

FROM CHAOS TO COHERENCE: THE ALIGNED REPORTING INITIATIVE'S WORK TO STREAMLINE AND STANDARDIZE SUSTAINABILITY DISCLOSURE



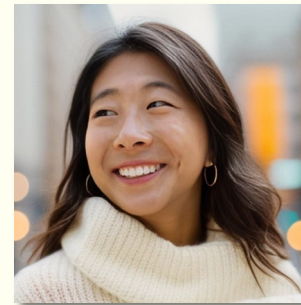
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SUSTAINABILITY DISCLOSURE



WHERE DID THIS INITIATIVE BEGIN?

It began with the recognition that we have a powerful opportunity to help support our community in navigating the burden of information being requested and shared specific to climate/sustainability.



ASRI STEERING COMMITTEE



ASRI WORKING GROUP

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OUR GOAL IN PHASE 1

By April, identify a pathway for a streamlined, standardized sustainability disclosure process across the food and grocery industries.

ASRI INDUSTRY-WIDE SURVEY: WHO RESPONDED?

Industry Roles: 43 Respondents

- Brand: 23 (53%)
- Retailer: 7 (16%)
- Supplier: 6 (14%)
- Service provider: 3 (7%)
- Non-profit: 2 (5%)
- Other/Distributor: 2 (5%)

Company Size (Annual Revenue)

- Less than \$10 million: 10 (23%)
- \$10 million - \$50 million: 9 (21%)
- \$50 million - \$100 million: 6 (14%)
- \$100 million - \$500 million: 7 (16%)
- \$500 million - \$1 billion: 3 (7%)
- \$1 billion+: 8 (19%)

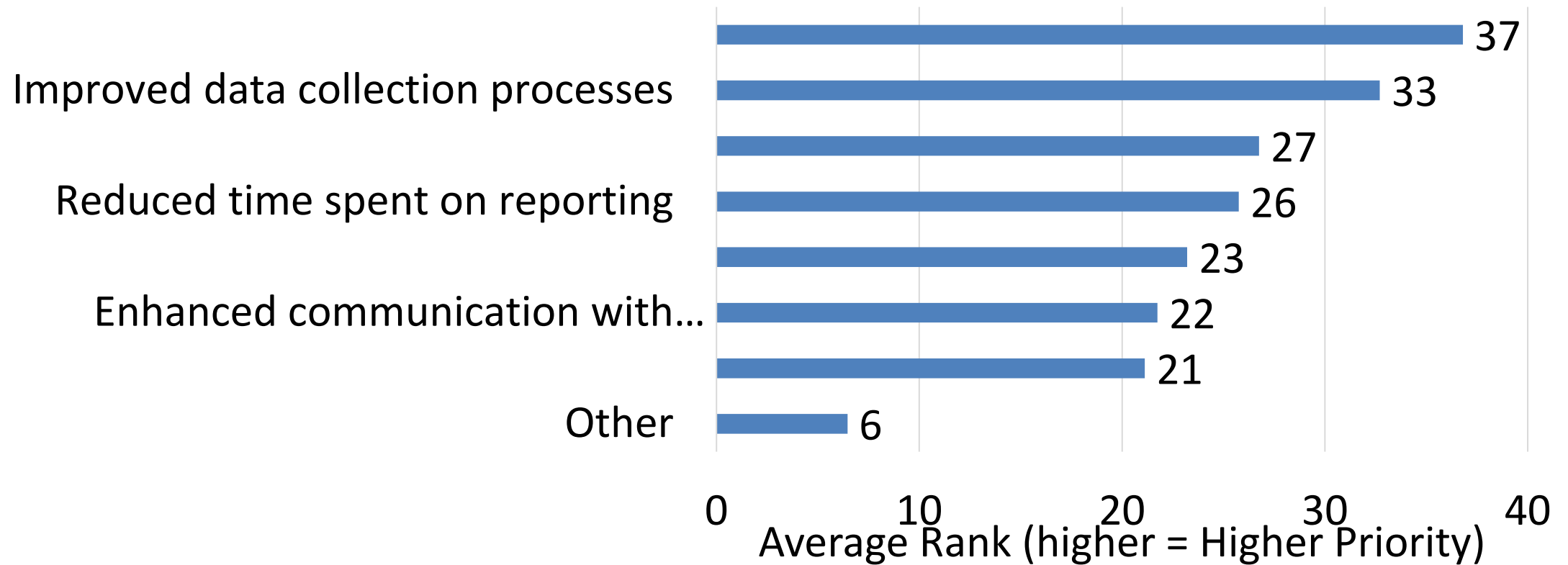
Climate Program Maturity

Companies self-identified their climate program maturity as follows:

