

FEMALE PG SURVEY by Adel HONTI (Hungary). 2015 FB: « female paragliding » 735 pilots

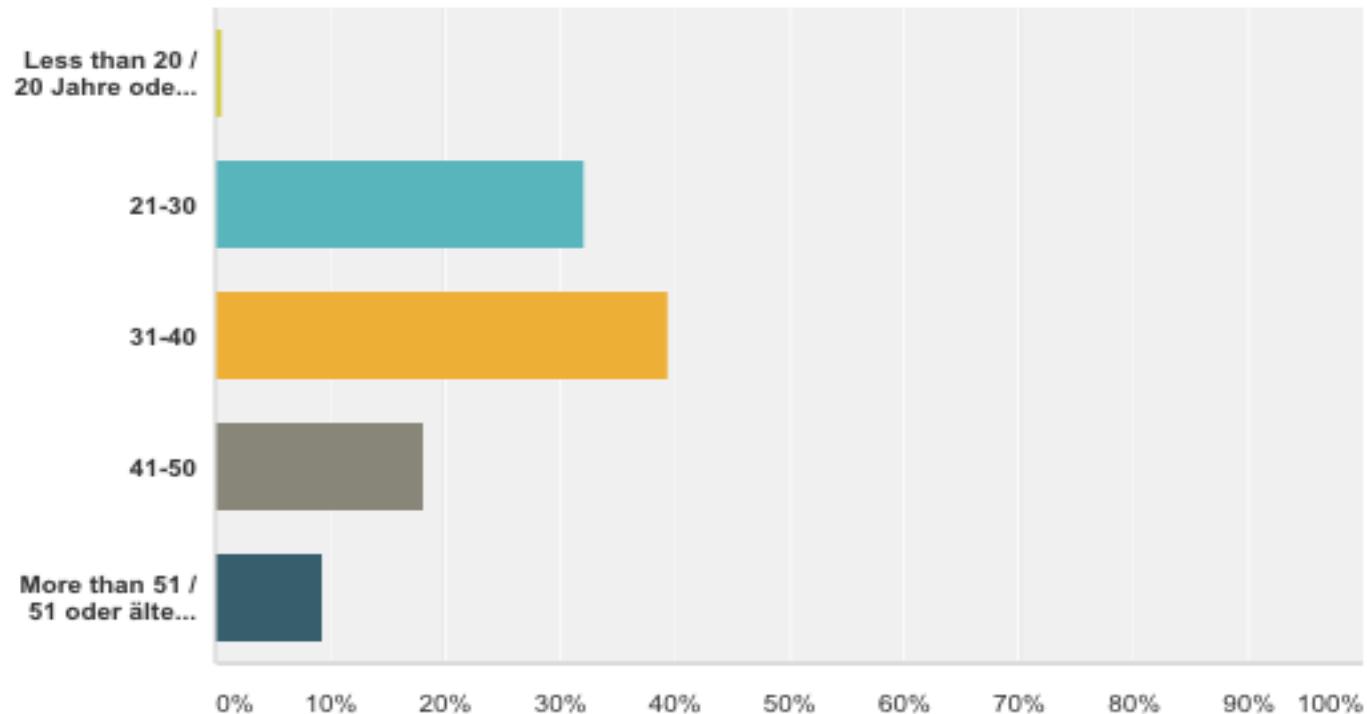


Involved 286 female pilots from
all over the world

Data were collected from 3 different
female only PG forums.

How old are you? / Wie alt bist Du? / Quel âge avez vous?

