

CHALLENGES IN THE FUTURE FOR THE UK GROUND INVESTIGATION INDUSTRY



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SPOTLIGHT ON THE UK GROUND INVESTIGATION INDUSTRY

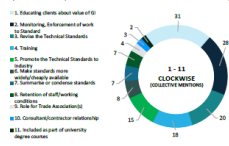
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RESULTS FROM THE SURVEY

IMPROVING THE UPTAKE OF THE TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Question 26 of the survey asked: "Do you have any suggestions for improving the uptake of the technical standards?"

- In total, 188 respondents contributed to this free-text question. The suggestions were wide ranging.
- Some of the responses were very detailed and some clear themes arose from the responses:



Theme	Count
1. Raising clarity about what is in it	11
2. Raising the awareness of it	18
3. Raising the technical standards	20
4. Training	20
5. Raising the awareness of it	20
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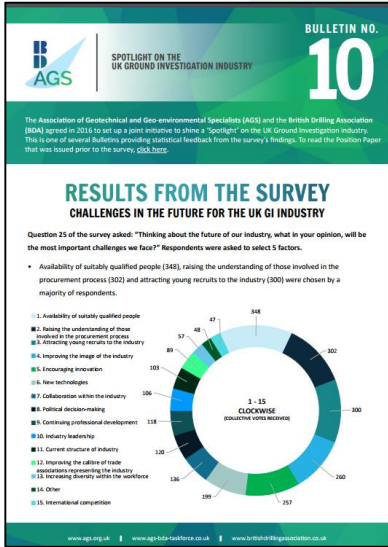
Challenges Highlighted by the Survey

- Availability of suitably qualified people
- Raising the understanding of those involved in the procurement process
- Improving the image of the industry and attracting young recruits
- Encouraging innovation

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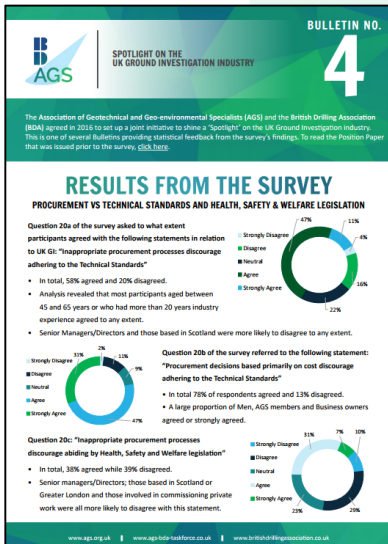
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Availability of Suitably Qualified People



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Raising the Understanding of Procurers



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Improving the Image of the Industry Attracting Young Recruits

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RESULTS FROM THE SURVEY

REVIEW OF UK GI PRACTICES

Question 20b of the survey asked to what extent participants agreed with the following statement: "Some of the prevailing practices in the UK GI industry are no longer 'fit for purpose'".

- In total, 38% agreed with the statement and 20% disagreed, while a substantial minority, 43% remained neutral.
- Analysis revealed that a higher proportion of members of the two trade associations, the Association of Geotechnical and Geo-Environmental Specialists and British Drilling Association agreed to any extent than non-members. Respondents from Scotland were more likely to disagree to any extent.

A further question asked respondents to identify which practices in the UK GI industry are no longer 'fit for purpose'.

- In total, 149 text submissions were received. Cable Percussion Drilling was the most frequently mentioned, with 45% of submissions citing this practice. U100 Sampling and Dynamic Sampling were mentioned in 7% of the submissions.

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RESULTS FROM THE SURVEY

INNOVATION VS TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Question 24a of the survey asked to what extent participants agreed with the following statements in relation to UK GI: "Adhering to the technical standards discourages innovation".

- In total 25% of respondents agreed with the statement and 45% disagreed, while 30% remained neutral.
- Those aged between 16 and 24 years; Main contractors and Advisor/Consultants were all more likely to agree with the statement.
- Members of the Association of Geotechnical and Geo-Environmental Specialists and British Drilling Association were more likely to disagree to any extent.

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