- Pioneering: 9 (21%) - Innovating and setting industry benchmarks with cutting-edge strategies
- Leading: 11 (26%) - Demonstrating measurable impact through advanced practices and transparent reporting
- Engaging: 14 (33%) - Implementing programs, tracking progress, beginning to formalize commitments
- Exploring: 7 (16%) - Developing awareness and taking initial steps
- None of the above: 2 (5%)

WHAT DO RESPONDENTS WANT THE ASRI TO PRIORITIZE

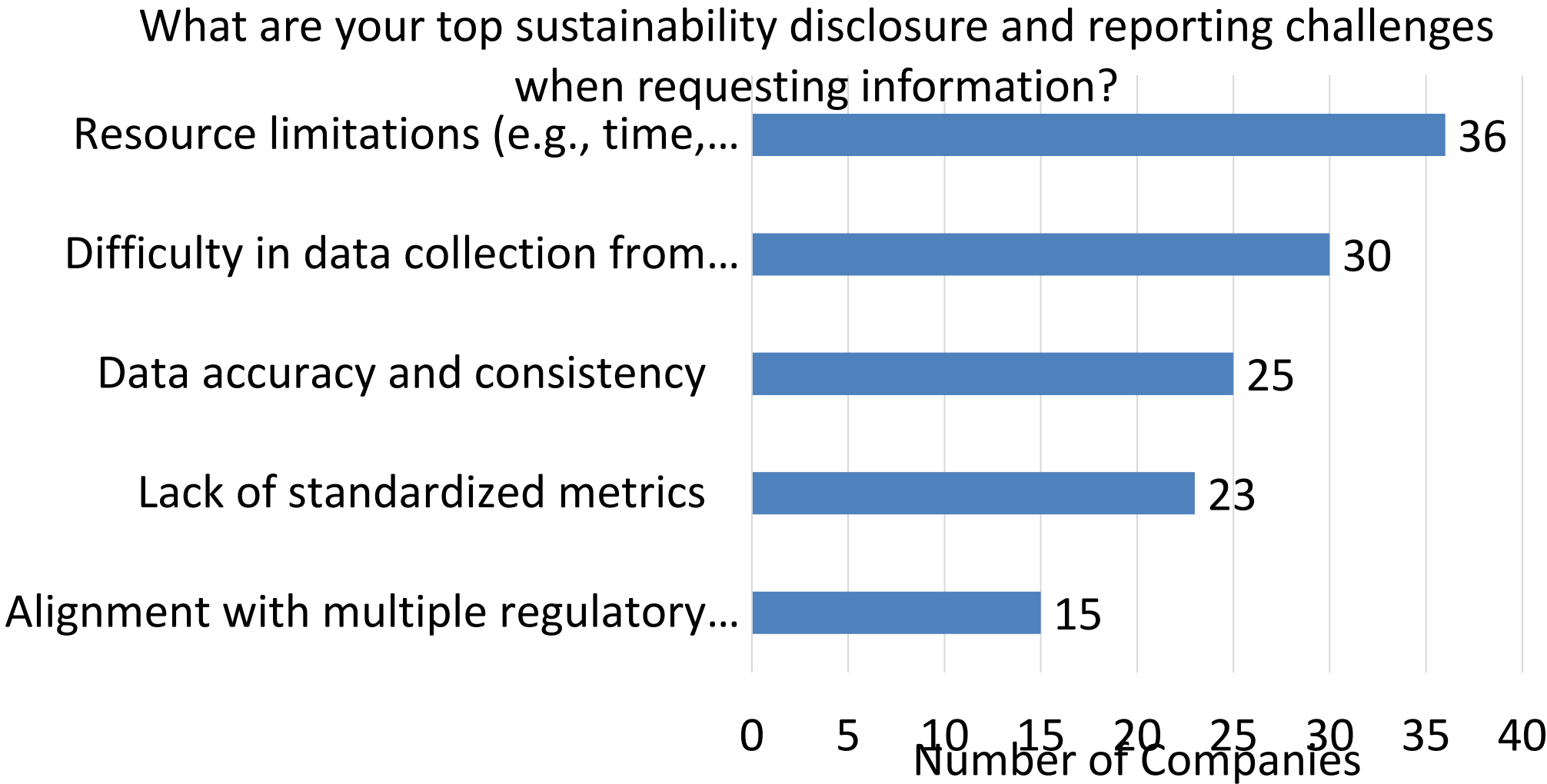
Priorities for ASRI Ranked by Average Ranking



