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ATTENTION AND SUPPORT TO THE FAMILIES

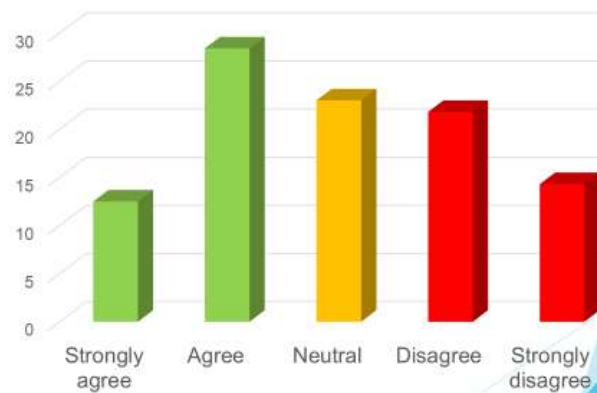
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FAMILIES OF
DEAF PEOPLE

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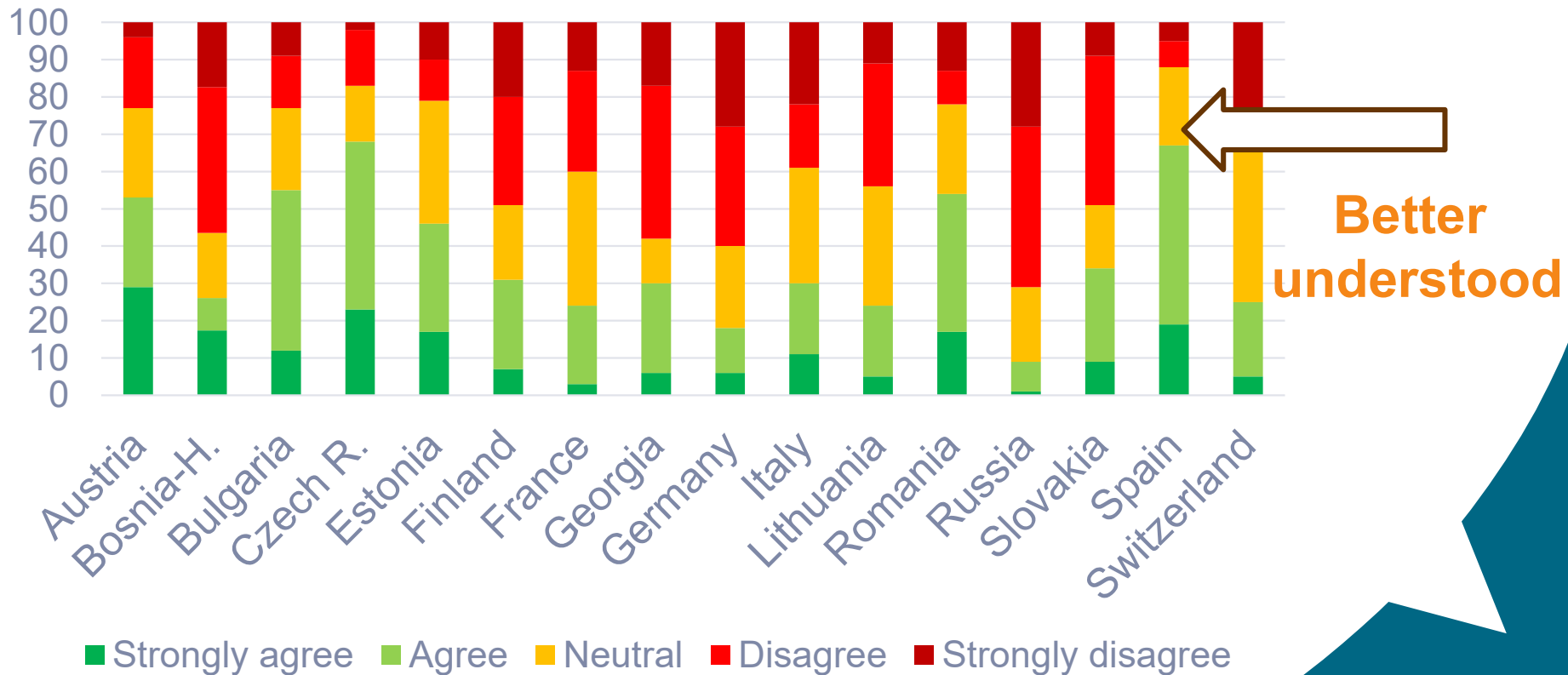
I am satisfied with the level of emotional support I
have received from professionals (%)



Astonish!

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Some data...

- Five in every thousand newborns have a hearing loss at birth. One in every thousand newborn has a profound hearing loss. It means that in Spain around 2.000 families have a deaf child every year.
- 50 % of adolescents and young people between 12 and 35 years old in the most developed countries is at risk of hearing loss due to overexposure to noise in recreational settings.
- 95% of deaf and hard-of-hearing children are born in hearing families.
- One in every thousand persons in the general population becomes deaf in the course of their lives.

Some key ideas

- Families are the first and main agent for promoting the development and the inclusion of a person with disability.
- The anxiety that families have after diagnosis in combination with lack of information may cause a negative effect in the family system and in the development of the child
- Parents will need to work through their grief to adapt to the new situation.
- Families need adequate and specialized guidance
- The Family Association movement has a fundamental role in building the future of their children with deafness

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1998 – 2023



SUPPORT AND ATTENTION TO THE FAMILIES' NETWORK

**43 SERVICES
OF SUPPORT AND ATTENTION
TO THE FAMILIES**

PROVISION OF
Information
Orientation
Training resources
Emotional Support

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PROFESIONAL SUPPORT AND ATTENTION

- Each Service has a person specialised in hearing disability and in family orientation and counselling
- This professional provides families with emotional and psychological support as well as any other kind of support and information during all life stages. Mainly, when parents must take a decision.
- She/he provides particular attention to the needs of each family but also to the common demands in the fields of social services, health system and education
- She/he has close contact with hospitals, social services, early intervention services, kindergardens, schools, universities, hearing aids and audiological centres, local and regional public administrations...
- She/he organises “School for parents”, considering the needs of information and knowledge of the families in each moment

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PROFESIONAL SUPPORT AND ATTENTION

- Every year...
 - they attend more than 2.500 families
 - they carry out more than 13.000 particular tasks for the families
- All them take part of the FIAPAS Network which allow them to have updated training and to carry out coordinated actions in the fields of social services, health and education

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INTER-FAMILY MUTUAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME

- Each Service also has inter-family mutual support programme
- Volunteer fathers and mothers provide hosting, guidance, emotional support and share motivating experiences with families of new diagnosis
- These volunteer parents must be trained and have gone through the School for Parents.
- They should be people with a certain stability, who have faced their "mourning" process and who have a reassuring and realistic message.
- They are parents who provide emotional support and make it possible to share experiences and feelings, as well as to express what is being experienced at that time.

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INTER-FAMILY MUTUAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME

- They can provide more accurate and realistic information, adjusting other stereotyped and idealised messages that they may have received from professional and media spaces.
- They can communicate, empathetic and understanding, motivated and available to provide this support.

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Thank you!
¡Gracias!

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