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BACKGROUND

Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Program (BIP, Key Action 1) is a short mobility program that involves students, teachers, and administrative staff from universities located in different Countries. The program is implemented by **combining online and onsite sessions** during which students acquire transversal skills and work on specific tasks in a collaborative context. In 2023, the Department of Food and Drug (University of Parma, Italy; UNIPR) participated to a consortium with Pharmaceutical Sciences Faculty (KU Leuven Belgium; KU) and Faculté de Pharmacie (Université Paris-Saclay, France, Coordinator of the project; UNIPS).

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Aim of this work was the analysis of the output of the Blended Intensive Program “Global health challenge” from the UNIPR students’ perspective. An Anonymous Survey was chosen as tool.

METHODS

3 European Universities: UNIPR, KU, UNIPS, already partners in a European university consortium for pharmaceutical sciences (ULLA)

18 master/PhD students enrolled by Universities within pharmaceutical and biomedical fields (10 students from UNIPR)

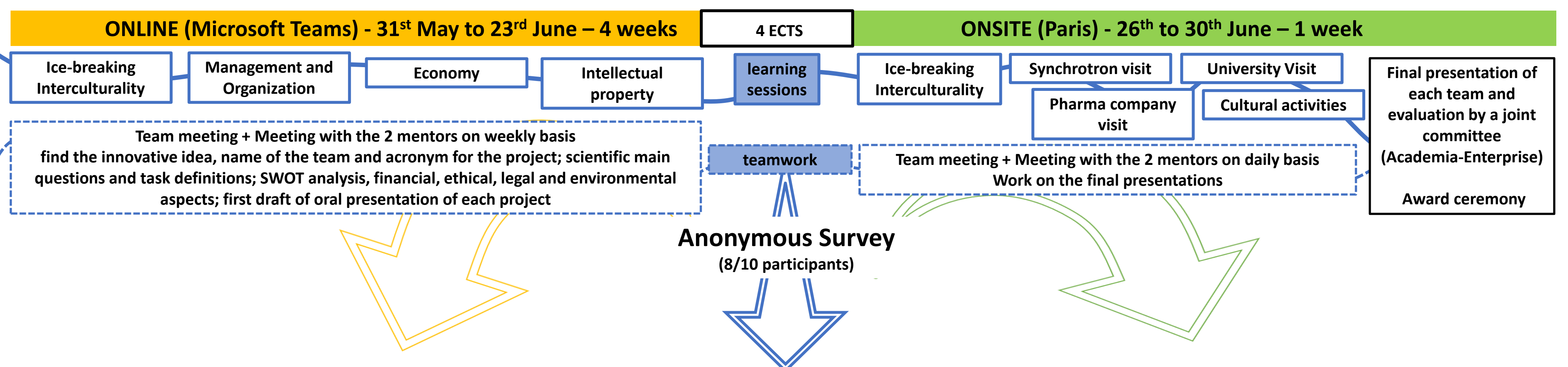
7 teachers, serving as mentors (4 mentors from UNIPR)