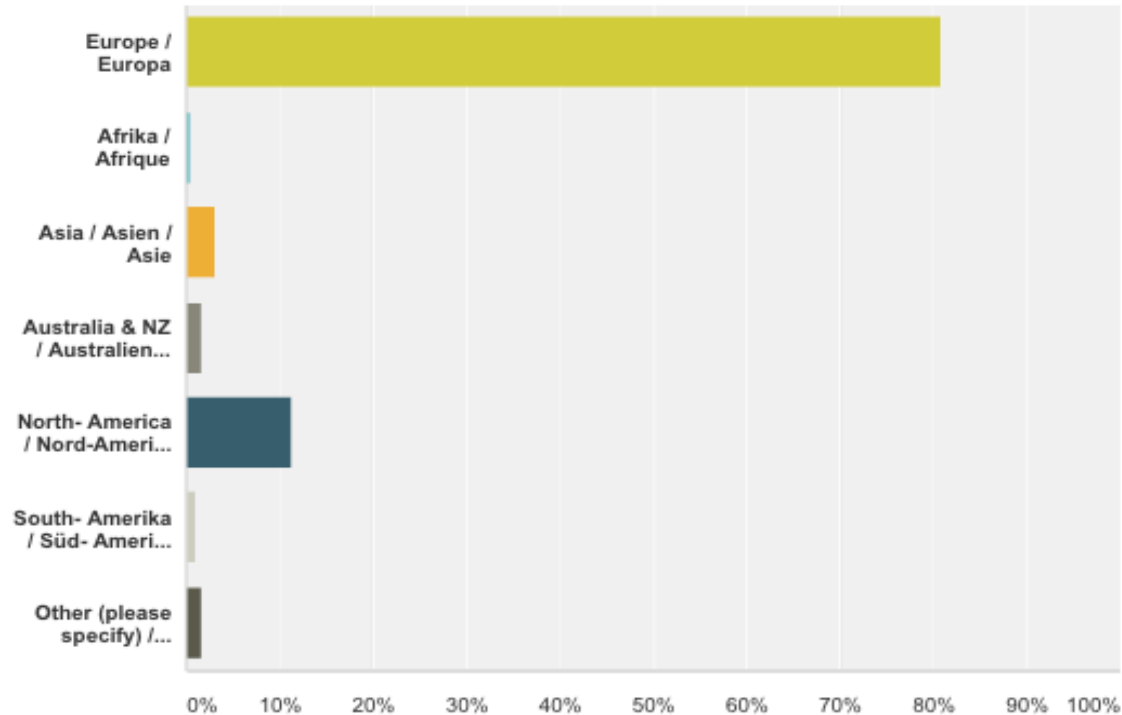
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Answer Choices	Responses
▼ Less than 20 / 20 Jahre oder jünger / Moins de 20	0.70% 2
▼ 21-30	32.17% 92
▼ 31-40	39.51% 113
▼ 41-50	18.18% 52
▼ More than 51 / 51 oder älter / Plus de 51	9.44% 27
Total	286

Where are you from? / Woher kommst Du? / D'où venez vous?

