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KCD HELSINKI 2025

# TRANSPARENCY REPORT



## FOREWORD

# KCD Helsinki kicks off the inaugural event strong

Finland and especially Helsinki has a very strong cloud native community. The Helsinki Kubernetes Meetup started already 7 years ago and brings together cloud native practitioners and contributors from startups to banks and even the national television of Finland. Turku and Tampere also have Kubernetes Meetups and the three cities are working together. KCD Helsinki is a natural step forward for the Finnish cloud native community and puts Finland to the map of KCDs. Tickets were sold out, speaker slots overfilled and sponsor spots gone way before the event. This shows that the event was needed for Helsinki and was a great start of a longer journey.



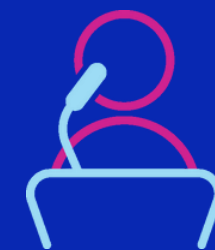




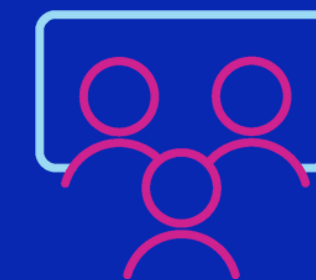
**Svitlana Chaplinska and  
Juho Syrjänen**  
Metacore  
Engineers

## SPEAKERS & SESSIONS

A mix of local and international speakers provided a diverse selection of topics on different levels for the 300+ participants.



**41**  
Speakers



**30**  
Breakout Sessions

Local  
Speakers

**63.2%**

Female  
Speakers

**6**

Male  
Speakers

**35**

## POPULAR SESSIONS

### **Seamless Backstage Onboarding: Leveraging Engineering Data for an Effortless Software Catalog**

Heikki Hellgren – OP  
Matti Pisilä - OP

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### **Building Managed Bare Metal Kubernetes Service At Scale With 100%**

Kai Zhang, Nokia

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### **The Next Decade of Cloud Native Celebrating 10 Years of Cloud Native Computing**

Daniel Krook, CNCF

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## POPULAR SESSIONS

### Secure by Design: Golden Paths for Internal Developer Platforms ✨ in Gaming ✨ 🎮🔒

Svitlana Chaplinska - Metacore  
Juho Syrjänen - Metacore

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### Situation: None of Your Applications Can Start New Pods, Now What

Jarno Virtanen, YLE

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### Introduction to Distributed ML Workloads with Ray on Kubernetes

Abdel Sghiouar - Google Cloud

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## KCD HELSINKI ON LINKEDIN



The community energy was inspiring.  
Whether you're a seasoned contributor or  
just Kubernetes-curious, one thing was  
clear: cloud-native is here to stay—and the  
best way forward is together. 🙌🙌

**Jan Melen**  
**Ericsson / CNCF**  
**Governing Board**  
**Member**





## KCD HELSINKI ON LINKEDIN



...a special shout-out to the KCD Helsinki organizers team for a flawlessly run event. Your dedication created the perfect environment for learning and connection.



