

16th State of the Network Report of ELSA



The European Law Students' Association

LXV ICM Malta

Foreword

Dear ELSA Network,

The following presentation is the report of the results of the 16th State of the Network Inquiry. The inquiry was conducted in February 2014 before the LXV International Council Meeting in Qawra, Malta. All 41 National Groups of ELSA filled in the inquiry giving us a full overview over what's the state of the organisation.

The progress report of the Strategic Goals section is not included in this document but will be published separately

We ask you to read this report carefully to be fully prepared and to be at your best ability to work for the benefit of the Network.

Emil Nyquist
Secretary General
ELSA International 2013/2014



Key Figures



Number of Local Groups

In total 248 Local Groups + 9 National Groups without Local Groups

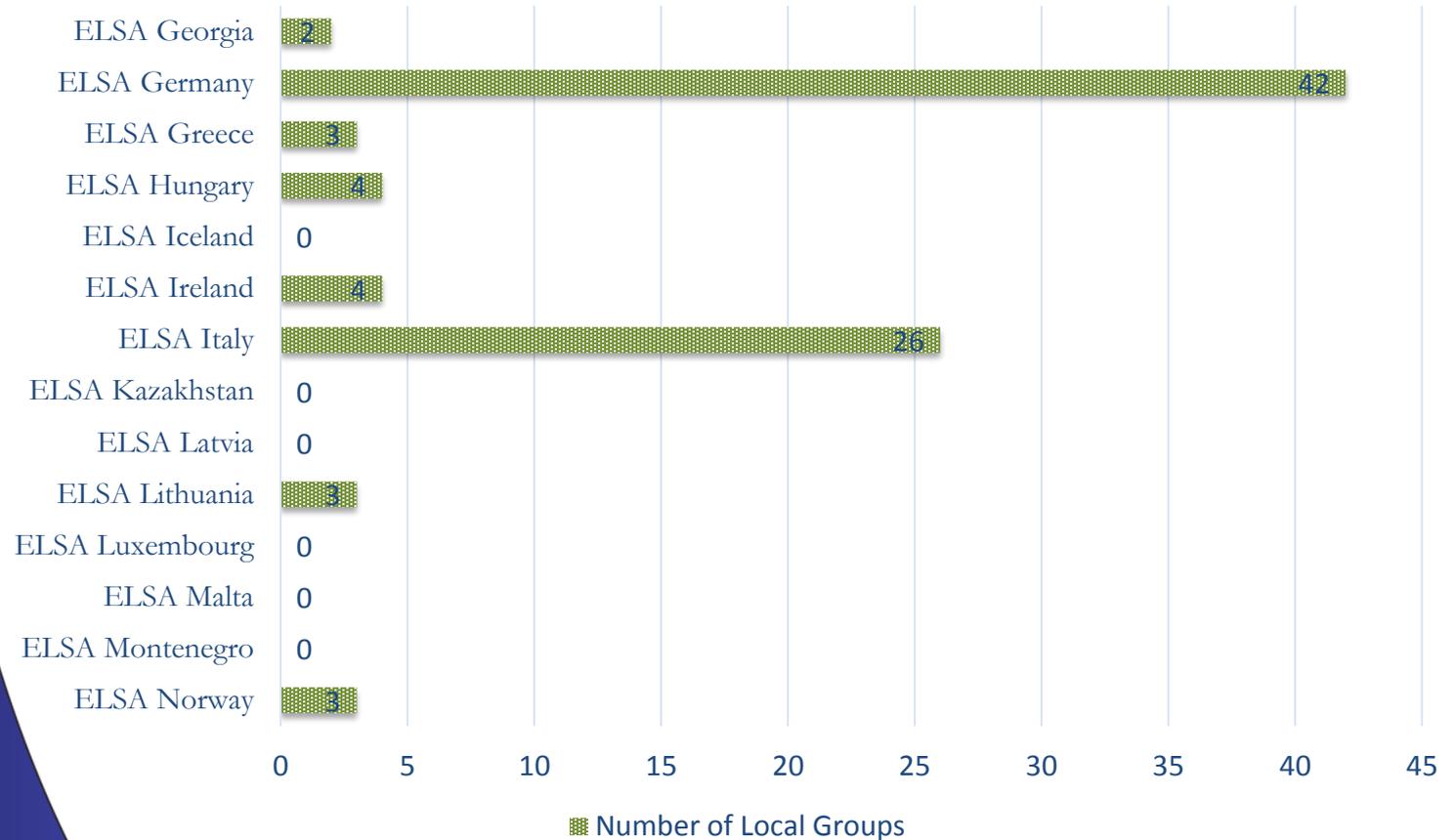


Number of Local Groups in your National Group?

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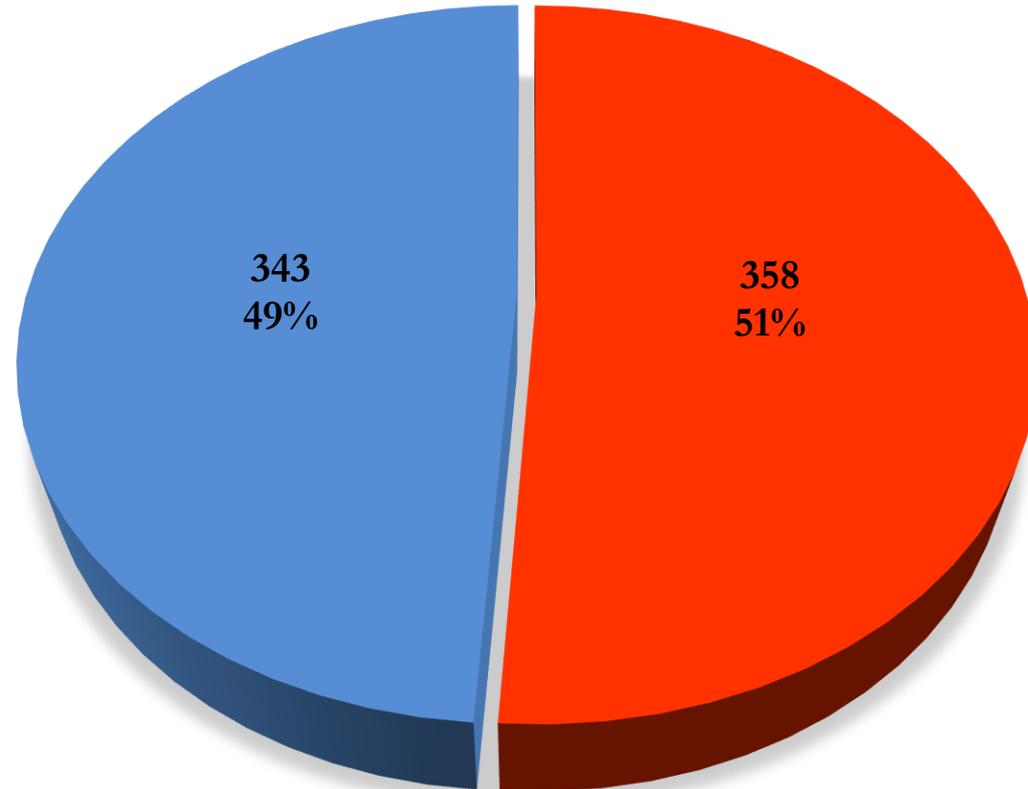
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Coverage

In total 929 Law faculties in the countries where ELSA is present

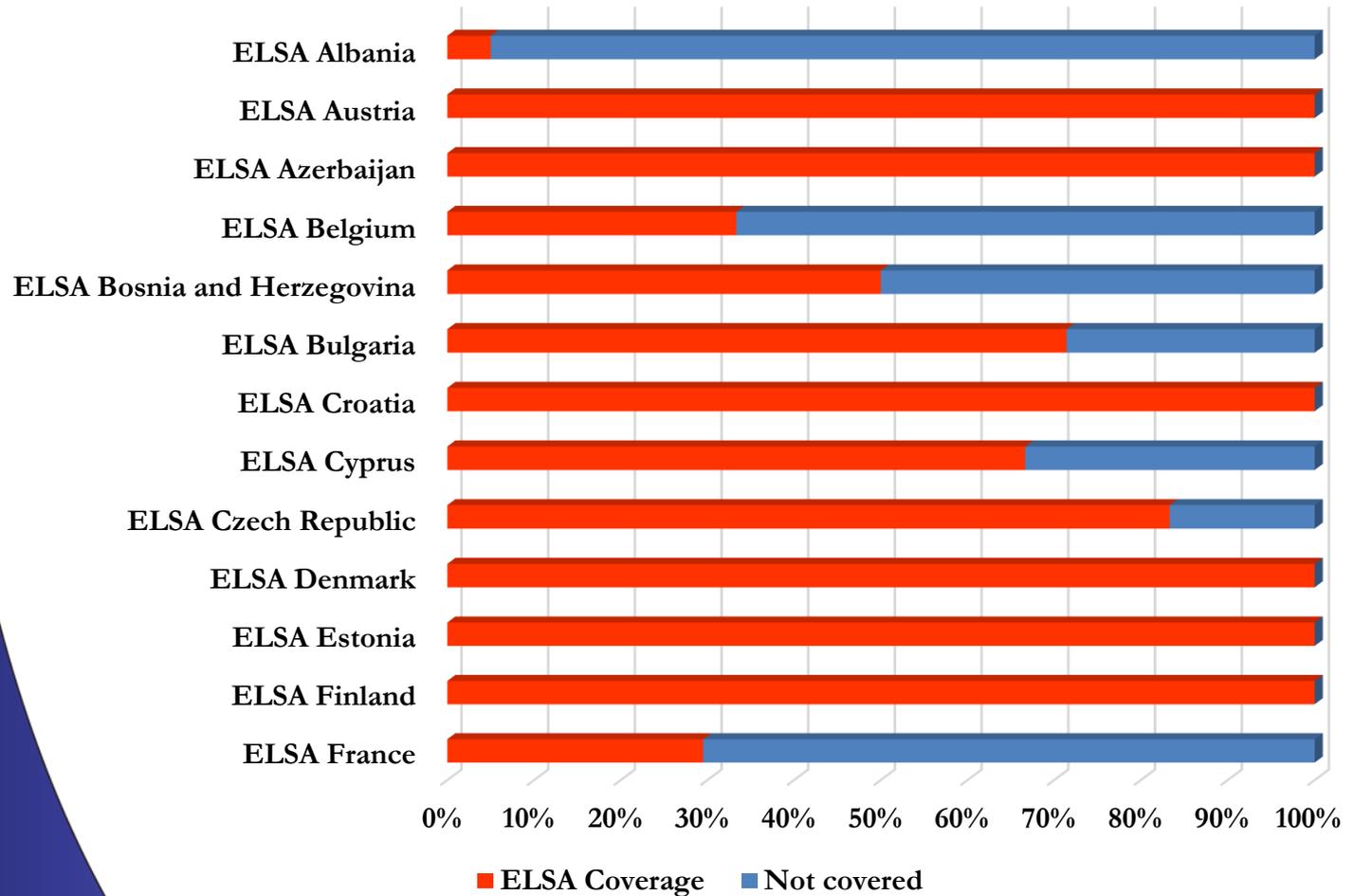


■ Covered by ELSA ■ Not covered

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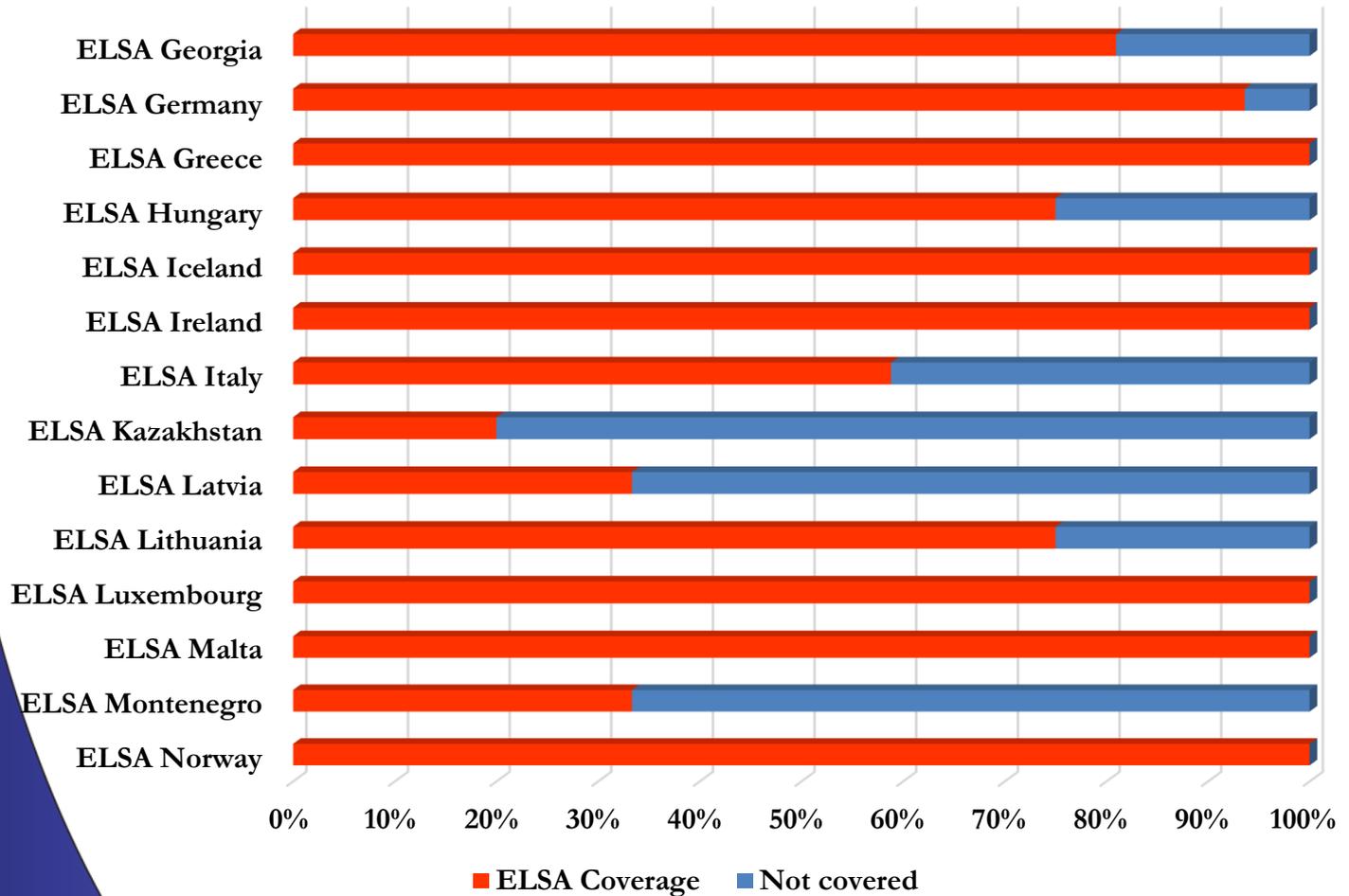


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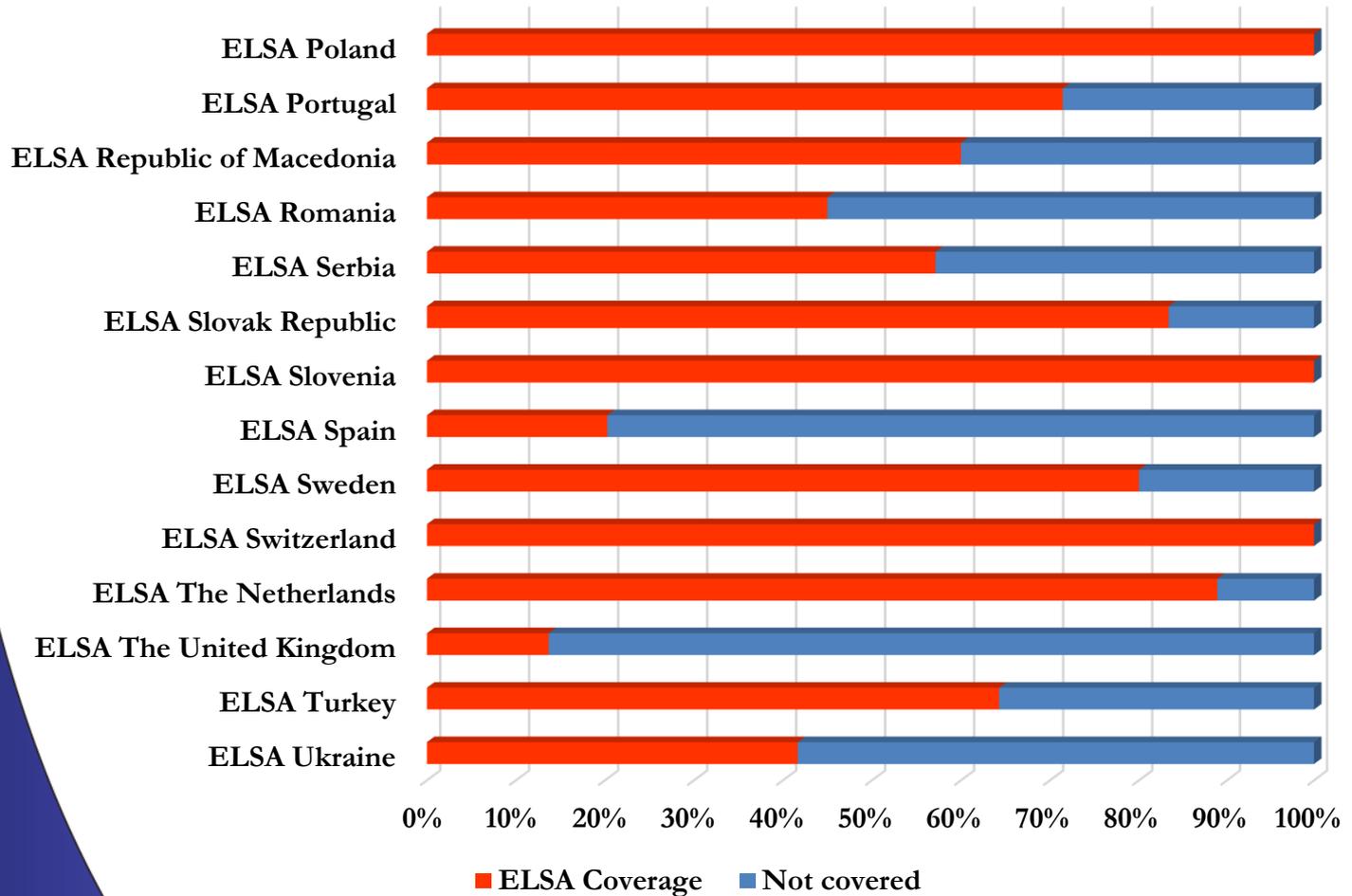