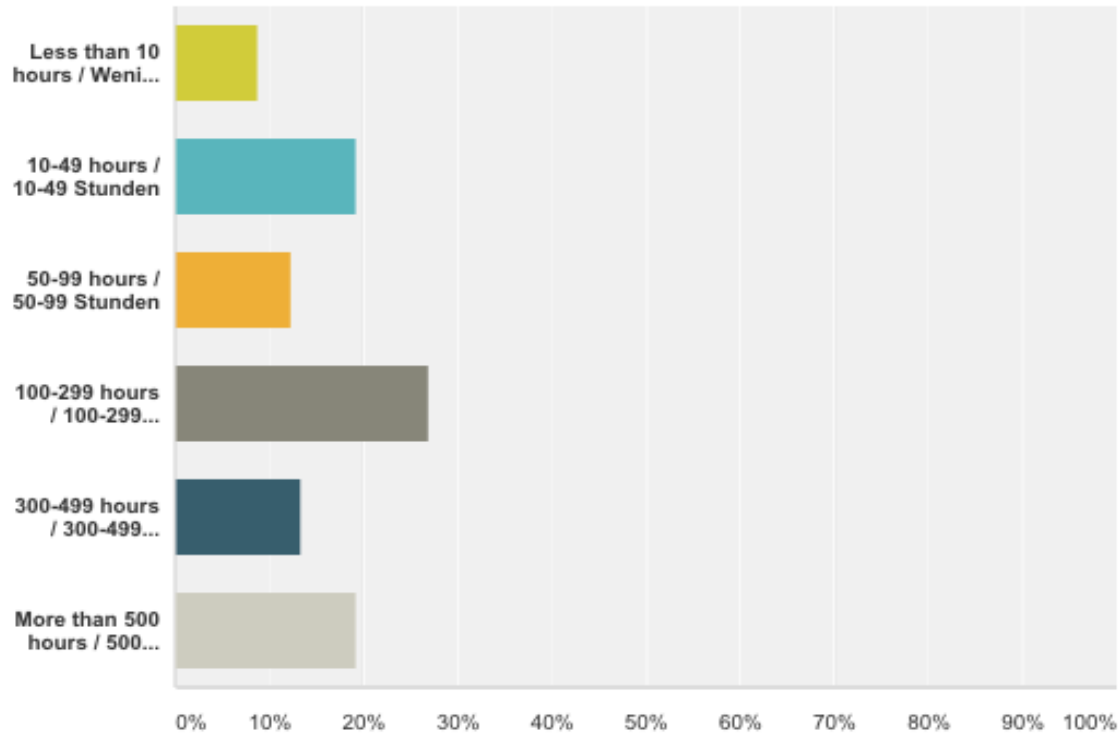
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Answer Choices	Responses
▼ Europe / Europa	80.70% 230
▼ Afrika / Afrique	0.35% 1
▼ Asia / Asien / Asie	3.16% 9
▼ Australia & NZ / Australien und Neuseeland / Australie et Nouvelle Zélande	1.75% 5
▼ North- America / Nord-Amerika / Amérique du Nord	11.23% 32
▼ South- Amerika / Süd- Amerika / Amérique du Sud	1.05% 3
▼ Other (please specify) / Anderer Ort (bitte spezifiziere) / Autre (spécifiez) Responses	1.75% 5
Total	285

How many flight hours do you have? / Wieviele Stunden Flugerfahrung hast Du? / Combien d'heures de vol a votre actif?

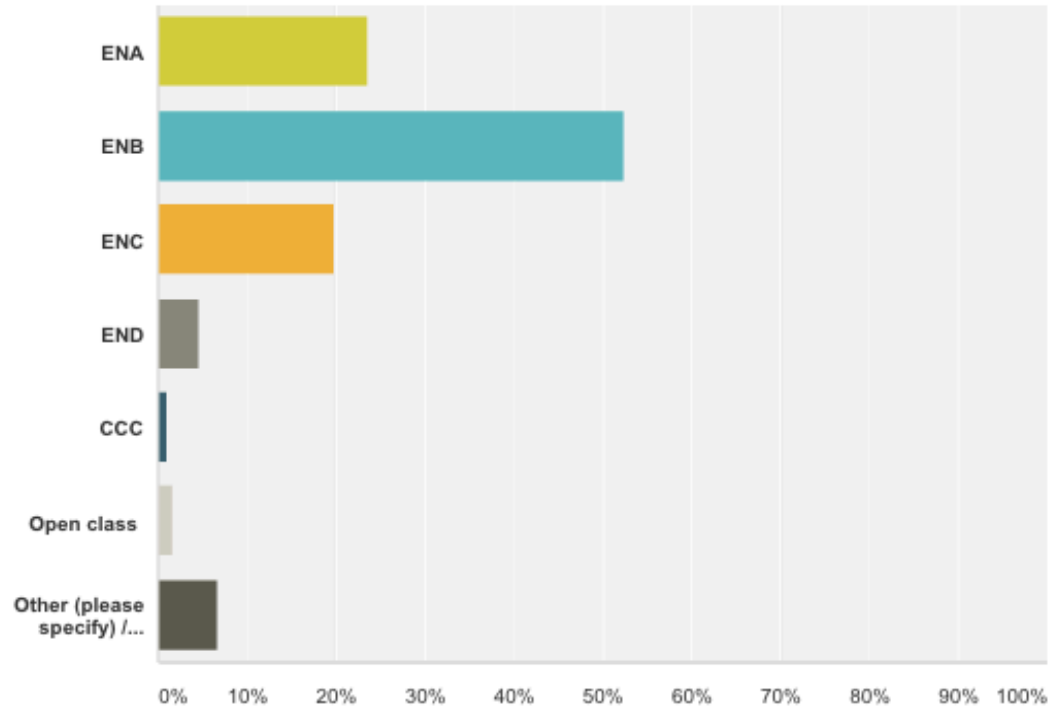
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Answer Choices	Responses
Less than 10 hours / Weniger als 10 Stunden / Moins de 10	8.77% 25
10-49 hours / 10-49 Stunden	19.30% 55
50-99 hours / 50-99 Stunden	12.28% 35
100-299 hours / 100-299 Stunden	27.02% 77
300-499 hours / 300-499 Stunden	13.33% 38
More than 500 hours / 500 Stunden oder mehr / Plus de 500	19.30% 55
Total	285

