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KCD HELSINKI 2026

TRANSPARENCY REPORT

FOREWORD

KCD HELSINKI 2026, all about collaboration!

The cloud native community of Finland had its 2nd KCD in Helsinki on the 20th of May. The spring event was organized by volunteers from different parts of Finland and in collaboration with HAIC, the cybersecurity institute of Aalto and the Helsinki universities. Beyond the Keynotes and the 3 technical tracks in 2026 KCD Helsinki introduced Poster Sessions and a Women in Cloud Native event. By hitting the 400 participant limit KCD Helsinki was a great success of collaboration in 2026. We can't wait to continue in 2027.



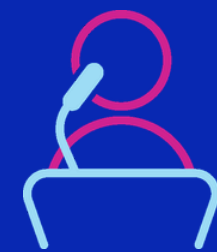


Svitlana Chaplinska

Cloud Native Finland
Security Engineer

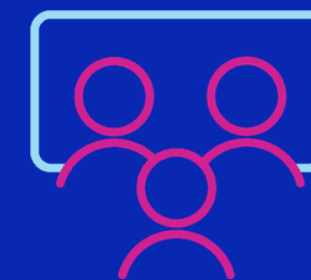
SPEAKERS & SESSIONS

Renowned speakers from all around the world delved into cutting-edge advancements in cloud-native digital infrastructures and the widespread adoption of Kubernetes, drawing in over 400 eager attendees.



50

Speakers



25

Breakout Sessions

First-Time
Speakers

7

Female
Speakers

8

Male
Speakers

32

MOST POPULAR SESSIONS

A Peek into the Kubernetes Community Engine

Davanum Srinivas – Nvidia

KEYNOTE

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Bridging Terraform to Crossplane A Real Migration Path in a Regulated Bank

Gonçalo Ferreira – MillenniumBCP &
Yury Tsarev – Upbound

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Beyond service name A Deep Dive into OpenTelemetry Semantic Conventions

Bakhtiyar Garashov – Zendesk

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SPEAKERS

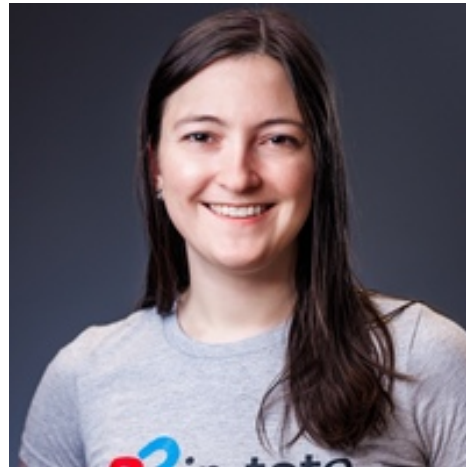


Davanum Srinivas

Nvidia
Principal Engineer

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Marina Moore

Edera
Research Scientist -
Head of Edera Research

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Faseela Kundattil

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KEYNOTE

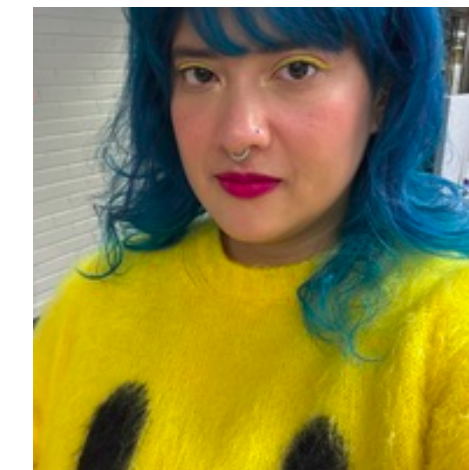
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Kalle Happonen

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Daniele Matsumoto

Relex Solutions
Lead Product Architect

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Seeing the community come together, sharing knowledge, ideas, and energy around cloud-native technologies was truly inspiring.

