



Liaisons & SIGs Report 2016-2017

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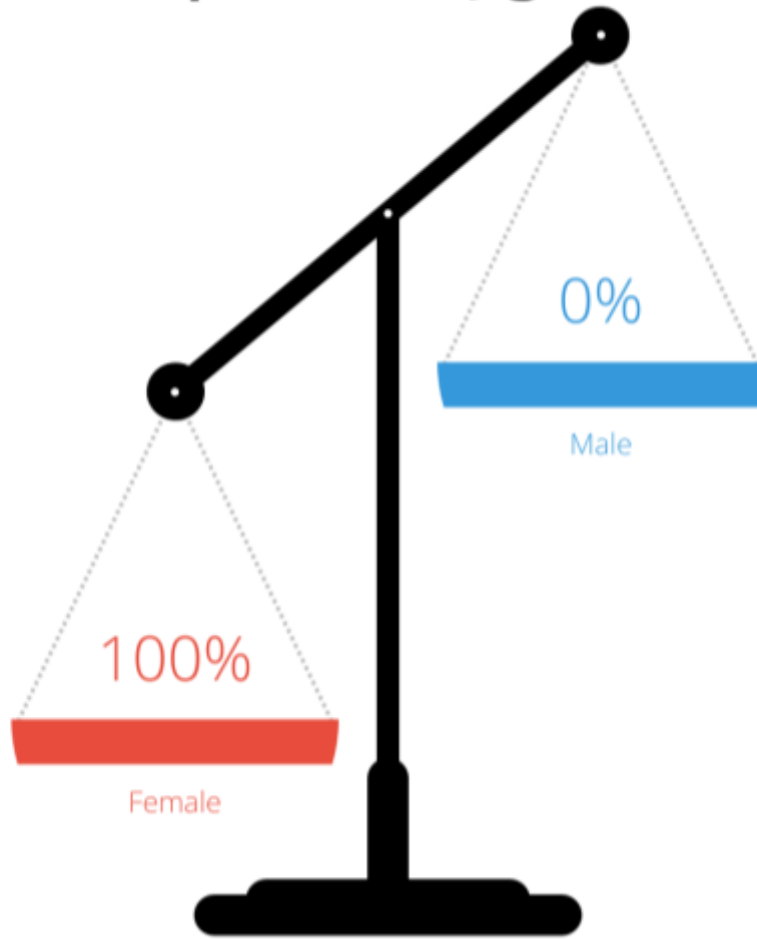
Ten Liaisons and Leads of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) have submitted their reports.

Respondents by country



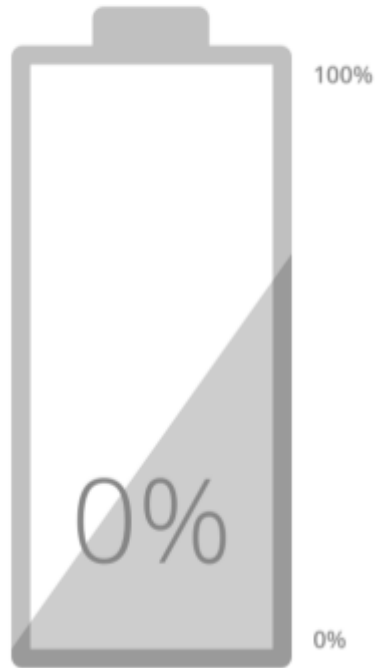
The responding Liaisons and Leads come from seven countries: Croatia, France, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, and United Kingdom.

