



**RIPE** Réseaux IP  
Européens

# Welcome to SEE 13

## Newcomers' Introduction

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# Welcome!



- Welcome to the 13th South East European Meeting in Sofia!





# Laura Lorenzo de Gracia



- Community Builder working for the RIPE NCC since 2025
- Focus on the Fellowship Program
- Born in Barcelona, now living in Lisbon



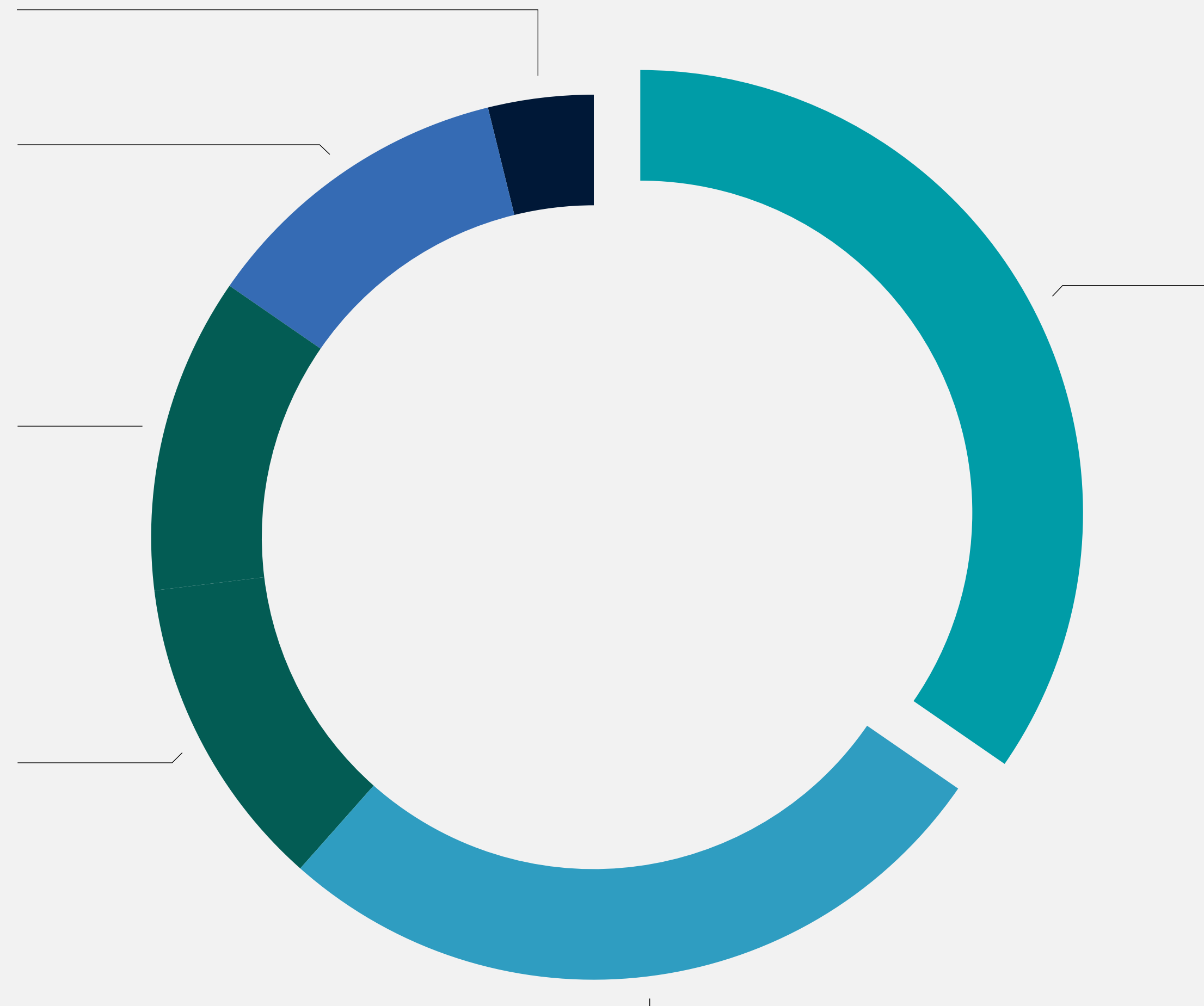


# **SEE 13 NEWCOMERS' SURVEY RESULTS**

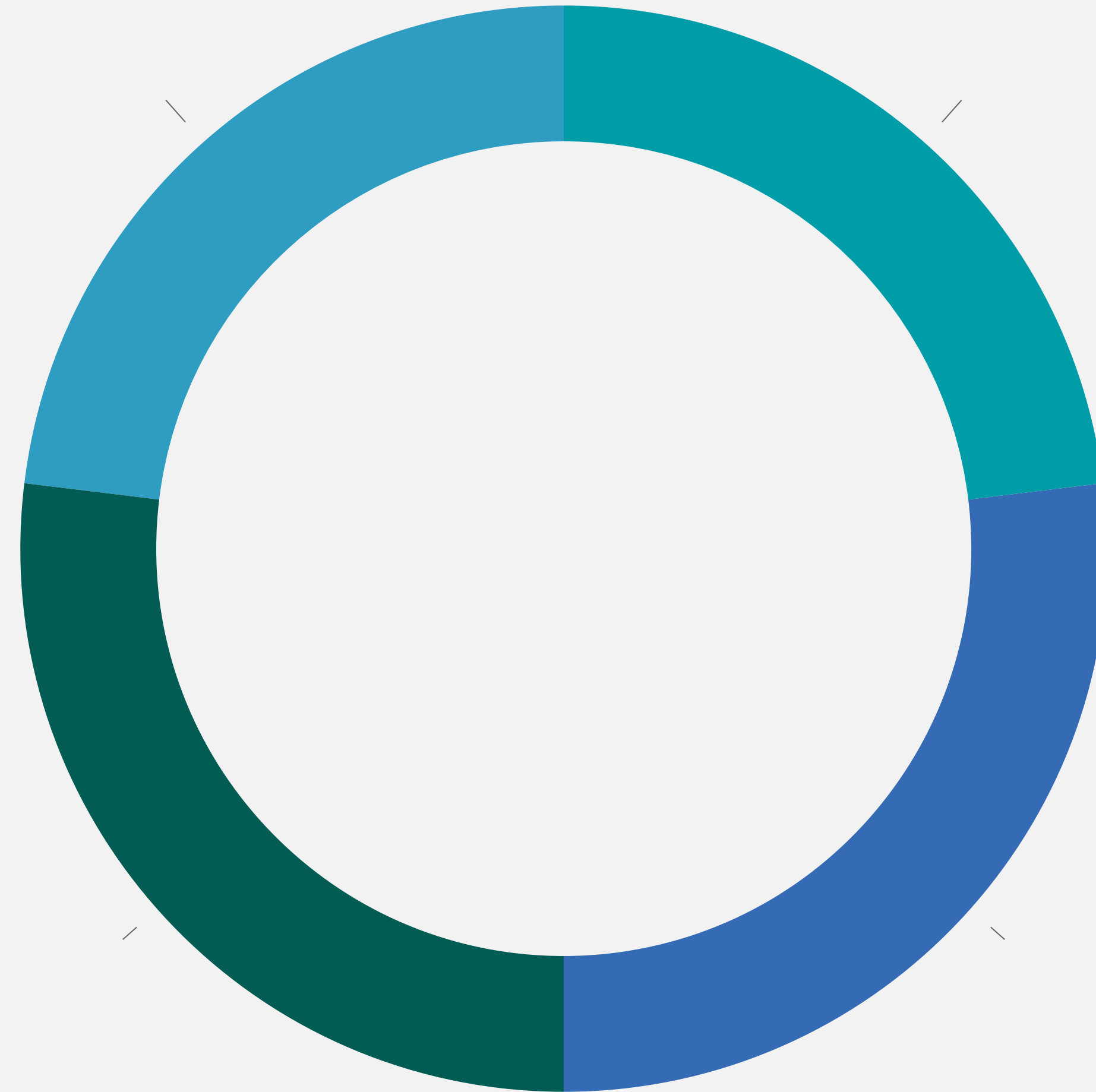
# Survey: How did you learn about SEE 13?



