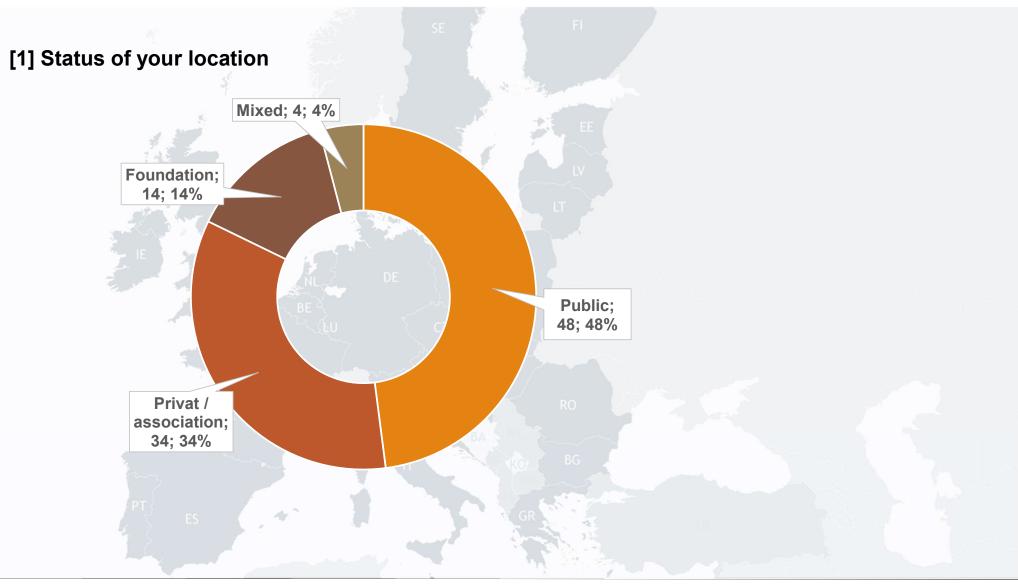


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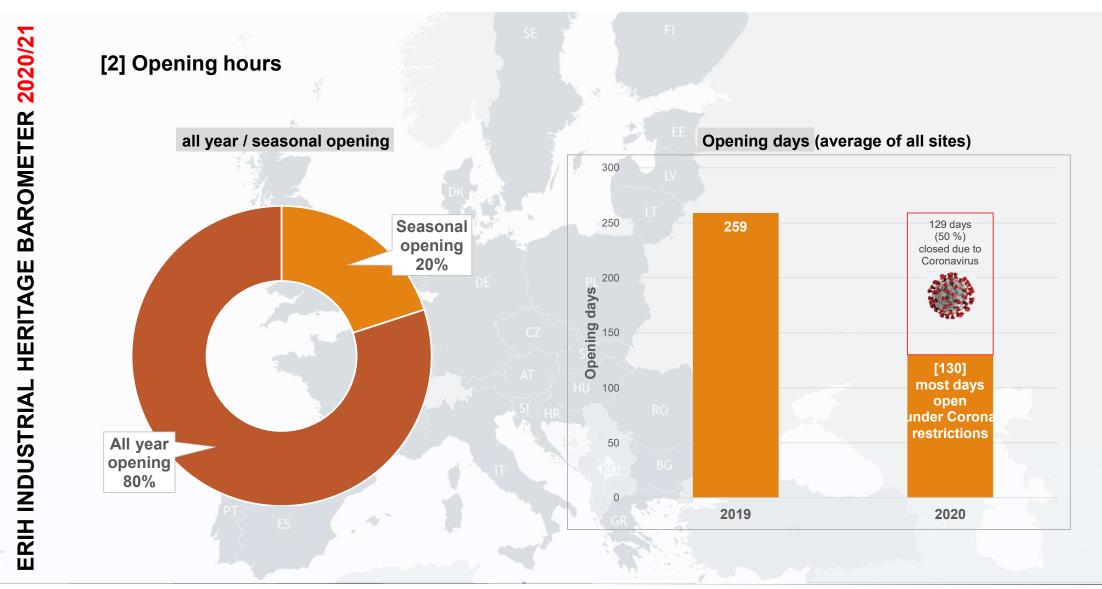






