

# « How to conduct an interdisciplinary research: the challenges of being a doctorate or post-doctorate researcher in heritage science »

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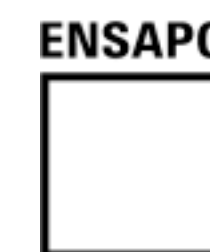
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## Study based on :

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- a roundtable discussion, November 14th, 2023, Philharmonie de Paris

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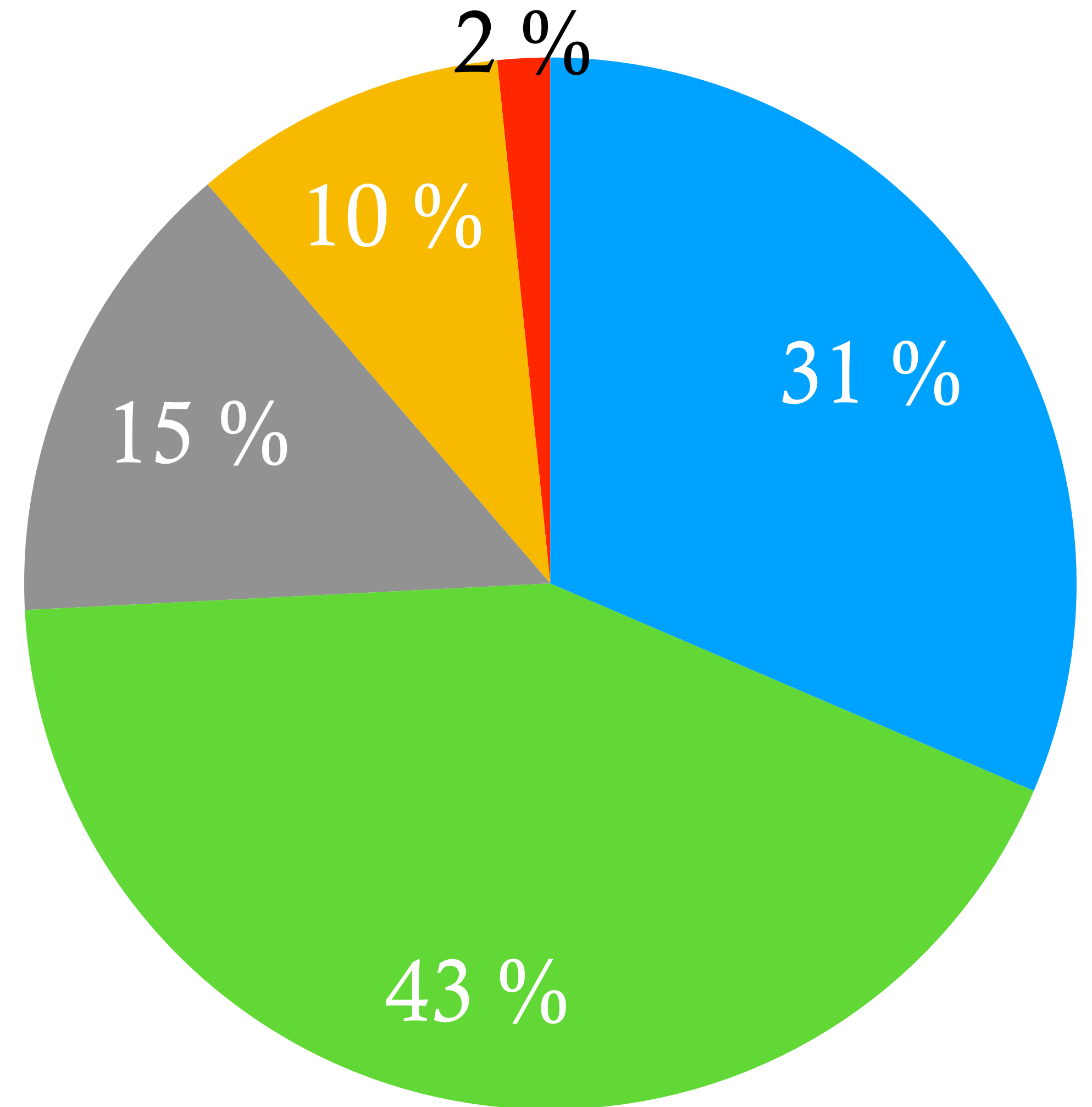




