

25th State of the Network Report

Based on the results of
the 25th State of the Network Inquiry
conducted before the LXXIV ICM Opatija 2018



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Foreword

Dear Network,

I am happy to present to you the results of the 25th State of the Network Inquiry in the following report.

I would like to thank the Secretary General of ELSA International for the opportunity to work on this important task and to the 40 – out of 44 – National Groups that have filled in and submitted the 25th SotN Inquiry. This report shows the outcome of the hard work of the whole ELSA Network.

Kind regards,

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Abbreviations

- NG – National Group
- LG – Local Group
- IFP – International Focus Programme
- SotN – State of the Network
- OLG – Observer Local Group
- ILG – Initiative Local Group
- HR – Human Resources
- CI – Corporate Identity
- NCM National Council Meeting



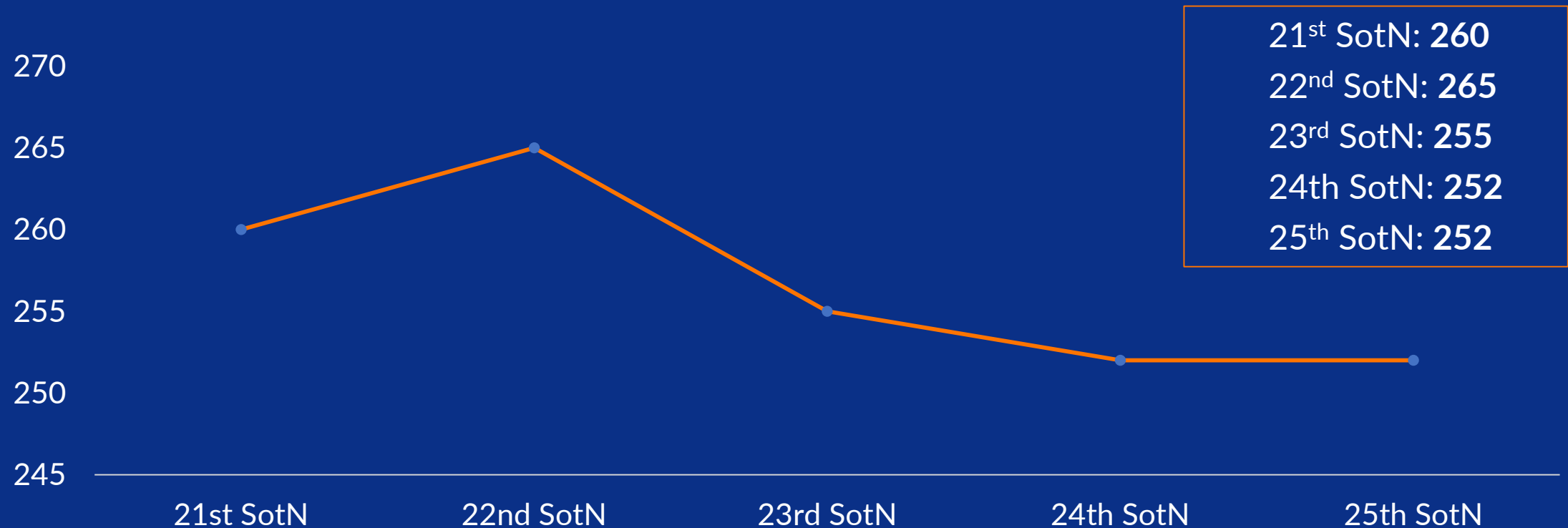
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General Information



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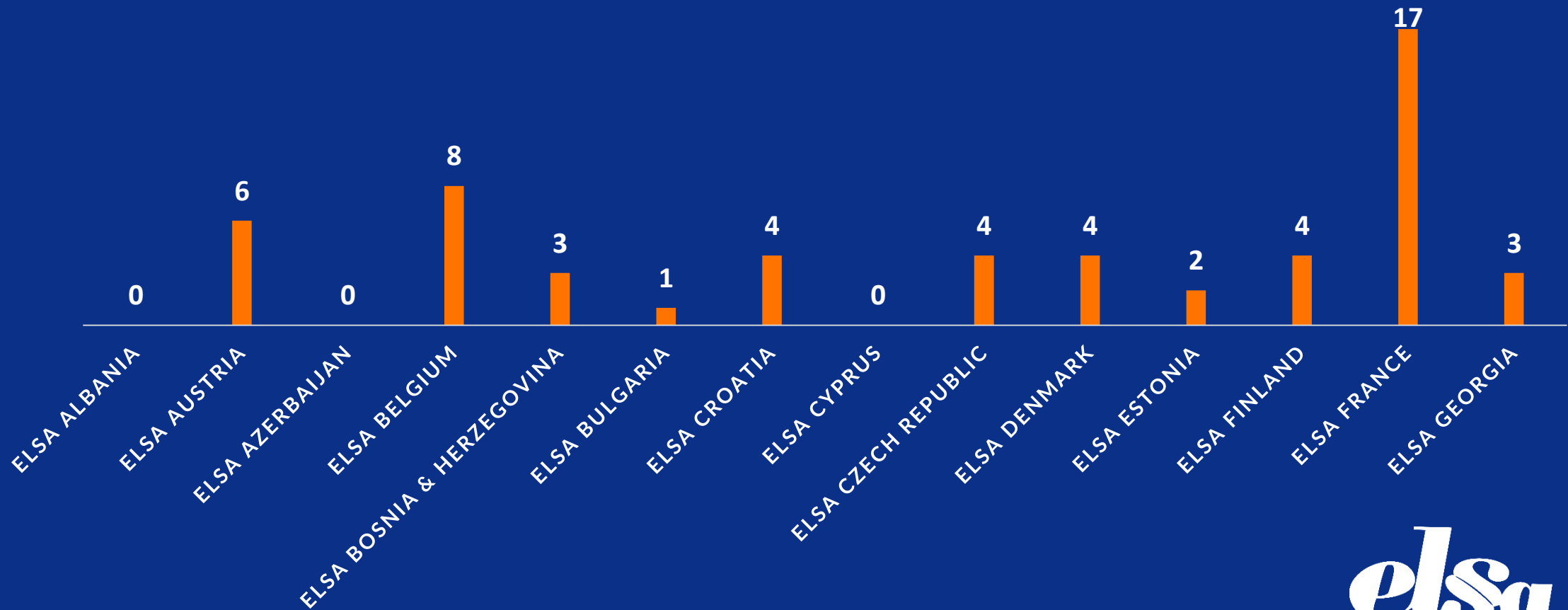
Number of Local Groups



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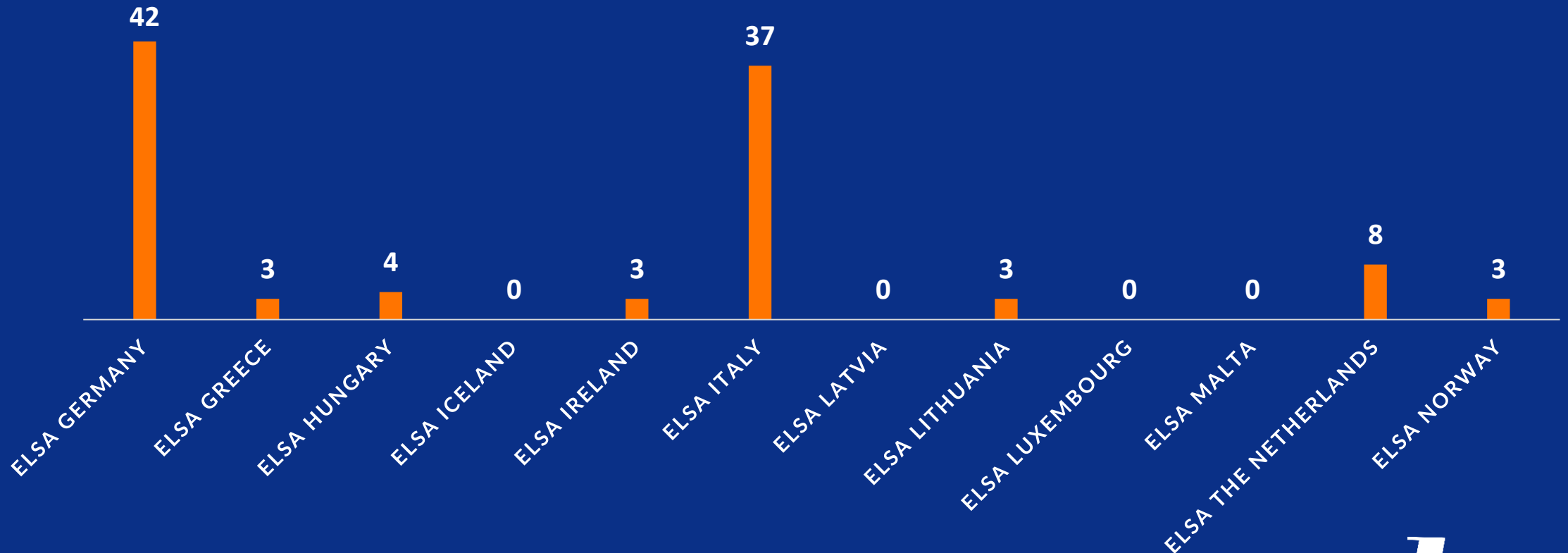
Number of Local Groups

In total 252 Local Groups + 8 National Groups without Local Groups



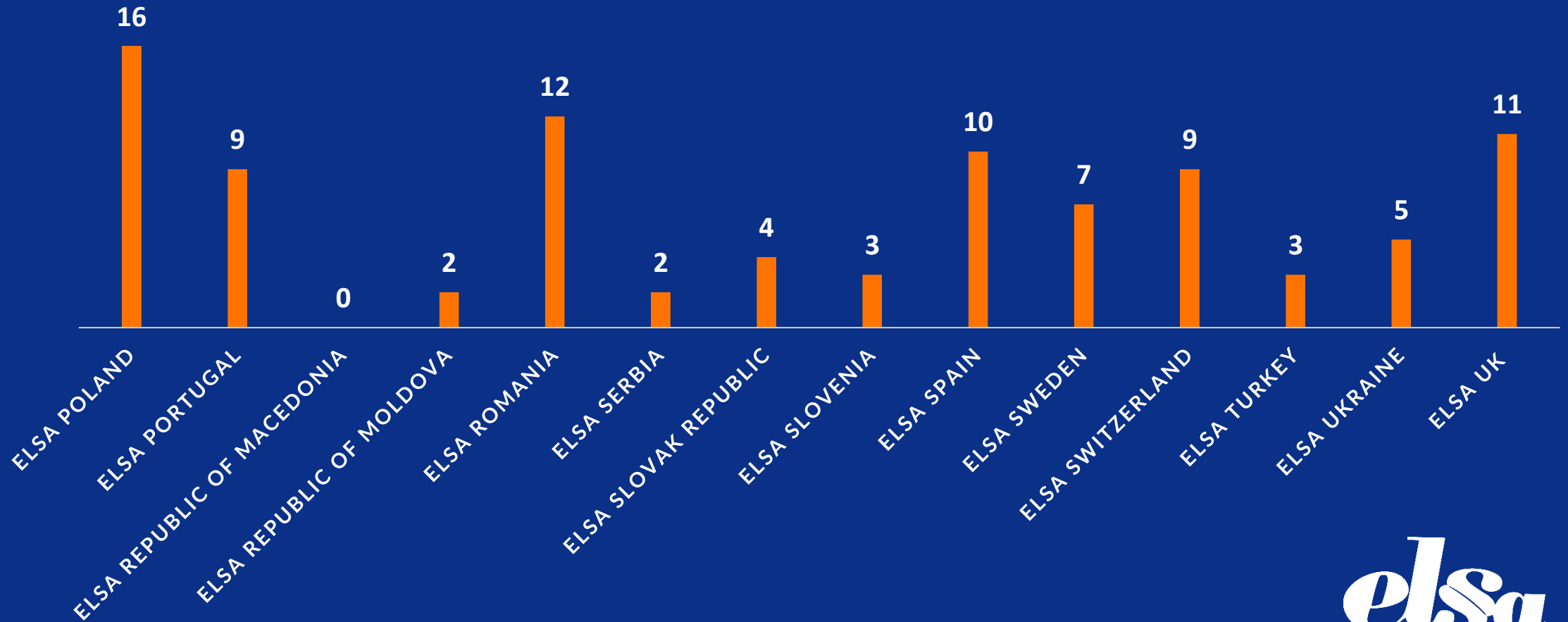
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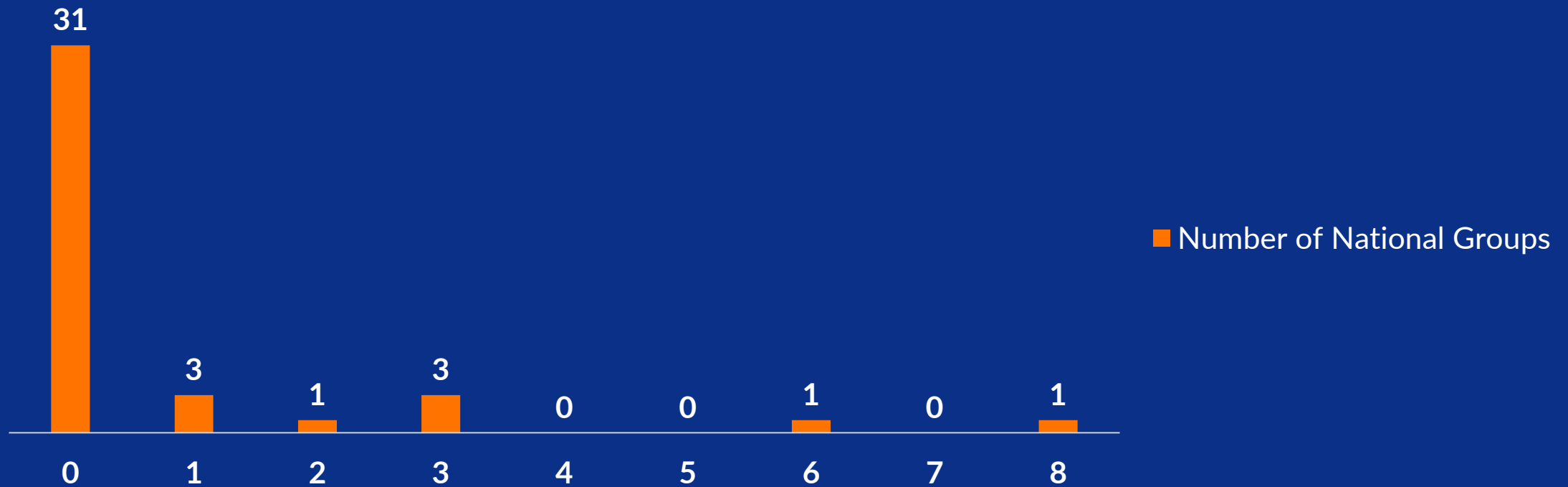
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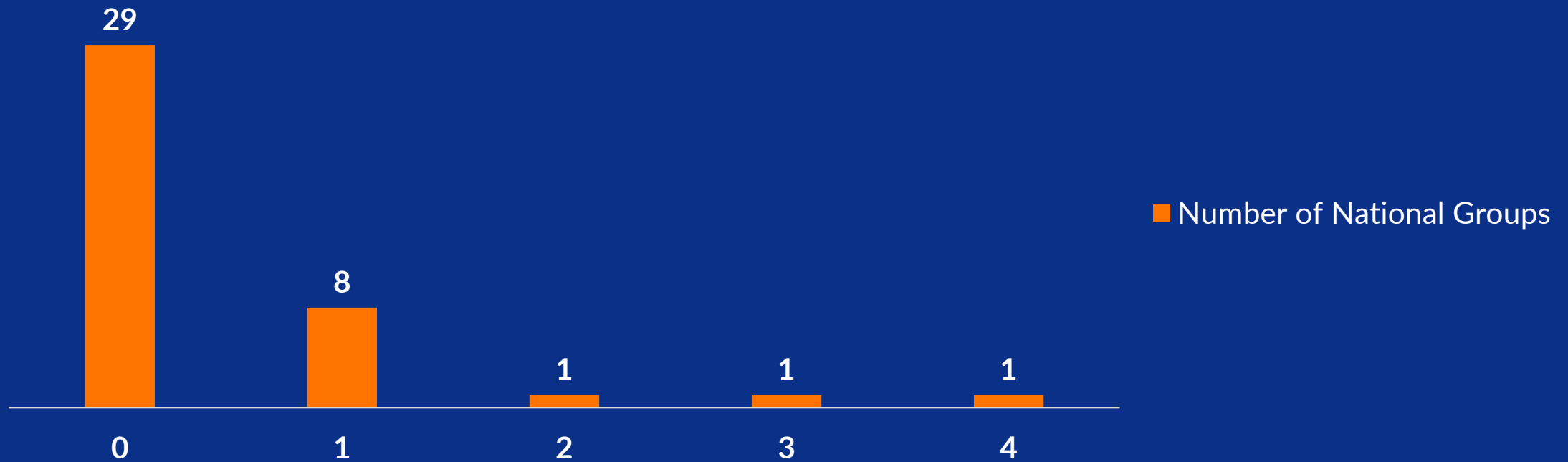
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Observer Local Groups per National Group



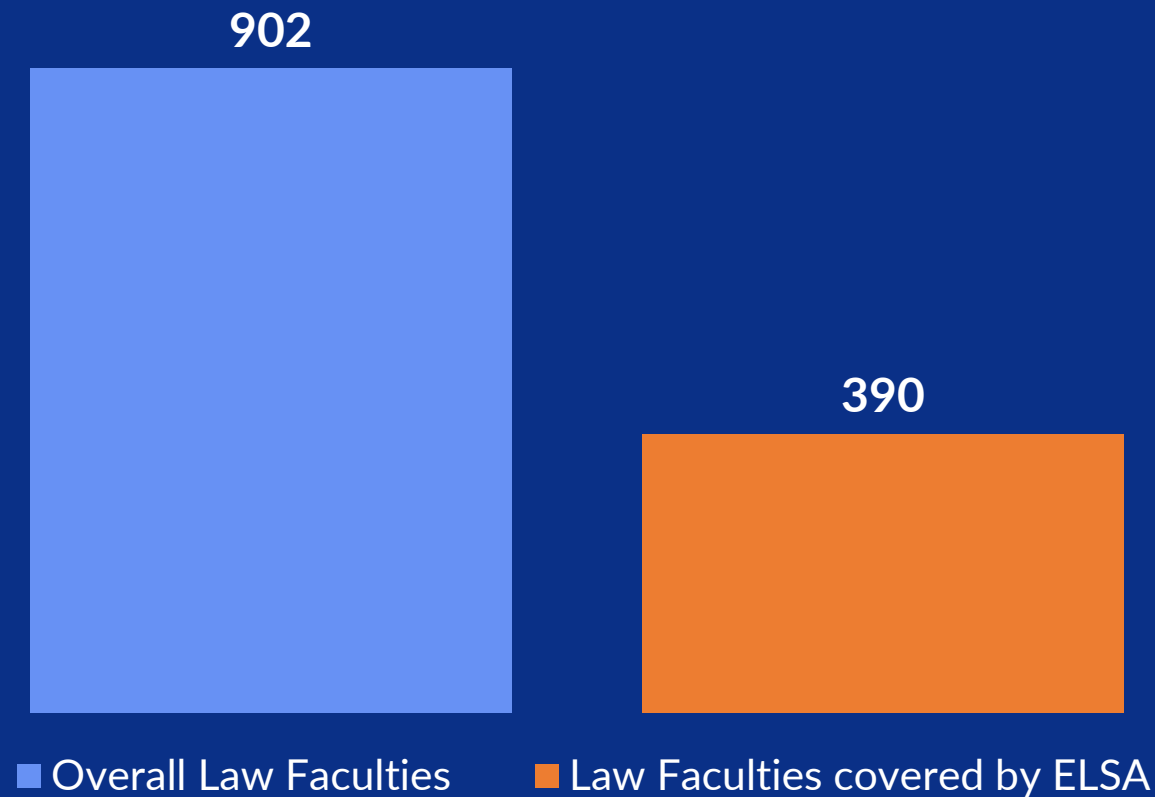
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Initiative Local Groups per National Group



