



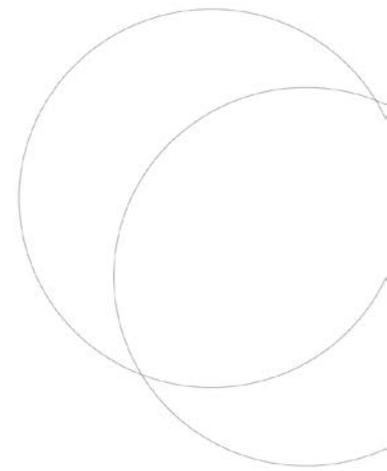
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Reflections on the Research and Policy Landscape in Germany

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Research Project »Safe Sport«

**Safeguarding children and youth
in organized sport in Germany**

(Oct. 2014 – Dec. 2017)

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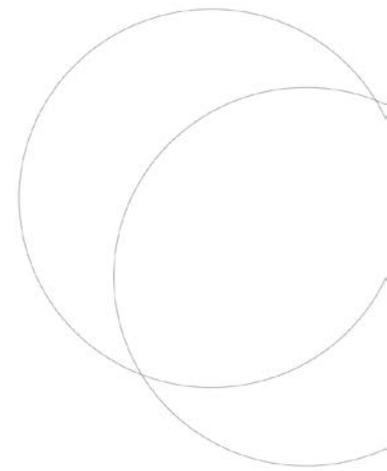


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SPORTJUGEND
im DOSB



Structure

1. Background & Aims
2. Methods
3. Selected results
4. What happened in the aftermath?

Background

- 60% of boys and 50% of girls in Germany are members in sports clubs
- around 10 million memberships of young people in over 90,000 sports clubs
- child protection and the prevention of sexual violence have only recently emerged on the sport-political agenda



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1995



GEORGIAUTS



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Eisläuferin Pflaum, Nebenklägerin Pflaum (1995): „Steinzeittraining“

Spiegel 49/1995

1998

Regional Ministry
for Women's Politics
in North-Rhine-Westphalia:

**pilot study on violence
against women & girls
in sport**



1998

big controversy about the question
whether the study should be published

reactions were ambivalent

authors were blamed for dragging
sport organisations through the mud

⇒ long-standing and persistent tradition
of ignoring sexual violence in sport



(Klein & Palzkill, 1998)

1998

*Prevention campaign by the
Regional Sports Federation of
North-Rhine-Westphalia
„Silence protects
the wrong-doers“*

- information booklets
- training modules
- code of conduct
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Schweigen
schützt die Falschen

Wir dulden im Sport keine sexuelle Gewalt!



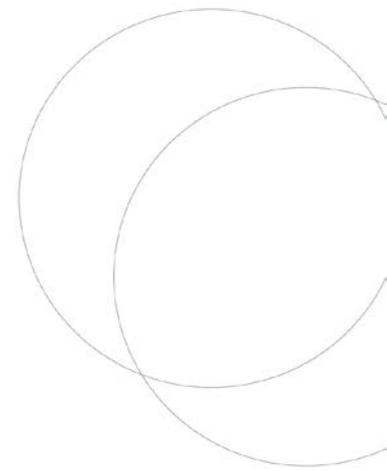


Ministerium für
Kultur und Sport
des Landes
Nordrhein-Westfalen

NRW.



LANDESPORTBUND
NRW



! 2010 !

- media reports on a large number of victims in the field of churches and boarding schools
- national round table with all relevant stakeholders in the field of childcare and youth work, including the DOSB



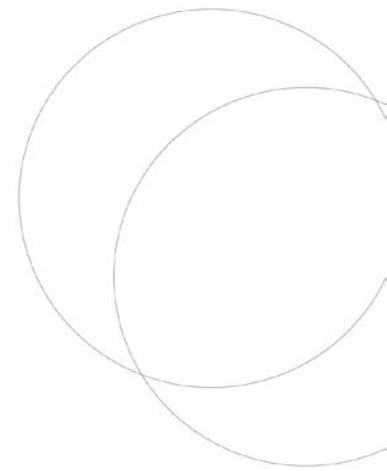
Abschlussbericht

Runder Tisch

Sexueller Kindesmissbrauch

in Abhängigkeits- und Machtverhältnissen
in privaten und öffentlichen Einrichtungen
und im familiären Bereich

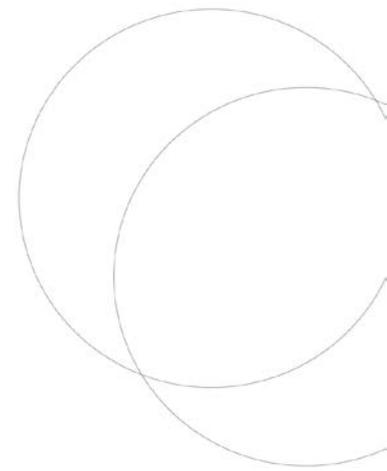




Declaration of German sport on protection against sexual violence

(Münchener Erklärung, 3.12.2010)

The German Sports Youth and the German Olympic Sports Confederation strongly condemn all forms of violence and abuse of power against children, young people and adults and demand that their member organisations work together to prevent violence.



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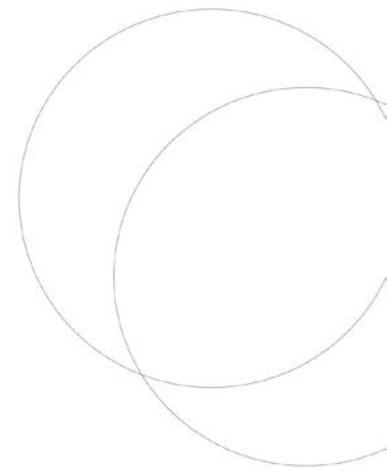
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The DOSB and its member organizations commit themselves

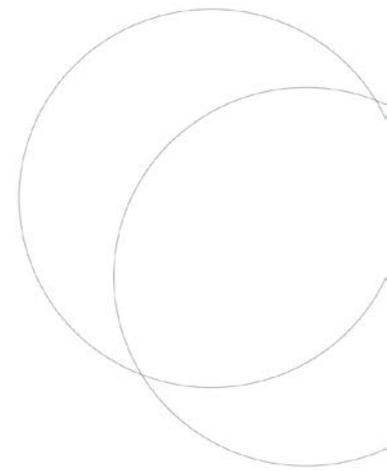
- ... to name a safe guarding officer as contact person
- ... to develop procedures for dealing with allegations and cases
- ... to check statutes and speak out against sexual violence
- ... to sensitize employees through a code of honour
- ... to include the prevention of sexual violence into qualification procedures
- ...



