



Motivations, regrets, and hesitations of Bachelor's degree students enrolling for a unilingual or multilingual degree with DMI or EMI

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INTRODUCTION

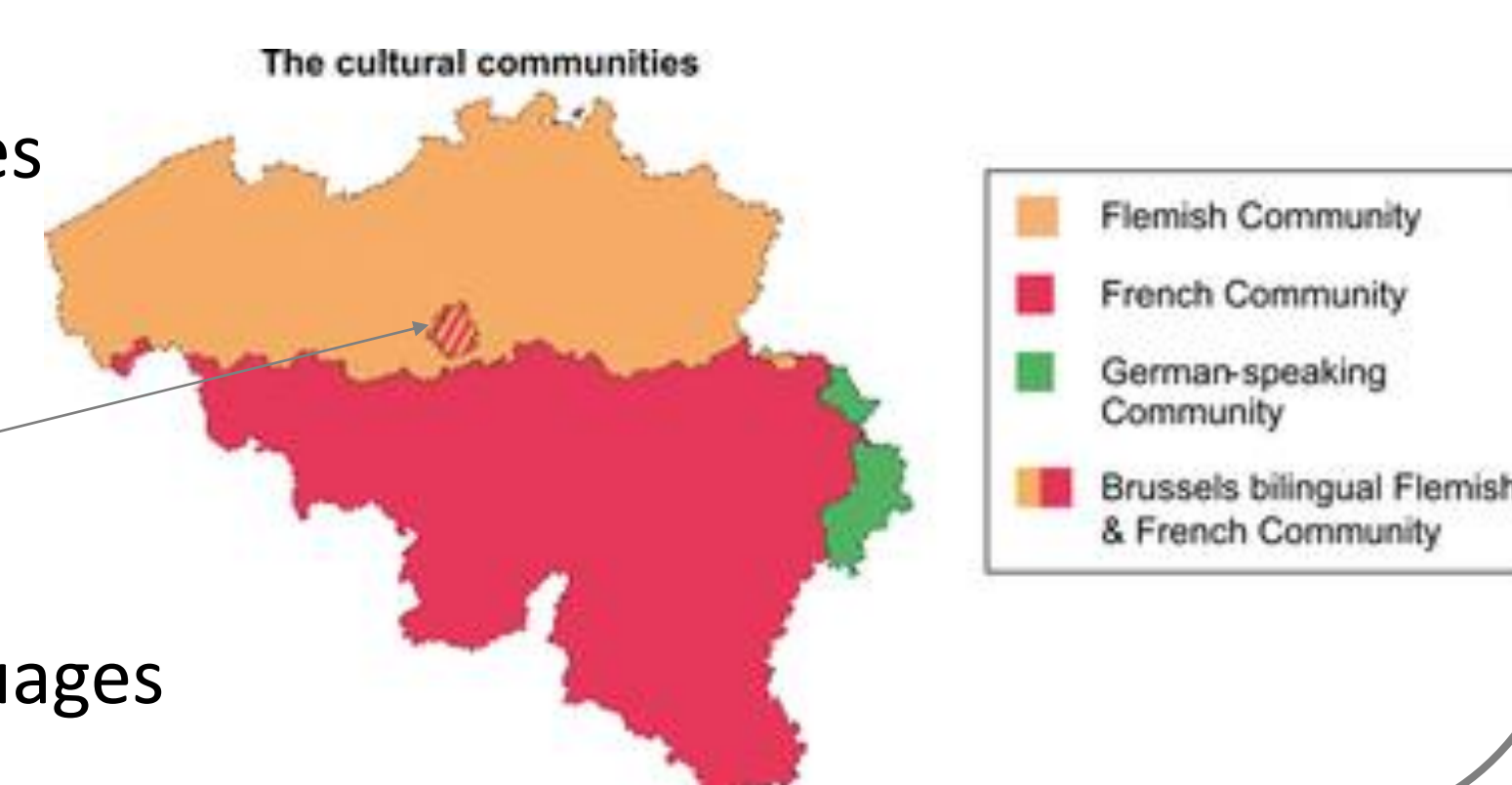
- English Medium Instruction (EMI)^[1] programmes for higher education exist worldwide