One of the highlights for me was our Women in Cloud Native gathering event. It went beyond my expectations and turned out amazingly well, and I'm so happy we had so many wonderful women and men joining us to support, connect, and build a stronger and more inclusive tech community together. ❤️

The conversations, encouragement, and sense of belonging in the room reminded me why community matters so much.

Maryam Tavakkoli
RELEX Solutions



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KCD Helsinki - May 20, 2026 was a complete success! I had a great time and I really enjoyed meeting so many people. the CNCF community in finland is truly something special.

Big thanks to all the organizers and the attendees for being such a nice crowd! till next time!

Juan Antonio "Ozz"
Osorio
Stacklok



The energy throughout the event was genuinely welcoming, inclusive, and thoughtful.

I also truly enjoyed joining the Women in Cloud Native gathering hosted by Maryam Tavakkoli and Svitlana Chaplinska and meeting so many inspiring women in tech in Helsinki.

Faseela K
Ericsson / CNCF TOC

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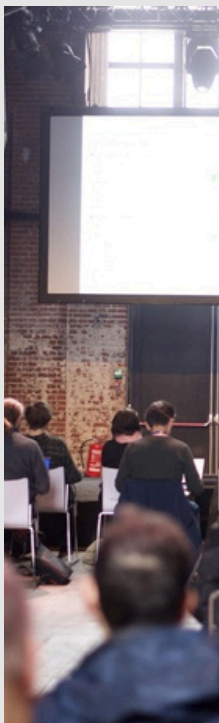
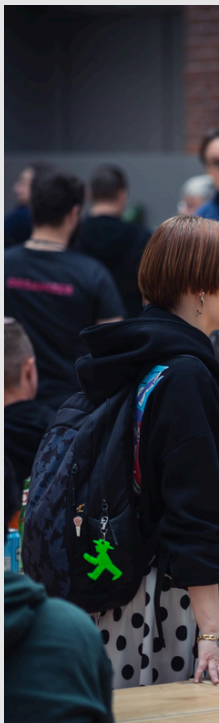
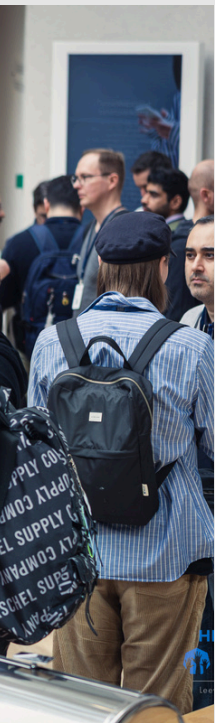
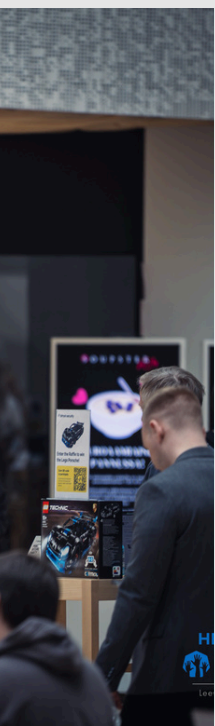


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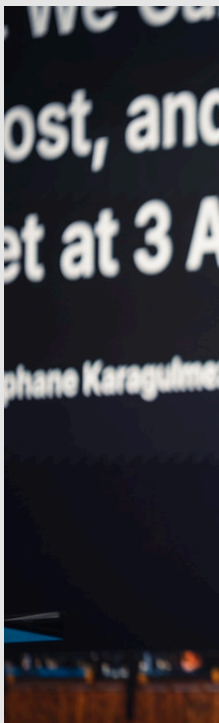


How to avoid the plateau of the LLM being such that
 $P(\text{breaking stuff}) > P(\text{improving stuff})$?

"Only new mistakes are allowed"

- Jessie Frazelle at KCD, CERN

Lots of questions, are there answers as well?



