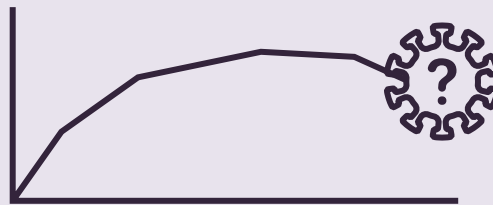


# LEAVING THE SMART LOCK DOWN TOGETHER

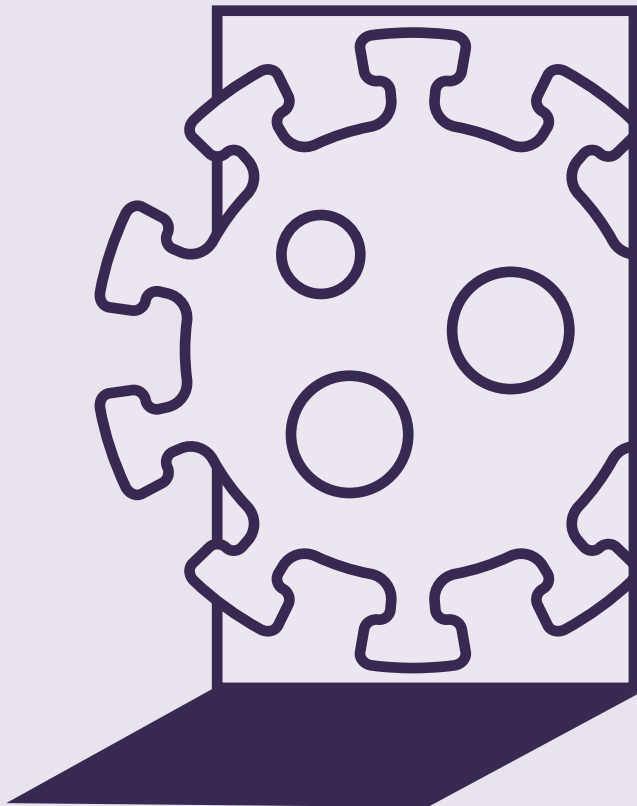
RESULTS OF CONSULTING 30,000 DUTCH  
CITIZENS ON RELAXING CORONA MEASURES



- Dutch people believe that any relaxation of measures to control the coronavirus should be limited, in order to prevent the healthcare system becoming overstretched.
- Participants were most likely to recommend the option: ‘Employees in contact professions (e.g. hairdressers) are allowed to work again’. This relaxation option is popular across various categories of the Dutch population.
- Dutch people are also concerned about reopening hospitality and entertainment businesses. They fear that excessive alcohol consumption could prevent Dutch people from adhering to coronavirus measures, such as the 1.5-metre distance rule.
- They also think that the measures should not be allowed to sow division: there is no support for lifting restrictions for specific groups.
- As many as 30,000 members of the Dutch public took part in this unique experiment during the period of 29 April to 6 May, charting their thoughts and preferences on relaxing measures to combat the coronavirus.
- The research was carried out by researchers from Delft University of Technology in collaboration with researchers from other universities and the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM).

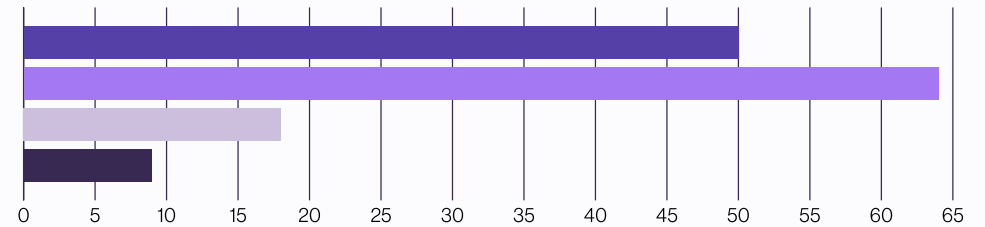
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Supports the option to  
reopen contact professions