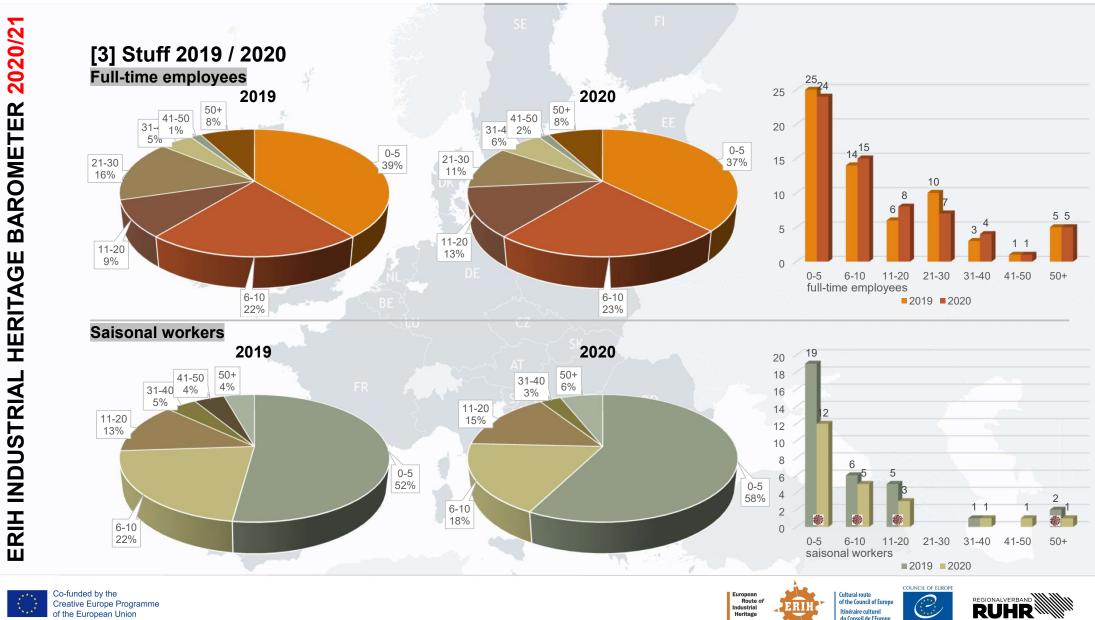












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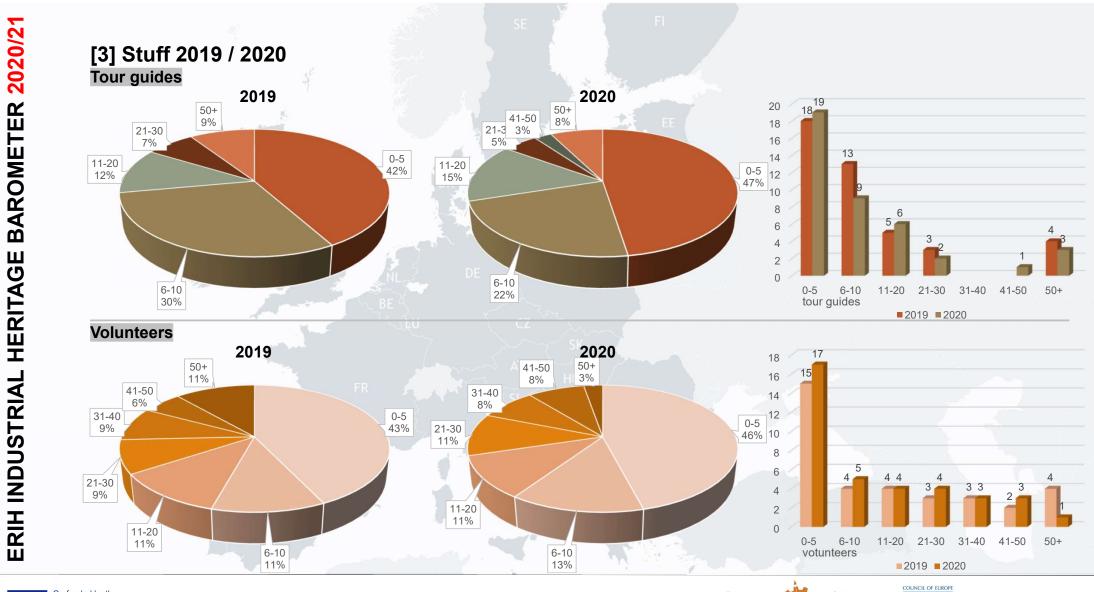
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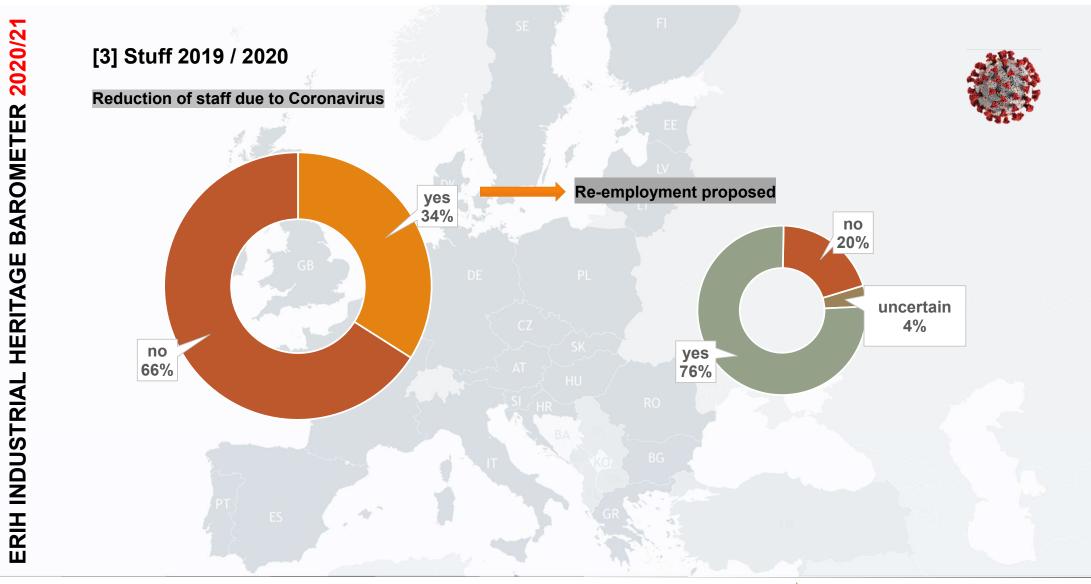