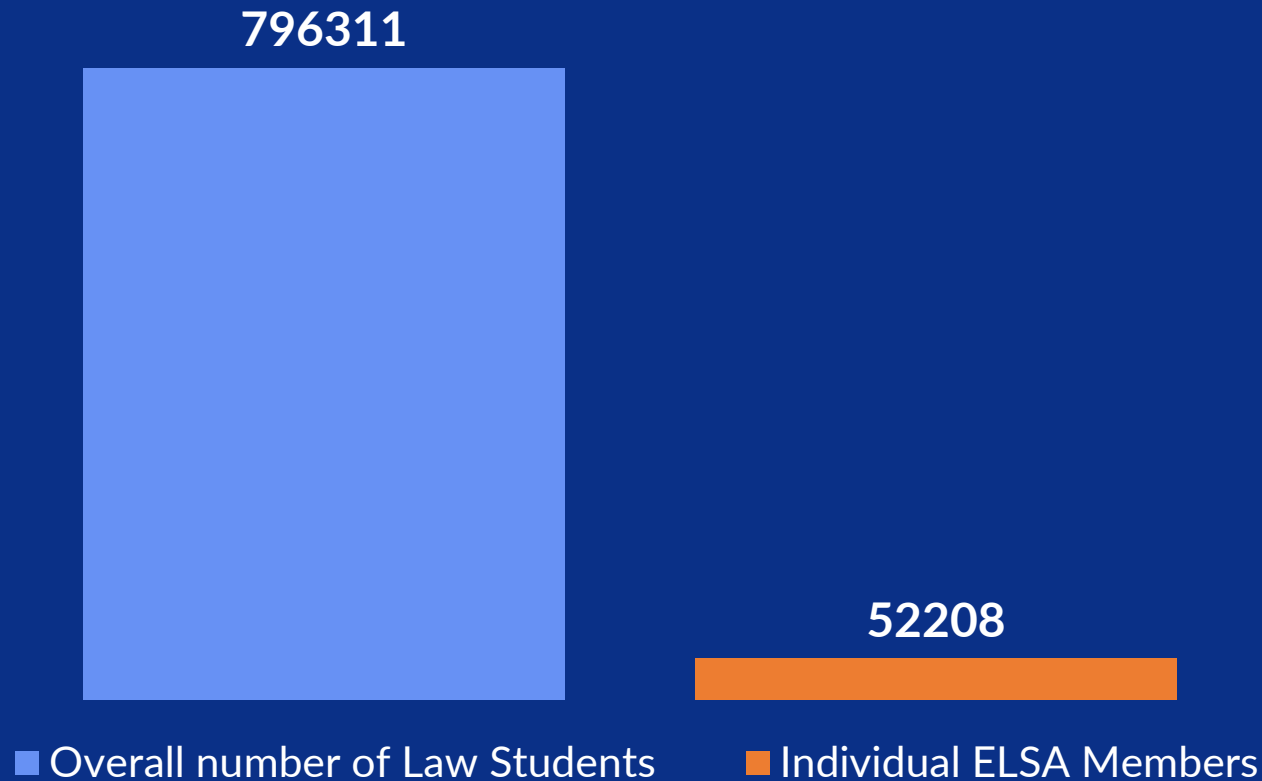
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Overall Law Faculties in member NGs/ Law Faculties Covered by ELSA Groups



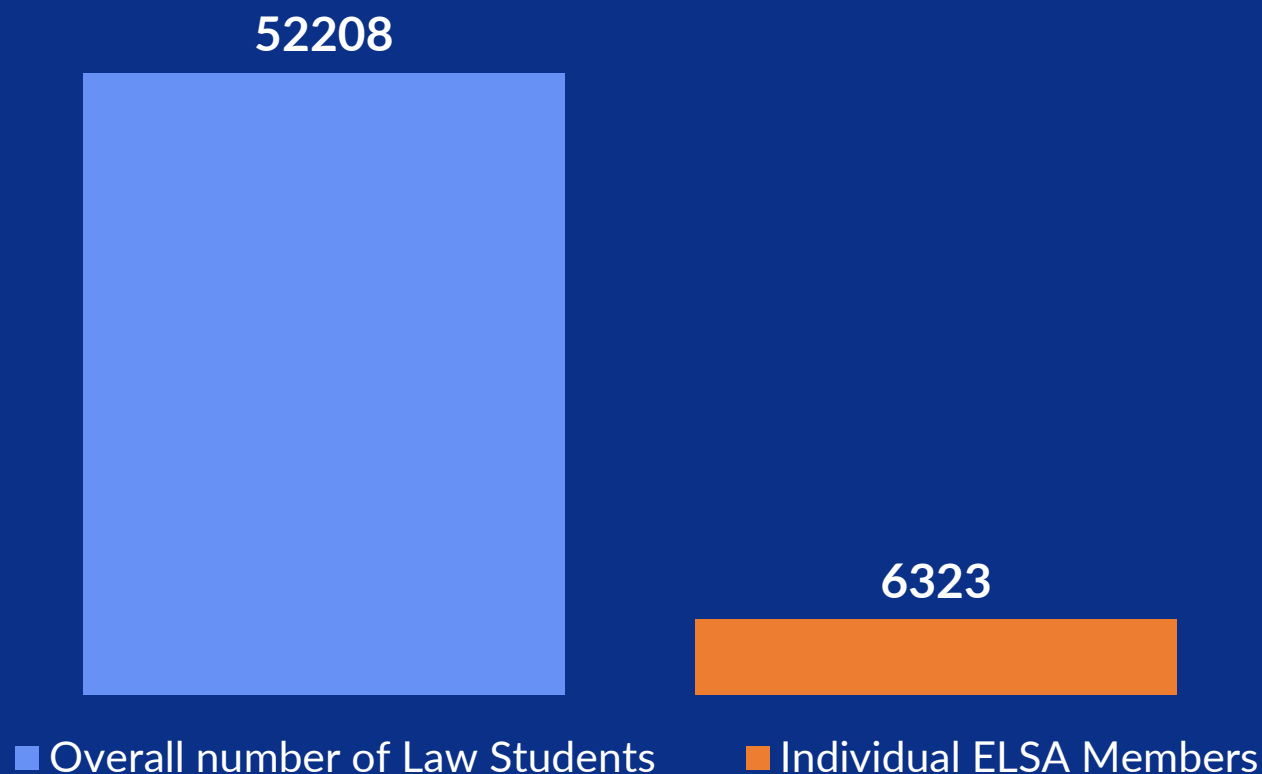
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Overall number of law students in member countries/individual ELSA members



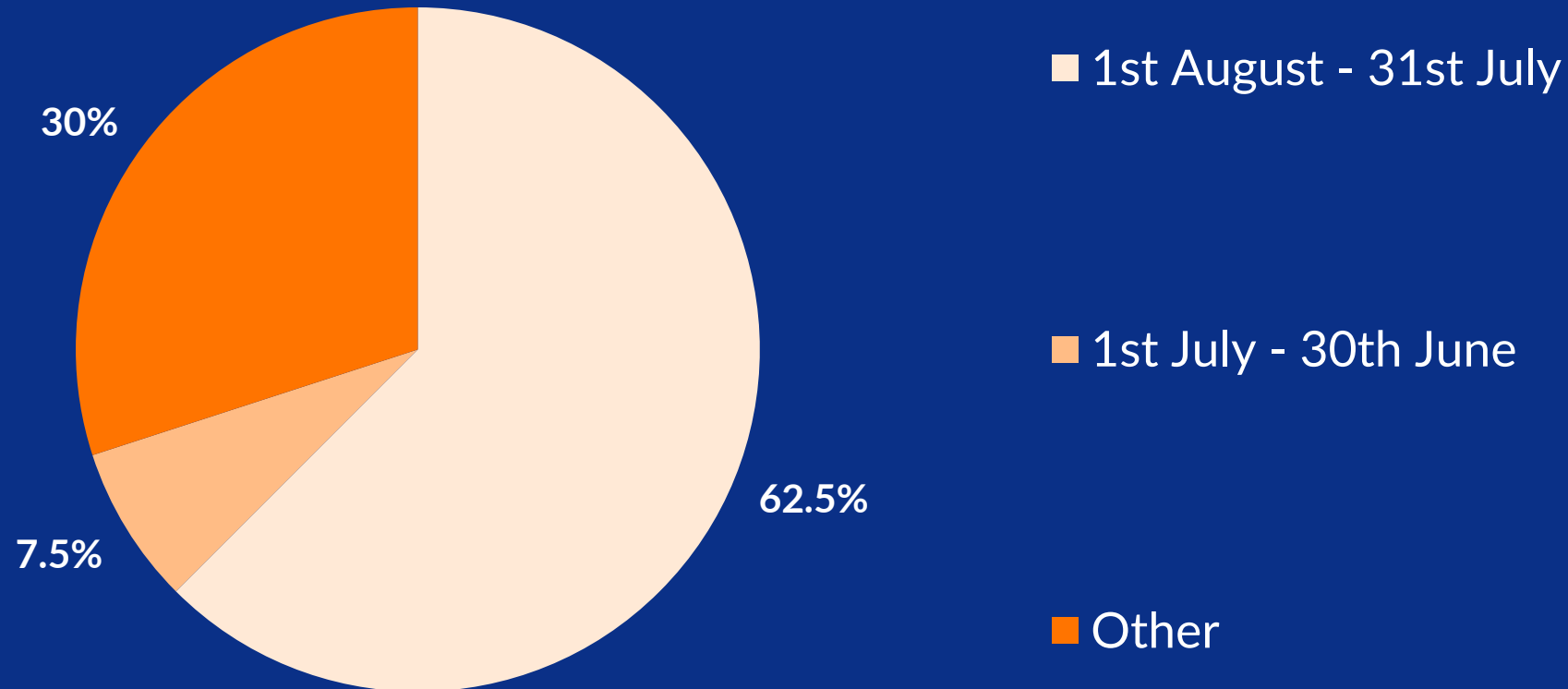
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Individual ELSA Members/ Active ELSA Members

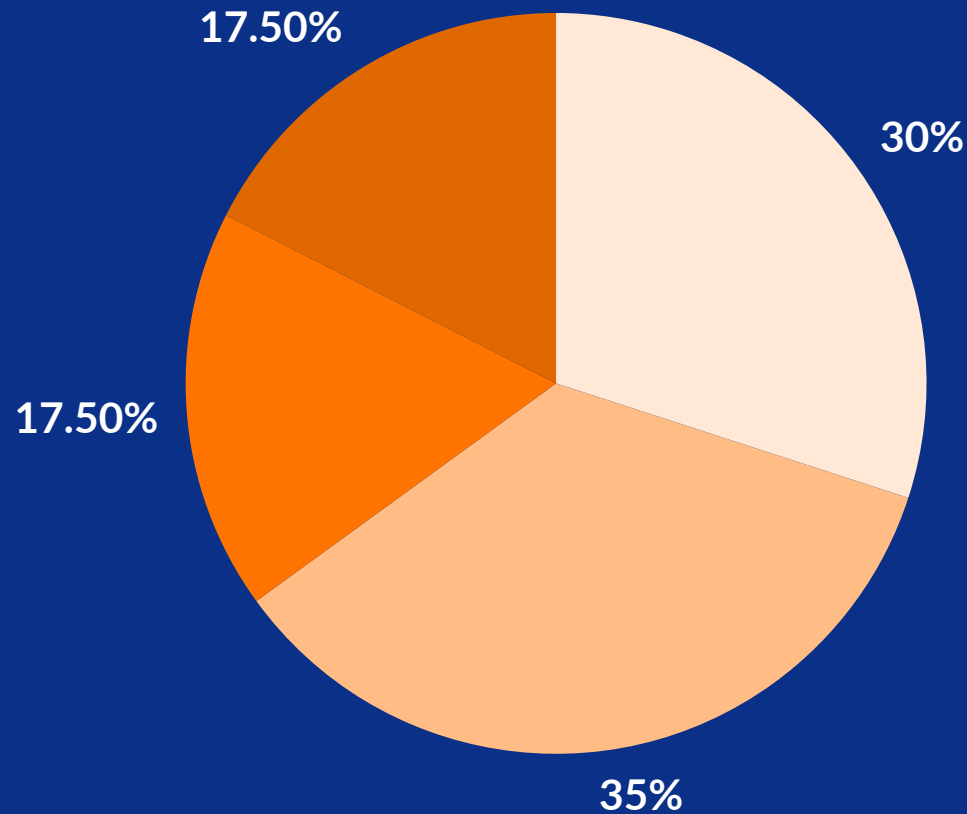


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Duration of board terms at the National level



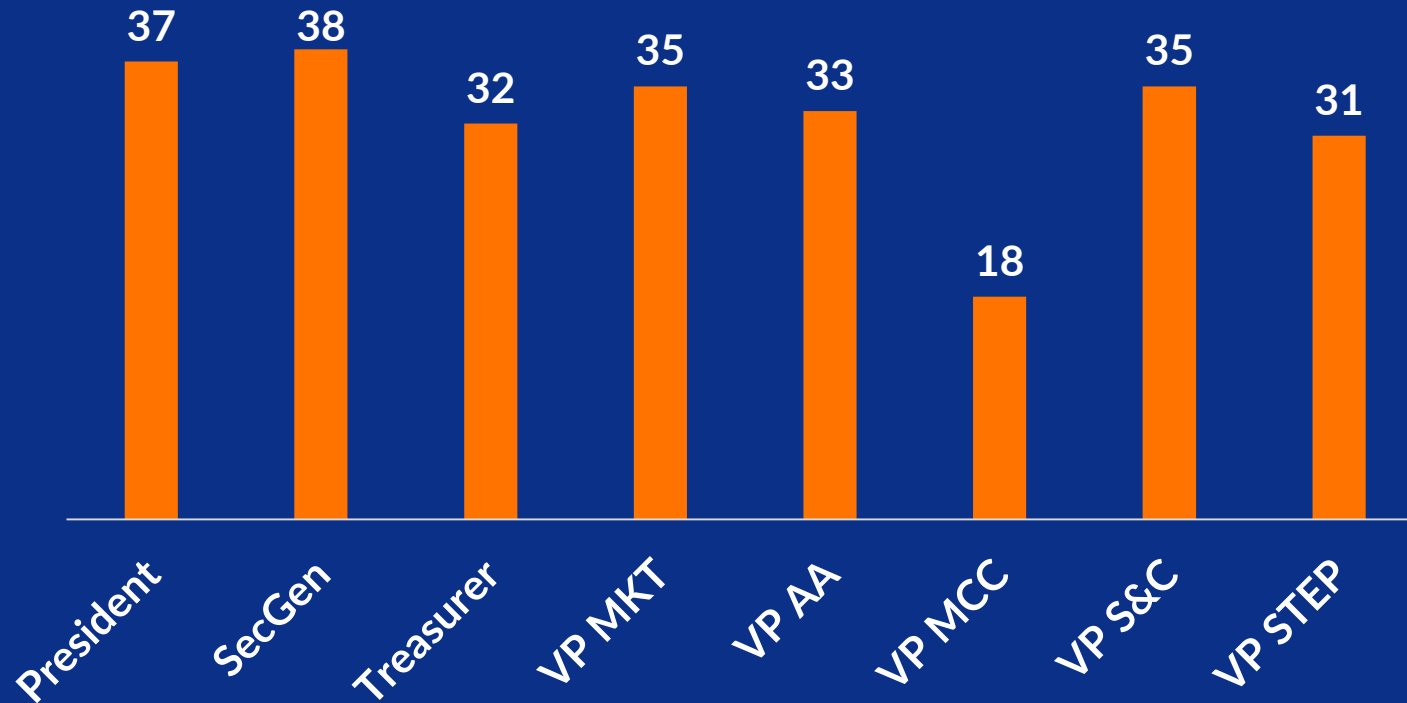
One Year Operational Plan



- Yes, we have written both a common OYOP and all area ones
- Yes, we all have written our area OYOPs (and perhaps have put them together in a document)
- Yes, we have written a common OYOP
- No, we are still in the process of writing it



National Boards



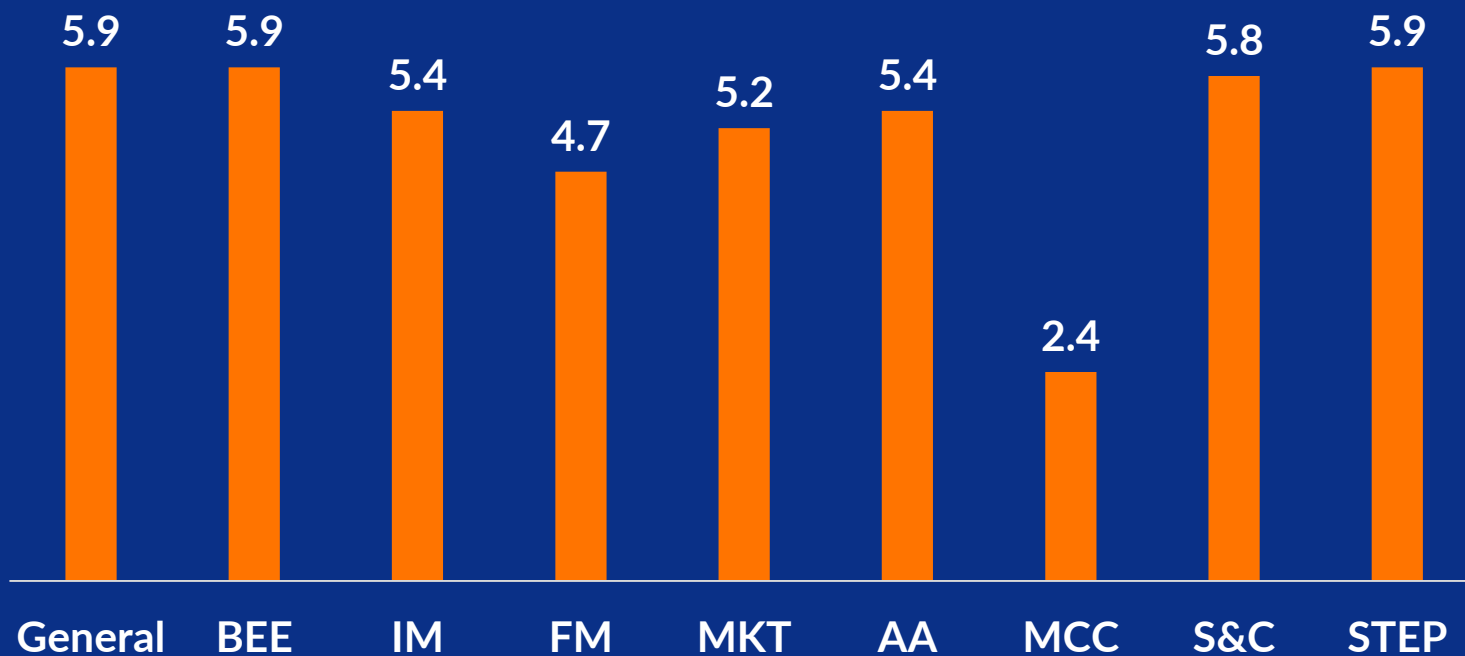
■ Number of National Groups where particular positions have been filled



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Transition Received

as evaluated by the National Boards



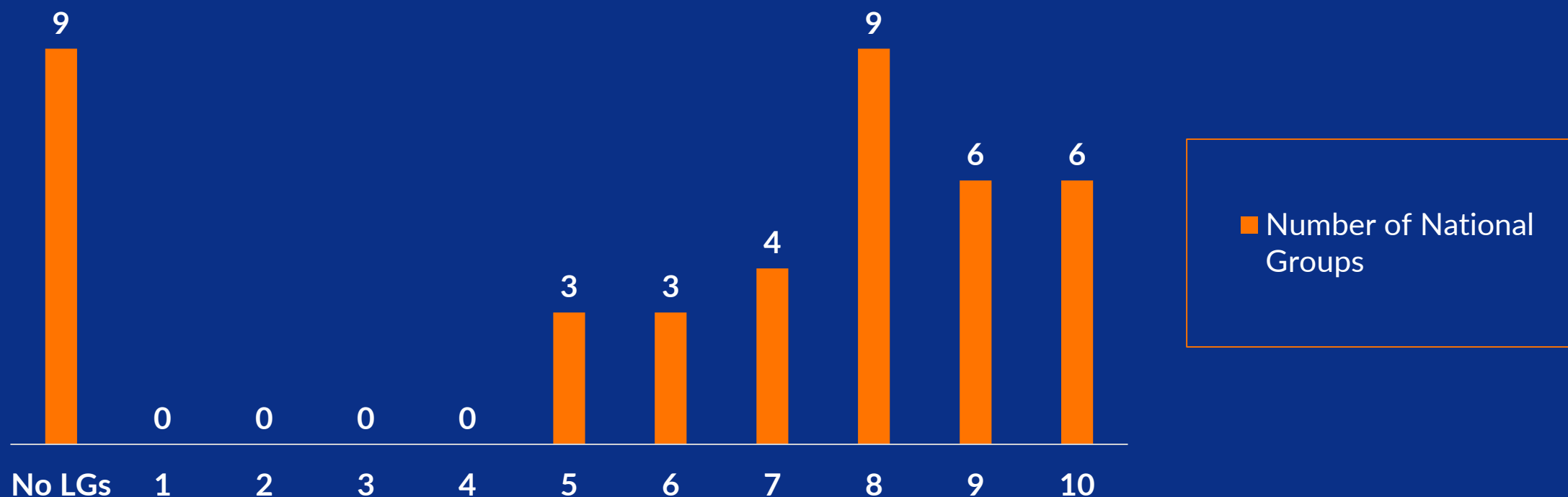
■ The arithmetic mean (On a scale from 1 to 10)



