

Metropolitan cooperation development in Brno metropolitan area (BMA) through ITI instrument

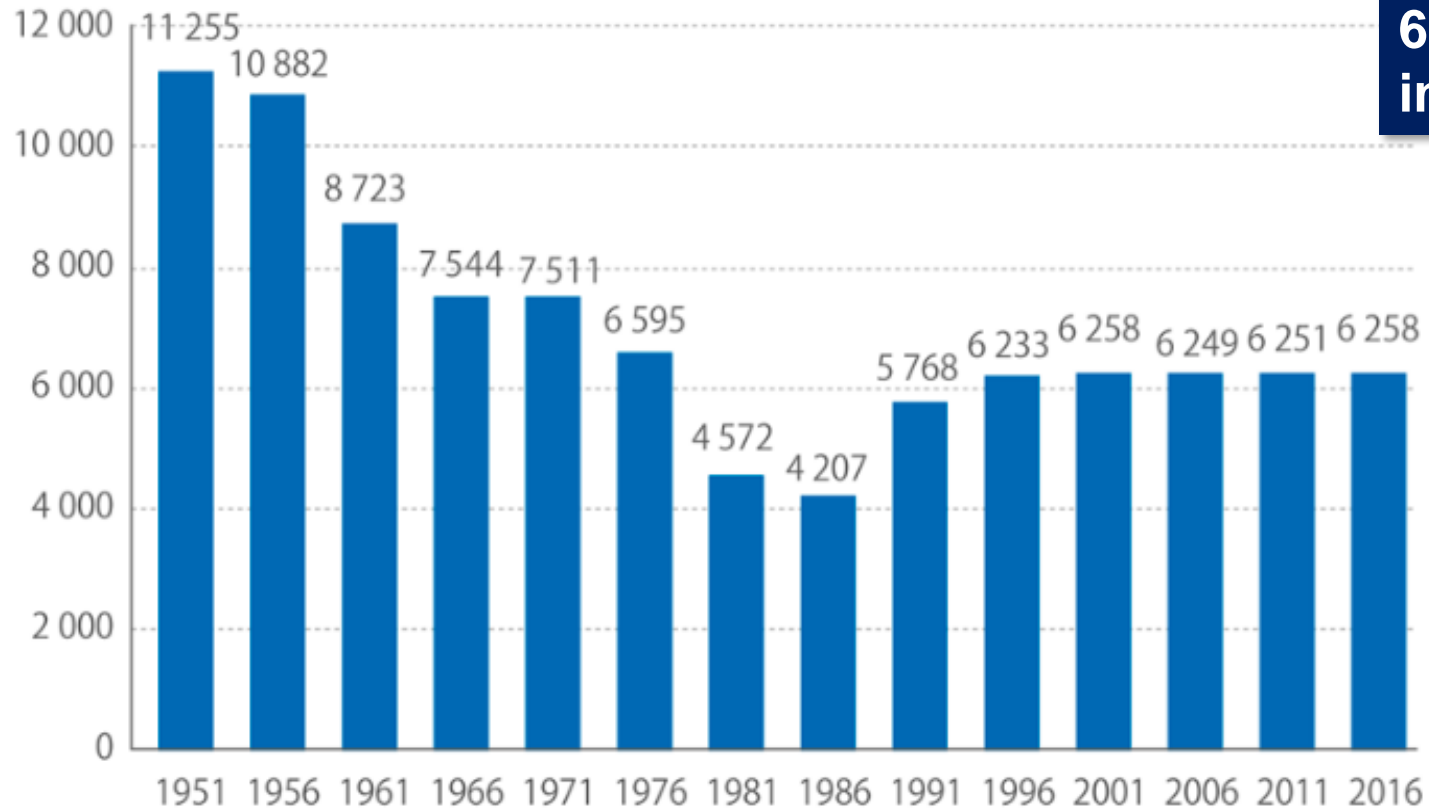
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Integration or cooperation? Czech perspective