# I. PhD and post-doctoral researchers at the FSP : disciplinary and geographical backgrounds

## Disciplinary backgrounds

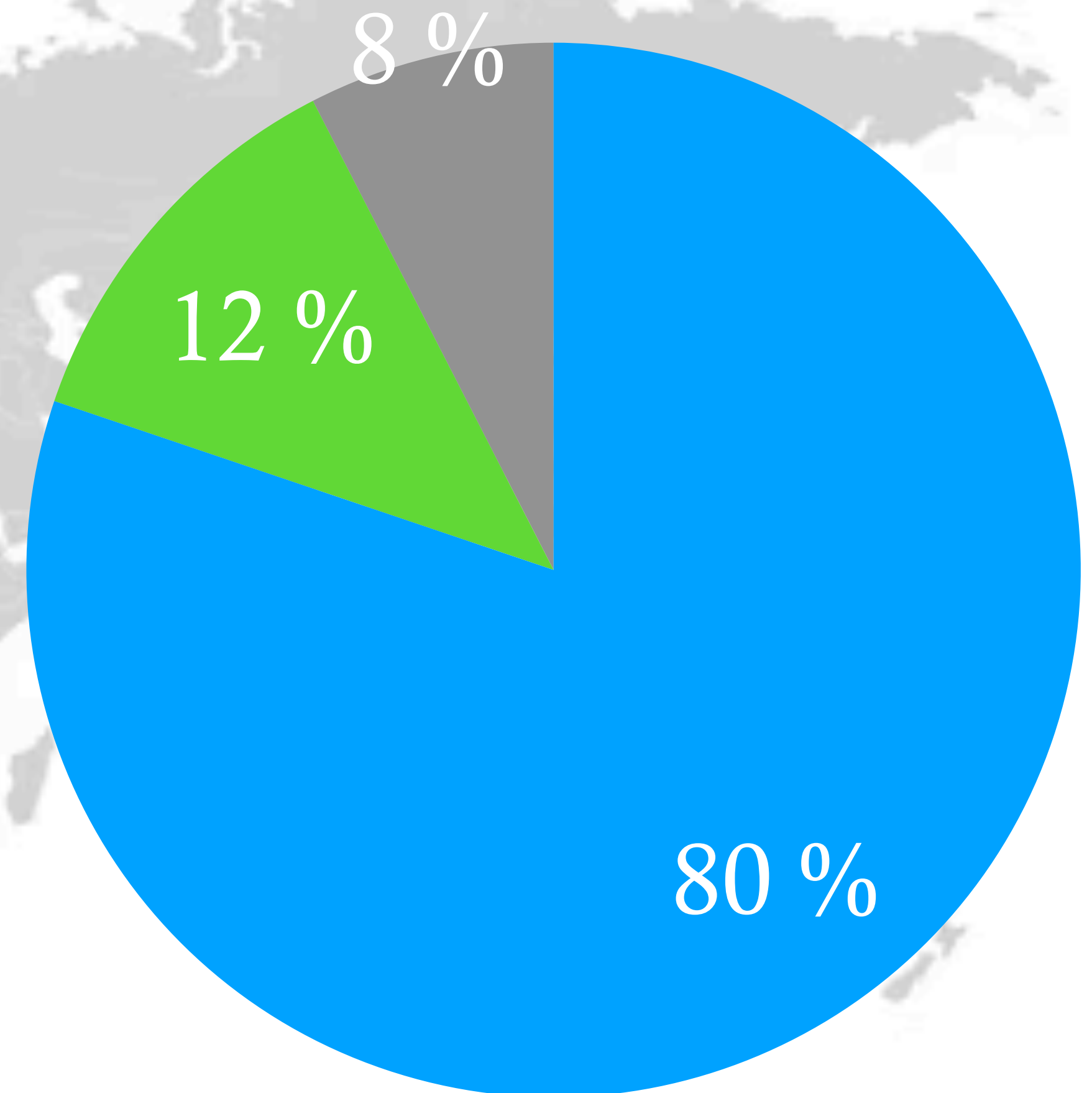
- Humanities and social sciences
- Experimental sciences
- Information and communication sciences
- Heritage science
- Others