**Hari Charan**  
**AWS**

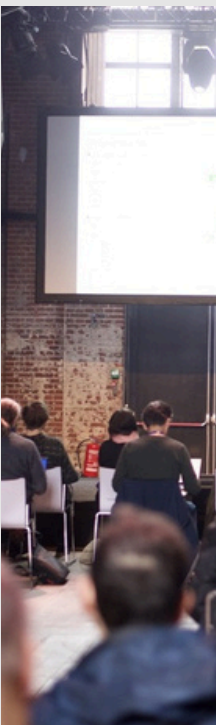
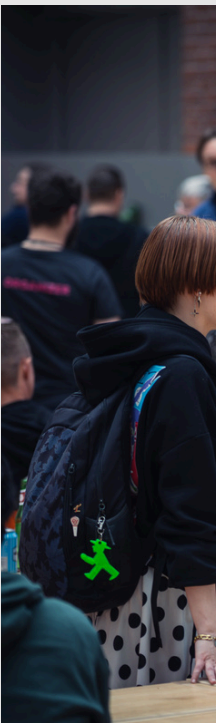
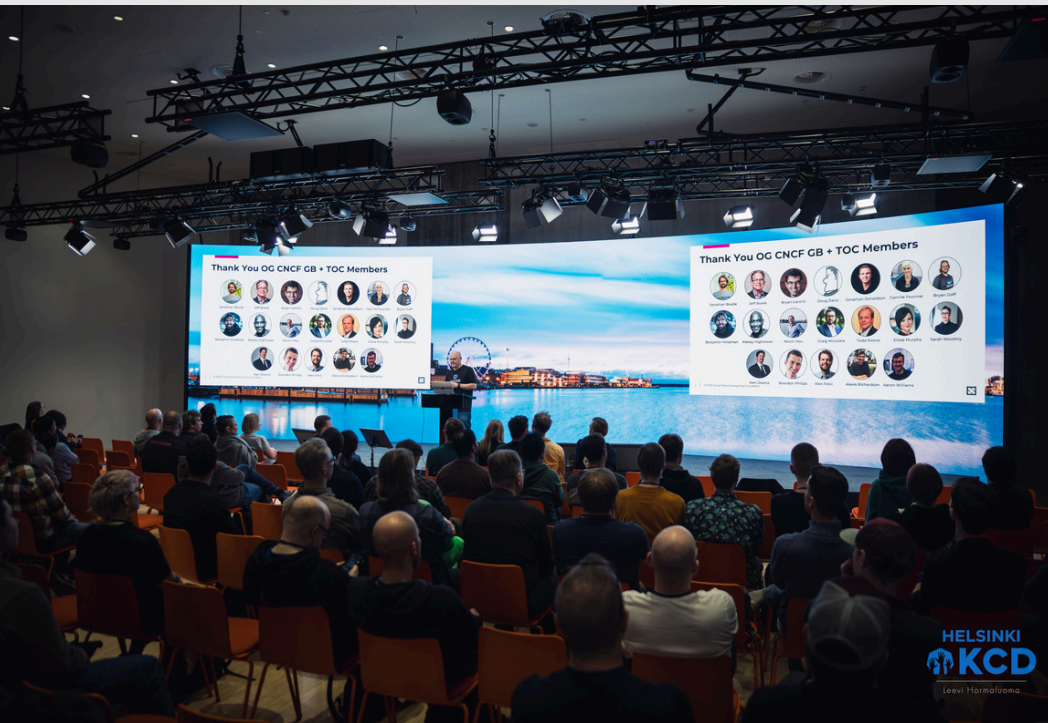
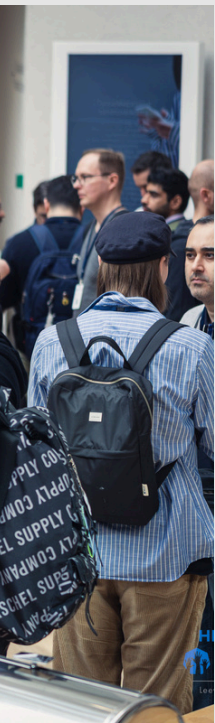


Attending KCD Helsinki 2025 today and it's inspiring to see the Kubernetes and cloud native community come together to share ideas, real-world experiences, and the latest innovations.