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Communication between National and Local Groups

as evaluated by the National Boards

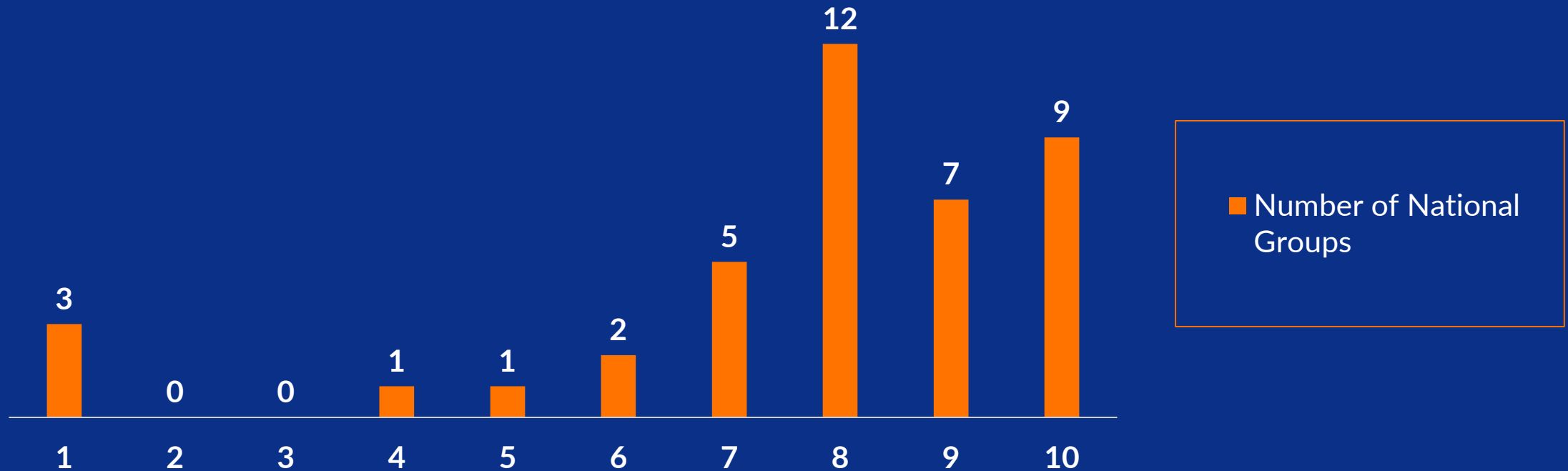


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Communication between National Boards and the IB

as evaluated by the National Boards

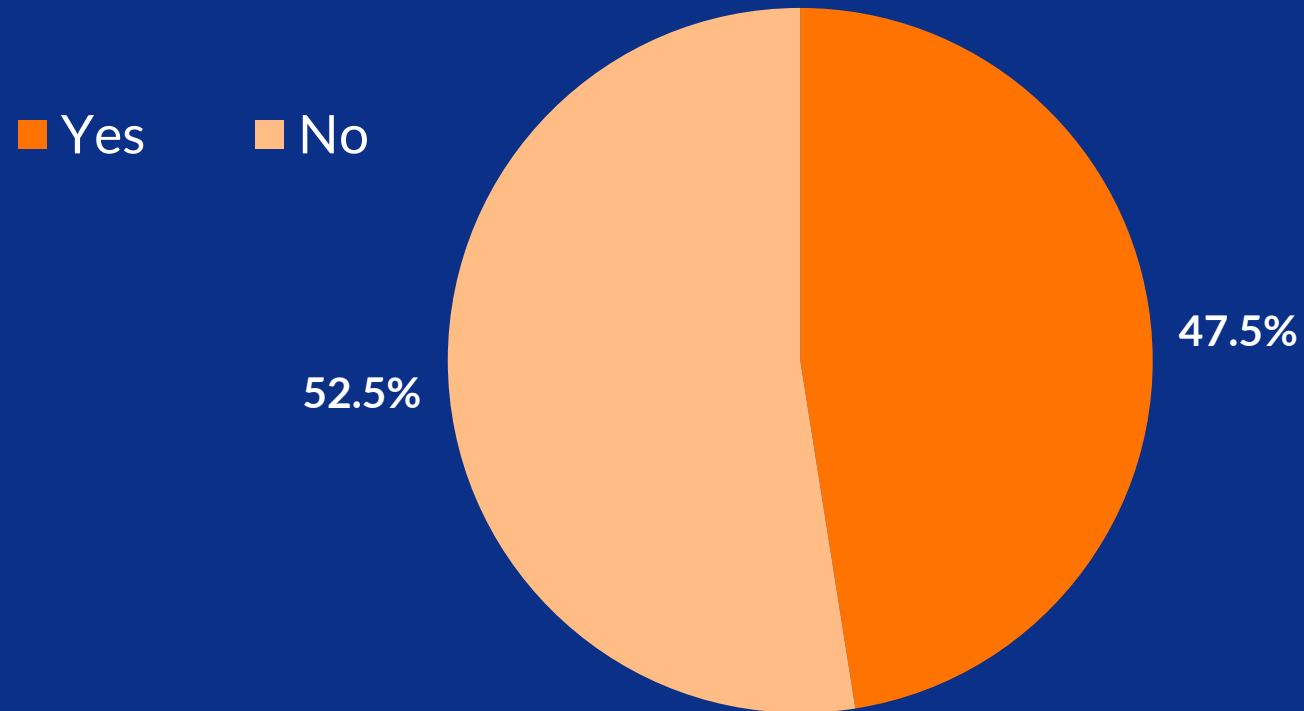


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Person responsible for the Data Protection

within the National Board



Yes, Secretary General: 12

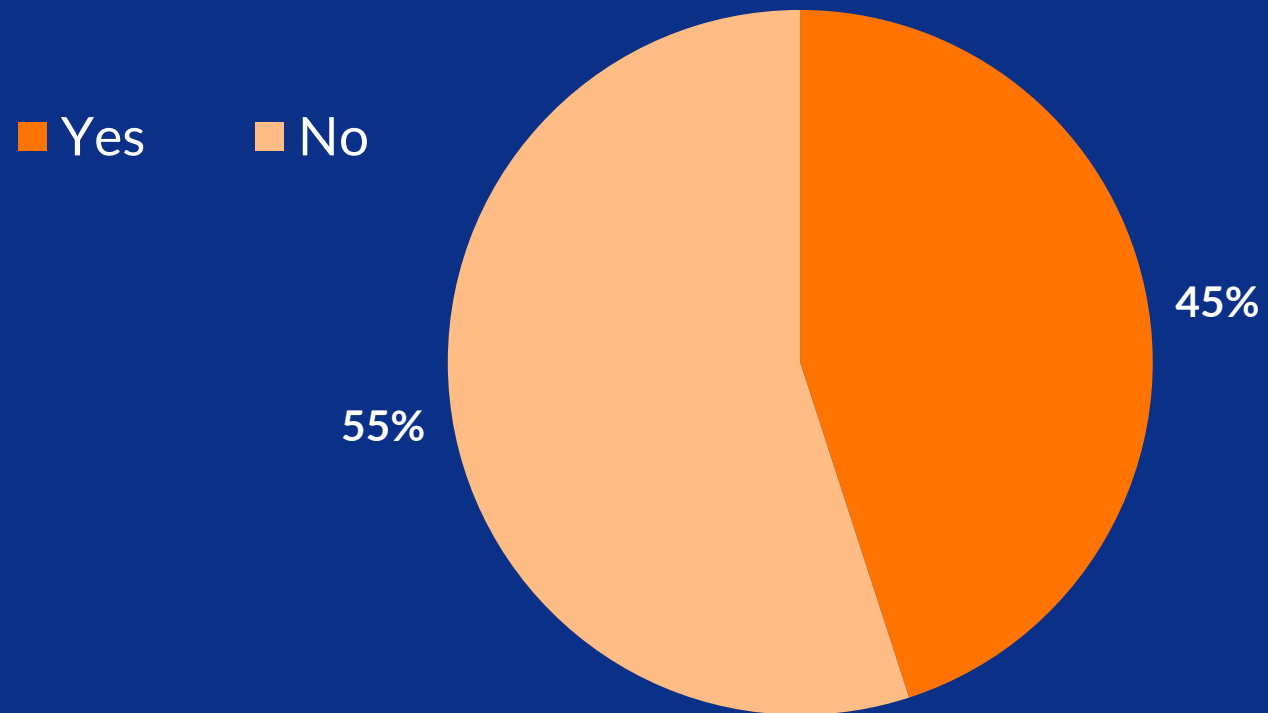
Other: 7

No: 21

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Strategy regarding the implementation of the Data Protection in respective country



22 NGs have a strategy

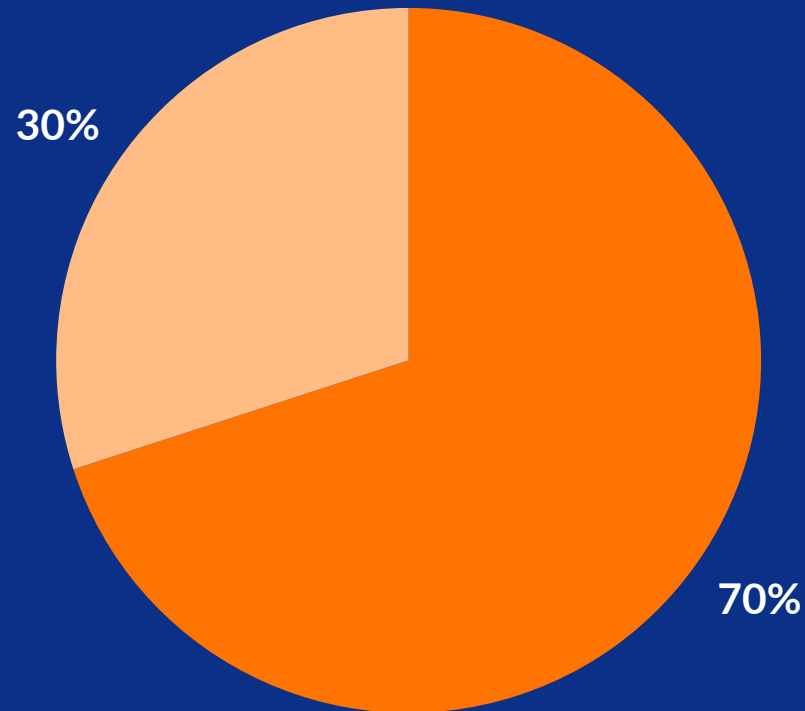
18 NGs do not have a strategy

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GDPR

Have you started considering the changes in your Data Protection policy once the General Data Protection Regulation comes into force?



■ Yes: 28 NGs

■ No: 12 NGs

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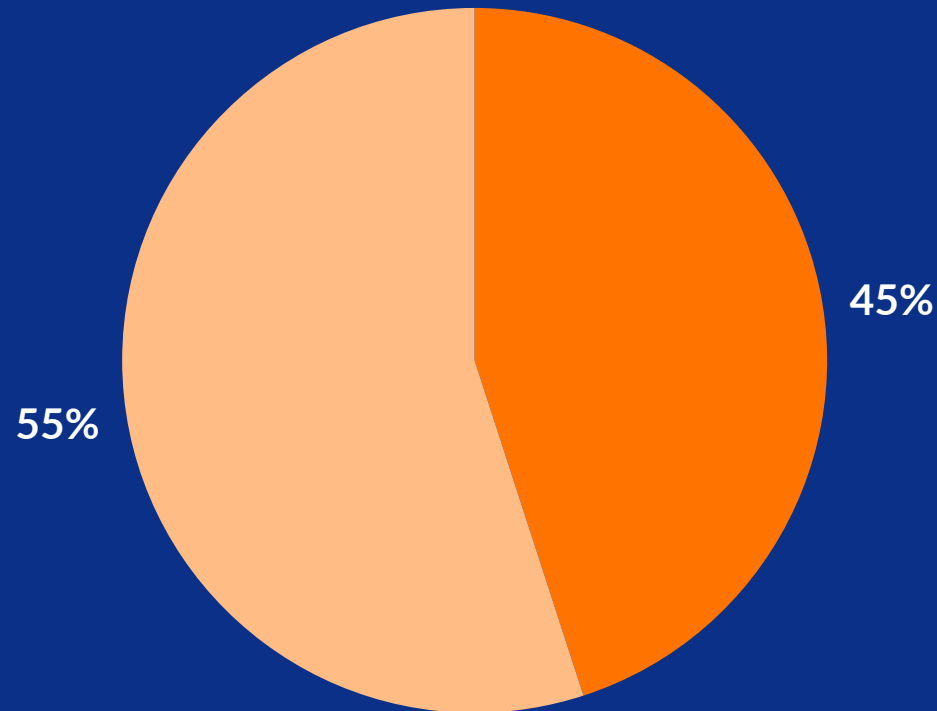
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Strategic Goals 2018



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Influence of Strategic Goals 2018 on yearly planning



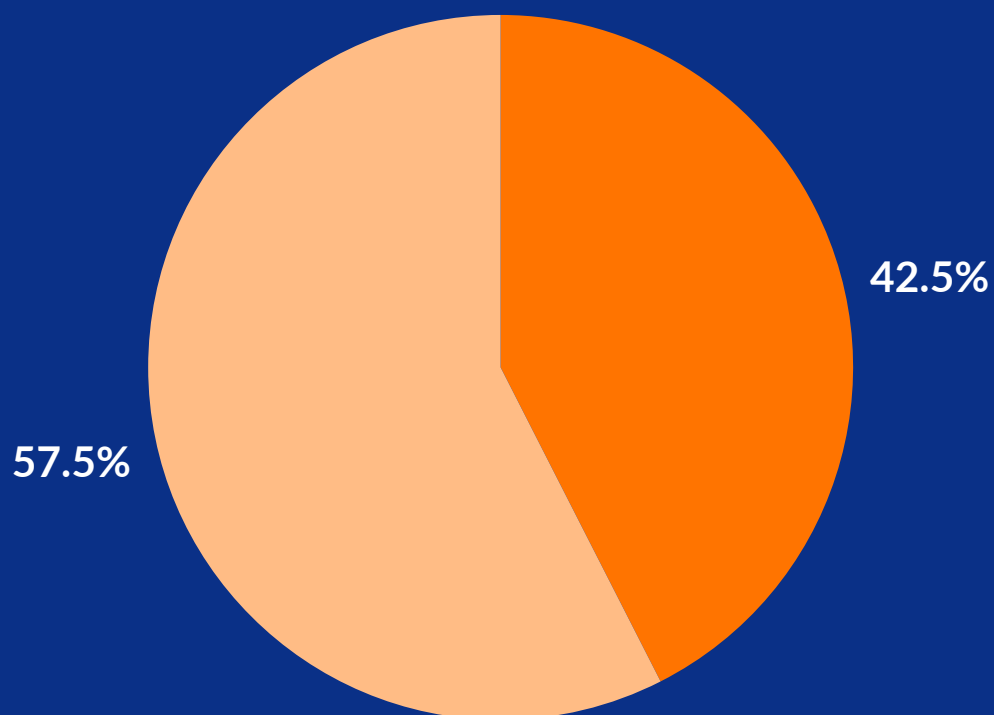
■ Yes: 18 NGs

■ No: 22 NGs

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Strategic Goals Implementation Manual usage



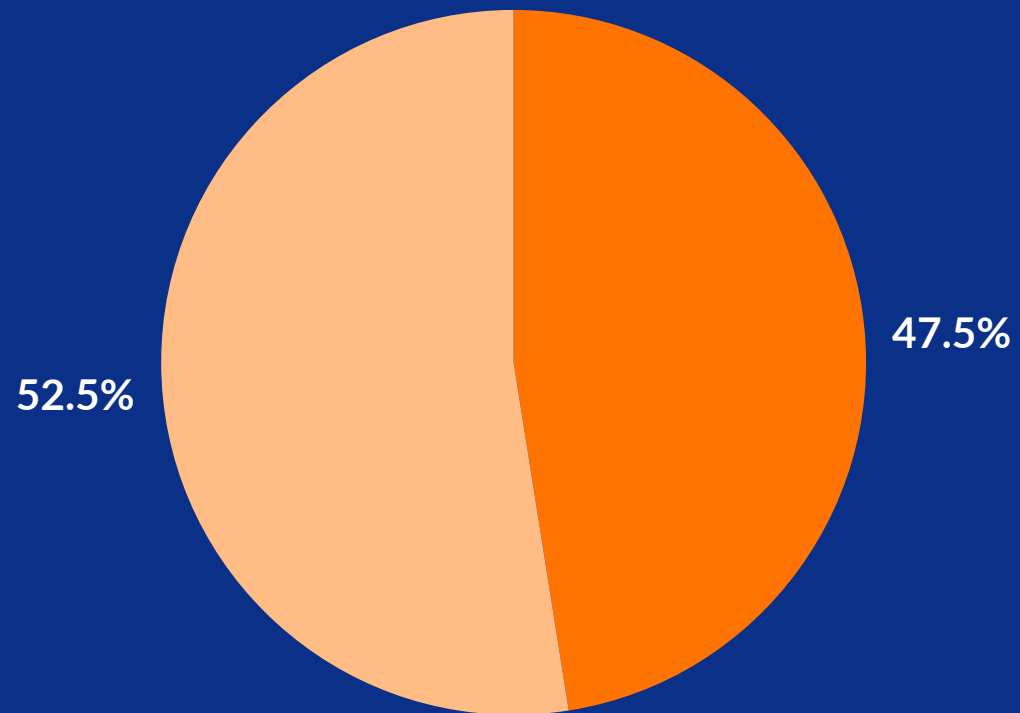
■ Yes: 17 NGs

■ No: 23 NGs



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Strategic Goals at the National Level



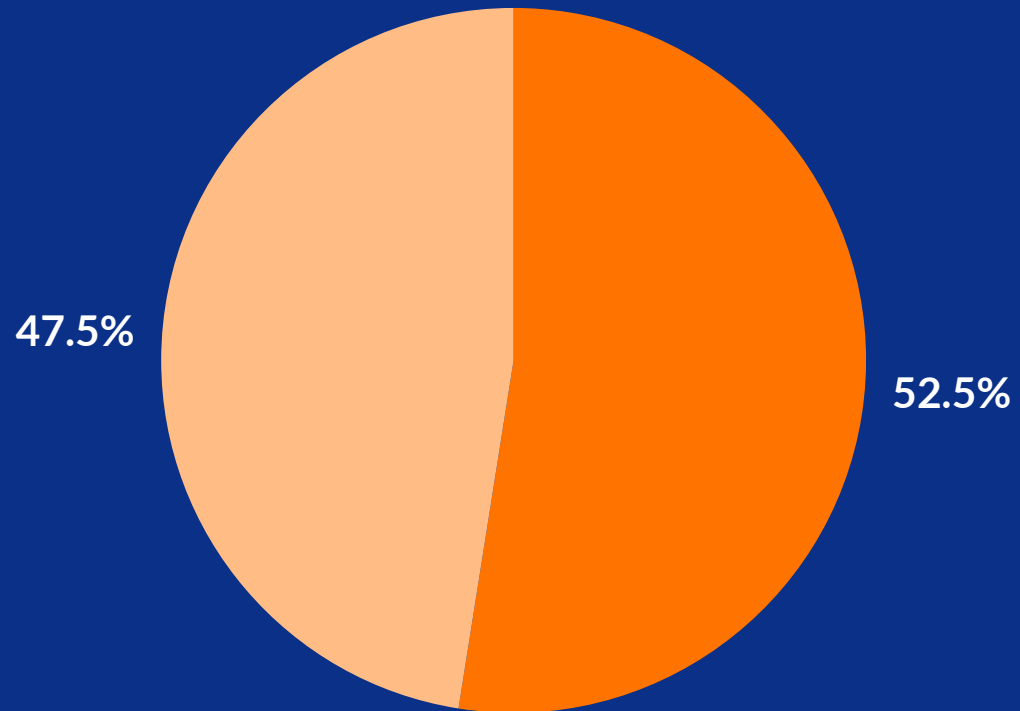
■ Yes: 19 NGs

■ No: 21 NGs

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Handbook on Strategic Planning usage