What type of glider do you fly? / Welche Klassifizierung hat Dein Gleitschirm? / Quel catégorie de voile vous utilisez?

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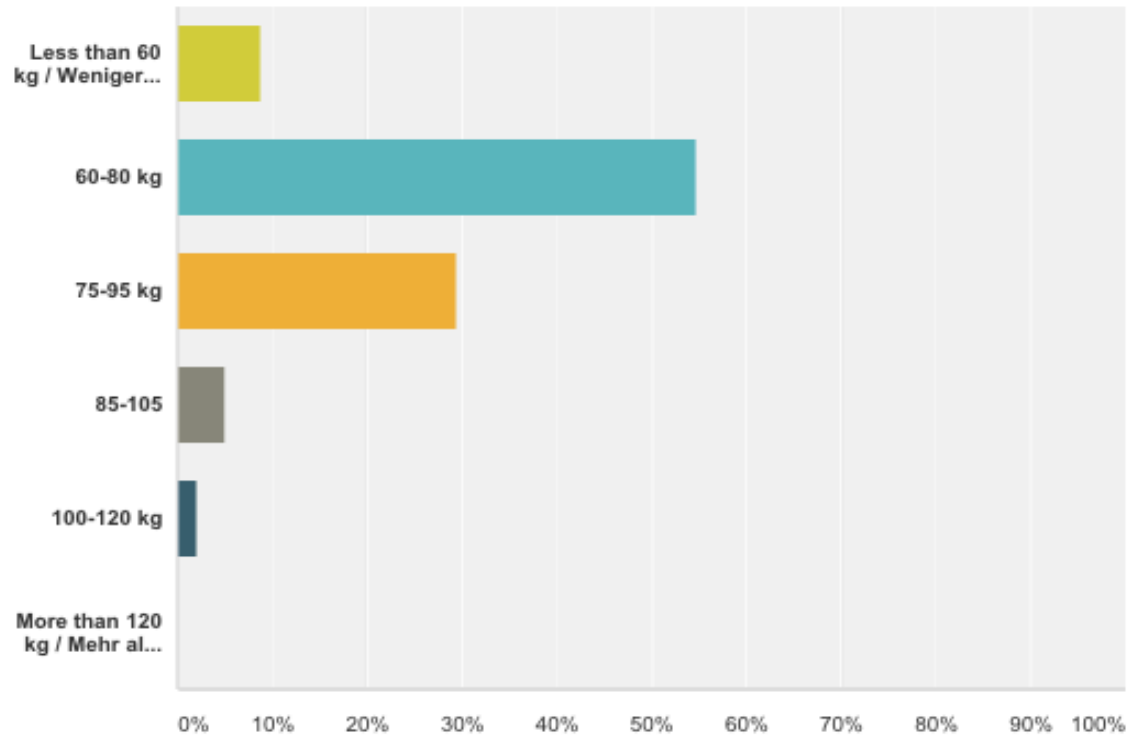


Answer Choices	Responses
▼ ENA	23.67% 67
▼ ENB	52.30% 148
▼ ENC	19.79% 56
▼ END	4.59% 13
▼ CCC	1.06% 3
▼ Open class	1.77% 5
▼ Other (please specify) / Andere (bitte spezifiziere):	Responses 6.71% 19

Total Respondents: 283

What is your take off/in-flight weight? / Wie hoch ist Dein Abfluggewicht? / Quel est votre PTV (poids total volant)?