Respondents by gender



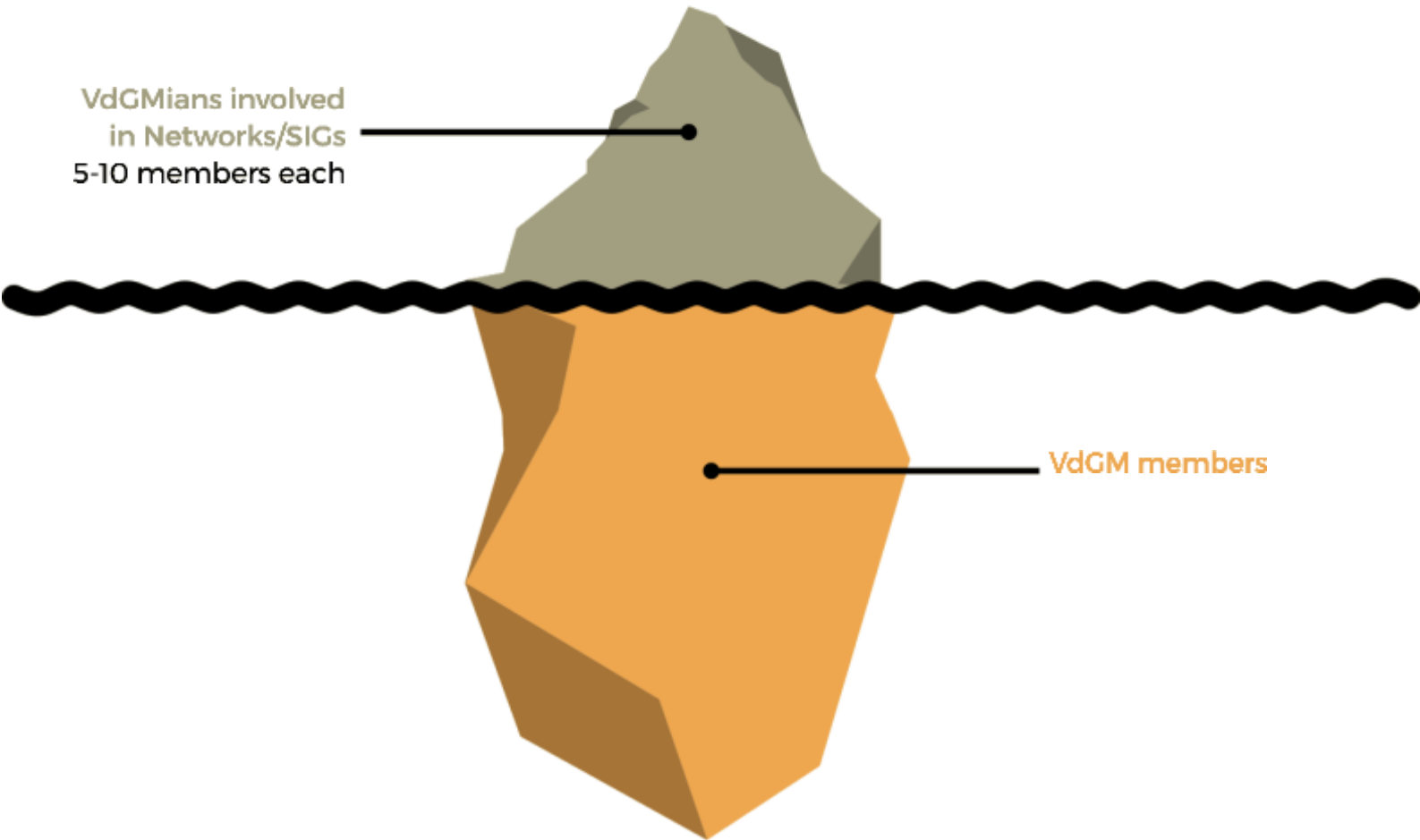
All ten respondents are female.

Position & Support



None of the Liaisons and SIG Leads are at the same time National Delegates at Council. None are receiving financial support from their National College nor from the relevant network or WONCA World SIG/Working Party.