Aims of Research Project »Safe Sport«



- a. Investigate the extent and forms of sexual violence in sport
- b. Take stock of existing prevention measures in relevant sports organizations



Methods

- 1. Survey on athletes in Germany**
- 2. Survey on sports federations in Germany**
- 3. Survey on sports clubs in Germany**

Partners and affiliated members:

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F. Bartsch, S. Feiler, M. Schröer, Dr. I. Wagner

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C. Seidler, Dr. J. Ohlert

German Sports Youth

P. Lautenbach, E. Lamby

Survey athletes - Method

Online-Survey on squad athletes aged over 16 years

Email list from DOSB

Response rate: 26% of the athletes (1.799 of 6.999)

Measures: IVIS (Vertommen et al., 2016); Sexual violence: 17 items

Participants (N = 1.799)

Gender: 54% female, 46% male

Age: 21.5 years (average)

Duration in current sport: 12.0 years (average)

- 128 types of sport, 57 different sports federations
- 14% with a migration background
- 7% with a physical handicap
- 4% not heterosexual

Ohlert, J., Seidler, C., Rau, T., Rulofs, B. & Allroggen, M. (2017). Sexual violence in organized sport in Germany. *German Journal of Exercise and Sport Research*. 48 (1), 59-68

Definition of sexual violence?

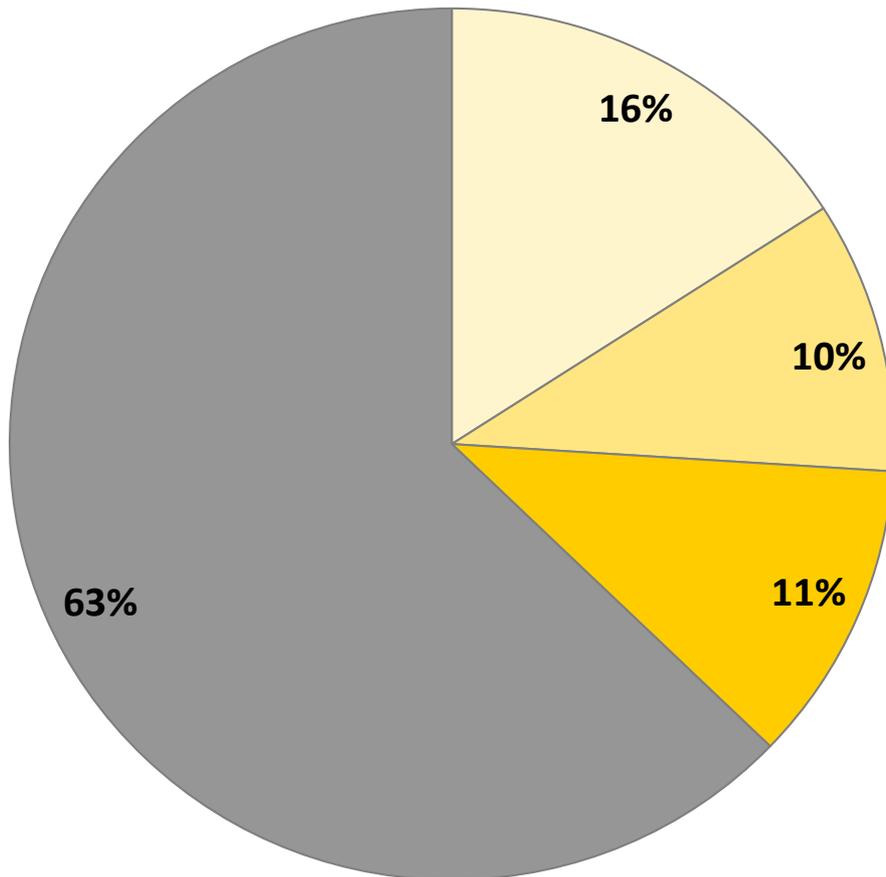
Different forms of executing power using sexuality as a means

- **“mild” forms of sexual violence**
e.g., sexist jokes, sexual remarks, messages/photo messages with sexual content, inappropriate touches/massages, ..
Occurring just once
- **“moderate” forms of sexual violence**
events as described above
More than once
- **“severe” forms of sexual violence**
e.g., kisses, sexual touches, attempted sex, sex with penetration (against the will of the respective person) + all other events if over a longer period of time
Once or over a longer period of time

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Experiences of sexual violence in sport German Squad Athletes (N = 1.799)

(Ohlert, Seidler, Rau, Rulofs & Allroggen, 2017)