**6 258 municipalities
in the CZ**

**Average
population: 1 600
Median: 380**

NUTS 5 level – municipal level
NUTS 3 level – regional level

**development only within
administrative boundaries – given
by legislation**

Legislative vacuum in metropolitan level in the CZ; lack of „metropolitan thinking“

**INTEGRATED
TERRITORIAL
INVESTMENTS**



**Starting point
for metropolitan
cooperation**

European level



National level



**Local level (Brno
City Municipality)**

ITI as a catalyst of metropolitan cooperation and its institutionalization in CZ

167 municipalities

621 108 citizens

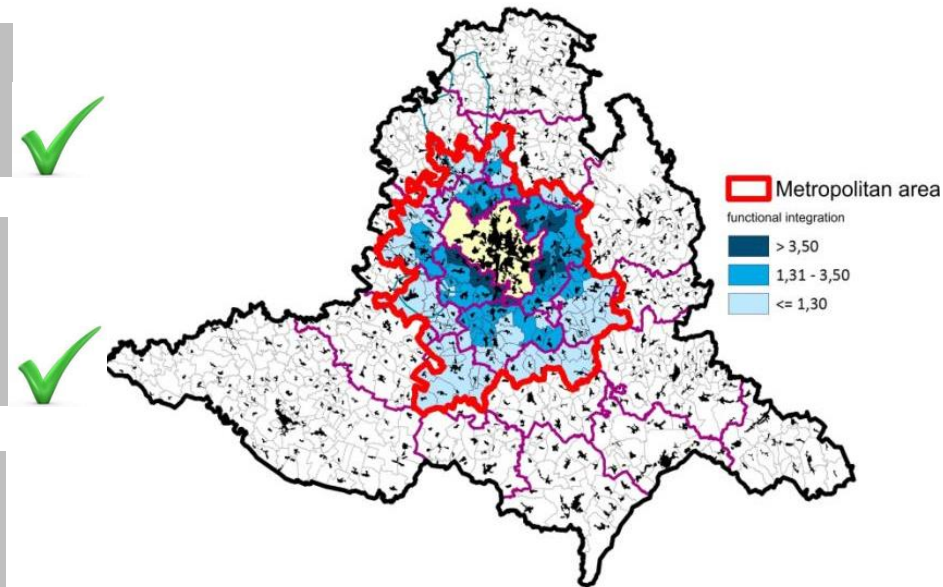
1st step: to update FUA delimitation of BMA (2013) + to establish a dialogue with municipalities in surroundings

2nd step: to create Integrated development strategy of BMA and steering structures + to sign memorandum on cooperation (2014-2015)

3rd step: to implement projects in BMA in EU 2014-2020 programming period (2016-2023) – **in progress**