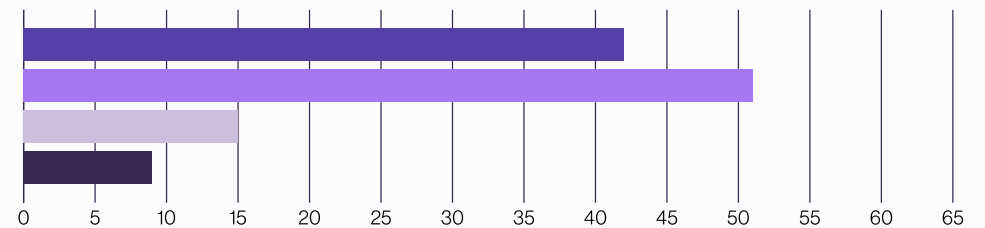


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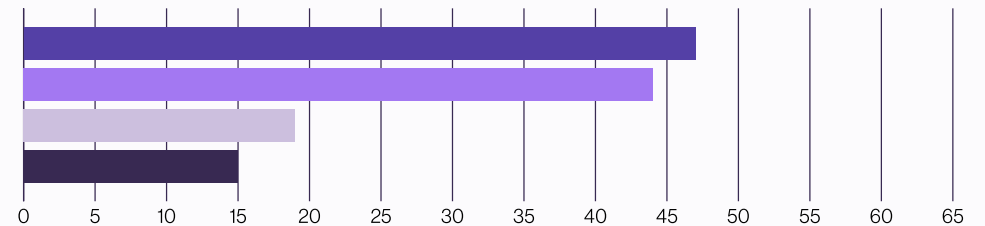
Contact professions can open again



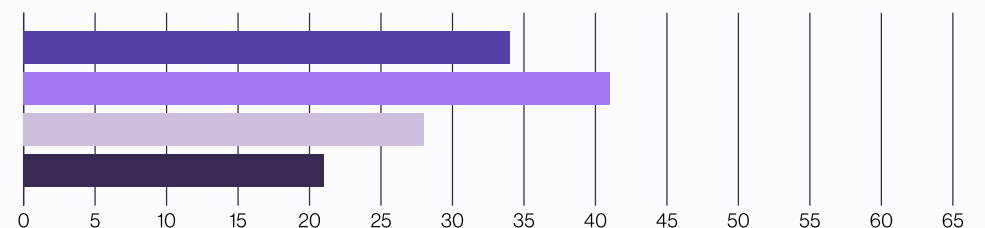
Businesses open again (except hospitality & contact-jobs)