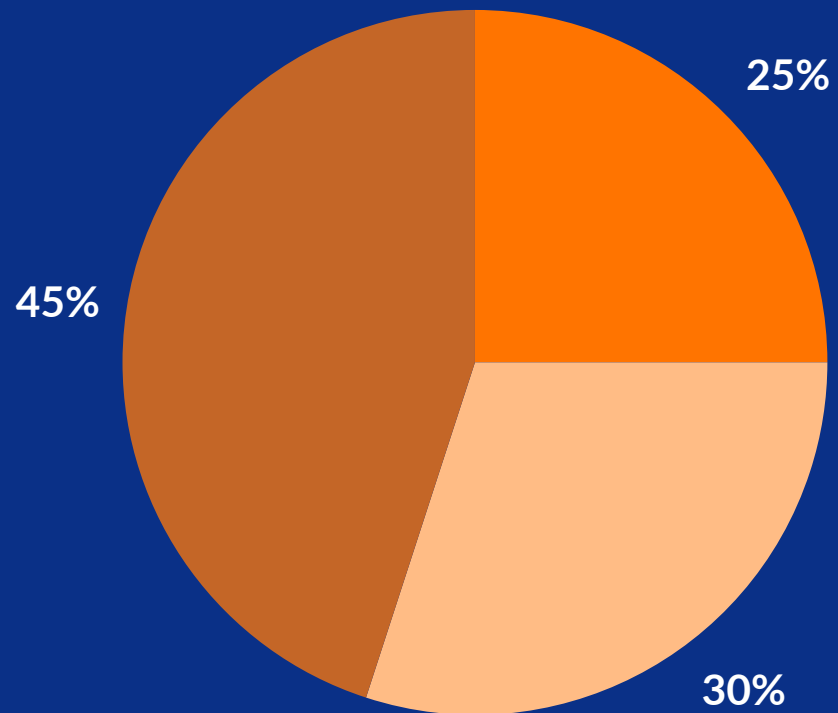
■ Yes: 21 NGs

■ No: 19 NGs

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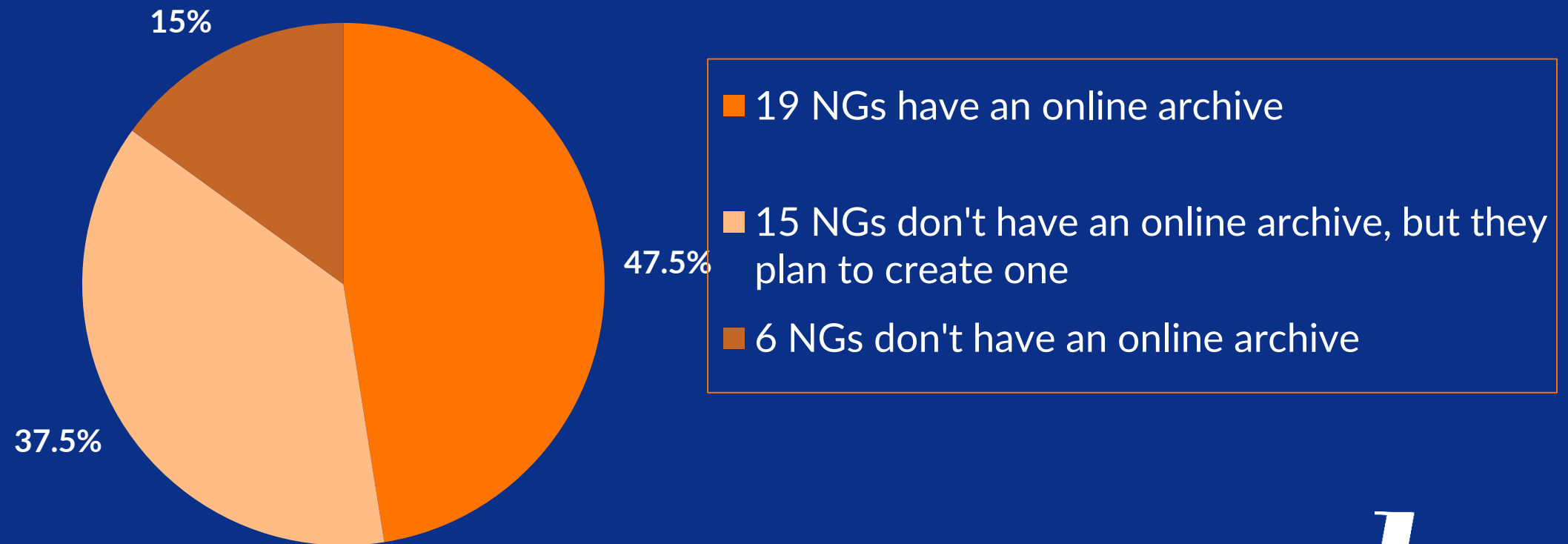
National Trainers' Pool



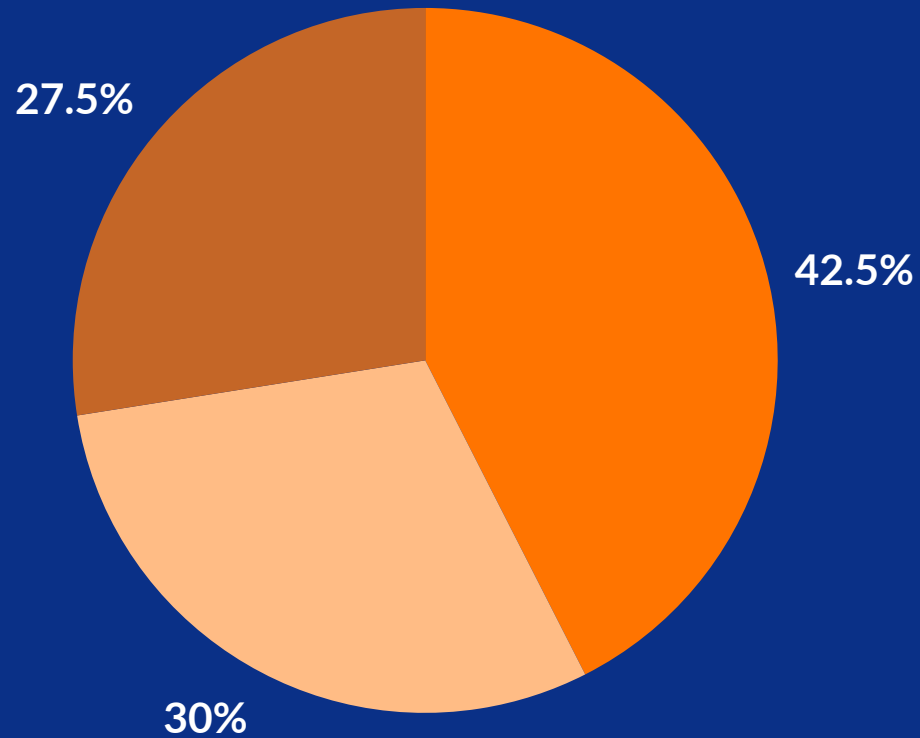
- 10 NGOs have a National Trainers' Pool
- 12 NGOs don't have a National Trainers' Pool, but they plan to create one
- 18 NGOs don't have a National Trainers' Pool

Online Archive

available to all ELSA Officers at the national level

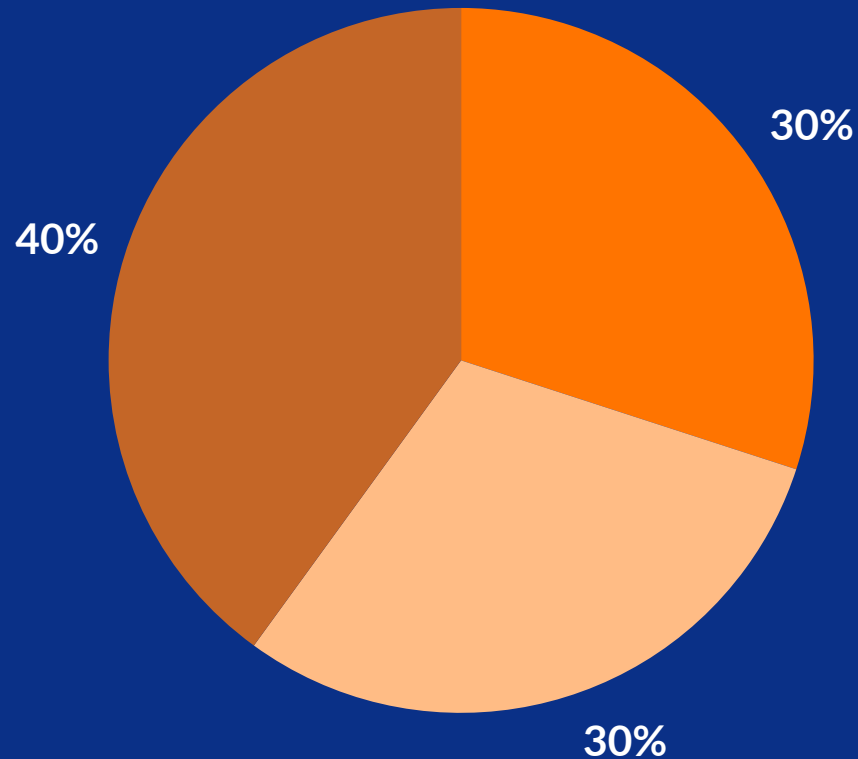


External Contacts' Database



- 17 NGOs have an External Contacts' Database
- 12 NGOs don't have an External Contacts' Database, but they plan to create one
- 11 NGOs don't have an External Contacts' Database

Electronic Newsletter

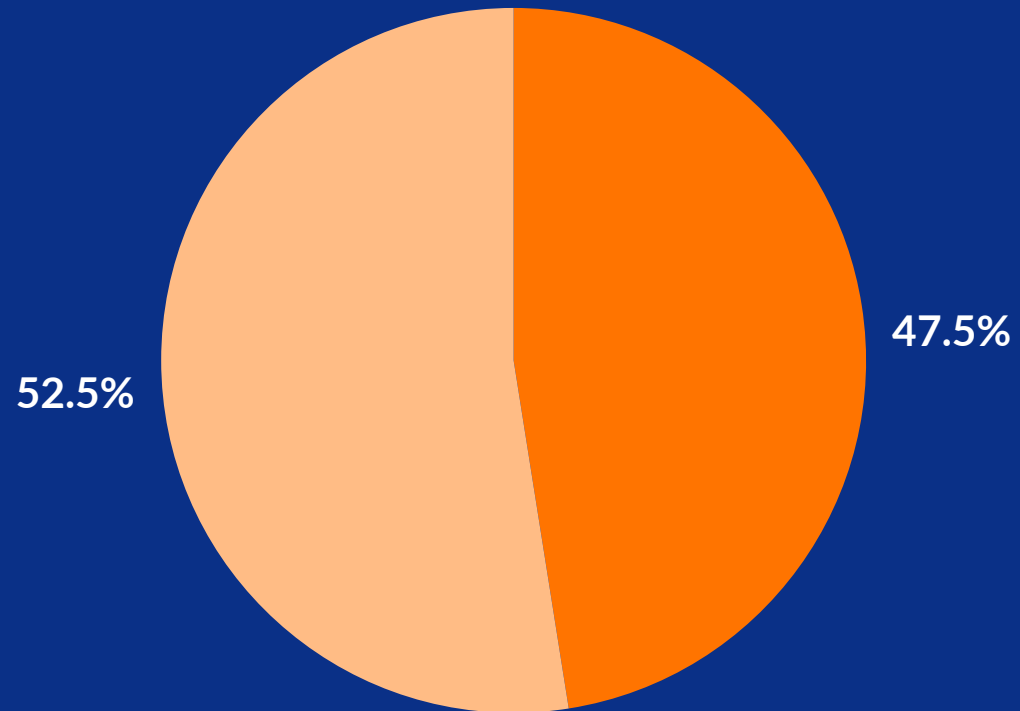


- 12 NGs issue an electronic newsletter
- 12 NGs don't issue an electronic newsletter, but they plan to create one
- 16 NGs don't issue an electronic newsletter



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Human Rights Partnerships



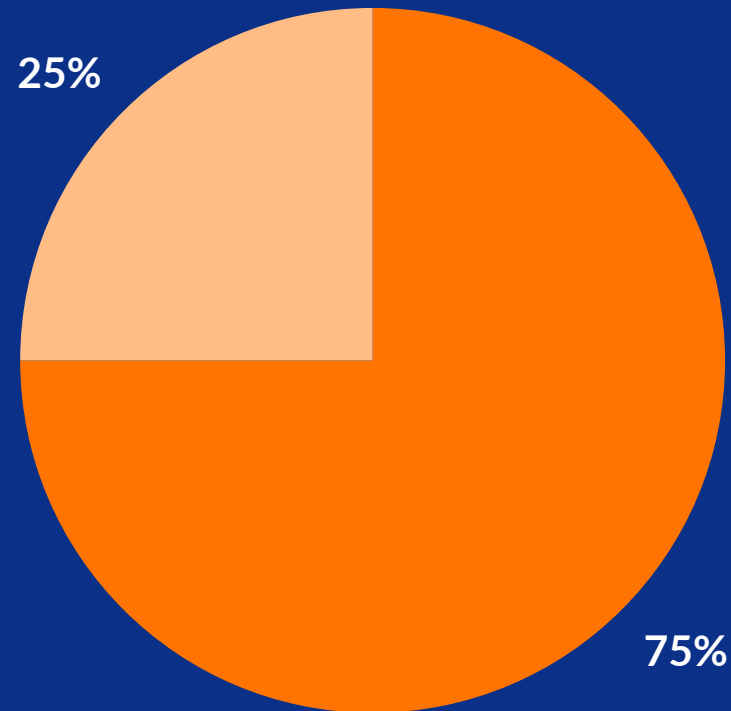
■ Yes: 19 NGs

■ No: 21 NGs

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IFP promotion within National Groups



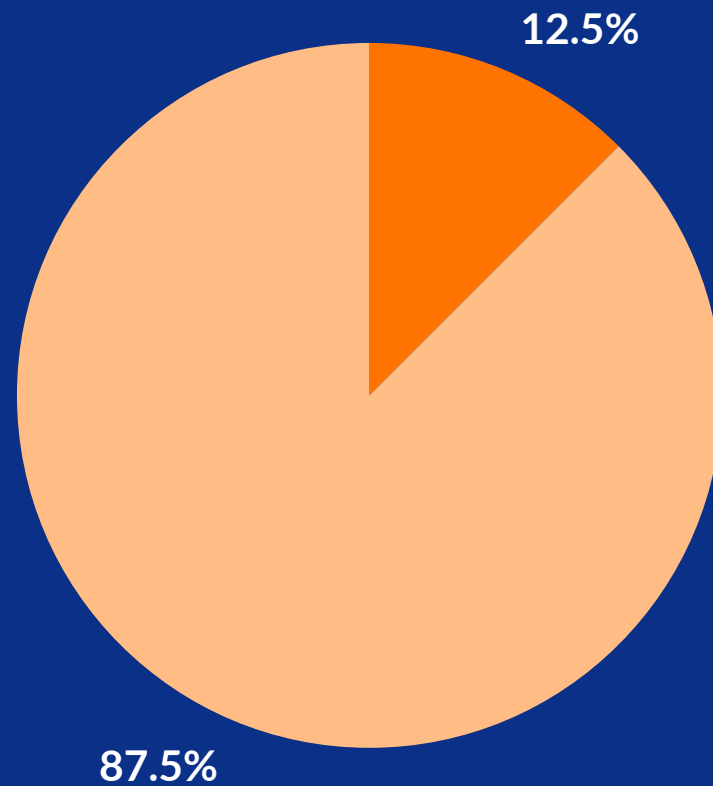
■ Yes: 30 NGs

■ No: 10 NGs

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IFP partnership - Environmental Law



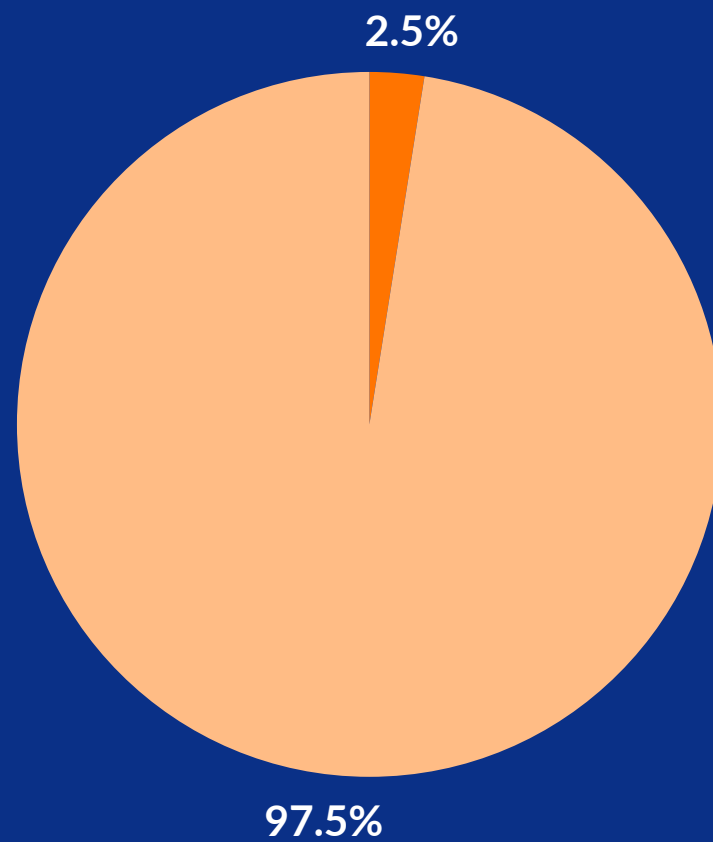
■ Yes: 5 NGs

■ No: 35 NGs

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IFP partnership - Media Law



■ Yes: 1 NGs

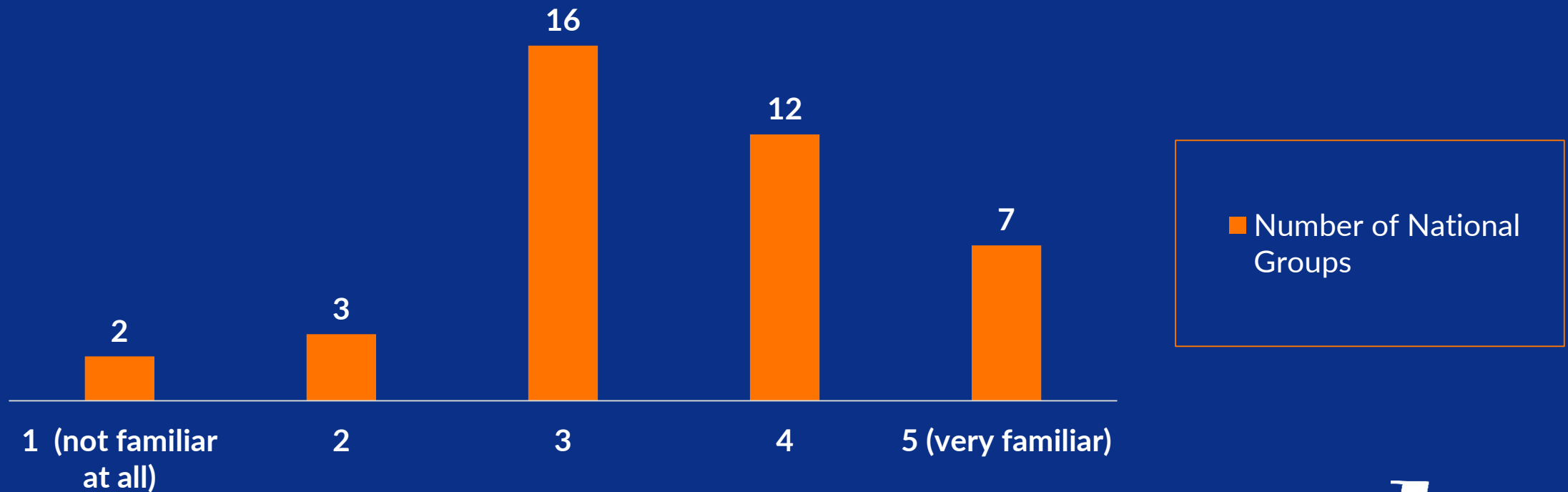
■ No: 39 NGs

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Familiarity of local officers with ELSA International's projects

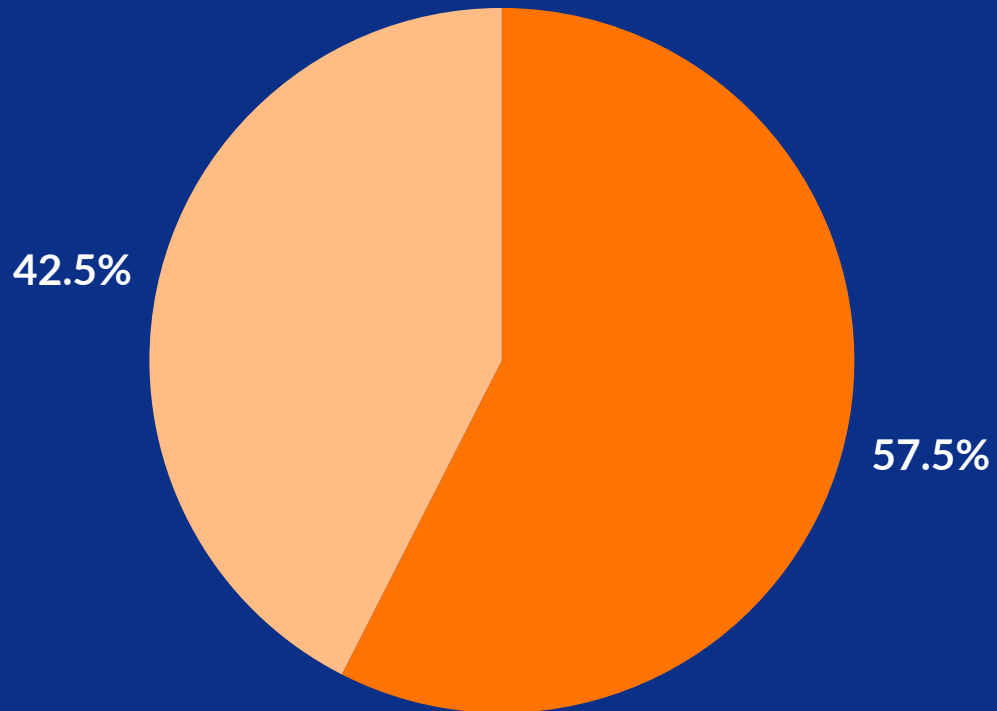
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International Events within National Networks

