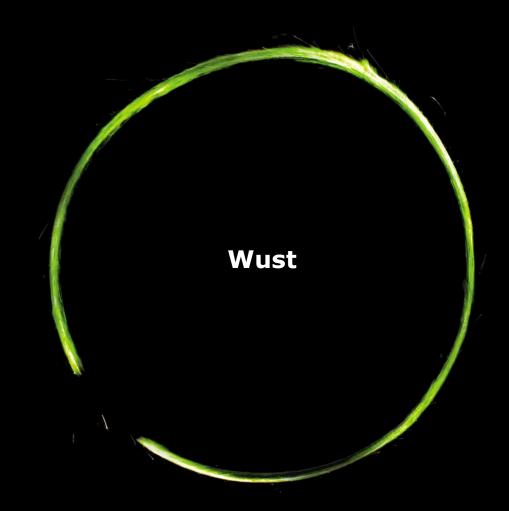
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1. The research model

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1. The research Model

Three dimensions of the research model

Work Characteristics

- Work content
- Working conditions
- Terms of employment
- Working relations

How is your job?
Causes (of work perception)

Positive: job resources

Negative: job demands (stress

factors)

Work perceptions

- Engagement
- Well-being
- Satisfaction
- Attractiveness

How does it feel to go to work? Consequences (of work characteristics)

Positive: well-being and

satisfaction

Negative: tension and stress

Results

- Performance
- Retention

1. The research Model

Components of the research model

Work Characteristics CAUSES

Work Content

- Job variety
- Job Autonomy
- Learning opportunities
- Participation
- Role and task definition
- Discussions and role conflicts
- Feedback and task information

Working Condition

- Workload (working pace and quantity)
- Physical load
- Mental load
- Emotional load

Terms of employment

- Remuneration
- Job security
- Carreer opportunities

Working relations

- Communication
- Relationship with colleagues
- Relationship with direct supervisor
- Relationship with employees



Work perceptions OUTCOMES

Engagement

- Work engagement
- Organisational commitment

Well-being

- Pleasure at work
- Fatigue (stress)
- Worrying about work
- Work-family balance difficulties
- Bullying, sexual harassment, physical/verbal abuse
- Burnout

Satisfaction

- Overall job satisfation
- Satisfaction with work content
- Satisfaction with working conditions
- Satisfaction with terms of employment
- Satisfaction with working relations

Attractiveness

- Attractiveness of the employer
- · Intention to recommend
- Company culture and values



Results

Do the employees go the extra mile even if not asked?

Performance

Are the employees loyal to the company and will they stay in the future?

Retention

Extra questions

- Leadership
- Safety at work
- HR satisfaction
- Management questions



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Looking at the different aspects of the research model, the following conclusions can be made:

RESPONSE RATE

- Overall, a **lower** response rate compared to 2015, on top of that Wust does **not reach the iNostix by Deloitte benchmark** response rate of 70% and the BESIX Group response rate.
- The decrease in response rate is mainly due to the **lower response rate for the blue collar workers**, as the decrease in the response rate of the white collar workers is smaller.
- However, the response rates of the different demographic groups are high enough. Concluding this, means that conclusions can be made for Wust.

SCORES ON THE RESEARCH MODEL

2018 results

- · Overall, we see green scores on most of the dimensions and indices for 2018.
- In general people feel well and are engaged.
- They do experience work stress and worry to some extent about work. They are moderately satisfied with their terms of employment (remuneration, career opportunities) and overall moderate scores were assigned to job autonomy, participation, feedback and task information, (mental) workload and communication.

Comparison 2015

• The 2018 scores are mostly in line with the results of 2015, although we see a slight decrease in most of the scores.

Comparison BESIX Group

• The Wust 2018 scores are in line with the general BESIX Group scores, although Wust scores slightly lower on most of the indices.

Comparison Benchmark

Most of the Wust scores are in line with the benchmark scores.

IMPACT ANALYSES

• Since it has a big impact on different dimensions, it is definitely important to **continue investing in learning opportunities**. Next to that **participation, feedback and task information, communication and career opportunities** are indices with a moderate score but a high impact on different dimensions. These are indices that **need extra attention**.

TYPOLOGIES

Engagement

- In general, there is almost no difference in the engagement scores compared to 2015.
- Compared to the benchmark, Wust has a remarkably lower percentage of disengaged employees.

Work engagement and organizational commitment

- The levels of work engagement and organizational commitment are in line with those of 2015.
- · Compared to the benchmark, there are remarkably more Wust employees that score high on work engagement as well as on organizational commitment.

Pleasure at work and stress

• In general, there is a **small shift from enjoyable work to challenging work**, meaning that there is an **increase in the level of stress** most employees experience but they **still do their work with pleasure.**

Job satisfaction

- Employees are still satisfied to highly satisfied with their jobs compared to 2015.
- Compared to the benchmark, Wust has relatively more satisfied employees and less very satisfied employees.

Net promotor score

Overall, Wust employees are very likely to promote BESIX as an organization to work for, even slightly more than in 2015.

UNDESIRABLE BEHAVIOR

• Overall, the employees witnessing and/or being victim of undesirable behavior remained stable compared to 2015.

EXTRA MODULES

Leadership questions

• All leadership dimensions received a good score. Especially the dimension 'Trust in supervisor' scores very high (mean score of 8,06).

Leadership styles

- All 5 leaderships styles received a relatively good overall score.
- The empowering leadership style has the highest overall score (6,85), the recognizing leadership style the lowest (5,65).

HR satisfaction

• Overall Wust employees are satisfied about HR. However, they do have some questions on the HR impartiality.

Safety at work

- The best scoring safety question is 'At my organization, we believe safety is everyone's responsibility', 82% of all Wust employees indicate that they agree.
- The **lowest scoring** safety question is 'I don't know where I can go with my questions or remarks about safety', 90% of all Wust employees indicate that they do not know where to go with their safety questions/remarks.
- Looking at the Wust employees who were witness and/or victim of a safety incident, victims are less convinced than witnesses that the organization took the appropriate actions to solve the problem and counsel the different parties involved.

Management questions

• All management questions **score relatively good** and the results are in line with each other.

The remainder of the report displays the detailed results, concluding with advice on the next steps.



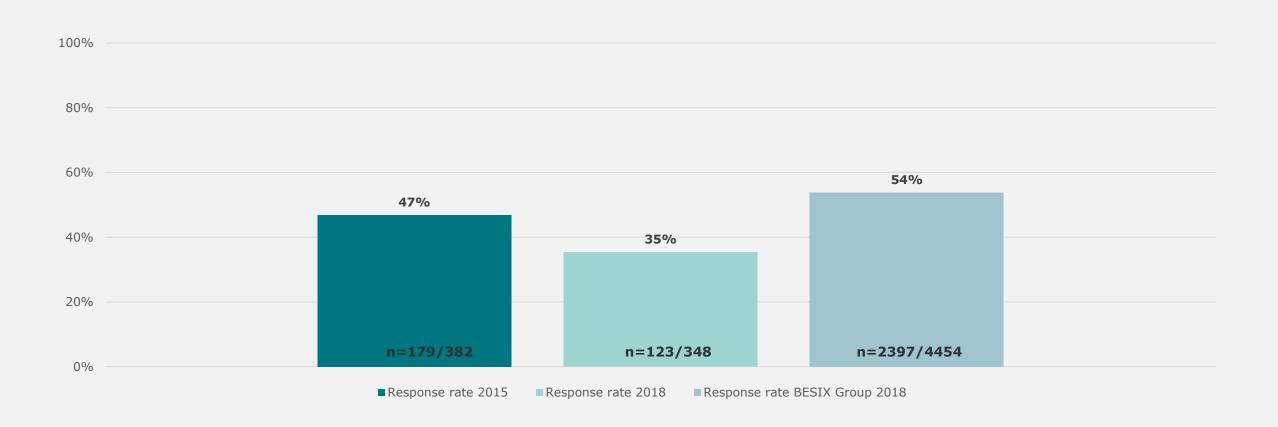
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- 2. Response rate by employee characteristics

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3. Response rate analysis General response rate of Wust



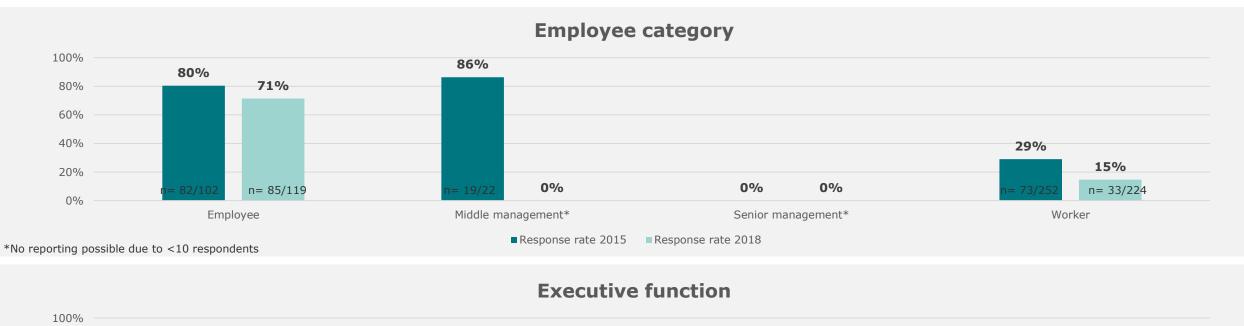
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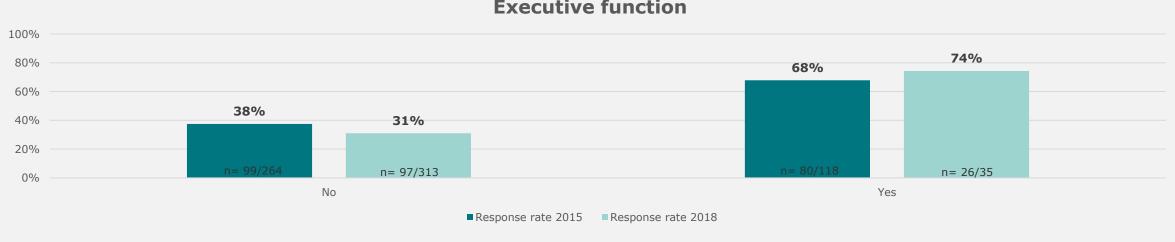
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3. Response rate analysis