Direct family members from other households do not hold 1,5 meter distance

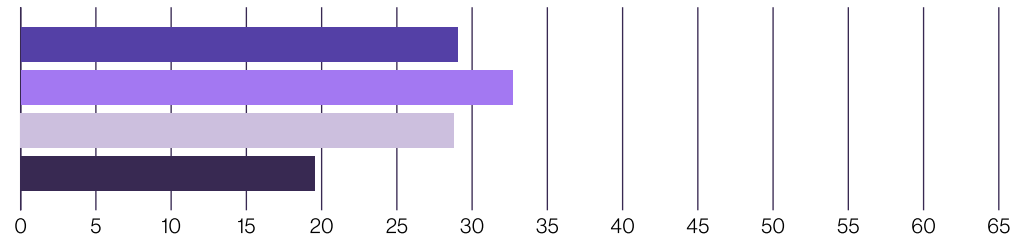


Young people may come together in groups

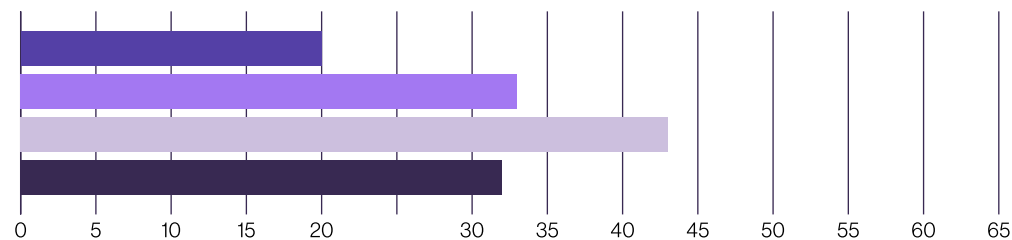


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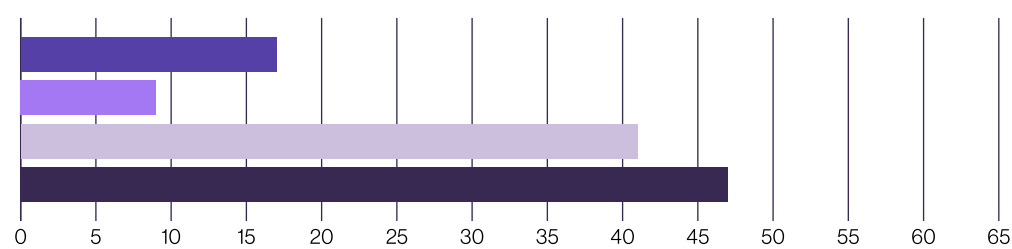
### Nursing and care homes allow visitors



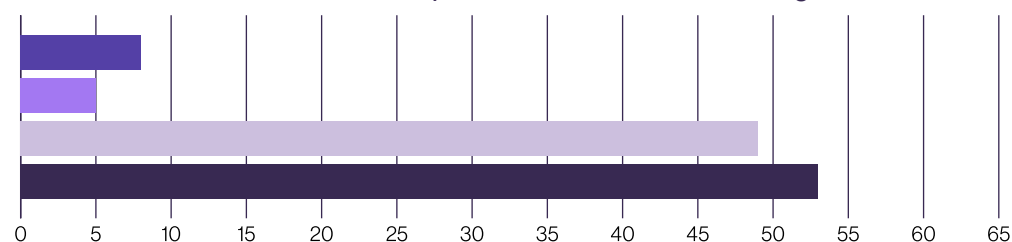
### Hospitality and entertainment sector open again



### All restrictions are lifted for people who are immune



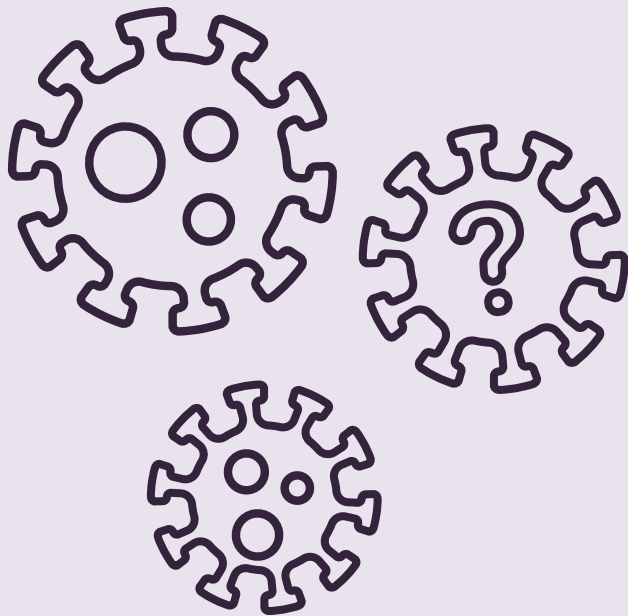
### All restrictions lifted in northern provinces Friesland, Groningen and Drenthe



*"By making a distinction between people who are immune and people who may still be infected or who are already infected, you create a very strange divide between two groups in the population. The same with all restrictions lifted in Friesland, Groningen and Drenthe. It's either the whole of the Netherlands without restrictions, or not."*

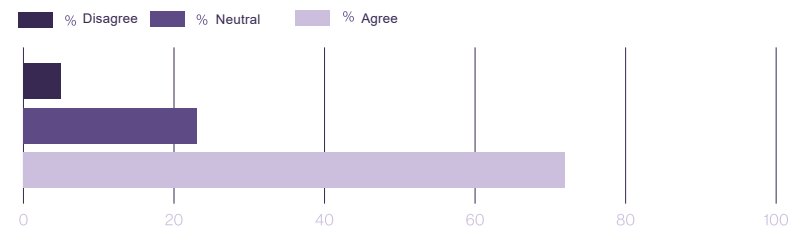
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thinks this is a good method  
to involve the Dutch in  
choices that the government  
has to make on relaxing  
corona measures

