## Doing More with Less: The ESOMAR Surveys of Buyers of Insights

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## Two surveys

September 2020 N=640 May 2021 N=802

Partners

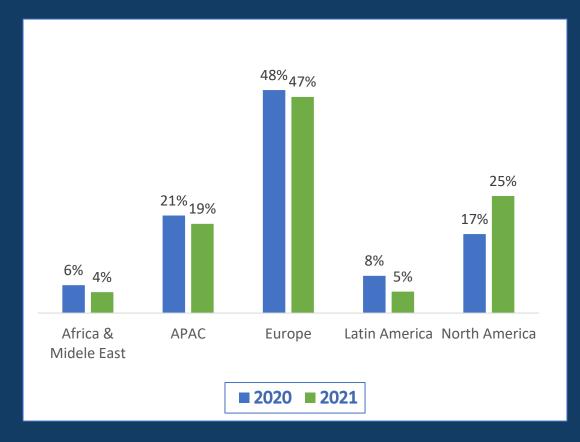
NewMR & Confirmit

Over two dozen organizations worldwide

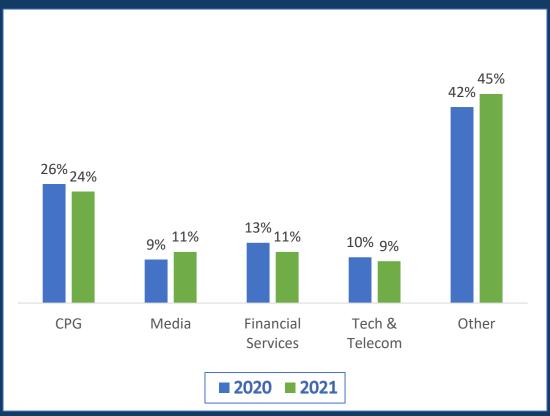
ABEP (Brazil), AEDEMO (Spain), AIM (Chile), AIMRO (Ireland), ARF (USA), ASSIRM (Italy), CEIM (Argentina), CEISMU(Uruguay), Confirmit, CRIC (Canada), CUBE (Belgium), ESOMAR, GreenBook, Infotools, Insight Management Academy (UK), Insights Association (USA), JMRA (Japan), NewMR, MOA (Netherlands), MRWeb, OFBOR (Poland), Potentiate, PTBRiO (Poland), PUMa (Germany), QRCA (USA), Quirks (USA), RANZ (New Zealand), SAIMO (Argentina), SORMA (Romania), The Research Society (Australia).

## Sample Composition by Survey Wave

#### **By Region**



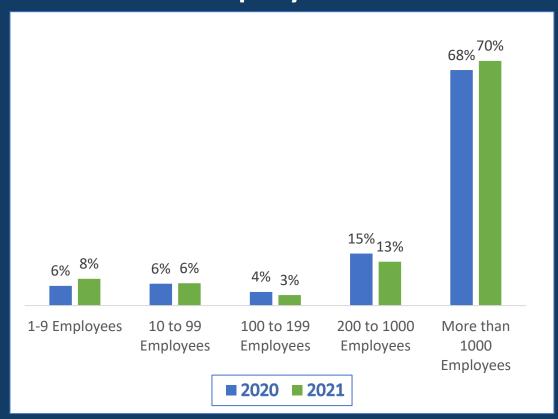
#### **By Vertical**





## **Sample Composition by Survey Wave**

#### **Company Size**









More work is being done in-house.

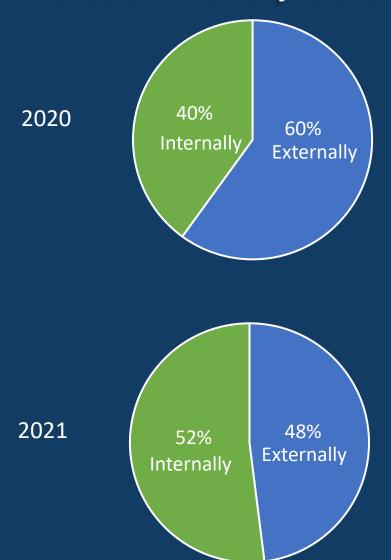
• Workloads and budgets are out of sync.

• Primary data collection is still a major focus.