Response rate of Wust by Employee Category and Executive Function

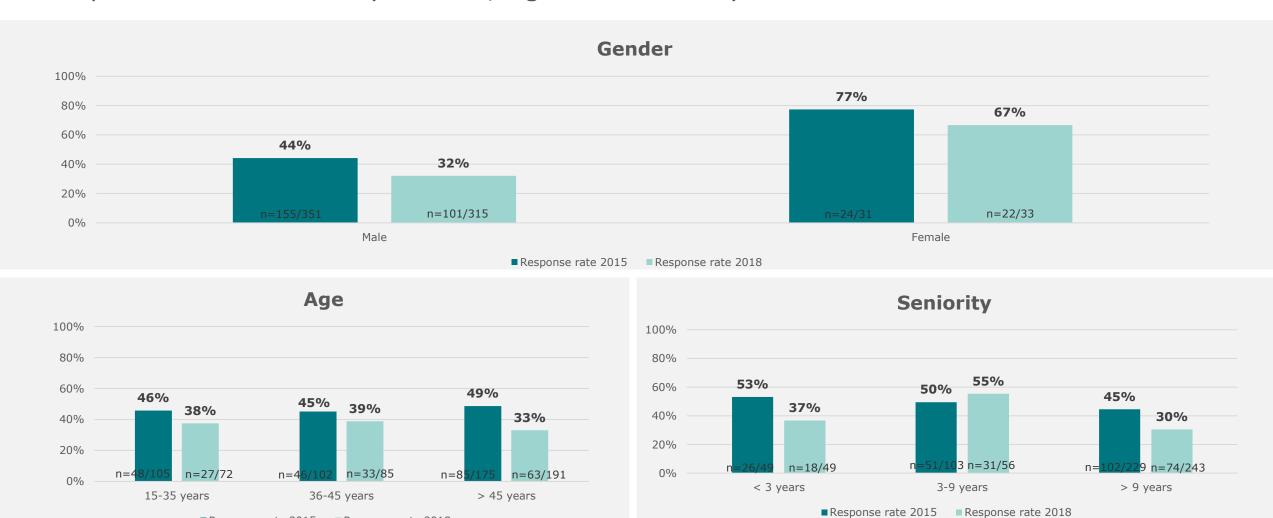




3. Response rate analysis

Response rate of Wust by Gender, Age and Seniority

■ Response rate 2015 ■ Response rate 2018





4. Summary of the results

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4. Summary of the results Wust

Work characteristics				
	2015	2018		
Work content	6,27	6,18		
Job variety	6,48	6,47		
Job autonomy	5,59	5,79		
Learning opportunities	6,52	6,37		
Participation	5,37	5,18		
Role and task definition	7,10	6,95		
Discussions and role conflicts*	2,53	2,57		
Feedback and task information	5,22	5,09		
	2015	2018		
Working conditions	5,08	4,95		
Workload*	5,82	6,3		
Physical load*	3,23	2,88		
Mental load*	7,58	7,68		
Emotional load*	3,05	3,33		
	2015	2018		
Terms of employment	5,03	5,29		
Remuneration	4,74	4,51		
Job security	5,36	6,66		
Career opportunities	4,84	4,69		
	2015	2018		
Working relations	6,46	6,13		
Communication	5,59	5,34		
Relationship with colleagues	7,16	6,86		
Relationship with direct supervisor	6,59	6,18		
Relationship with employees	7,35	7,08		

Work perceptions				
	2015	2018		
Engagement	6,78	6,66		
Work engagement	7,00	6,82		
Organizational commitment	6,54	6,50		
	2015	2018		
Well-being	6,35	6,2		
Pleasure at work	7,21	7,32		
Fatigue (work stress)*	4,64	4,89		
Worrying about work*	4,80	4,86		
Difficulties with work-family balance*	3,63	3,96		
Burnout*	2,38	2,59		
Undesirable behavior 2018	Witness	Victim		
Physical abuse	1%	1%		
Verbal abuse	21%	14%		
Sexual harassment	1%	1%		
Bullying	15%	7%		
(No comparison with 2015 as a zero tolerance	principle is appl	lied)		
	2015	2018		
Satisfaction	6,34	6,19		
Overall job satisfaction	6,87	6,87		
Satisfaction with work content	6,68	6,59		
Satisfaction with terms of employment	5,34	5,27		
Satisfaction with working conditions	6,14	5,8		
Satisfaction with working relations	7,20	7,1		
	2015	2018		
Attractiveness	6,62	6,79		
Attractiveness of the employer	6,82	6,89		
Company culture and values	6,88	7,15		
Intention to recommend	6,16	6,31		

Results						
Performance	2015	2018				
Going the extra mile even if not asked for	7,28	7,44				
Retention Intention to stay working within the organization	2015 7,73	2018 7,64				

Meaning of the colours

Positively worded dimensions

Mean score <5/10

Mean score ≥5/10 and <6/10

Mean score ≥6/10

*Negatively worded dimensions

Mean score ≤4/10

Mean score >4/10 and ≤5/10

Mean score >5/10

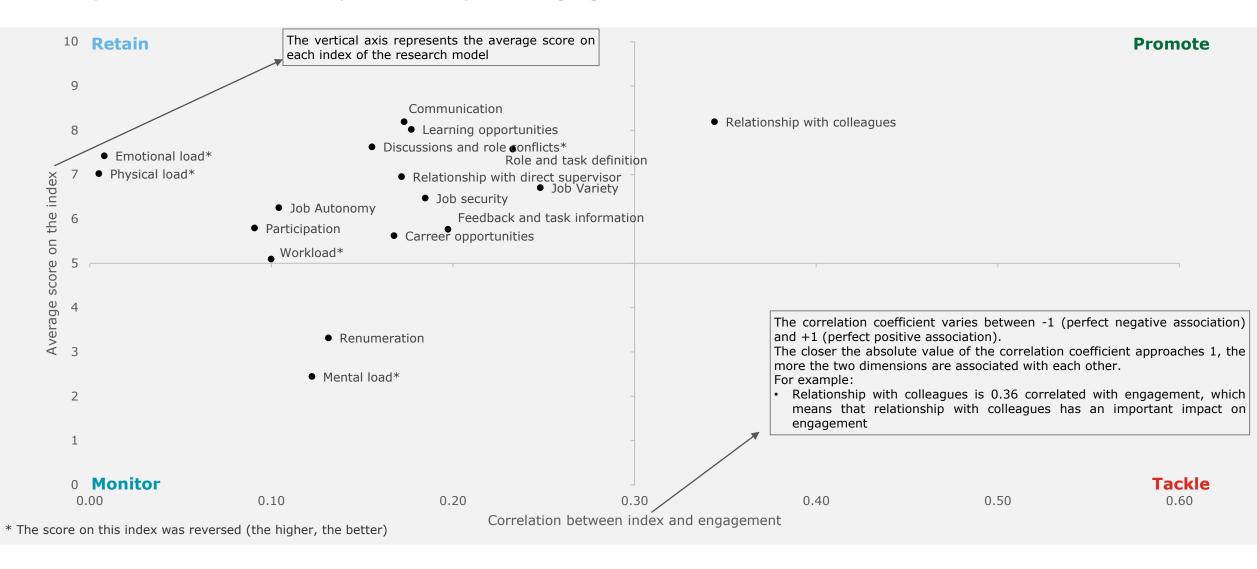
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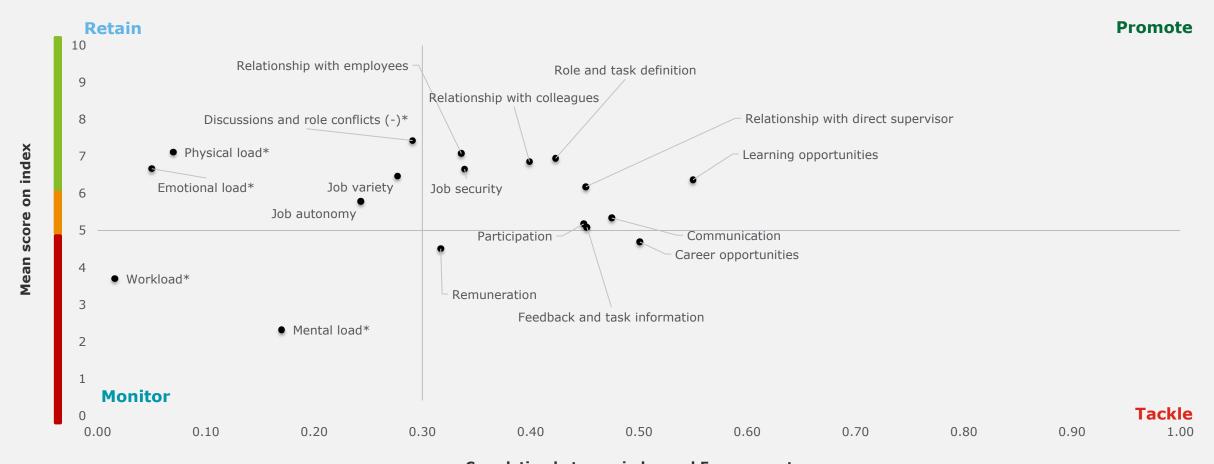
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Interpretation slide: impact analysis engagement



