**In favour for a responsible and ethical research:
the French national research funding agency (ANR)
evaluation criterion on sex and/or gender
dimension in research content**

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Research integrity and gender

- Taking sexe and/or gender dimension into acount in the research content is a matter of the social responsability of science and of a rigorous scientific approach.

- Researchers should adopt a reflexive approach on this issue in order to:
  - avoid any gender bias in the production of knowledge
  - anticipate the potential health, social or political consequences of applying the results of their research which may be different for men and women
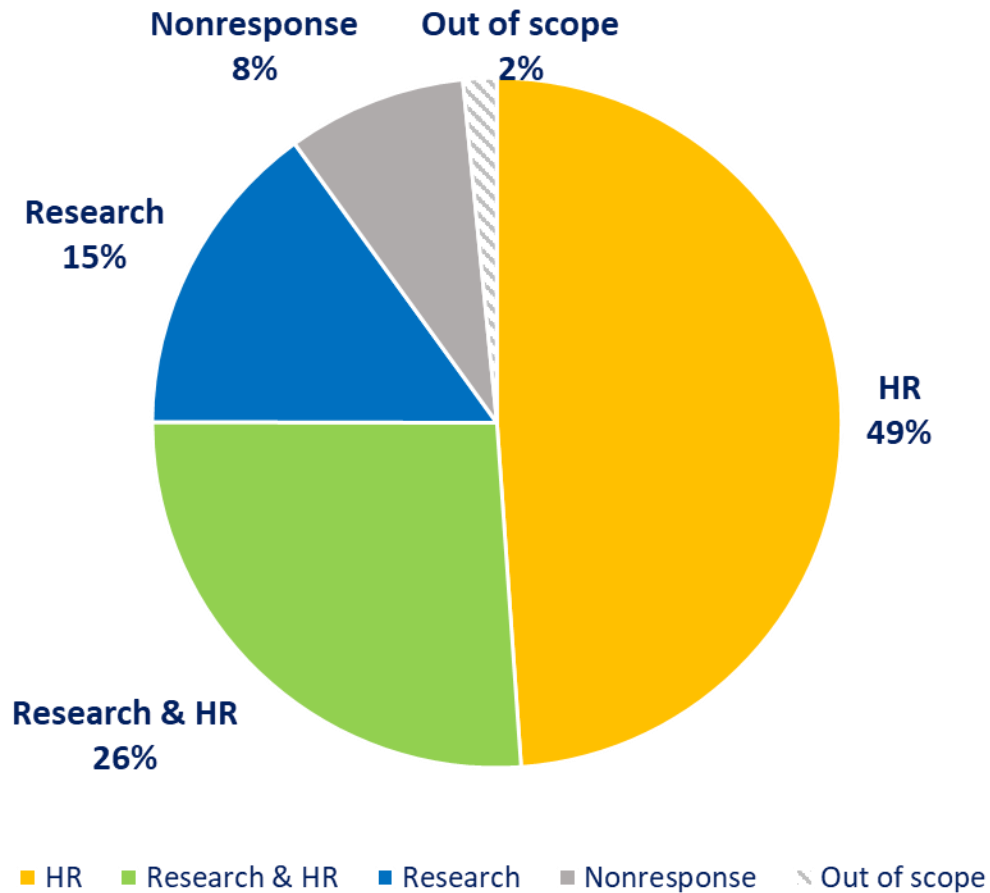
An experimental phase

- Before making this consideration an evaluation criterion, ANR conducted an experiment on two editions of its generic call for proposals opened to all scientific fields in order to:
  - Raise awareness among the scientific communities
  - Identify the level of understanding and knowledge on the subject