**Ikram Ul Haq**  
**Nokia**

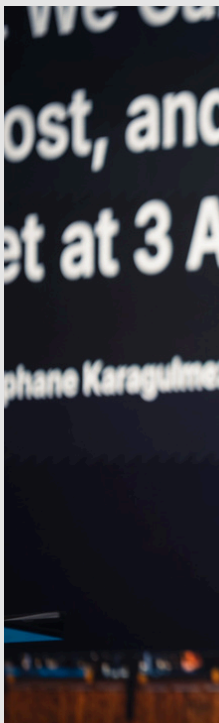
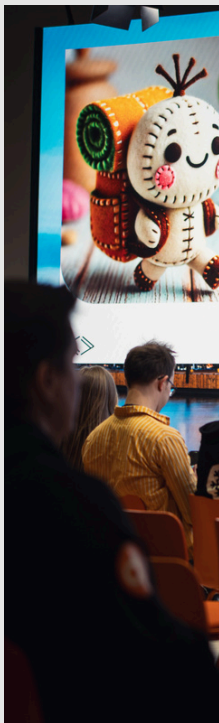
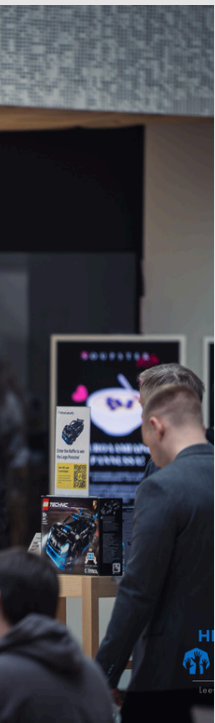


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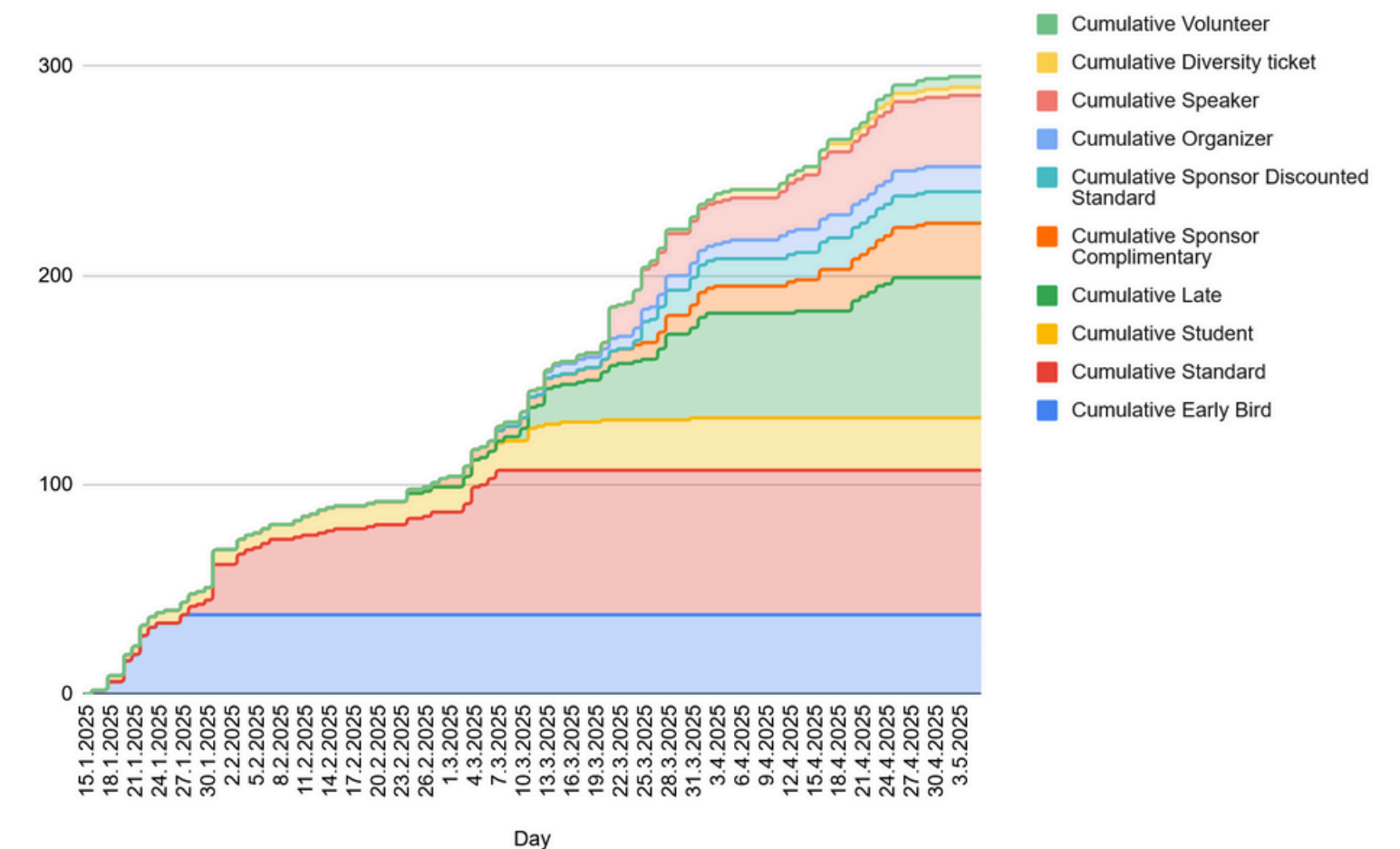
We reached a 279 checked in participants on the first ever KCD organized in Helsinki. We will try to grow even bigger next year!