Membership engagement



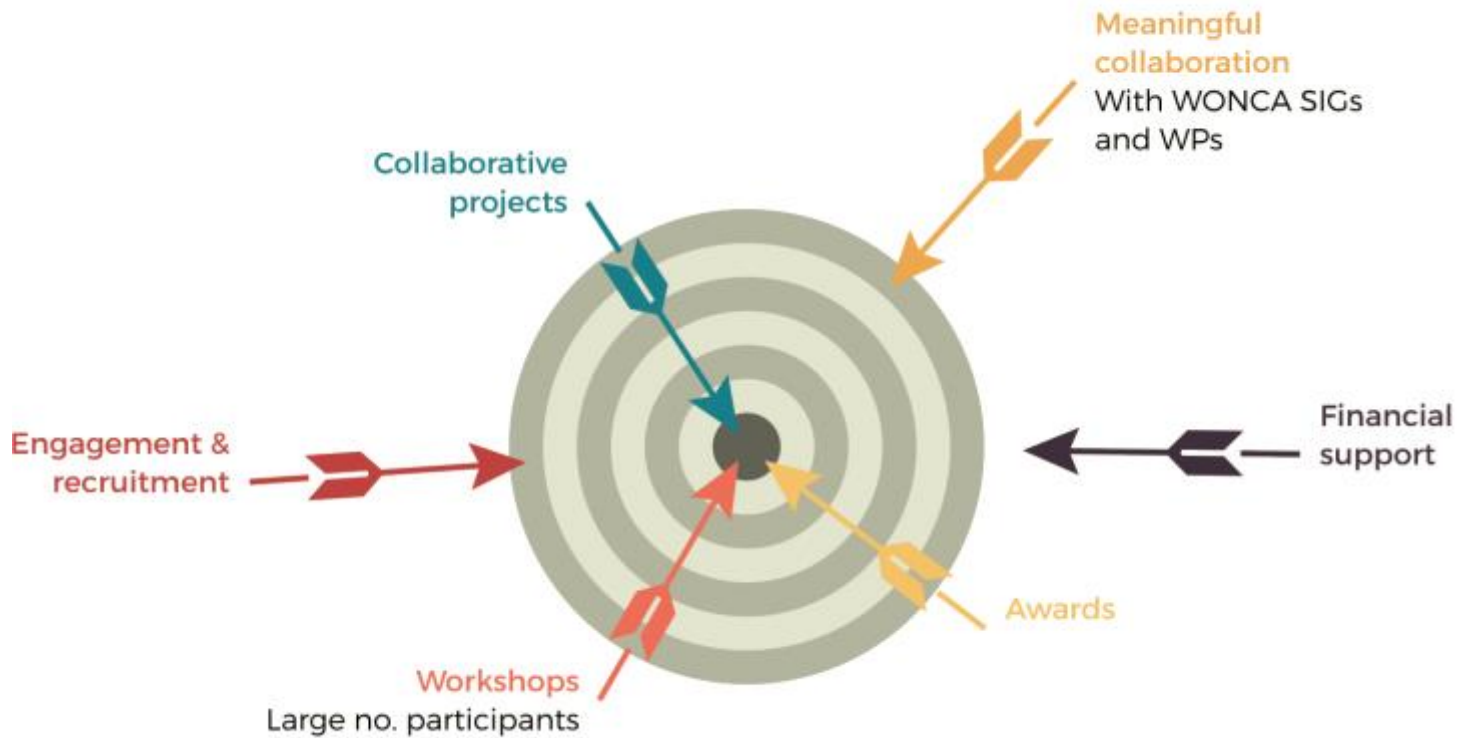
On average between five to ten VdGM members are actively engaged in the Networks/SIGs.

Core achievements



Main achievements are mostly workshops, oral and poster presentations at almost all WONCA related events; attendance to network and SIG meetings and collaborations with the Networks/ SIGs/ Working Parties; and innovative projects like “Rural Seeds” by YDM Rural, a global group for Rural Medicine Professionals in Training, and the "Blue Dot Coffee" in EGPRN meetings, a coffee break where young GPs/first time attenders are identified by using a blue sticker on their identification, so that more experienced participants can identify, approach and integrate them more easily, promoting the interaction between young GPs and senior researchers.

