



European Family Empowerment

Improving family skills to prevent alcohol and drug related problems

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The level of family engagement in Slovenia in comparison with other European countries

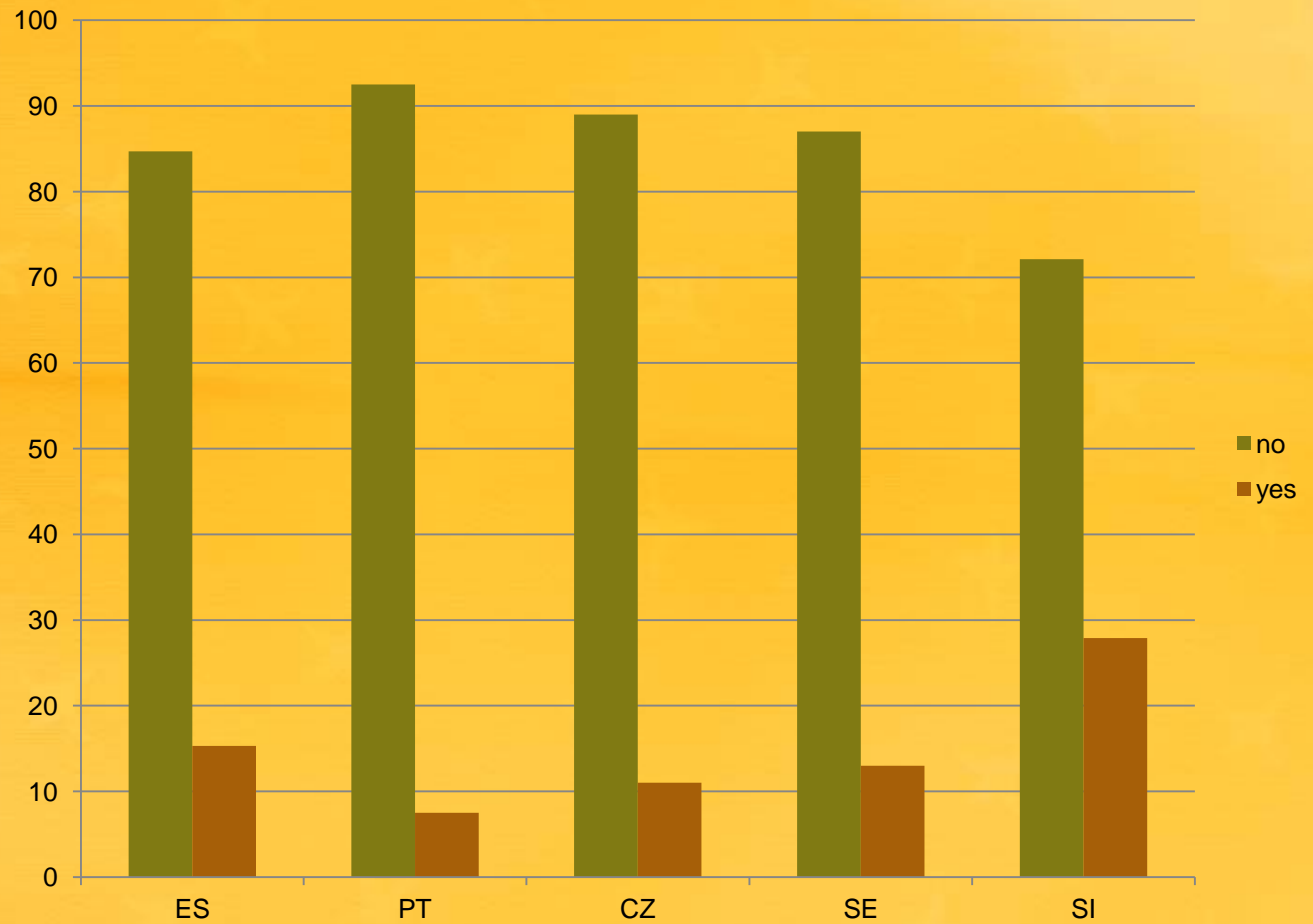
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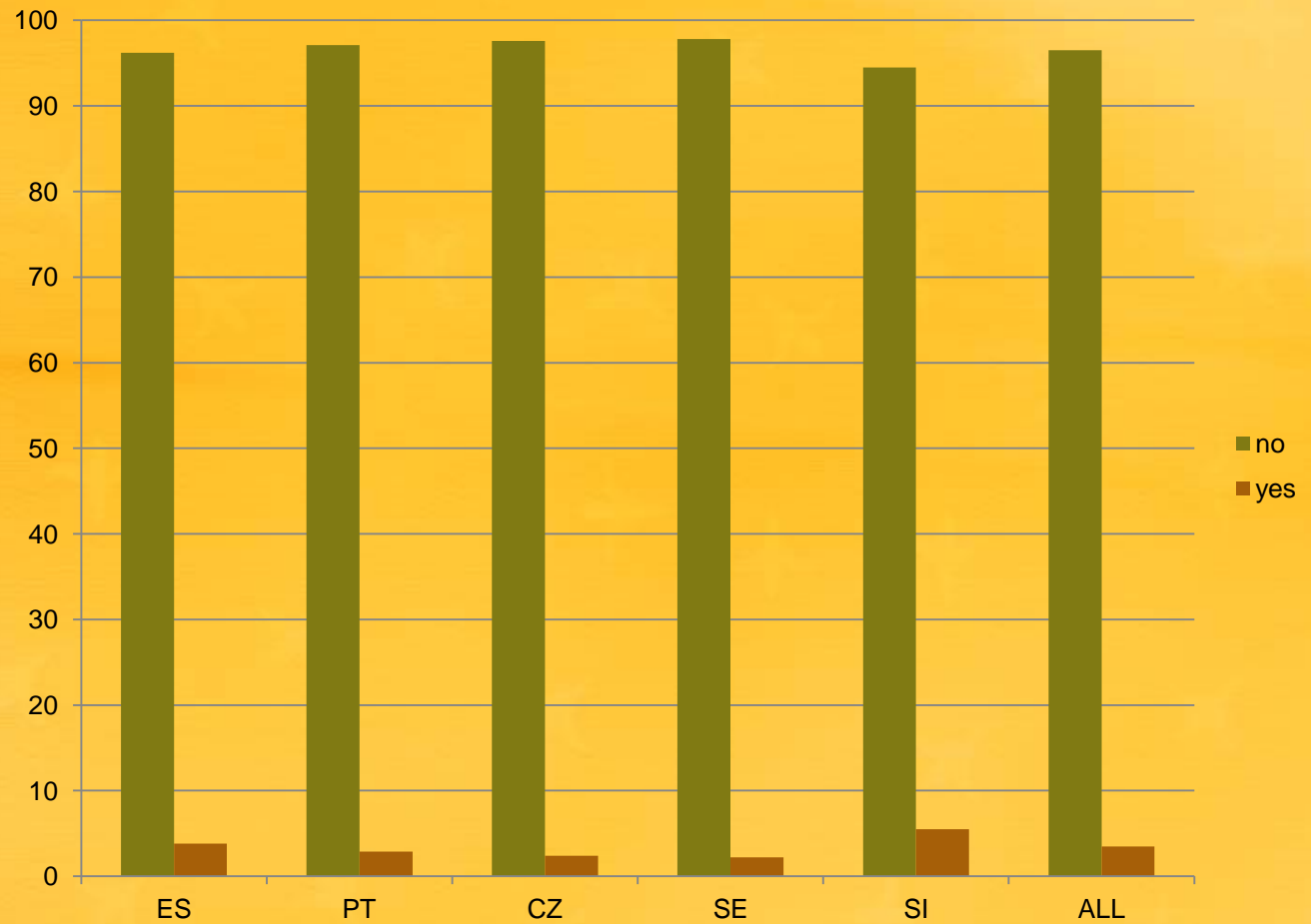