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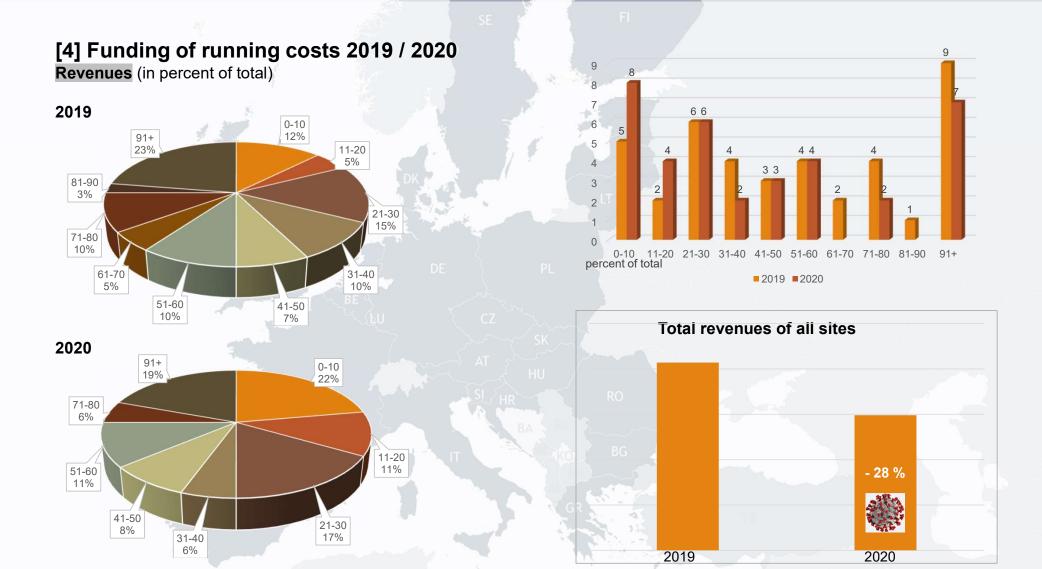