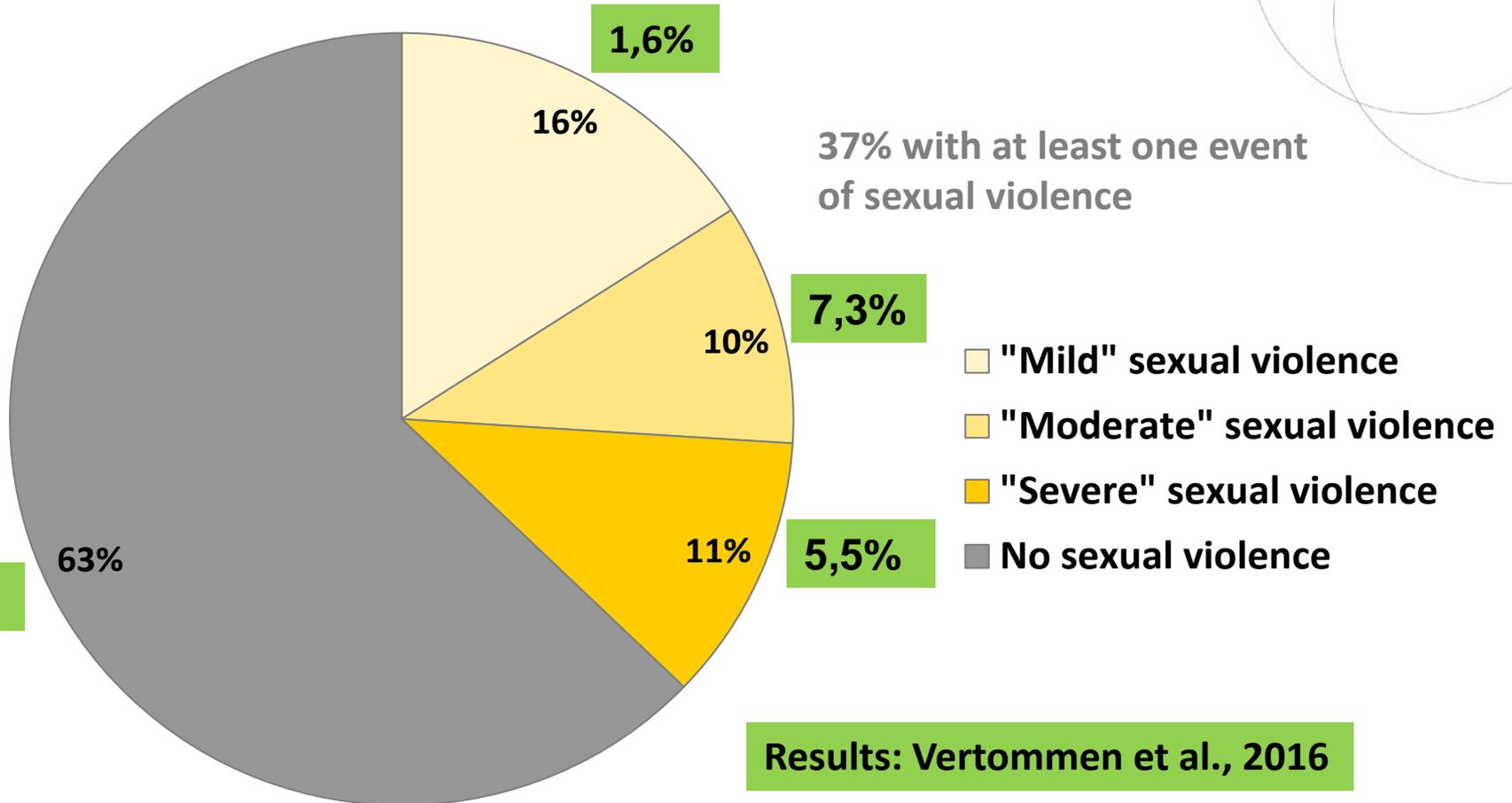


37% with at least one event
of sexual violence

- "Mild" sexual violence
- "Moderate" sexual violence
- "Severe" sexual violence
- No sexual violence