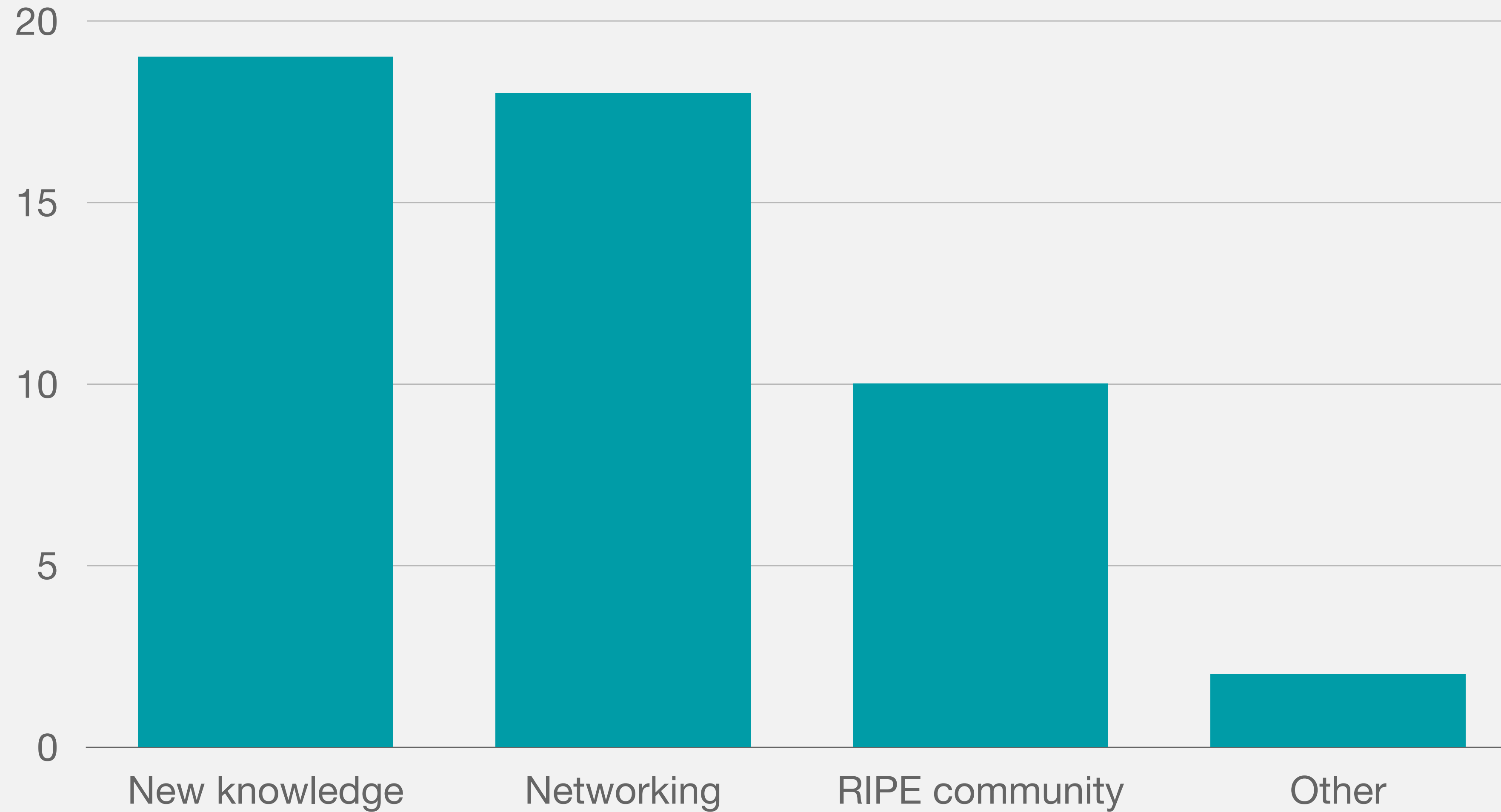
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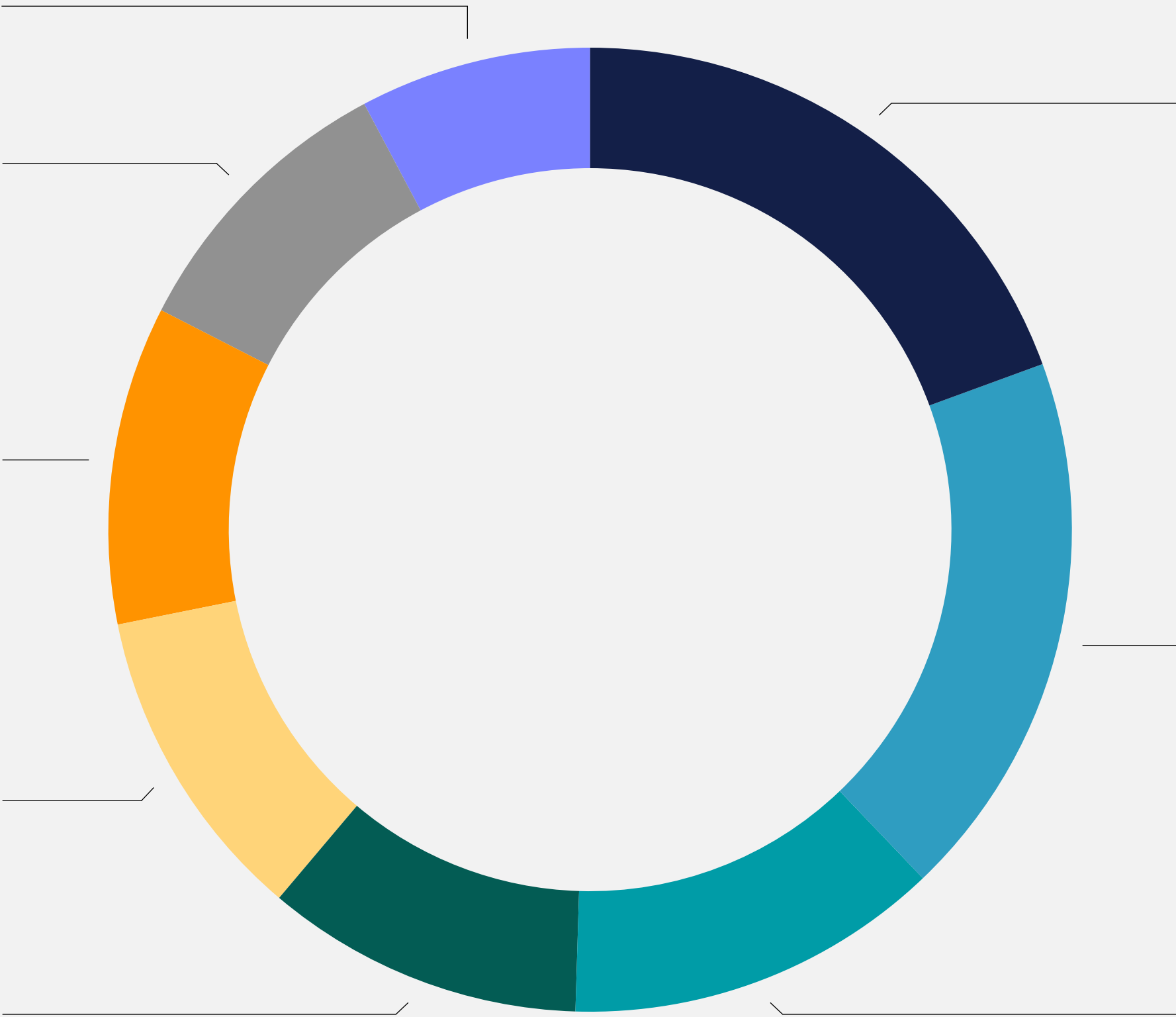
# Survey: Level of Experience