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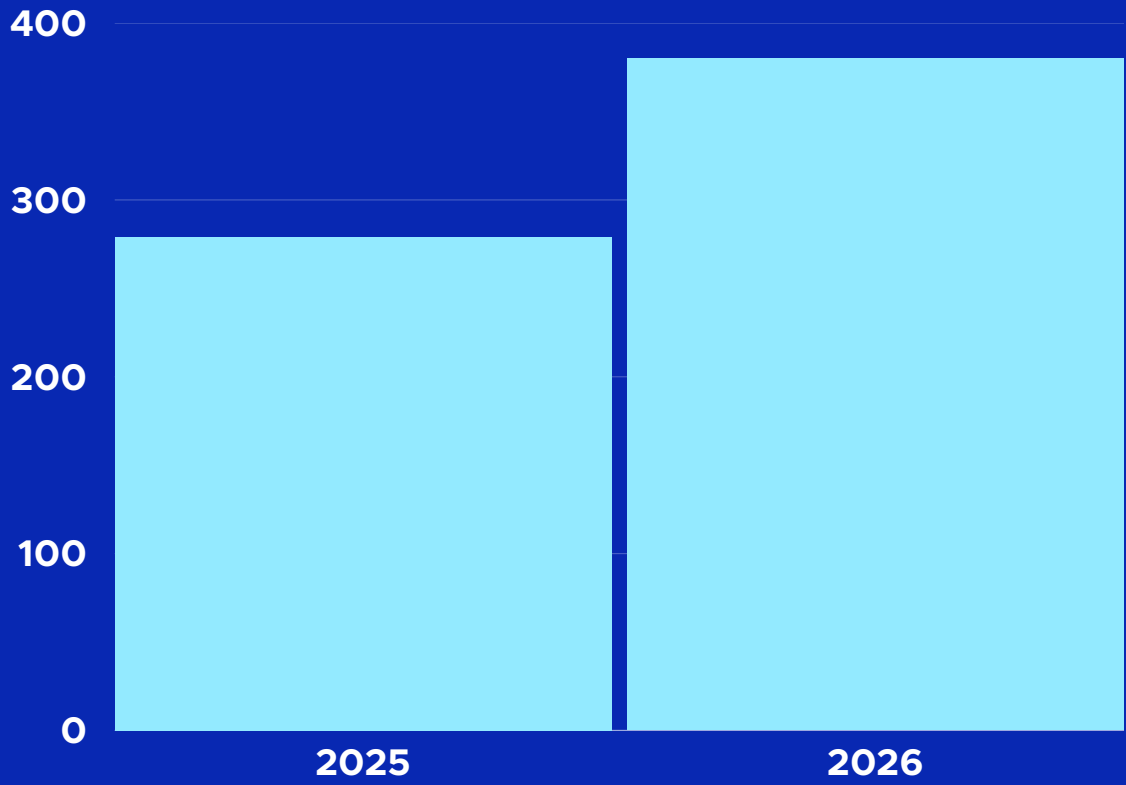


STATISTICS

We reached a 380 checked in participants on KCD Helsinki 2026. The 100 person and 36% growth compared to 2025, clearly shows that Helsinki needed a KCD!