4 transnational and transdisciplinary teams were created/arranged

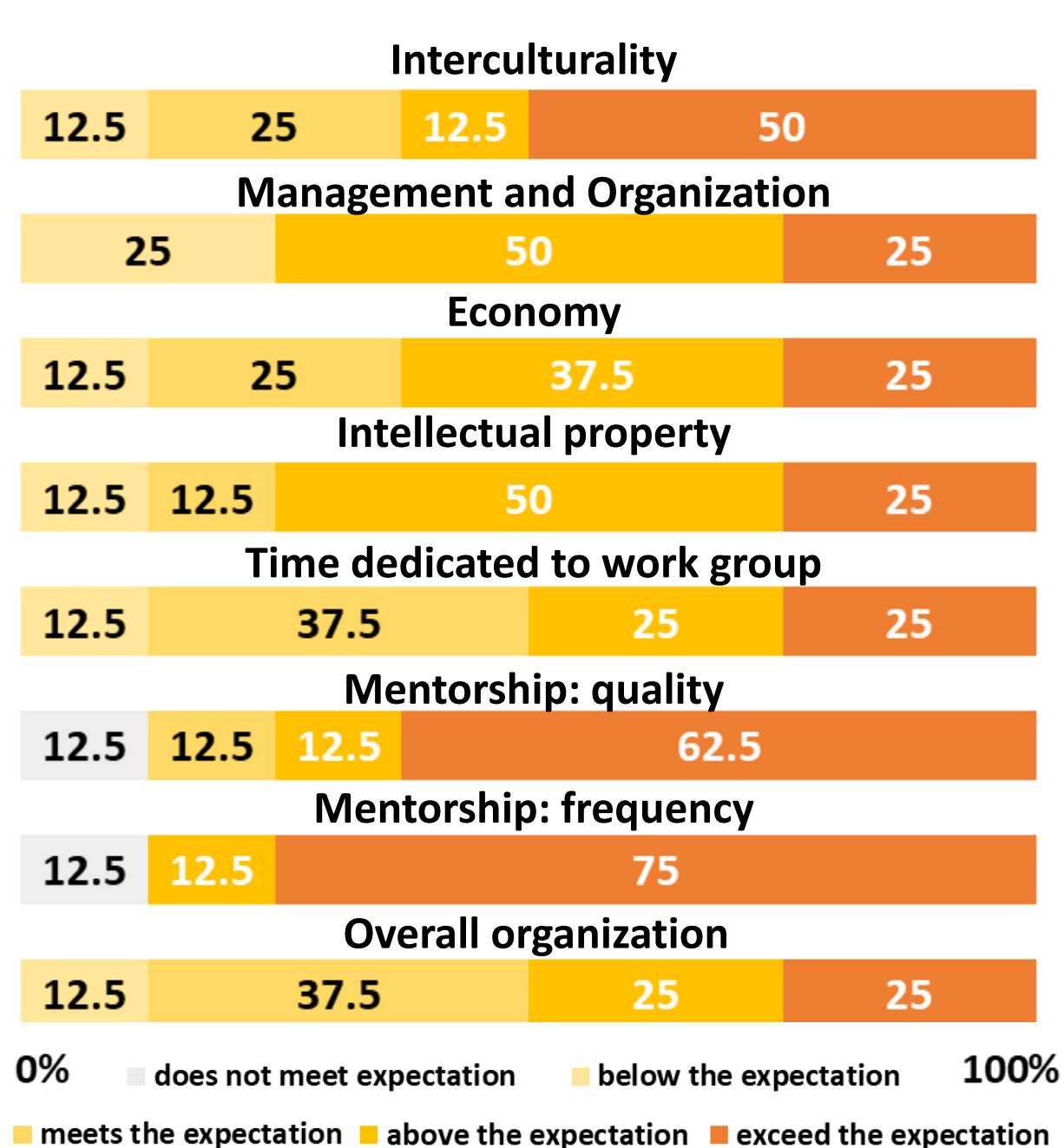
each team a) had to find an innovative idea in the field of Health and simulate its development acting as a start-up company; b) was supervised by 2 mentors