# Survey: Main Reason for Attending



# What would make this event a success for you?







# THE SEE JOURNEY

# Jelena Ćosić



- Community Builder working for the RIPE NCC since 2022
- Focused on community engagement in the SEE region
- Content owner for the SEE meeting from 2025
- Born and raised in Serbia, now living in Amsterdam





# The SEE Journey



- SEE Meetings were set up in 2011 by the RIPE NCC in an effort to reach out to the SEE community and members. The aim is to:
  - Encourage the cooperation of operators from countries in this region enabling them to exchange information and discuss the issues that affect them.
  - Enable the RIPE NCC to further support Local Internet Registries (LIRs) in this region.
  - Present the latest developments in the Internet industry and to identify, discuss and solve the specific issues that affect operators working in this region.



# The SEE Journey

- SEE Meetings take place once a year in different places in the region
- Recordings and presentations from previous meetings are available here:  
<https://www.ripe.net/meetings/regional-meetings/see/>

SEE 1		2011 Dubrovnik, Croatia
SEE 2	★	2013 Skopje, Macedonia
SEE 3	★	2014 Sofia, Bulgaria
SEE 4		2015 Belgrade, Serbia
SEE 5		2016 Tirana, Albania
SEE 6		2017 Budva, Montenegro
SEE 7		2018 Timisoara, Romania
SEE 8		2019 Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina
SEE 9	★	2021 Virtual
SEE 10		2022 Ljubljana, Slovenia
SEE 11		2023 Split, Croatia
SEE 12		2024 Athens, Greece
SEE 13		2025 Sofia, Bulgaria