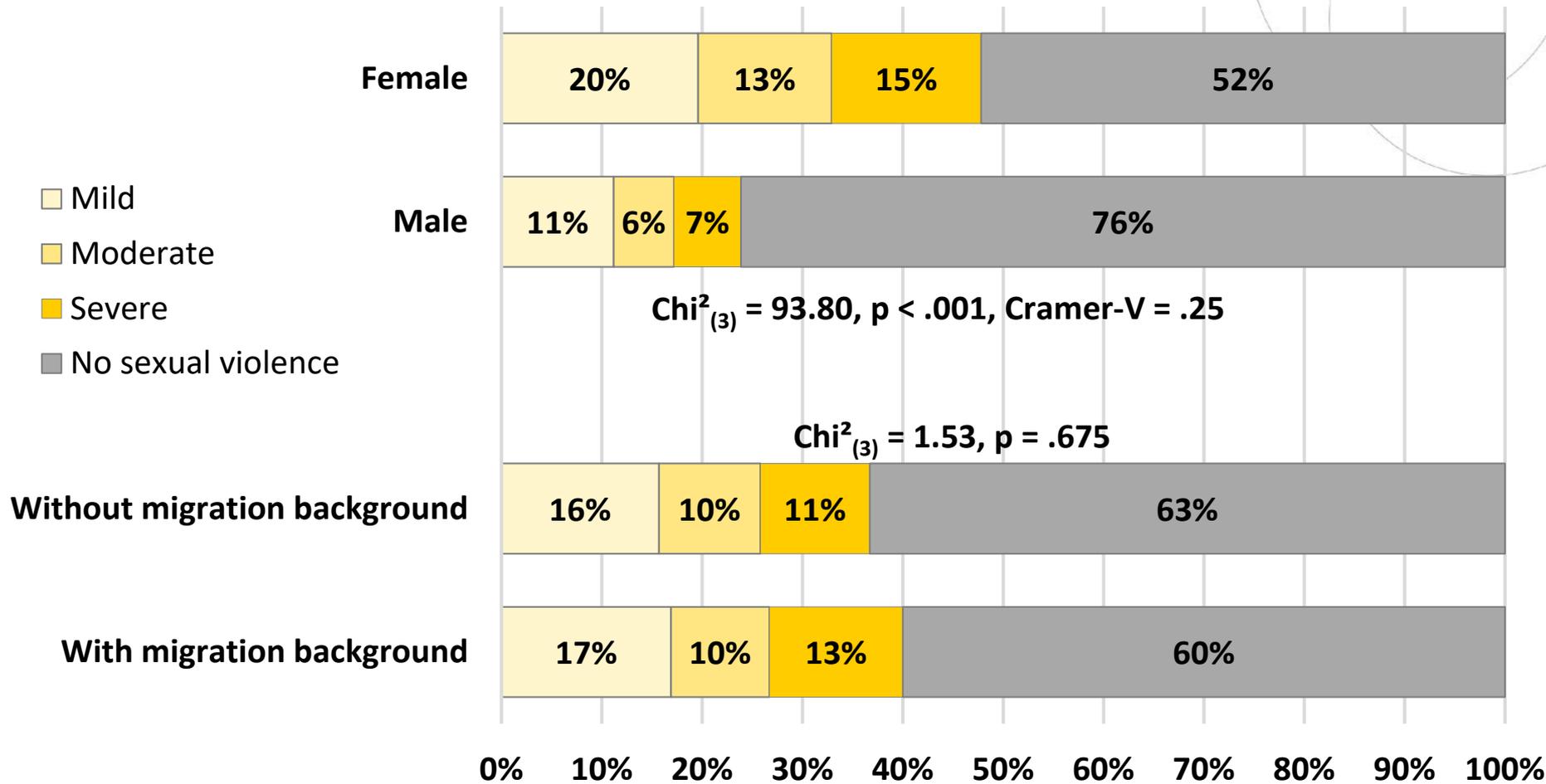
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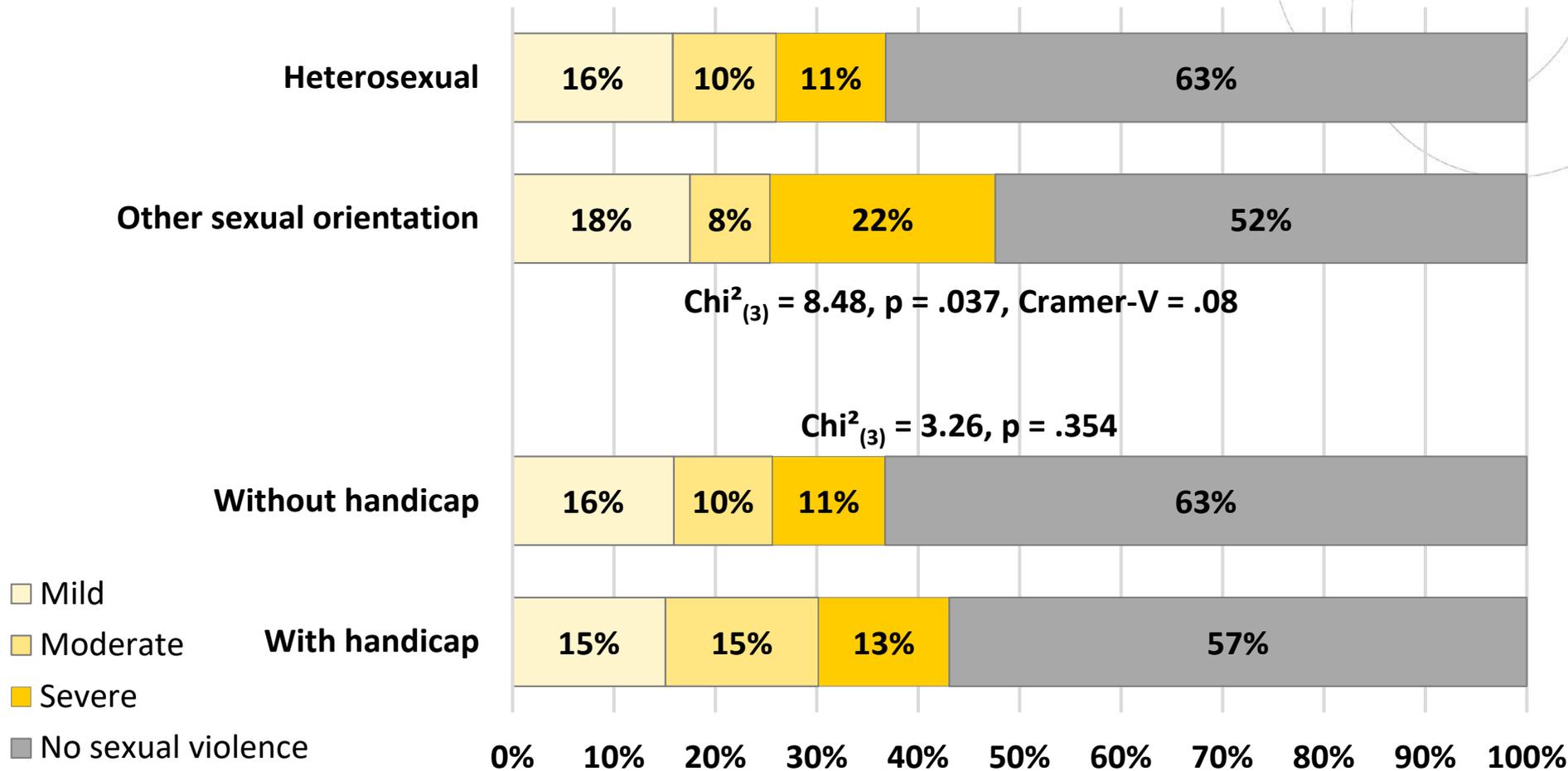


