

**BILC ANNUAL LANGUAGE TESTING WORKSHOP  
“ROADMAP TO TESTING READING IAW STANAG 6001”,  
8-10 SEPTEMBER 2020 - HIGHLIGHTS**



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## **PLANNING BEFORE COVID19:**

- HOST NATION – ROMANIA (NDFLTC, RO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE)
- VENUE – BUCHAREST, THE NATIONAL MILITARY PALACE
- UP TO 40-50 PARTICIPANTS (1-2 PER NATION)
- 3 DAYS, 08.30-17.00 HRS (EEST)
- PLENARY SESSIONS AND GROUP DEBATES
- DISCOVER BUCHAREST

**“WHERE THERE IS A (COMMON) WILL, THERE IS A WAY”**

## **COPING WITH COVID19**

- VENUE – **ONLINE, BIGBLUEBUTTON PLATFORM**
- **VIRTUAL “HOST”** – PLTCE AND NDFLTC, ROMANIA
- **89** PARTICIPANTS FROM 30 NATO MEMBER COUNTRIES AND PARTNERS (UP TO 3 PER NATION)
- 3 DAYS, **14.00-17.00** HRS (CEST)
- **14.00-16.00** HRS - PLENARY SESSIONS (20-30 MIN. PRESENTATIONS ON A WIDE VARIETY OF TOPICS OF INTEREST)
- **16.00-17.00** HRS – 8 SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS (TOPICS RELATED TO TESTING READING)

# TOPICS

- ROADMAP TO TESTING READING
- VIRTUAL ITEM MODERATION PRACTICES – NATIONAL EXPERIENCE
- COMPUTER-BASED STANAG 6001 READING TESTS
- TESTING LEVEL 1 READING
- TESTING LEVEL 3
- TESTING LEVEL 4
- CONSTRUCTED VS. SELECTED RESPONSE ITEMS
- READING TEST CONSTRUCTION APPROACHES
- SUCCESSFUL BILATERAL TRIALING PRACTICES
- TEXT RATING & TYPOLOGY
- STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF READING TESTS