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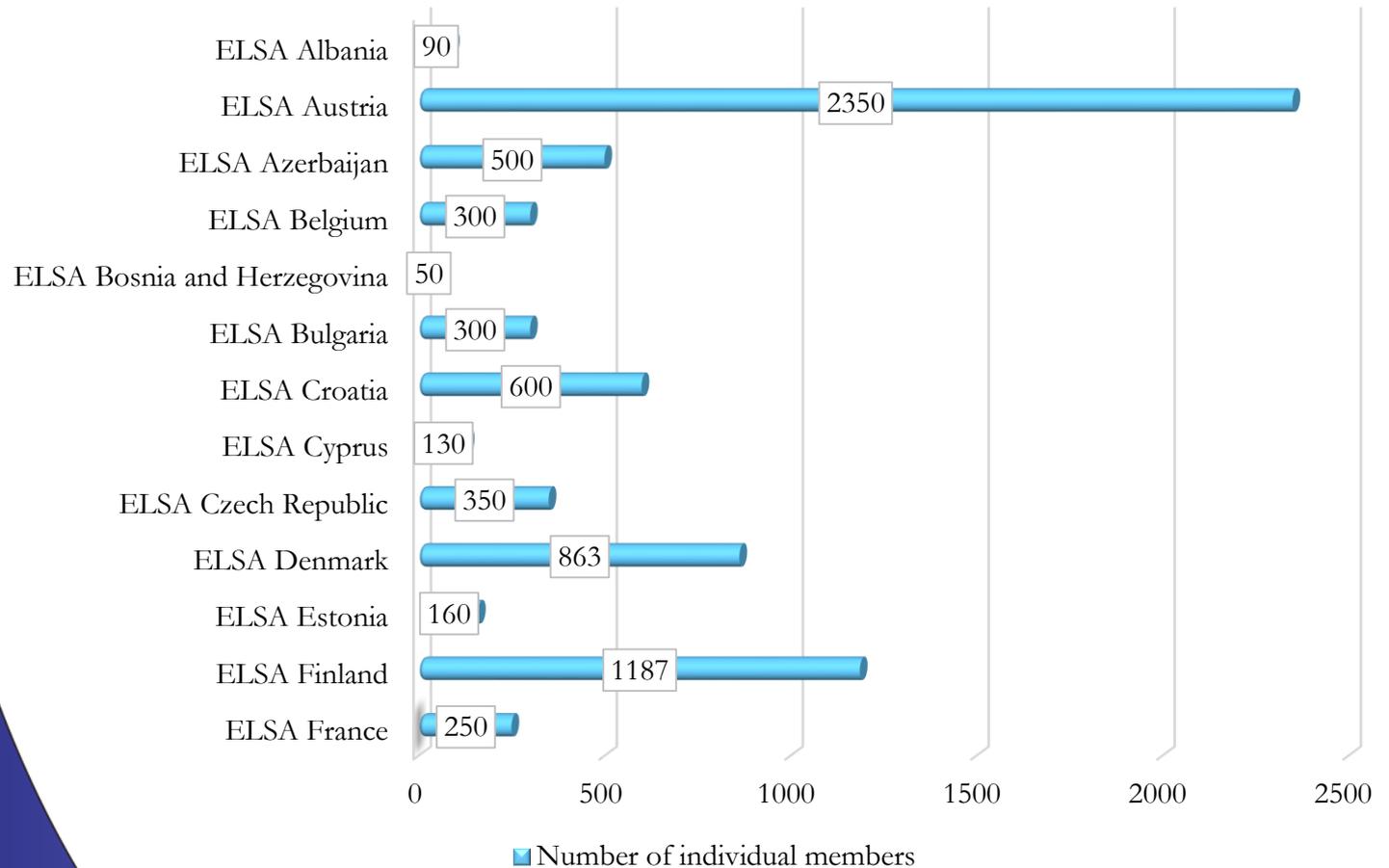


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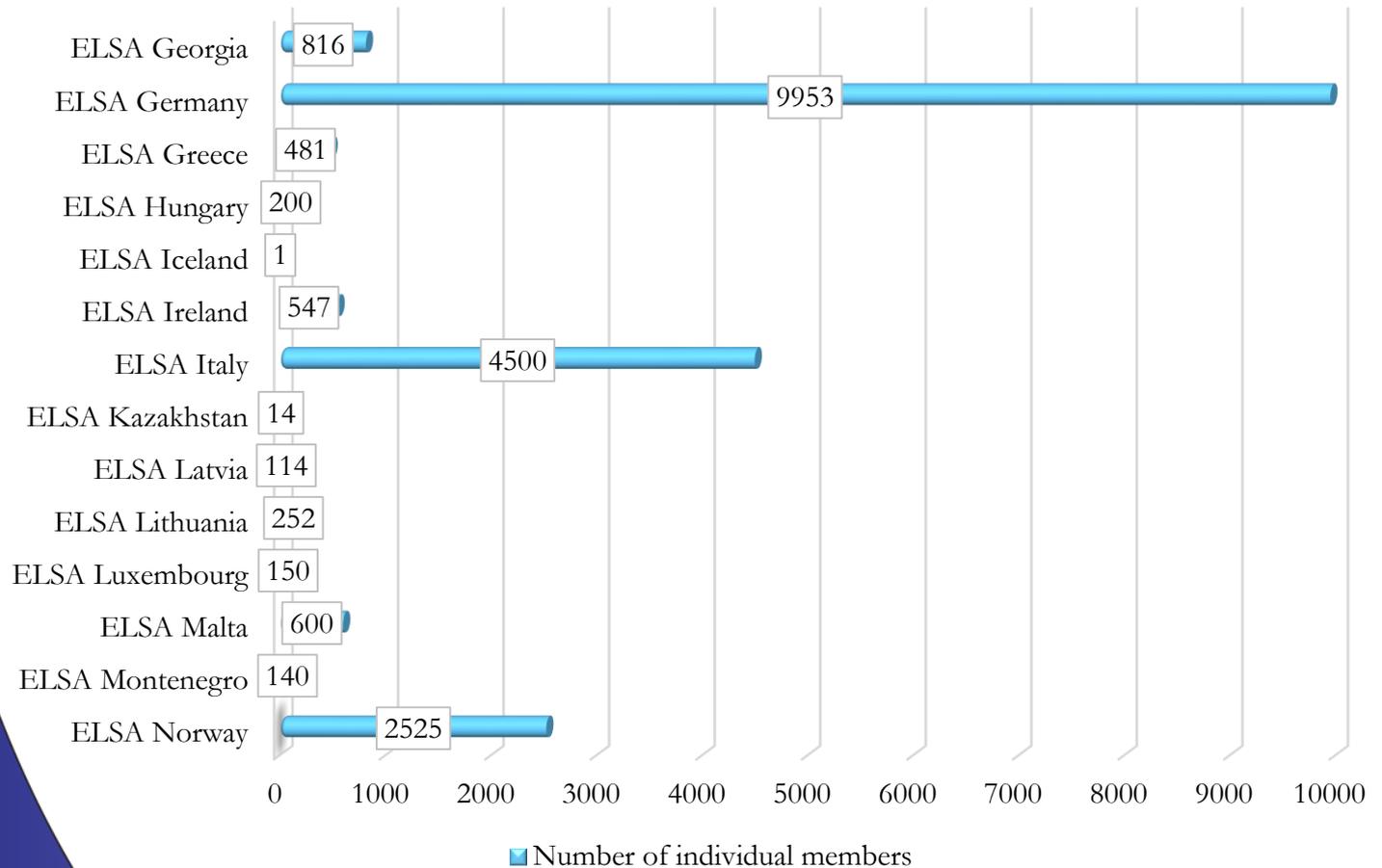
Number of individual members In total: 39773



How many individual Members do you have?



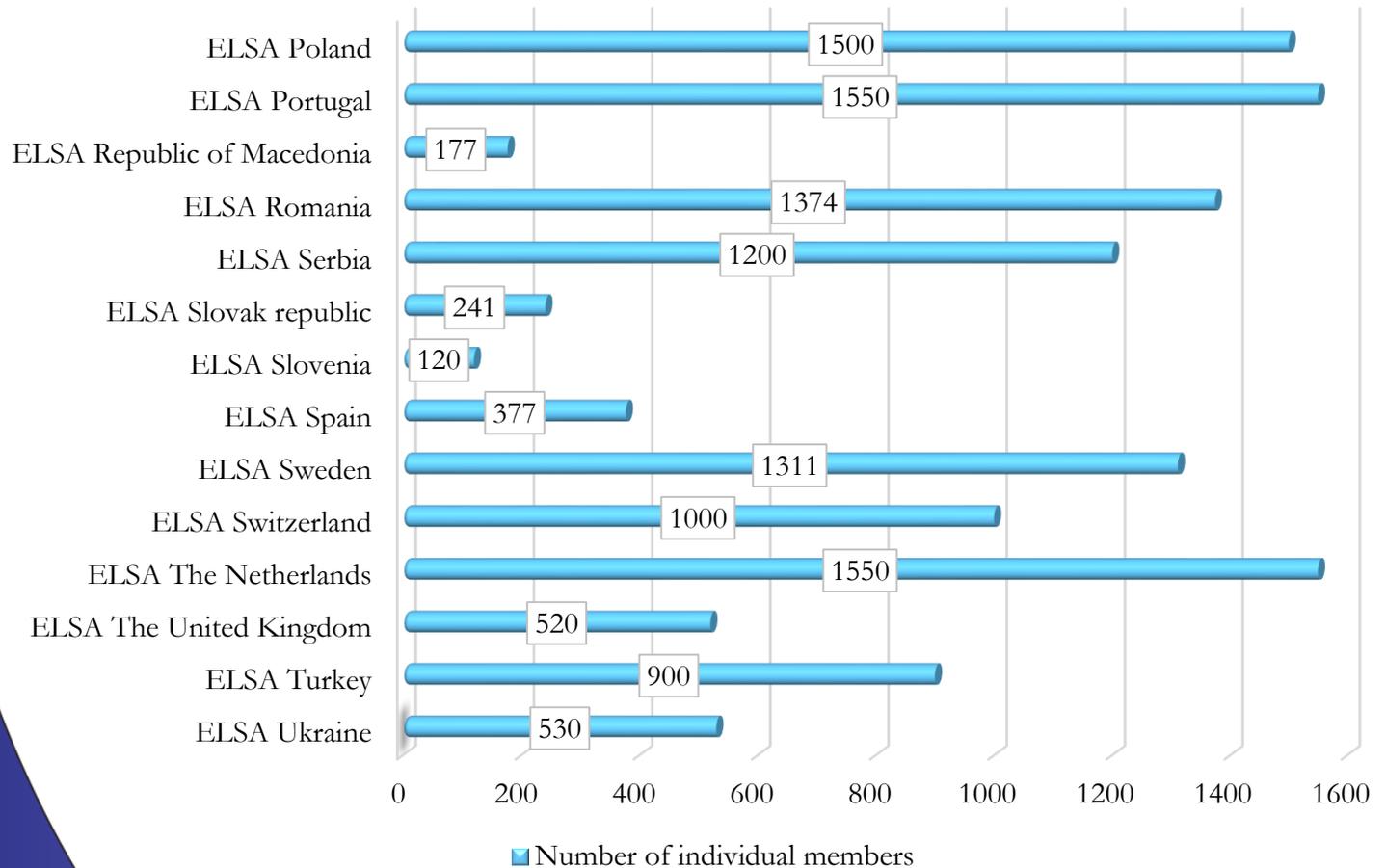
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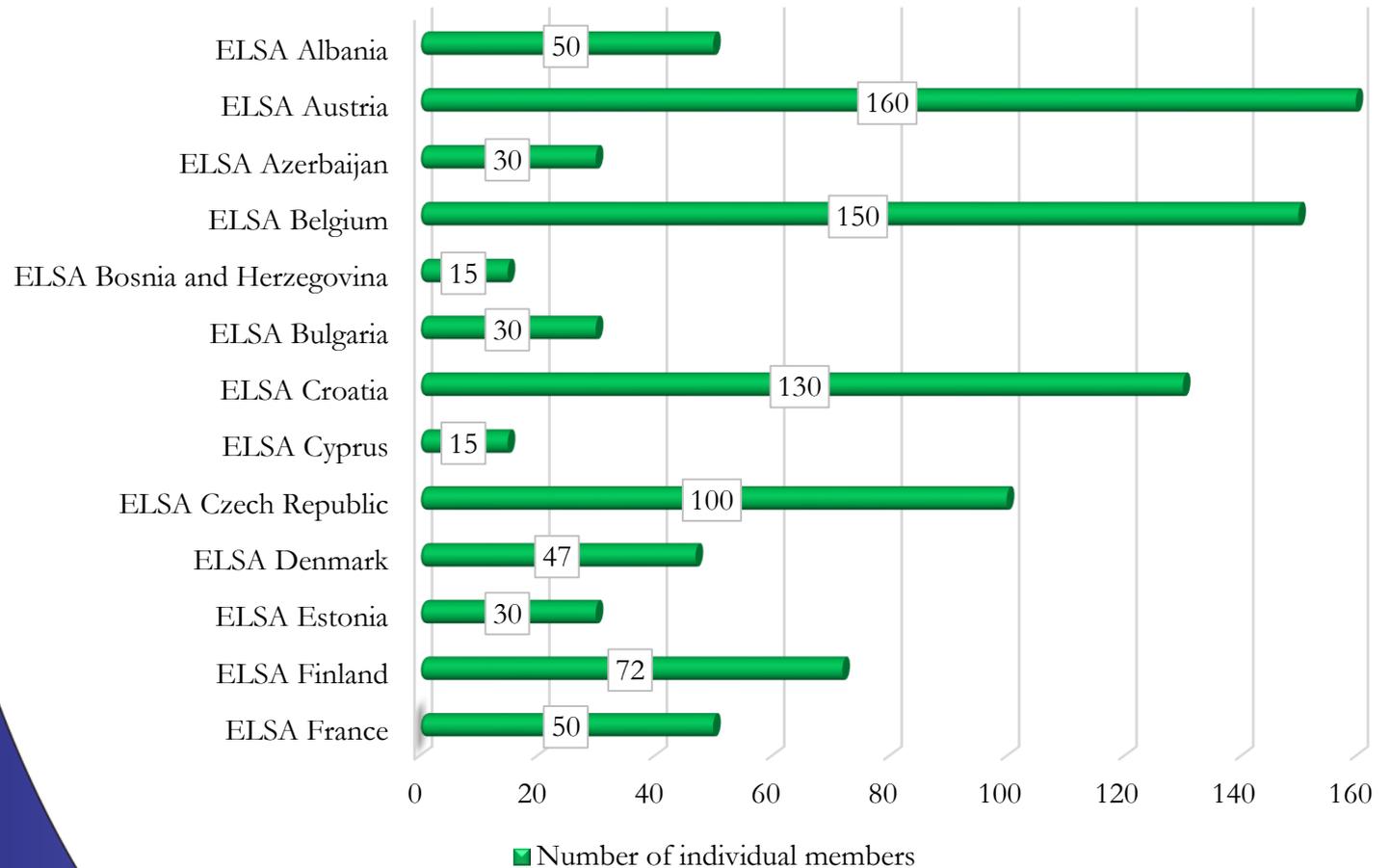
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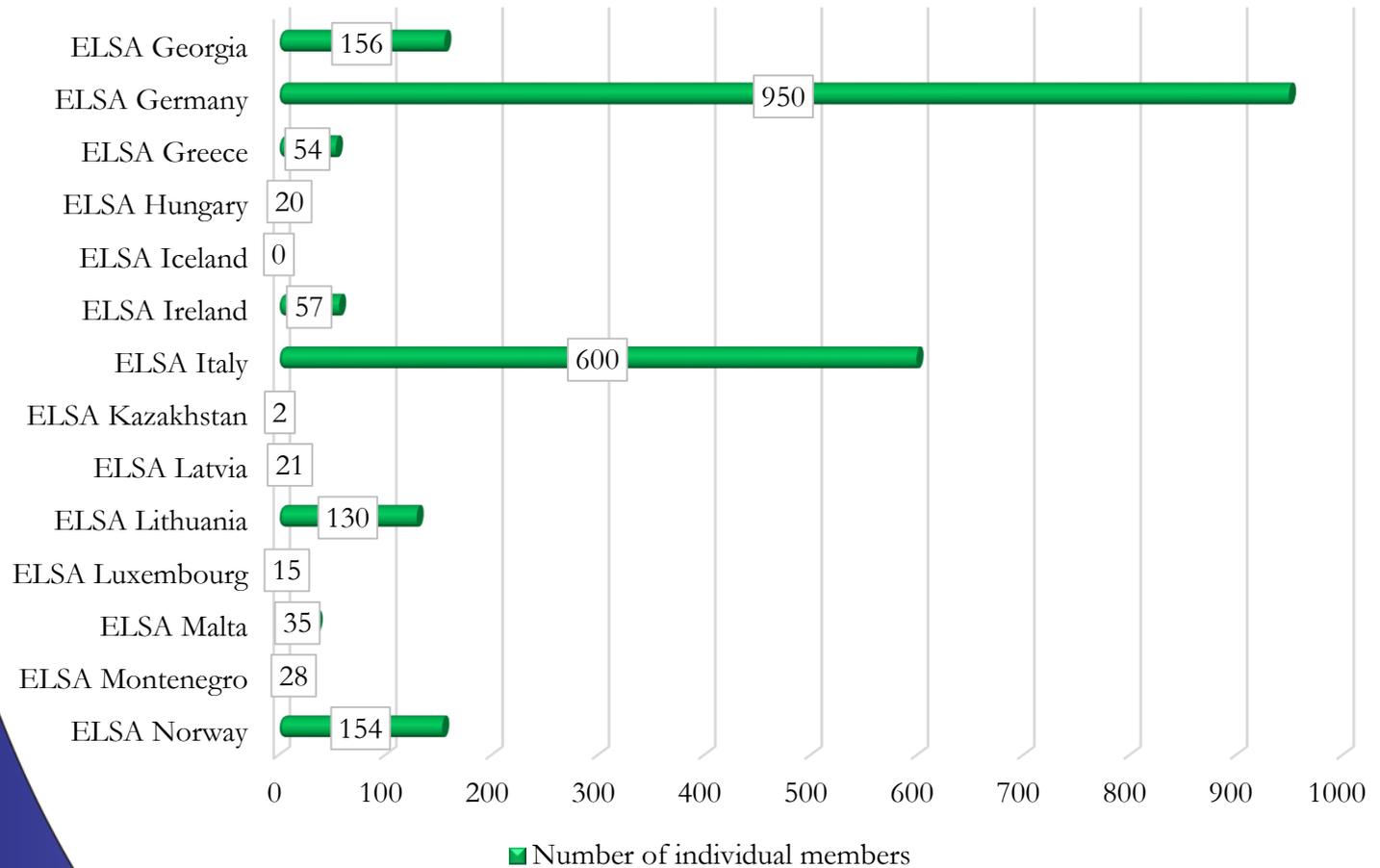