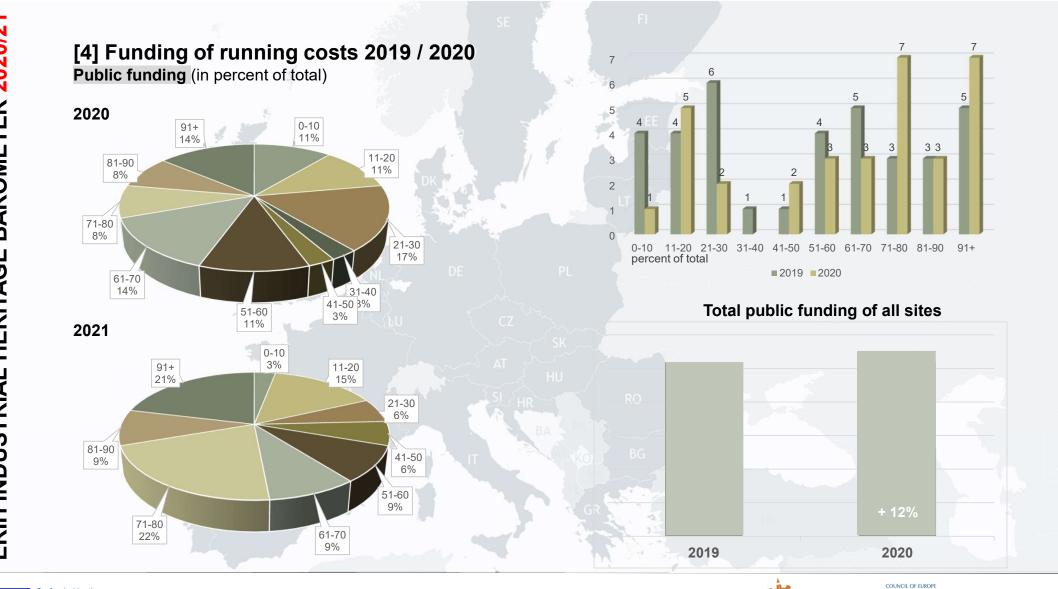








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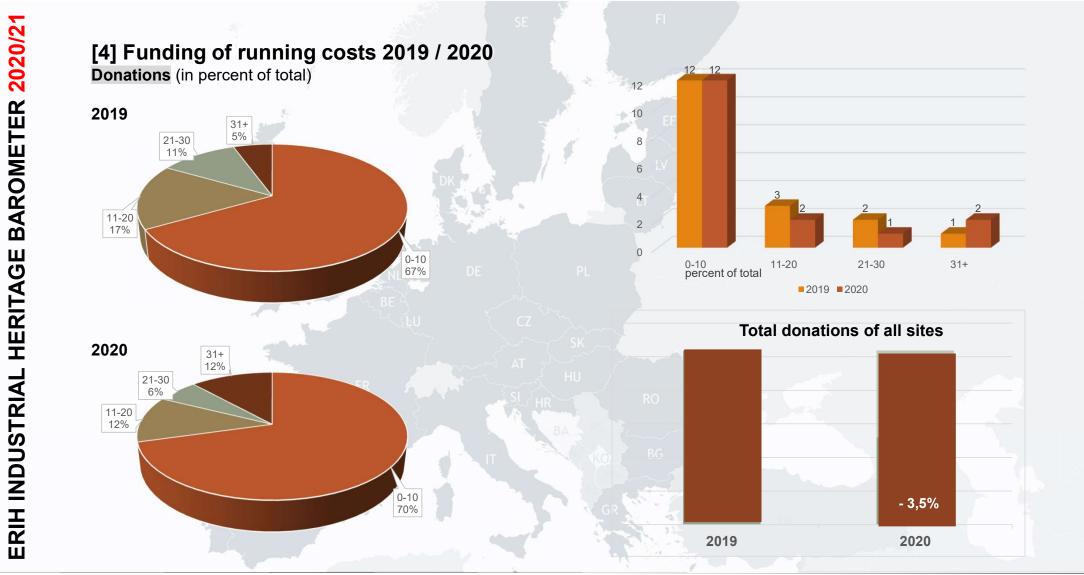
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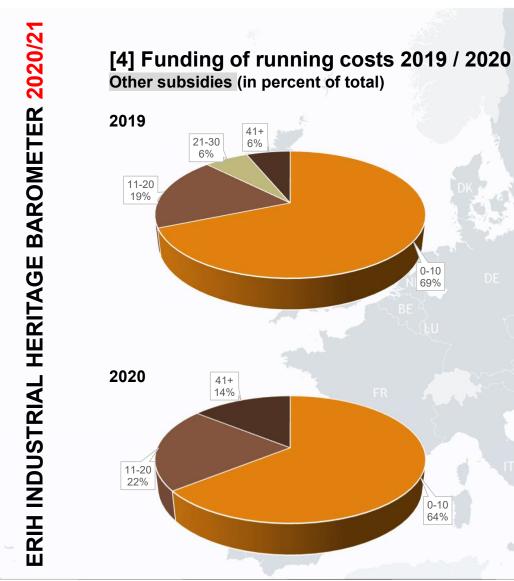
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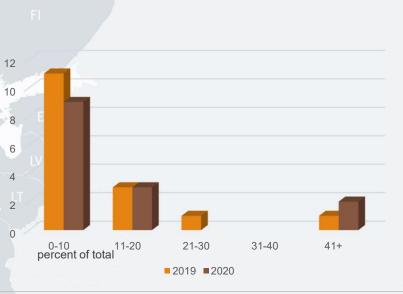


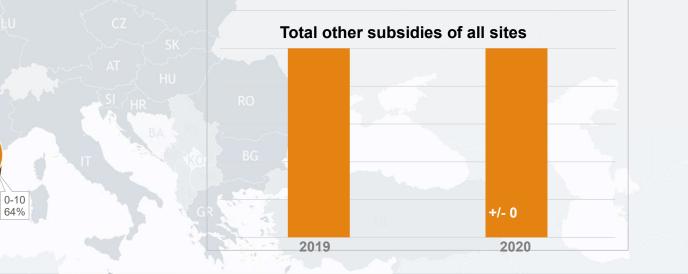






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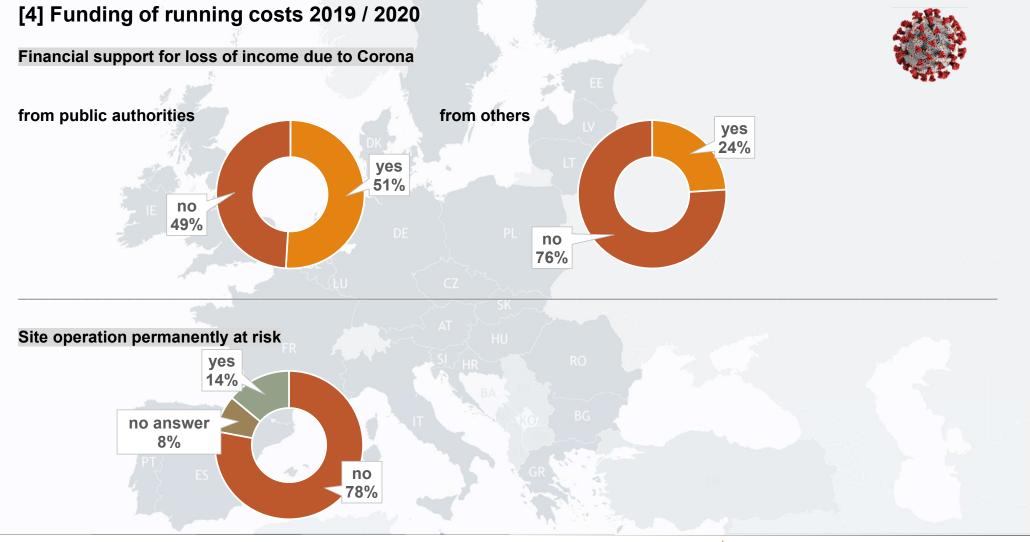