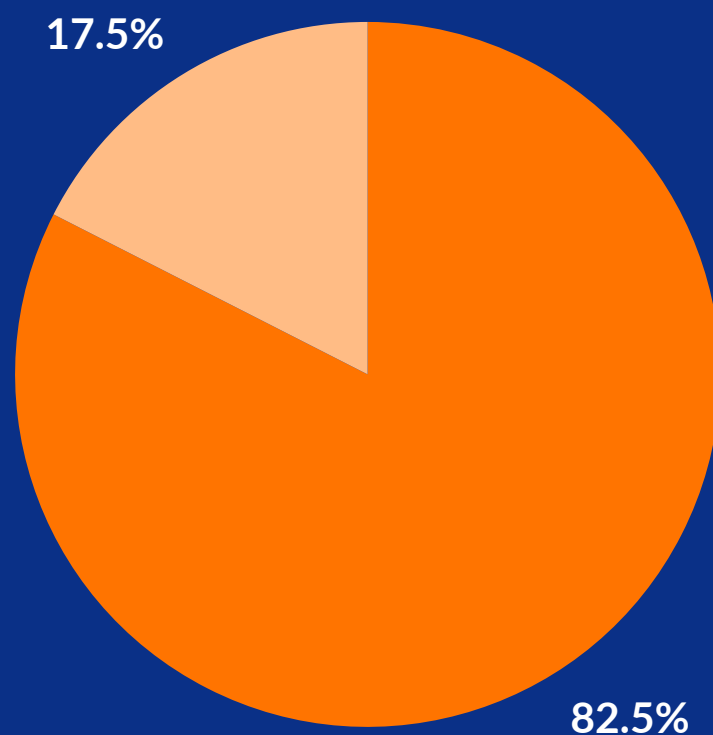


- 23 NGs are organising international events
- 17 NGs aren't organising international events

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Bilateral or multilateral events in cooperation with other National or Local ELSA Groups



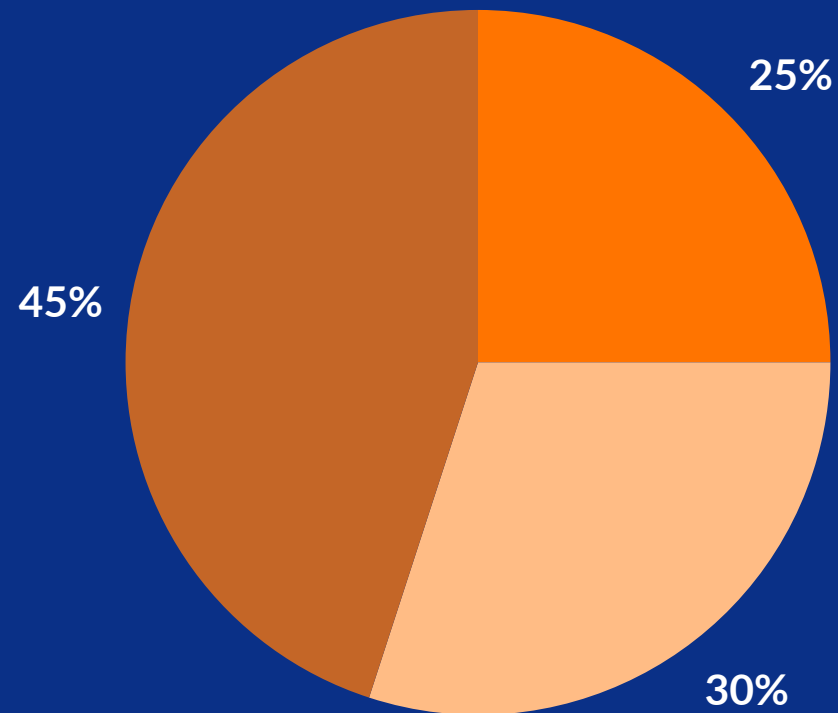
■ Yes: 33 NGs

■ No: 7 NGs

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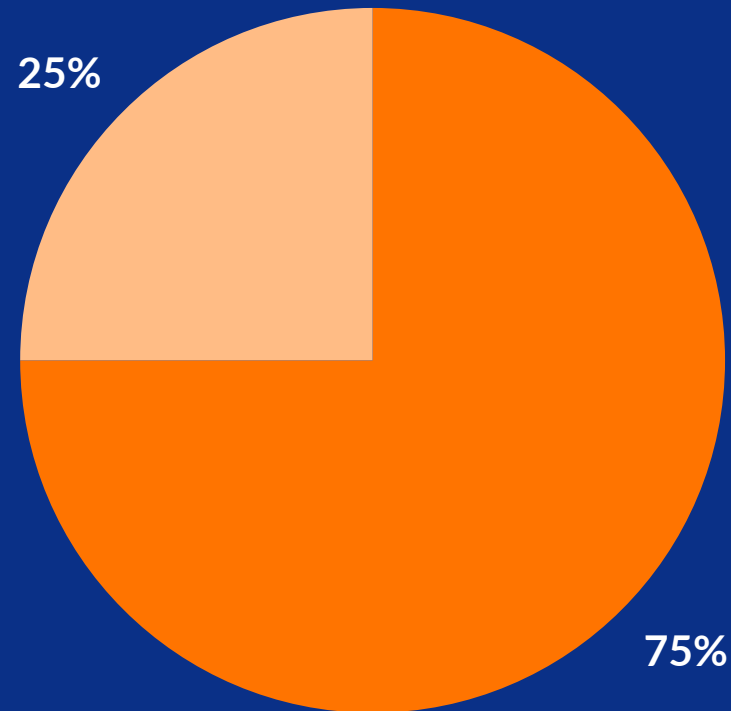
Legal English training



- 10 NGOs are organising legal English trainings
- 12 NGOs aren't organising legal English trainings, but they plan to organise one
- 18 NGOs aren't organising legal English trainings



Exchange Students within National ELSA Networks



■ Yes: 30 NGs

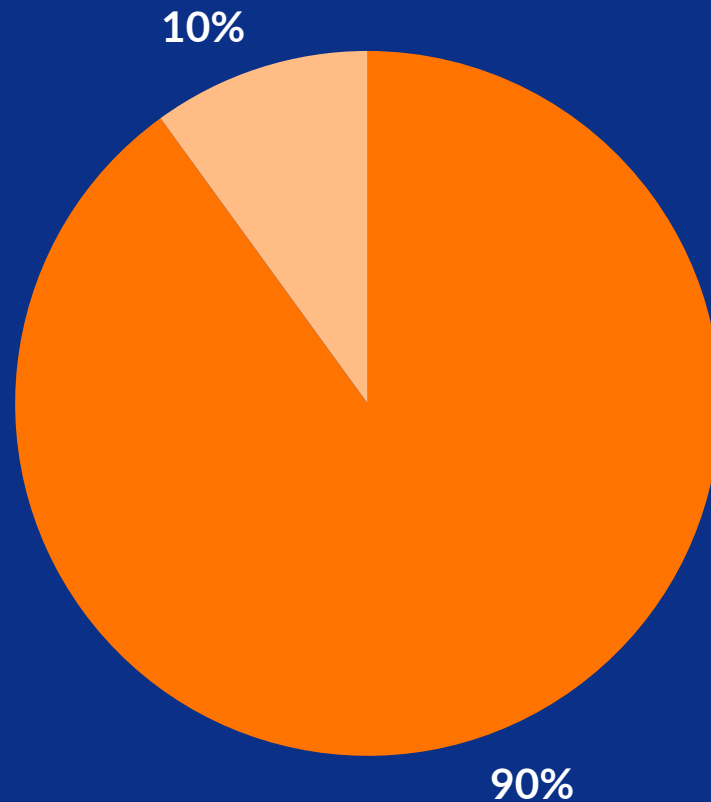
■ No: 10 NGs

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Cooperation

with other student associations, partners for STEP and delegations, universities, etc.



■ Yes: 36 NGs

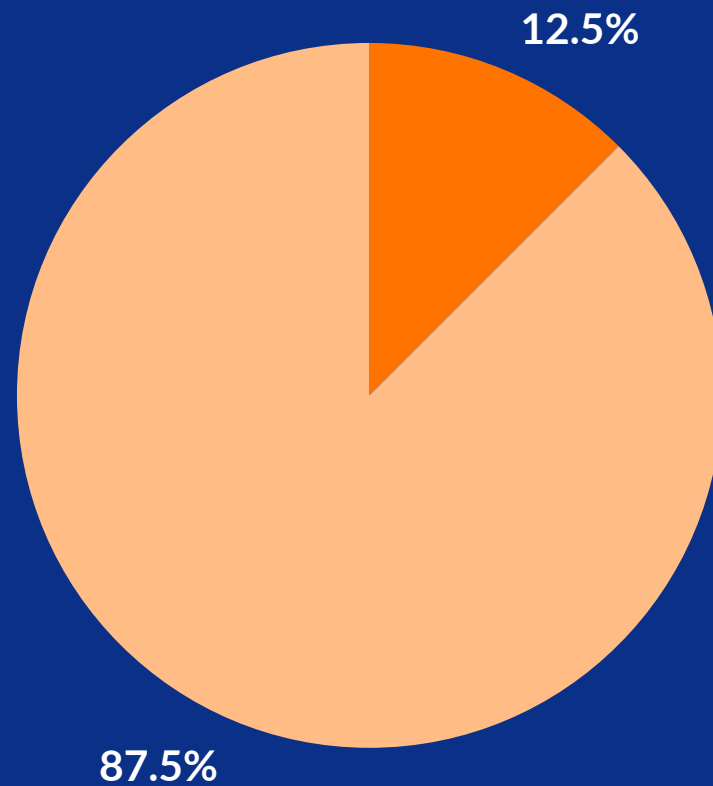
■ No: 4 NGs

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Cooperation

with the Council of Europe



■ Yes: 5 NGs

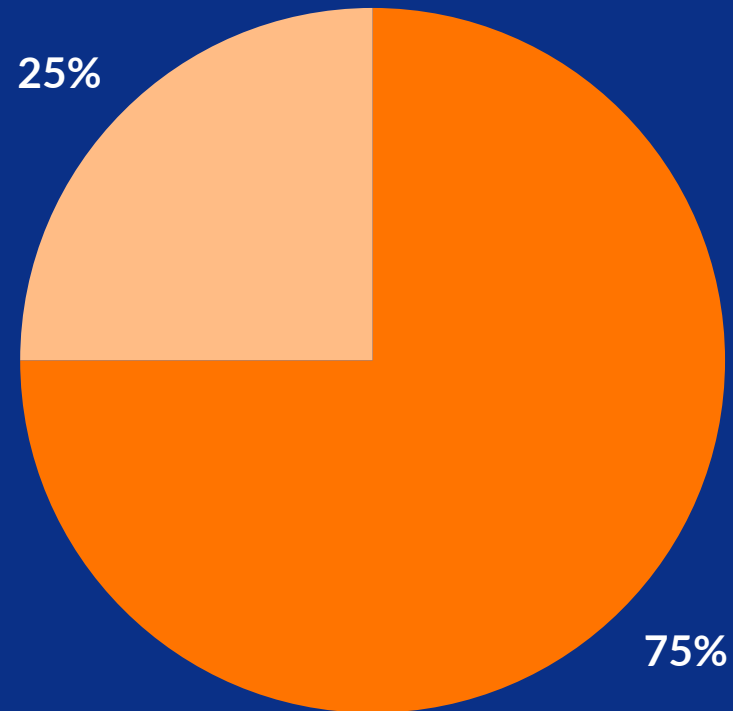
■ No: 35 NGs

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Cooperation

with other student associations



■ Yes: 30 NGs

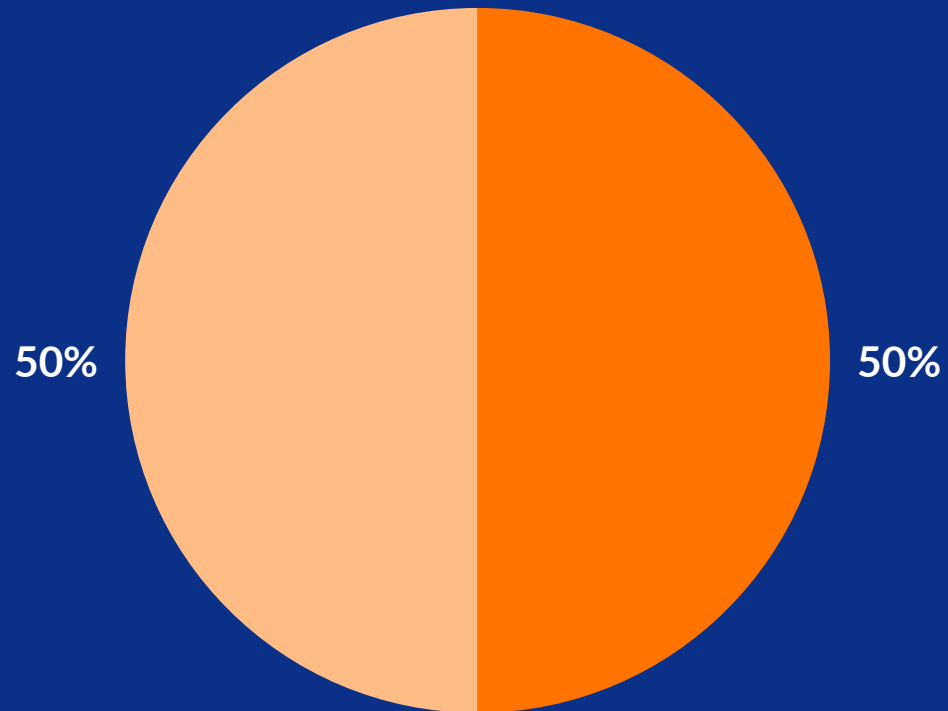
■ No: 10 NGs

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Cooperation

with bar associations



■ Yes: 20 NGs

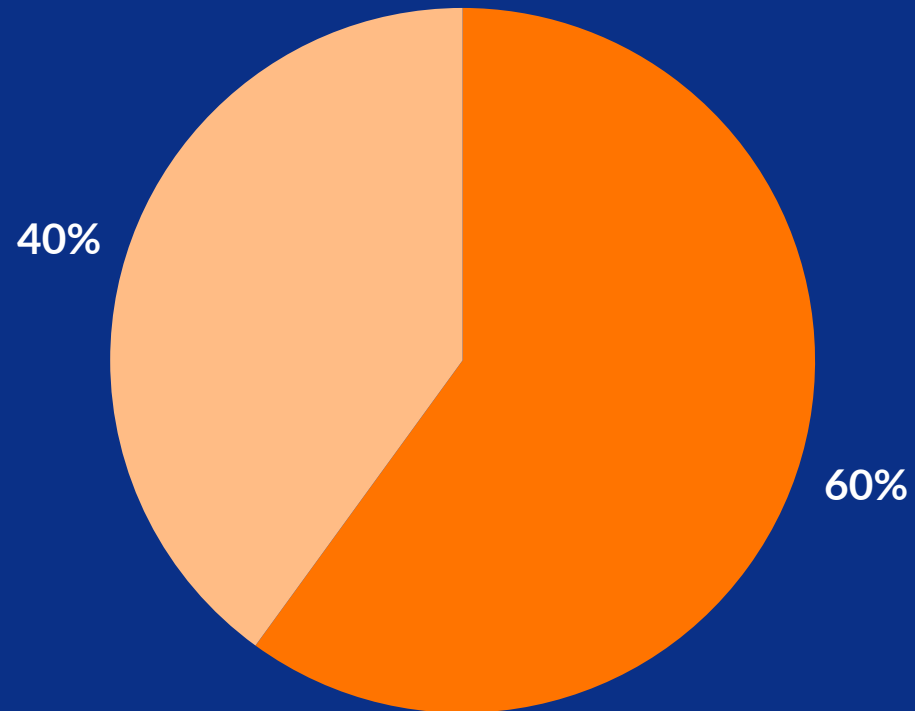
■ No: 20 NGs

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Regulations at the national level

regarding external contact



■ Yes: 16 NGs

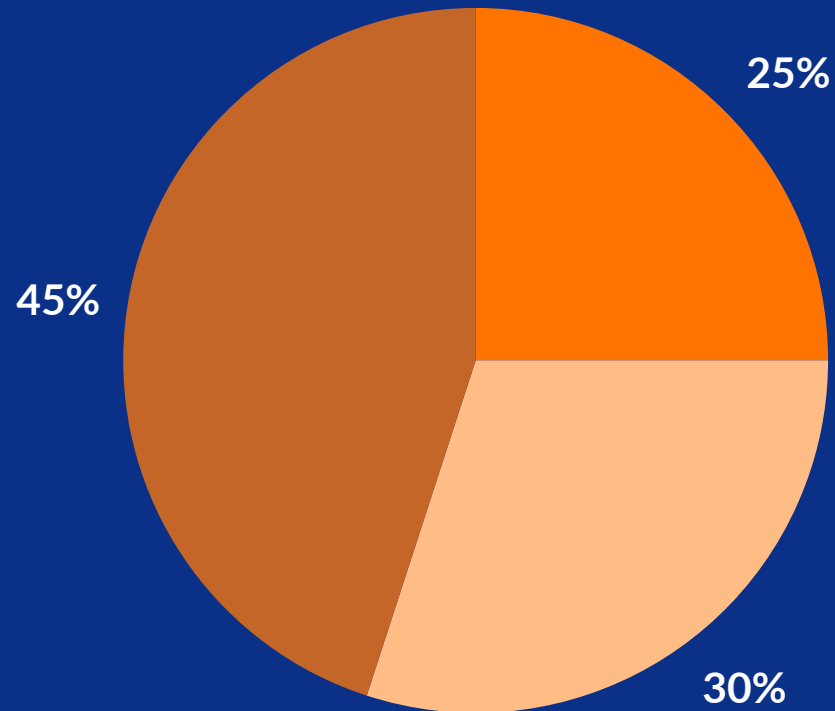
■ No: 24 NGs

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Financial Stability

training on effective fundraising within the National Network



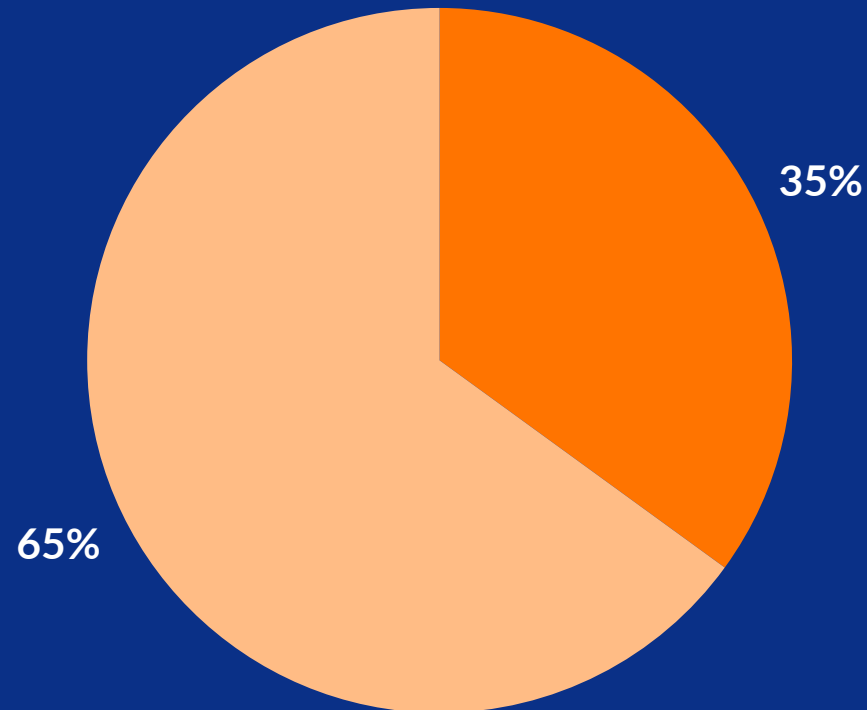
- 10 NGOs are organising trainings on effective fundraising
- 12 NGOs aren't organising trainings on effective fundraising, but they plan to organise one
- 18 NGOs aren't organising trainings on effective fundraising



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Financial Stability

Did your National Board obtain any grants in the past 3 years?