Differences between subgroups





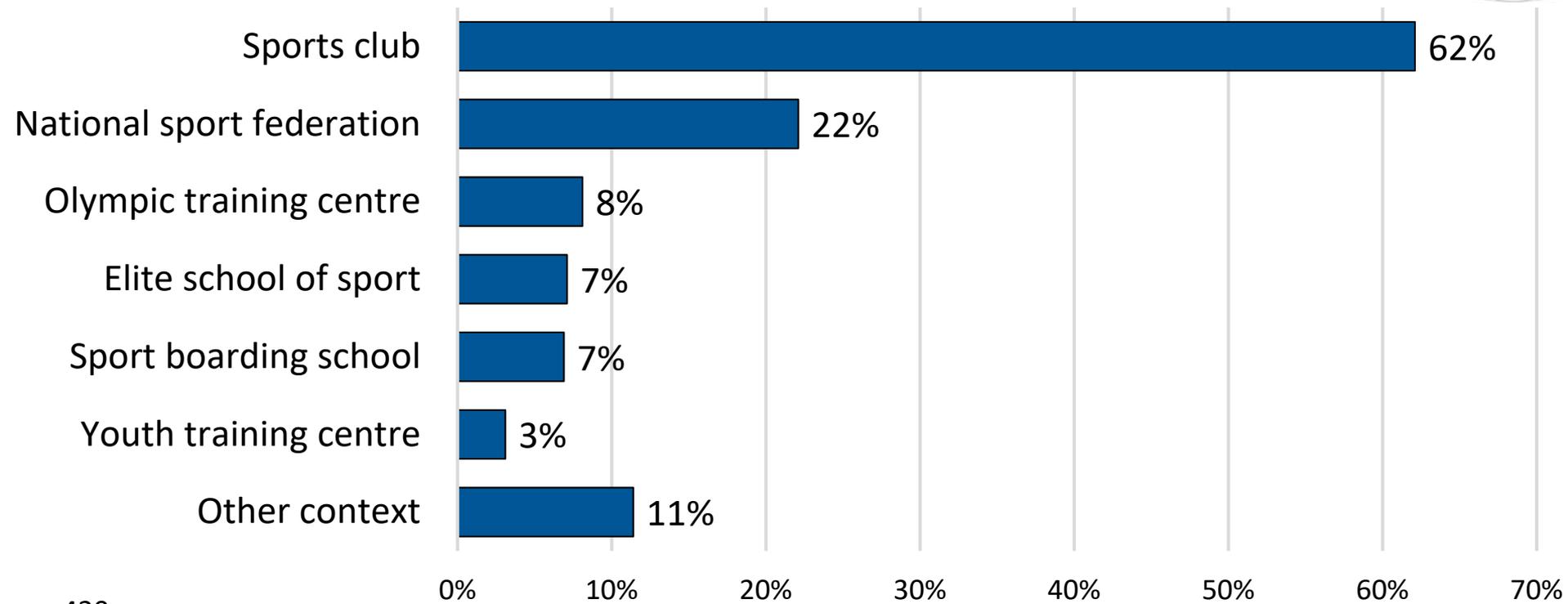
Differences between subgroups





Experiences of sexual violence among squad athletes in Germany

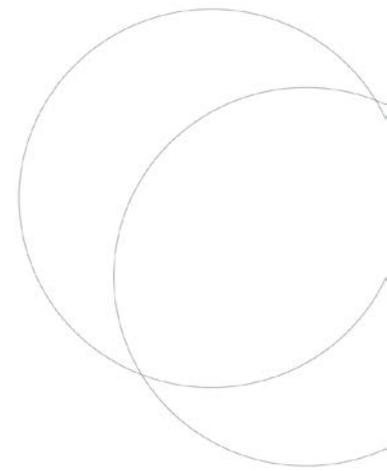
Context of incidents (multiple answers possible)



n = 420

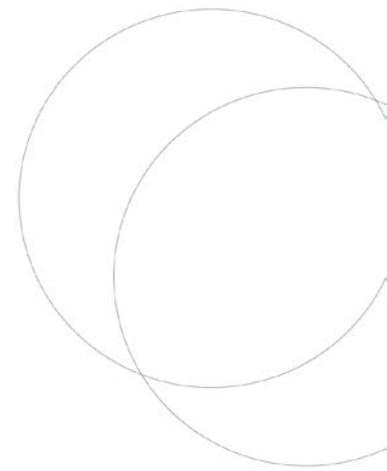
Other types of violence

- 86% of respondents have experienced emotional violence in sport (e.g. insults, humiliation, bullying)
 - 30% of respondents have experienced physical violence in sports (e.g. being hit, thrown things at or shaken)
- » **Young athletes – a particularly vulnerable group that needs to be protected**



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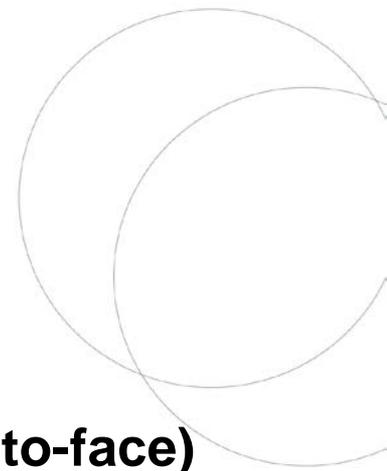


Methods

Survey on sport federations (N=104) Safeguarding officers or Presidents

Type of Federation	Total	Response rate Online Questionnaire	Response rate Qualitative Interviews
Regional Sports Federation (LSB)	22	100%(22)	100%(22)
National sport governing bodies (SV)	62	68%(42)	76%(47)
Sport federations with specific tasks (VmbA)	20	65%(13)	50%(10)

Rulofs, B. (2016). »Safe Sport«: Schutz von Kindern und Jugendlichen im organisierten Sport in Deutschland. Köln: Deutsche Sporthochschule Köln.



Methods

Survey on sport federations – qualitative interviews (face-to-face) Safeguarding officers or Presidents

Type of organisation	Total organisations (persons)	Degree of activity	
		high / very high	low / very low
Regional sport federations (LSB)	4 (8)	2	2
National Sport Governing bodies (SV)	5 (8)	3	2

Hartmann-Tews, I., Bartsch, F., Wagner, I., & Rulofs, B. (2019). Managing prevention of sexual violence and the role of commissioners in national sport federations in Germany. *Sport Management Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.smr.2019.09.006>

General assessments on the prevention of sexual violence in the member organisations of DOSB/dsj