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- **Parents taking part in:**
 - *school events*
 - *political groups*
 - *church groups*
 - *youth groups*
 - *sports clubs*
 - *prevention activities ..*

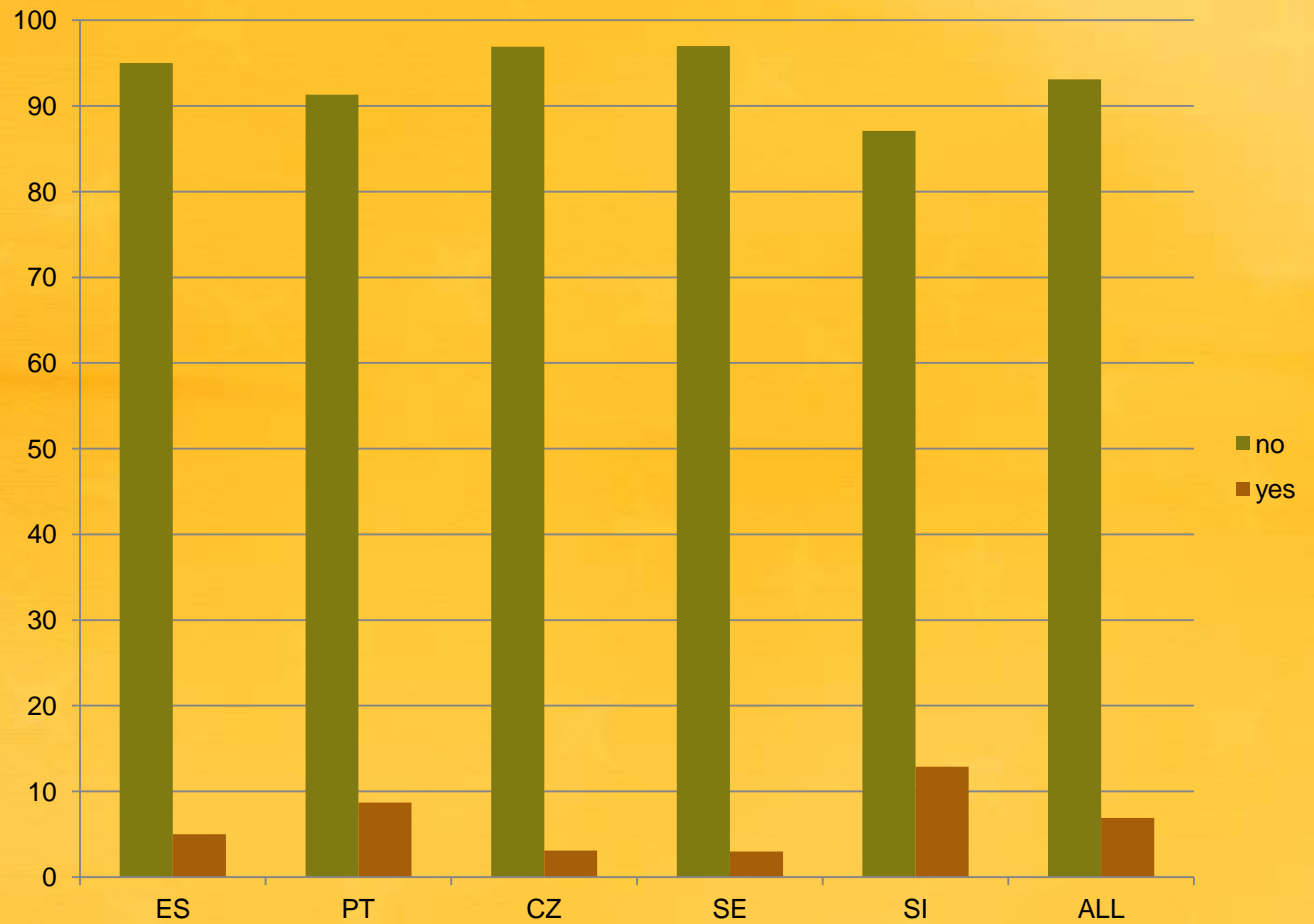
Take part in schools events in the last 12 months:



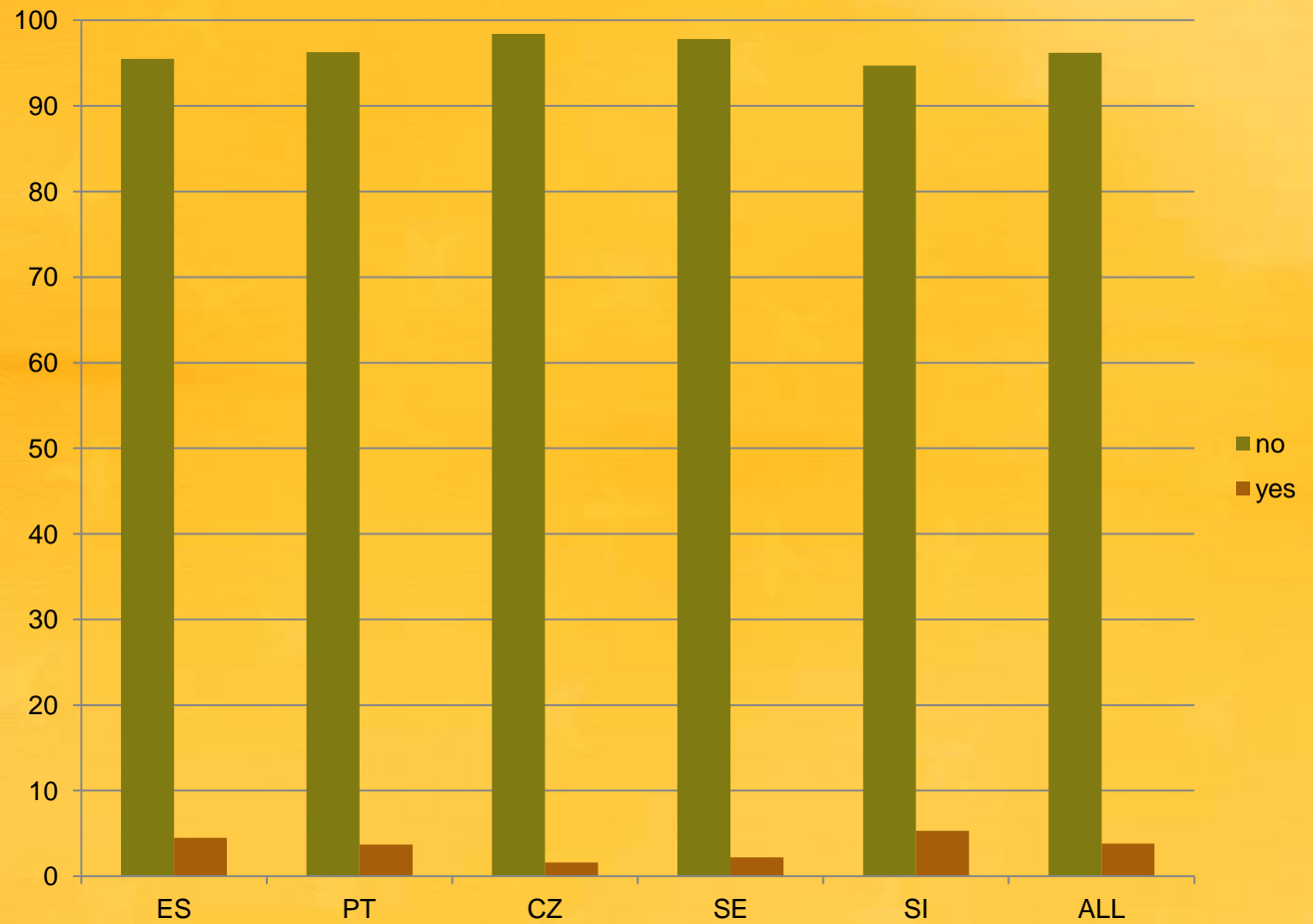
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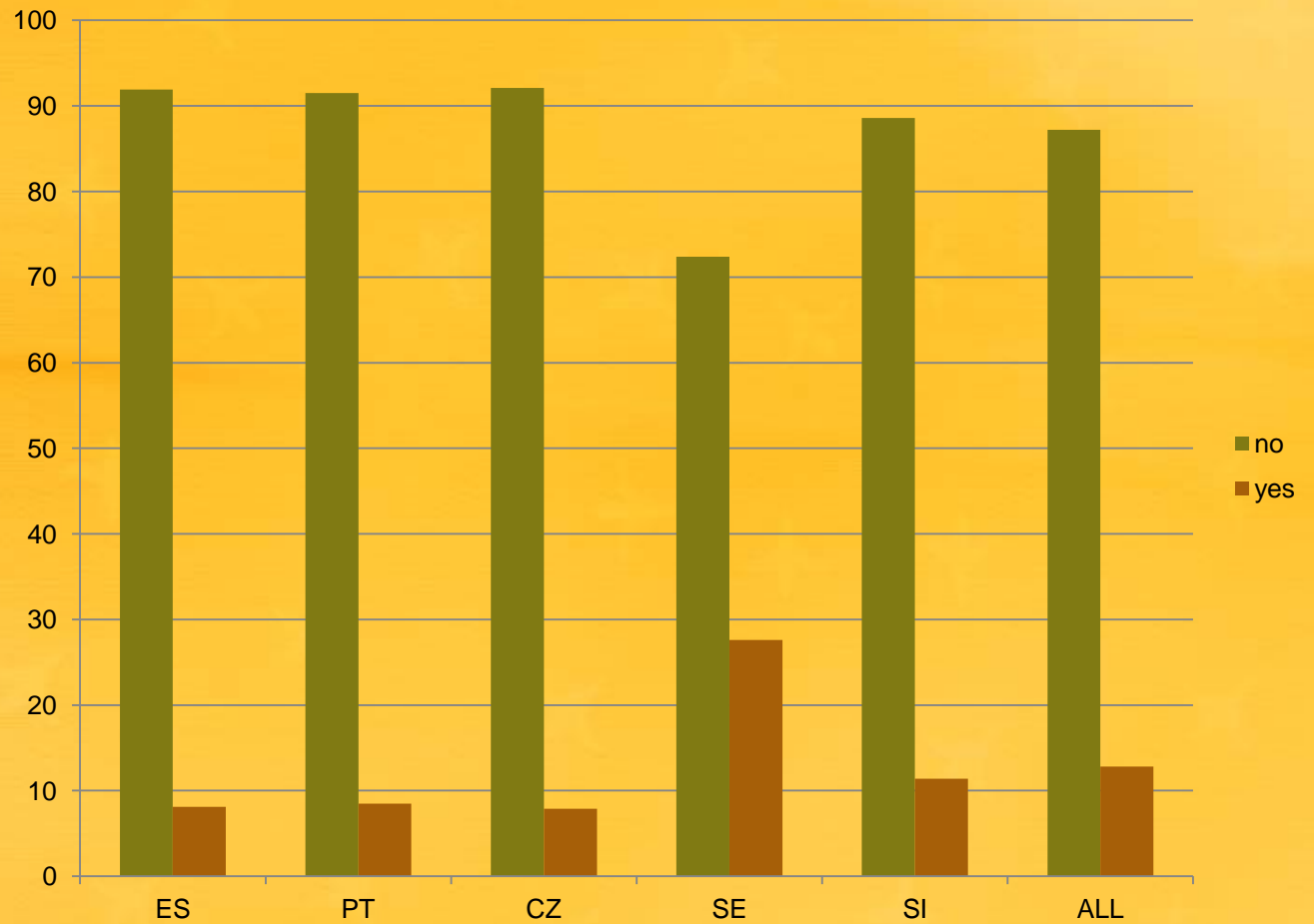
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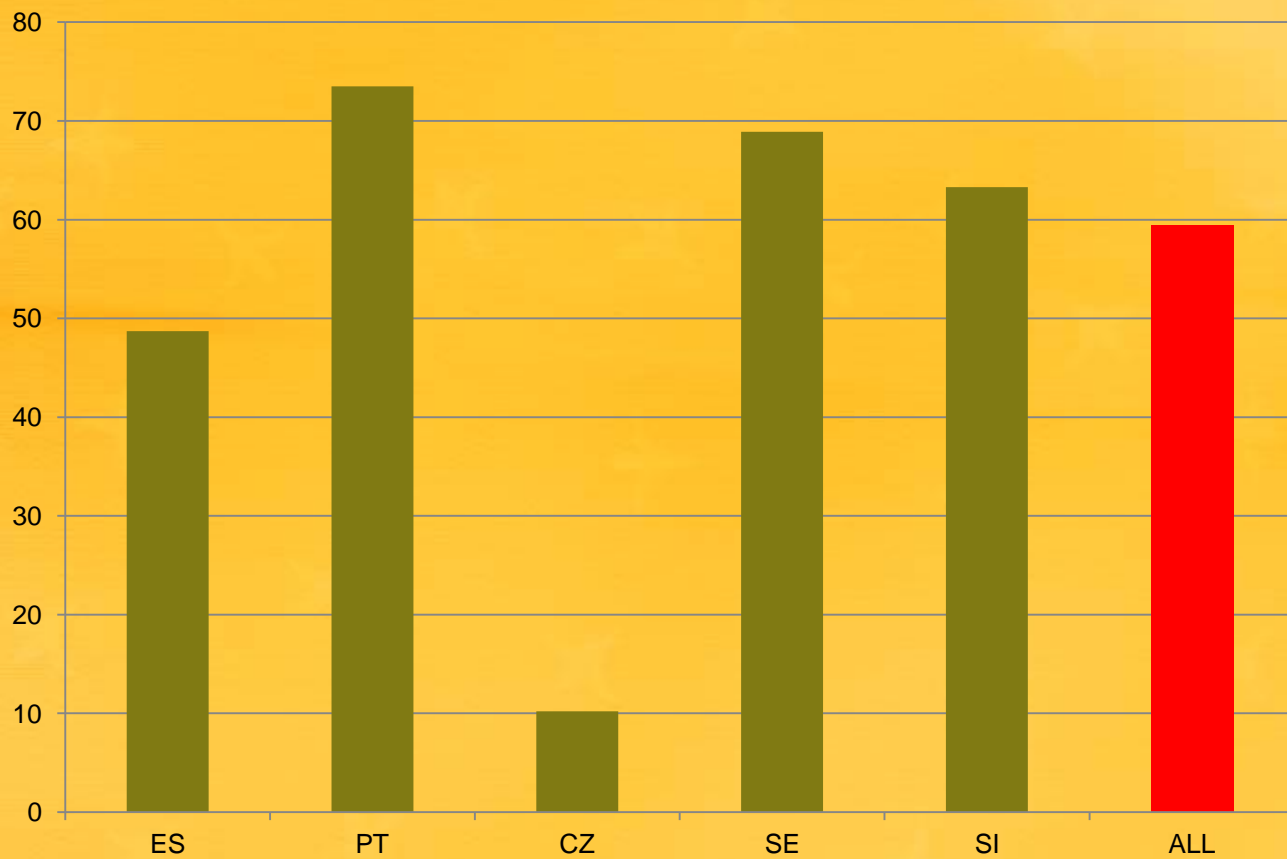
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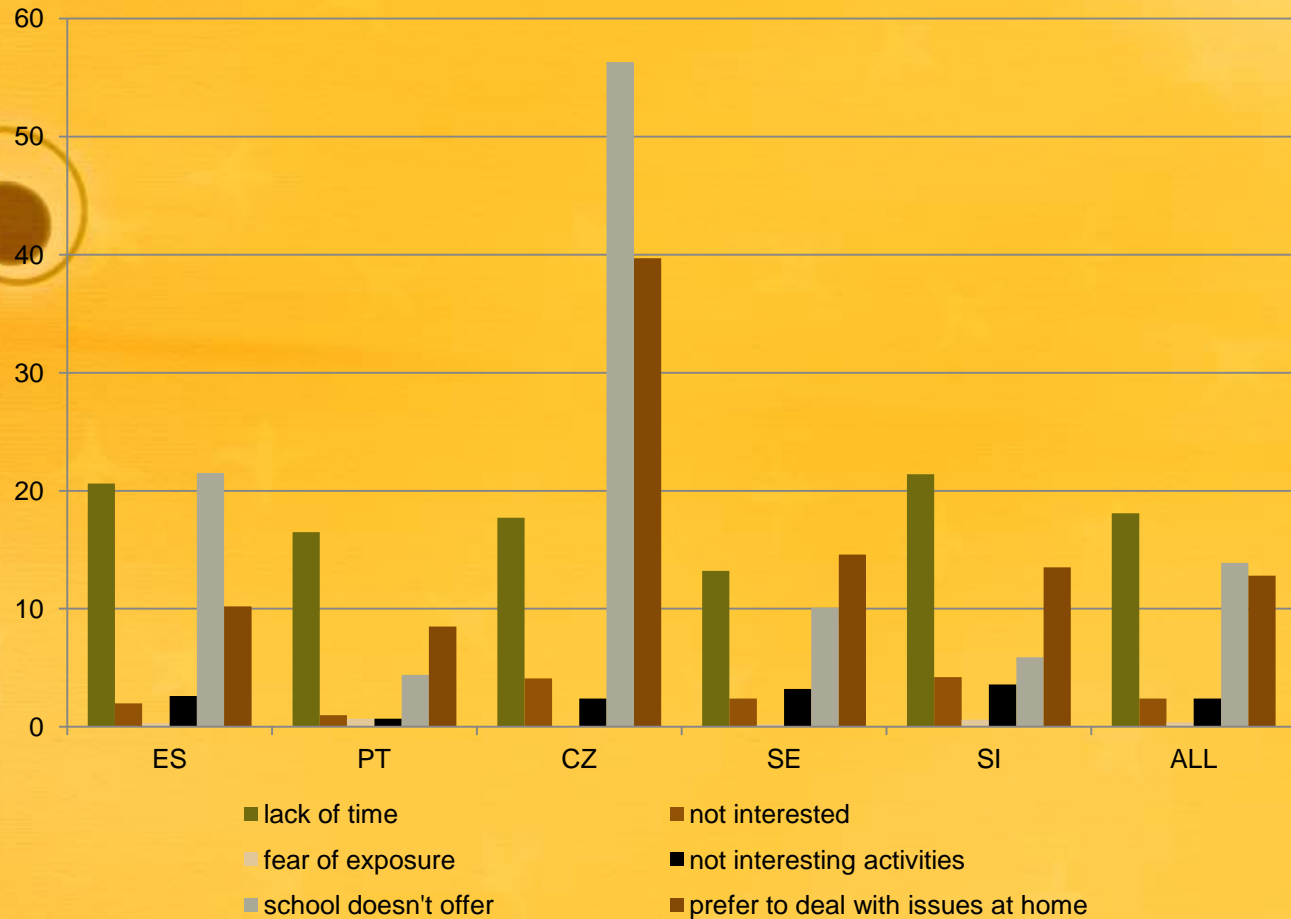
... in sport clubs



Attend prevention activities at school




Main reasons for not attending PA:



Conclusion:

- Very low engagement of parents in every countries
- Participation of parents depends on interests of their children



Parent's associations (councils) in Slovenia



- **Parents associations** in every kindergarten and school

- *Homeworks*
- *Quality/quantity of food*
- *Transport of pupils ...*


-Meetings 2-3 times a year (parents, teachers, principles)

Participation of parents in the primary system is possible, but this does not mean that it is also effective...

2003 → Some major problems with
violence in one of the primary schools



Idea of integratio/cooperation between PA
from different schools on **regional level**

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- 11 parent's councils in different regions
 - **Main idea:** to exchange ideas and information, positive/negative experiences
 - 2004: major changes in school system that brought along few problems



parents stood up together and put pressure on policy and school authorities.

Association of parents' councils

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is a voluntary, non-professional, non-governmental, independent and non-profit association of parents who in organized way represent common interests of parents and children in the field of education.

- **improving the quality of the educational process**

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Thank you!