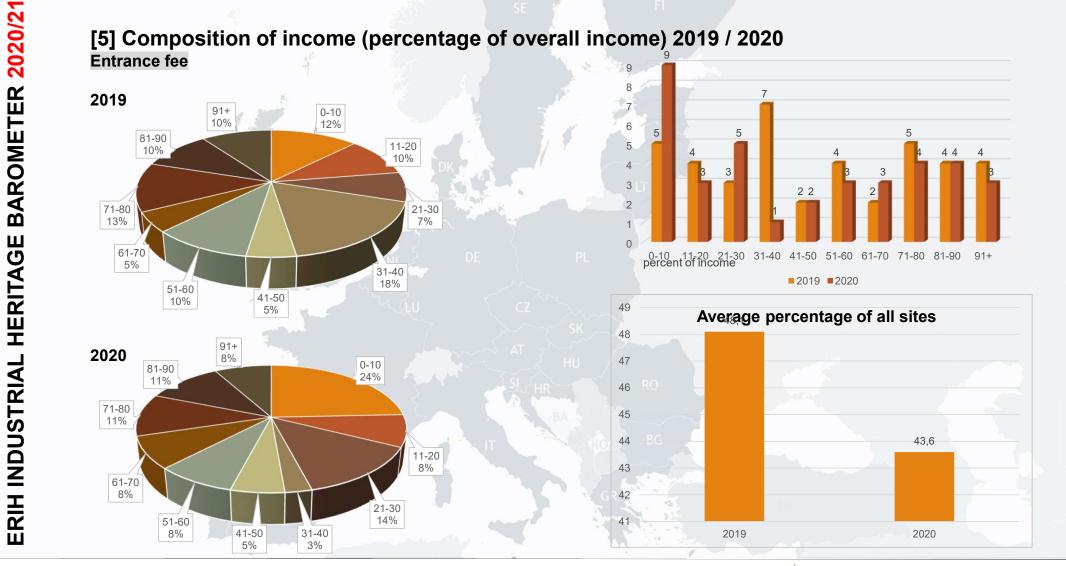










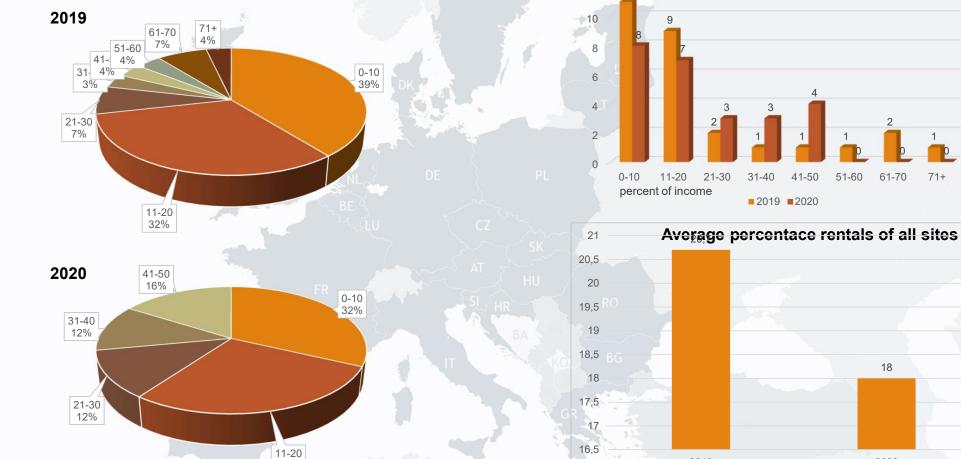












[5] Composition of income (percentage of overall income) 2019 / 2020 Rentals

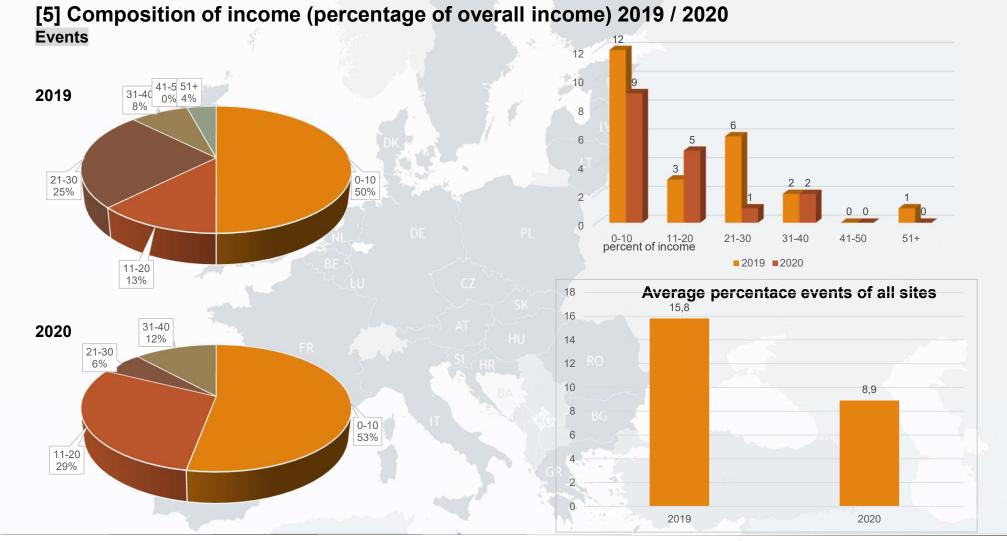
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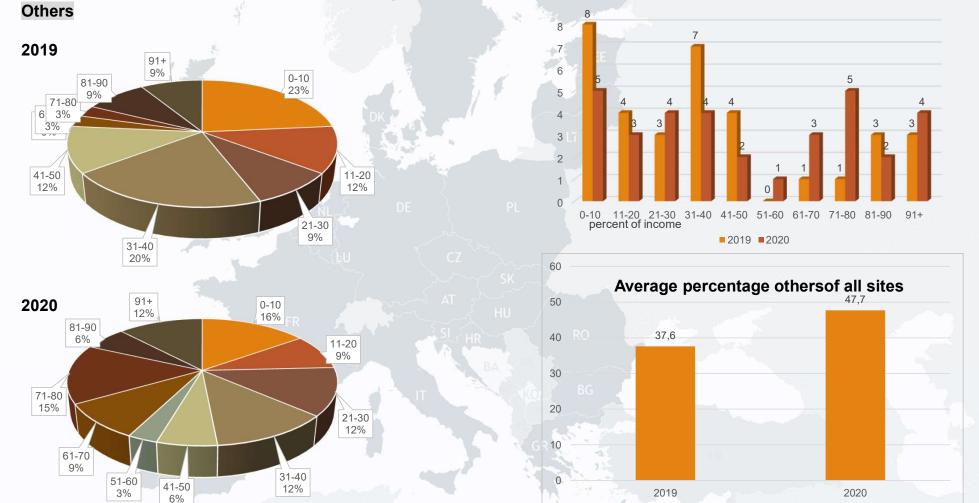