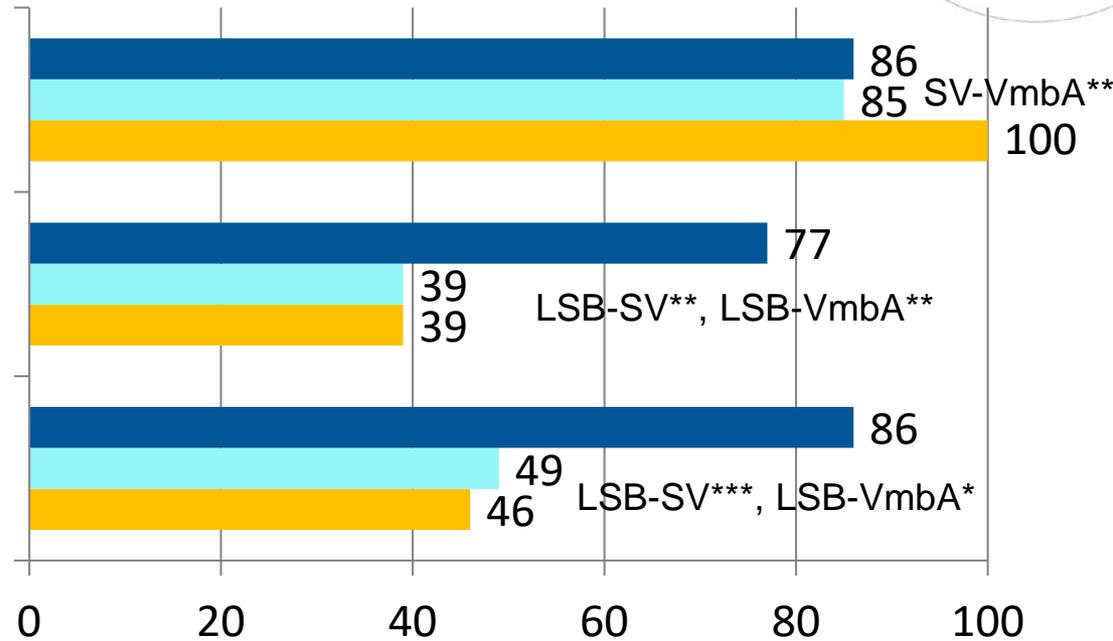
[scale from „fully agree “ (1) to „not agree at all“ (5), percentages of agreement for 1 (fully agree) and 2 (agree)]

The prevention of sexual violence is a relevant topic for sports organizations.

Our organization has fundamental knowledge about the prevention of sex. violence in sport

Our organization actively fights sexual violence in sport.

Share of organizations in %



SV-VmbA**

LSB-SV**, LSB-VmbA**

LSB-SV***, LSB-VmbA*

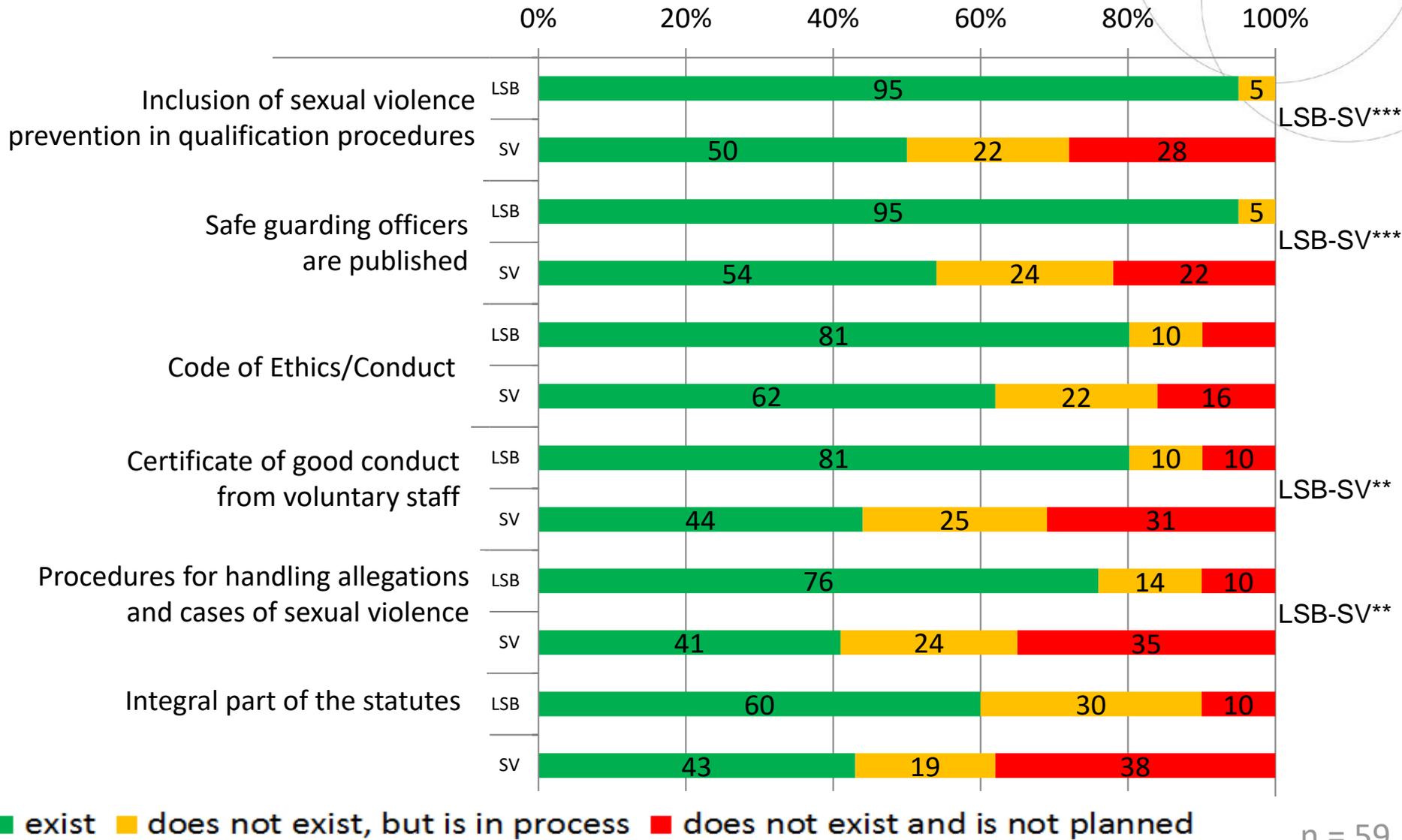
- Regional Sport Organization
- National Sport Federation
- Sport Organizations with special tasks

n = 77



Prevention measures in the member organisations

Selection



Results from qualitative interviews

Organisational culture and values

- Embedding the topic in a general culture of respect
- Clear attitude and commitment by the leading management