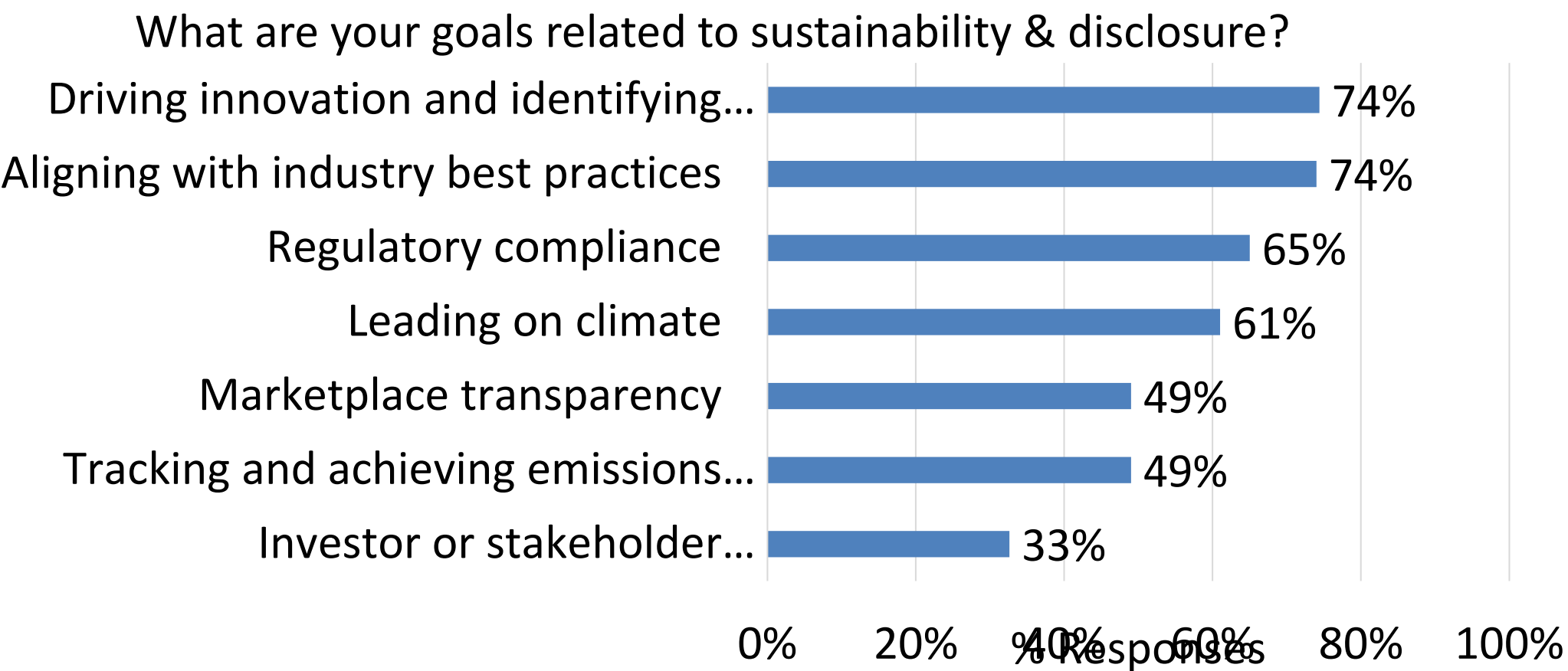
WHERE RESPONDENTS SAID SUPPORT IS NEEDED