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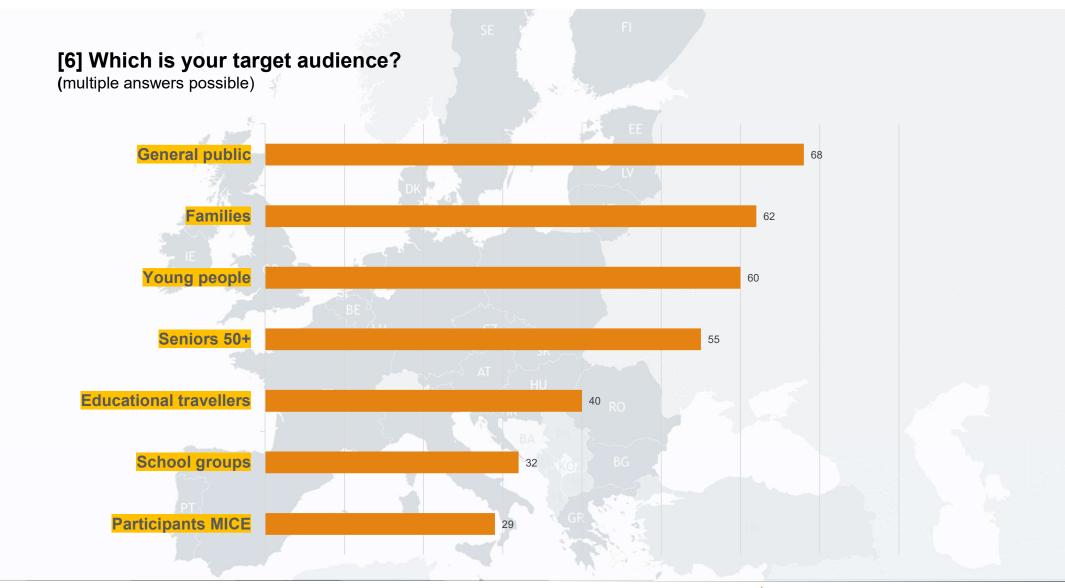




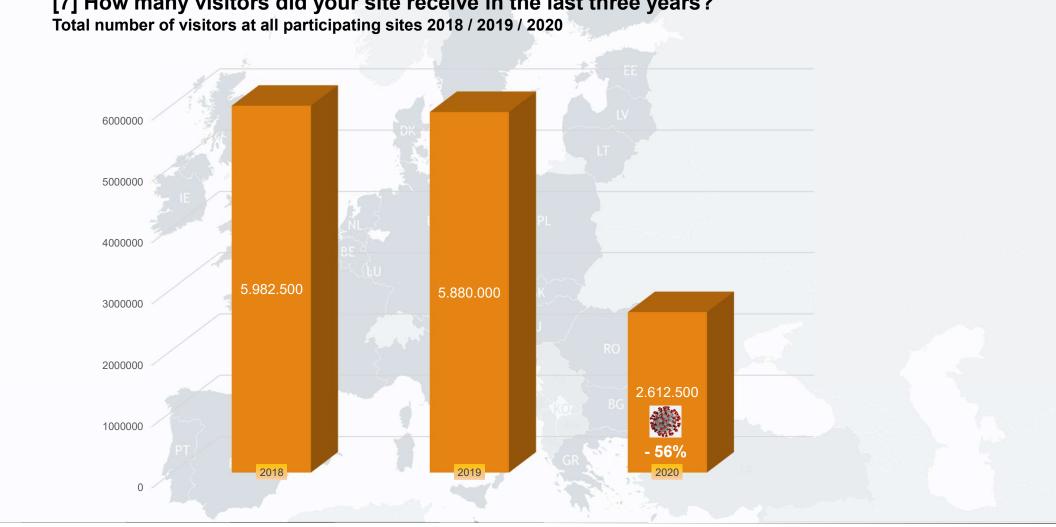


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[7] How many visitors did your site receive in the last three years?

