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**Public consultation of the European  
Commission on the future of the  
European Standardization System**

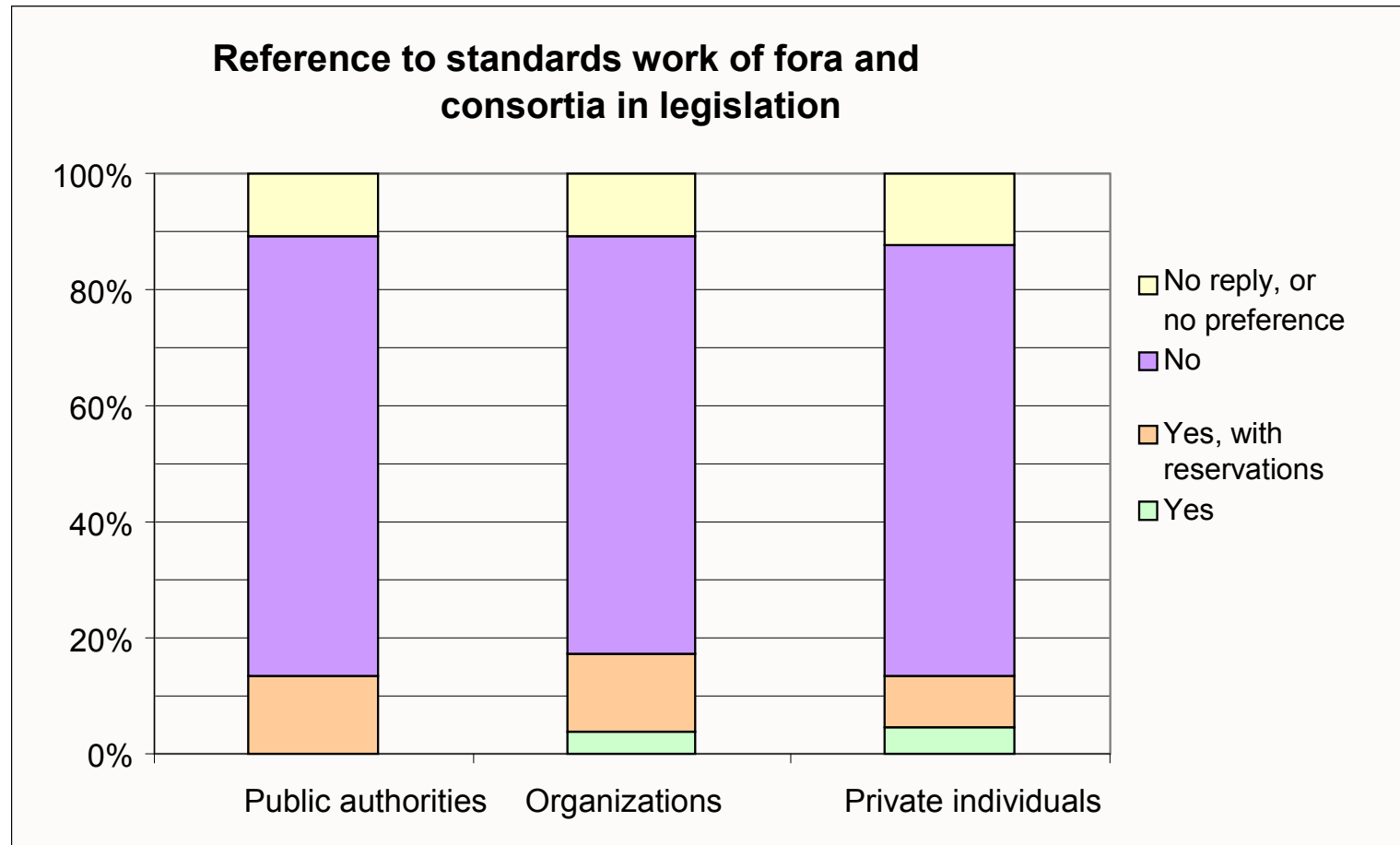
**Analysis of the responses to selected questions**

## Question 3 - Issue

### Reference to standards work of fora and consortia in legislation

For areas other than Information and Communication Technology (ICT), should it be possible to refer to documents developed by fora and consortia in legislation and public policies? If it should, how should it be implemented?

## Question 3 – Result



\* Establish clear rules:

Adhere to WTO criteria

Use as a basis the criteria in the ICT White Paper

Limit scope:

Could be an option in innovative areas (nanotechnology, etc.)