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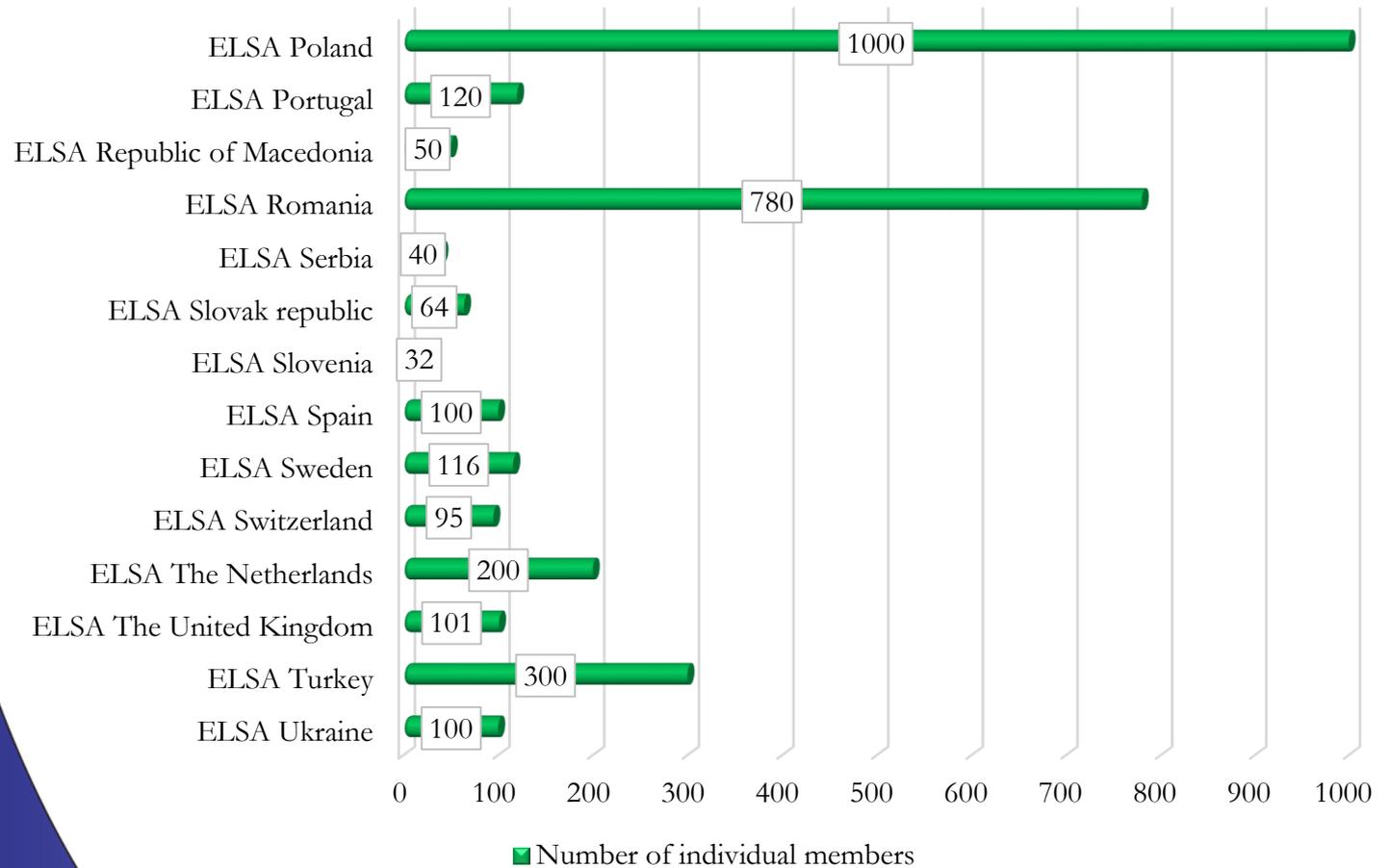
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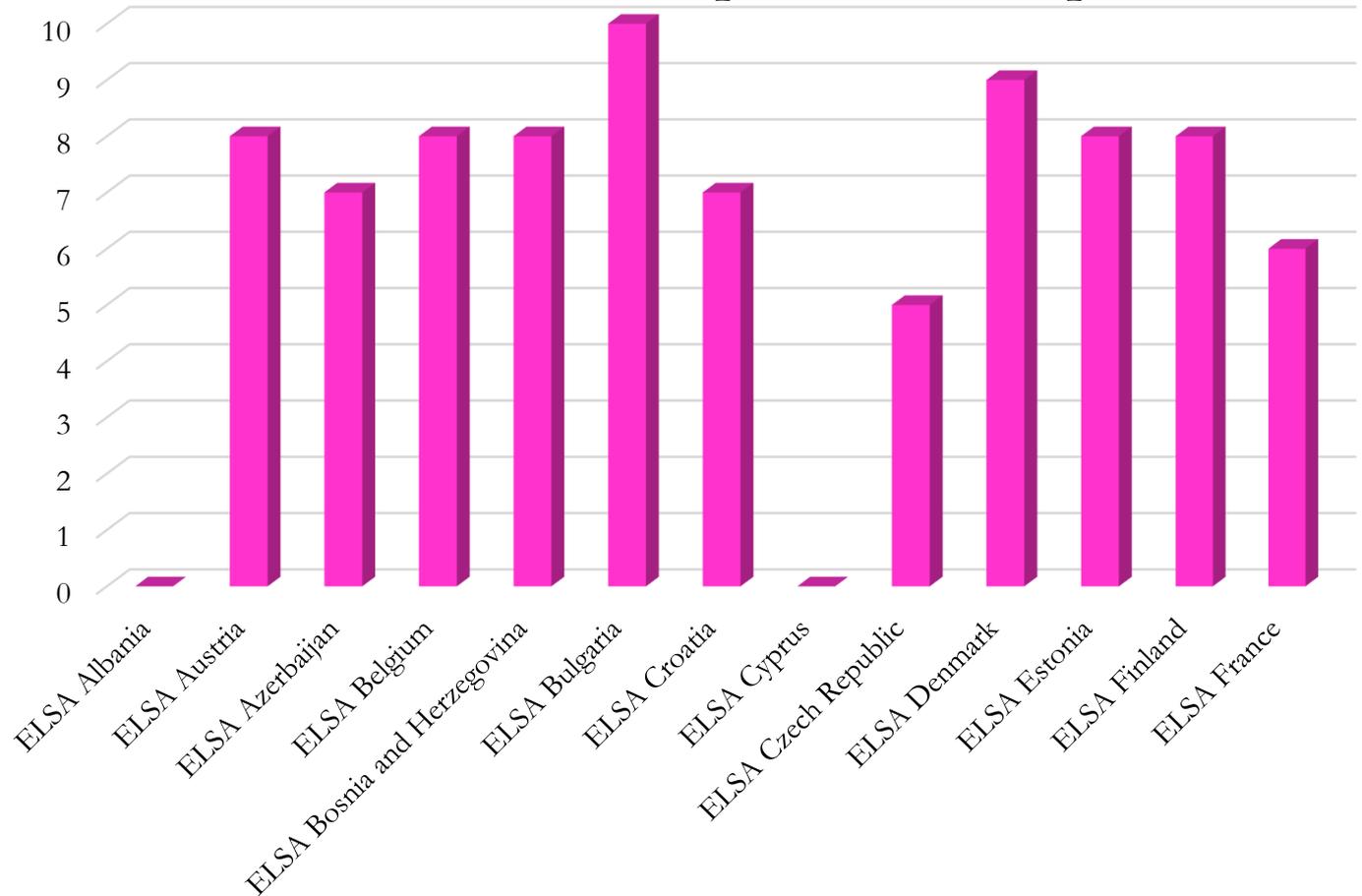


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Level Connection



Evaluation of communication from National Group to Local Groups

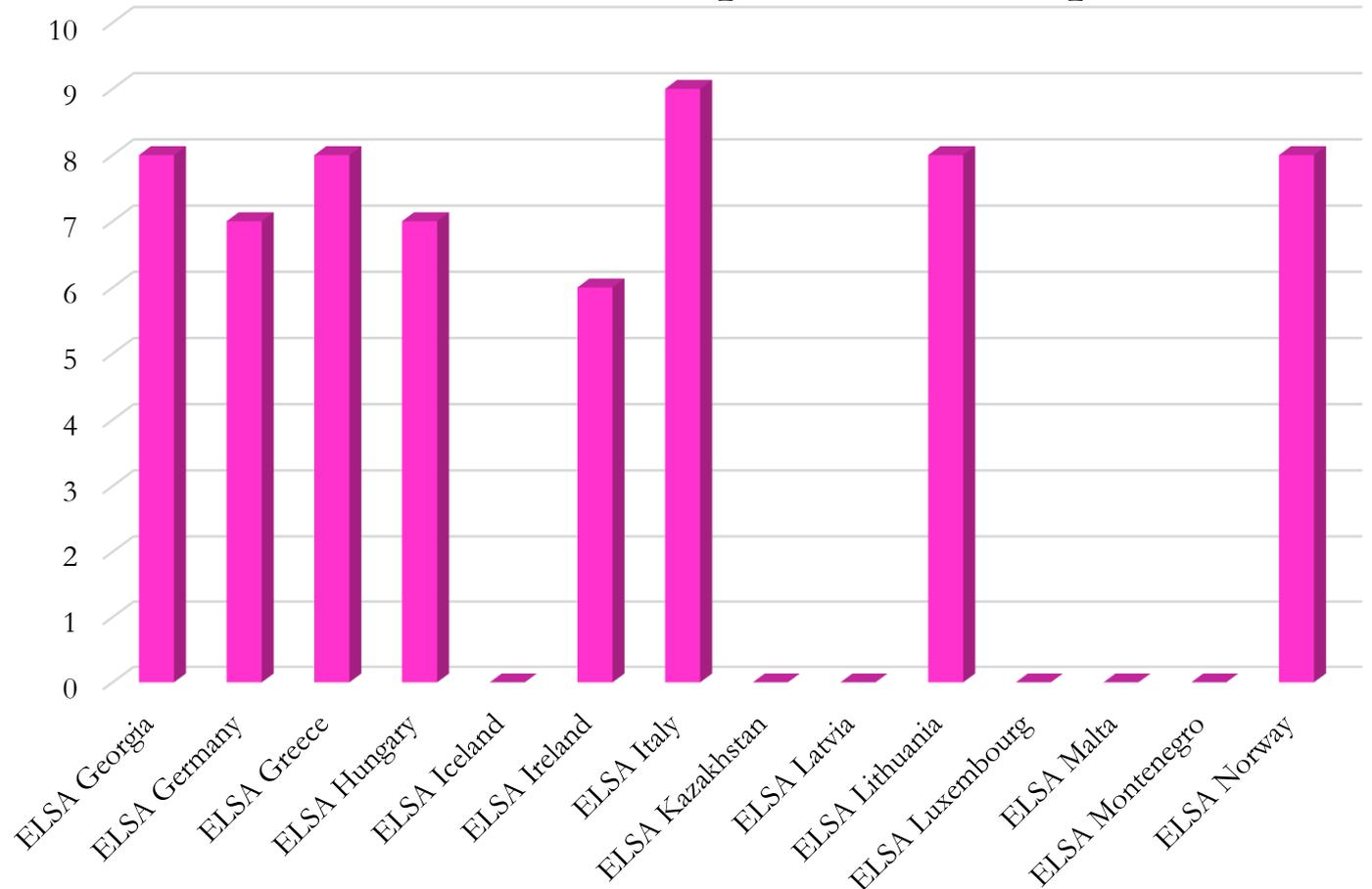


■ Evaluation rate

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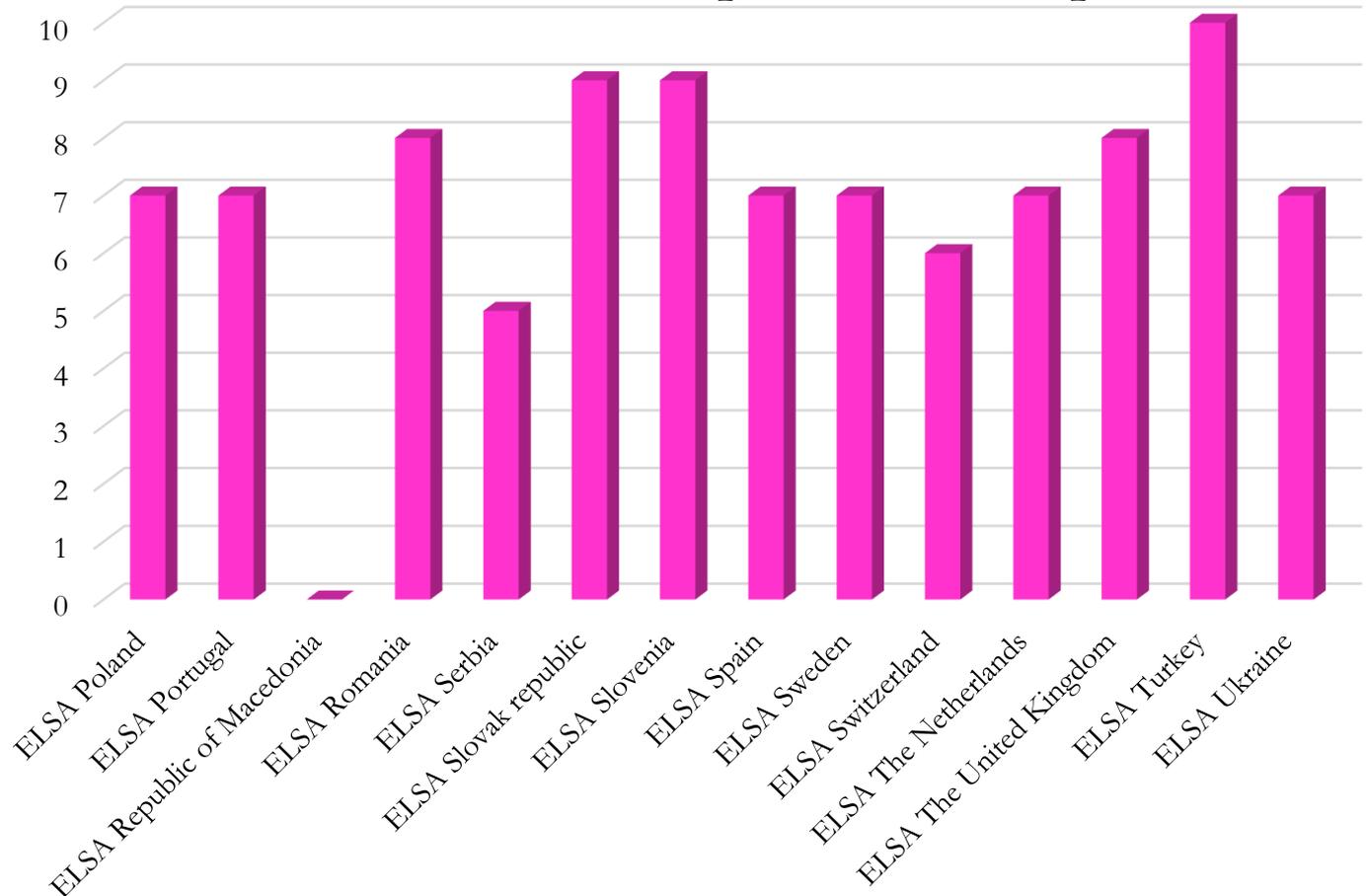


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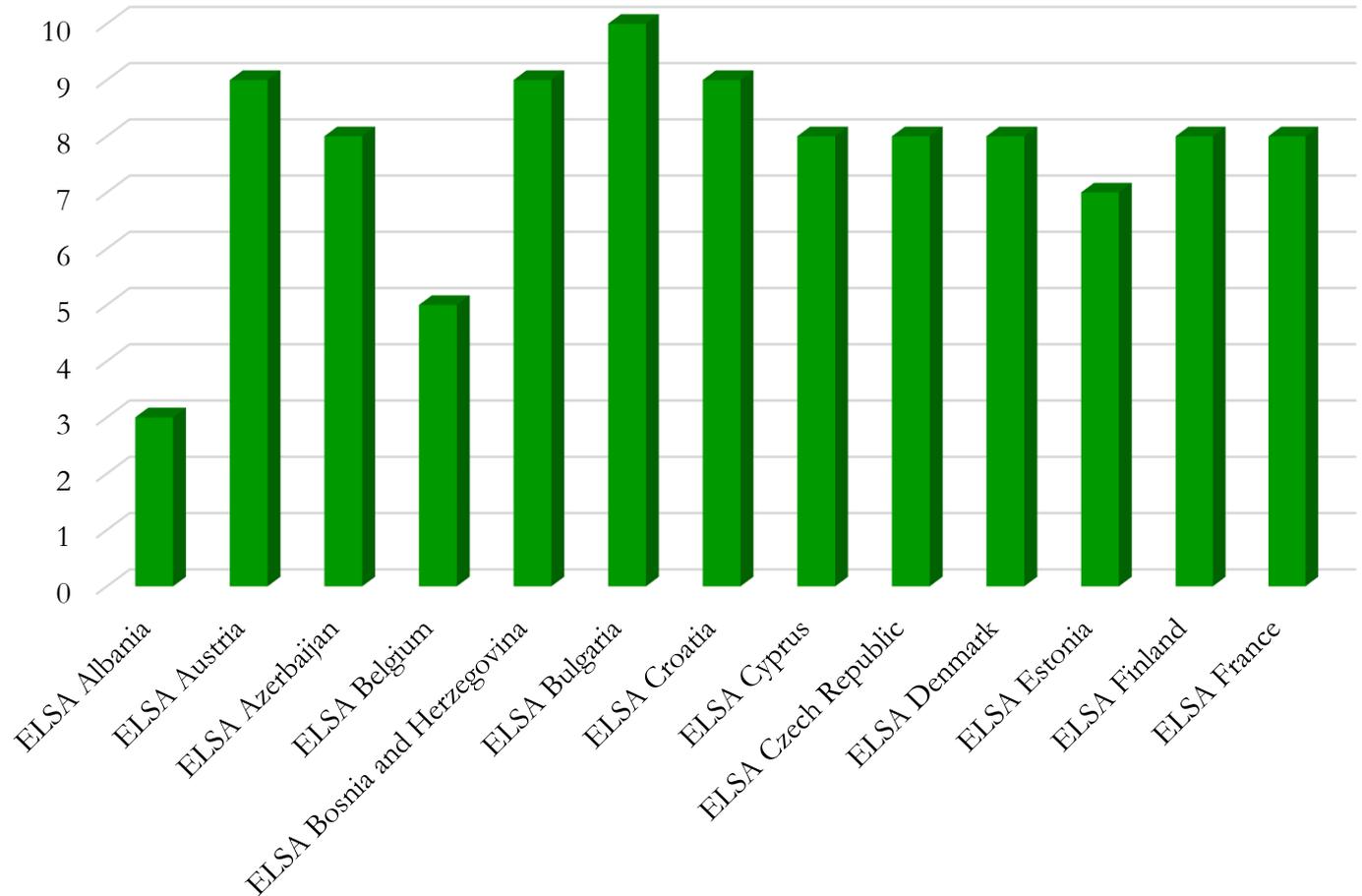