Engagement



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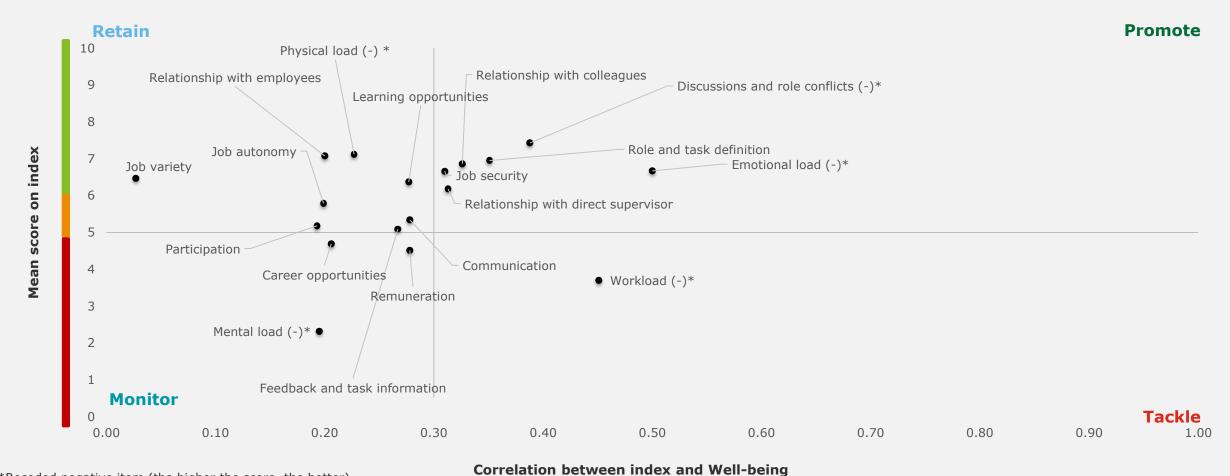
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Correlation between index and Engagement

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Well-being



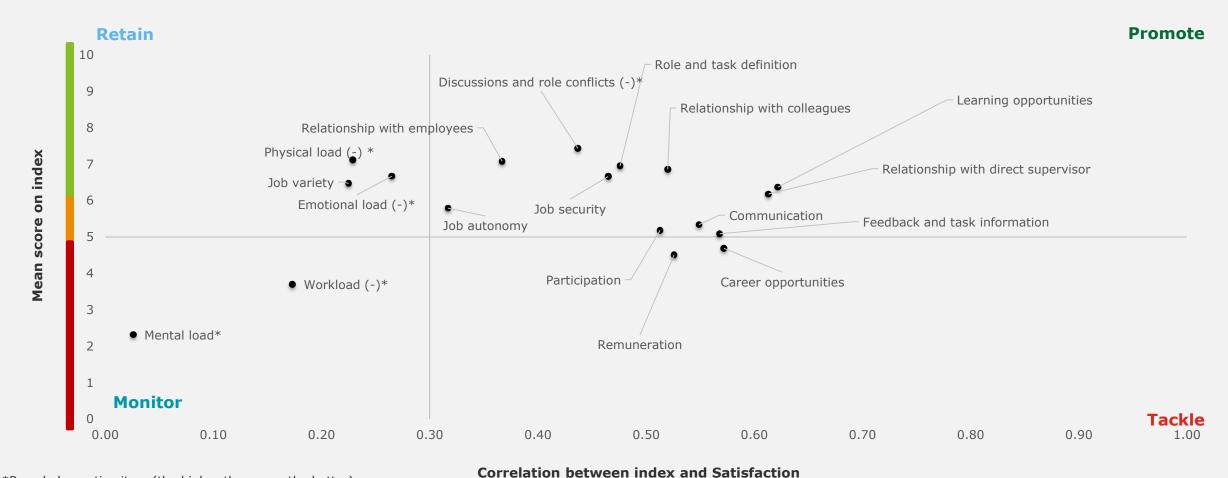
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5. Impact analyses Satisfaction



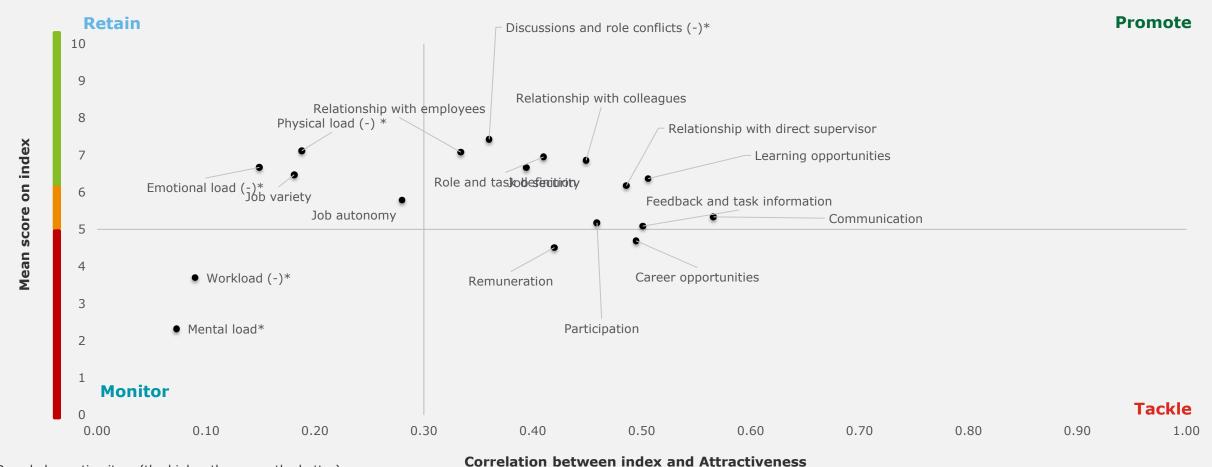
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Attractiveness



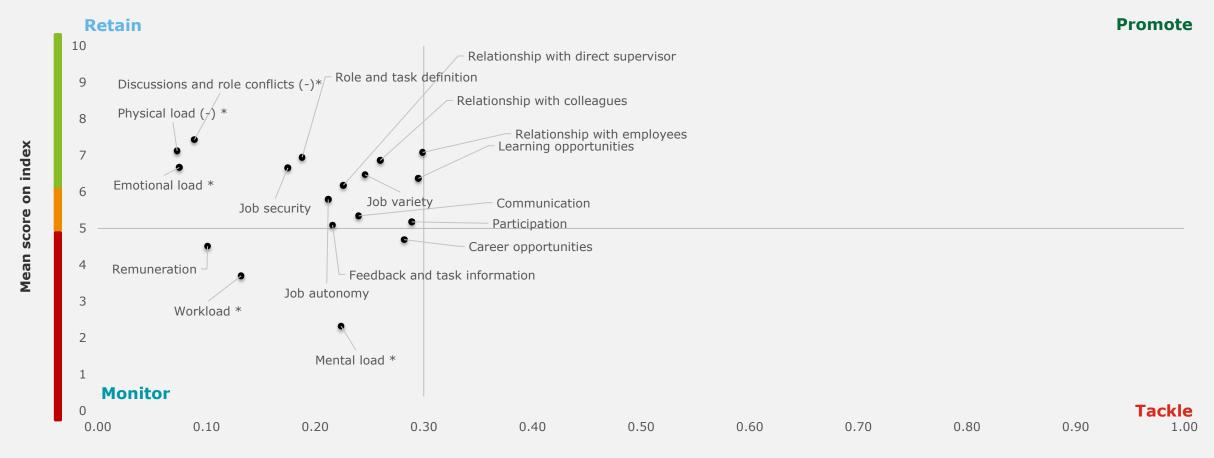
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Performance

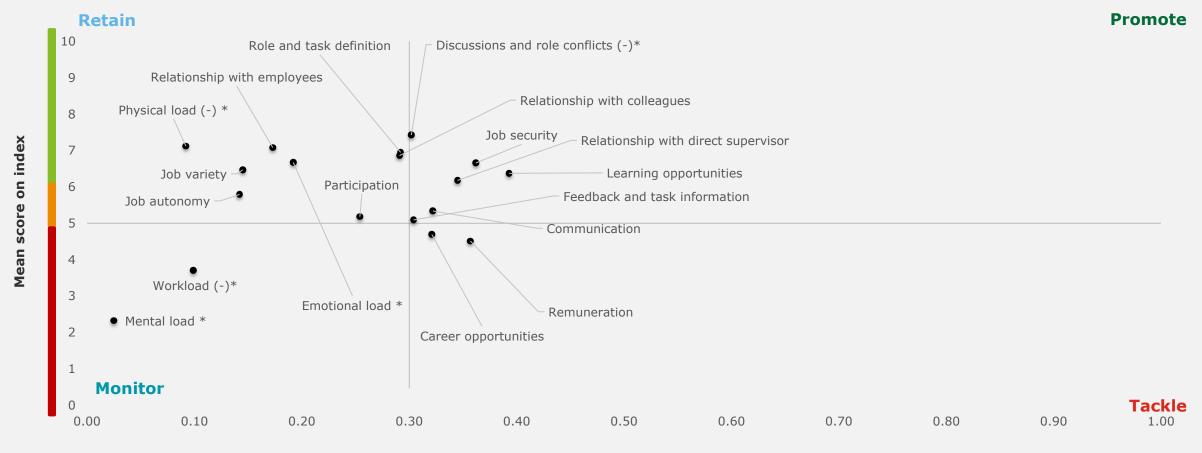


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Correlation between index and Performance

Retention



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Correlation between index and Retention