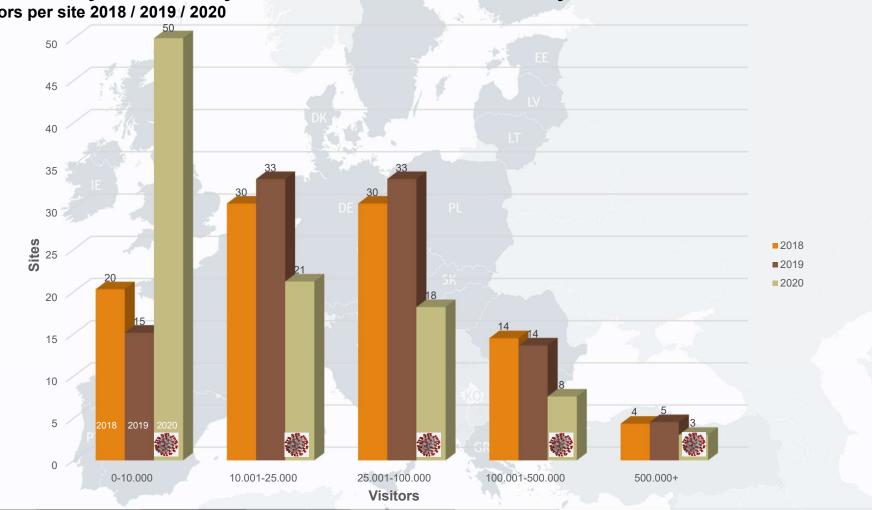
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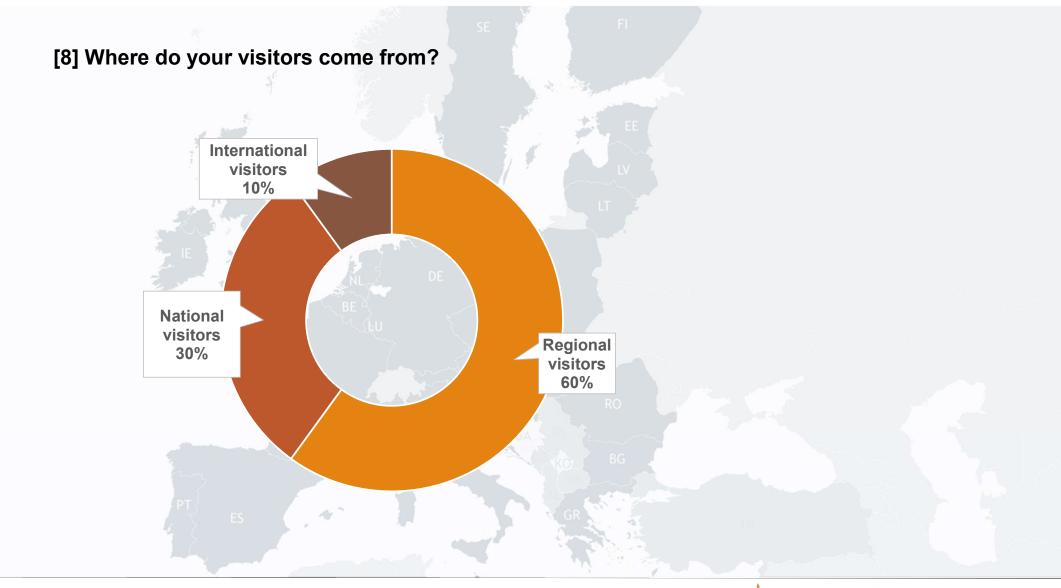
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[7] How many visitors did your site receive in the last three years? Visitors per site 2018 / 2019 / 2020

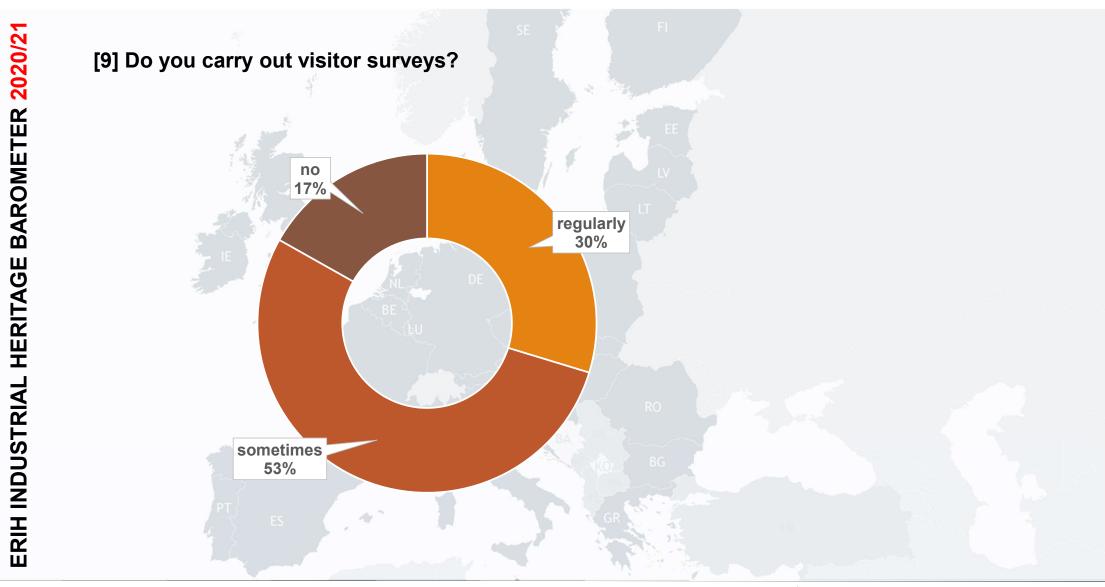
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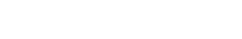