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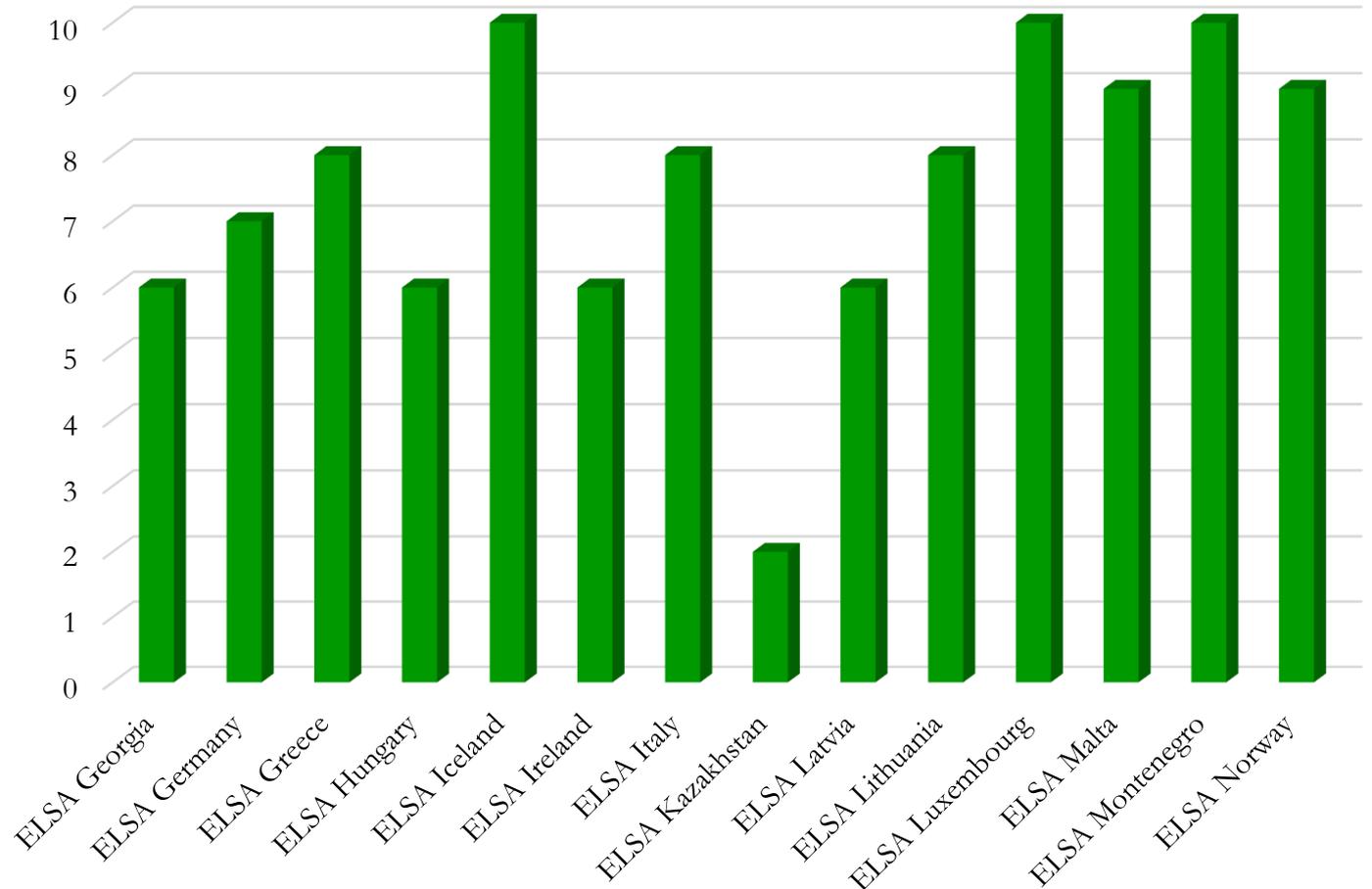


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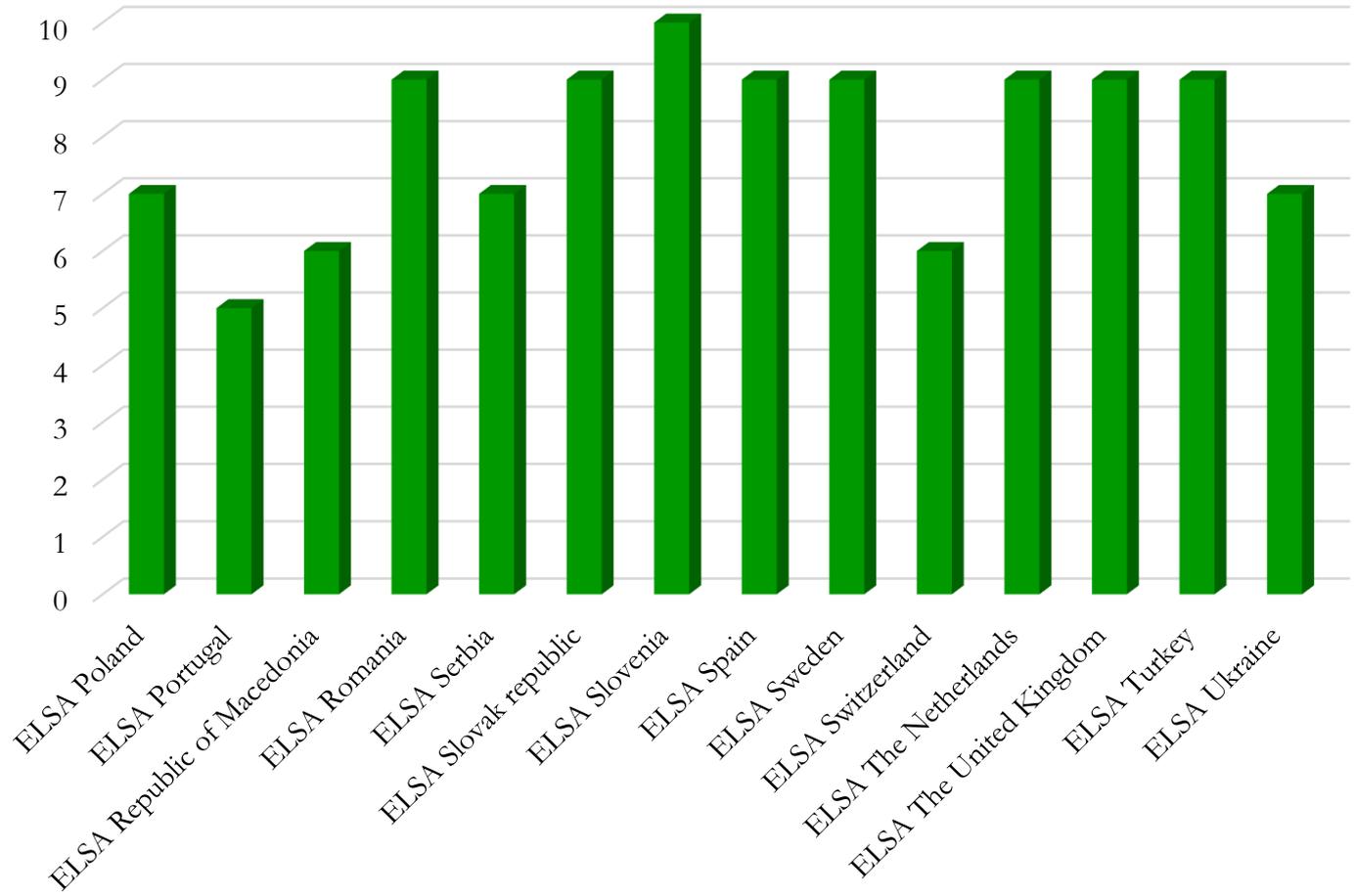


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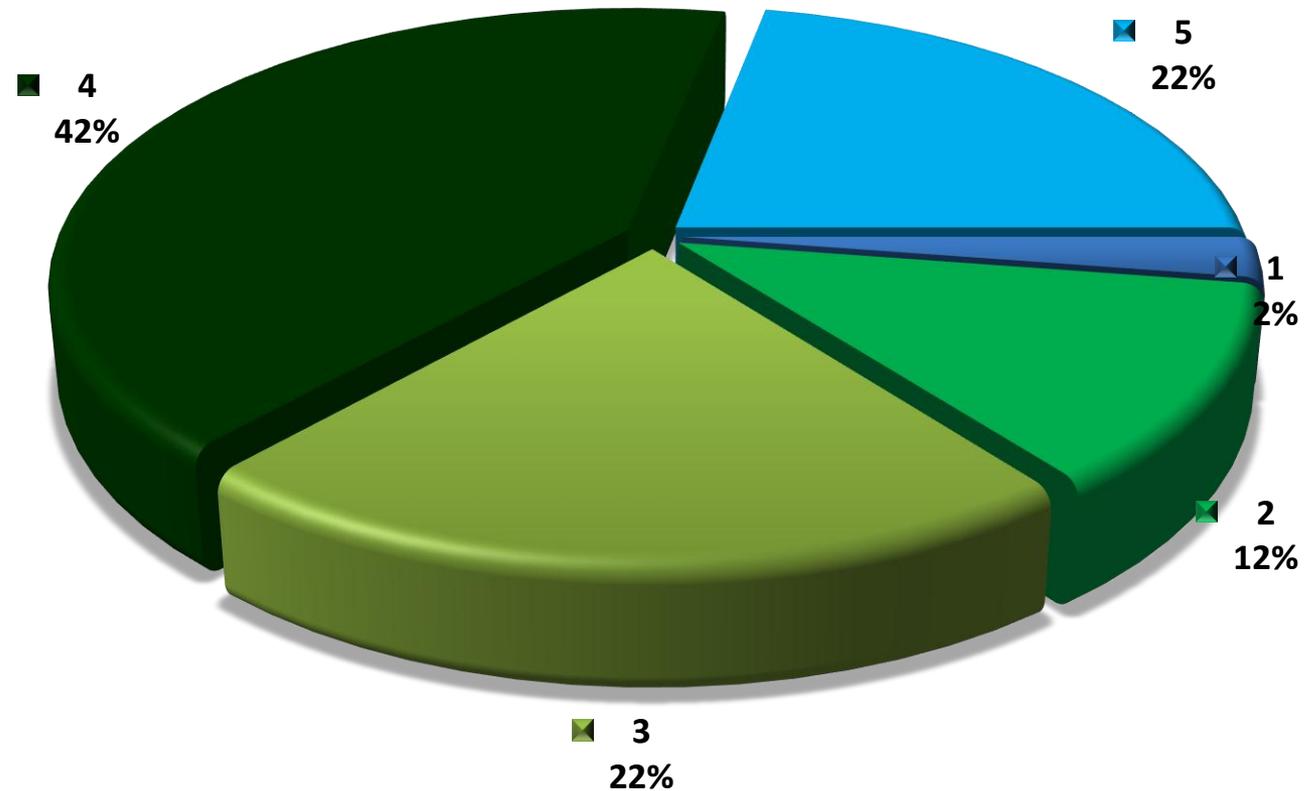
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Local Officers' familiarity with international events and projects



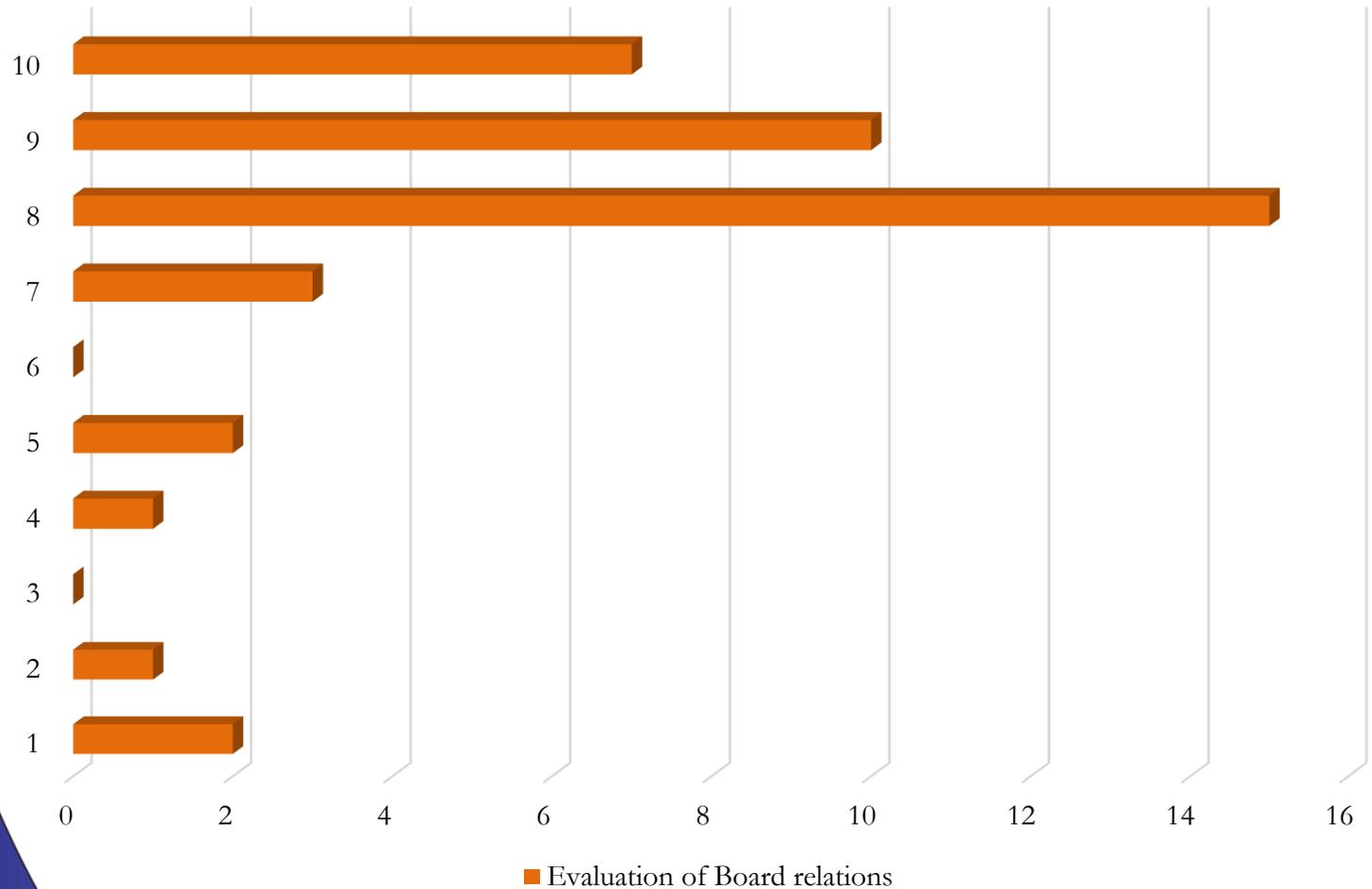
How familiar are your Local Officers with international projects and events?

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Board Management, External Relations and Expansion



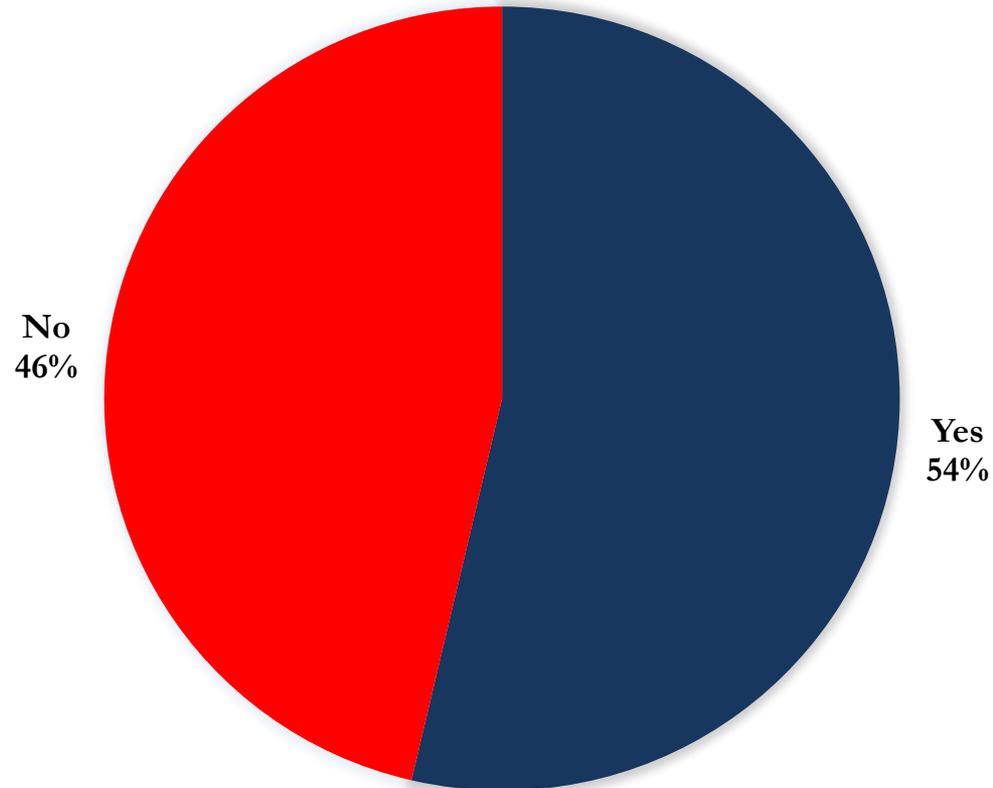
Evaluation of relations within the board



How is the relationship within your board?

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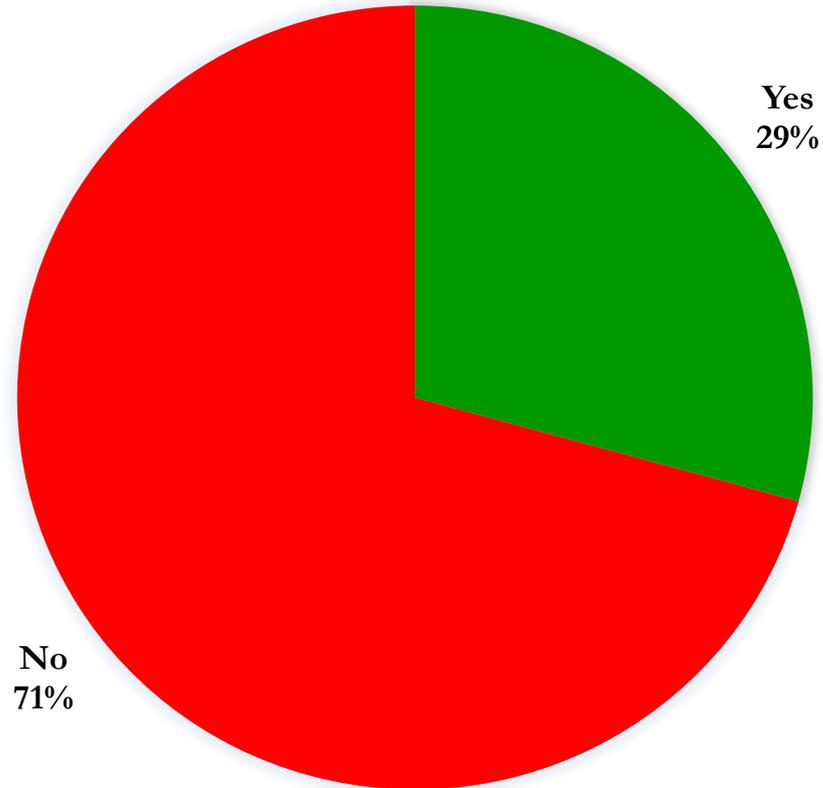
NEW PARTNERS



Have you been able to gain any new Partners since the last ICM?

