

## ECSB Policy Survey

### Survey Results

The survey of members undertaken in November 2008 suggests there is considerable interest in strengthening ECSB's activities around the interface between entrepreneurship and SME research and policy. A total of 94 members participated in the survey from 26 different European countries (see below). 84% of respondents indicated a high level of interest in policy-related research, with 80% reporting experience of undertaking it and the rest users of policy related research.

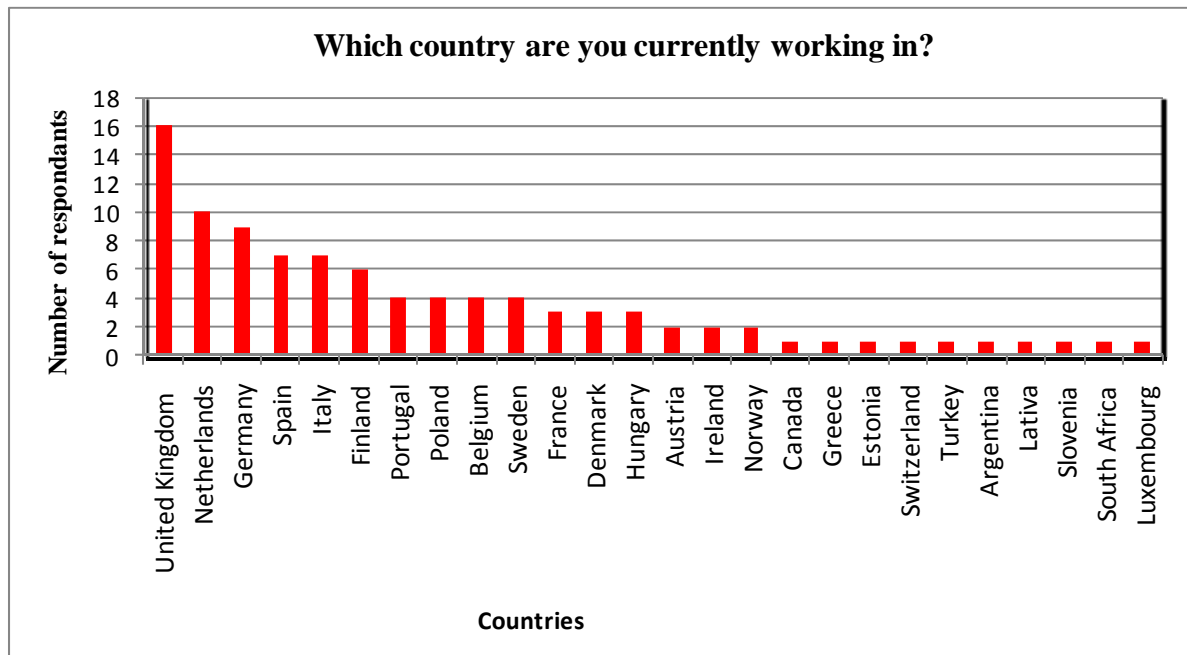


Figure 1 Current working country

The survey asked respondents to indicate their level of interest in participating in a number of specific activities related to the research-policy interface (see below). The results indicate there is widespread interest in participating in a ECSB network of policy-related researchers and in participating in a one-day policy forum, either pre-RENT or as a freestanding event.