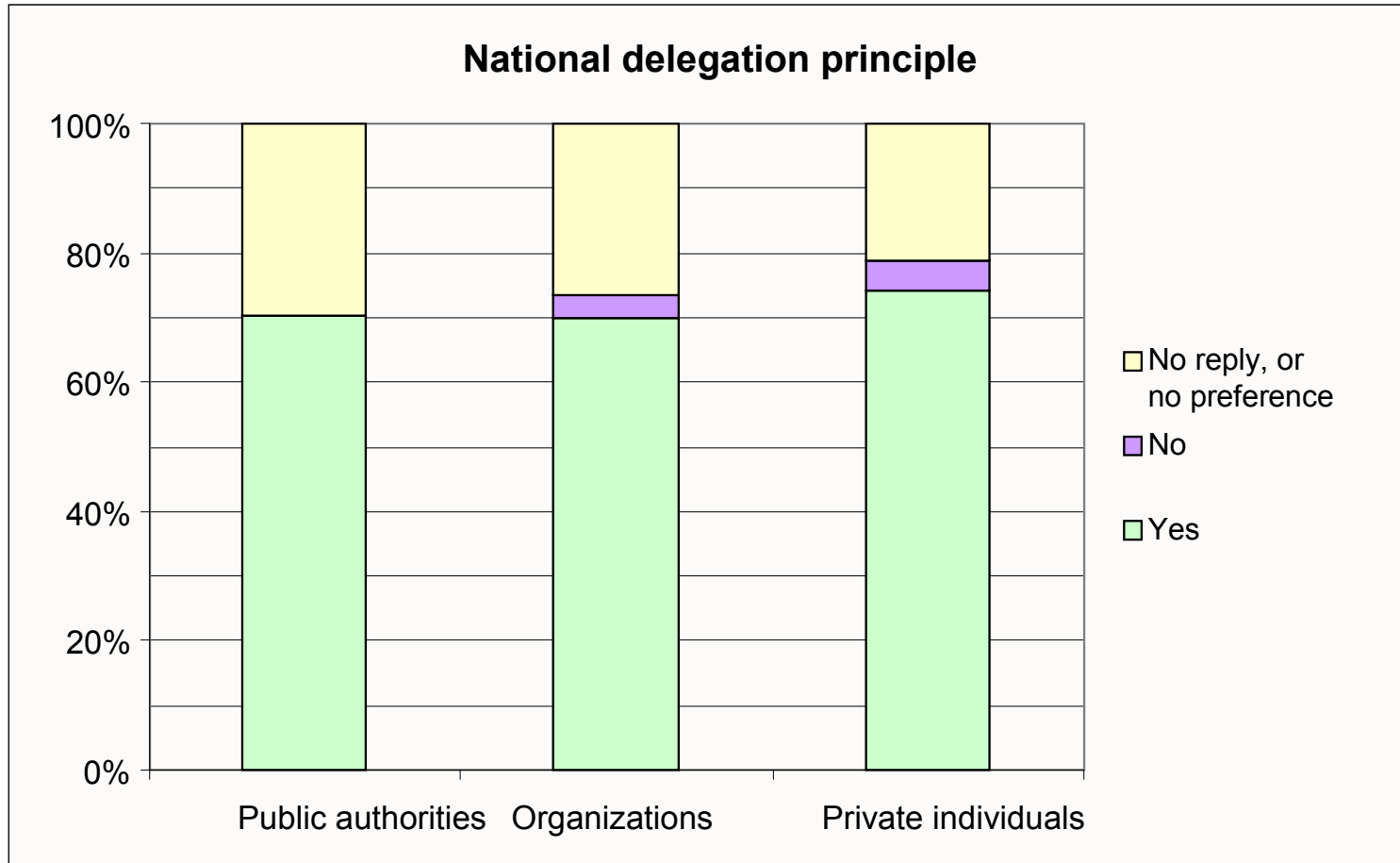
Already the practice in some areas, e.g. metrology