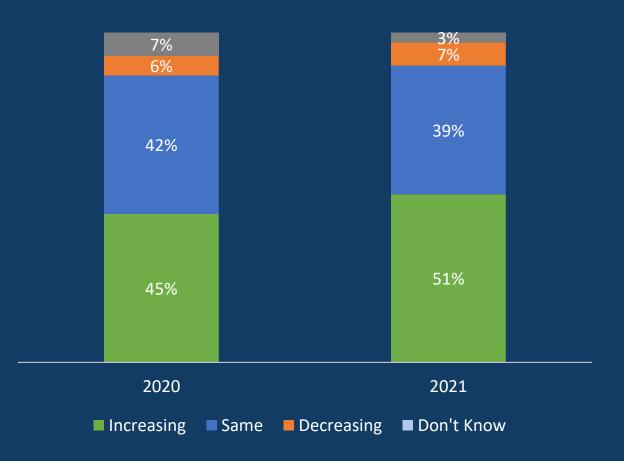
Platforms are a key enabler.

• Suppliers need to up their game.

# What proportion of projects are being conducted internally vs externally?



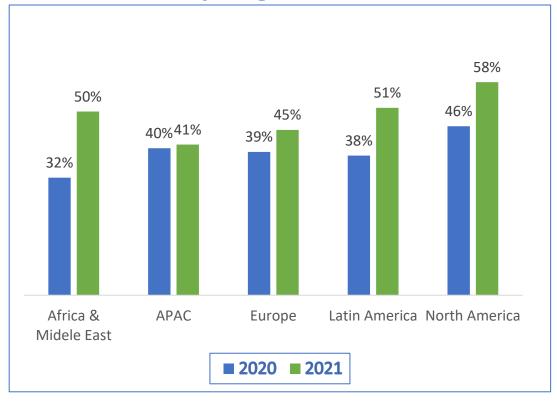
## Is internal increasing, staying the same, or decreasing?



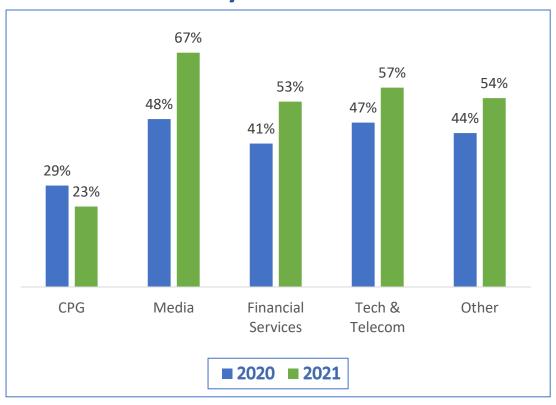


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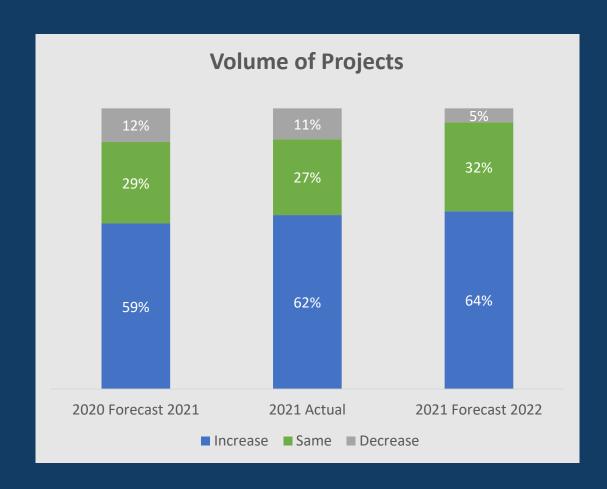
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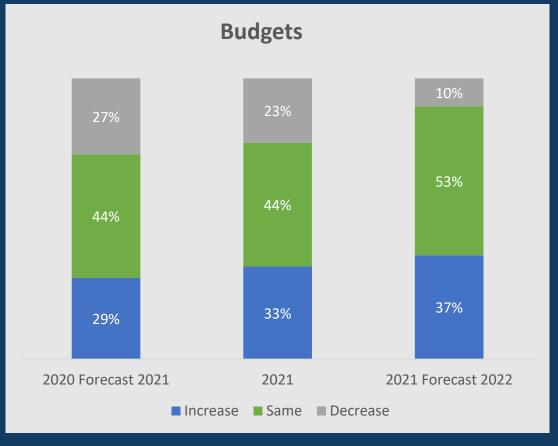