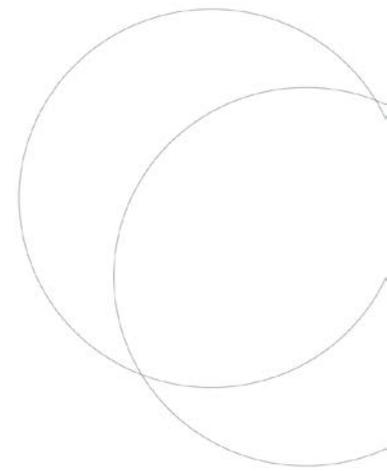
„Yeah, it's just not a priority for us in the federation. ... It comes from the top, it's not considered important at the top... it's not their priority. It only becomes important when a case is revealed and you don't know how to react.“
(SV-03-Beauftragte/r-26-TP2)

Results from qualitative interviews

Organisational culture and attitudes

- Embedding the topic in a general culture of respect
- Clear attitude and commitment by the leading management
- Sport and social responsibility as organizational goals

„Well, I think there has been a paradigm shift in our LSB for quite some time now. That the LSB is no longer only concerned with sports, but that social issues are taking a fairly large part. ... Our CEO's view really is that we are part of society. (...) And that it is also our task ... to engage in social issues.“
(LSB-03-Beauftragte-43-TP2)

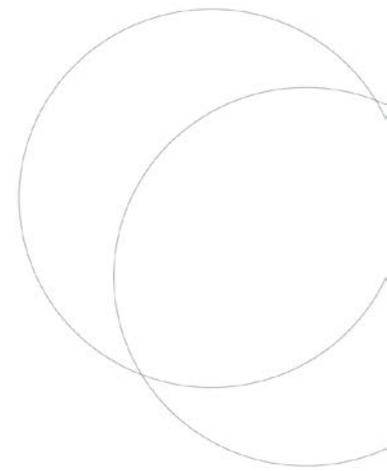


Results from qualitative interviews

Organisational culture and values

- Embedding the topic in a general culture of respect
- Clear attitude and commitment by the leading management
- Sport and social responsibility as organisational goals
- Resistance in the subdivisions (clubs)

„I got many, many, many blue noses, bleeding even. Someone in a club really closed the door in front of my nose once, and said, we don't want you here anymore, you only bring trouble and unrest.“
(SV-25-130-Beauftragte-TP1).



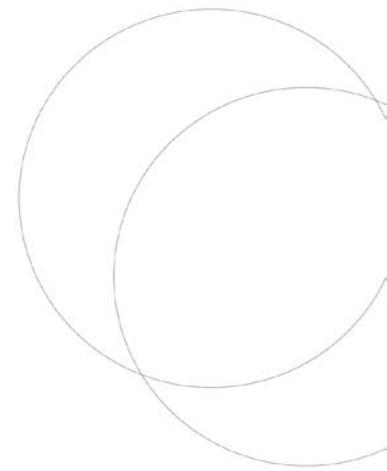
Results from qualitative interviews

Networks and cooperation

- Creation of a prevention networks (with external partners)
- Support through working groups

„Since five or six years we already have a working group which meets every four weeks and which is made up of people from all areas where we (...), across disciplines, are considering measures to advance the topic in the association. That is certainly one of the factors why it is going well. “

(SV-12-Beauftragte-18-30-TP1)



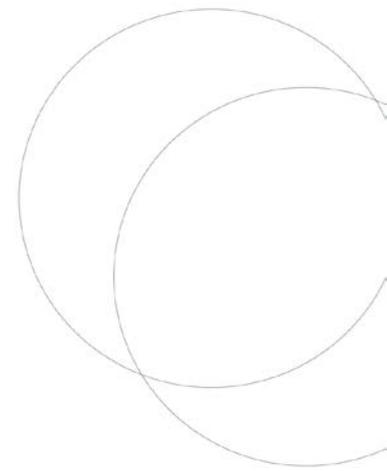
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„But we don't have a working group like that at the moment. At the moment there is no need for it. We have the brochure, which we will keep an eye on so that it remains relatively up-to-date. (...) And apart from that, as long as there are no cases ... there is nothing.“

(LSB-04-Leitung-141-TP2)



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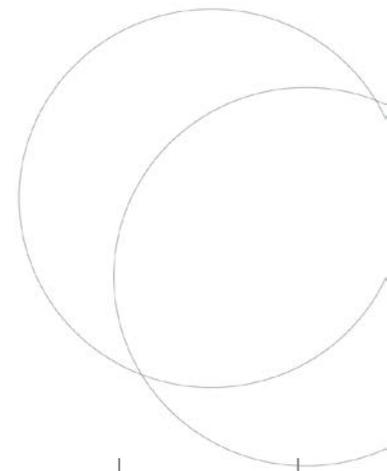
Online-survey of sport clubs presidents (German Sport Development Report)

population: all sport clubs with an email-address (N=78.794)

⇒ overall response rate: 27% (n=20.546)

⇒ 13.058 clubs with data concerning the prevention of sexual violence

Rulofs, B., Feiler, S., Rossi, L. Hartmann-Tews, I. & Breuer, C. (2019). Child protection in voluntary sports clubs in Germany—Factors fostering engagement in the prevention of sexual violence. *Children & Society*, 33, 270-285.



General assessments on the prevention of sexual violence in sports clubs (n=13.058)

[scale from „fully agree “ (1) to „not agree at all“ (5), percentages of agreement for 1 (fully agree) and 2 (agree)]

Share of clubs in %

The prevention of sexual violence is a relevant topic for sports clubs

49

Our club has fundamental knowledge about the prevention of sexual violence.