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EXPANSION TO NEW LOCAL GROUPS



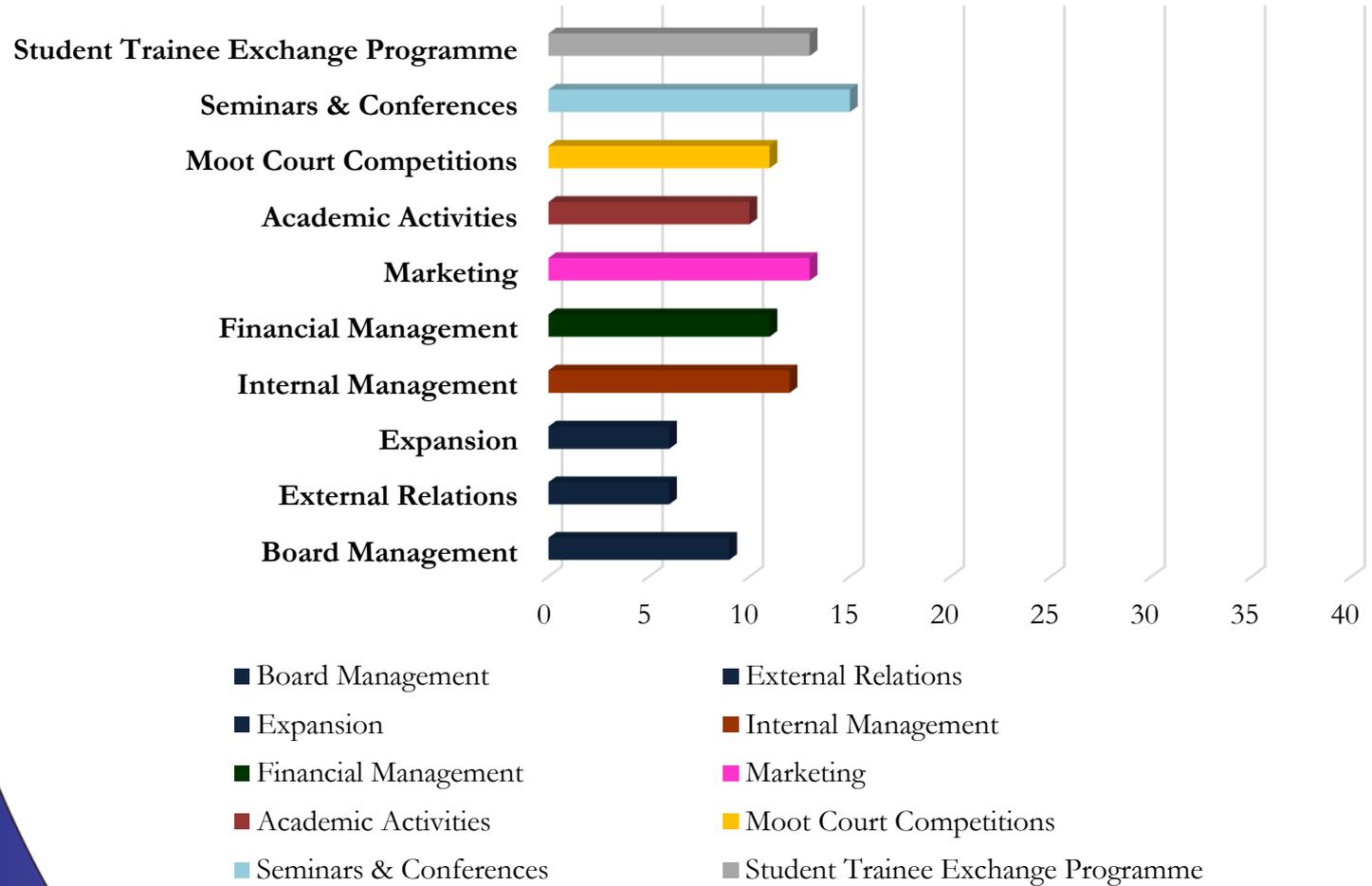
Are you expanding to any new Local Groups??

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Internal Management



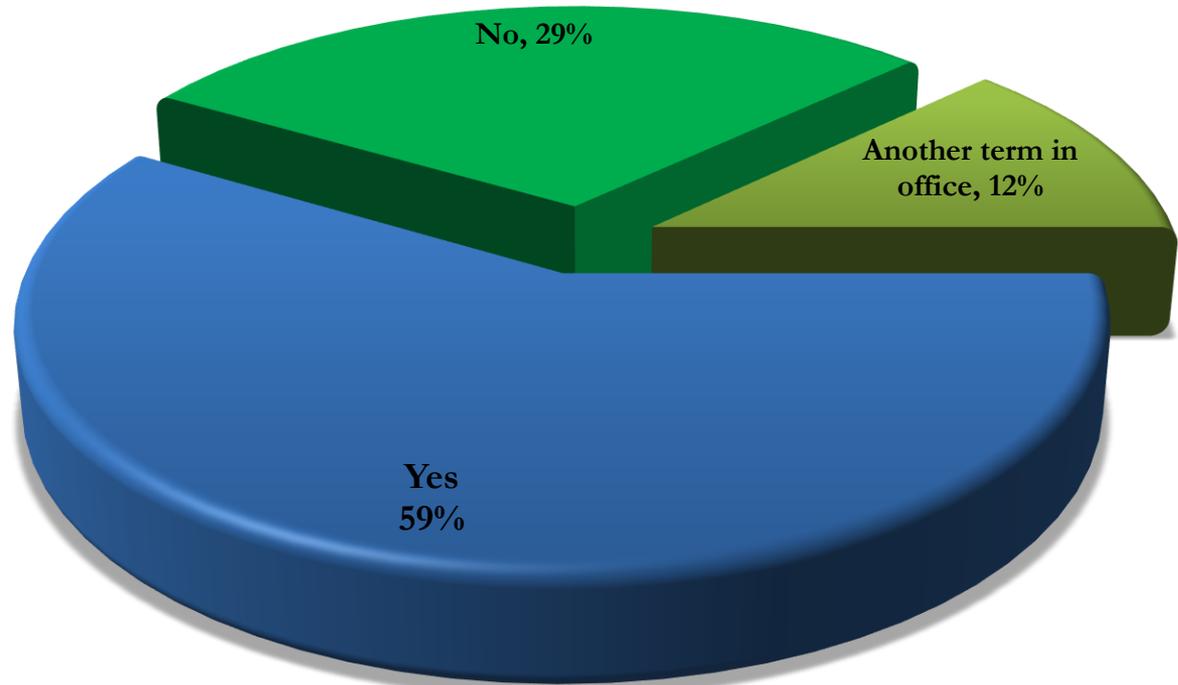
Available Handbooks



Do you have national handbooks for any of the following areas?

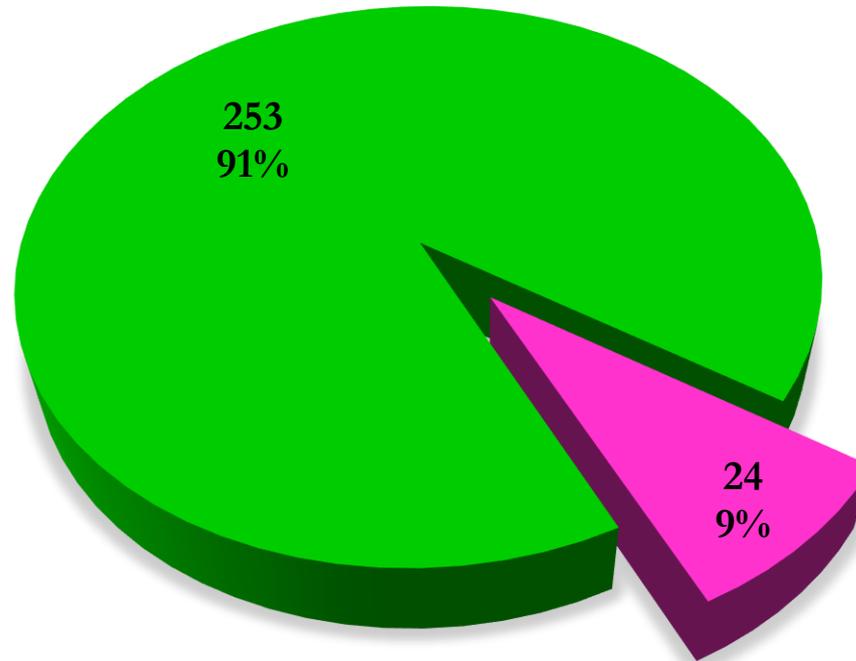
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Already Planning for Transition



Have you started to plan for transition?

Trainings



■ Trainings by the ITP ■ Trainings by others

How many trainings have you had in you National Group including your Local Groups since the 1st of August?

How many of these trainings were ITP Trainings?

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Financial Management

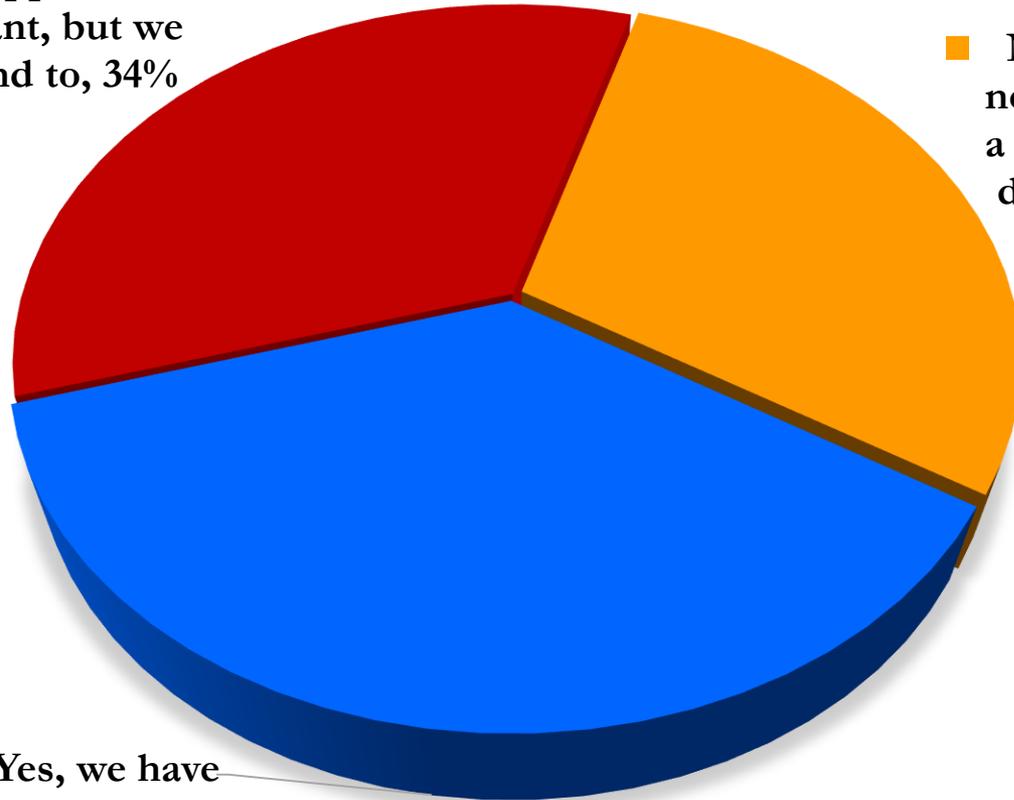


Grant Applications

■ No, we have not applied for a grant, but we intend to, 34%

■ No, we have not applied for a grant and we do not intend to, 29%

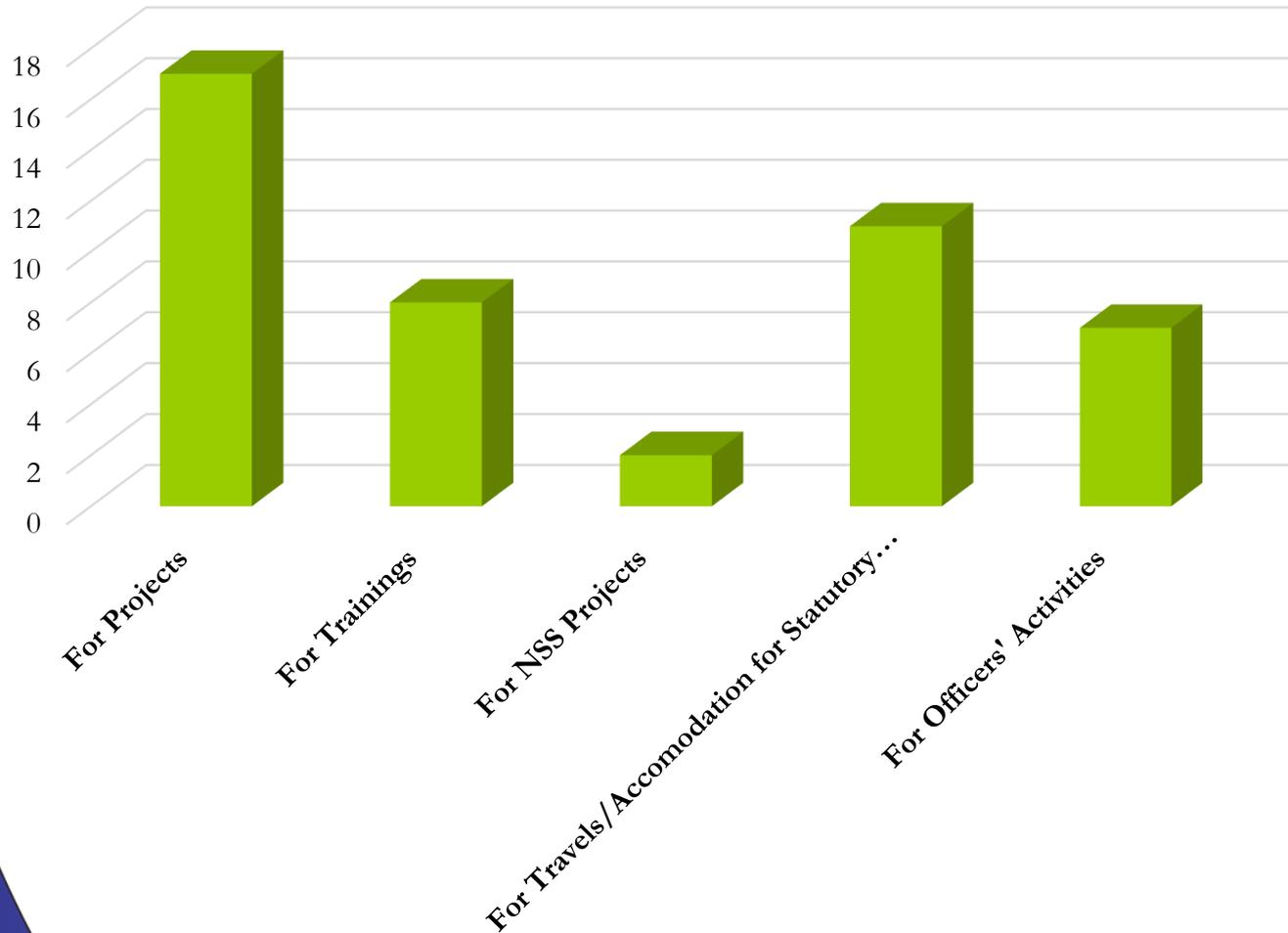
■ Yes, we have applied for a grant, 37%



Have you, or do you intend to, apply for a grant this year?

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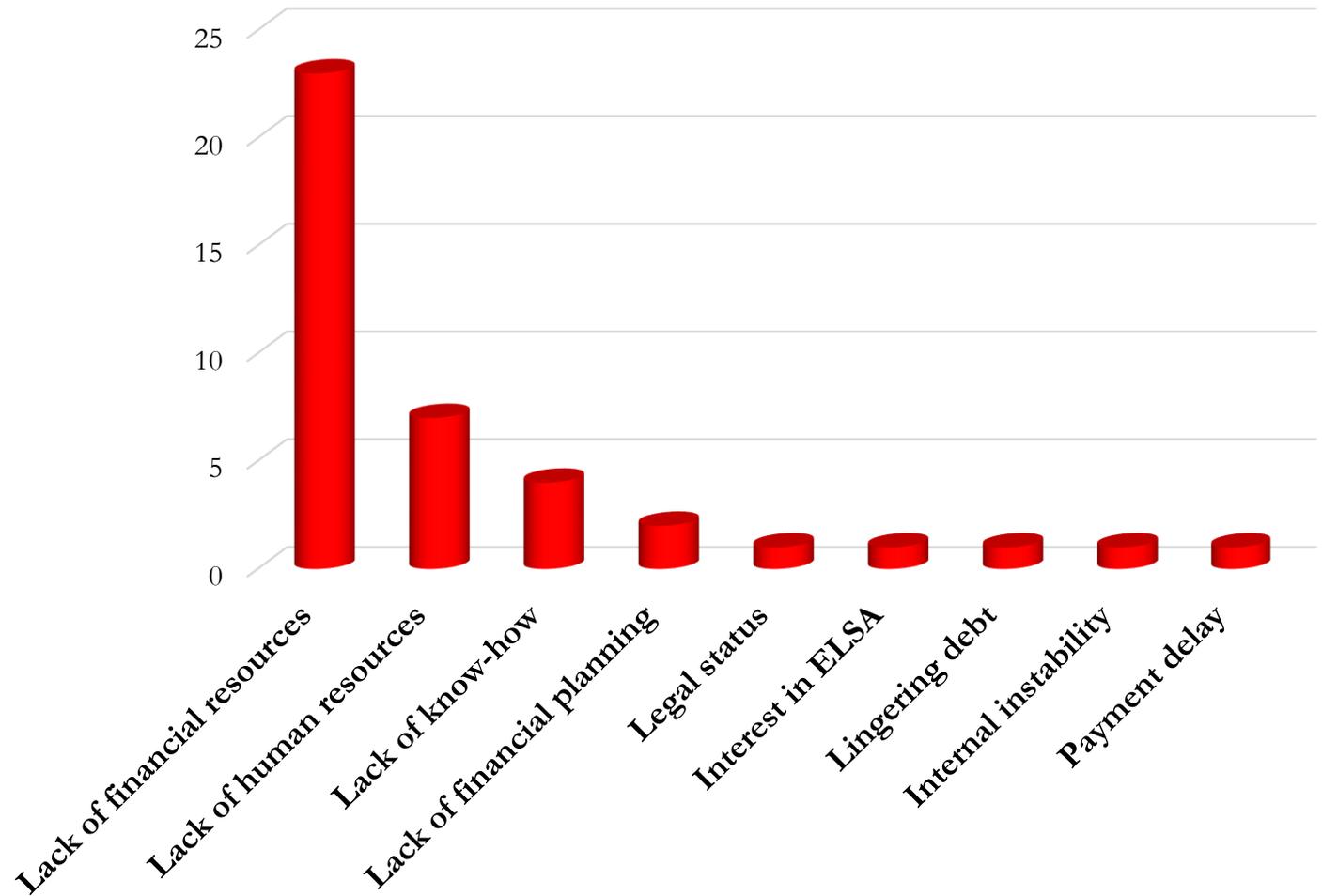
Most useful EDF Support



What mode of support from the EDF would be the most useful to your group?