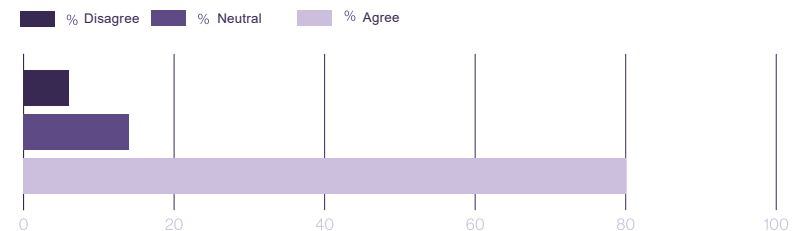


## Wat do citizens say about participating in decisions on relaxing corona measures?

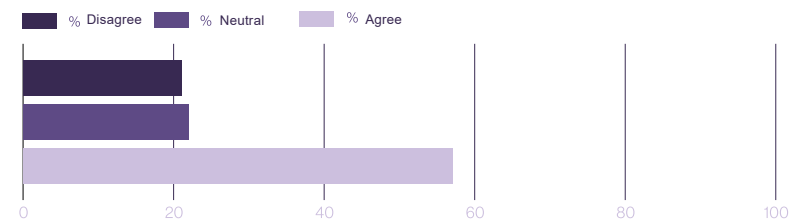
I am convinced of my choice



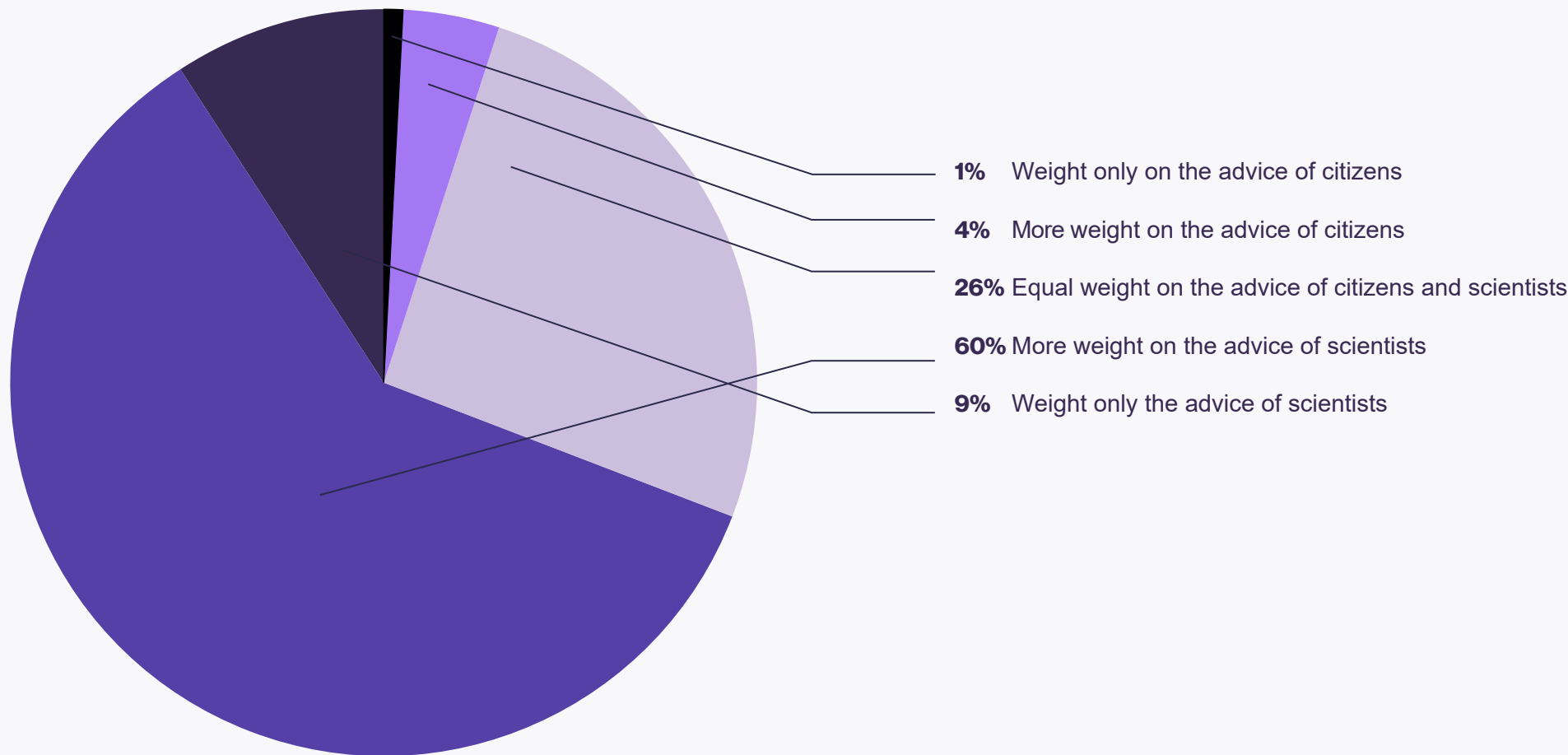
PVE is a good method for involving citizens on this subject