■ Yes: 14 NGs

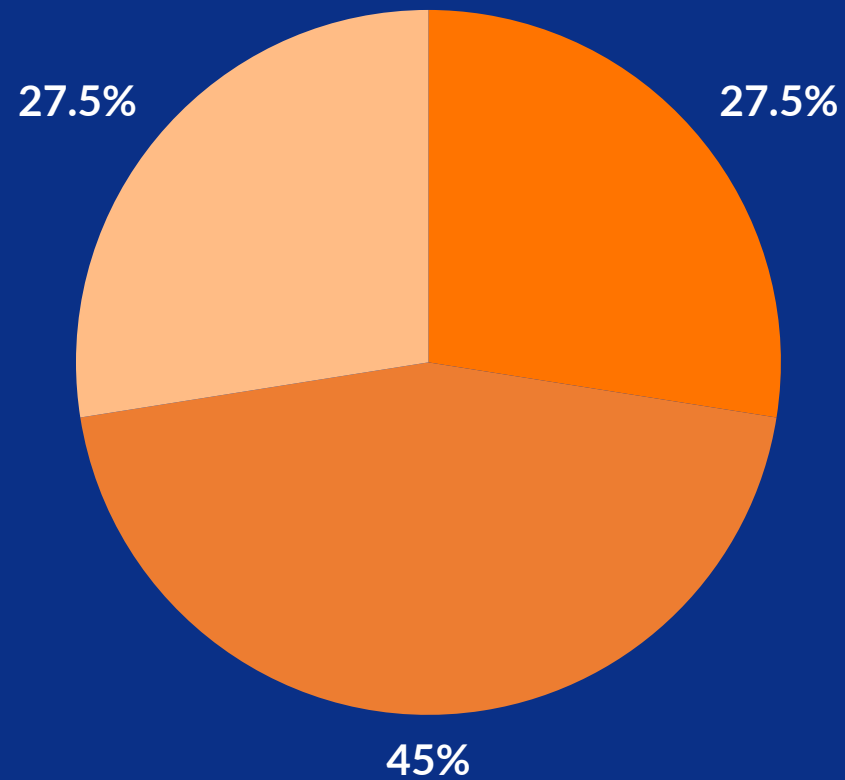
■ No: 26 NGs

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Financial Stability

strategy for obtaining grants



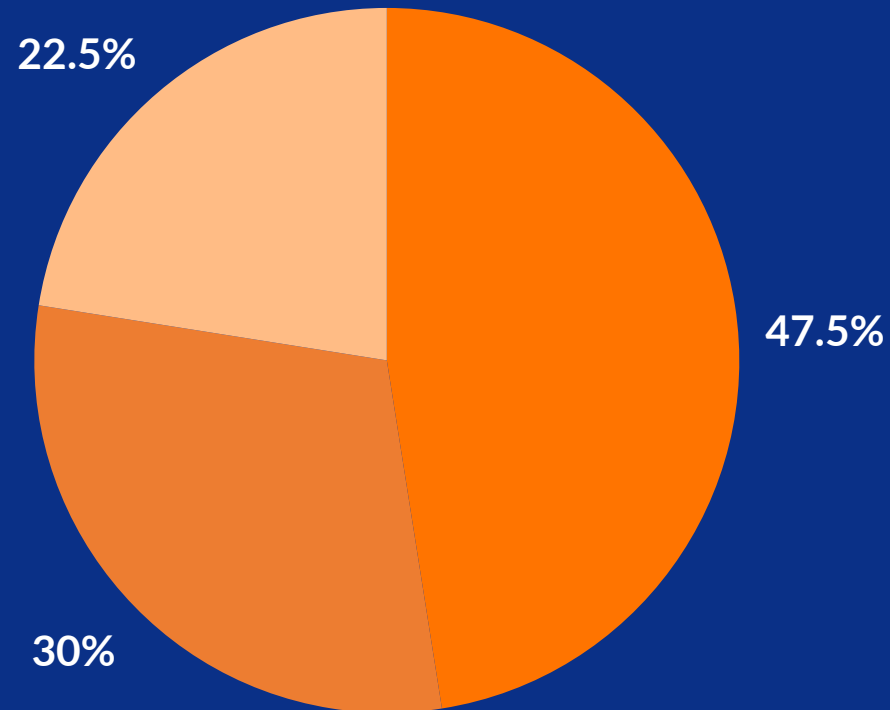
- Yes: 11 NGOs
- No, but we plan to create one: 18 NGOs
- No: 11 NGOs

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Public Relations

strategy



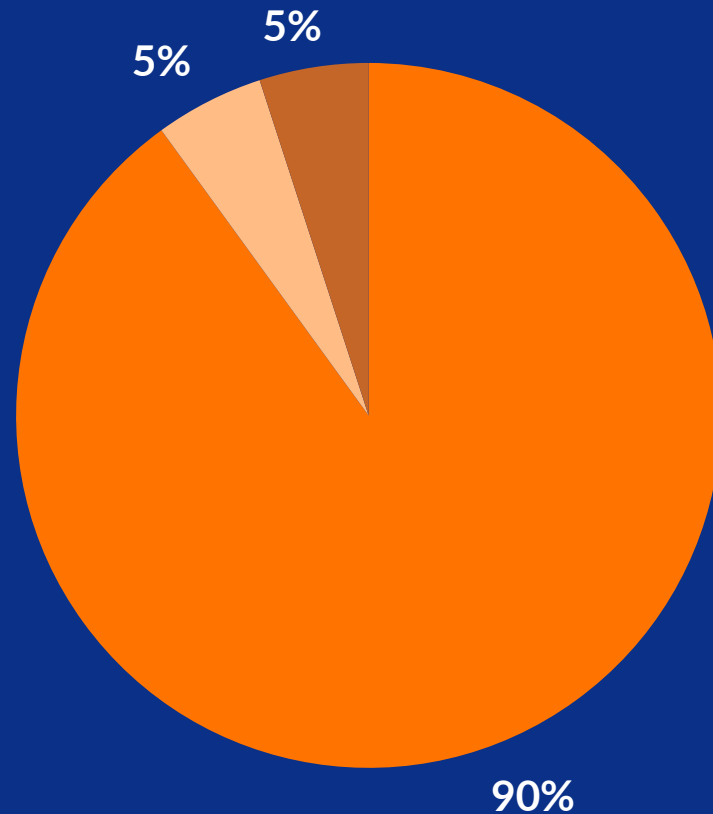
- 19 NGOs have a public relations strategy
- 12 NGOs don't have a public relations strategy, but are planning to create one
- 9 NGOs don't have a public relations strategy

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Corporate Identity Compliance

Is your National ELSA Network in compliance with the Corporate Identity of ELSA?*

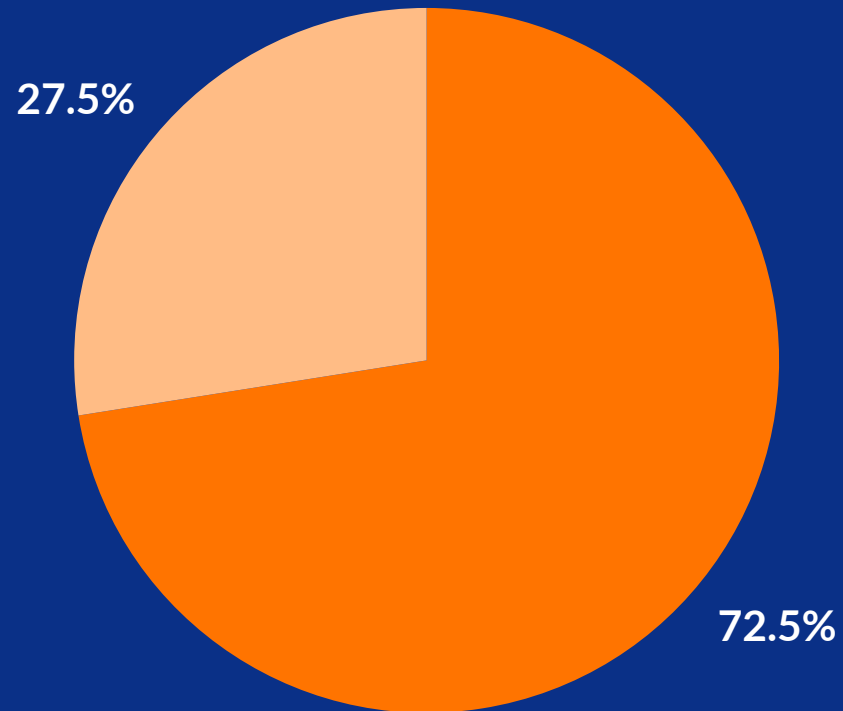


- Yes: 36 NGs
- No: 2 NGs
- We don't know: 2 NGs



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Updated website



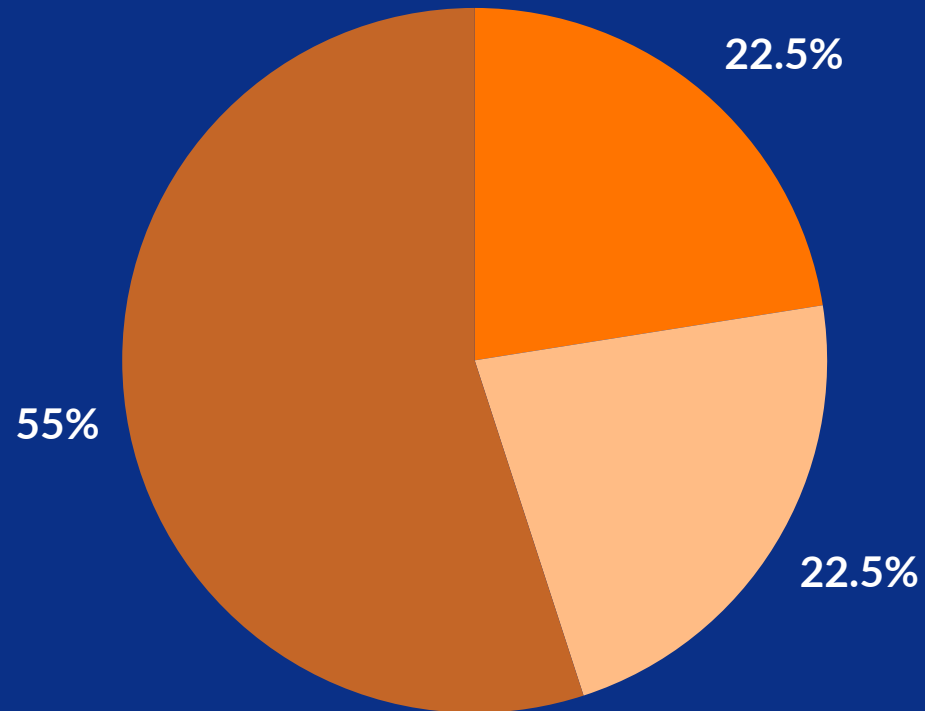
■ Yes: 29 NGs

■ No: 11 NGs

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Patrons



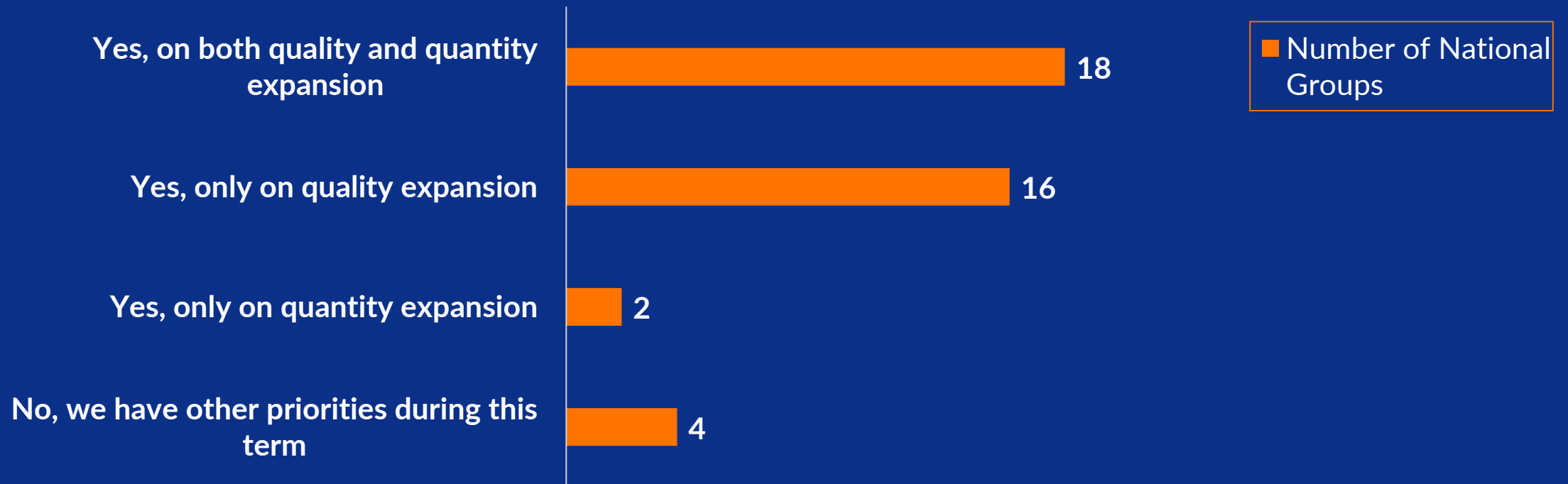
- 9 NGOs have a patron
- 9 NGOs don't have a patron, but plan to obtain one
- 22 NGOs don't have a patron

Board Management, External Relations and Expansion (BEE)



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Expansion focus in 2018/2019



Internal Management (IM)



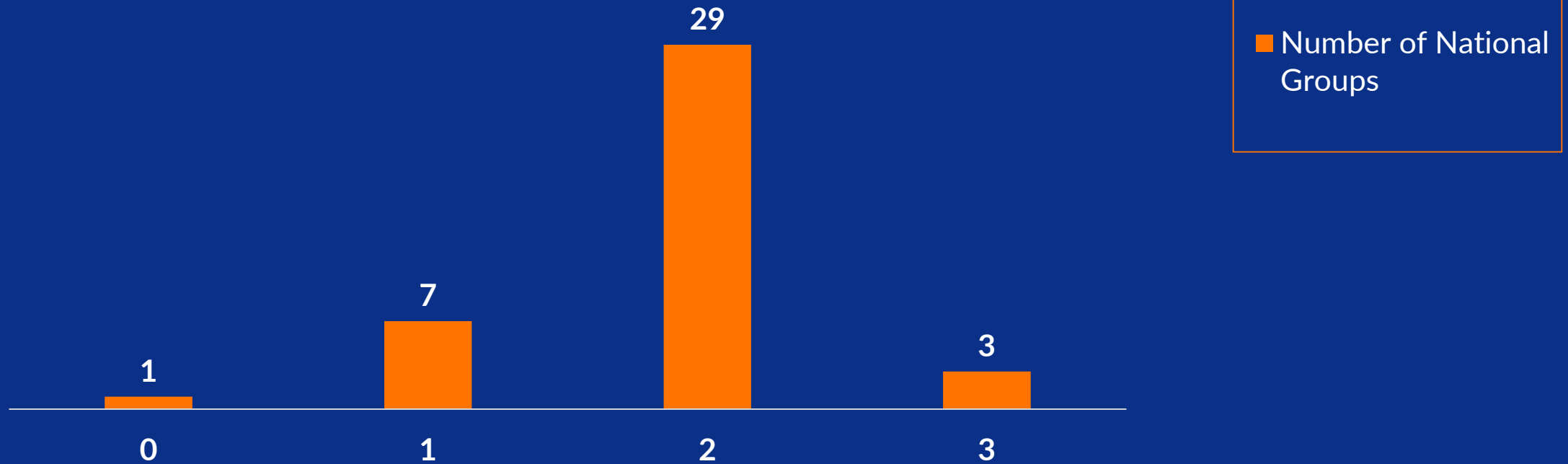
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Regulations of National Groups



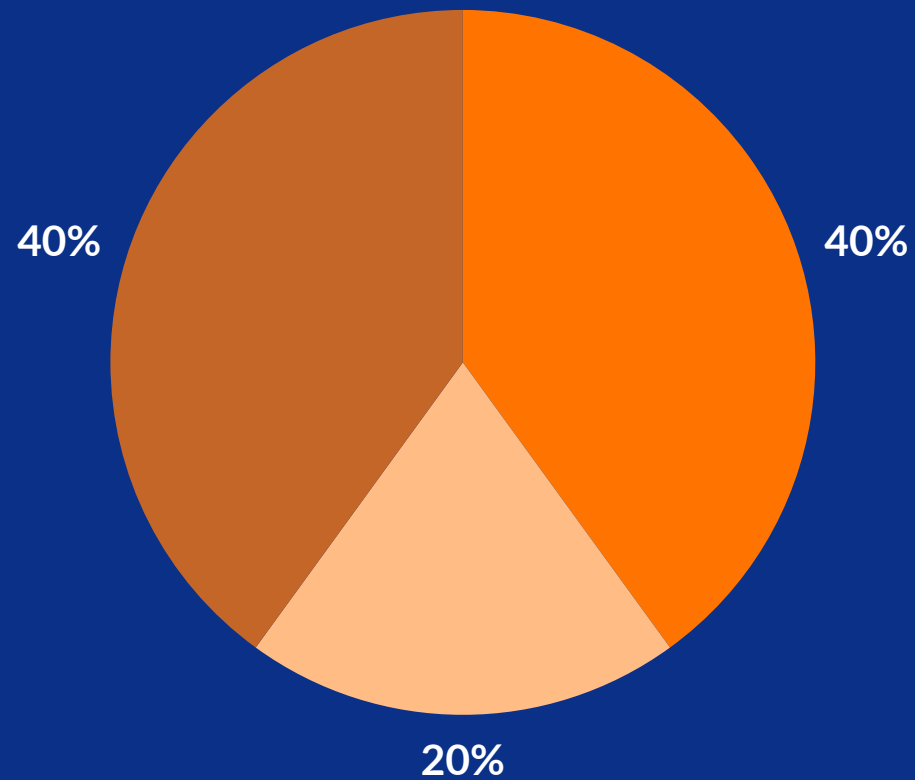
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National Council Meetings per term



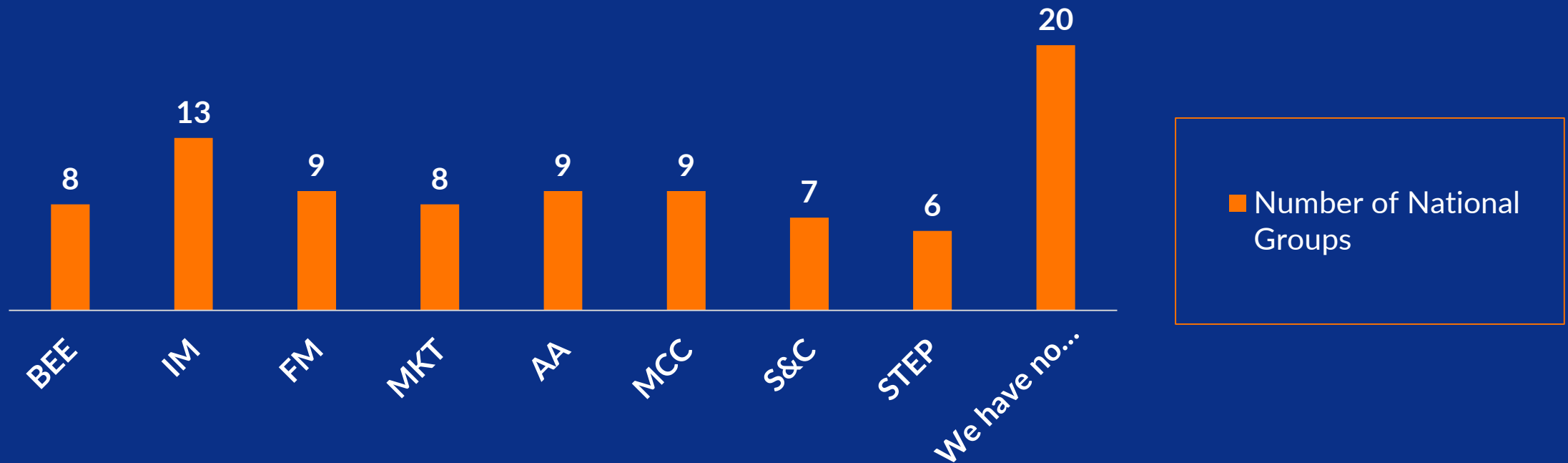
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National Officers' Meetings