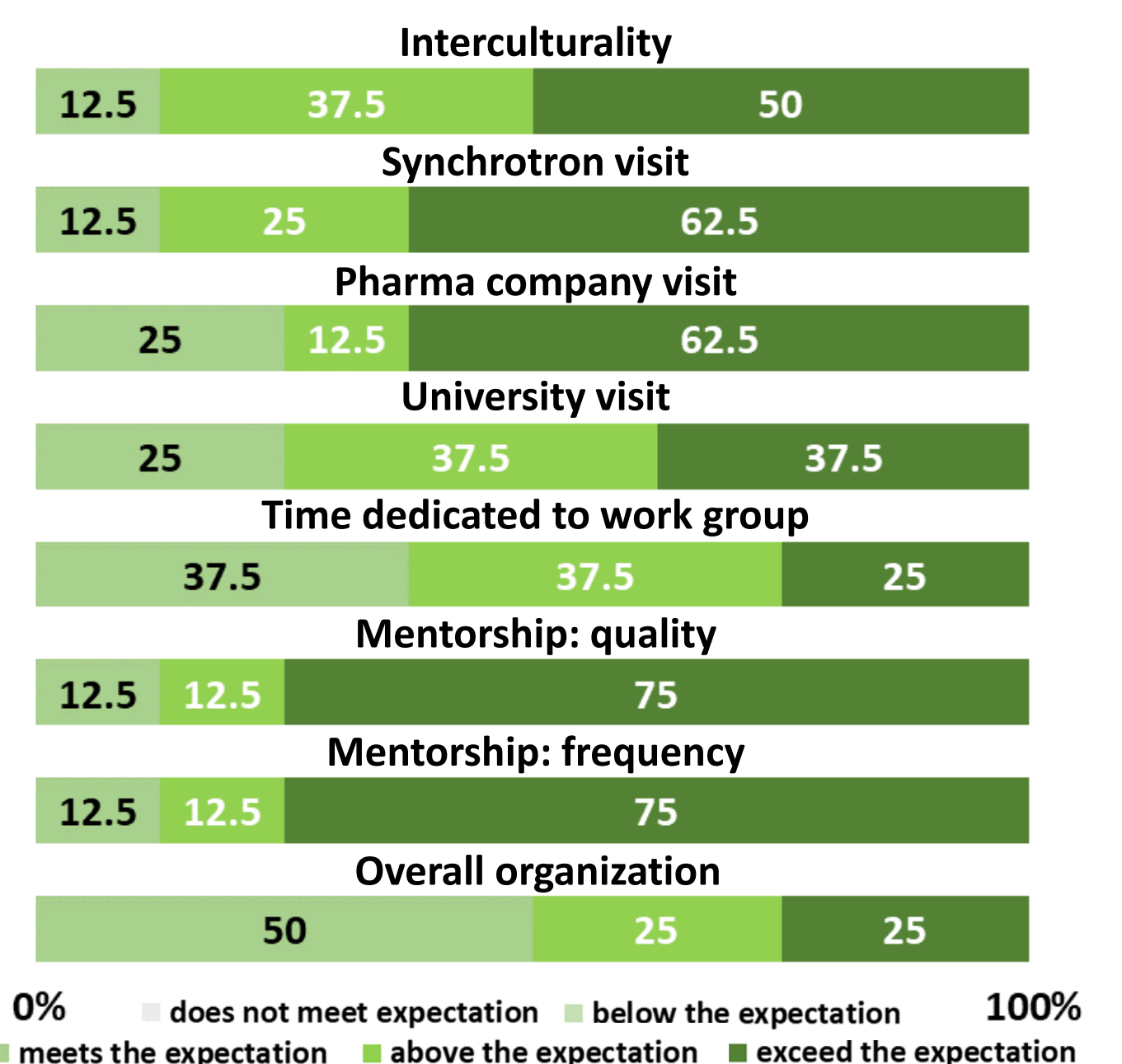
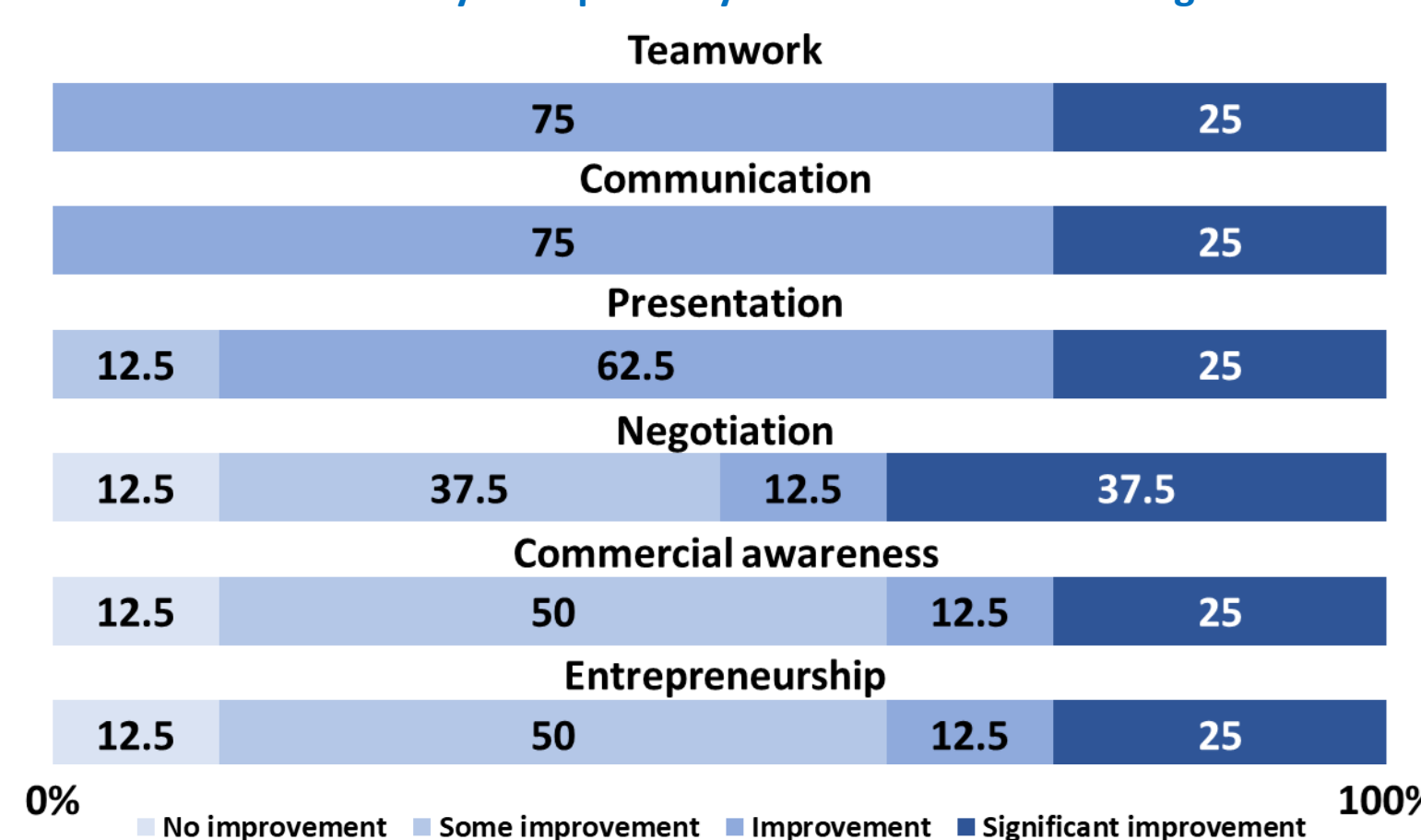
Students' and Mentors' background: Analytical chemistry, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Deep/Machine Learning, Drug delivery, Medicinal chemistry, Microbiology, Organic Chemistry, Pharmacology



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How much have you improved your skills in the following areas?



Would you recommend the BIP experience?
Strongly disagree 0% Disagree 12.5% Neutral 12.5%
Agree 25% Strongly agree 50%

CONCLUSIONS & PERSPECTIVES

Due to the positive experience, the consortium has been enlarged and the University of Helsinki (Finland) joined the group. The 2024 edition of the BIP (GLOBAL HEALTH CHALLENGE - SUSTAINABILITY IN PHARMACEUTICS; <https://globalhealthbip.wordpress.com/>), coordinated by the University of Parma, is ongoing (online module): onsite module will be in Parma on June 3-7.