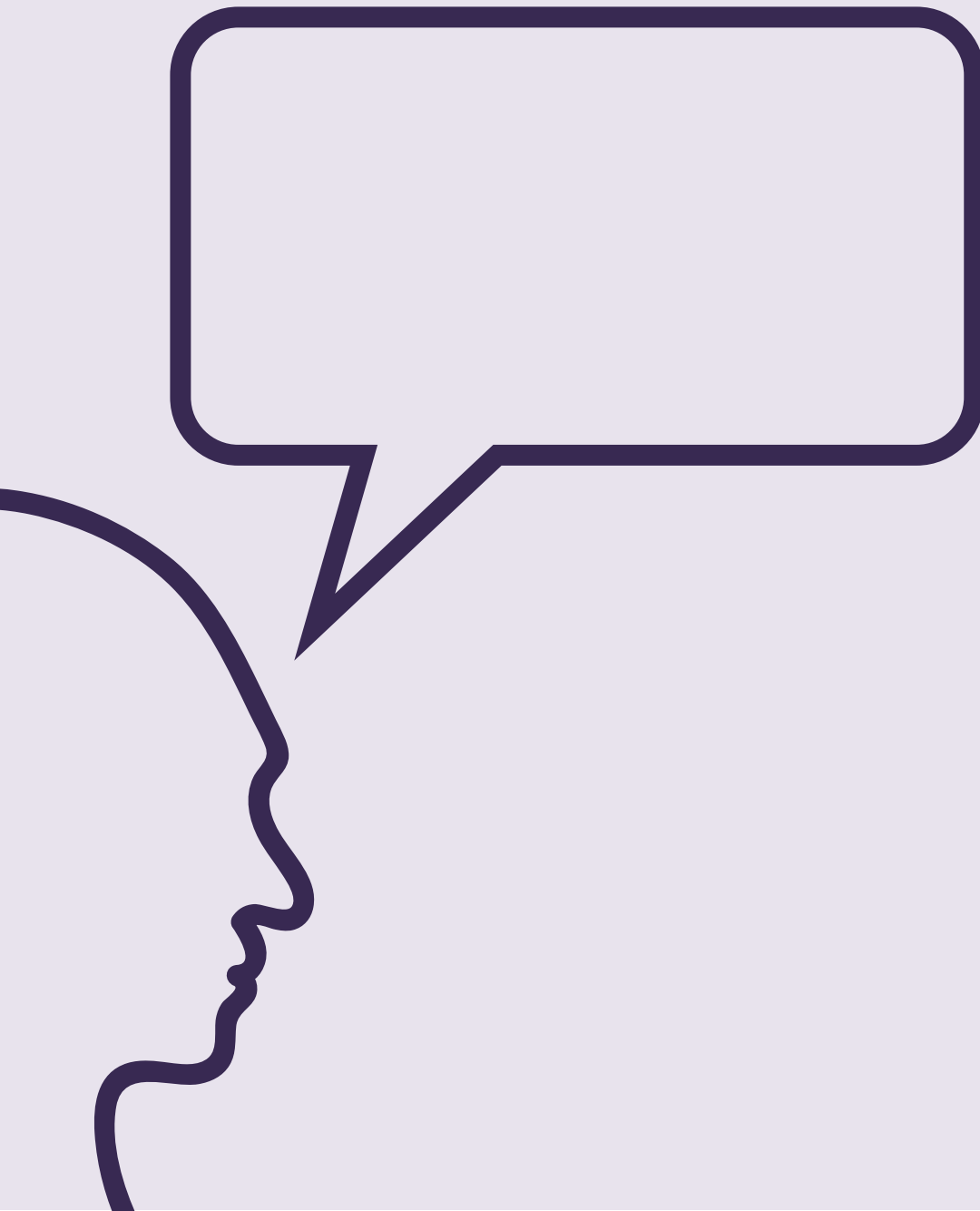
By participating in this study, I learned more about the choices  
the government has to make