...but in Belgium, there also exist Dutch Medium Instruction (DMI) programmes

Belgium counts three official languages

Brussels

- Multicultural city
- With two official languages



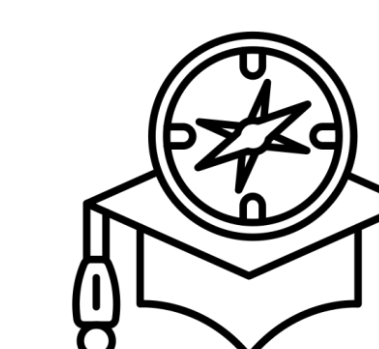
RESEARCH QUESTIONS

REGRETS?

HESITATIONS?



French-speaking (Brussels, Belgium)



UNILINGUAL
in French

MULTILINGUAL

- a) with DMI
→ FR + DU (+ EN)
- b) with EMI
→ FR + EN

MOTIVATIONS?

METHODS

Where?

- French-speaking Université Saint-Louis (Brussels, Belgium)
- Multilingual BA degrees for more than 30 years

What?

- Quantitative methodology; online questionnaire

Who?

- 706 BA students in law, political sciences, and economics & management
- Unilingual programme (n = 293)
- Multilingual programme (n = 413)
 - a) With DMI (n = 140)
 - b) With EMI (n = 273)