## YEAR TO YEAR GROWTH

**279**  
**PARTICIPANTS**



Ticket sold out weeks before the event, showing the level of demand for a bigger scale cloud native conference in Helsinki.





ATTENDEE DEMOGRAPHICS



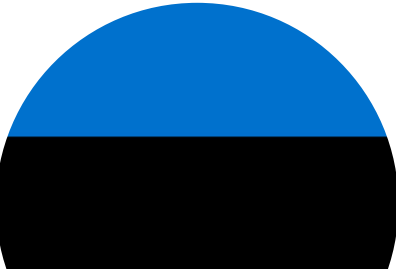
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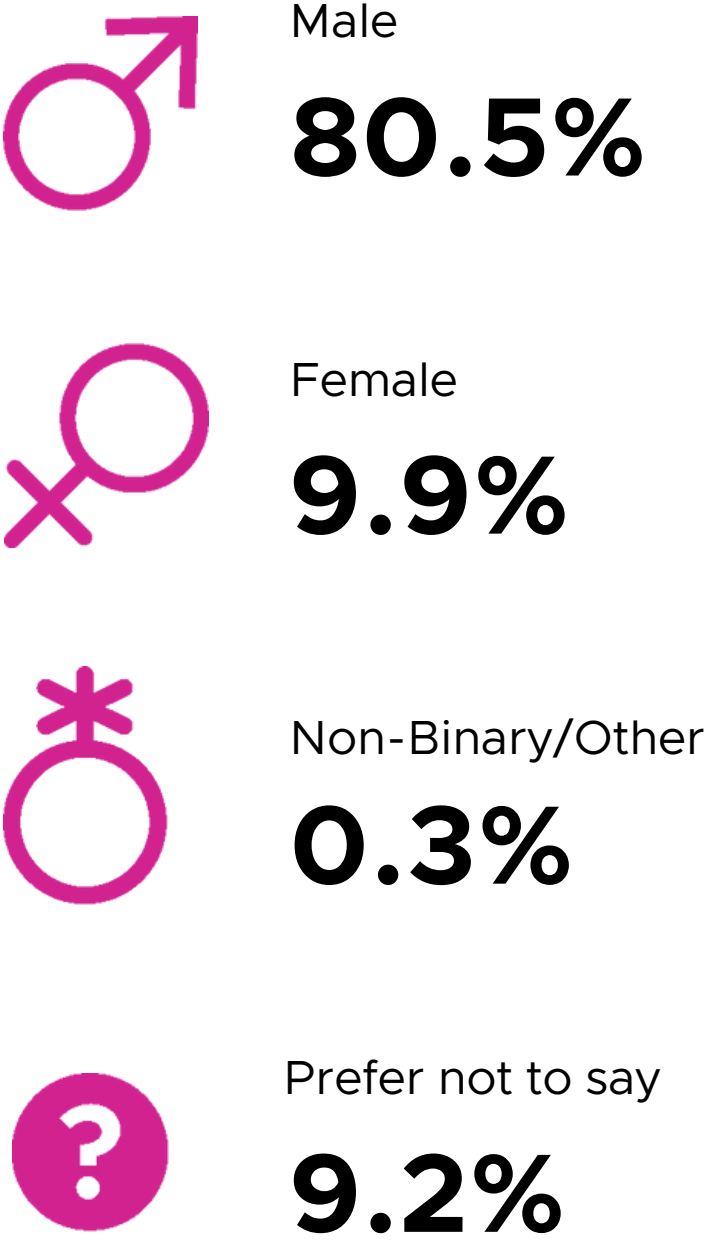