## **Workloads & Budgets**







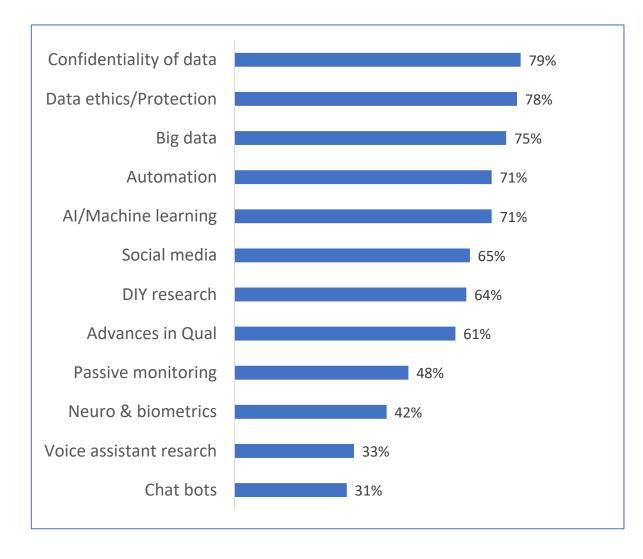


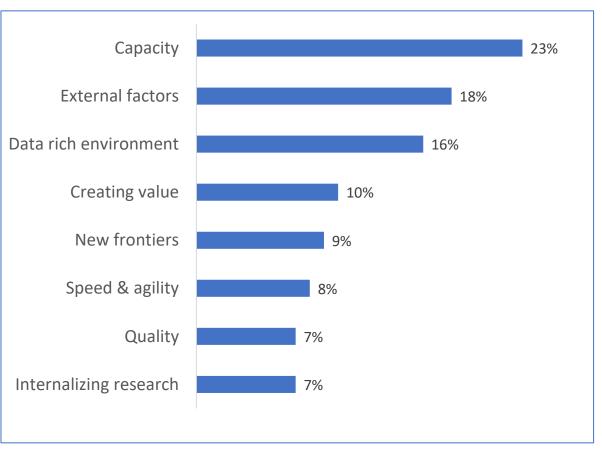
Reasons for budget changes for 2022	Increased	Decreased
Base	296	78
Performance reasons	15%	50%
Need for primary research	46%	15%
Need for analysing in-house databases	17%	1%
Need to expand expertise	14%	4%
Other	8%	29%