YEAR TO YEAR
GROWTH

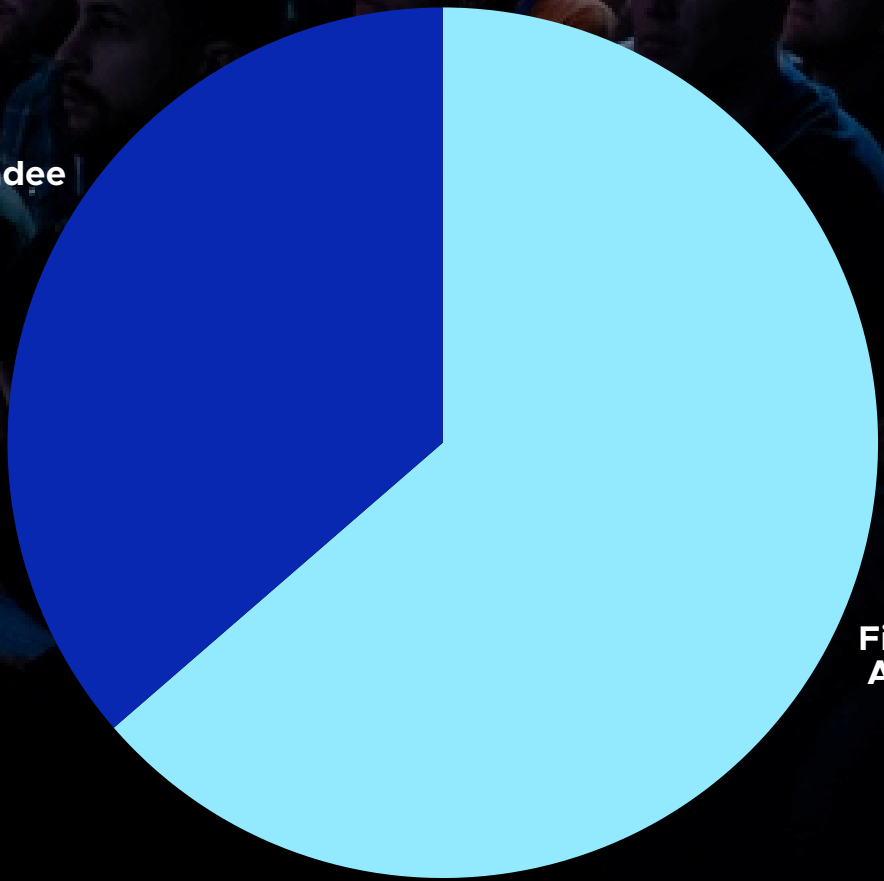
36%
GROWTH
FROM LAST
EVENT



An exciting 63% of our 442 ticket holders were first-time conference goers, adding to the excitement and fresh perspectives brought to our discussions.