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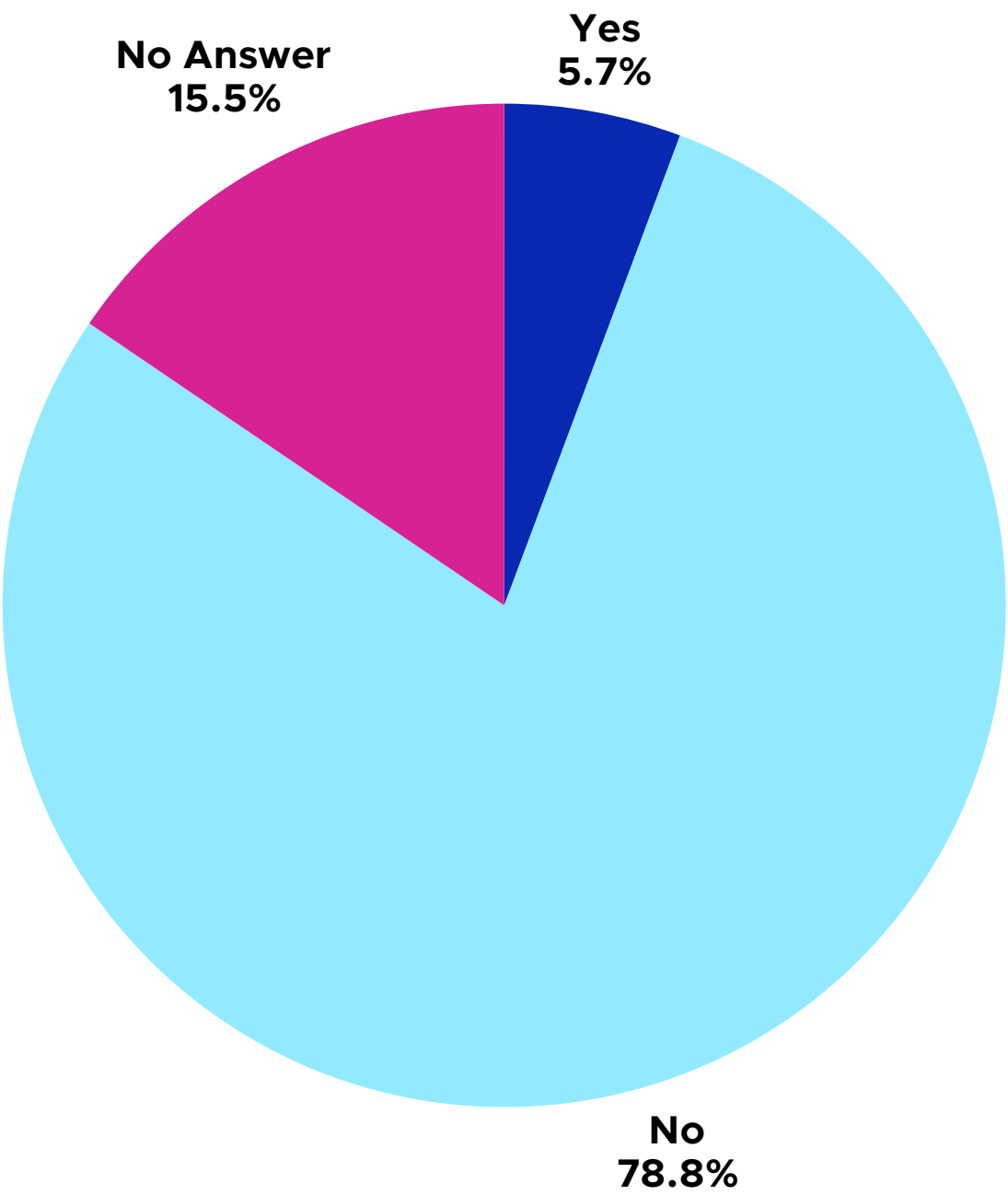