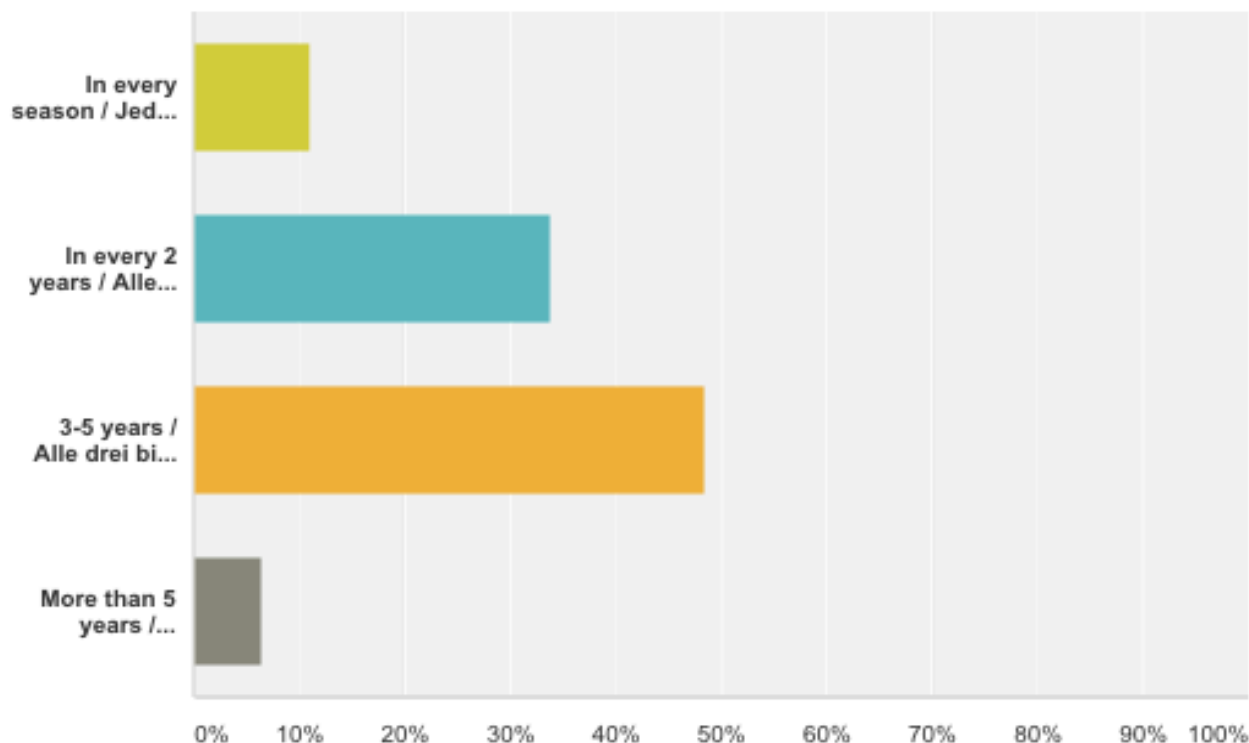
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Answer Choices	Responses
Less than 60 kg / Weniger als 60 kg / Moins de 60 kg	8.87% 25
60-80 kg	54.61% 154
75-95 kg	29.43% 83
85-105	4.96% 14
100-120 kg	2.13% 6
More than 120 kg / Mehr als 120 kg / Plus de 120 kg	0.00% 0
Total	282

How often do you change your glider? / Wie häufig kaufst Du einen neuen Gleitschirm? / Vous changez de voile tous (toutes) les?