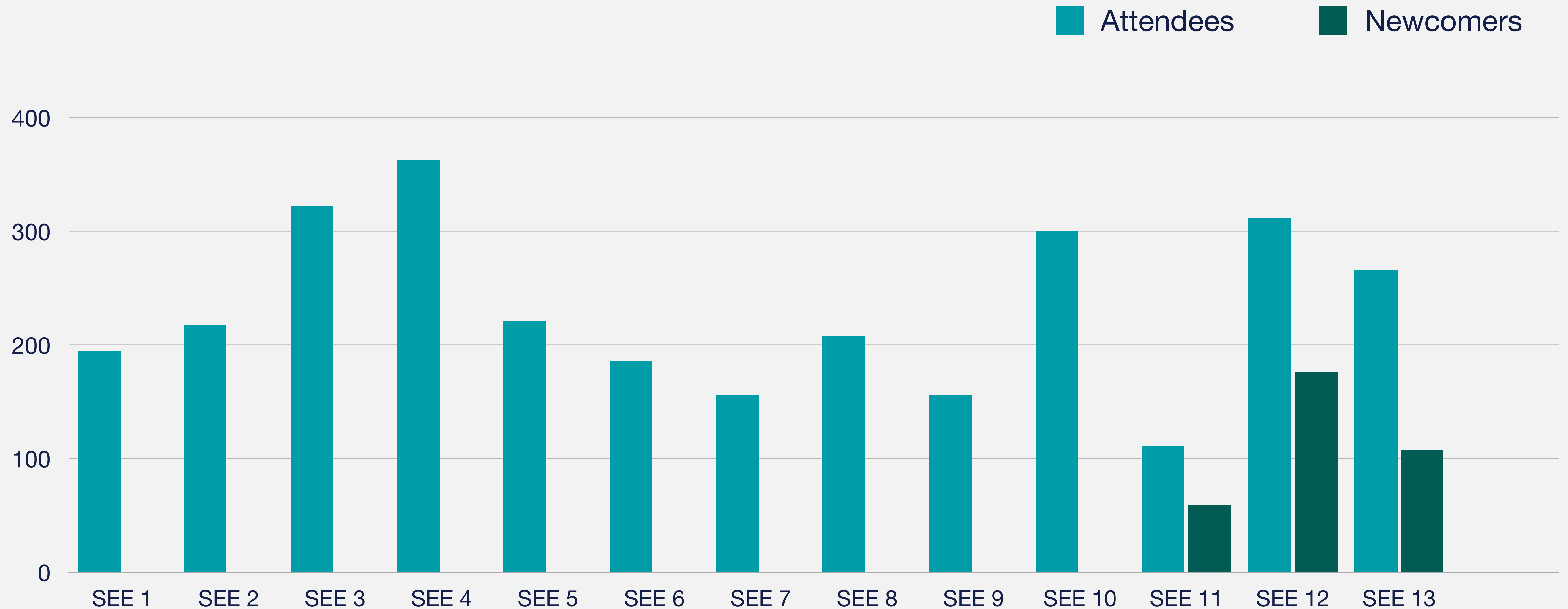




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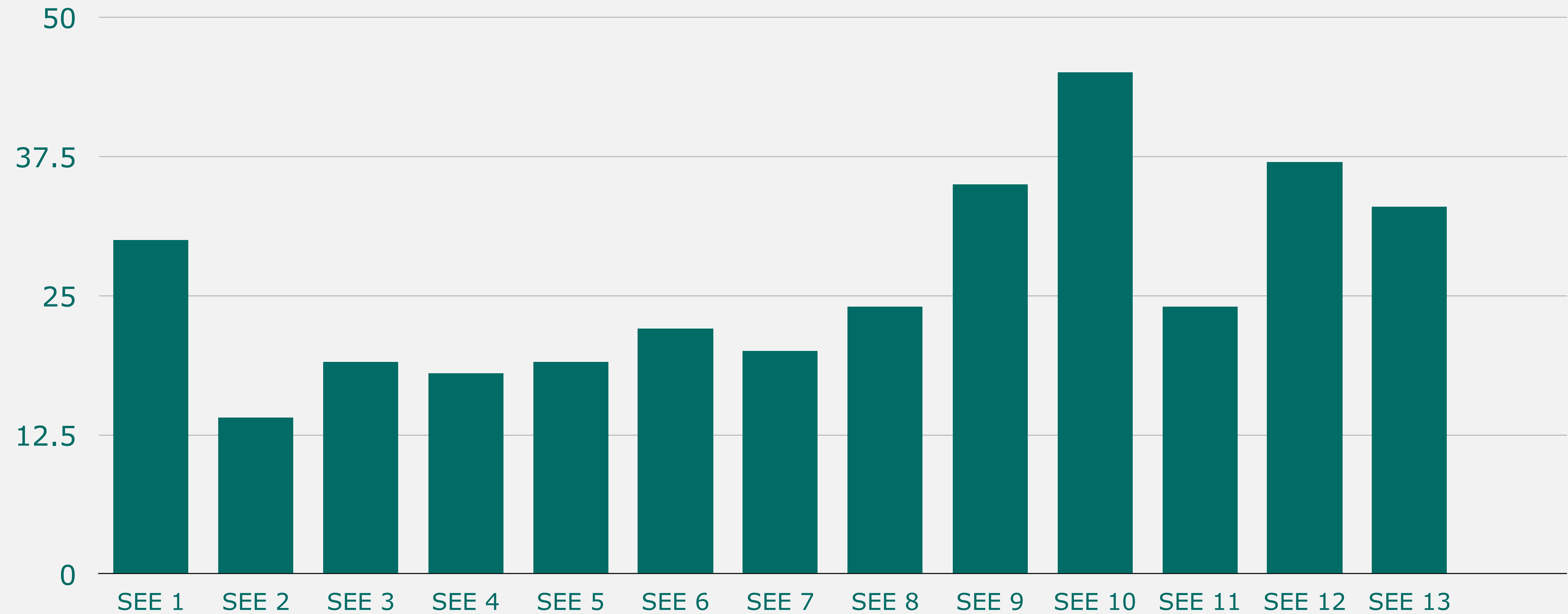
- SEE Meetings are meant for network engineers, regulators, academics and other technical experts to share knowledge and experiences, and to identify areas for regional cooperation.
- Today it has a strong community participation with:
  - An independent Programme Committee that selects the talks at the SEE Meetings
  - Links to local NOGs and IXPs

# The SEE Journey: Attendance





# The SEE Journey: Countries Represented at SEE





# Get Support: The SEE Fellowship

- **Goals**

- To support community members in their professional or academic career development.
- To allow for participation in discussions.
- To network with industry peers and others at the event
- The SEE Fellowship provides full travel support to successful candidates to participate in the SEE Meeting
- **We have granted nine Fellowships at SEE 13**
- Read more at:  
<https://www.ripe.net/meetings/regional-meetings/see/see-fellowship/>



# Get Support: RIPE Academic Cooperation Initiative



- RACI connects academia with the RIPE community.
- It allows academics to share and develop their research by collaborating with leading technical figures in the Internet world.
- RACI funding covers the meeting ticket, flights and accommodation.
- At this event, there are **two recipients** of RACI funding, who will present their research at the event.

# Get Support: RIPE Academic Cooperation Initiative, RACI

- We are looking for people who are researching:
  - Network measurement analysis.
  - Network security
  - Internet of Things (IoT)
  - IPv6 deployment
  - Internet governance
  - Sustainability in ICT
  - BGP routing
  - Peering and interconnection
- Read more at:  
<https://www.ripe.net/community/community-initiatives/raci/>



# SEE Community: Stay Connected

- Subscribe to our mailing list  
<https://www.ripe.net/membership/mail/ripe-ncc-mailing-lists/see-regional/>
- Upcoming SEE Meeting:  
SEE 14, location to be announced, 21-22 April 2026
- If your organisation wants to host a SEE Meeting in the future, get in touch with the Meeting team!





# MAKE THE MOST OF SEE 13



# SEE 13 Programme Committee

- The SEE Programme Committee (SEE PC) is responsible for ensuring that the SEE Meeting programme consists of interesting, relevant and inspiring content.
- Comprised of up to 13 volunteers from different countries of the South East Europe region, the SEE PC plans and develops the programme for each SEE Meeting.