## Geographical backgrounds

- French university
- European university
- International university





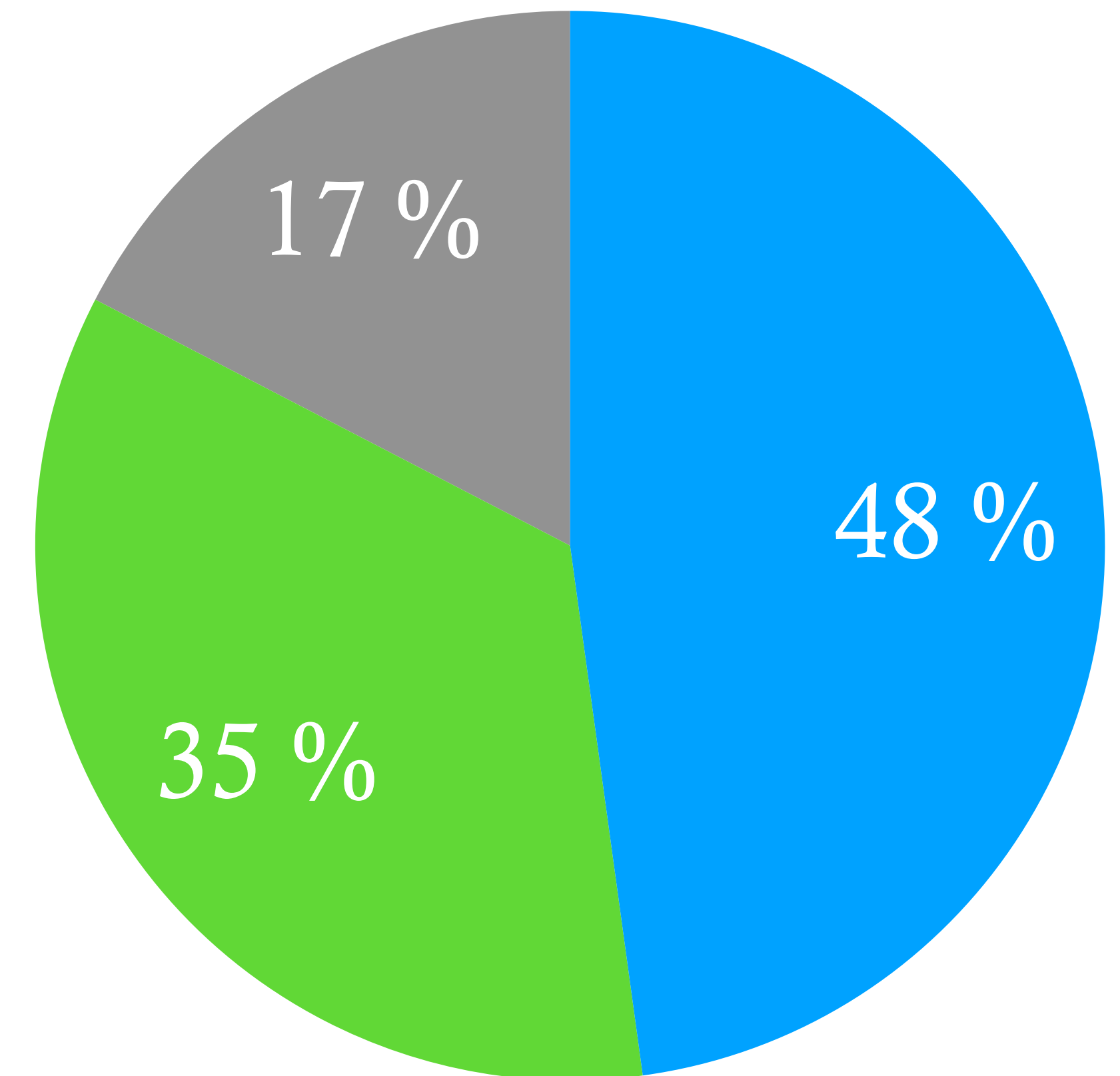
## II. Learning interdisciplinarity and heritage science

**Did you receive interdisciplinary training during your PhD or postdoctoral studies?**

- No, interdisciplinary training through experience
- Yes, interdisciplinary training through education
- No expressed need

**Learning through experience :**

- personal initiative and readings
- scientific events, seminars, internships
- collaboration with heritage science professionals and institutions.