# CONCLUSION

***“SUCCESS MEANS DOING THE BEST  
WE CAN WITH WHAT WE HAVE.”***

***AND...WE ALL DID IT!***



**TO TEST OR NOT TO  
TEST?**

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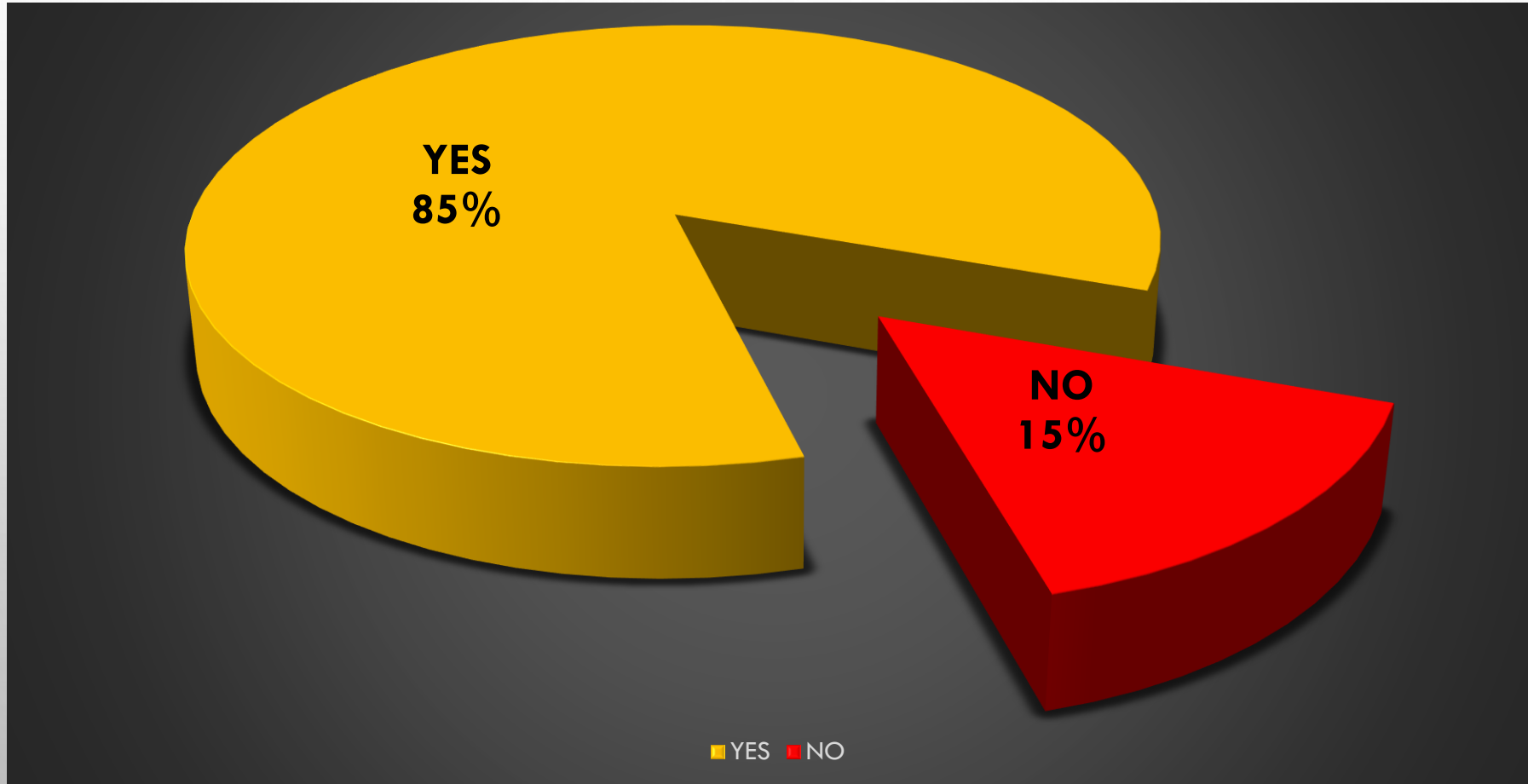
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**ROMANIA**