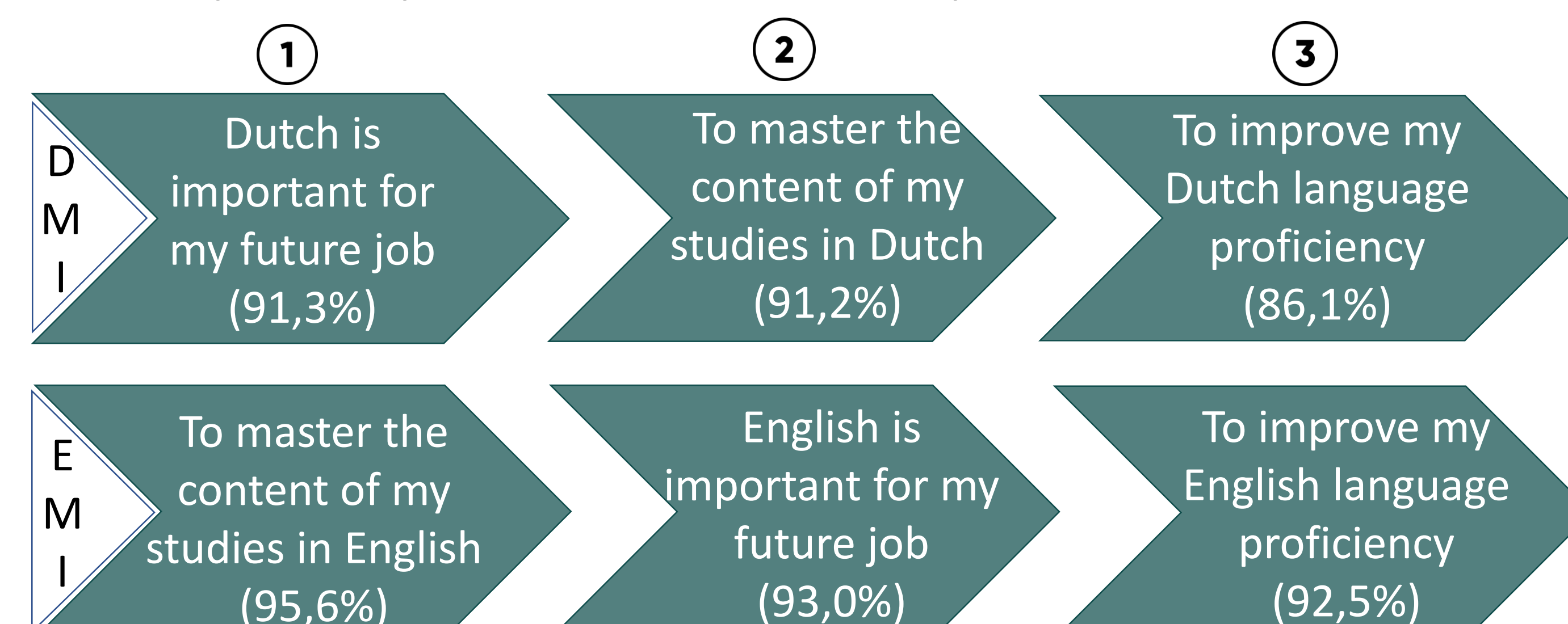
MOTIVATIONS

I opted for the unilingual programme because... (n = 293)

- Courses in Dutch require more work and study time (83%)
- Nuances in Dutch are difficult to understand (83%)
- I think I have an insufficient language proficiency in Dutch (78%)
- Courses in English require more work and study time (74%)
- I want to master the key concepts of the field of study in French (73%)
- Nuances in English are difficult to understand (59%)
- The multilingual programme is too demanding (55%)
- I prefer a multilingual programme at Master's level (49%)

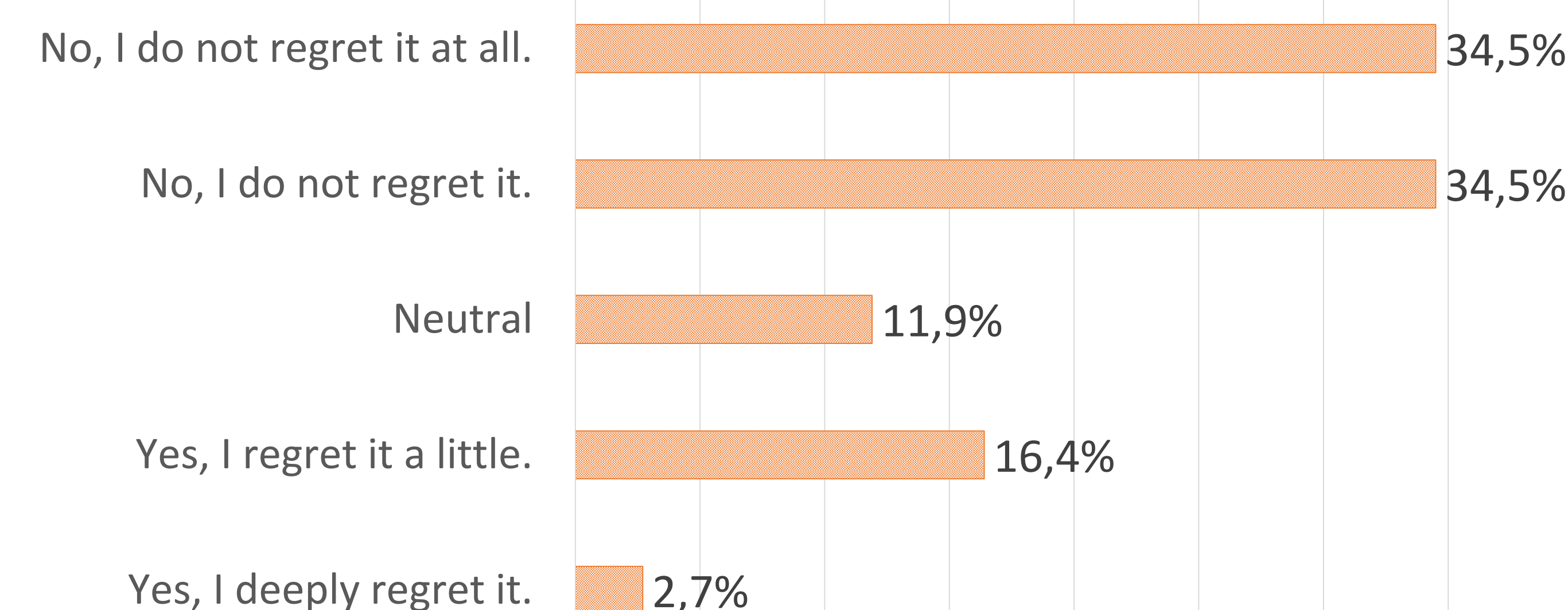
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- Career prospects (95%)
- To feel ready to pursue a multilingual MA (89%)
- A multilingual programme is a great challenge to meet (85%)
- To pursue my CLIL education at university level (82%)