## Question 8 - Issue

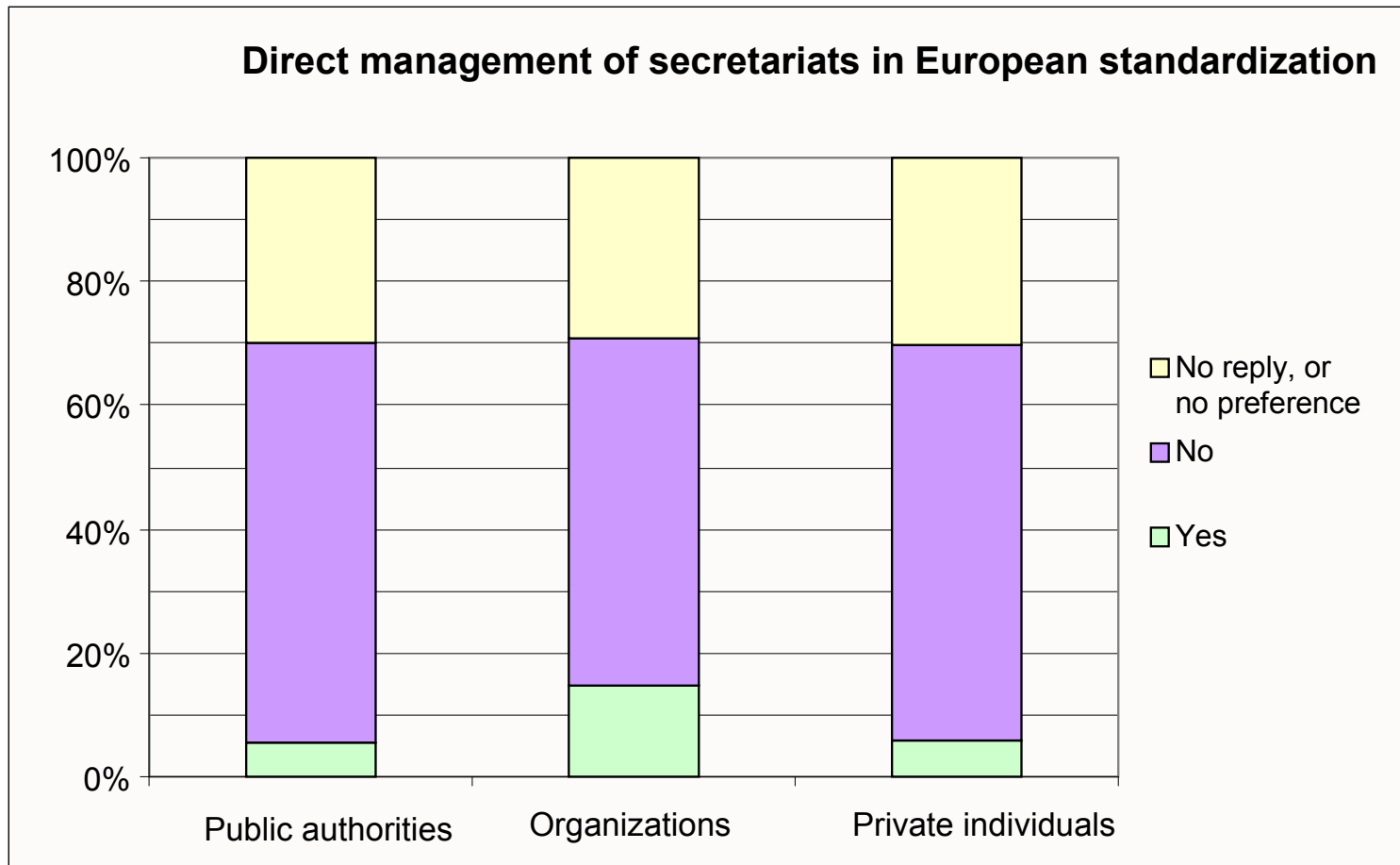
### **National delegation principle and direct management of secretariats in European standardization**

Without prejudice to the national delegation principle, how could the European Standards Organisations (ESOs) manage directly, on a case by case basis, some standardization activities, especially some Technical Committees?

## Question 8 - Result



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## Question 10 - Issue

### **Award of standards contracts to fora and consortia by the EU Commission**

Under which conditions do you think that the European Commission could launch, on a case by case basis, calls for tenders, open to the ESOs and to other organizations, to develop standards supporting EU policies and legislation?