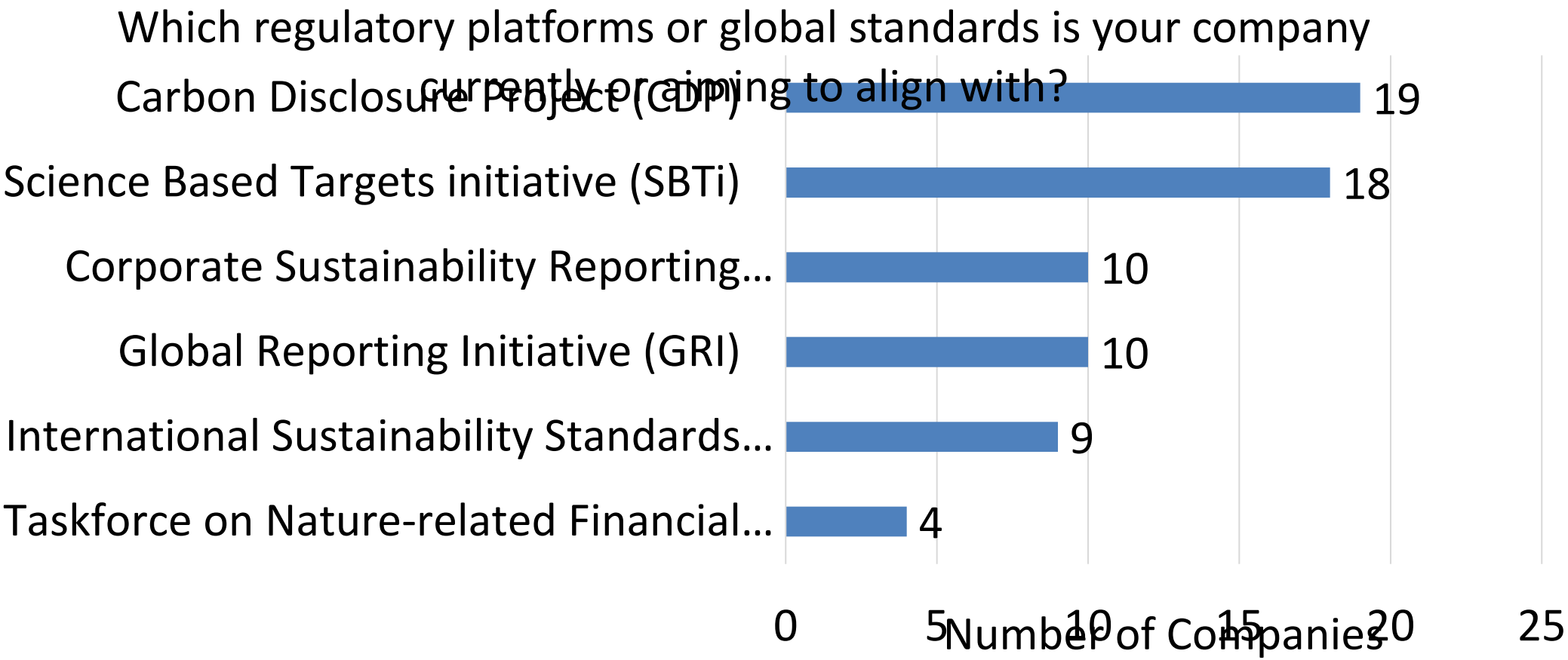
WHAT ARE YOUR TOP SUSTAINABILTY DISCLOSURE AND REPORTING CHALLENGES WHEN REQUESTING INFORMATION?



