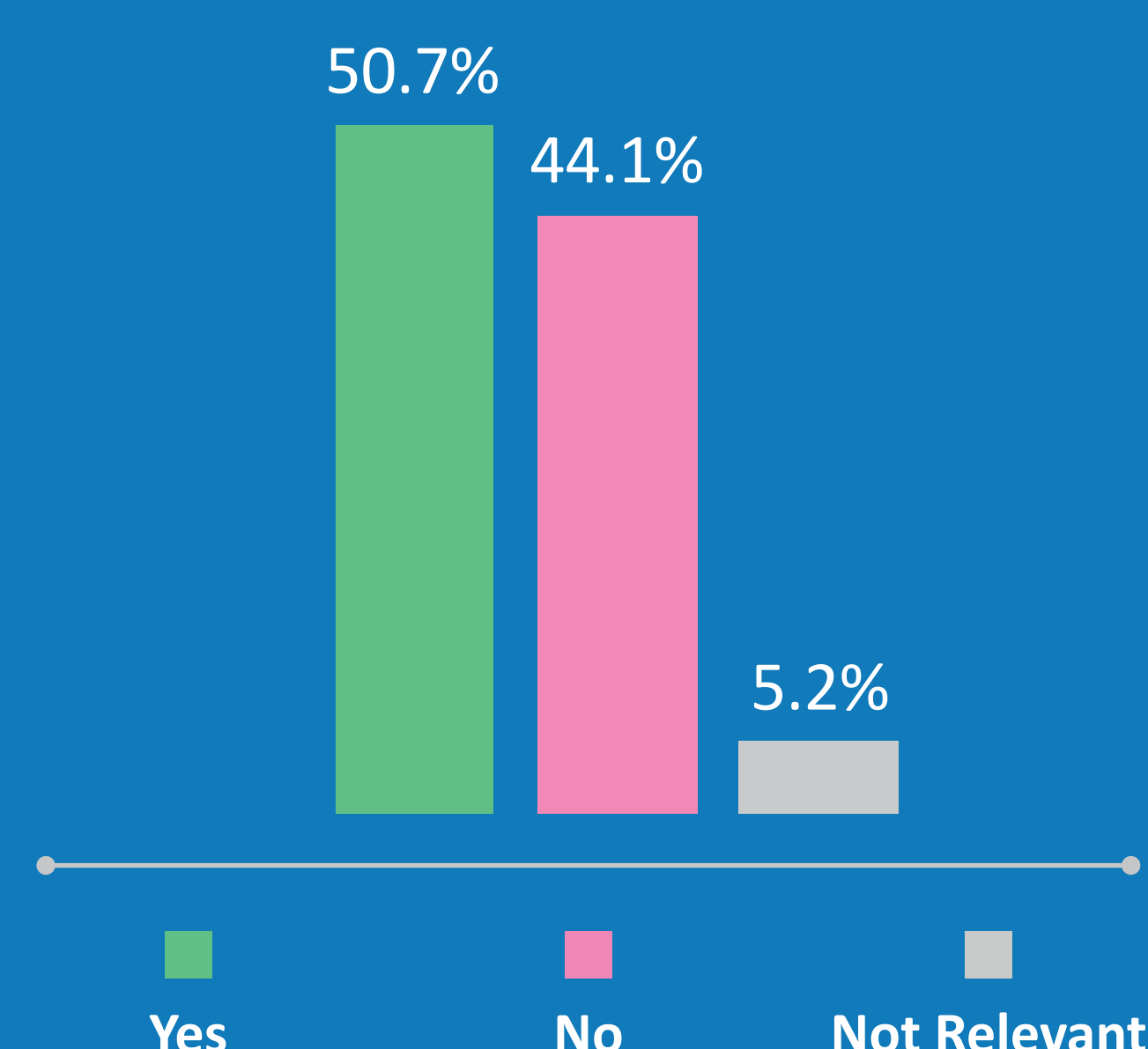


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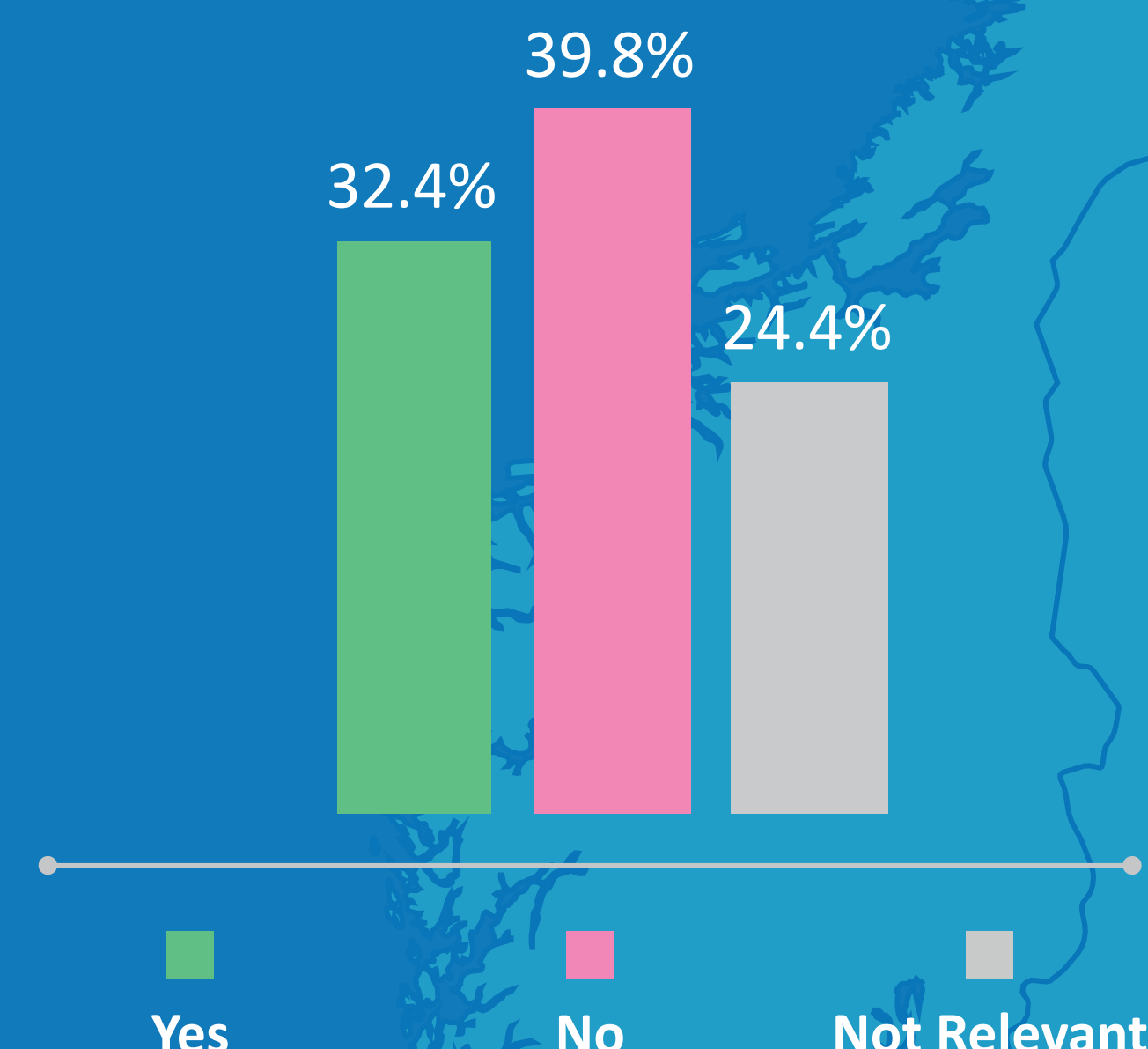
Impact of Chronic Pain on Work Life and Employment

PAE's annual surveys investigate different aspects of the impact of pain on individuals and society.