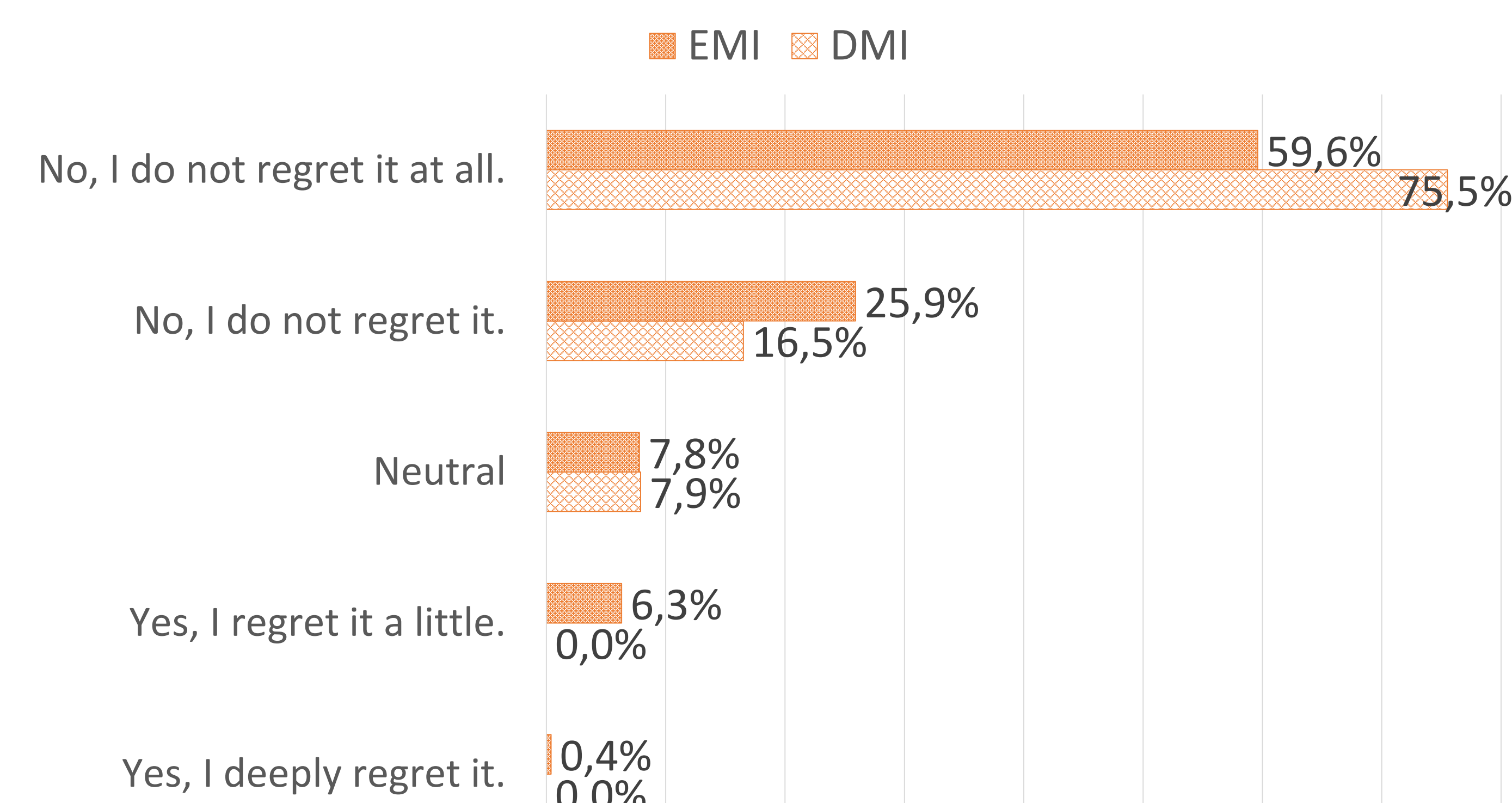


REGRETS