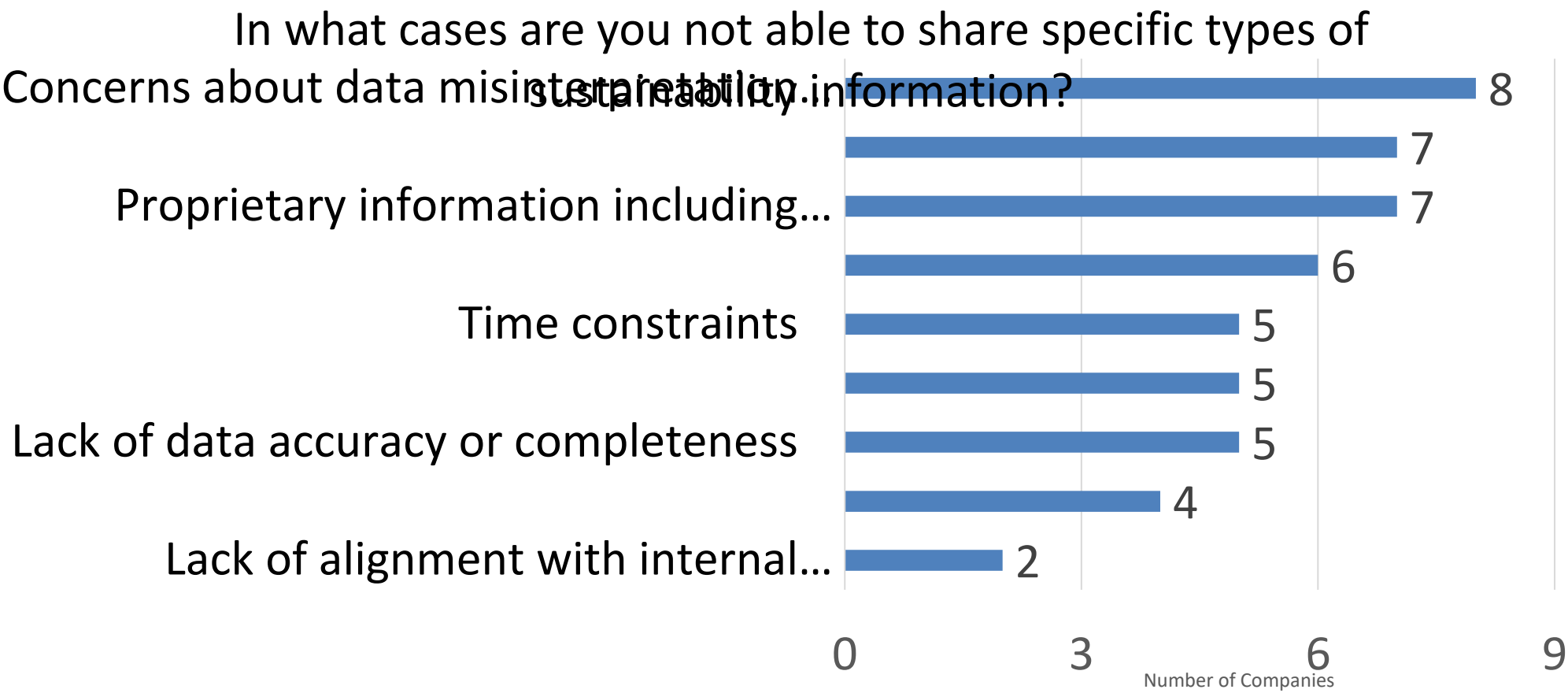
RESPONDENTS GOALS RELATED TO SUSTAINABILITY & DISCLOSURE



WHAT REGULATORY PLATFORMS ARE THEY ALIGNING WITH?

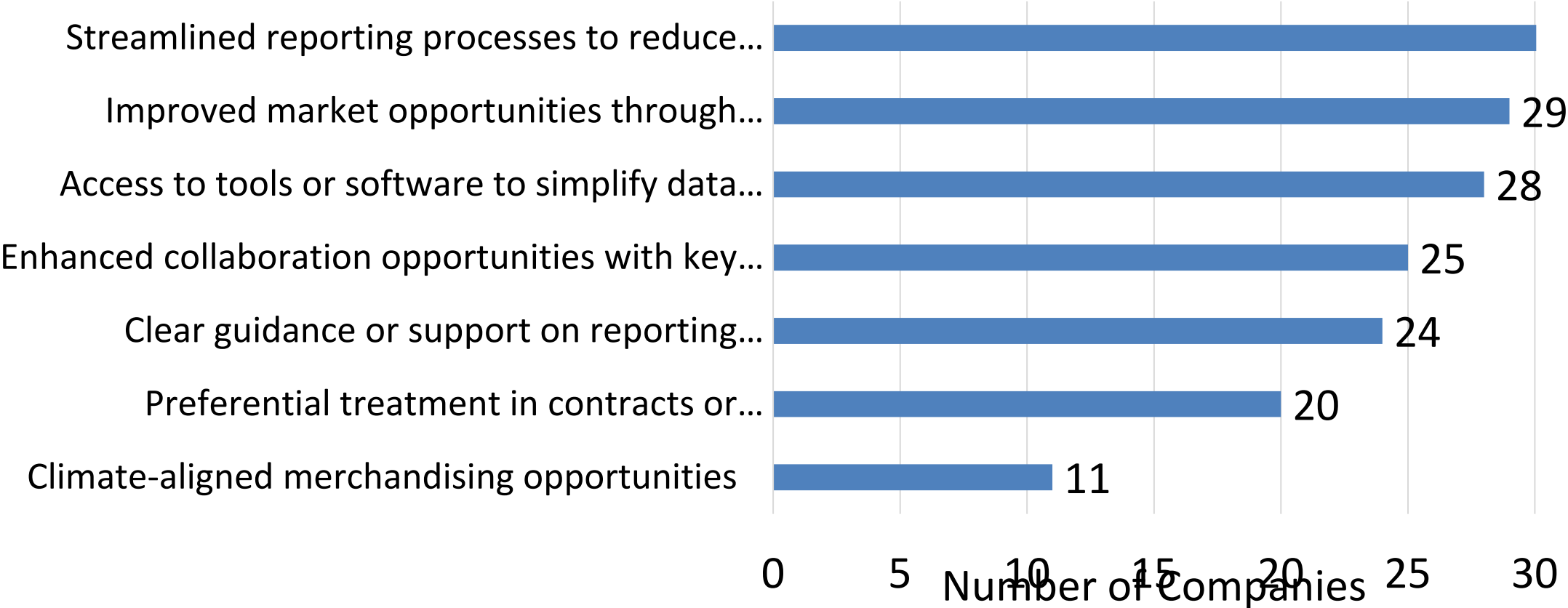


WHAT ARE THE BARRIERS TO SHARING INFORMATION?