Common challenges in FM



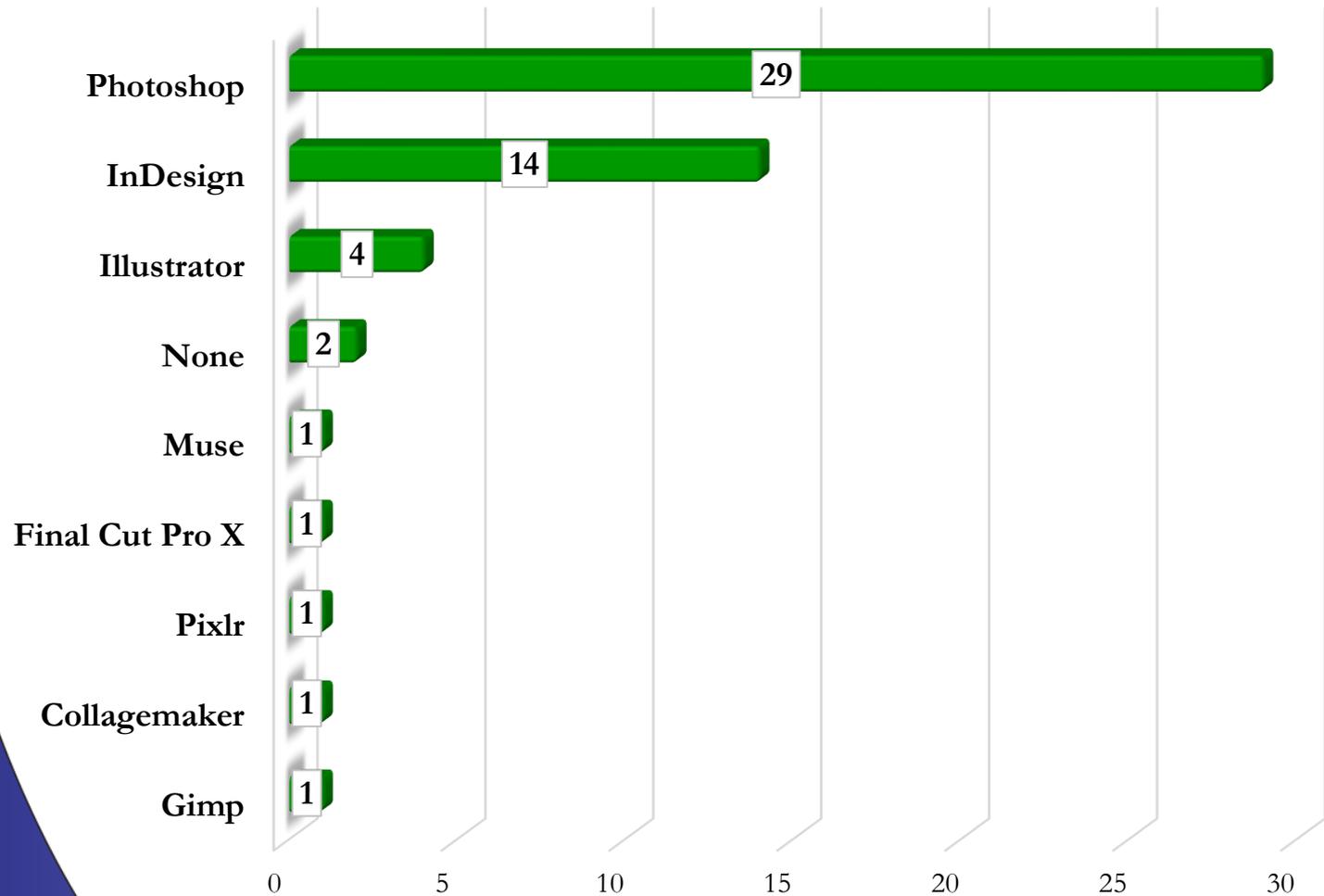
What has been your major challenge in the FM area this term?

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Marketing



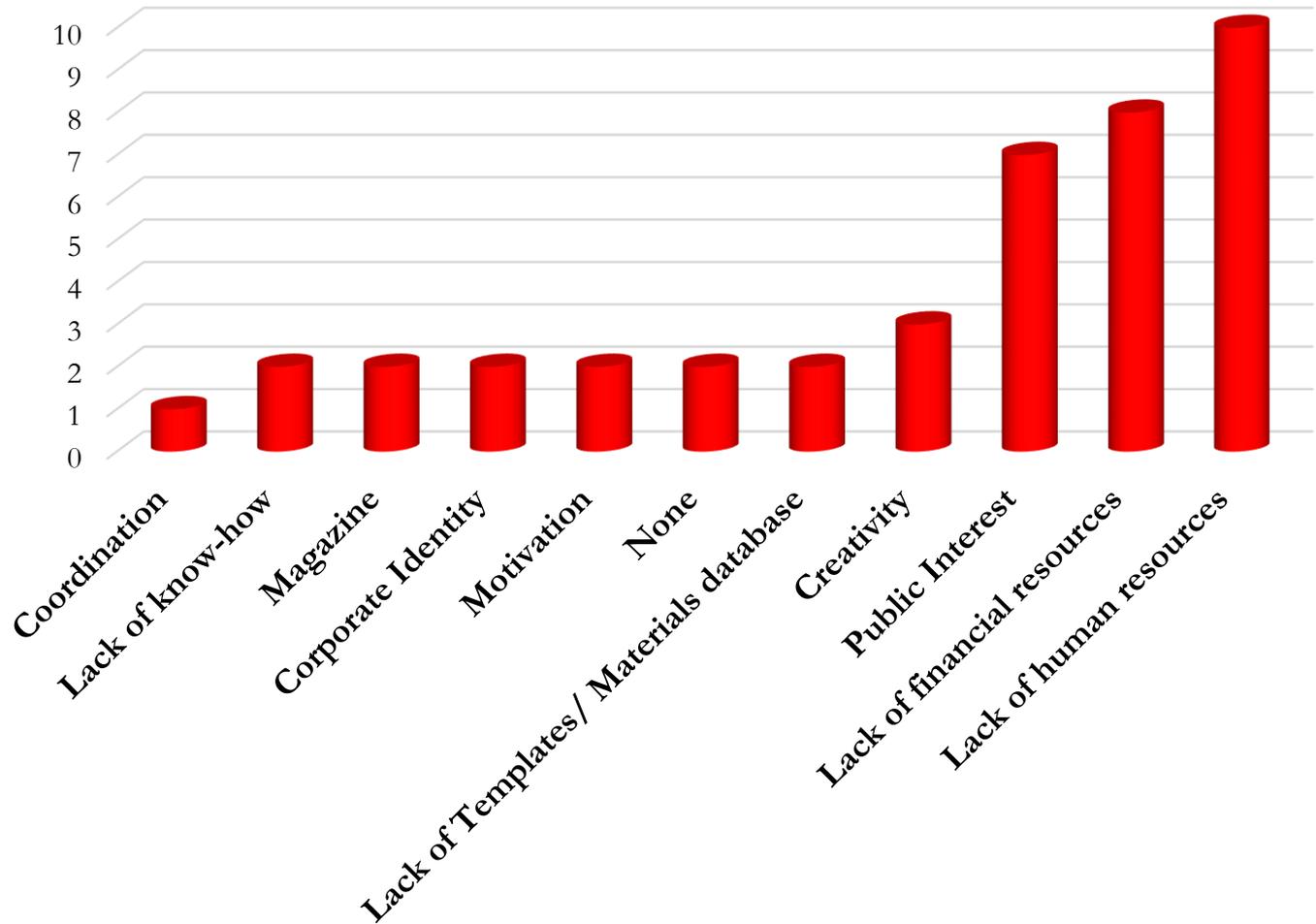
Use of software for marketing



Which programme(s) does your LGs/NG use to make marketing materials?

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Major challenges in MKT



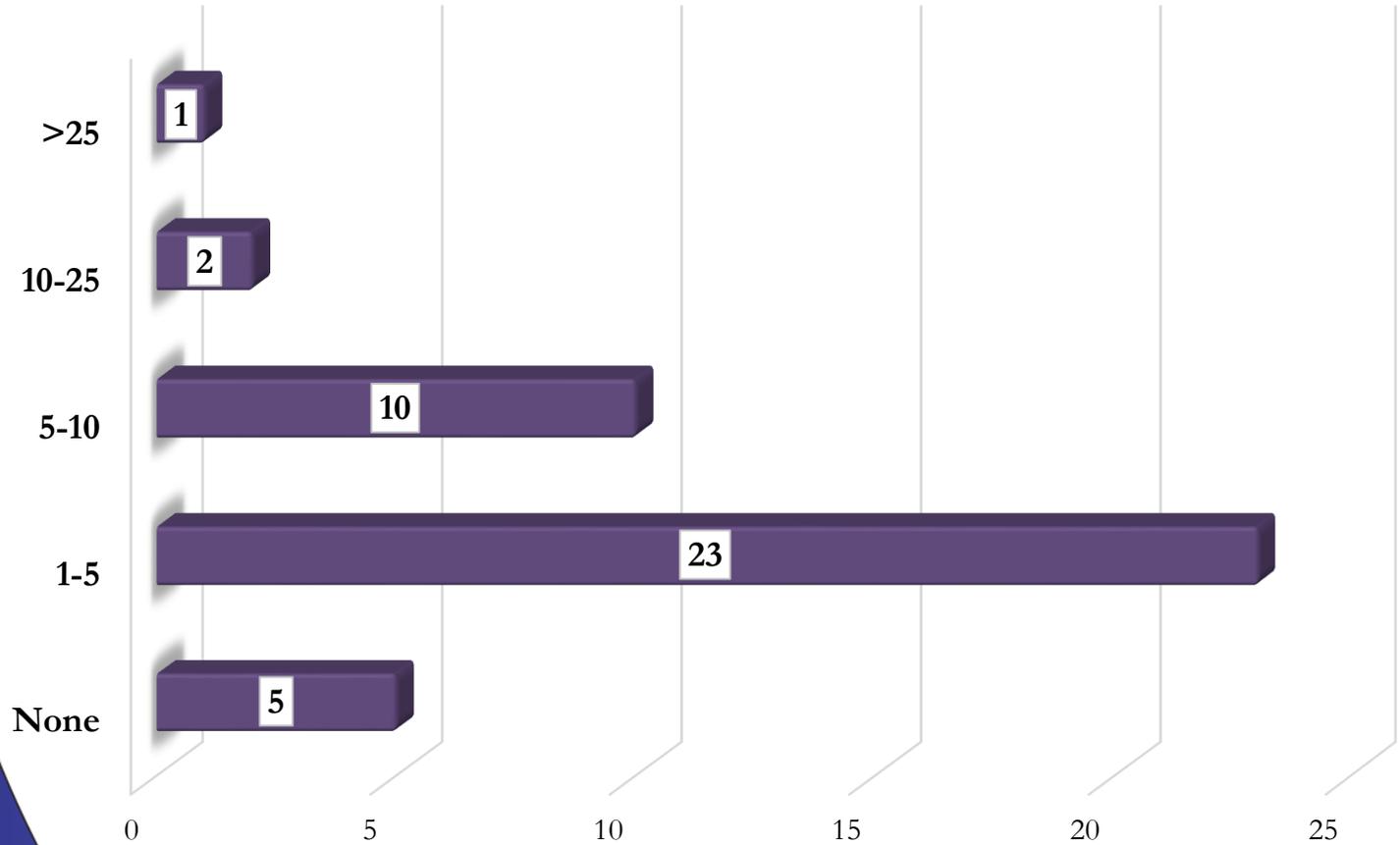
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Common Long Term Key Area Projects



Planned ELSA Day Events

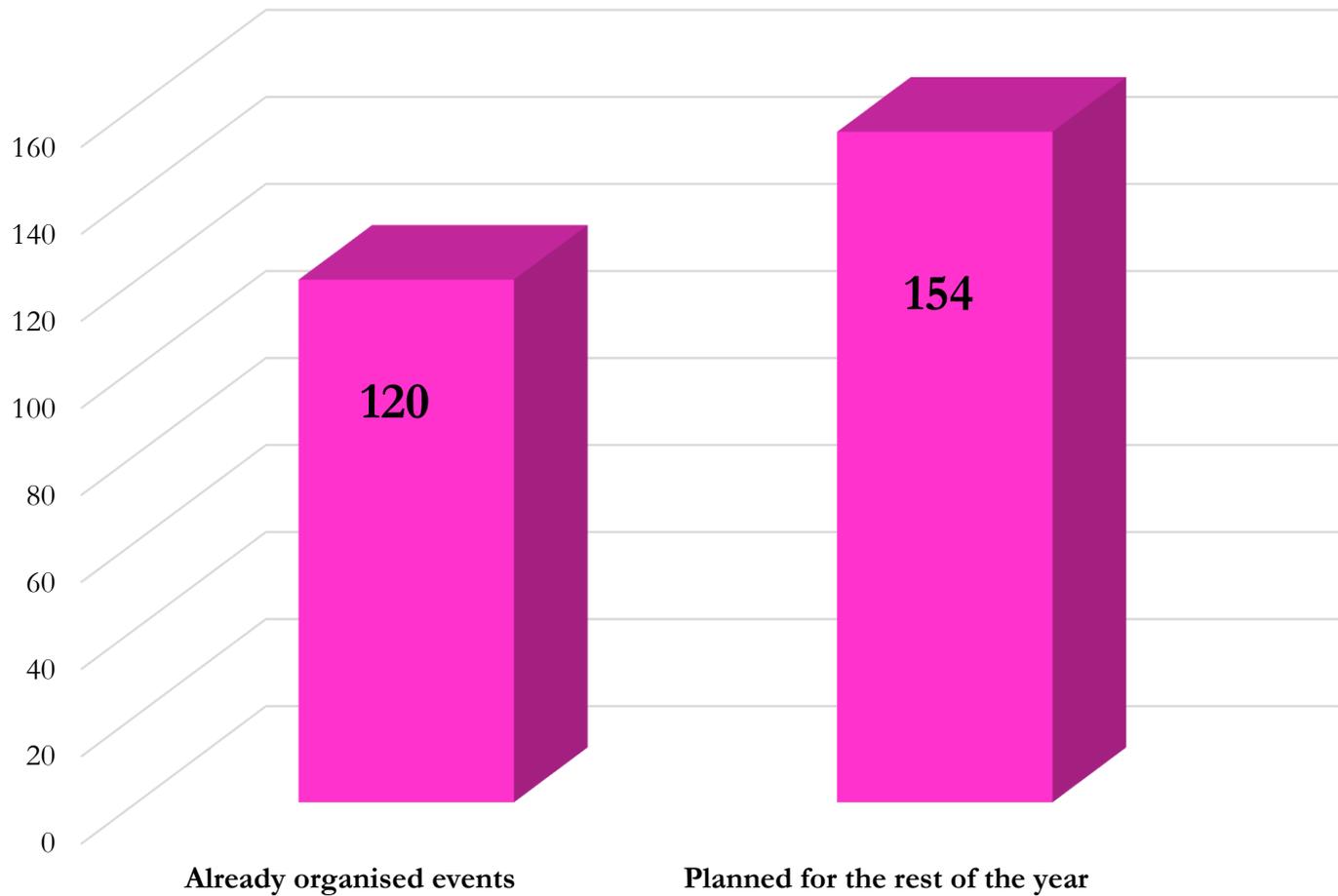
In total: 203



How many ELSA Day events will you organise?

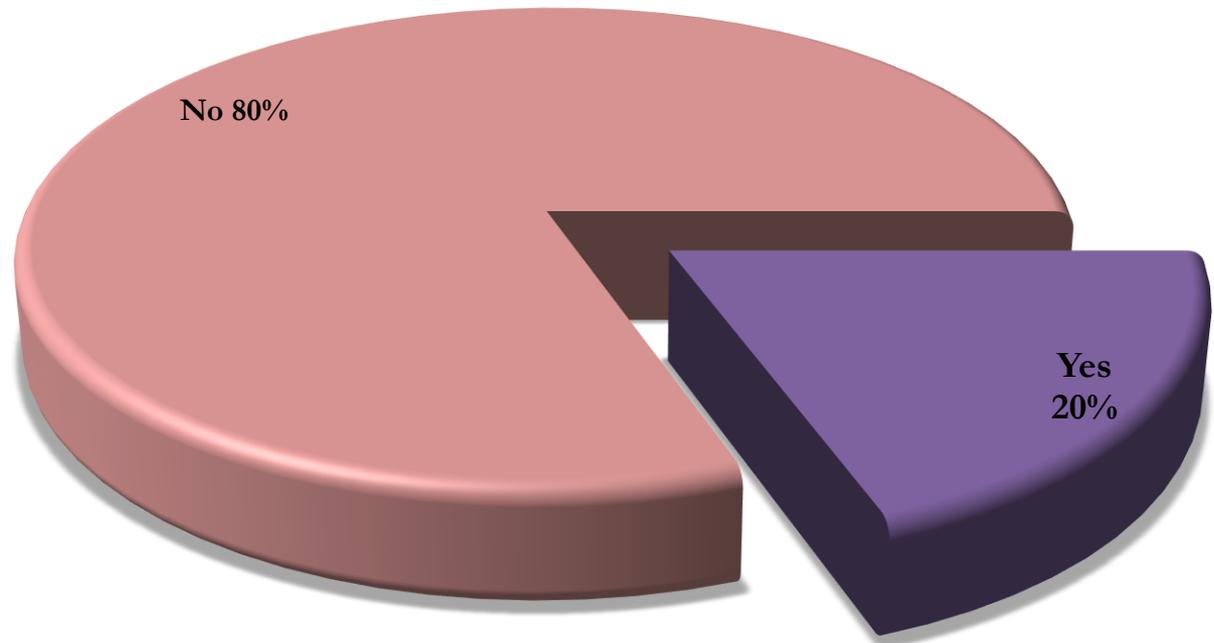
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IFP Events



How many IFP events did your National and Local Groups organise and how many do you plan to organise until the end of the term?