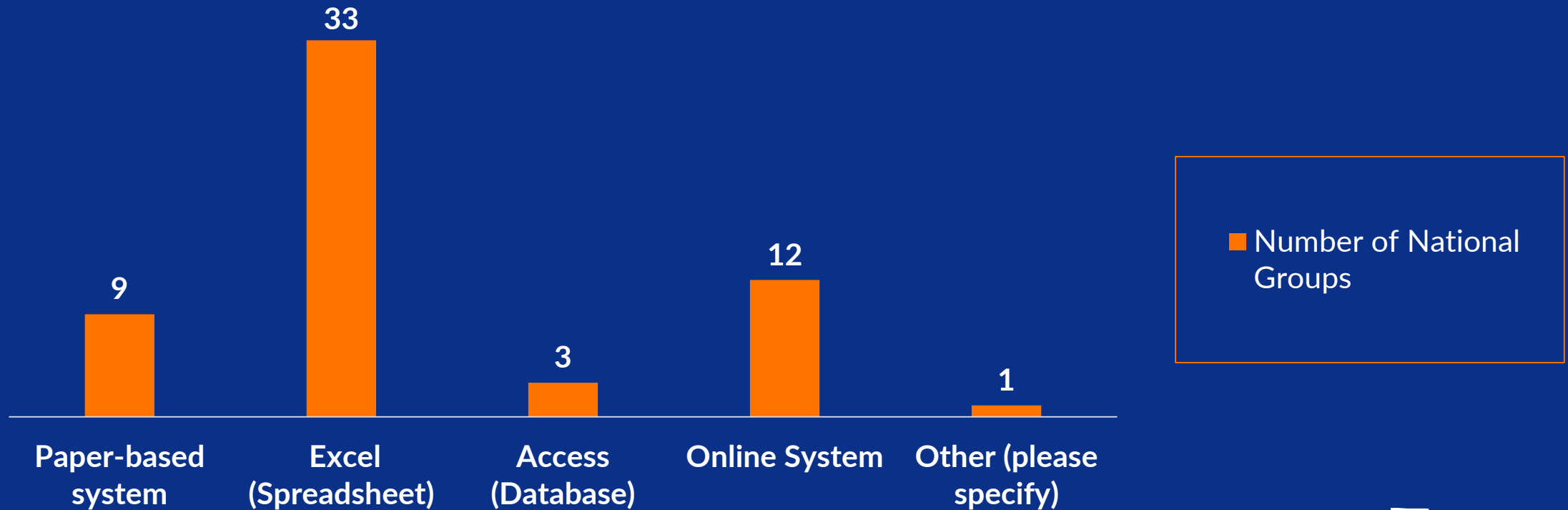
- 16 NGs have National Officers' Meetings
- 8 NGs are thinking of establishing them
- 16 NGs don't have National Officers' Meetings

National handbooks/manuals



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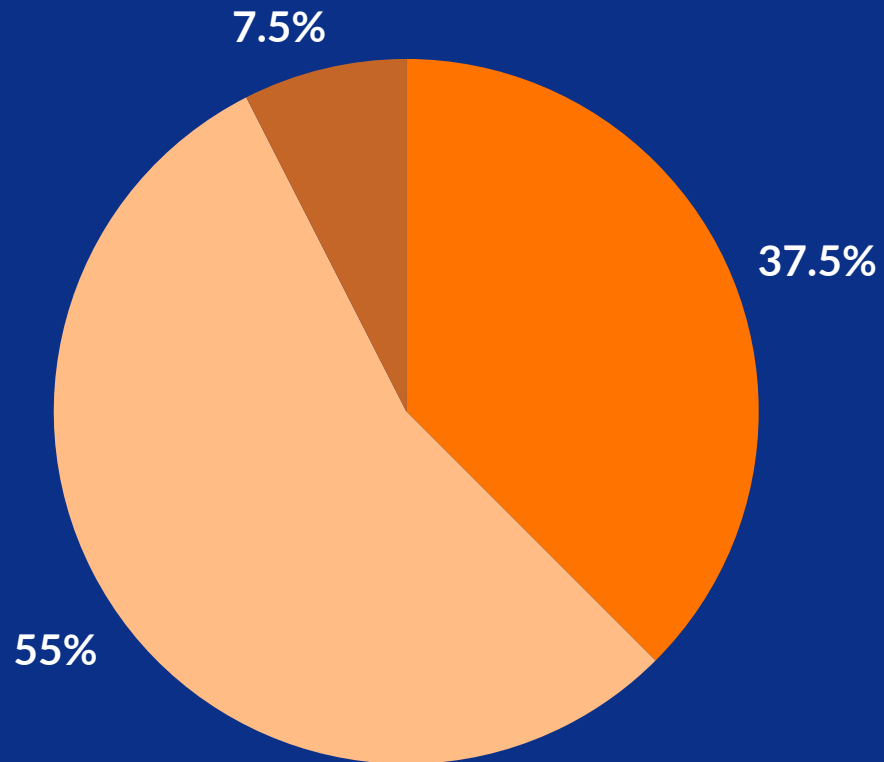
Tools to keep track of individual members



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Alumni

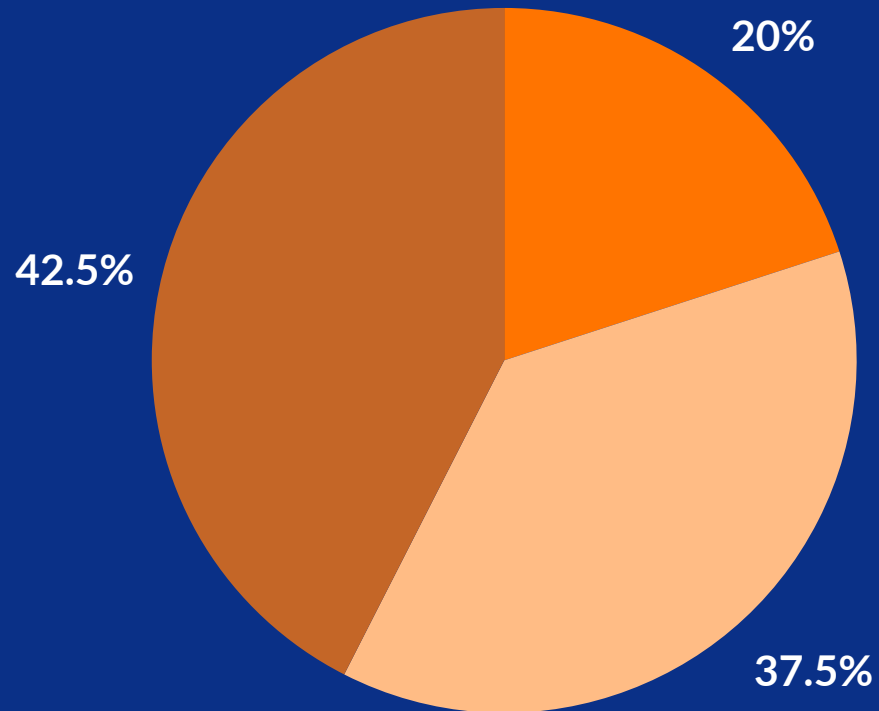
National Database



- 15 NGOs have a National Alumni Database
- 22 NGOs don't have a National Alumni Database but plan to create one
- 3 NGOs don't have a National Alumni Database

Alumni

National Alumni Association



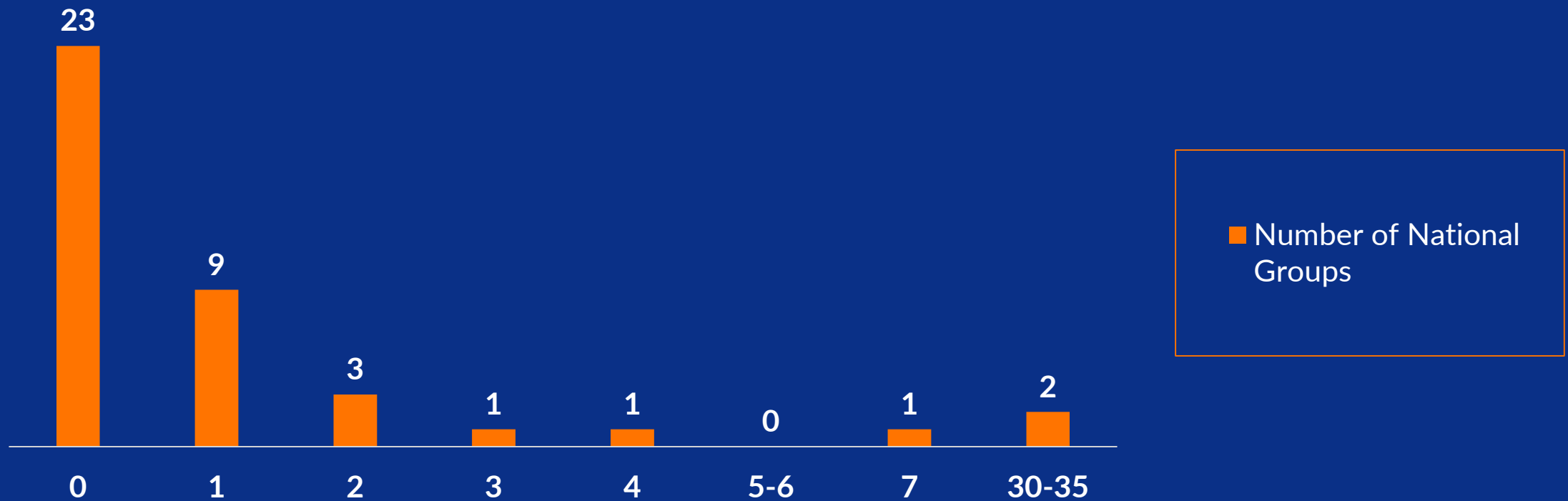
- 8 NGOs have National Alumni Associations
- 15 NGOs don't have National Alumni Associations but plan to create one
- 17 NGOs don't have National Alumni Associations



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Training

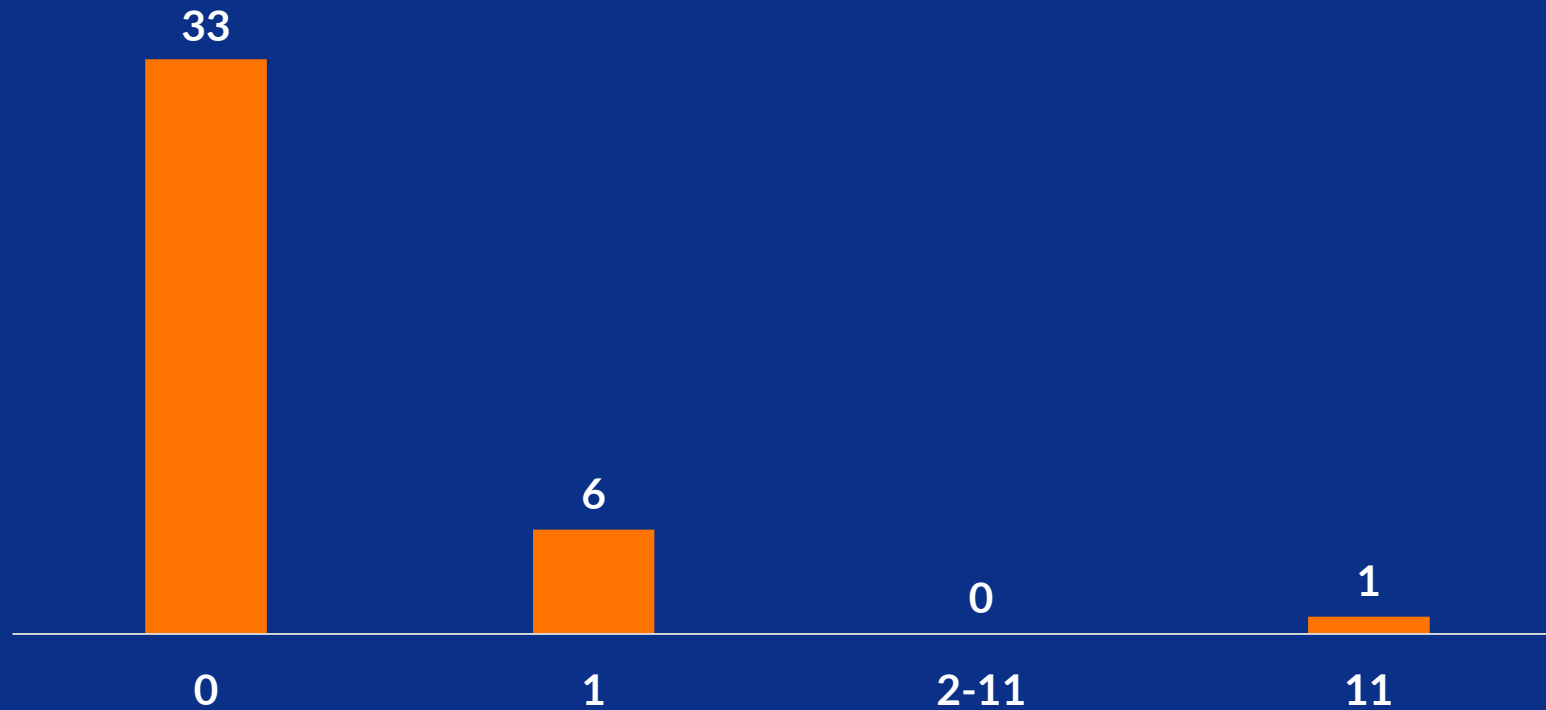
overview (since the 1st August 2018)



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Training

Trainings delivered by the ITP since the 1st August 2018



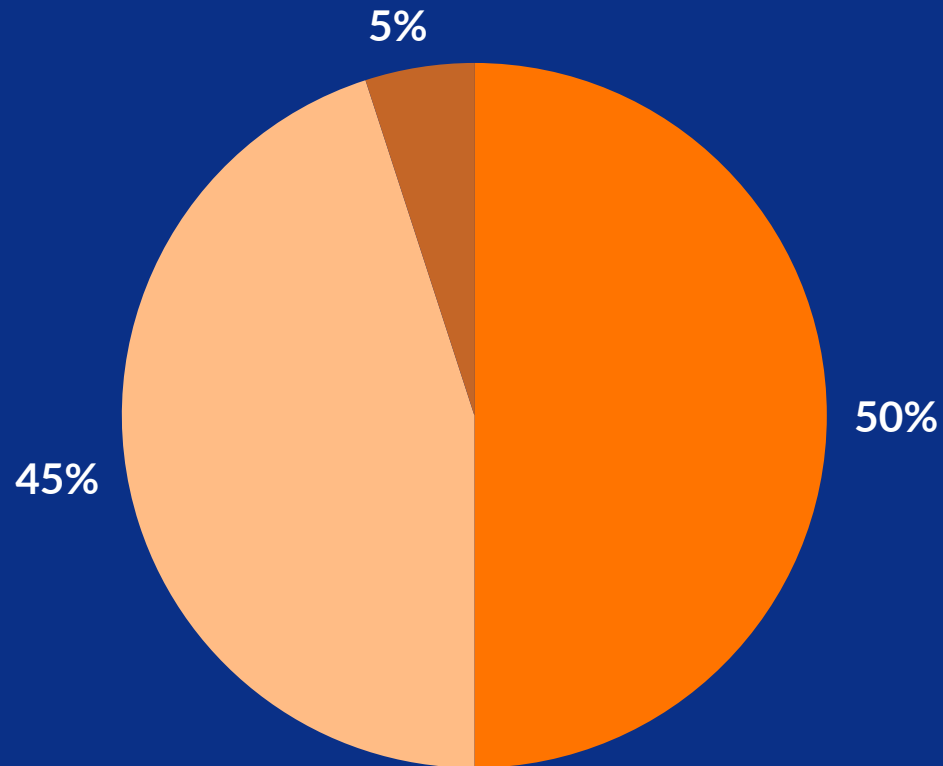
■ Number of National Groups

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Training

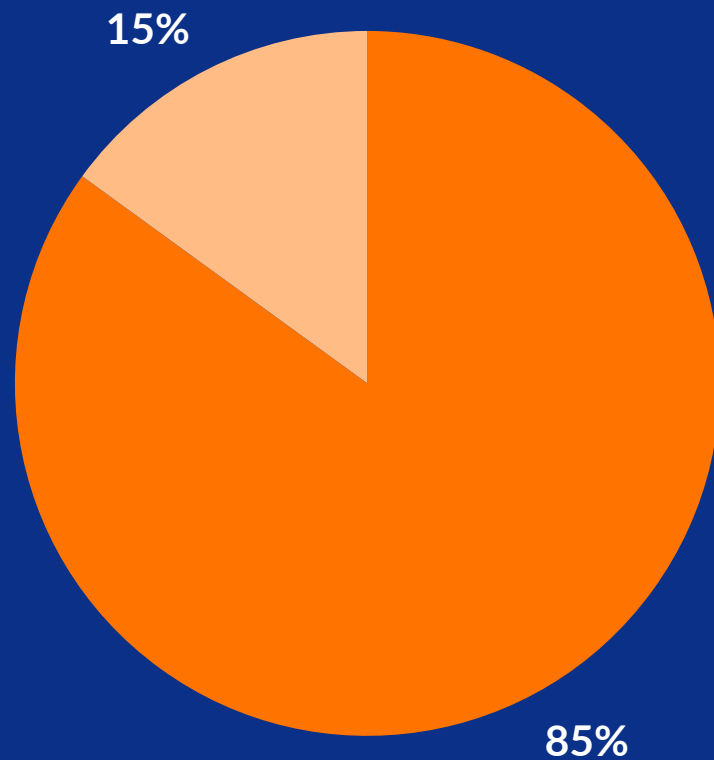
Officers' familiarity with the training website www.elsa.org/training



- Yes, I am aware of this webpage and I have used it before: 20 NGs
- Yes, I am aware of the webpage but I do not use it: 18 NGs
- No, I am not aware of the webpage: 2 NGs

Human Resources

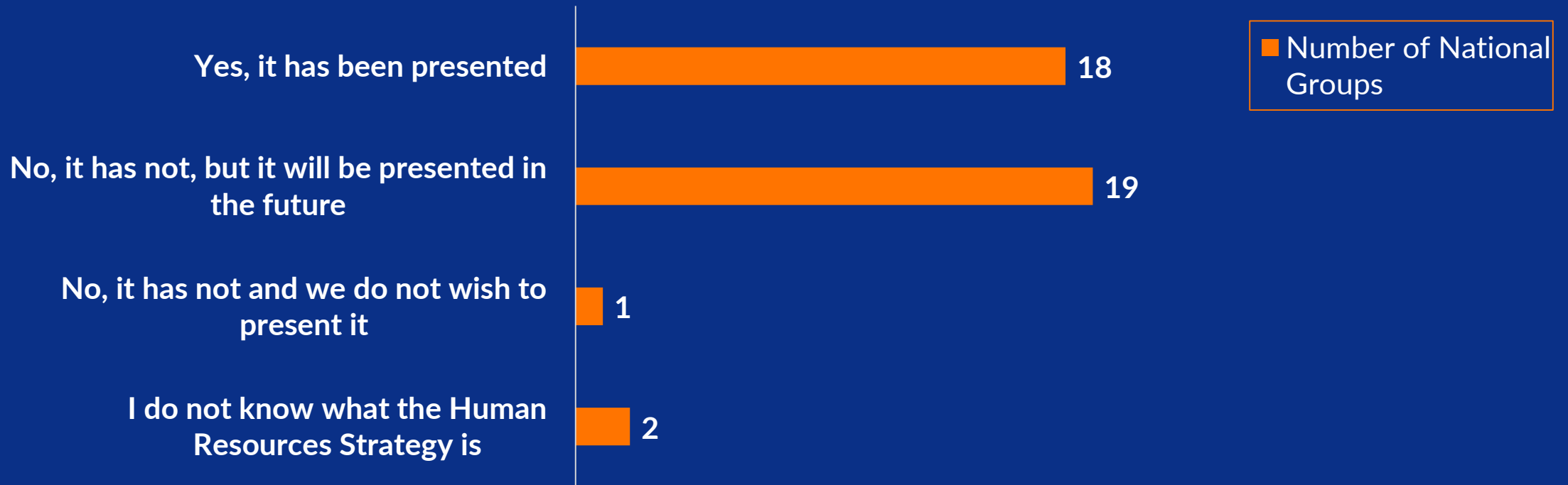
Officers' opinion regarding the Human Resources Strategy



- 34 NGs think that the Human Resources Strategy is a useful IM tool
- 6 NGs think that the Human Resources Strategy isn't a useful IM tool

Human Resources

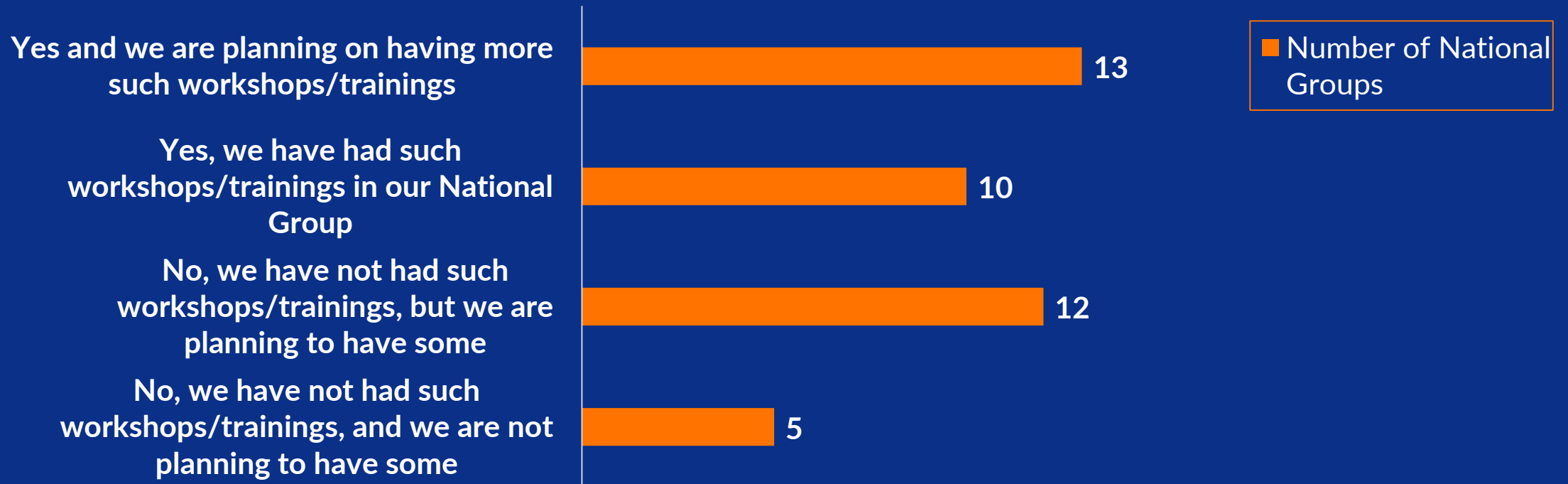
Presenting the HR Strategy within national ELSA Networks