Returning Attendee
36.4%

First-Time
Attendee
63.6%



ATTENDEE DEMOGRAPHICS



97%



1%



1%



1%

ATTENDEE DEMOGRAPHICS

GENDER



Male

74.9%



Female

14.9%



Non-Binary/Other

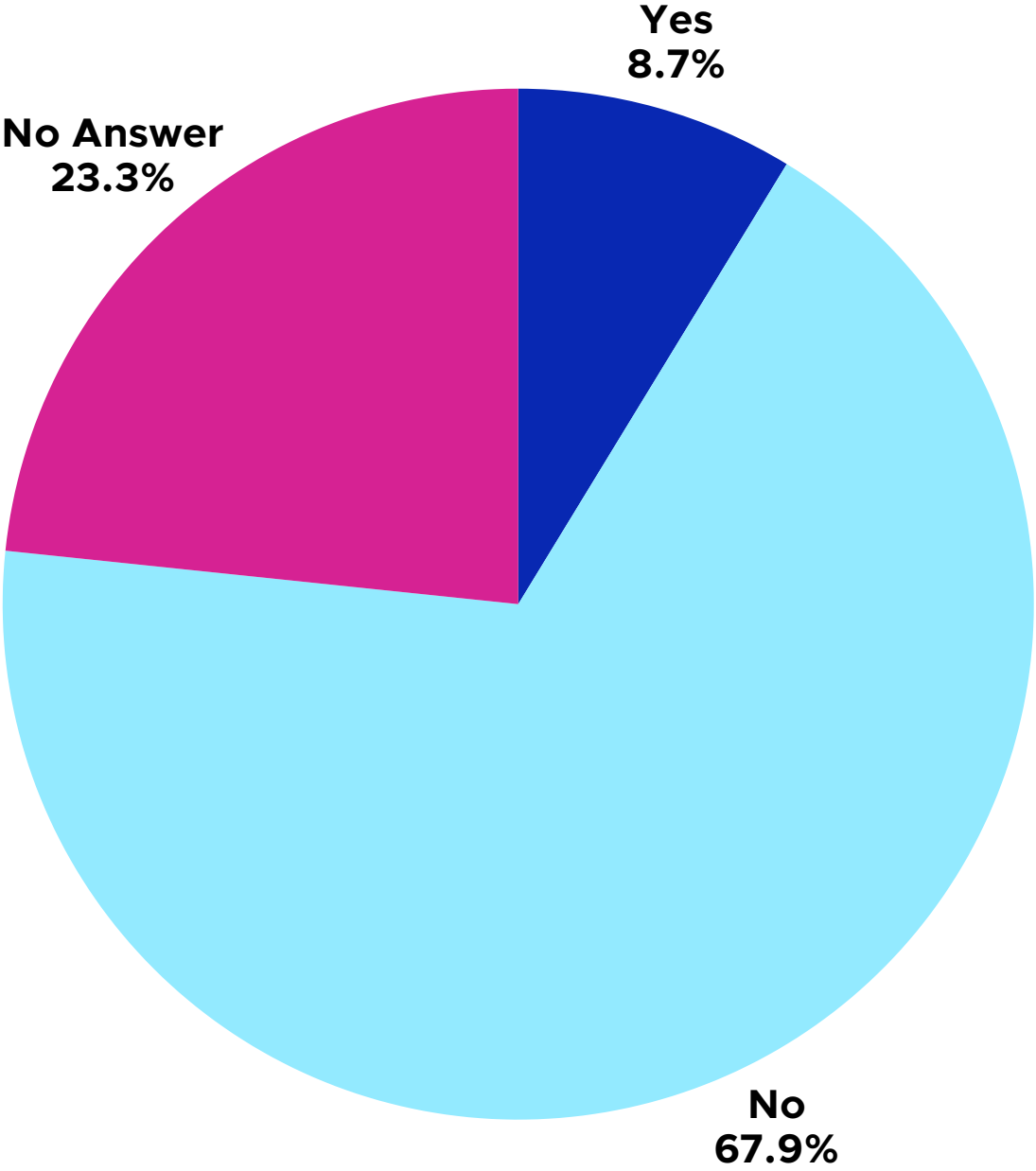
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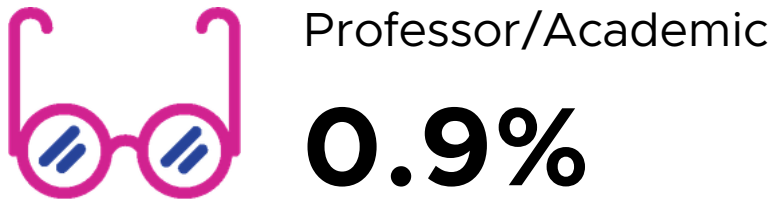
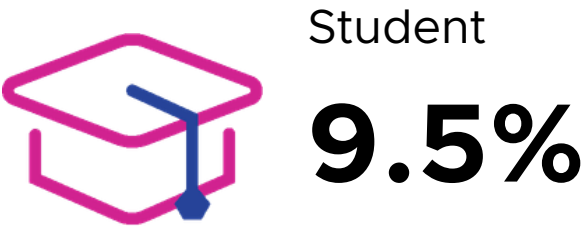
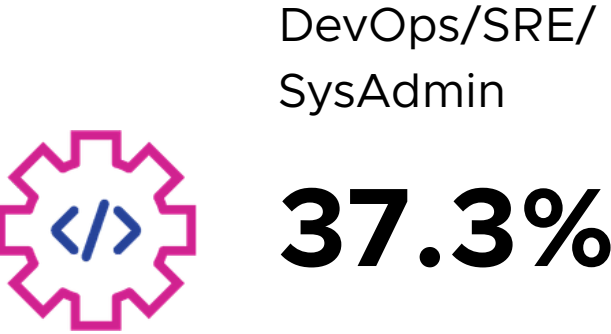
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DO YOU IDENTIFY AS A PERSON OF COLOUR?