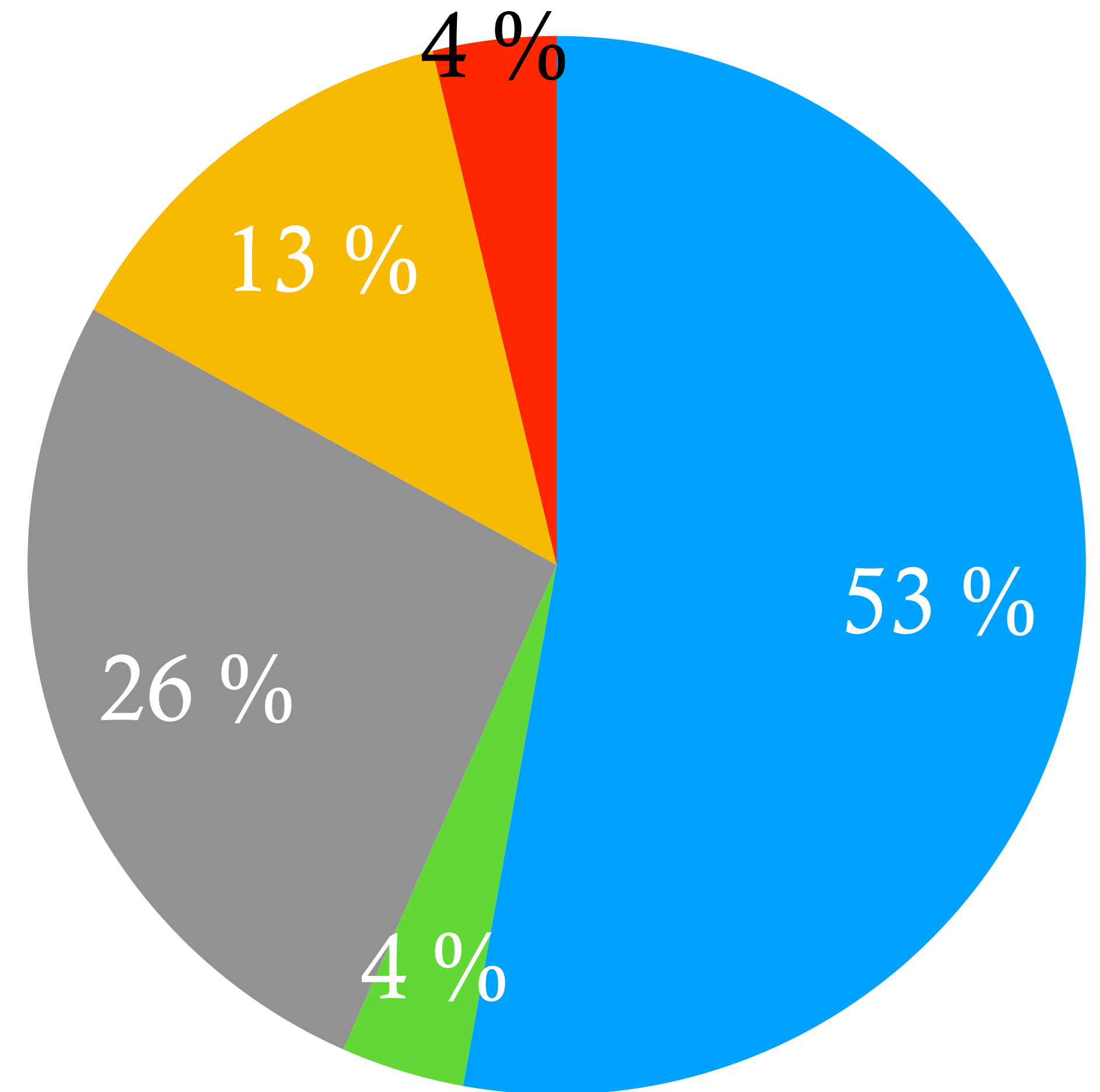




### III. Career paths and trajectories in heritage science

**Professional status of former PhD and doctoral candidates from the FSP**

- Academic and research
- Secondary education
- Private sector
- Heritage institution
- Others





### III. Career paths and trajectories in heritage science

1. What were, during and after your thesis, your expectations in terms of professional trajectories, and has your trajectory, so far, met these expectations ?
2. Has the fact that your thesis is interdisciplinary impacted your professional journey, and, if so, in what way ?
3. Has the fact that your thesis is in « heritage science » impacted your professional journey ? If so, in what way? And if not, why?



# Conclusion

1. It is not imperative to possess a training in heritage science to undertake a thesis or a post-doctorate linked to it. But it requires guidance and supervision from experts and professors.
2. Interdisciplinarity and heritage science encourages the consideration of new approaches that can transform or extend beyond the initial project.
3. Securing an employment in heritage science presents many challenges, but not unique to the discipline. Creating a reliable network during the research is essential to shaping one's career path.

# International perspectives



- **Improved cross-dissemination of job offers and educational opportunities**
- **Co-organisation of training (summer schools, training camps, etc.) within E-RIHS or bilateral collaboration**
- **Facilitated professional mobility with partners**
- **Setting up joint PhD and postdoc opportunities**
- **Signature of framework agreements**







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# Thank you !



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