WHAT TYPES OF INCENTIVES WOULD BEST SUPPORT YOUR COMPANY

What types of incentives would best support your company?



THE ROLE OF RETAILERS IN SUSTAINABILITY AND DISCLOSURE

Reporting Dynamics

- As noted on the previous slide, retailers are major requestors of climate information (80% of brands report data requested from retailers)

Retailer Challenges

- 100% struggle with data collection from suppliers
- 100% face resource limitations (time, staffing, funding)
- 86% concerned about data accuracy and consistency
- 71% need standardized metrics

Support Preferences

- 86% want standardized templates
- 71% seek guidance documents and best practices
- 57% need digital tools for data collection

EDUCATION PORTAL

Providing a Strong Foundation for Greater Alignment

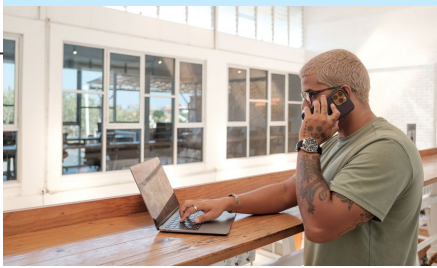
A free educational resource hub that consolidates essential information on sustainability reporting and compliance. This dynamic platform would help companies of all sizes filter **relevant regulatory requirements**, **access industry-specific guidance**, find **assessment tools**, and stay updated on **evolving standards**.

- Reduces time spent searching for solutions
- Builds capacity within teams
- Creates greater alignment across the industry
- Addresses the specific needs identified by brands



“WE NEED TO MEET
COMPANIES WHERE THEY
ARE AT TODAY.”

ALIGNED REPORTING PLATFORM



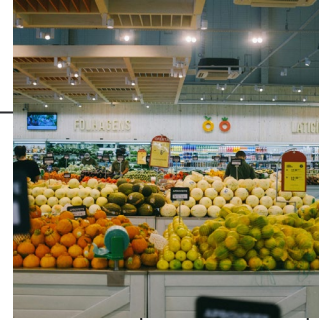
Standardized **Survey Templates**

Standardized Survey Templates provide globally-aligned question sets that reduce duplicative reporting while enabling data translation between systems.



Relevant to **Sector & Product Type**

Sector and product-specific templates eliminate irrelevant questions, customizing surveys to your industry context while reducing fatigue and increasing data quality.



Engages **Key Stakeholders**

Designed with retailer input to build broad acceptance, these templates would seek to secure stakeholder buy-in while creating alignment across the supply chain.



Streamlines **Compliance**

Streamlines compliance with multiple regulatory frameworks and standards, reducing administrative burden while ensuring all reporting requirements are met efficiently.

THE PATHWAY FORWARD

Aug. 2024– April 2025

Co-Initiate

The ASRI formed a Steering Committee that initiated the scoping of the initiative. They also identified key partners.

Nov. 2024– April 2025

Learn

The ASRI went through a facilitated stakeholder engagement process to share their experience and insights and to learn from the broader industry.

Feb. 2025 – April 2025

Develop

Based on insights from the survey and the Learn phase of work, we will begin to scope the proposed solutions.

April 2025 – July 2025

Prototype + Test

As we move into Phase 2 of the workstream we will begin to articulate a more detailed design, to inform prototype solutions that can be tested with the industry.

July 2025 – Fall 2025

Build + Engage

Phase 2 of this work will also include the building of the solutions and ongoing industry engagement.



GET INVOLVED IN PHASE 2 OF THE ASRI!

Your voice and insights are critical in helping to ensure that these solutions meet the industry's needs.

- Sign up to learn more about Phase 2 of the Aligned Sustainability Reporting Initiative
- Receive a PDF of the results from the ASRI Baseline Survey
- Be kept up-to-date on offerings from the Initiative
- Questions? info@climatecollaborative.com



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Thank you!

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