ATTENDEE DEMOGRAPHICS

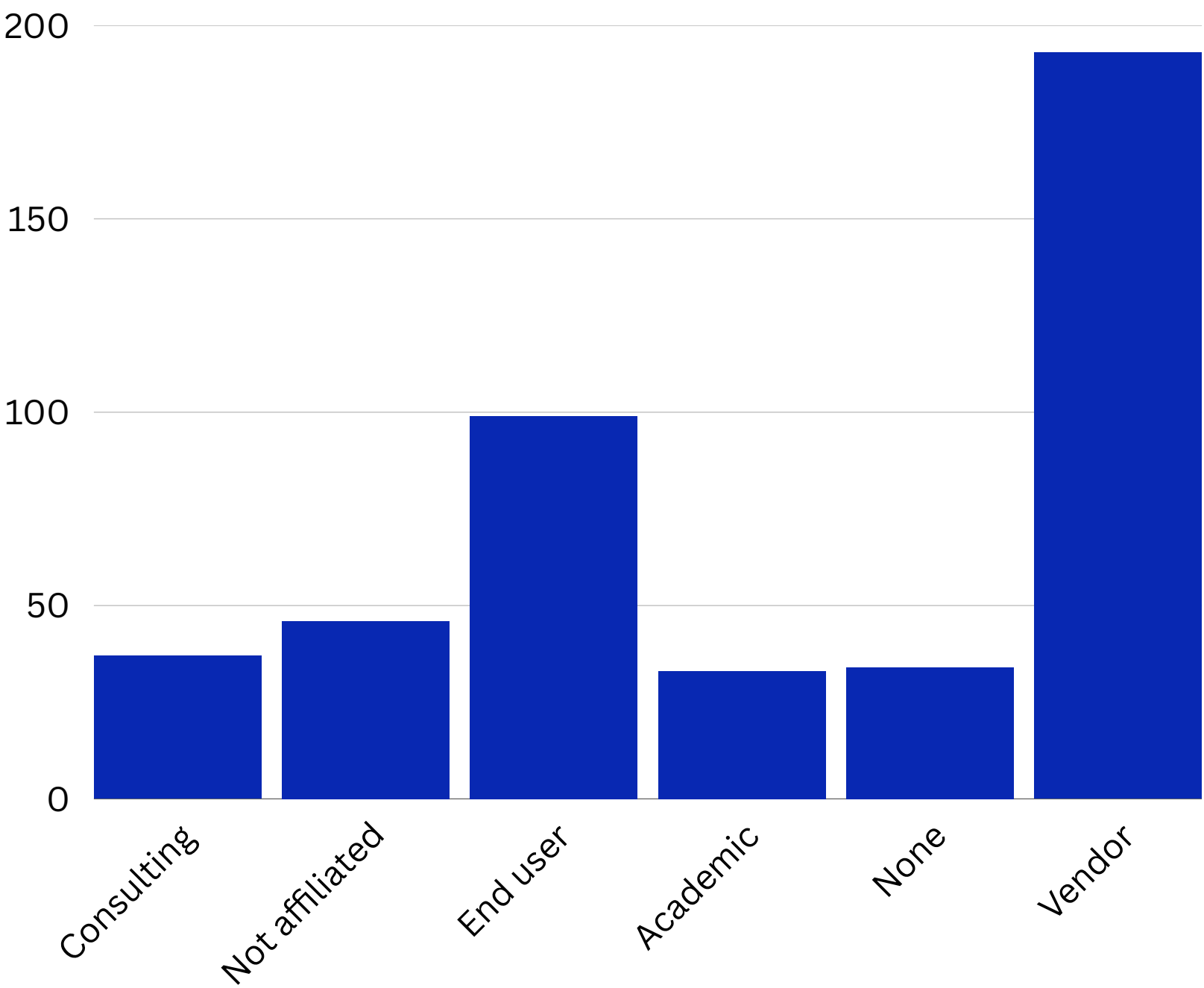
I PRIMARILY CONSIDER MYSELF AS:



ATTENDEE DEMOGRAPHICS

ORGANIZATIONS

The very strong vendor and end user participation sows the interest from the industry to the event. In 2026 we had a lots of academic and student participants thanks to our collaboration with HAIC and the venue of the event.