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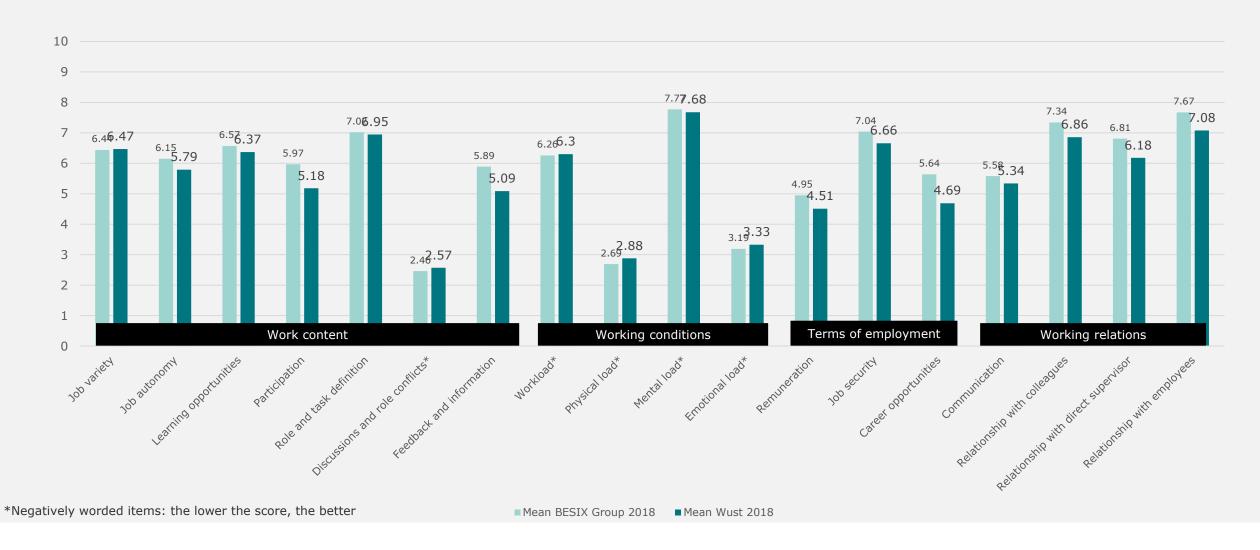


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- 7. Undesirable behaviour
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- 9. Intention to recommend

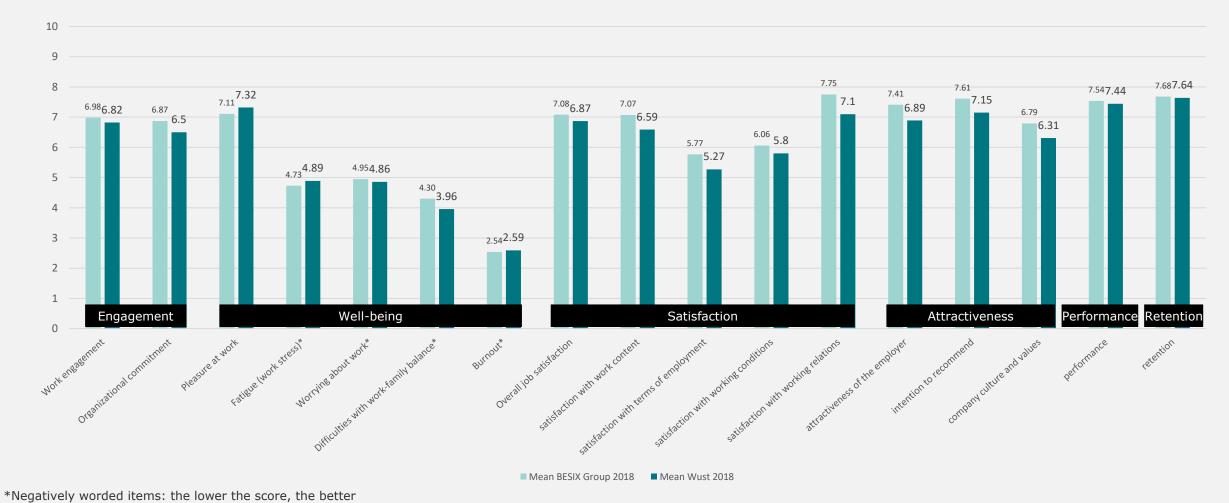
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Comparing the indices with the BESIX Group results (1/2)



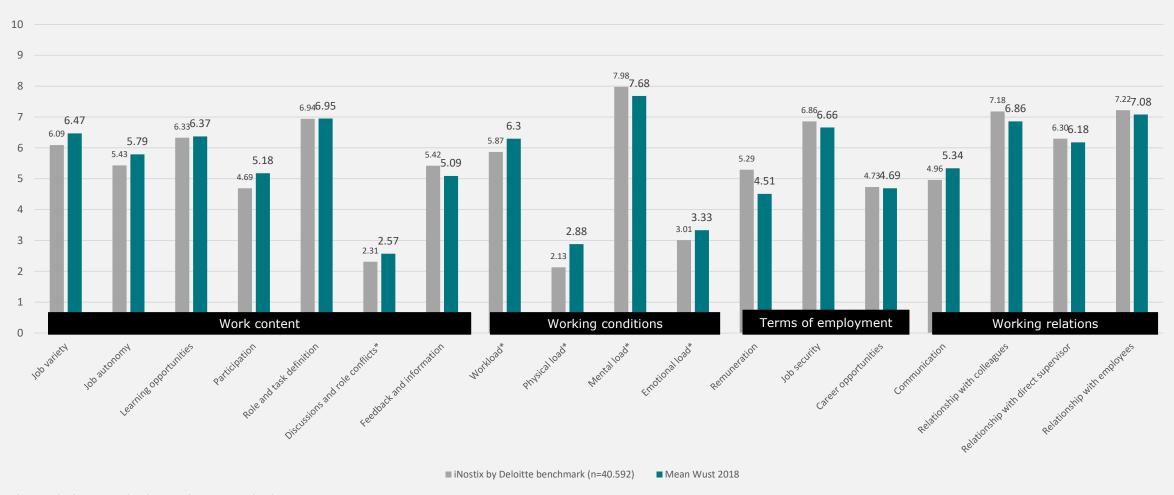
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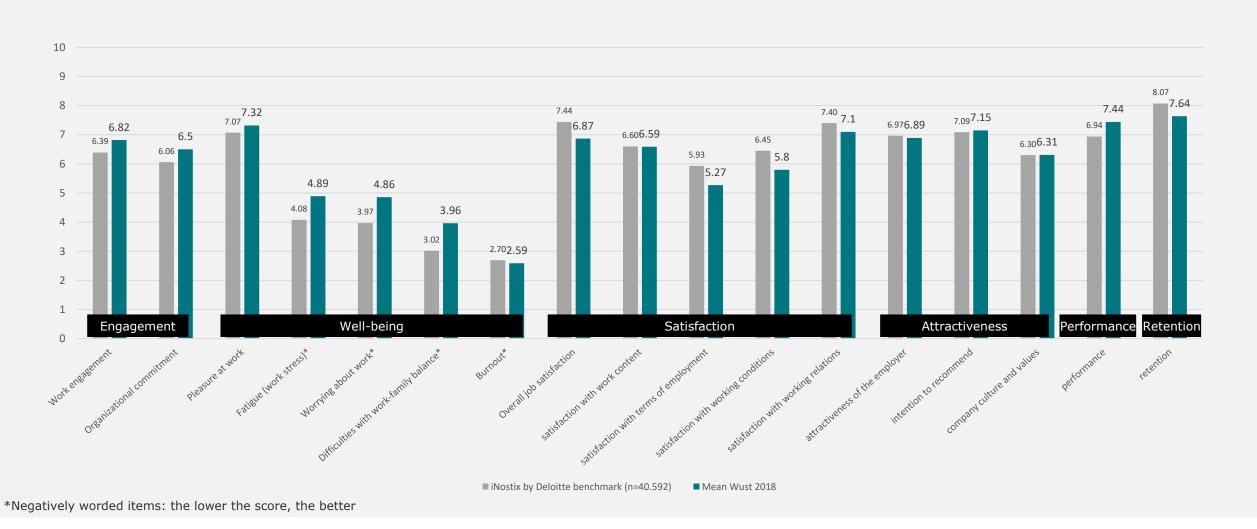
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Comparing the indices with the benchmark (1/2)



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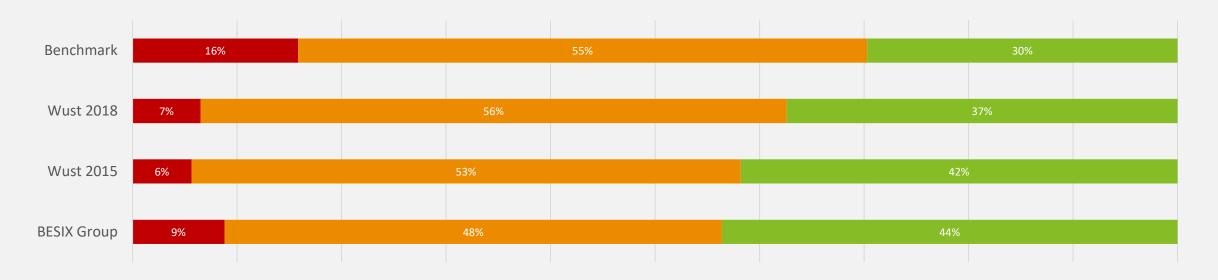
Comparing the indices with the benchmark (2/2)



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Engagement analysis



<u>Disengaged (<5/10)</u> Low level of engagement

- Low performance
- Have less pleasure at work
- Have high intention to quit
- Corrective action is required

Engaged (5-7,5/10)

Average level of engagement

- · Alternately high and low performance
- They go 'with the flow'
- Have important differences in intention to quit
- Improvement in engagement is required

Highly engaged (>7,5/10)