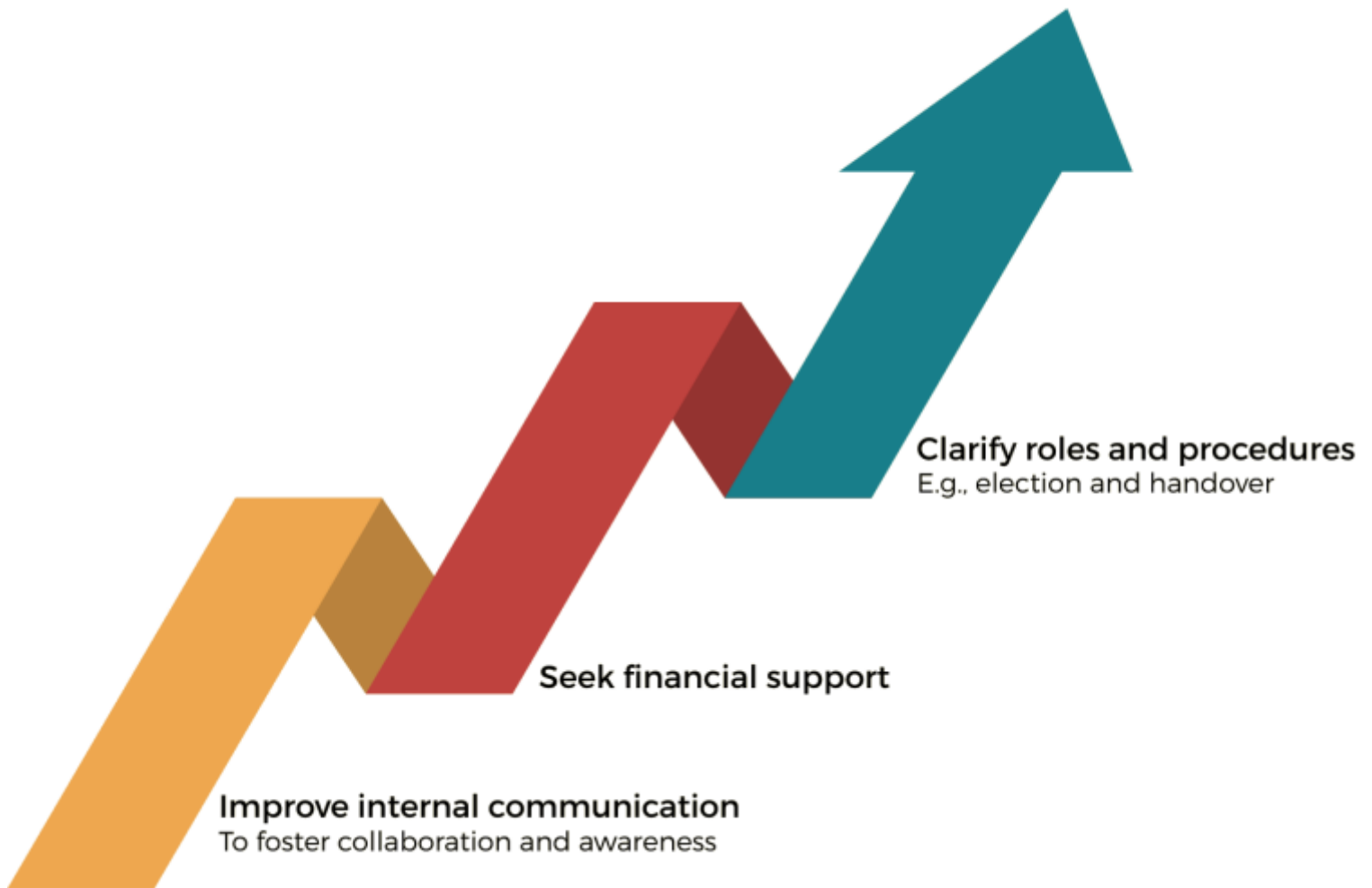
Successes & Challenges



Collaborations, awards, and large numbers of participant at workshops were deemed as key successes.

Key challenges were identified as engagement and recruitment, finding financial support to attend events, and engaging in a meaningful way with WONCA SIGs and Working Parties.

Suggestions for improvement



Liaisons and Leads offer as suggestions for improvements the need for better communication inside VdGM to foster collaboration and awareness, proper financial support and clarity of roles and procedures (e.g. handing over and selecting another lead or liaison).