# Meeting Structure and Content

- **Workshop:**

- “IPv6-mostly on OpenWRT”, Ondřej Caletka (RIPE NCC)

- **Plenary:**

- Keynote: “How Did the Internet Route Around Damage in the Baltic Sea”, Alun Davies (RIPE NCC)

- **Panel discussion:**

- “The Future of Network Operator Groups (NOGs)”

- **Lightning Talks**





# Networking Opportunities

- Lots of time during coffee breaks
- Social events:



**Sunday:** Welcome reception



**Monday:** Dinner at 101 Bar



**Tuesday:** Closing Reception





# SEE AND RIPE

# Mirjam Kühne

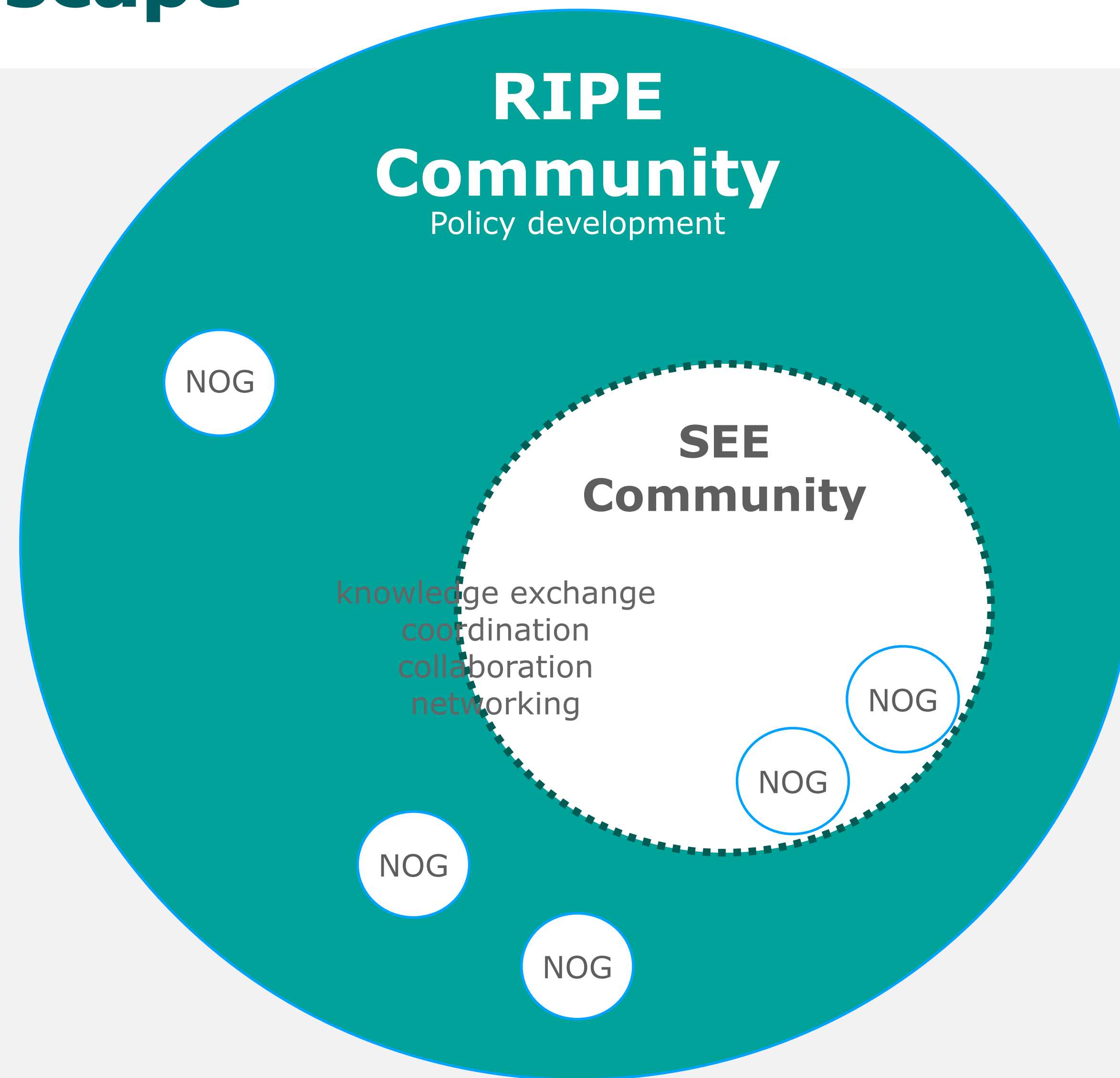


- RIPE Chair since 2020
- Worked for the RIPE NCC for many years, and also with ISOC
- Experience in working with different communities within RIPE, and building connections between RIPE and relevant groups
- Reach out to me at [chair@ripe.net](mailto:chair@ripe.net)