High level of engagement

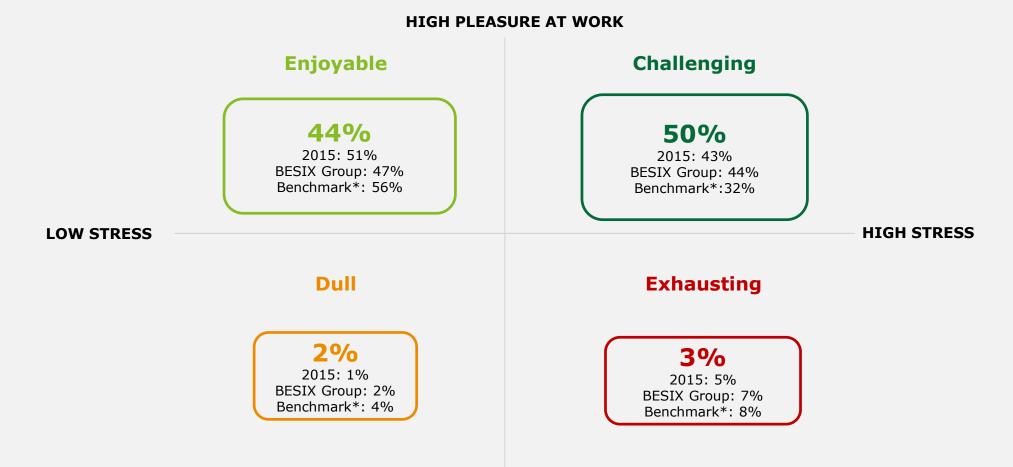
- High performance
- A lot of pleasure at work
- Voluntary taking tasks from colleagues to reduce their workload
- Always looking for more effective methods
- Have low intention to quit

iNostix by Deloitte benchmark (n=40.592)

Analysis of commitment



Analysis of commitment



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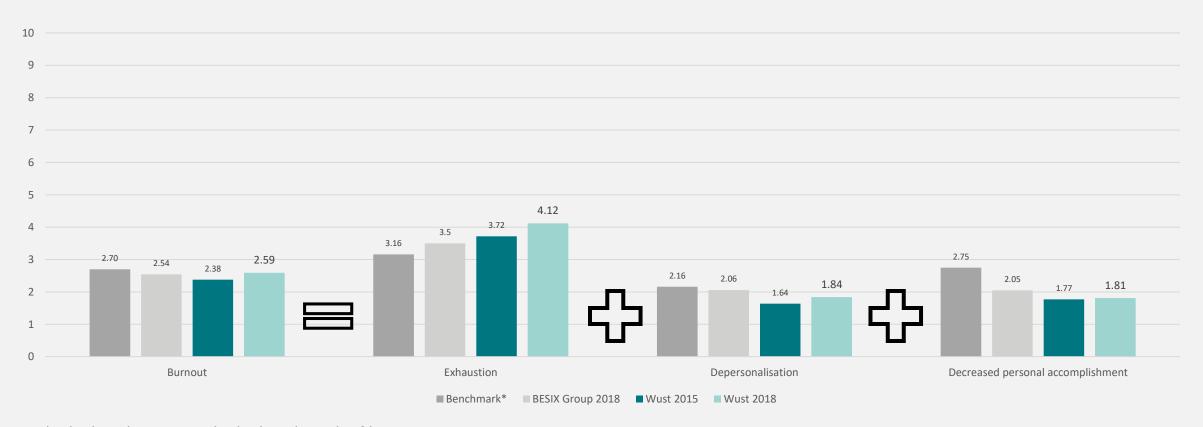
LOW PLEASURE AT WORK

Neutral scale "5" as cut-off point: score below 5/10 is considered as a 'low' score, a score above 5/10 is considered as a 'high' score

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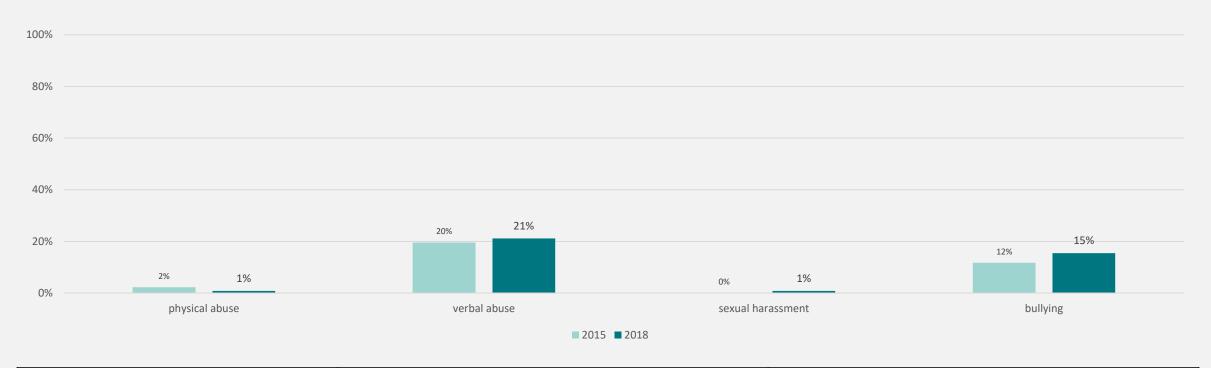
Burnout



The higher the scores, the higher the risk of burnout Burnout = (exhaustion + depersonalisation + personal accomplishment)/3

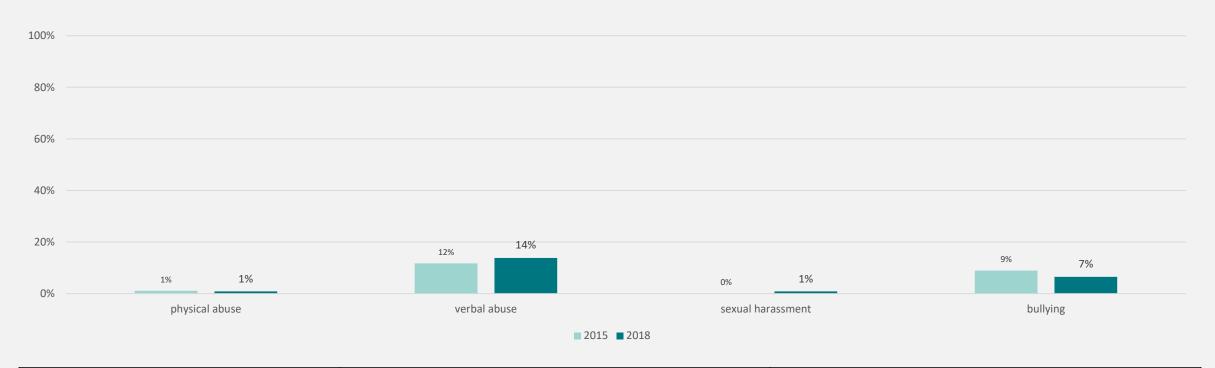
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Undesirable behaviour: witness



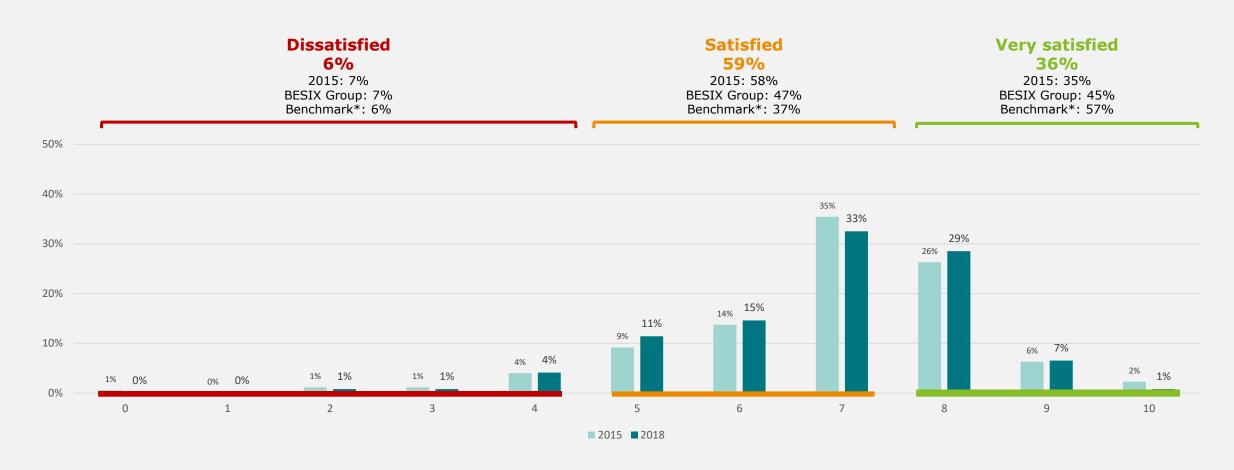
Undesirable behavior	Witness 2015		Witness 2018			
	n	%	of which internal	n	%	of which internal
physical abuse	4	2%	67%	1	1%	0%
verbal abuse	35	20%	67%	26	21%	47%
sexual harassment	0	0%	N/A	1	1%	0%
bullying	21	12%	81%	19	15%	19%

Undesirable behaviour: victim



Undesirable behavior	Victim 2015		Victim 2018			
	n	%	of which internal	n	%	of which internal
physical abuse	2	1%	75%	1	1%	0%
verbal abuse	21	12%	60%	17	14%	55%
sexual harassment	0	0%	N/A	1	1%	0%
bullying	16	9%	88%	8	7%	33%