IFP Partnerships



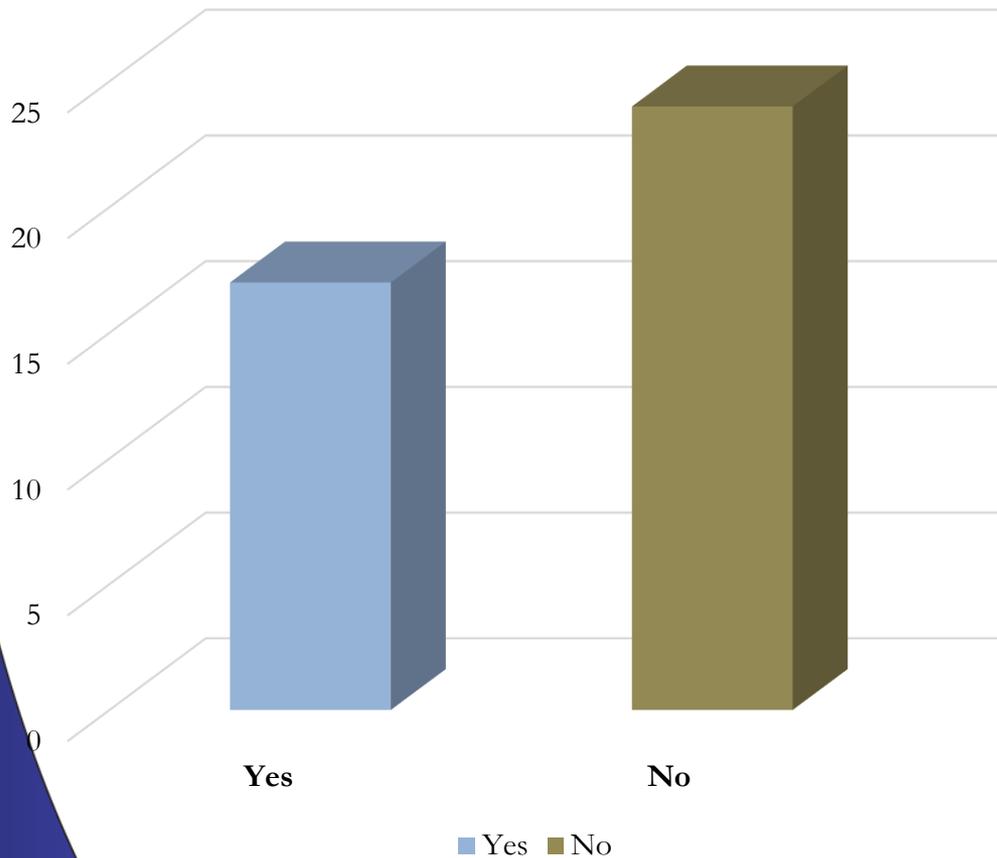
Do you have any IFP Partnerships?

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Academic Activities



Events other than listed in DB



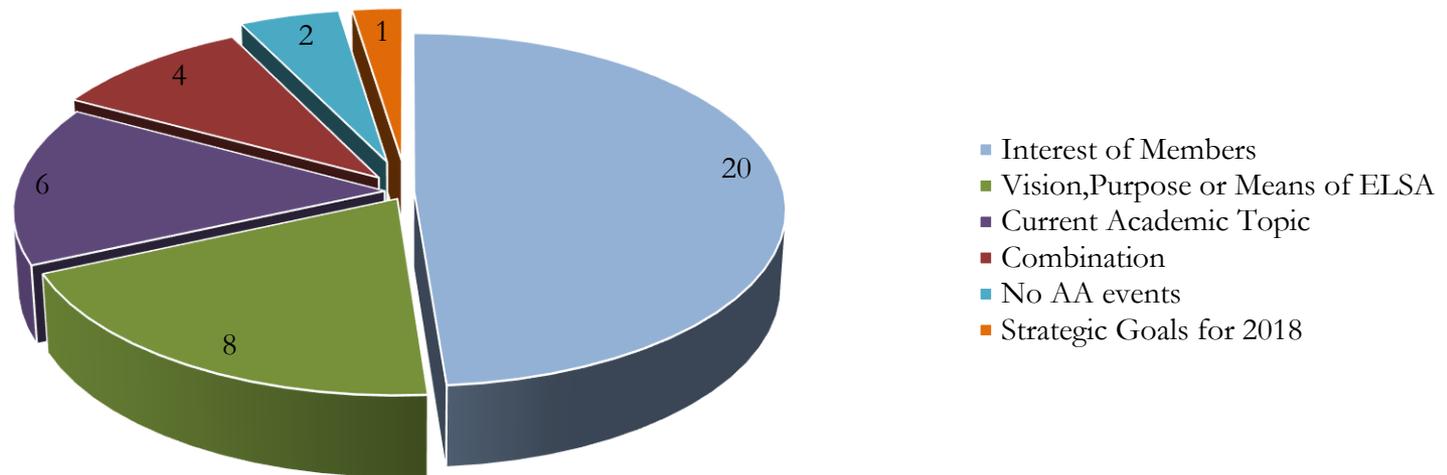
Examples:

- Parliament Simulation
- Creative Legal Writing
- Client Interviewing Competition
- Mediation Competition
- Contract Drafting Competition
- Project Legal Update
- Caravana Juridica
- Rhetorics Slam

Are you organising questions projects which are not mentioned in the Decision Book but fall under the responsibility of the AA area in your National Group?



Main motivation for organising events

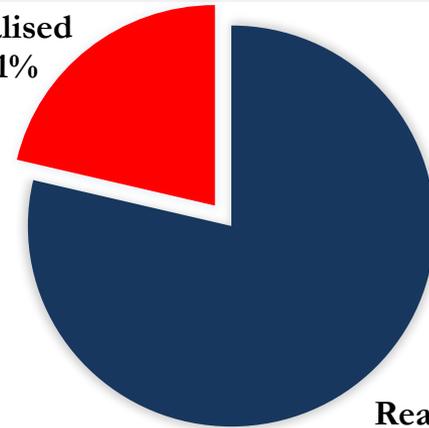


When you are planning your Academic Activities, especially the content, what is your main focus/motivation

Number of planned Human Rights events

156

Not
Realised
21%



Realised
79%

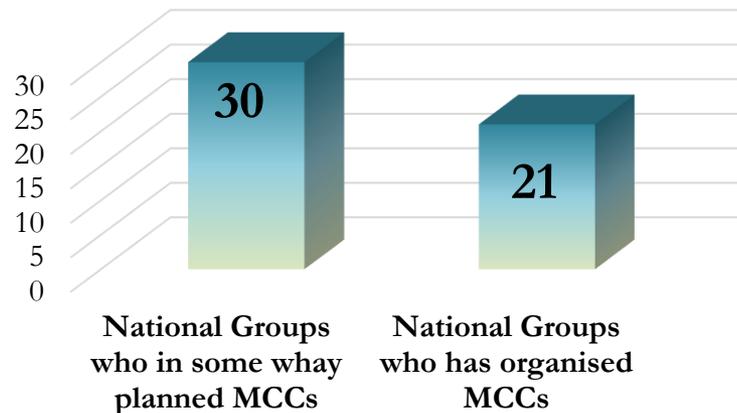
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Moot Court Competitions

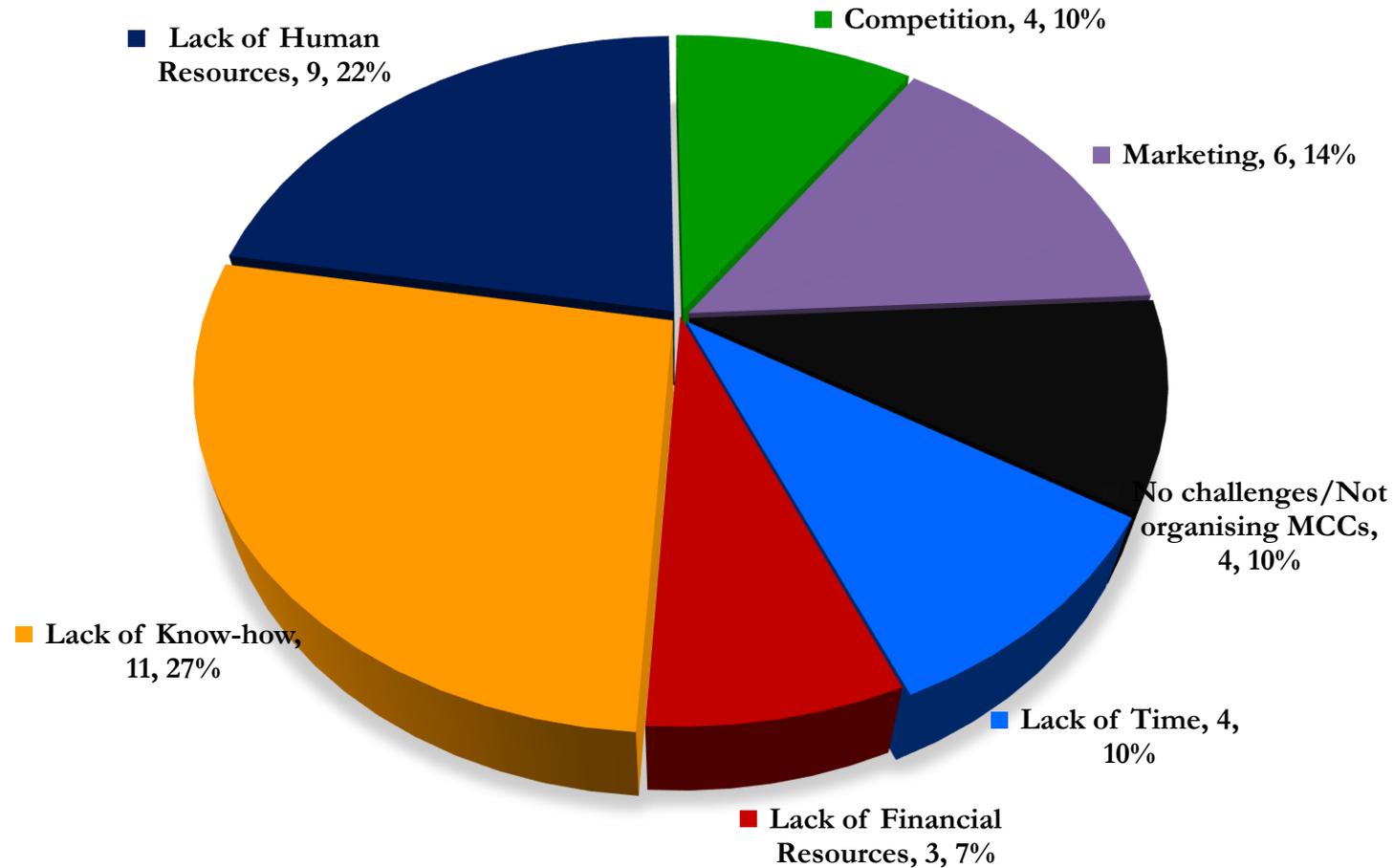


Number of organised Moot Court Competitions



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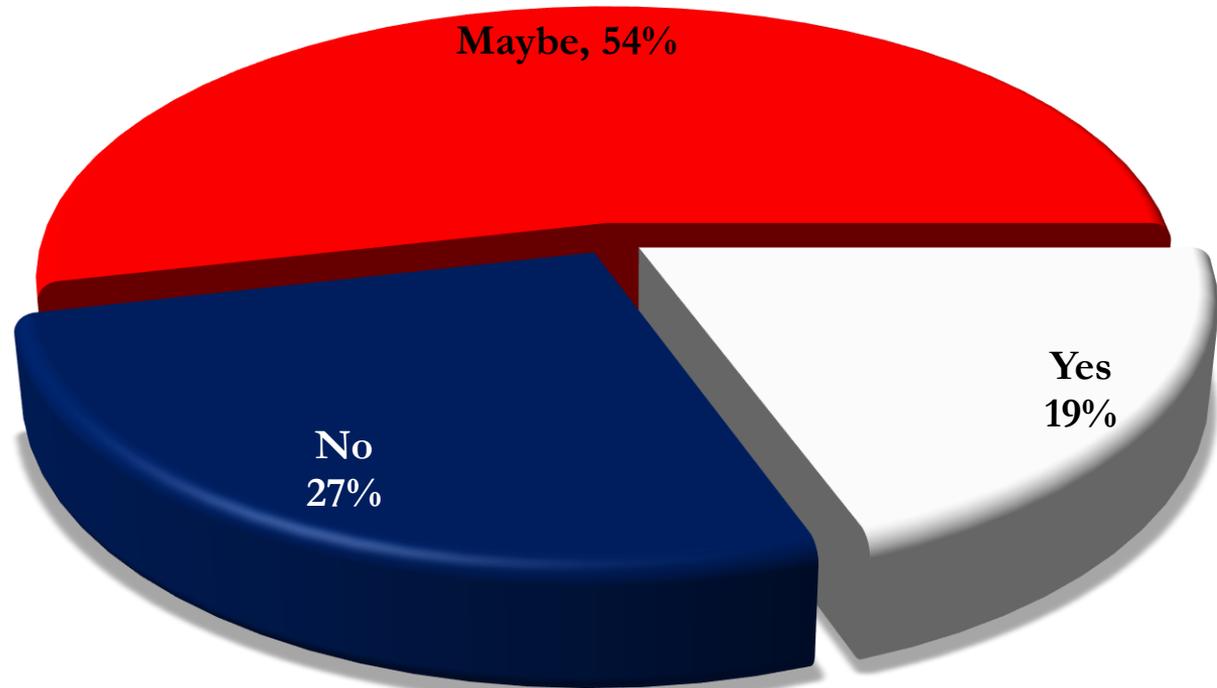
Challenges to organising Moot Court Competitions



What are your main challenges in relation to organizing Moot Courts?

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Interest in hosting a Regional Round



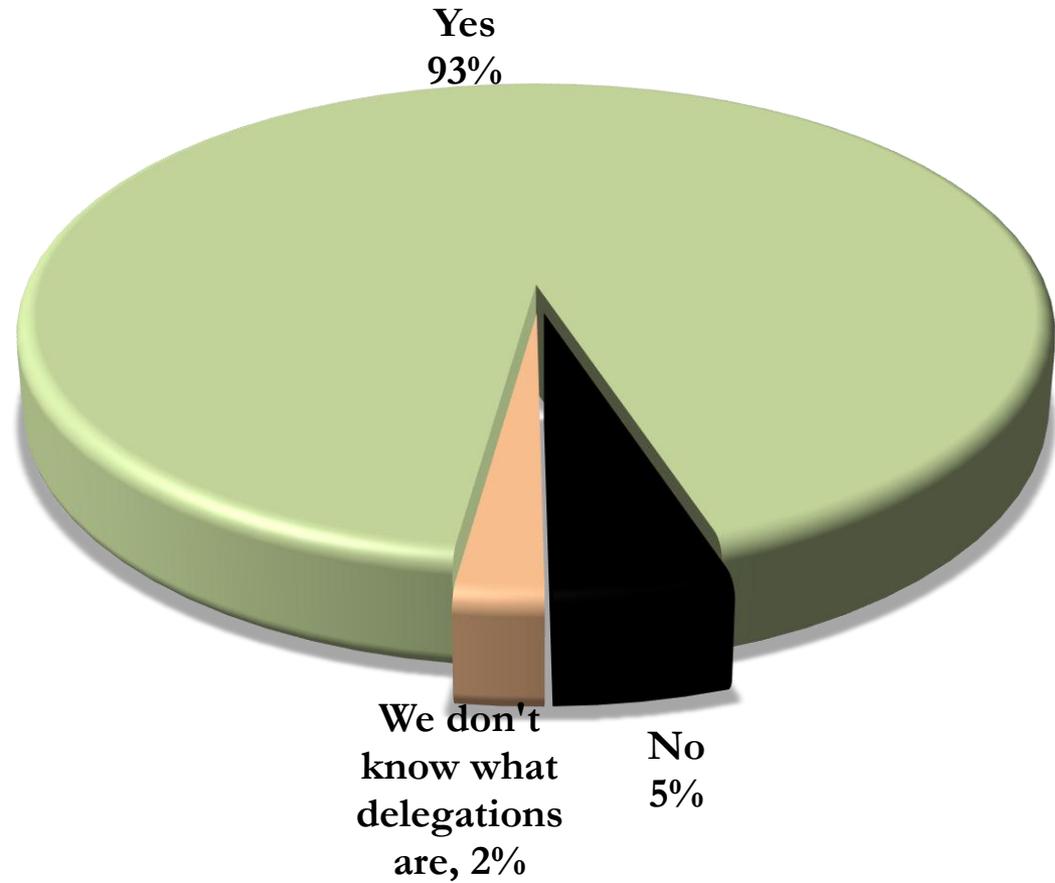
Are you interested in organising a Regional Round of the ELSA Moot Court Competition on WTO law?

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Seminars & Conferences



Promotion of Delegations

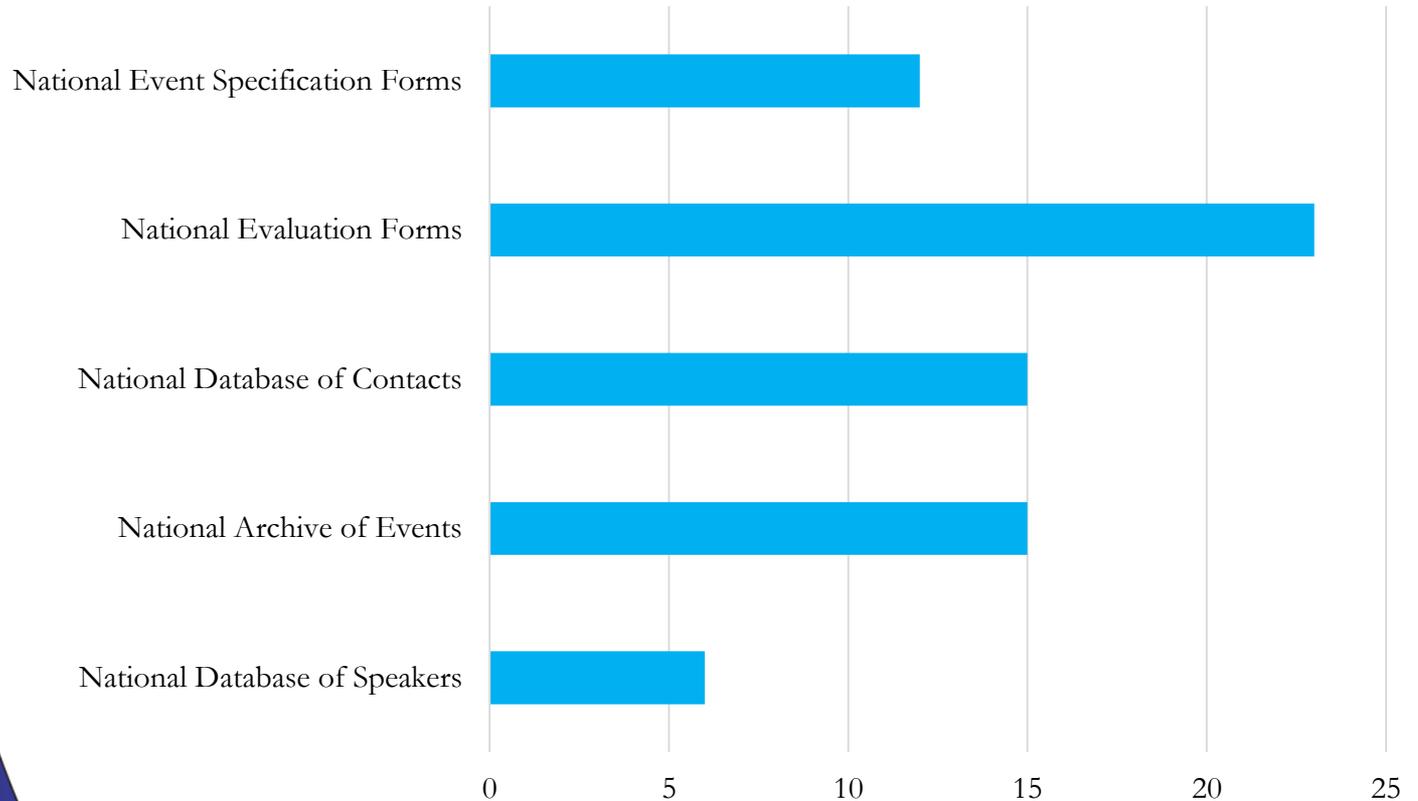


Do you promote delegations?