# The NOG Landscape



# RIPE and the RIPE NCC



## The RIPE community

- Formed in **1989**
- Community
- Open to all
- Information exchange
- Technical coordination
- Policy development

## The RIPE NCC

- Formalised by RIPE in **1992**
- Membership organisation
- Run by the RIPE NCC staff and an Executive Board elected by the members
- Provides services and is the RIPE secretariat
- Implements policies

# RIPE Working Groups



- Address Policy
- Connect
- Cooperation
- Database
- DNS
- IoT
- IPv6
- Measurements, Analysis, Tools (MAT)
- Open Source
- RIPE NCC Services
- Routing
- Security





# How to Participate

- Mailing Lists: Subscribe to the RIPE Discussion List <[ripe-list@ripe.net](mailto:ripe-list@ripe.net)>
- Attend a RIPE Meeting!
  - RIPE Meetings have been taking place since 1989
  - We hold two RIPE Meetings per year; in May and in October/November
  - There are opportunities to receive a Fellowship or RACI funding
  - You can also follow sessions online for free!

<https://www.ripe.net/community/participate/how-to-participate/>



# Why Participate in RIPE and SEE?

- Meet experts in network operations, measurements, routing, policy,...
- Build your professional network and career
- Be part of the community that helped build the Internet
- **Help shape the Internet!**





**ICEBREAKERS**

# Survey: How do you feel about networking?





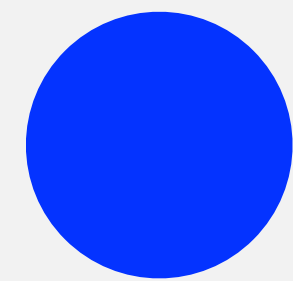


# Coffee Area: Get to know the community!

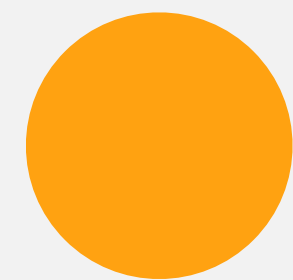
- **Step 1:** Grab your coffee/tea
- **Step 2:** The standing tables have bowls with pieces of paper in different colours
- **Step 3:** Pick the paper in a colour that best matches your interests!
- **Step 4:** Unfold the paper and use the prompt to engage in an interesting conversation with other peers
- **Step 5:** Put the paper folded back into the container for others to enjoy just as much as you did.
- **Step 6:** Repeat :)



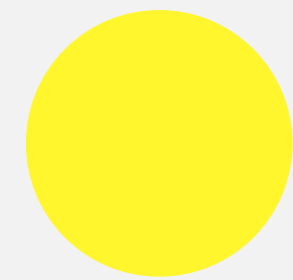
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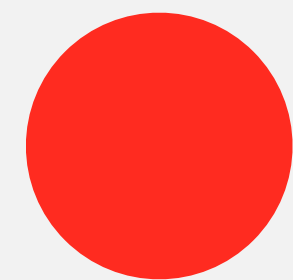
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Community Engagement



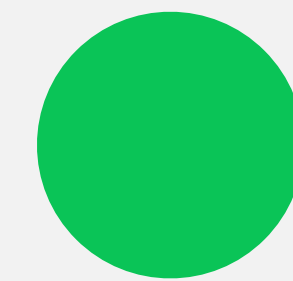
IPv6 deployment and Internet  
resource management



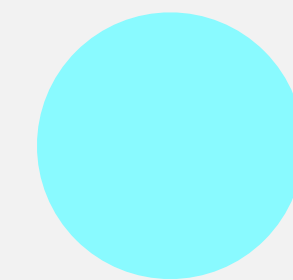
Routing security and RPKI



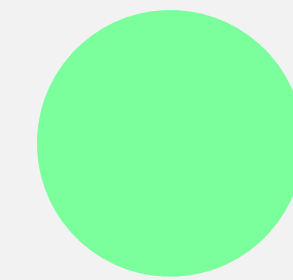
Internet Governance and Policy



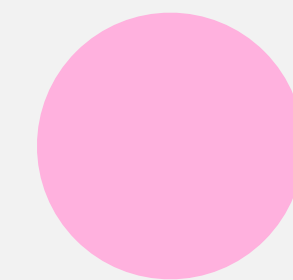
Network operations and Peering



Security and DDos mitigation



Emerging technologies and  
Future trends



Internet measurement and  
Research



# Questions, feedback & **dialogue**