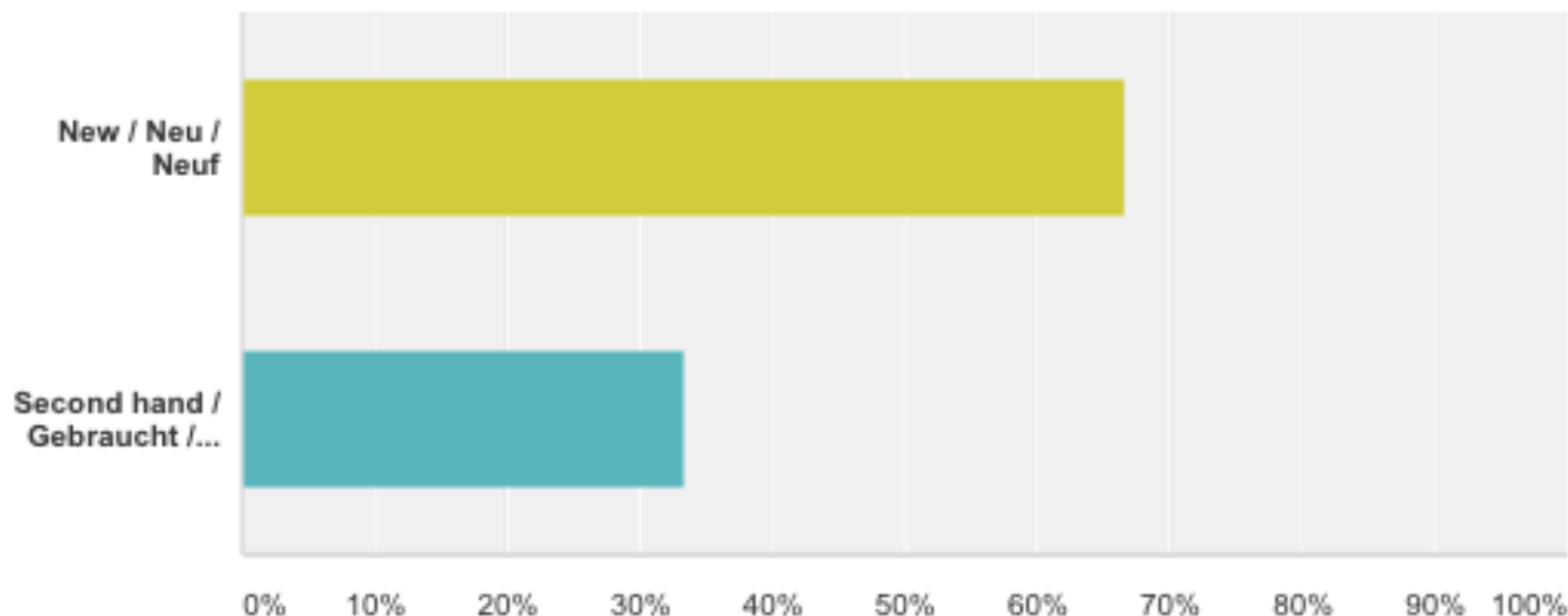
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Answer Choices	Responses
▼ In every season / Jede Saison / en toute saison	11.15% 29
▼ In every 2 years / Alle zwei Jahre / Dans tous les 2 ans	33.85% 88
▼ 3-5 years / Alle drei bis fünf Jahre / 3-5 ans	48.46% 126
▼ More than 5 years / Frühestens nach fünf Jahren / Plus de 5 ans	6.54% 17
Total	260

Do you buy new equipment or second hand? / Kaufst Du neues Equipment oder eher gebrauchte Ausrüstung? / Vous achetez votre équipement?