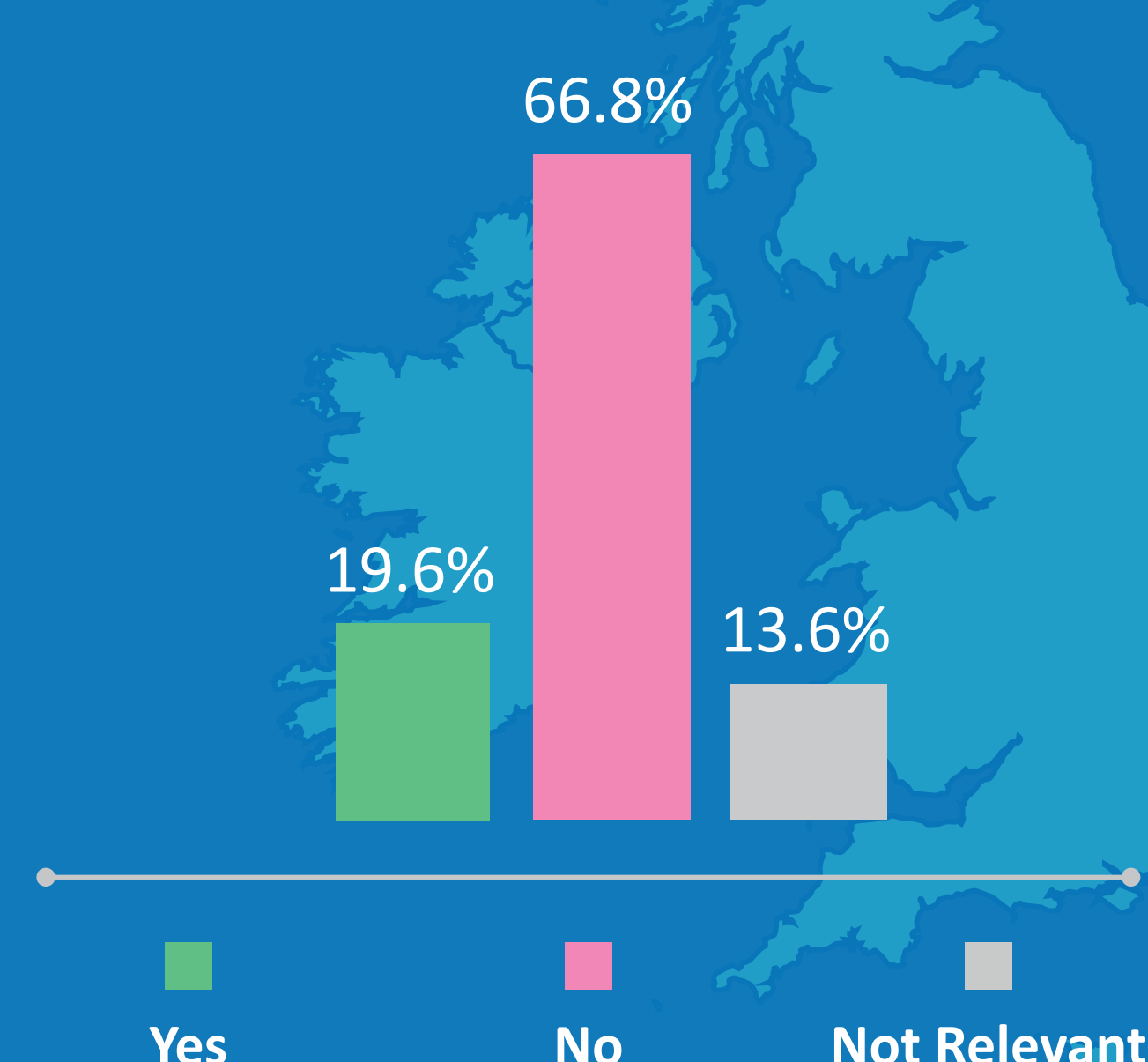
Does your **chronic pain completely prevent you from work?**