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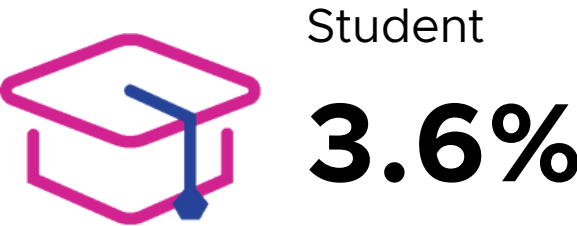
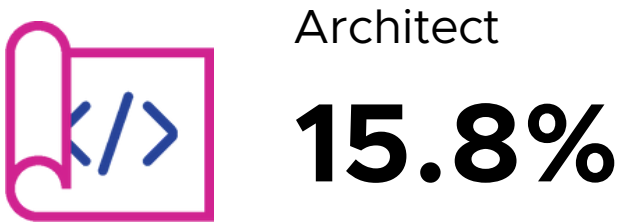
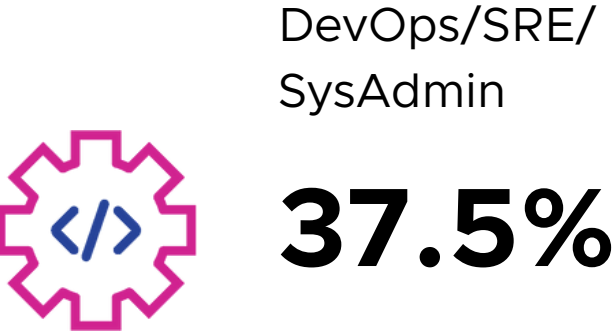