6. Detailed results Overall job satisfaction

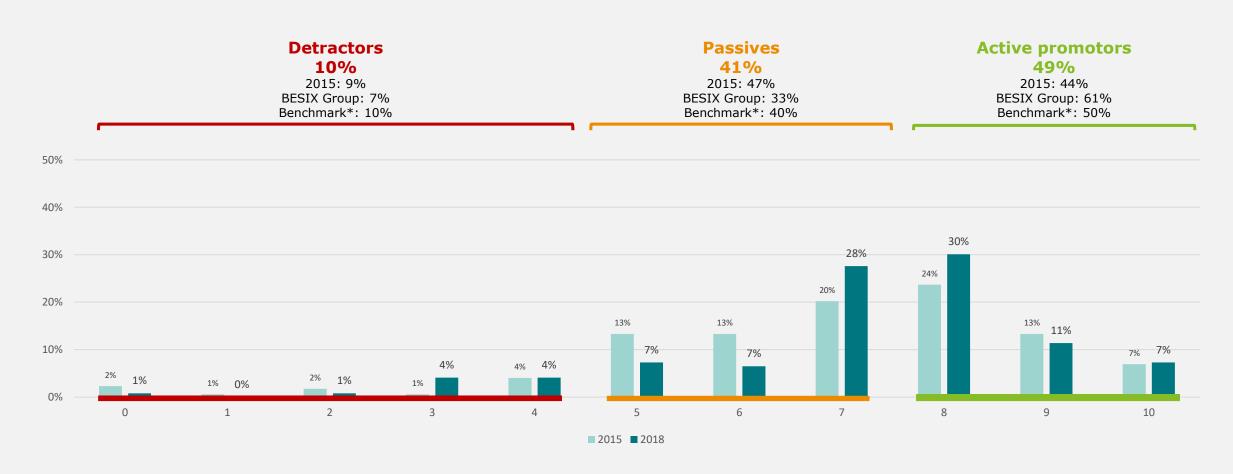


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Intention to recommend



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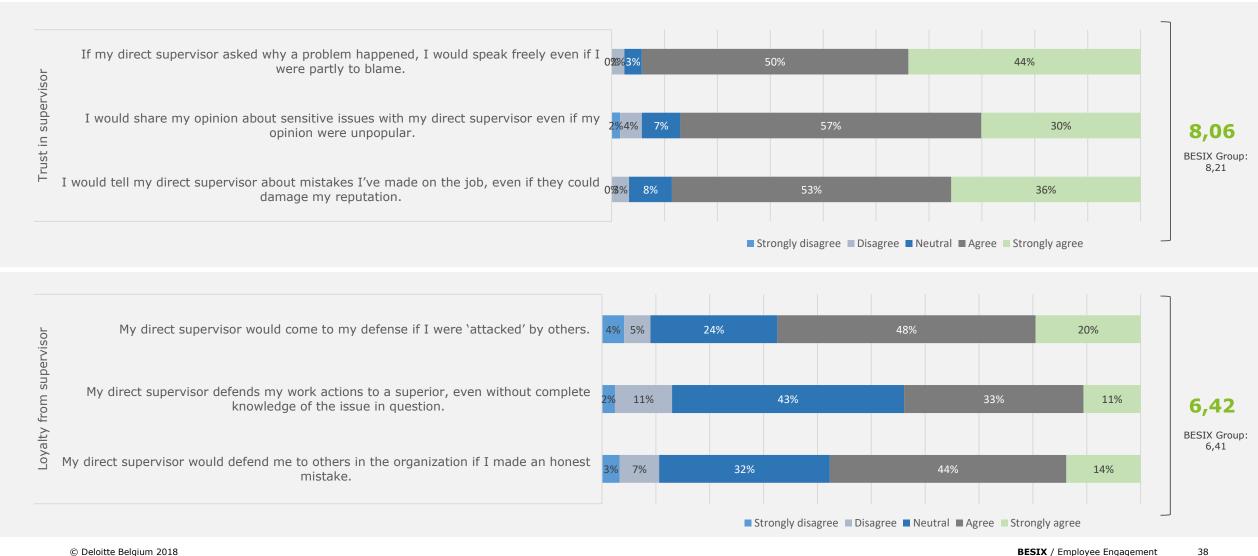
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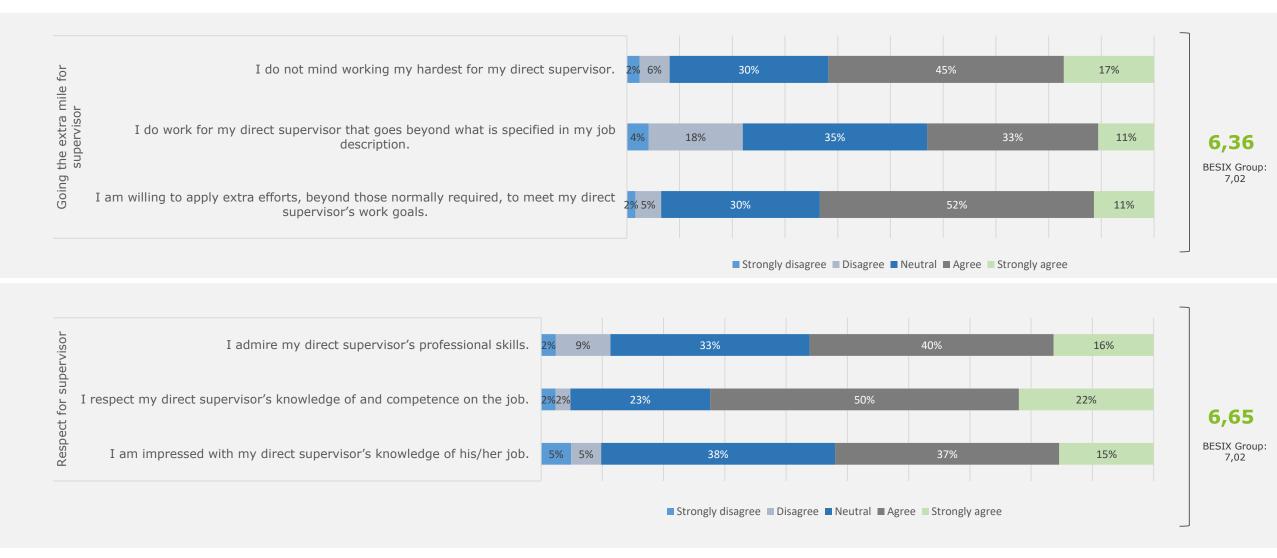
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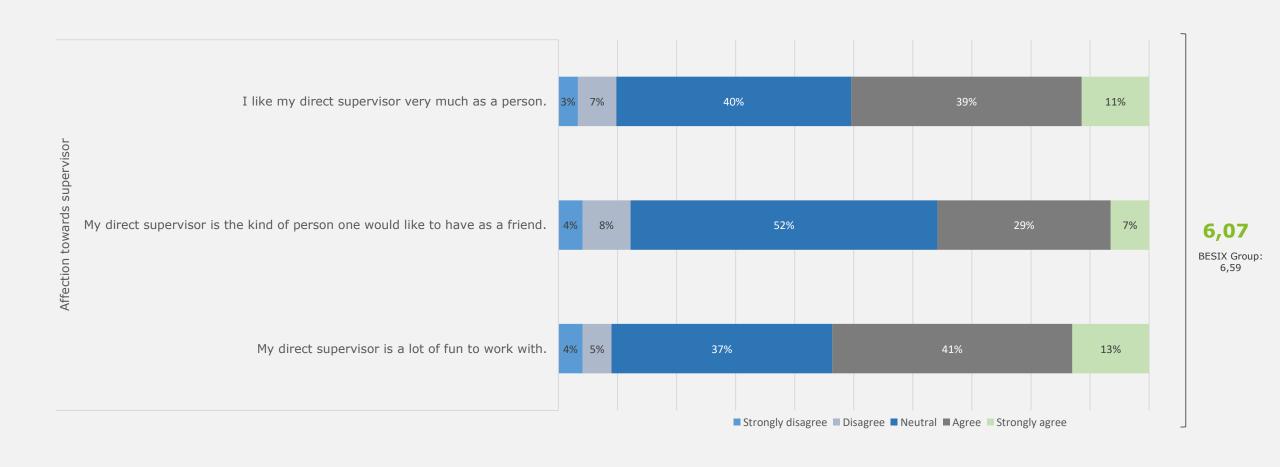


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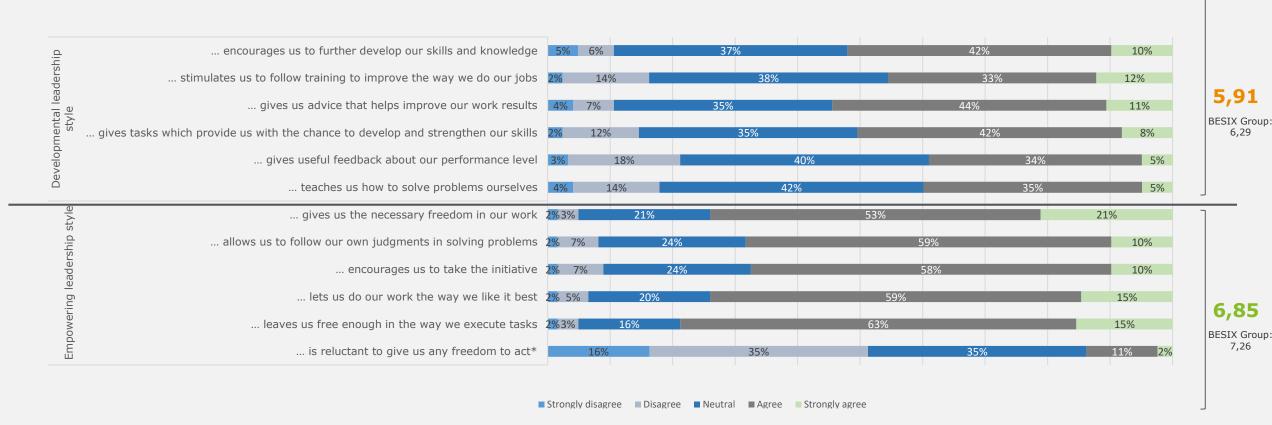


Leadership questions (3/3)