How much weight has to be given on advice of citizens and of scientists in decisions to relax corona measures?



## Quotes of participants



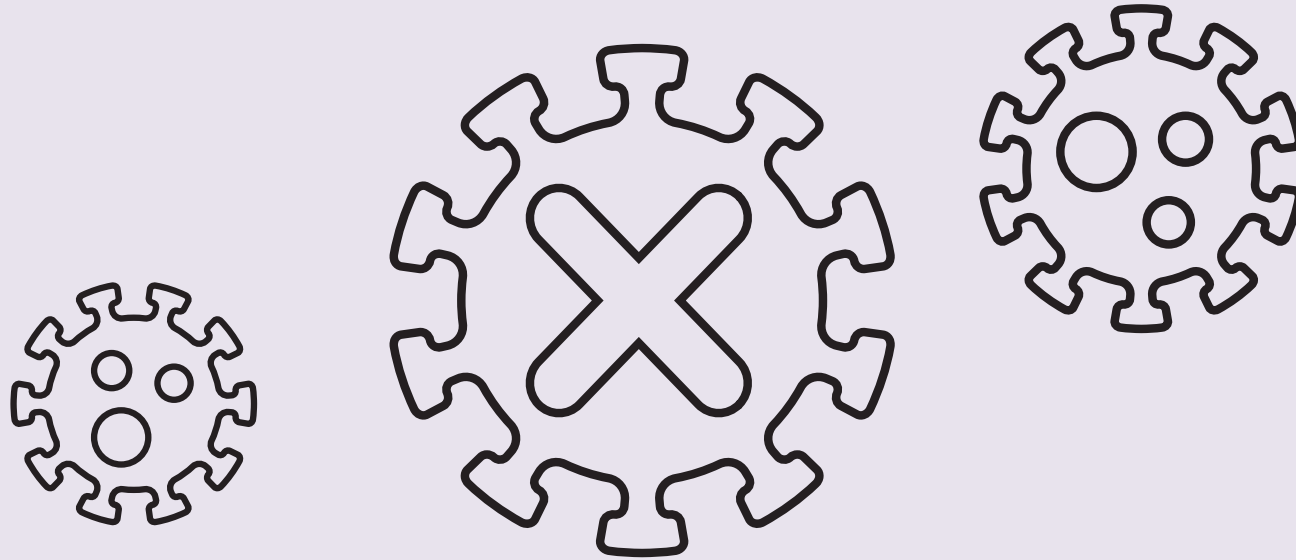
*"You experience the same responsibility that policy-makers also experience."*

*"It made me think how difficult these kinds of considerations are."*

*"This gives me a better understanding of the choice that politicians face."*

*"I like the fact that the government is open to the (good) ideas of its citizens. Thank you very much!"*

*"A lot of room for thought and explanation about lifting corona measures."*



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