## Question 10 – Result





## Question 13 - Issue

### **Cost of standardization – Demand for standards free of charge**

What are, in your view, the most serious barriers to the use of standards by enterprises:

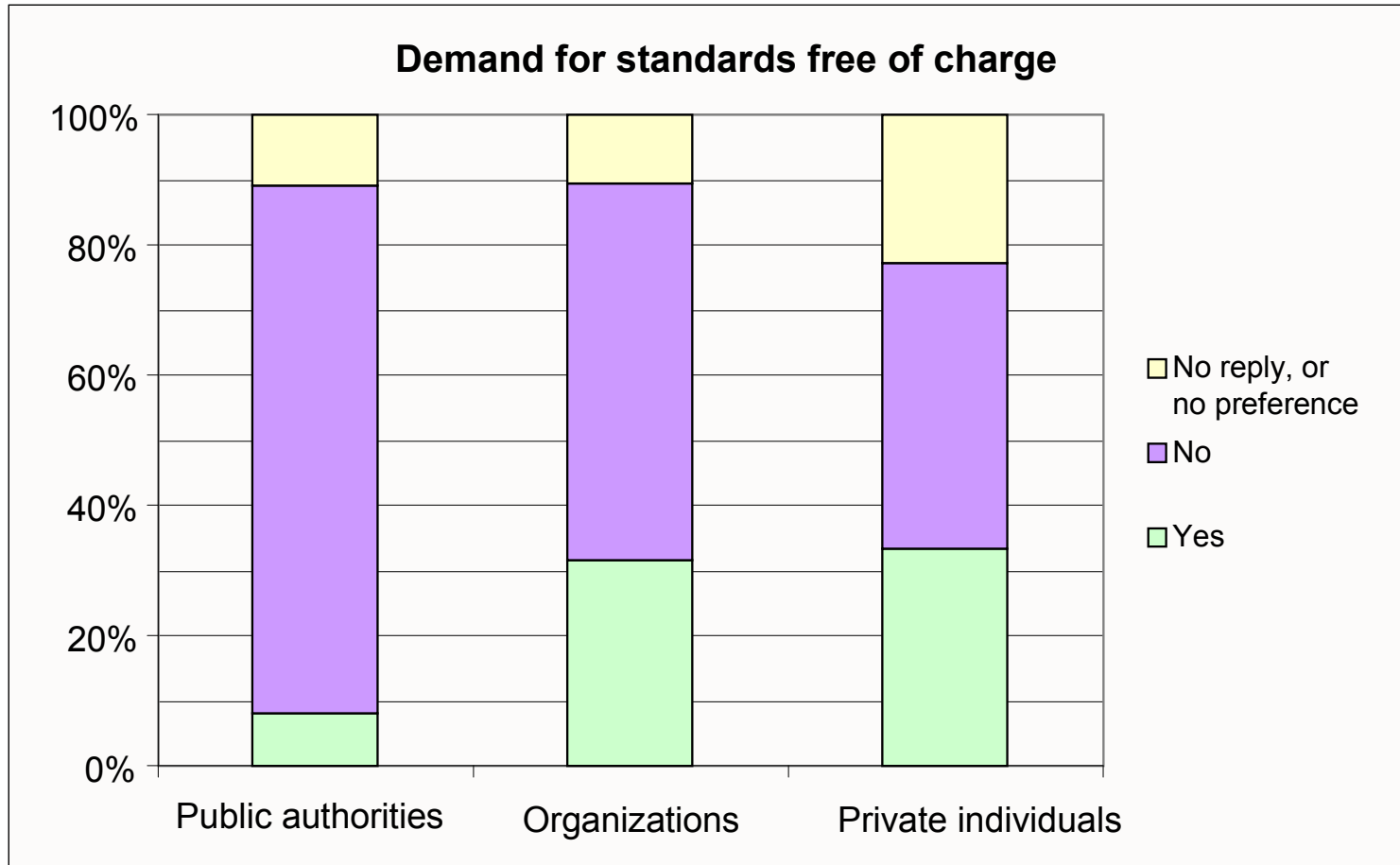
Costs of standards (purchasing price)?

Costs of operational implementation?

Access to information?

Knowledge of existing standards?

## Question 13 – Result



"Yes" can mean the demand for free hEN, free view-only access online, or a demand for free standards in general.

## Summary

- Reference to standards work of fora and consortia in legislation rejected by more than 70 % of respondents
- National delegation principle confirmed by approx. 70 % of respondents
- Direct management of secretariats in European standardization rejected by almost 60 % of respondents
- Award of standards contracts by the EU Commission to fora and consortia rejected by more than 70 % of respondents
- Free availability of standards rejected by approx. 70 % of respondents