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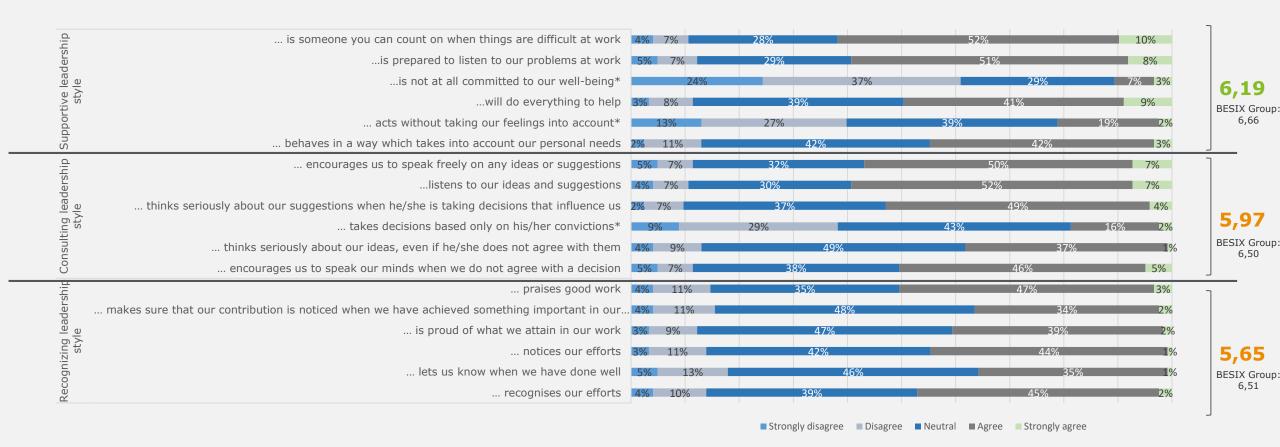
My direct supervisor...



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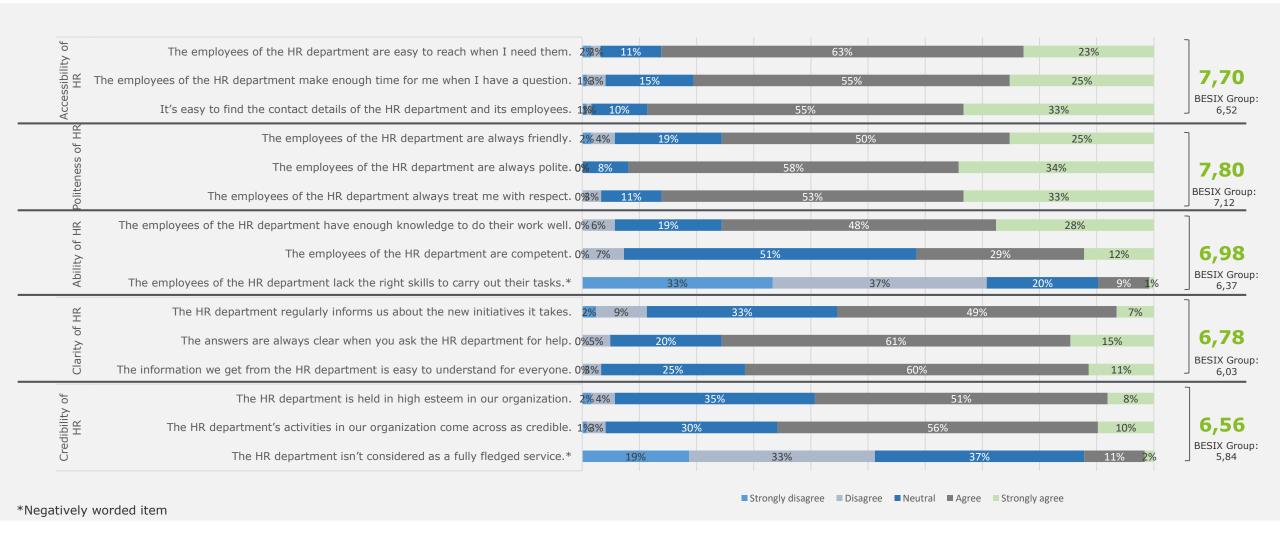
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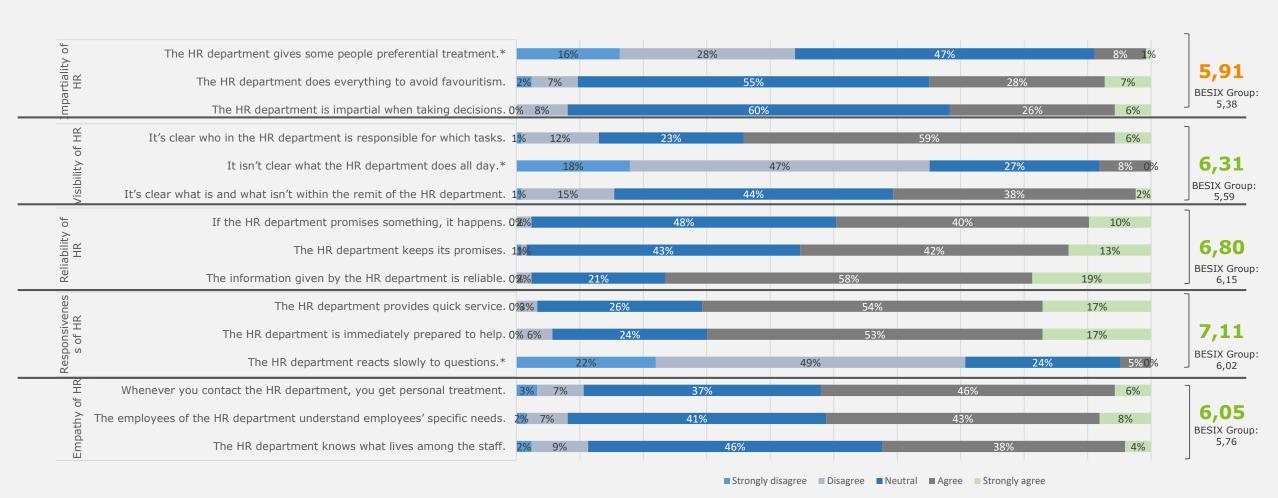


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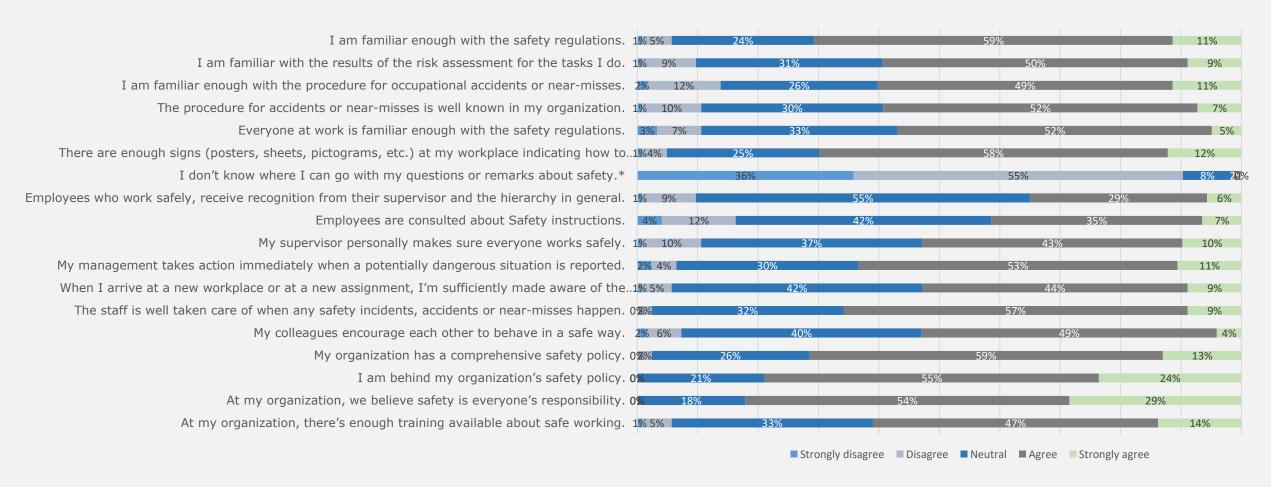


HR satisfaction (2/2)