- Candidates were asked to explain in a dedicated tab on the submission platform how they took the sex and/or gender dimension into consideration in their project.
- The evaluators did not have access to this tab reserved for the ANR.
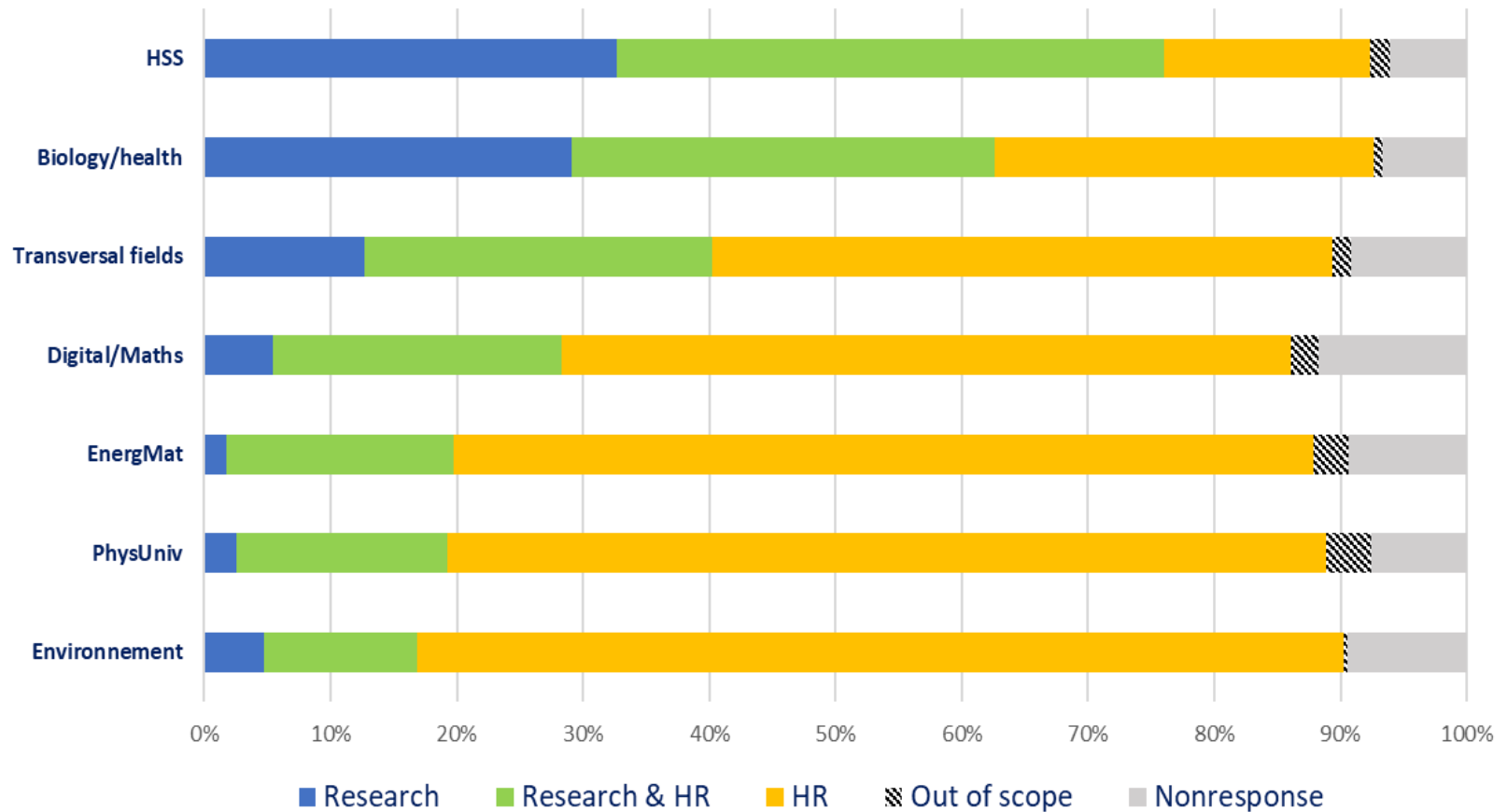
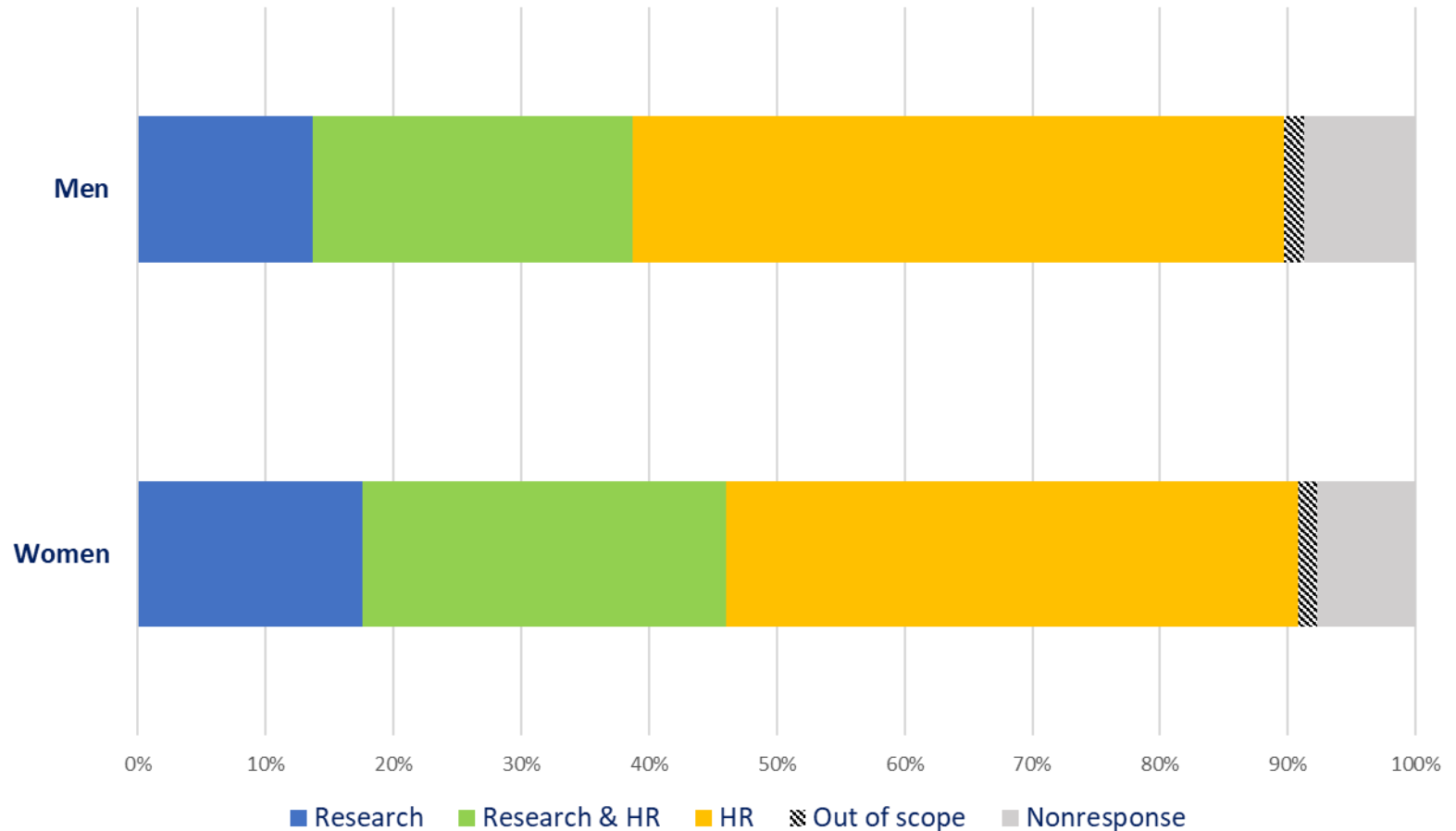**anr** ©

Nature of responses

AAPG 2021

Step 2

3166 proposals

Nature of responses by scientifique fields

Nature of responses by PI gender

Confusion between parity, sexe and gender

- The experience shows that scientists are very far from understanding the issue even in fields were it should be more obvious.

- Despite these results, the ANR introduced an evaluation criterion dedicated for the 2022 edition of the AAPG

- To best support evaluators, training has been put in place and must be further strengthened in particular by the deployment of different types of tools.

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