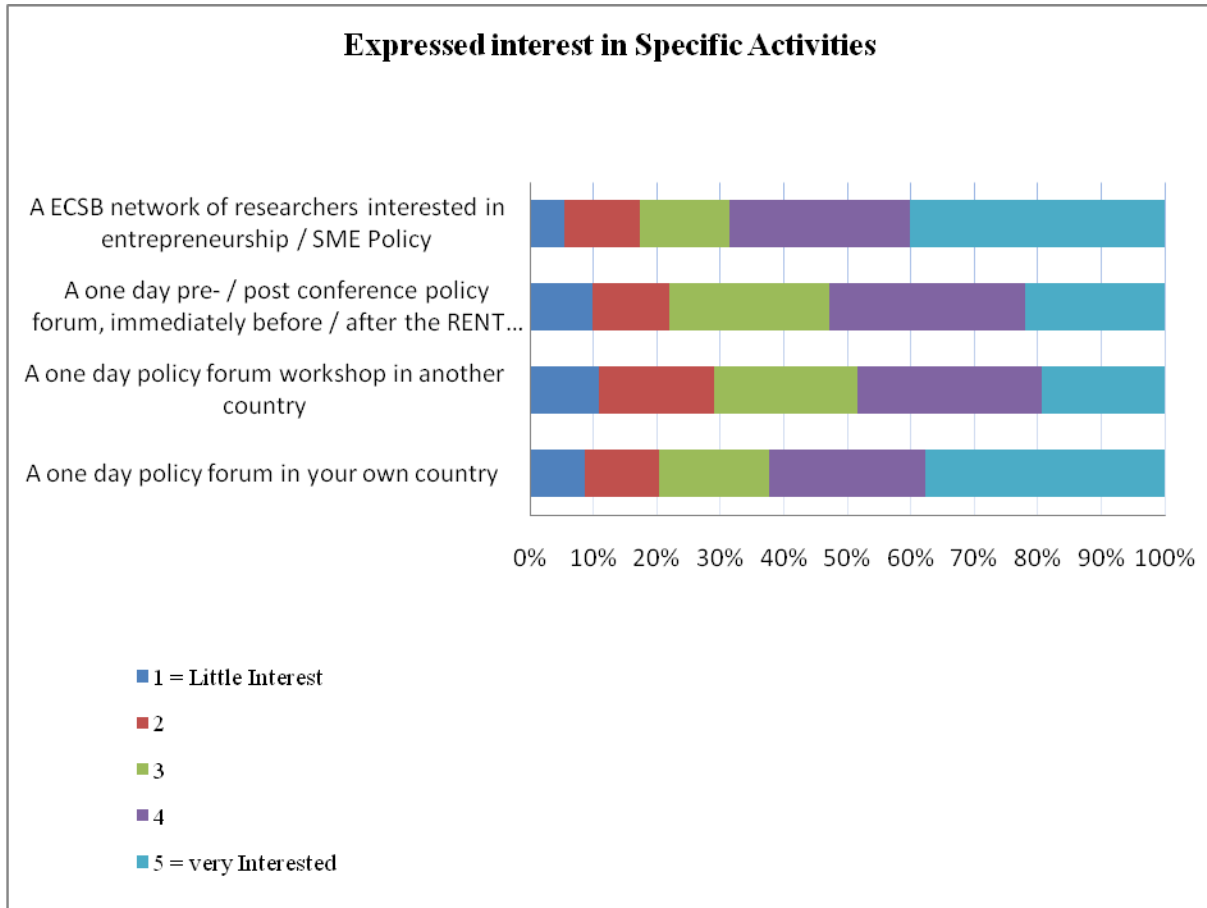


Figure 2 Interest in Specific Activities

### The Way Forward

- A policy forum is planned to be held in **Budapest on Wednesday November 18 2009** i.e. the day before RENT. This is a joint initiative between the ECSB and the Corvinus University in Budapest, who are local organisers for RENT this year. A detailed programme will be available shortly but topic to be covered includes Entrepreneurship Policy at a Time of Crisis and Challenges for Entrepreneurship Policy in an Enlarged Europe.
- ECSB is a partner in a policy workshop on Entrepreneurship Policy *“Analysing Measures in European Countries”*, in **Brussels on April 27 2009**. This is organised by the Swedish Foundation for SME Research.
- The ECSB Board is currently considering how best to facilitate the network of policy researchers and welcomes suggestions on this.

- In view of the level of interest in policy forum, ECSB is interested in talking to members who have ideas for organising such events.

If you have any comments or suggestions related to these activities, please contact the Secretariat ([info@ecsb.org](mailto:info@ecsb.org)) or David Smallbone ([d.smallbone@kingston.ac.uk](mailto:d.smallbone@kingston.ac.uk)).