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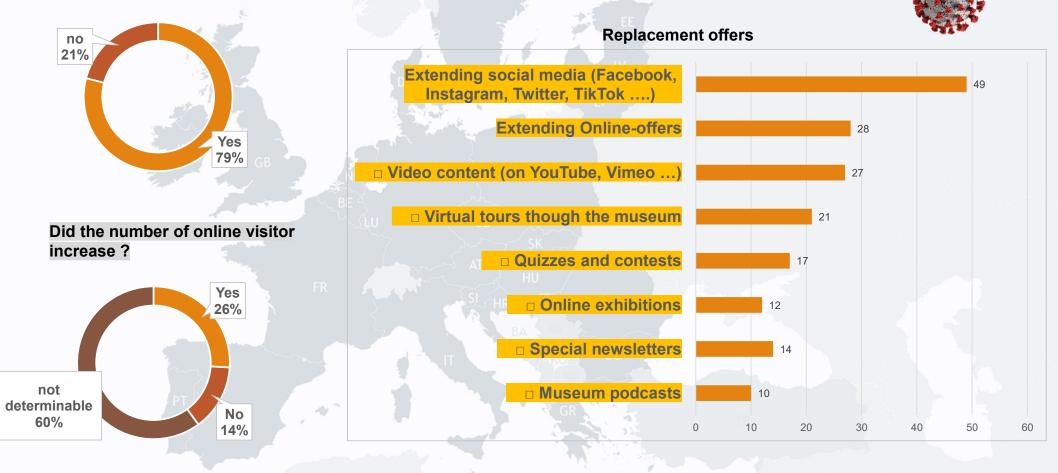






[10] Replacement offers

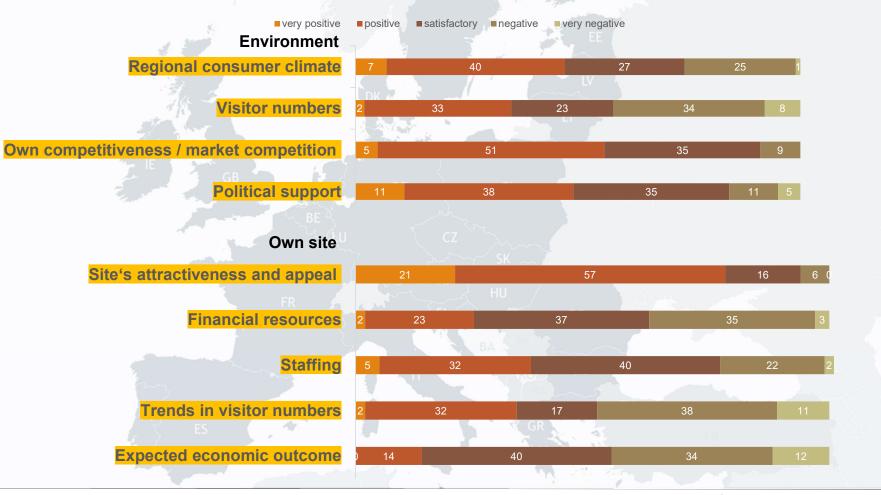
Did you develop replacement offers during corona-related closures?







[11] How would you rate 2021 for your site in terms of the following?



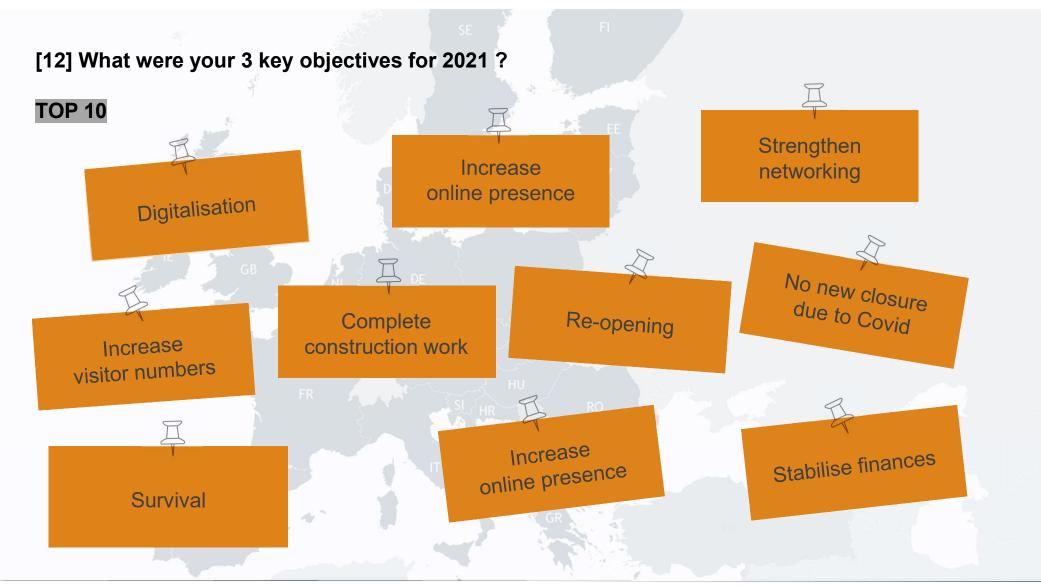
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[13] Which of the following actions form part of your current strategy?

(multiple answers possible)