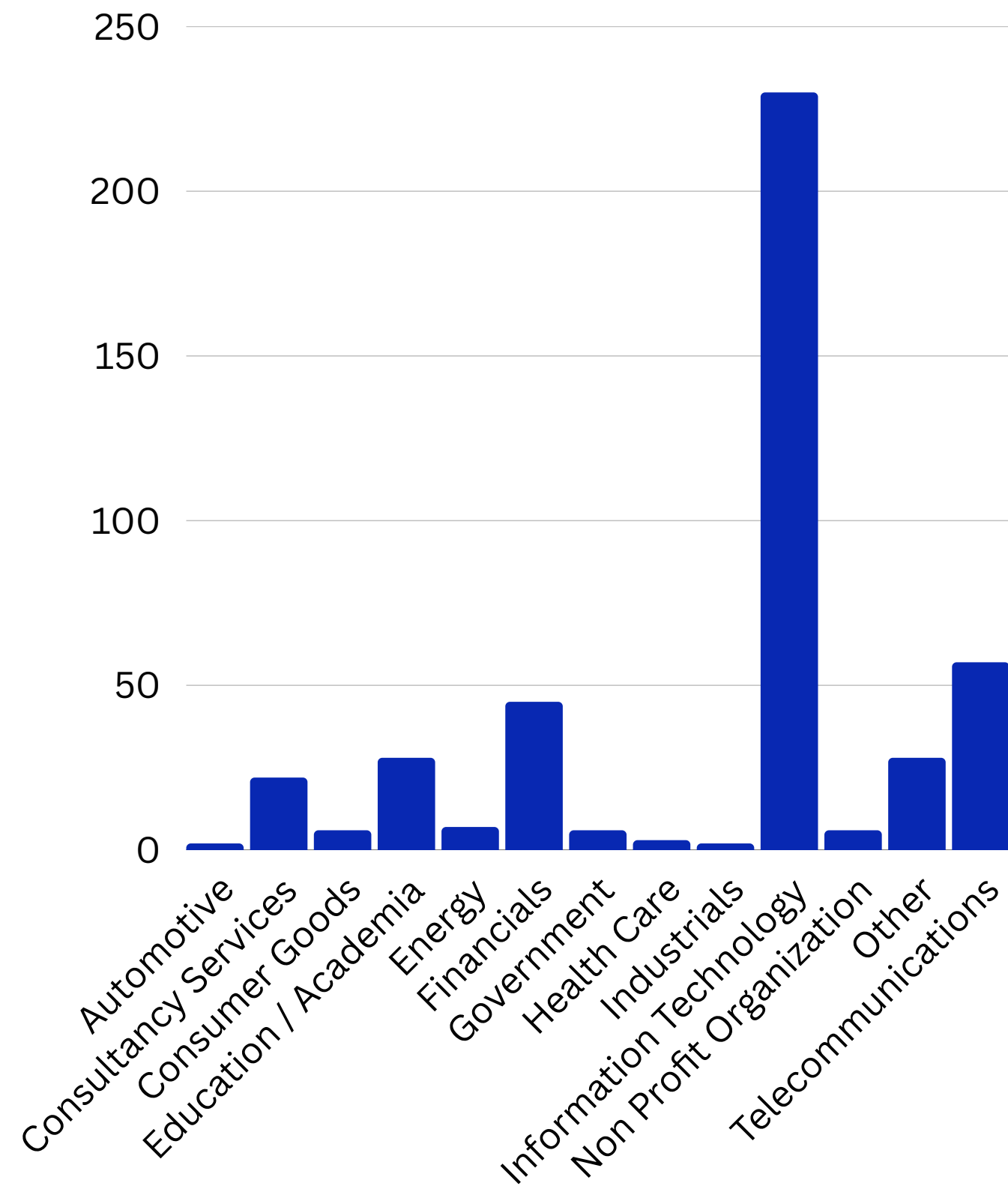


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INDUSTRIES

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 the involvement of the industry in the community and from the telecommunications industry as both Ericsson and Nokia has cloud development sites in the area.





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

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