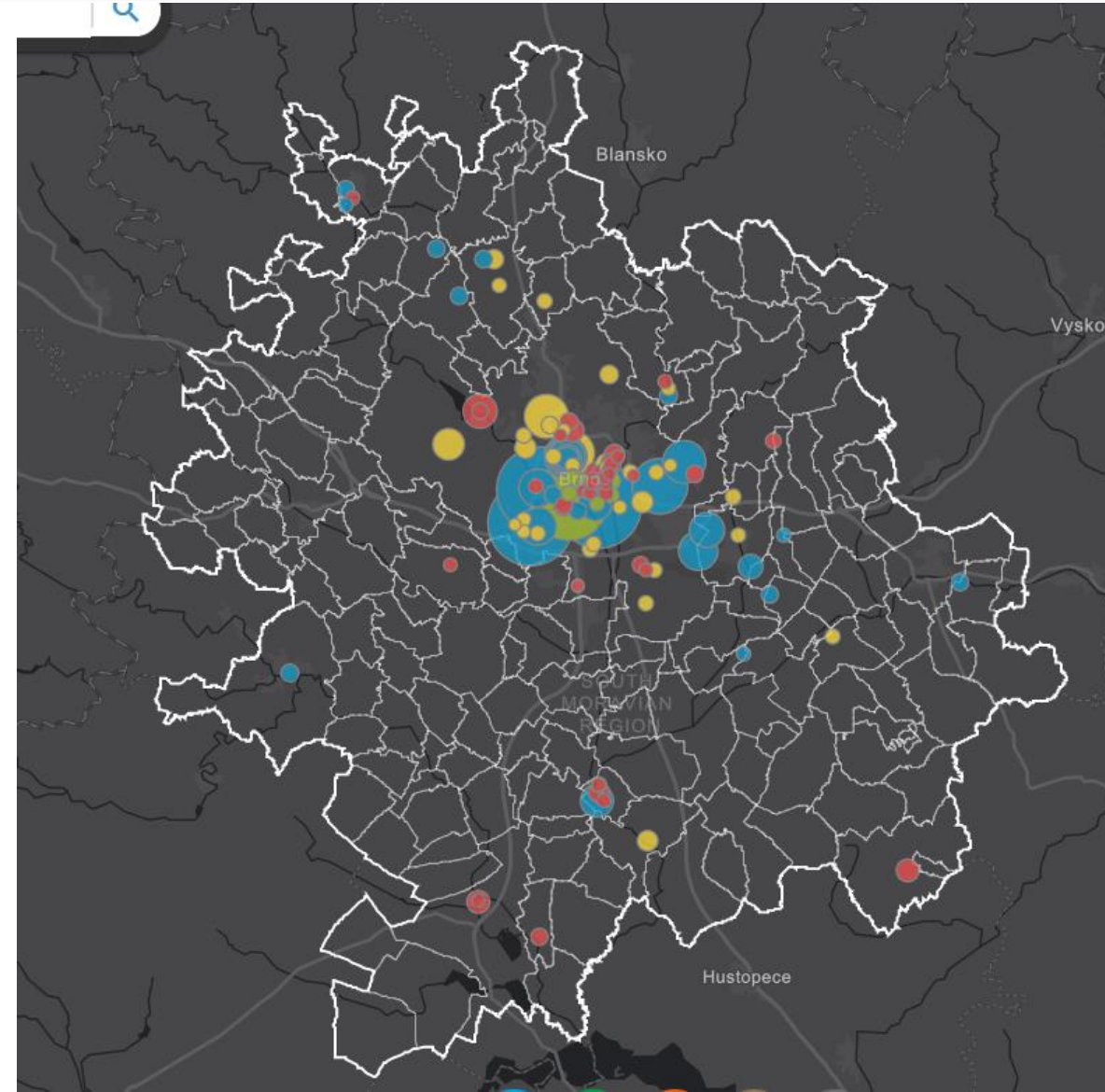
4th step: Future of ITI and metropolitan cooperation – long-term cooperation regardless of EU funding – **in progress**