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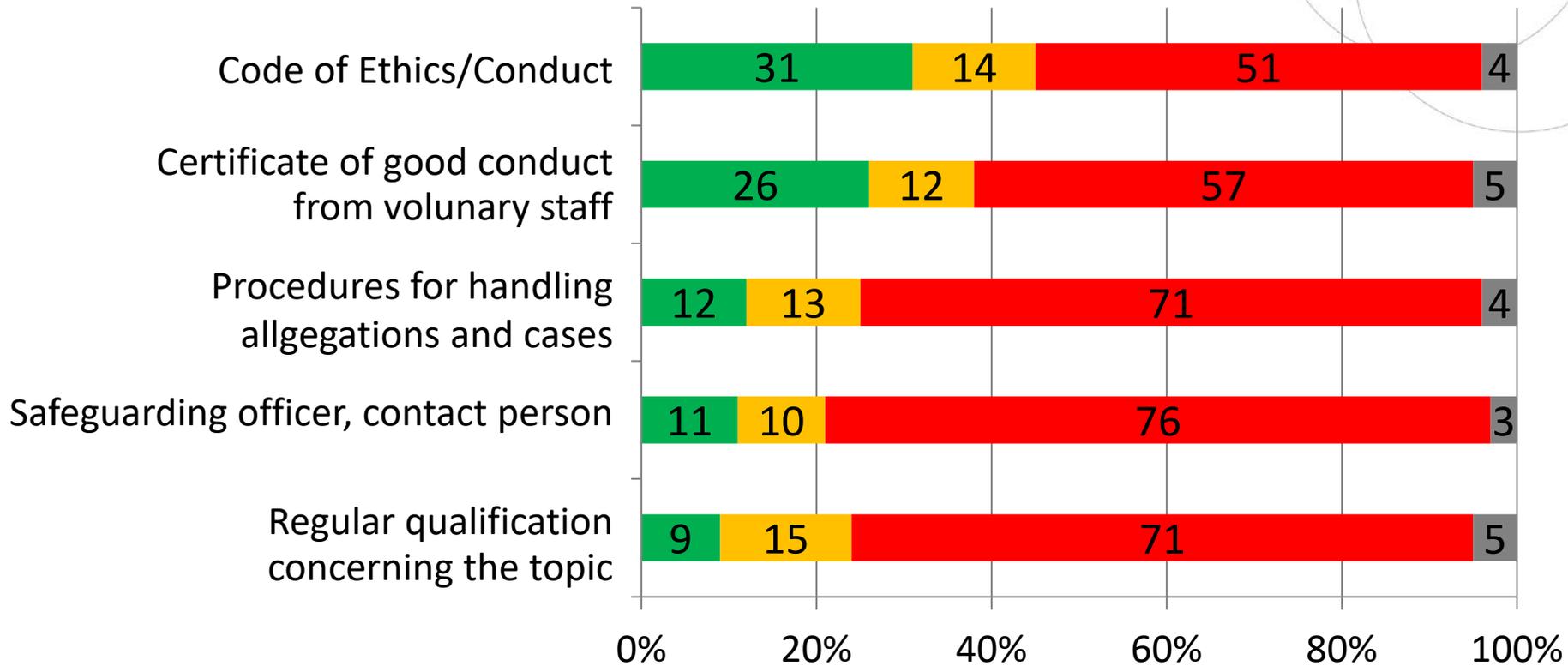
Our club is actively engaged against sexual violence in sports.

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Protection measures against sexual violence in sports clubs (selection) (n=13.058)

Share of clubs in %

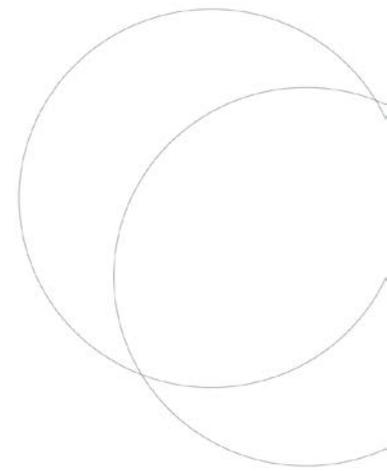


■ exist ■ does not exist, but is in process ■ does not exist and is not planned ■ don't know

Summary

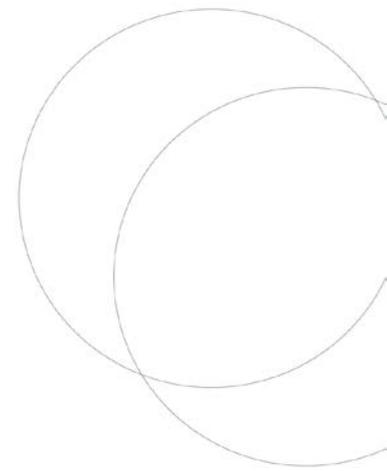
- Sexual violence is a problem in German sport!
- The German Sports Youth and the regional sports federations have an important function for activating the topic in the German sports system
- But, raising awareness is still necessary in sports clubs at the grassroots level as well as in national sports federations

What happened in the aftermath?



- study results were broadly reported by the media
- many presentations in sport federations and on the sport political level
- the VOICE-project even more fostered the process of awareness raising

Important milestones in the aftermath



- reform of financing elite sport (PotAS – potential analysis system)
=> inclusion of violence protection as criteria
- New Model of prevention levels for member organisations of the German Sports Youth
- Inclusion of standards for the prevention of sexual violence within the Selfdeclaration for national sport governing bodies and olympic training centres, which are financed by the German Government
- Sport-specific call by the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse in Germany

Lack of research

- Concerning prevalence in leisure and recreational sport
- Investigating effects of prevention activities
- Analyzing the management of allegations and cases, in order to establish good practice

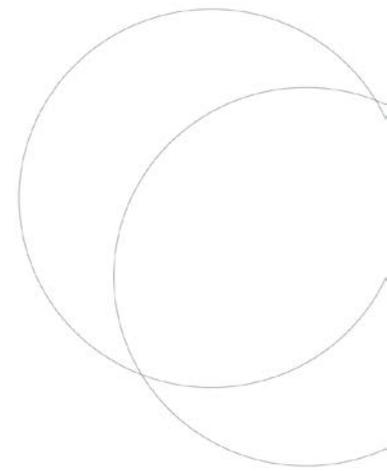




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