## DO YOU IDENTIFY AS A PERSON OF COLOUR?



# ATTENDEE DEMOGRAPHICS

## I PRIMARILY CONSIDER MYSELF AS:

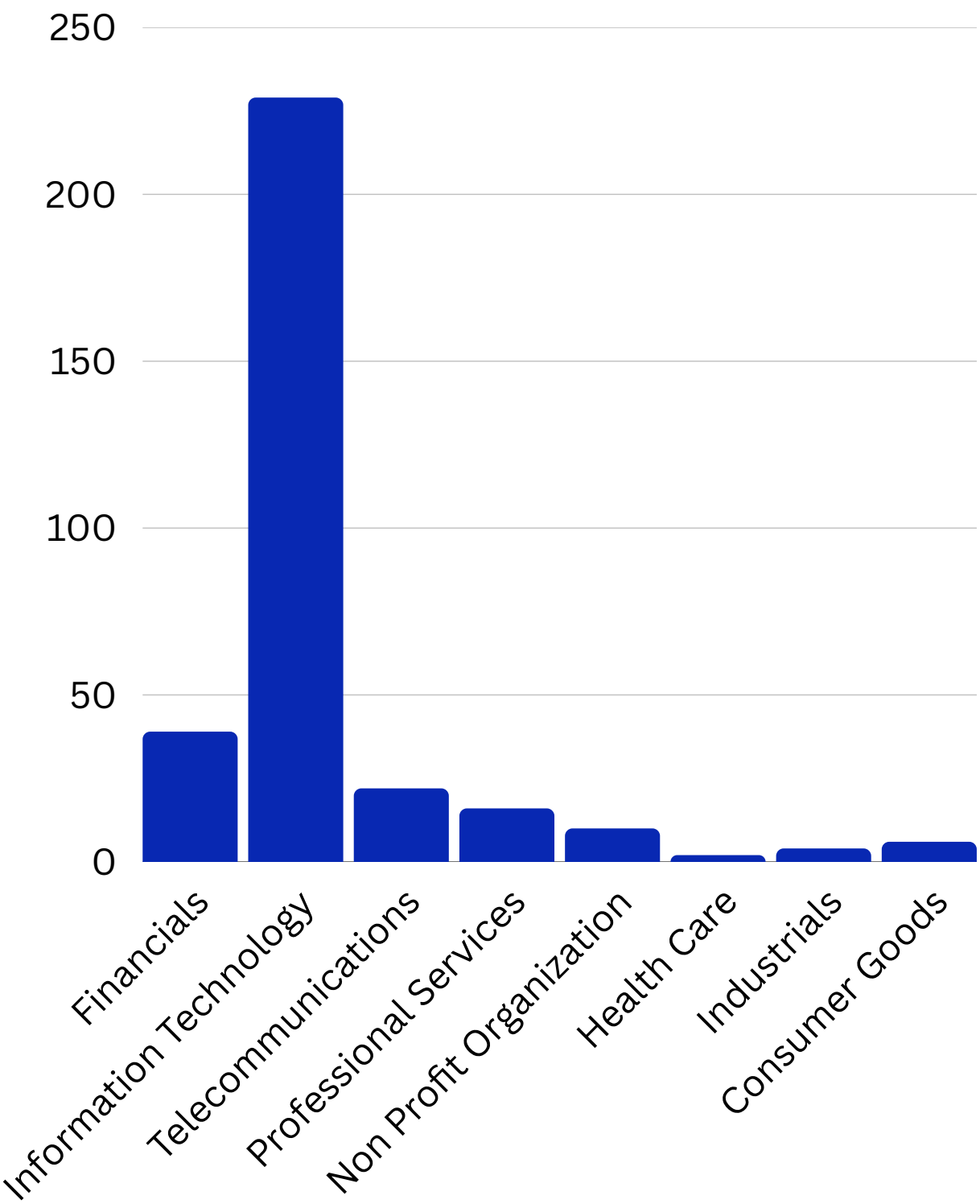




# ATTENDEE DEMOGRAPHICS

## ORGANIZATIONS

Most of the participants were from the IT industry due to the thriving startup culture in Finland and the very strong education in the field. There were strong participation from the financials due to venue of the event and from the telecommunications industry as both Ericsson and Nokia has cloud development sites in the area.