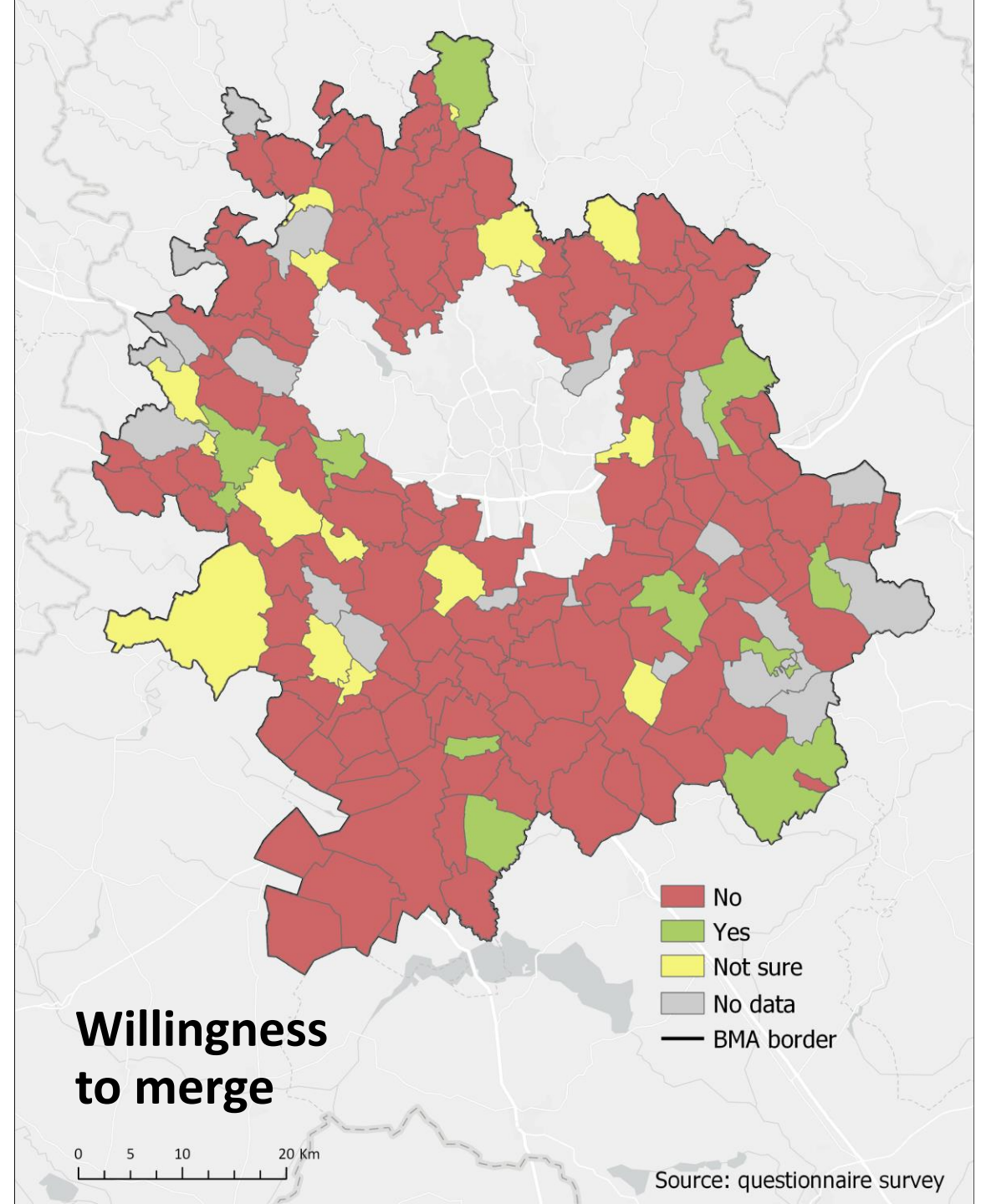
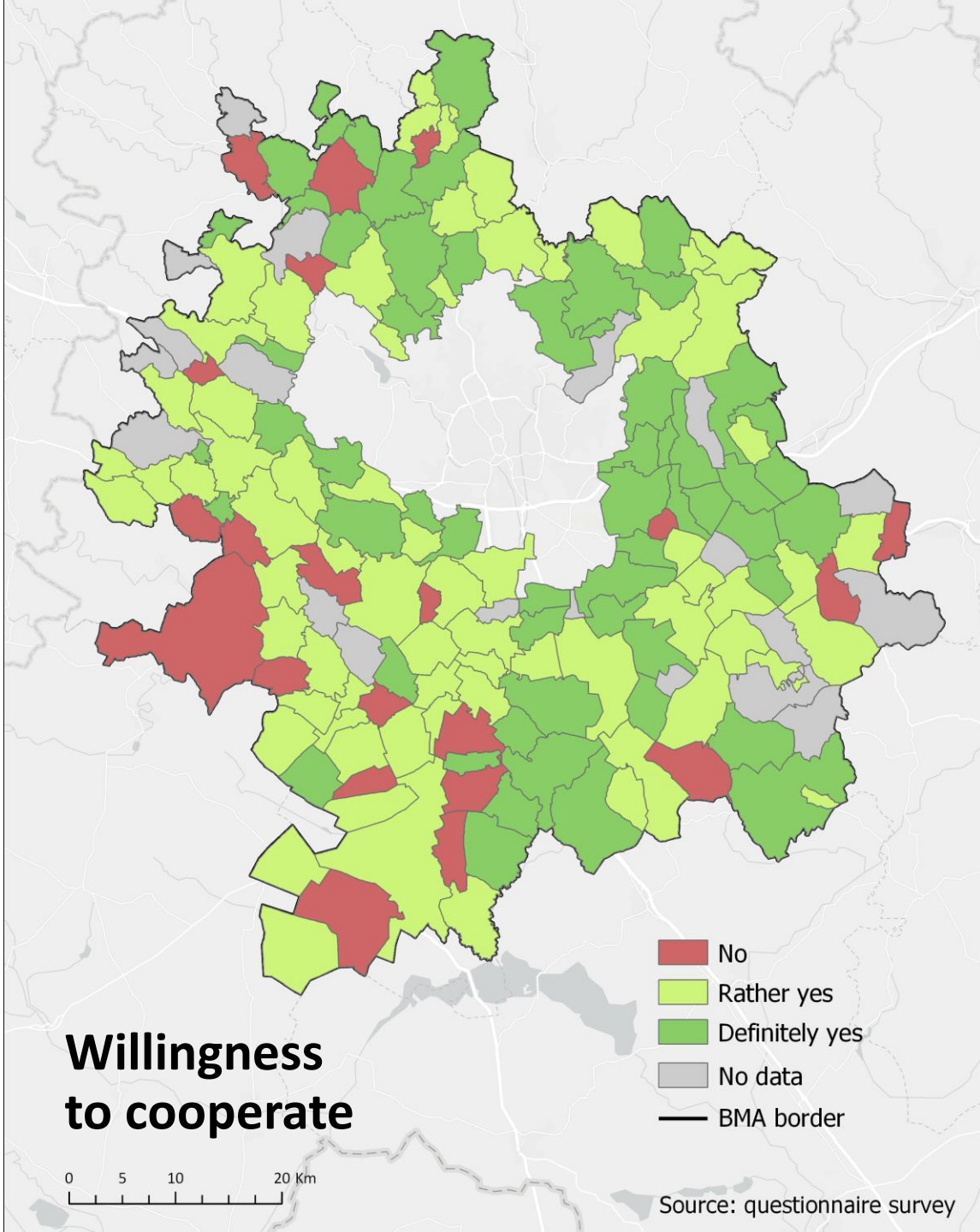
Common long-term goal: learn how to think in a metropolitan way, be aware of benefits of metropolitan cooperation