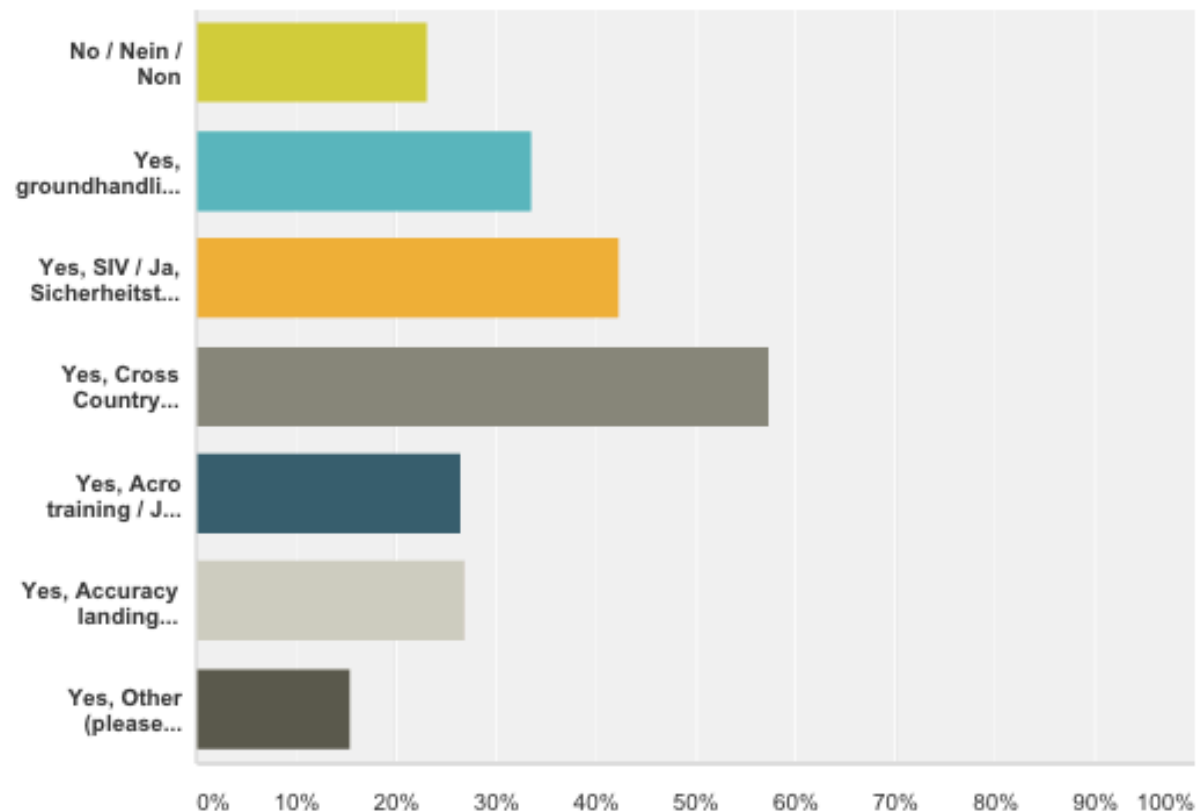
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Answer Choices	Responses
▼ New / Neu / Neuf	66.67% 180
▼ Second hand / Gebraucht / D'occasion	33.33% 90
Total	270

Would you participate in a training program designed for female pilots? (more than one answer can be given) / Würdest Du an einem Training teilnehmen das gezielt auf die Bedürfnisse von weiblichen Piloten ausgerichtet ist? (mehrere Antworten möglich) / Participeriez vous a un training de parapente féminin? (Possibilité de cocher plusieurs)

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How do you think trainings for female pilots should differ from the men's? / In welcher Hinsicht sollte sich ein Training speziell für Frauen von einem Training für männliche Piloten unterscheiden? / De quelle forme pensez vous que les trainings pour femmes puissent être différents de ceux pour les hommes?

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- Needs different approach towards risk taking and also peer support for balancing family and the sport
- I think it is really useful to have female mentors - certainly helped me as the only female on my course that there was a female instructor
- Different psychology and way of explaining things. a more empathic approach
- Gear discussions. More focus on understanding the difference between felt and real danger. Focus on building a female community
- Put more emphasis on building up confidence. I have seen female pilots drop after 1 or 2 weeks of trainings because they felt the sport was too demanding, while it was actually because the instructor was just too tough and didn't take their questions and concerns seriously

Have you ever felt that being a female in this sport was a disadvantage?

Out of 282 pilots, 30% answered yes.

Not a majority, but **a significant number.**

- Because of the **competition glider size** which penalises light weight pilots
- **being in a minority can be uncomfortable**, but the Women Open comp a few years back changed that a lot.
- small wing, light weigh, no speed !
- So many guys want girls in the sport, then belittle us or pick on us.
- Men are at an advantage due to heavier gear. They tend to look down at women pilots in competitions, especially if you are a beginner competitor, or not so young anymore
- Hard to find wings at the proper size (and carrying ballast means that activities like hike&fly become difficult...). Training is sometimes not adapted.