If you answered the previous question with No, please elaborate on why

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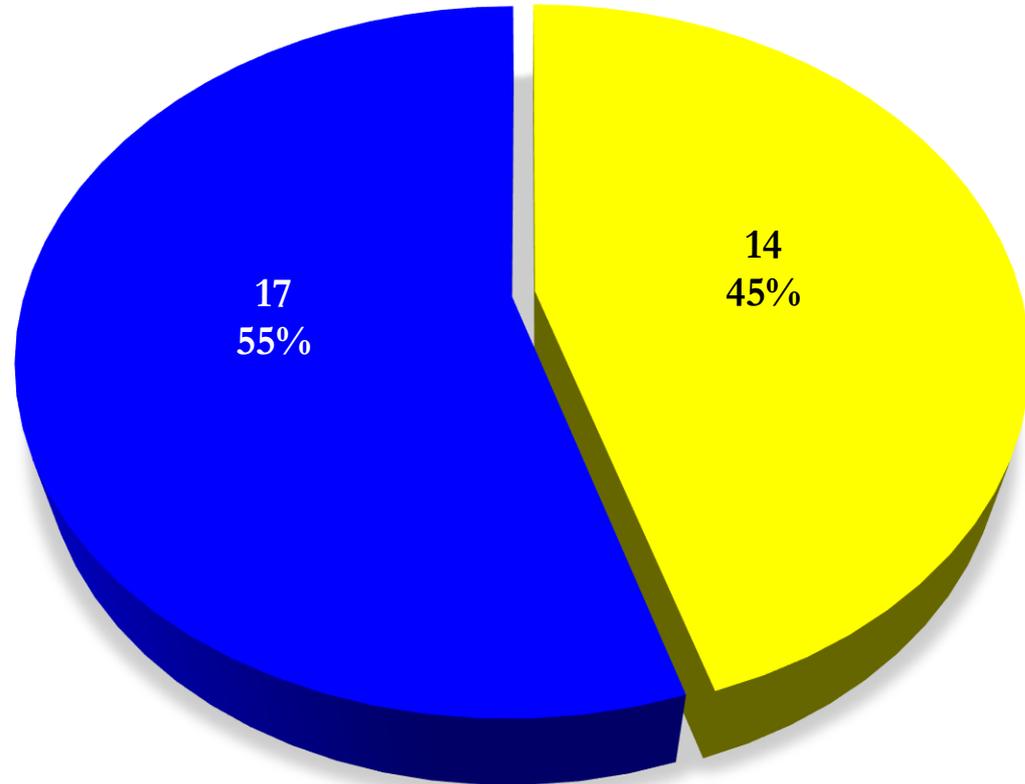
Use of national tools for S&C`ers



Do you use any of the following tools?

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Long term project planning



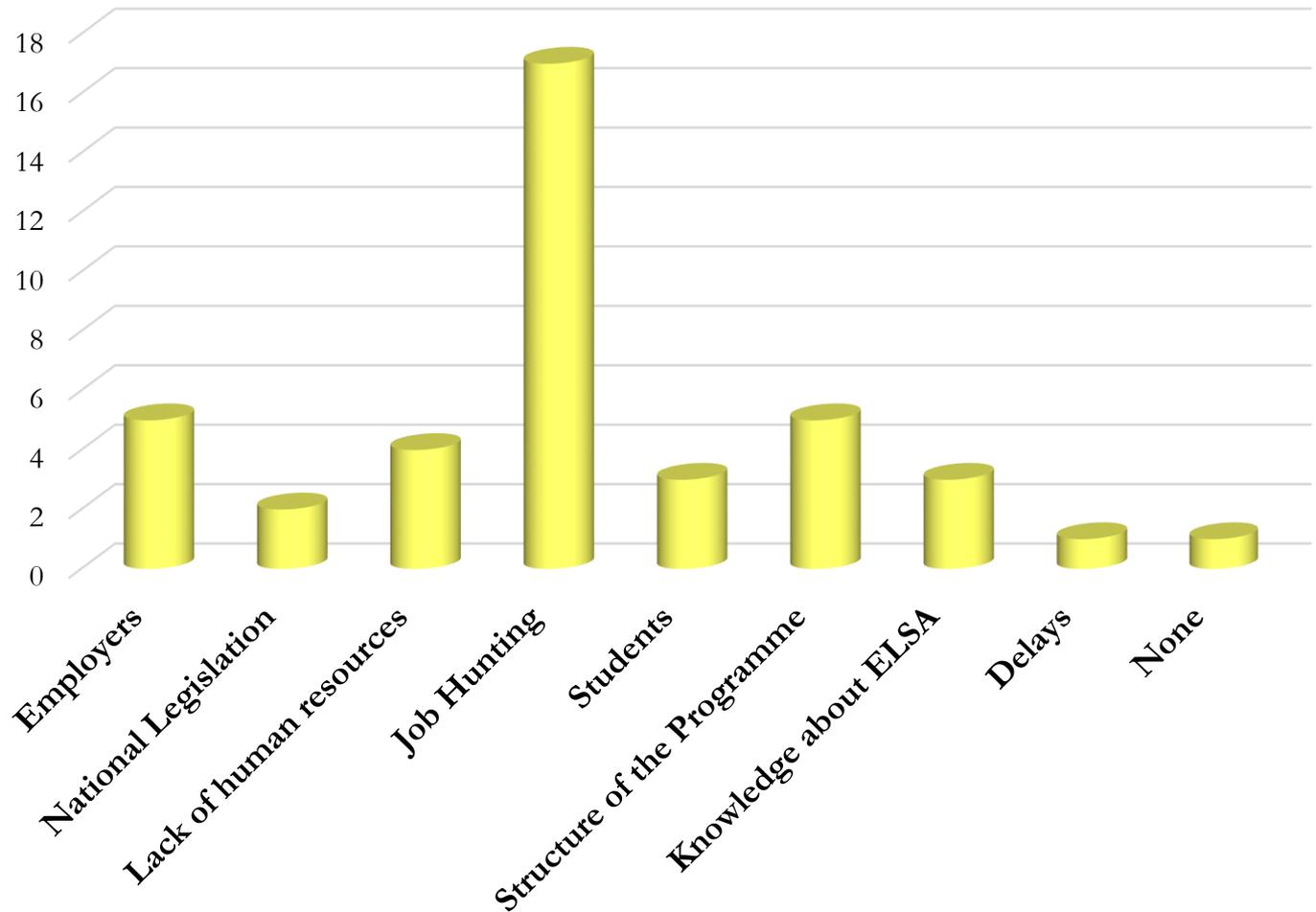
- Plans for more than term in Office
- Doesn't plan for more than term in office

Does your long term project planning usually cover more than one term in office?

Student Trainee Exchange Programme

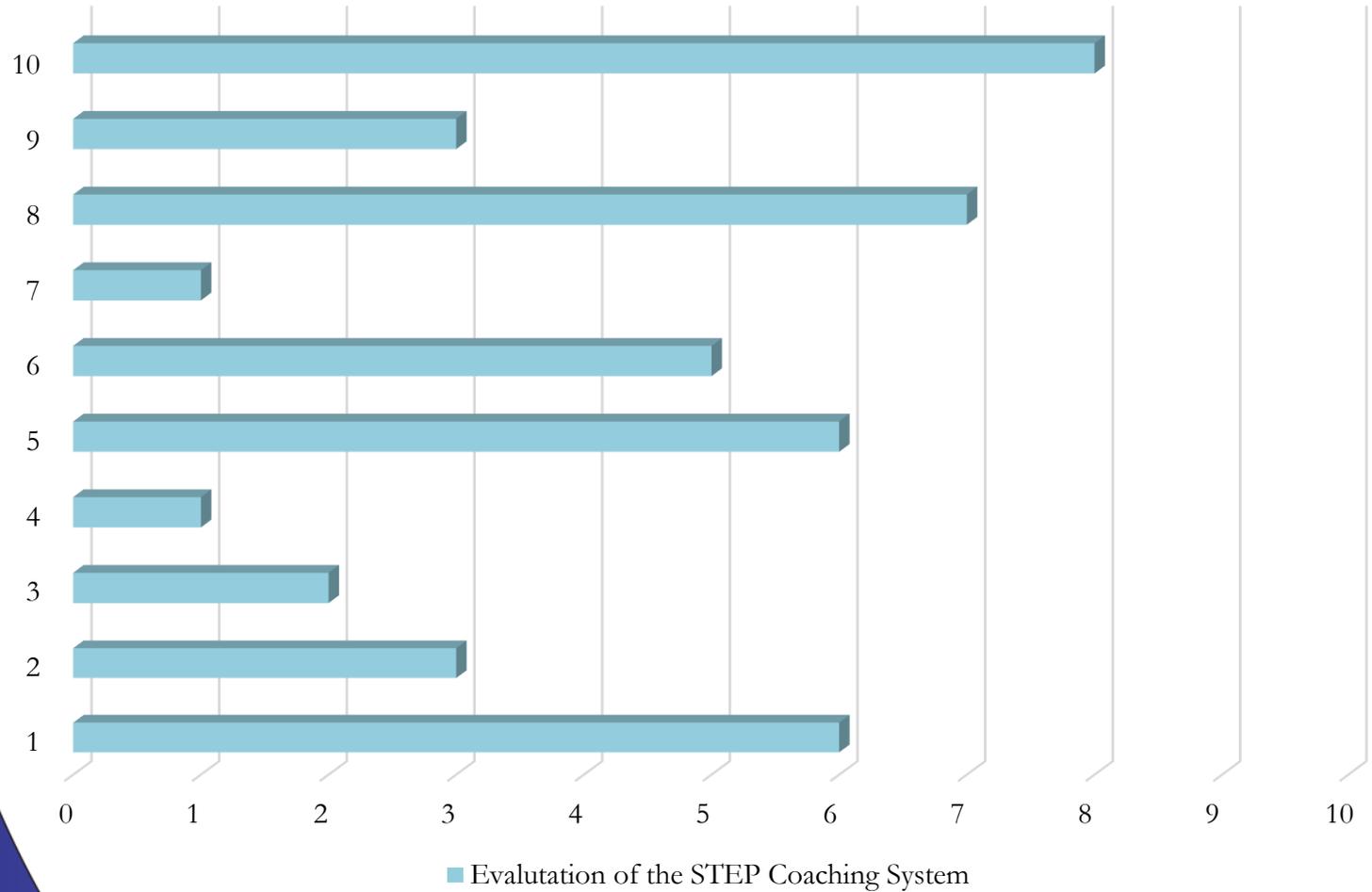


Major challenges in STEP



What has been your major challenge in the FM area this term?

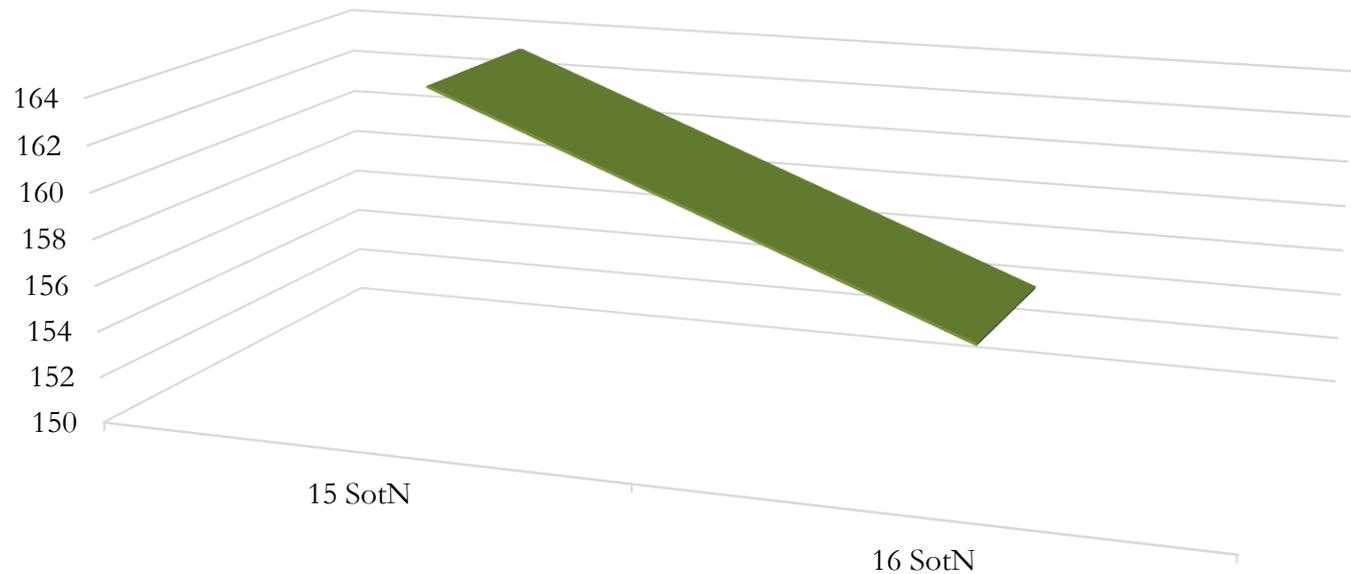
Evaluation of the STEP Coaching system



How is the relationship within your board?

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Planned Traineeships for 2nd Cycle



■ Planned Traineeships for 2nd Cycle

How many Traineeships do you plan to get for the second cycle?

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- Slide 4-6: An increase of the amount of Local Groups by 10 and we are now in 250+ range of groups including the National Groups without Local Groups
- Slide 7-10: The ELSA coverage of law faculties in the countries where ELSA is represented is rising steadily. Comparison 13th, 14th and 15th SotN: 314 – 323 – 346 - 358
Interesting is that the number of law faculties in the countries in which ELSA is present has in the last four SotNs gone from 1447 to 2830 to 929 to 701. The last decrease being more understandable with the loss of ELSA Russia.
- Slide 11-12: An effort seems to have been put towards recruitment this year since we even though having one National Group less has increased our number of members with close to 4000 (3945) members.
- Slide 14-17: The number of active members has also increased substantially during since September and we are glad to see that at a total of 6199 that 23% more people is involved in ELSA work when we are closing up on the end of the year. The active rate of members is at an average of 20% in National Groups with some groups reaching an active rate between 50 and 70%
- Slide 18-20: We are happy to see that the National Boards are having a good communication with their local groups with a lot of high ratings leaving the average at 7.56
- Slide 21-23: The National Groups relatively high marks on their communication with the International Board. At a average of 7.7 there is still some room for improvement.
- Slide 24: It seems like Local Officers are well familiar with the international events and projects as more than two thirds of national groups rate their local Officers' knowledge in the top 40%
- Slide: Even though it's good to see that a vast majority of National Boards put a high grade on the relationship within their boards, a considerable amount of boards rate it in the lower half of the range

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- Slide 28: Only three in ten National Groups has expanded or have strong ongoing expansion projects. However among the other ca 70% many National Groups has reached their full potential already
- Slide 30: There seems to be a big part of our groups that have handbooks in a majority of our areas. Considering the lack of updated handbooks on the international level it is however a bit surprising that more National ones haven't been produced
- Slide 31: We're happy to see that two thirds of groups who have starts their new term in office during the summer months has already started to plan for transition.
- Slide 32: Even though a substantial amount of trainings takes place around the Network the percentage of ITP trainings remain around 10%. Sadly an entire 10 groups has not had any trainings during this year.
- Slide: 34: More than 70% of groups has or intend to apply for a grant this year. It seems this form of financing is getting increasingly important to the organisation
- Slide 35: Again Travels/Accommodation for Statutory Meetings come up as one of the most useful modes of EDF support, yet only one National Groups applied before ICM Malta
- Slide 36: The undoubtedly biggest challenge in the Financial Management is Lack of financial resources but more uncommon problems has risen that could be valuable to learn from
- Slide 38: The Adobe Suite and Photoshop in particular is the most used graphic design programmes in our Network despite the fact that they are not the cheapest of softwares
- Slide 39: The challenges in Marketing has been described more in detail but here presented they have been narrowed down to the general areas which they are related to. Human and financial resources are like in many other areas the biggest challenges.

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- Slide 41: Just weeks before the ELSA Day 2023 events were planned around Europe. The most common amount was 1-5 per country. Unfortunately five countries planned to not participate in the ELSA Day celebrations. Since the ELSA Day has passed we have preliminary numbers with 161 events organised in 29 countries.
- Slide 43: Only 20% of groups have been able to establish IFP Partnerships so far. The existing partnerships vary between Universities, Law firms, Research Centers etc.
- Slide 45: A bit less than half of the groups go outside the Decision Book when organising AA events. Some examples of the many listed events has been provided here.
- Slide 46: The main motivation for organising events is the interest of our members. We are a bit sad that the number who keep foremost keep Vision, Purpose and Means in mind when organising events has decreased during the year.
- Slide 47: Out of the 214 Human Rights events that were in making by the time of the 15th SotN it looks now like only 156 will be realised.
- Slide 49: So far 86 moot court competitions has been organised around the Network. In the beginning of the year 30 groups were planning to organise MCCs but so far only 21 have realised these plans
- Slide 50: The challenges to organising moot court competitions are various but the most common one is Lack of Know-how. They have been described here in relation to the general type of challenge but they were described more in detail in the National Groups' answers.
- Slide 51: We are happy to see that a big part of our National Groups is or could be interested in Hosting one of the two European Regional Rounds of the EMC2

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- Slide 53: Delegations is a well promoted project and reasons for not promoting include lack of interest and lack of activity
- Slide 55: Almost half of groups indicates that they plan for a period of time that is longer than their term in Office. They mention that this depends on the specific projects and that planning can go as long as two years in advance.
- Slide 57: The challenges in Marketing has been described more in detail but here presented they have been narrowed down to the general areas which they are related to. The prominent challenge for the STEP is job hunting.
- Slide 58: New for this year are the regional STEP coaches. More than half of the groups put their evaluation in the upper half of the scale.
- Slide 59: Even though the spring semester realism might have effected the autumn semester positivism only a slight decrease has been made in the planned 2nd cycle Traineeships