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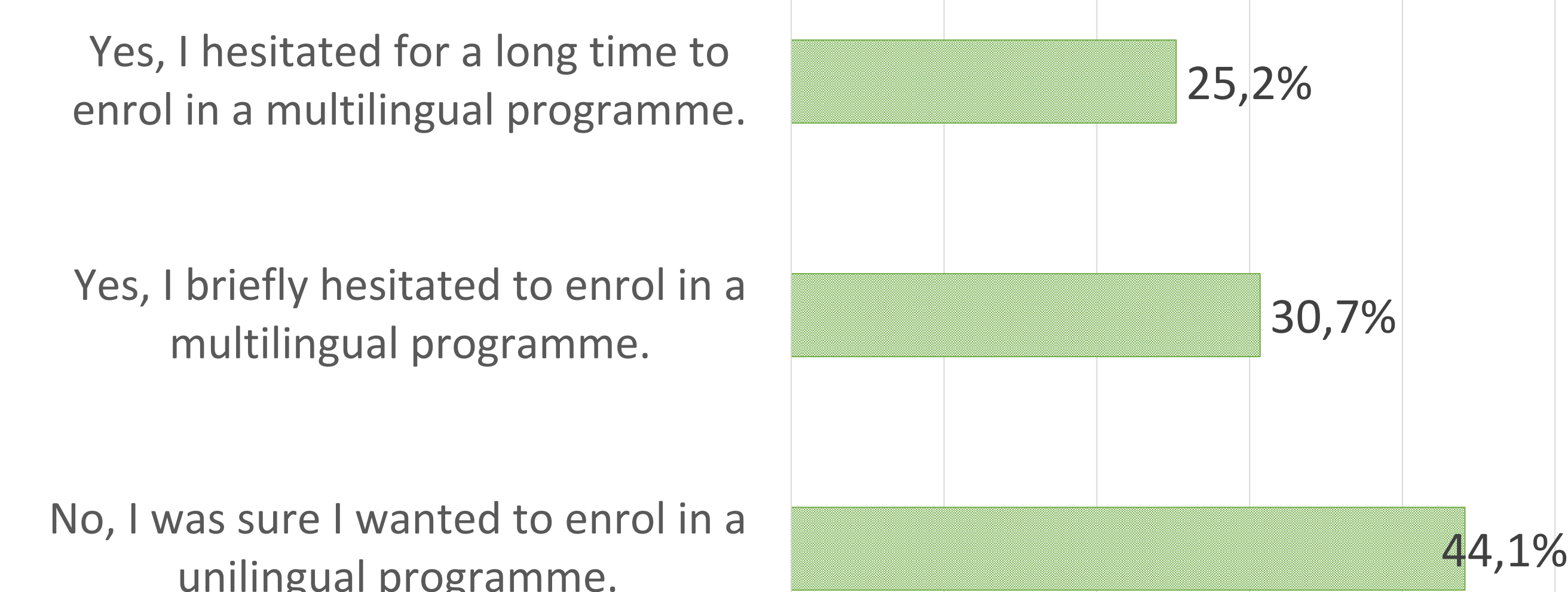