### Issues & challenges over next 2 – 5 years?

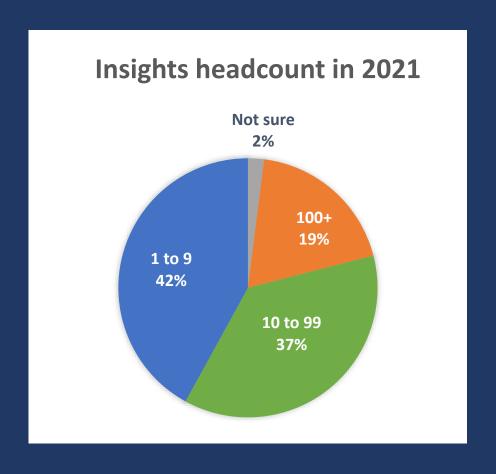




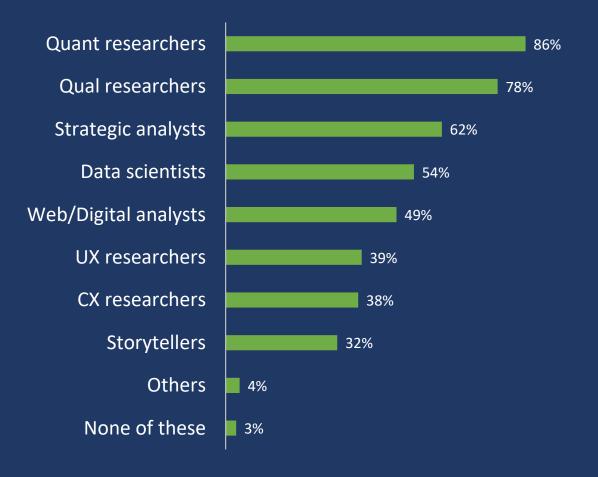




#### **Headcount & Skills**

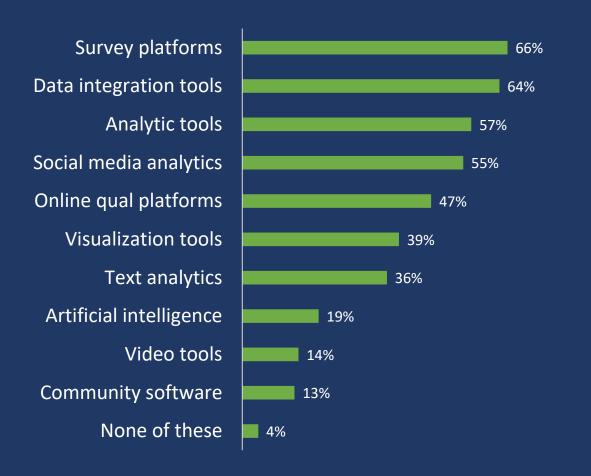


#### Skills in your organization





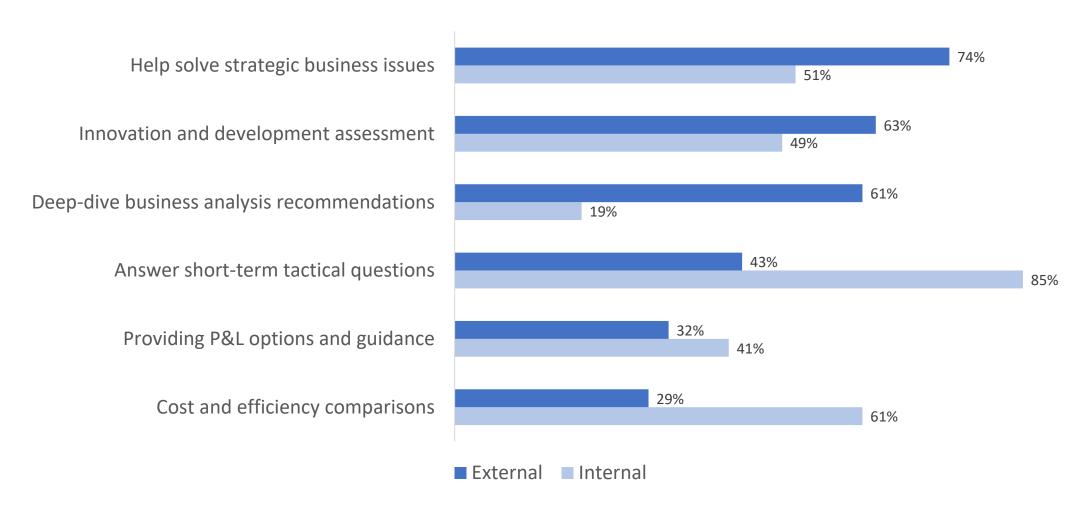
## Technologies & Approaches Used Internally



(In US\$ billion)	2018	2019	2020	2019/20 Growth (%)	Share of the total
Total Established Research	37.90	39.54	38.37	-3.0%	42.73%
(Sample Panel Providers)	1.43	1.53	1.69	10.4%	1.88%
Digital Data Analytics (MarTech)	13.43	15.51	16.84	8.6%	18.76%
Social Listening and Communities	4.60	5.31	5.80	9.1%	6.46%
Enterprise Feedback Management	1.42	1.73	1.88	8.6%	2.09%
Self-service Platforms	1.34	1.43	1.86	30.0%	2.08%
Total Tech-enabled Research	20.79	23.98	26.38	10.0%	29.38%
Industry Reports and Research	12.44	13.39	12.99	-3.0%	14.47%
Consulting Firms	10.20	11.24	11.85	5.4%	13.20%
Total Reporting	22.64	24.64	24.84	0.8%	27.67%
Total	81.33	88.16	89.79	1.8%	-

Source: Global Market Research 2021: An ESOMAR Industry Report (2021)

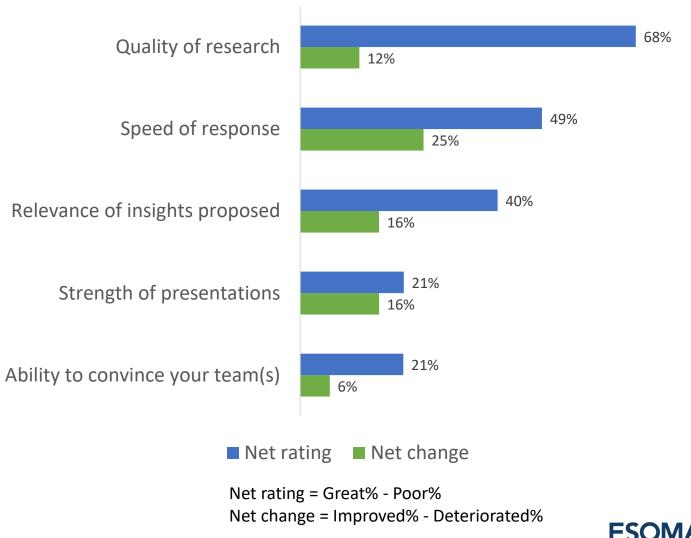
#### Balance of use for internal and external partners





#### Performance of external partners









#### **Insights Managers**

- Demonstrate the ROI of research
- Get budgets and workload in sync
- Skill up
- Make thoughtful choices

#### **Suppliers**

- 50% of client work is <u>not</u> outsourced
- Keep sharpening the sword
- Insights, not just data
- "Think like a marketer"

## THANKS FOR LISTENING

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