# OVERVIEW

- **STANAG 6001 TESTING DURING THE PANDEMIC**
- **6 QUESTIONS**
- **26 COUNTRIES**

# 1. WERE YOU TASKED TO TEST DURING COVID-19?

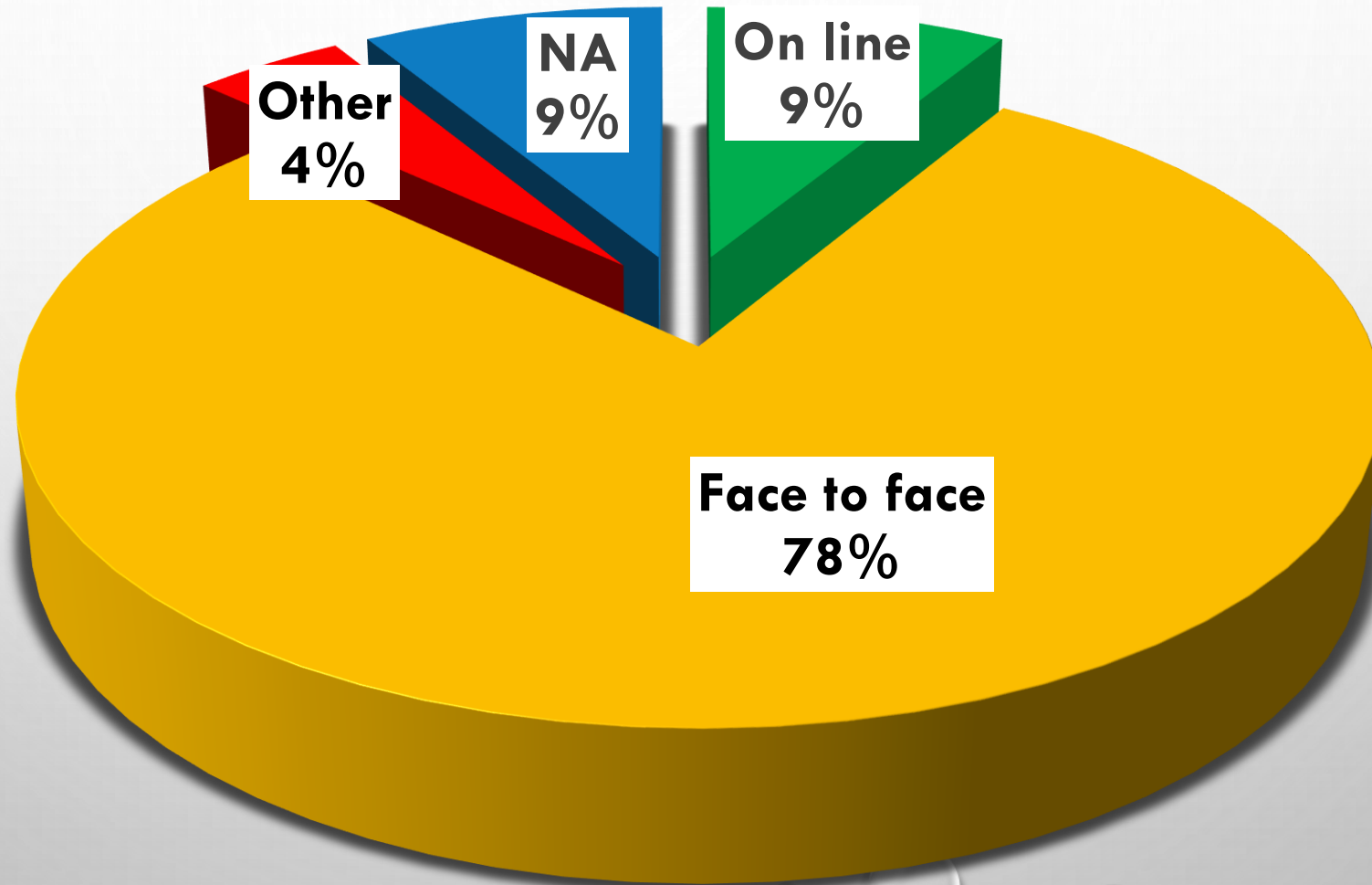




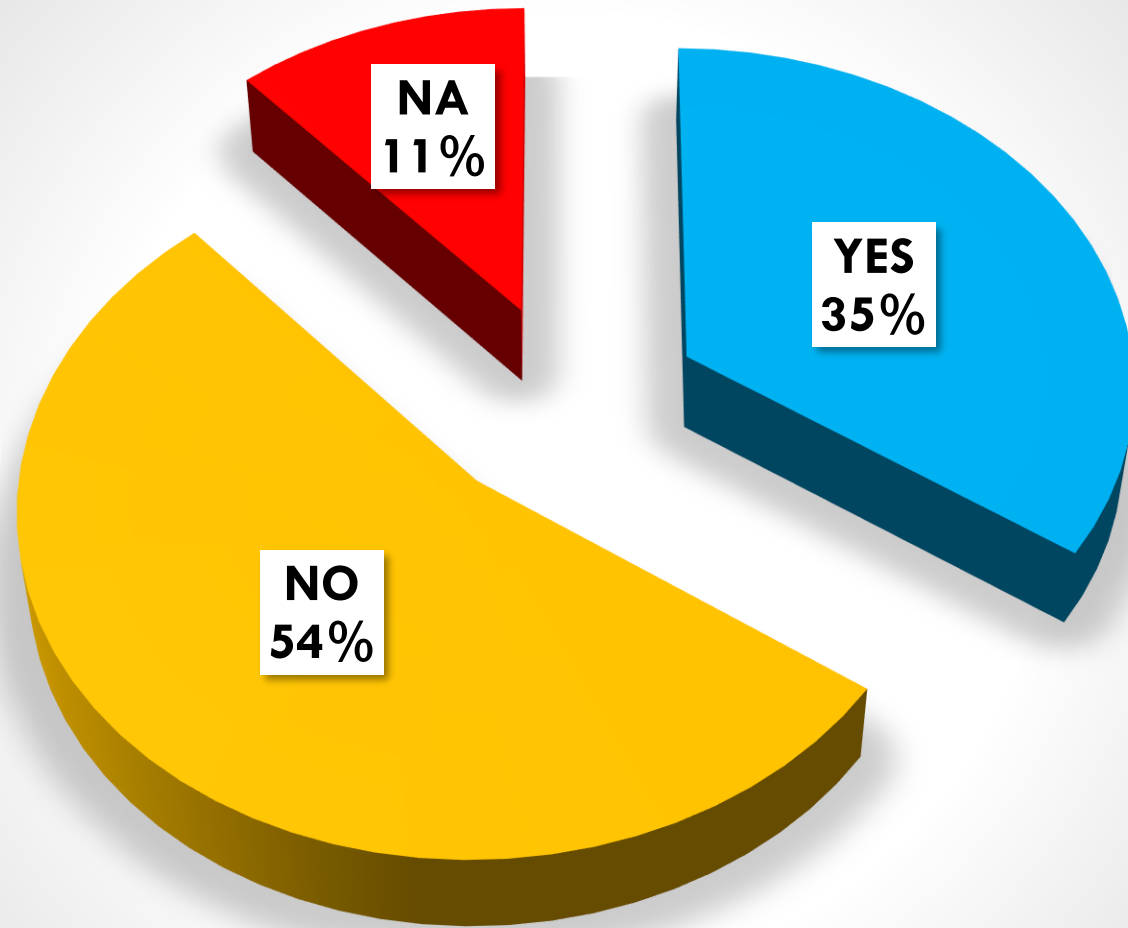
## **2. STRATEGIES CURRENTLY USED TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF A SLP**

- NO STRATEGIES**
- RECEIVED SLPS ARE CONSIDERED VALID UNTIL STANAG TESTING IS AVAILABLE. ONLY URGENT CASES ARE TESTED (FOR STUDIES OR POSITIONS ABROAD). THE GRADUATES FROM THE LANGUAGE COURSES REMAIN WITH ALCPT SCORES UNTIL STANAG TESTING IS AVAILABLE.**

### 3. TYPES OF TESTING



**4. IS THE TESTING METHOD IN #3 DIFFERENT FROM STANAG 6001 TESTING PRIOR TO COVID-19?**



## **6. COMMENTS/EXPERIENCES/LESSONS LEARNED RELATED TO TESTING DURING PANDEMICS**

- **WEARING MASKS WAS NOT COMFORTABLE AND IMPACTED PERFORMANCE**
- **SOCIAL DISTANCING NORMS IMPACTED ON PERFORMANCE DURING INTERVIEWS**
- **IMPORTANCE OF ON-LINE TESTING INCREASED (EXAM SECURITY ISSUES WERE STILL NOT ADDRESSED)**
- **NUMBER OF CANDIDATES WAS REDUCED**
- **DISTANCE TESTING IS MORE CHALLENGING ( TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ISSUES)**
- **MORE DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH PROPER INTERACTION WITH THE CANDIDATE DURING THE INTERVIEWS**
- **TRAVELLING TO EXAM SITES MORE DIFFICULT**
- **CANDIDATES TOOK POSITIONS WITHOUT PROPER SLP OR LANGUAGE CERTIFICATES**



**QUESTIONS?**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION !**