Integrated approach and cooperation 2020+

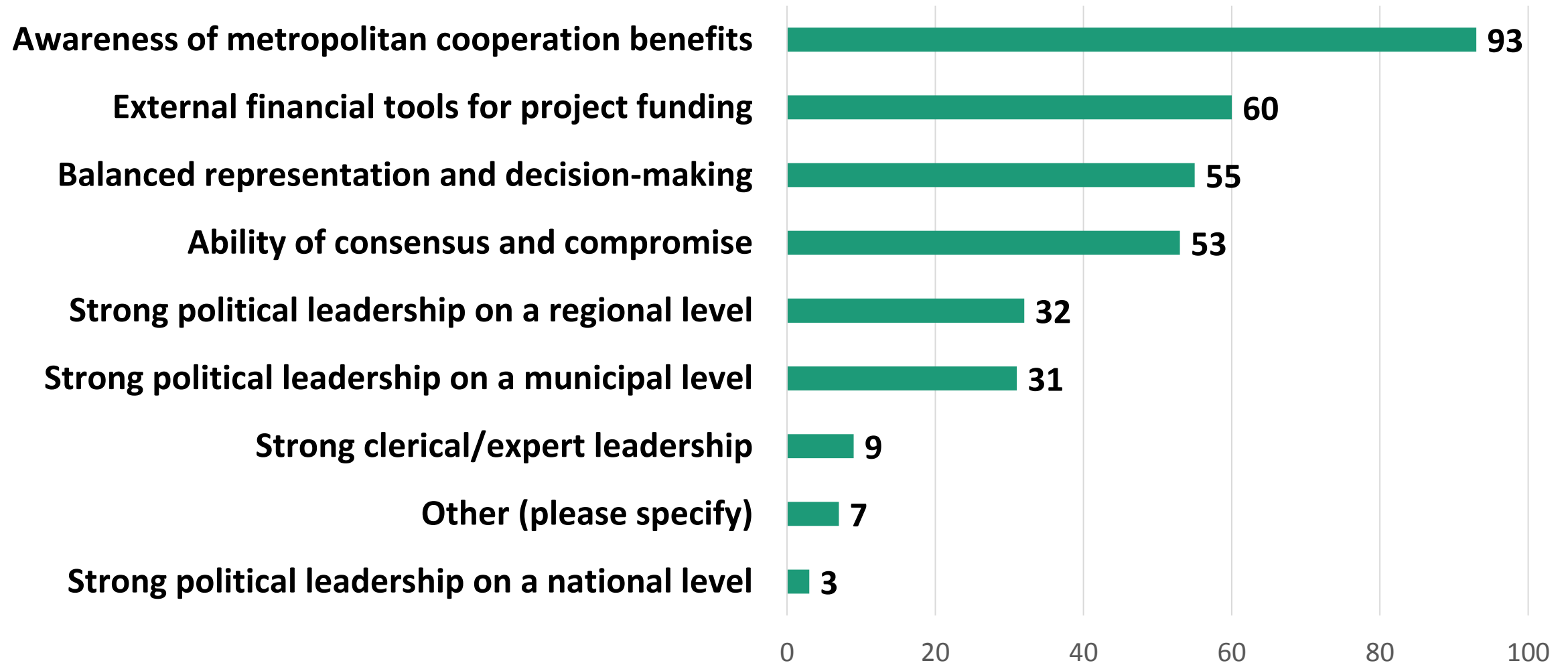
- Continuing of ITI, but aiming for wider development
- **Developing of three parallel dimensions of metropolitan cooperation:**
 - Material** – metropolitan issues
 - Cultural** – awareness, mutual trust
 - Institutional** – forms of cooperation, planning process, conceptual documents, forms of governance, legislation etc.
- Questionnaire survey among all mayors of municipalities in BMA – 90% return rate





The most important factors for establishing and maintaining a long-term metropolitan cooperation and development of BMA in future

(select up to 3 options), N=146





Future?

- **Metropolitan spatial vision**
- **Metropolitan expert office/agency**
- **Metropolitan fund**
- **Metropolitan law**

Cooperation regardless of EU funding

Metropolitan thinking: conclusions

We are writing a new chapter from the perspective of understanding the term „strategic urban planning“ in the CZ – **revolution of territorial self-governance**

Now, **the most suitable environment** is created in the CZ in its modern history **for the long-term promotion of the concept of metropolitan areas and their institutionalization in regional policy**

With the declining share of EU subsidies, the willingness of the municipalities to cooperate will decrease => it is necessary to look for formalized models of cooperation – e.g. **independent legal entities responsible for metropolitan development**

Professional and political consensus on the gradual enforcement of metropolitan development concept and strong leaders in metropolitan regions remain a key success factor – **expert debate in CZ has just begun**

Thank you for your attention

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