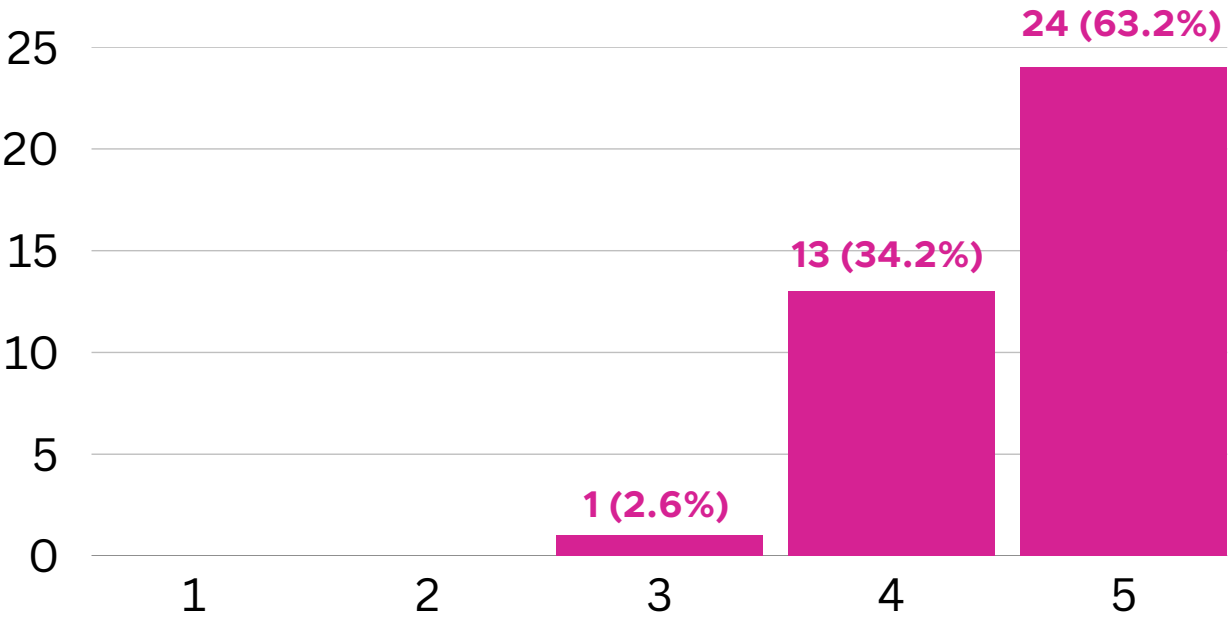




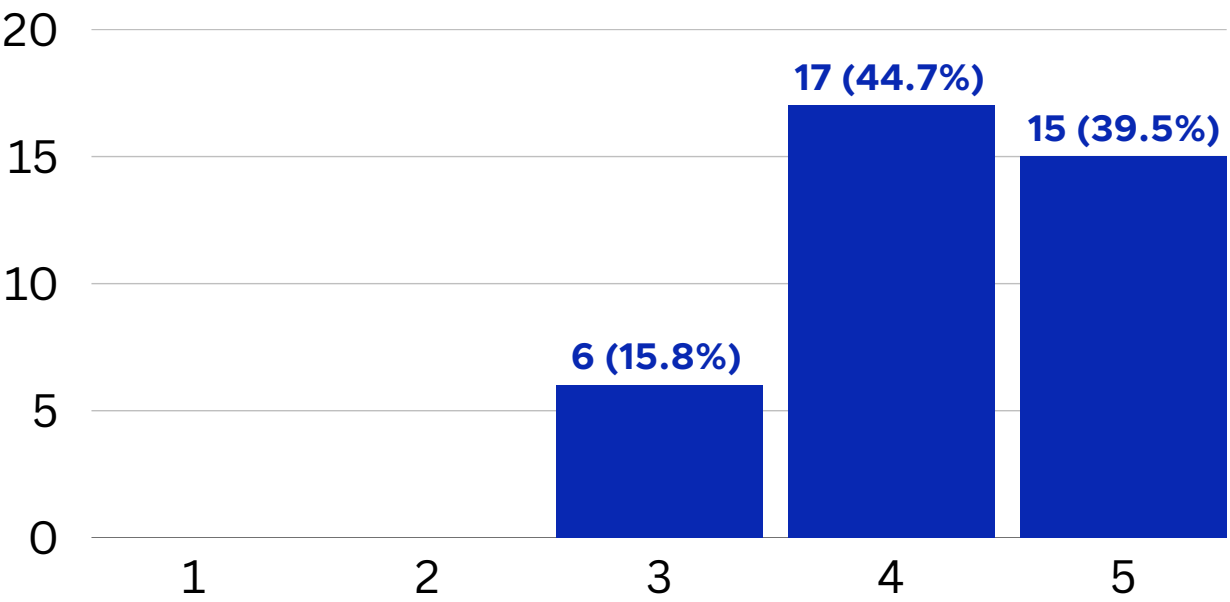
# RESULTS



**EVENT RATING**  
from 38 responses



**TALKS RATING**  
from 38 responses



## WHAT ATTENDEES SAID

“The inaugural KCD Helsinki 2025 happened last week, and it was a blast!”







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**We had great  
conversations with  
attendees and really  
enjoyed the talks.”**

KCD Helsinki 2025 Gold sponsor

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By becoming a sponsor, you will have the opportunity to connect with a diverse audience of industry professionals, showcase your brand, and contribute to the growth and success of our community.

**Contact us for more information on sponsorship packages and how to be a part of our exciting journey!**

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