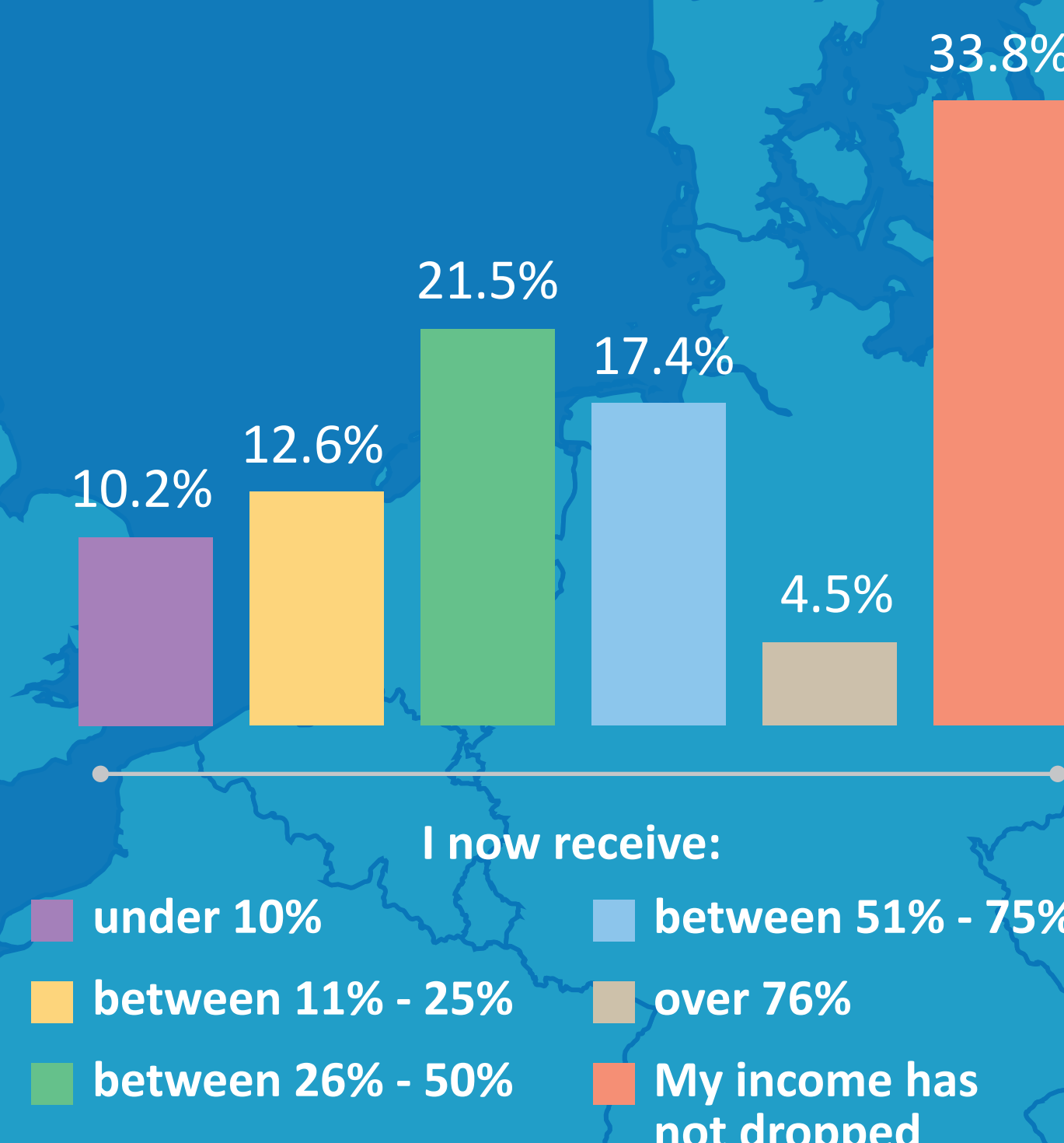
Does your employer make **special adaptations** for you, so that you can work?



Did you receive any **occupational rehabilitation** in order to remain at work?



How much has your **income dropped** since your work situation changed due to the impact of your pain condition?



Context

Chronic pain is the number one reason for workplace absenteeism and disability.

EU COSTS: €240 BILLION A YEAR

CHRONIC PAIN AFFECTS 1 IN 5 PEOPLE

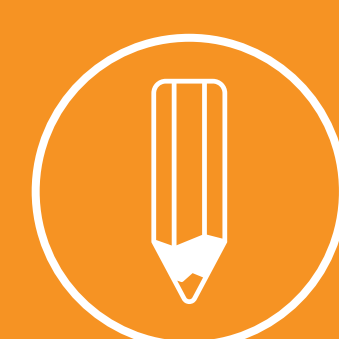
Having a job is important for one's:

- life fulfilment
- self-esteem
- personal development
- economic & social security



Aims

- Provide evidence about the significant impact that pain has on workforce and productivity
- Empower people with chronic pain to participate in society, including work



Methods and Materials

Pain and Work Life Survey has collected the experiences of people with chronic pain in relation to work and employment.

ONLINE SURVEY

ACADEMIC INPUT for the analysis of results

DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS on 28 questions developed by patients, addressing:

- diagnosis
- situation at work
- impact of chronic pain on the financial situation

KEY FINDINGS from:

- 4403 European pain patients
- 14 countries
- only valid responses have been considered



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Outcomes

SURVEY DATA THAT BUILDS POLICY

A major axis of our policy work, the impact of Chronic Pain on Employment is one of the four priorities of the Societal Impact of Pain (SIP) Stakeholders' Group on the EU Health Policy Platform.

SURVEY REPORT

The survey provides a valuable report on the impact of chronic pain on work capacity and employment, as perceived by the chronic pain patients.



Follow up

Impact of Chronic Pain on Employment is one of the four priorities of the Societal Impact of Pain (SIP) Group on the EU Health Policy Platform.

PAE survey's findings substantiate the policy asks of the SIP Joint Statement for reasonable, flexible workplace adjustments by employers which can help individuals with chronic pain to stay in work or reintegrate into the workforce.



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Pain Alliance Europe (PAE) is a European umbrella organisation of 41 national and regional patient associations involved with chronic pain.



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PAE is one of the four partners of the multi-stakeholder Societal Impact of Pain (SIP) platform.



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