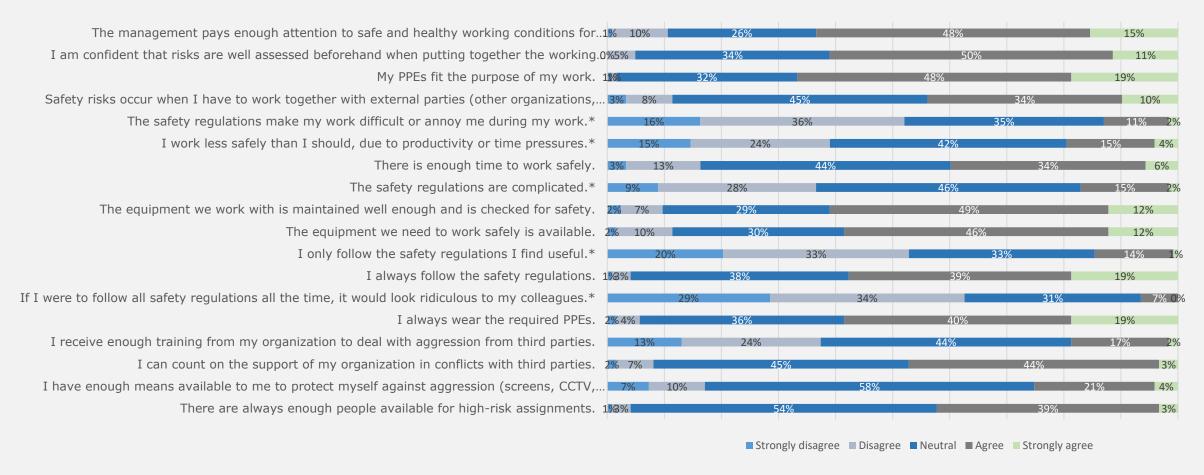
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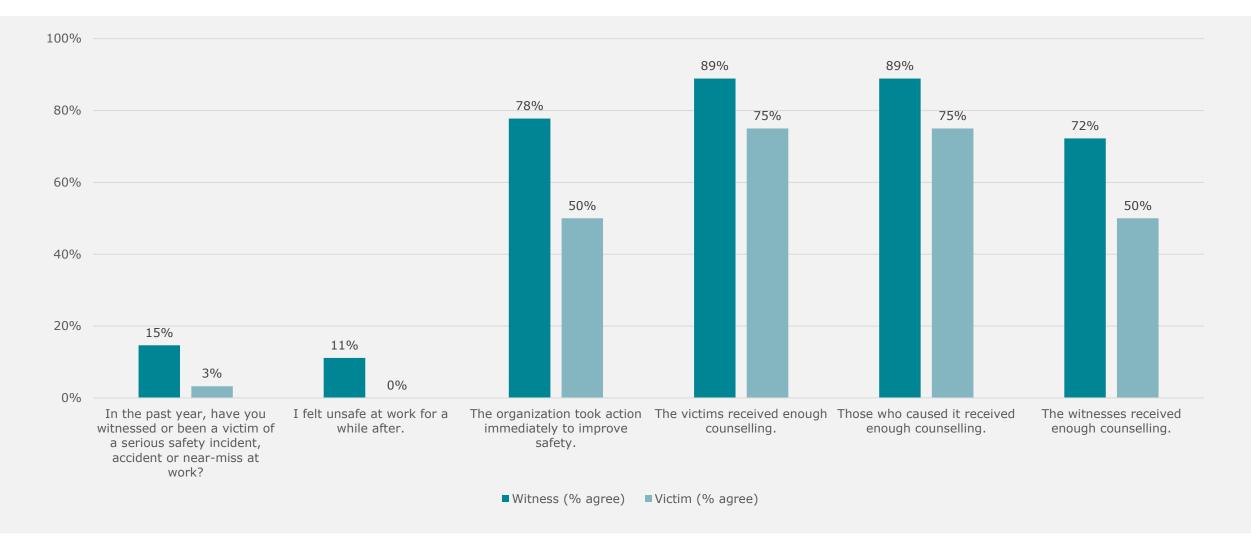
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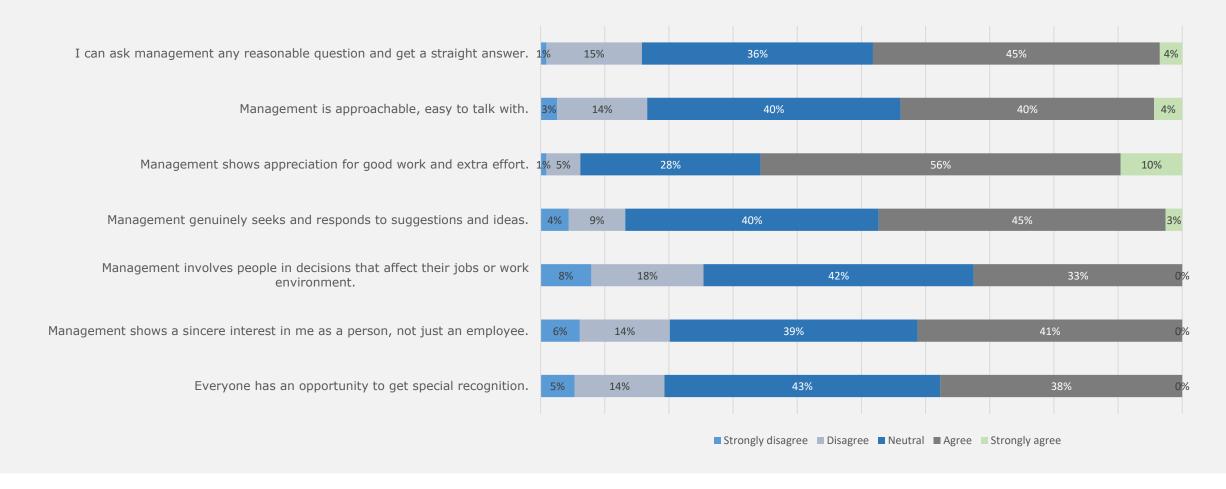


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Safety at work (3/3)



7. Extra questions Management questions





How to continue

This report contains a lot of valuable information that serves as the start of a collective journey towards the creation and roll-out of an action plan for a healthy work climate. This means a work environment in which people feel good, perform well and contribute to the strategy of the organization. In order to achieve the goals mentioned above, the following steps are important:

(1) EXPLORE

Take the time to go through the results

- Is everything clear to you (i.e. the content, interpretation, the model...)?
- Can you recognize the results? What surprises you? What drew your attention?
- What are the big changes compared with 2015? On what points is Wust scoring differently than the external benchmark and BESIX Group?
- What are your own take-away points? What are the strengths you see? What concerns require extra attention?

(2) COMMUNICATE

Make a first communication message to reach all employees as soon as possible. This could be spread by mail, via television screens on waiting points, restaurant placemats, leaflets at the entrance or coffee corners, posters on the walls...

- Focus on high-level information about the main Wust results.
- Provide employees with balanced information (strengths and concerns).
- Set-up a timeline regarding the next steps BESIX is going to take in creating a sustainable action plan (if possible mention the key priorities to work on).

(3) SELECT PRIORITIES

Employees expect you to highlight the priorities to focus on, as management with a clear vision on the strategy and the future of the organization

- Do not try to fix everything at once, limit your priorities to 2-3 key attention points.
- Not every priority may be applicable for everyone, nor will some departments see their main priorities tackled. Give them the possibility to add-on 1 or max. 2 additional priorities.
- Focus on those aspects that have a high impact, that stand out and that are adjustable.

(4) TRANSLATE PRIORITIES INTO CONCRETE ACTIONS

After priorities are selected, it is important to link these to meaningful and practical actions

- Give employees voice and include them in this process in order to support a successful execution of the action plan.
- Make actions SMART and address dedicated responsibilities.
- Continuously listen to your employees to ensure the effectiveness of the action plan, both in qualitative (e.g. focus groups) as quantitative (e.g. short pulse surveys) ways.

Specific recommendations (1/2)

Our extensive experience in engagement research has led to some recommendations and best practices that might be relevant for Wust. However, there is no off-the-shelf solution for these kind of challenges and dedicated support in the creation of a sustainable action plan might be necessary.

PARTICIPATION

Involvement, pride and being in control of your work is impossible if you can't participate in decision making. Managers tend to make decisions themselves and distribute/sell them to their team members. It's better to have employees being involved in the strategy and decisions in the first place. That way the outcomes will be supported and carried out more by engaged employees. The leadership module indicates that Wust employees do generally trust their supervisor and that the empowering leadership style is already recognized by a lot of Wust employees. However, iNostix by Deloitte advices managers to act like a coach and empower employees in voicing their opinions as much as possible.

WORKLOAD AND MENTAL LOAD

As this is one of the primary causes of burnout, iNostix by Deloitte advices to coach employees in how to be in control again of their own work environment and work stressors. By using techniques as prioritization, boundary setting, mapping tasks, slicing work, regrouping, having well-defined responsibilities, managing projects with a clear start and end... employees are able to regain order and handle workload in a better way. However, it is important to emphasize that a certain level of mental load is necessary to feel engaged and perform in an optimal way.

FEEDBACK AND TASK INFORMATION

Feedback is a very powerful management tool as it helps employees get on track and as it serves as a guide in assisting people to know how others perceive their performance. On top of that, feedback and clear task descriptions can be very motivating and energizing. Formal feedback can be provided in a number of ways and has to be seen as a continuous learning opportunity.

REMUNERATION

Although remuneration is not the item having the most important impact on employee satisfaction, it is a fundamental way of recognizing and validating the efforts employees have put in their jobs and their employer. It is not really the amount of salary that is crucial, but rather the perception that their remuneration package is fair and in line with the work they do. Research shows that if this perception is negative, people get demotivated and efficiency will drop. A positive perception on the other hand is the base for other sustainable motivating stimuli: self-deployment, being able to learn, doing a job that you find interesting... . Be aware that remuneration is a very short term 'motivator', people quickly perceive it as acquired.

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Specific recommendations (2/2)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Offering attractive career opportunities are important to connect employees both to the work they do as to the organization they work for. As a format of internal (and eventually also external) employer branding, re-evaluating the policy concerning talent management might be interesting. Is there a possibility to introduce job rotation? Should employees continue working in fixed departments and job positions, rather than project-based and more task-oriented? Another important aspect in this is the transparent and concentrated communication concerning career opportunities and the way the company handles promotion.

COMMUNICATION

Employees questioning firm communication can mean various things. They might wish for more communication (quantitative), a better and more clear communication content or procedure (qualitative) or a communication that actively reaches all of them in the first place (scope). Involve employees more often and let them know what happens at Wust. Distribution of messages and information is best done utilizing the most efficient channels, which are in most cases not the 'official' ones. As communication is key in a context of transformation and change, organize update sessions regularly (e.g. via push communication using a short movie, webinars, face-to-face Q&A sessions,...), update the 'who is who' on a constant base, install spots in your company, if not yet existing, where people can meet, hand-out leaflets at the entrances or coffee corners, or use restaurant placemats, share digital screen information on waiting points (elevators, coffee corners...).

WORK STRESS AND WORRYING ABOUT WORK

It is perfectly normal to experience some stress signals once in a while. However, if employees experience an on-going imbalance between their job demands and their coping possibilities, without regular moments of relaxation, they are at risk to develop a burnout. The roll out of a structured well-being policy, a coaching trajectory and a reintegration procedure can both focus on the prevention of as the recovery from burnout.

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9. Appendix

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Excel report:

- Response by population (tab: Response Rate)
- Analysis of variance (tab: Analysis of variance)
- Item analysis (tabs: Items)

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