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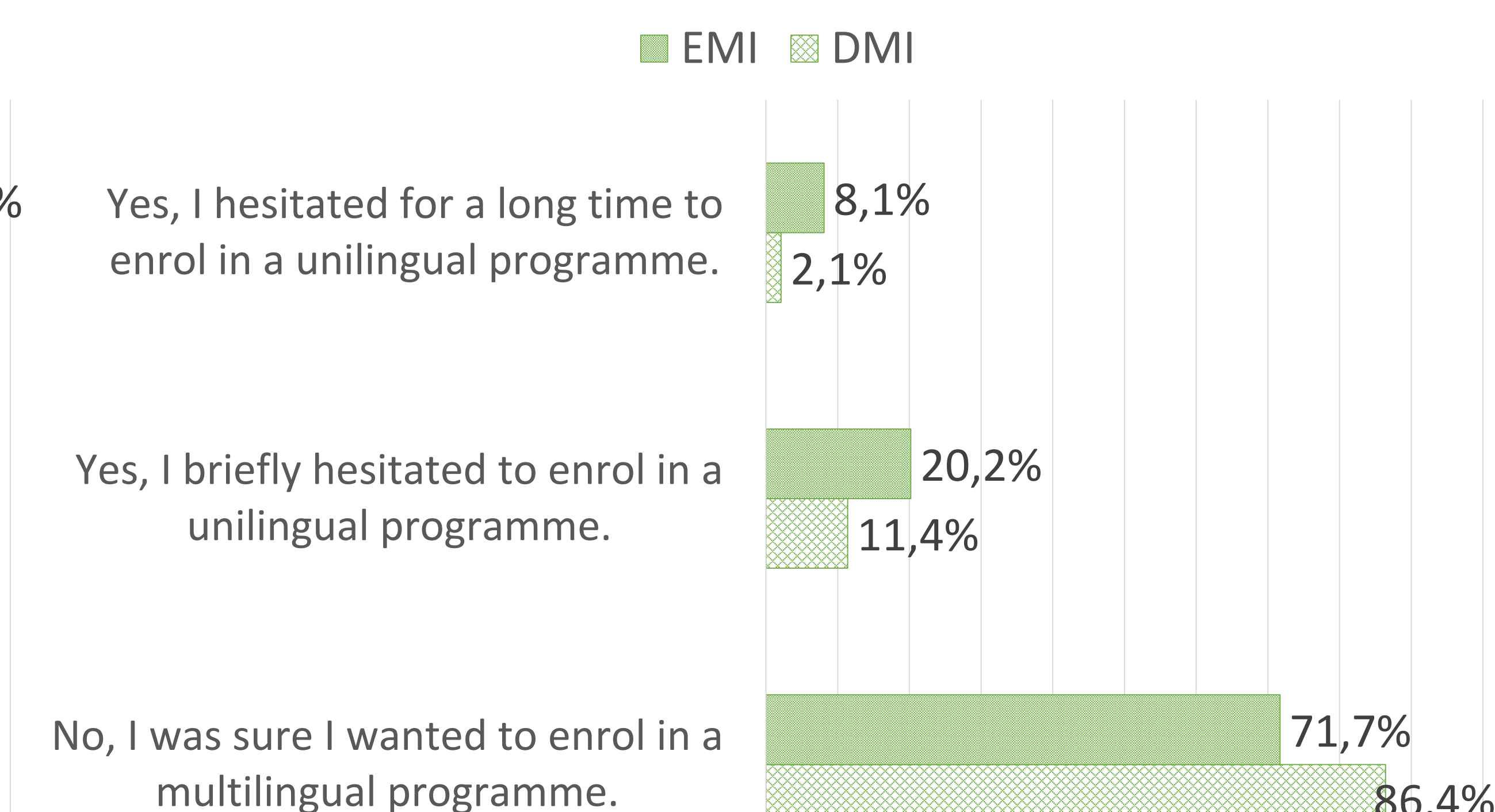


HESITATIONS

When you enrolled, did you think about enrolling in a multilingual programme? (n = 290)



When you enrolled, did you think about enrolling in a unilingual programme? (n = 412)



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