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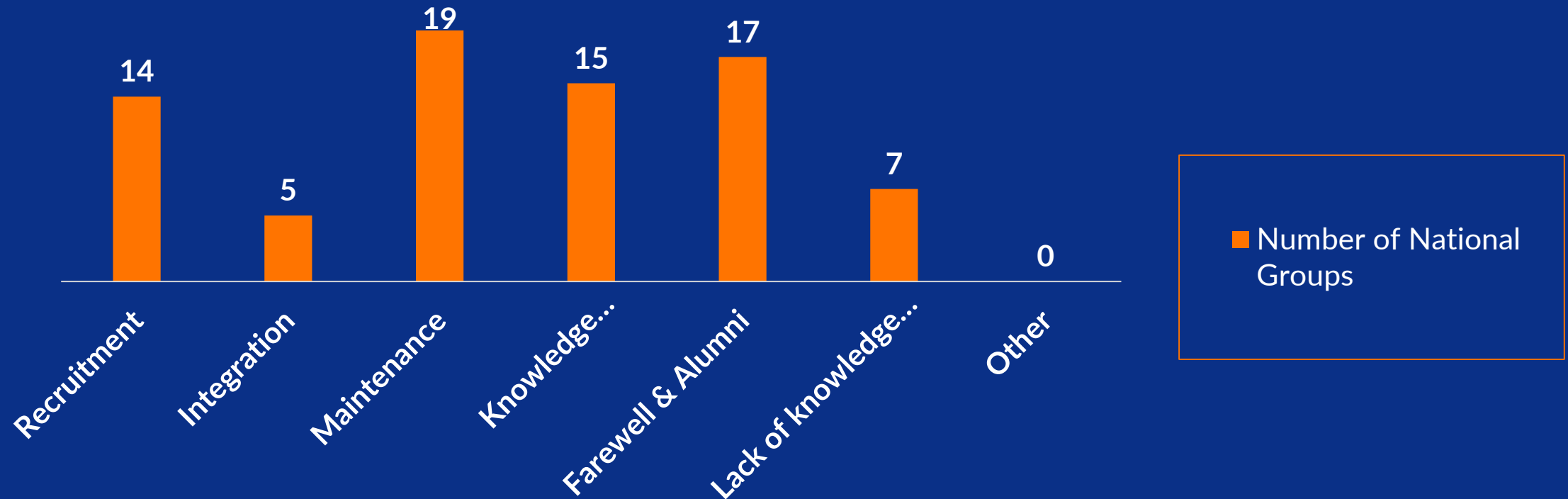
National Groups and organisation of workshops/trainings about the HR strategy



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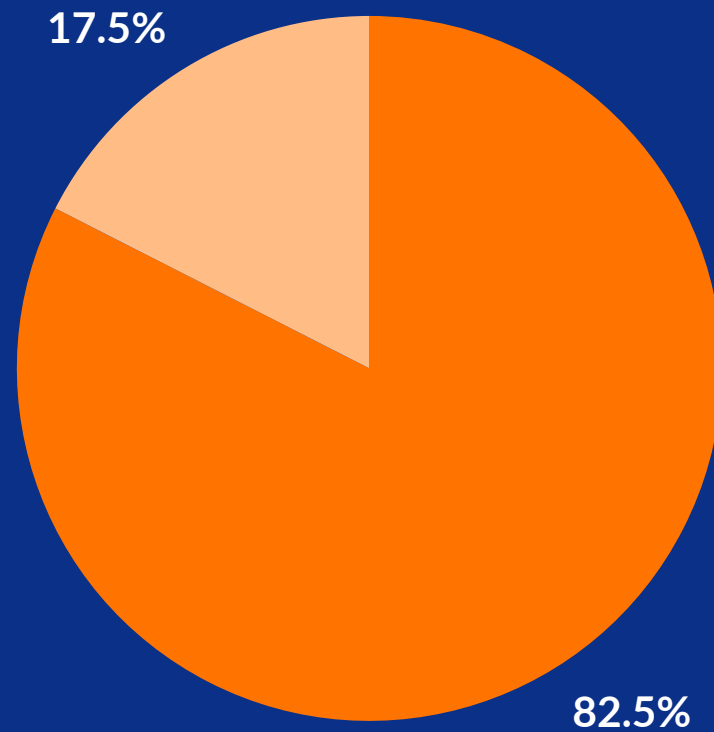
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Most problematic cycles throughout the Network



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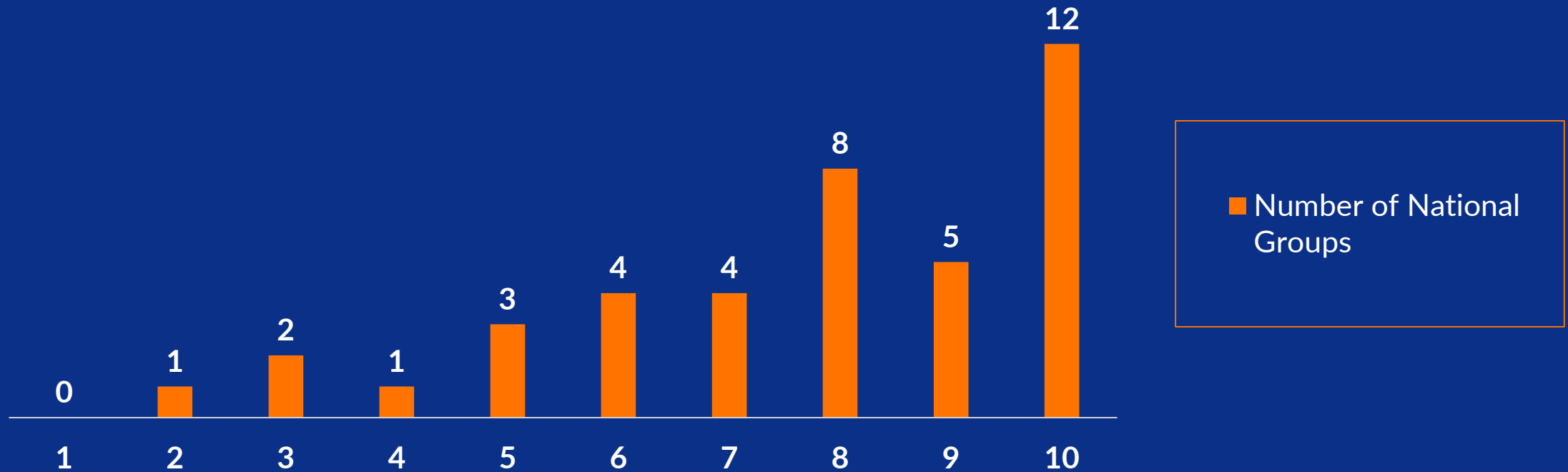
Officers' Portal



- 33 NGOs use the materials uploaded on the Officers' Portal in their work
- 7 NGOs don't use the materials uploaded on the Officers' Portal in their work

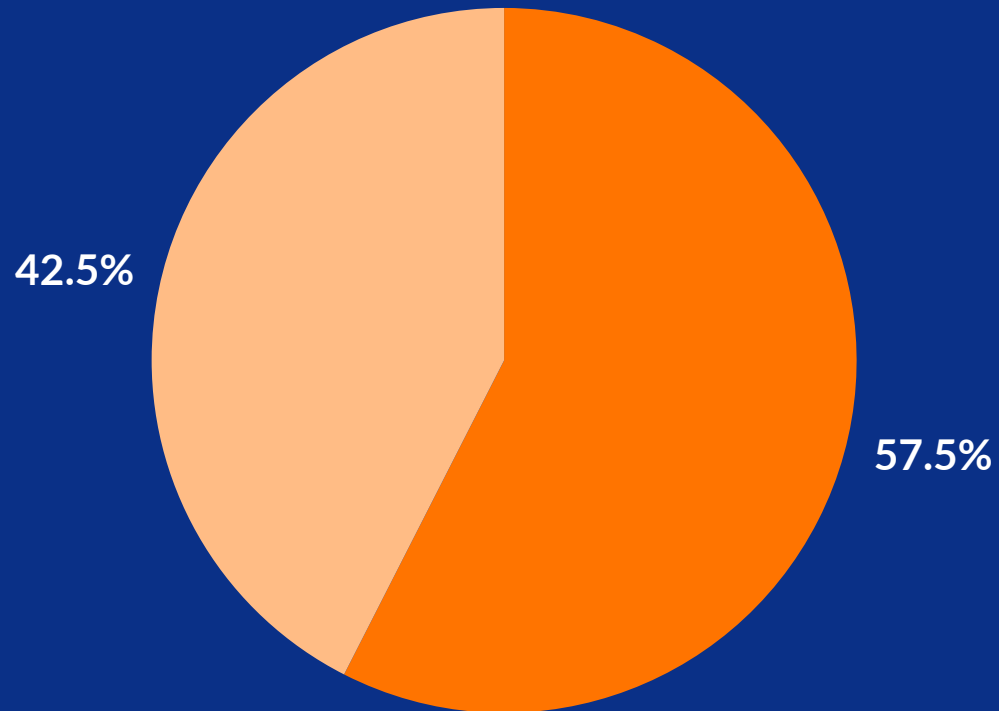
Coaching System provided by ELSA International

as evaluated by the National Boards



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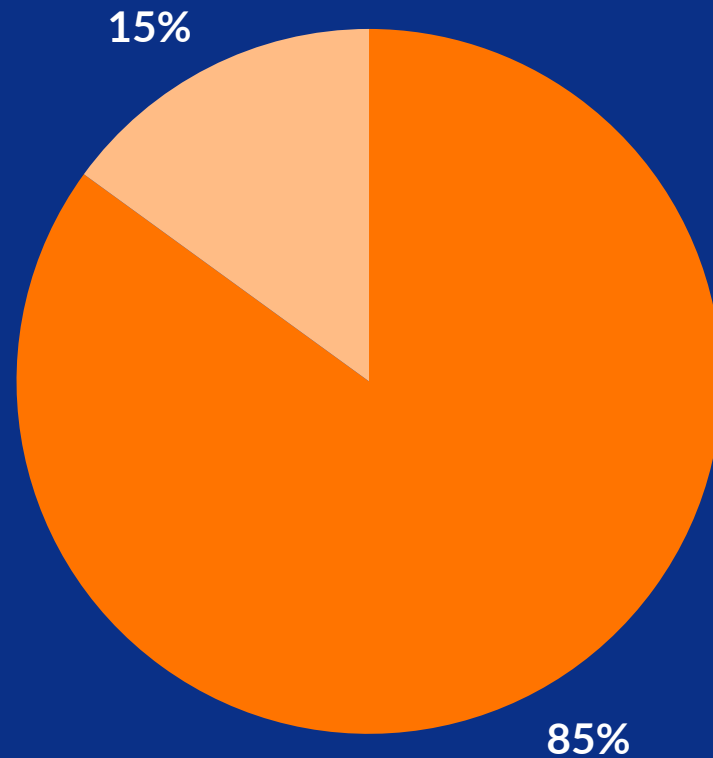
Coaching System within National Groups



- 23 NGs have Coaching Systems in their National Networks
- 17 NGs don't have Coaching Systems in their National Networks

Official email addresses

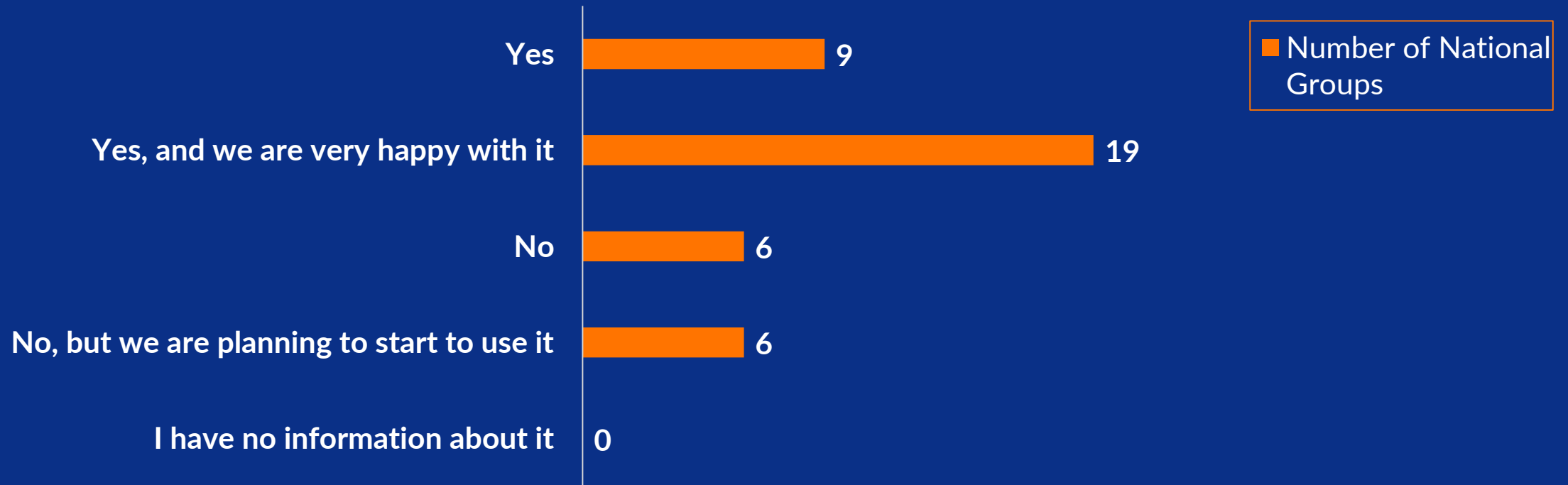
compliance with the Article 2, Information Technology, Internal Management of the DB



- Official email addresses of 34 NGOs are in compliance with the Decision Book
- Official email addresses of 6 NGOs aren't in compliance with the Decision Book

G Suite (Google System)

usage of the system provided by ELSA International



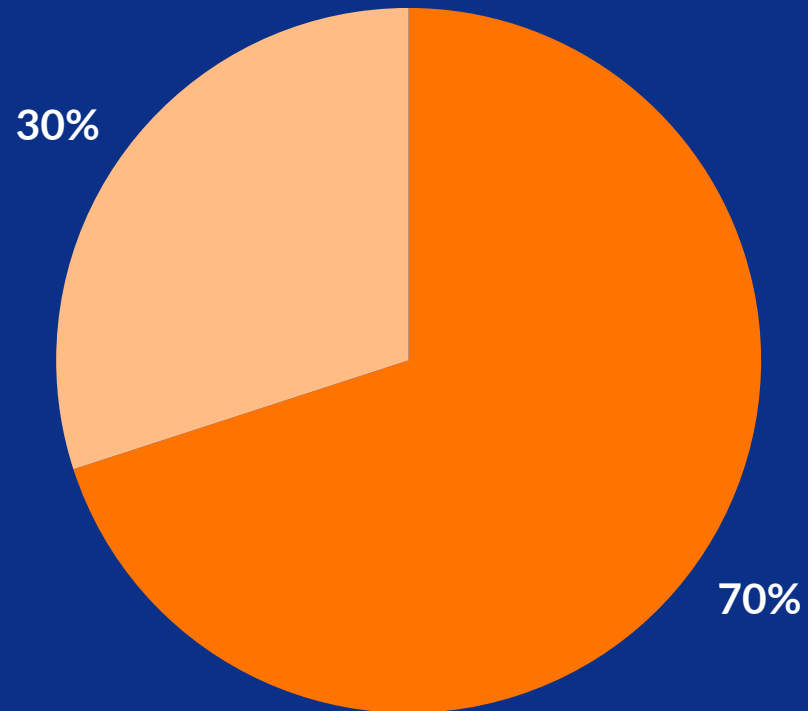
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Financial Management (FM)



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Membership fees for Local Groups



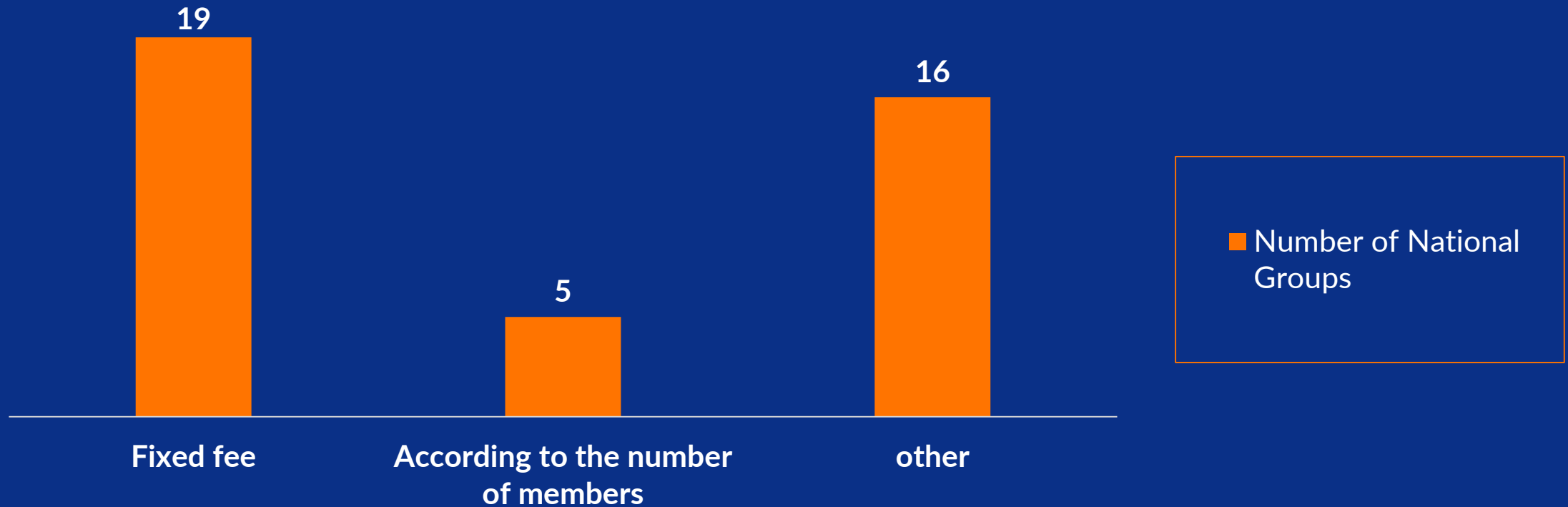
■ Yes: 28 NGs

■ No: 12 NGs

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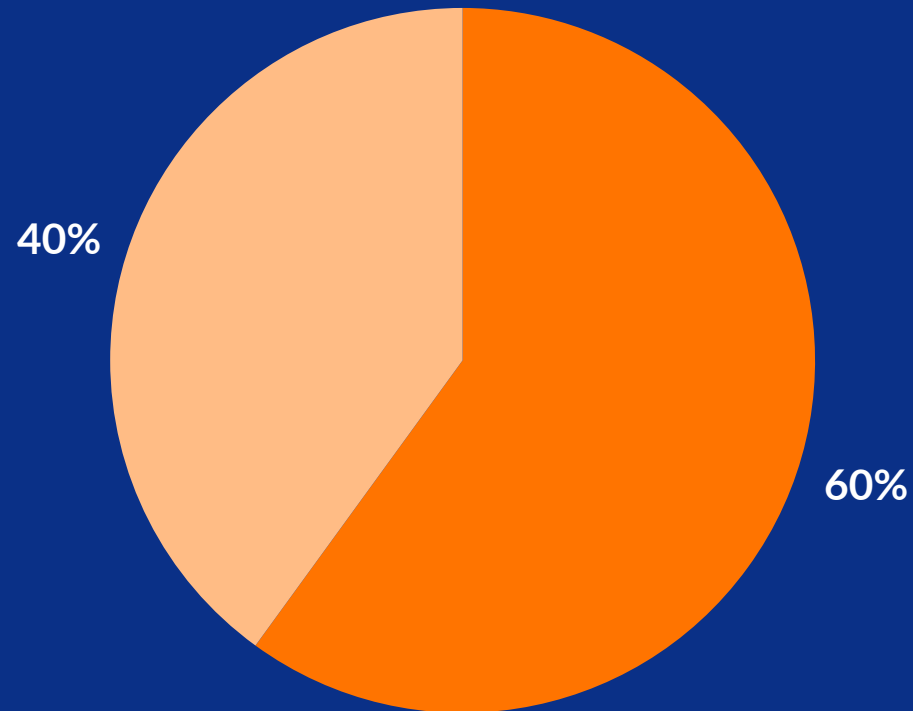
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Kinds of fees used at the National Level



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Individual membership fees at the Local Level



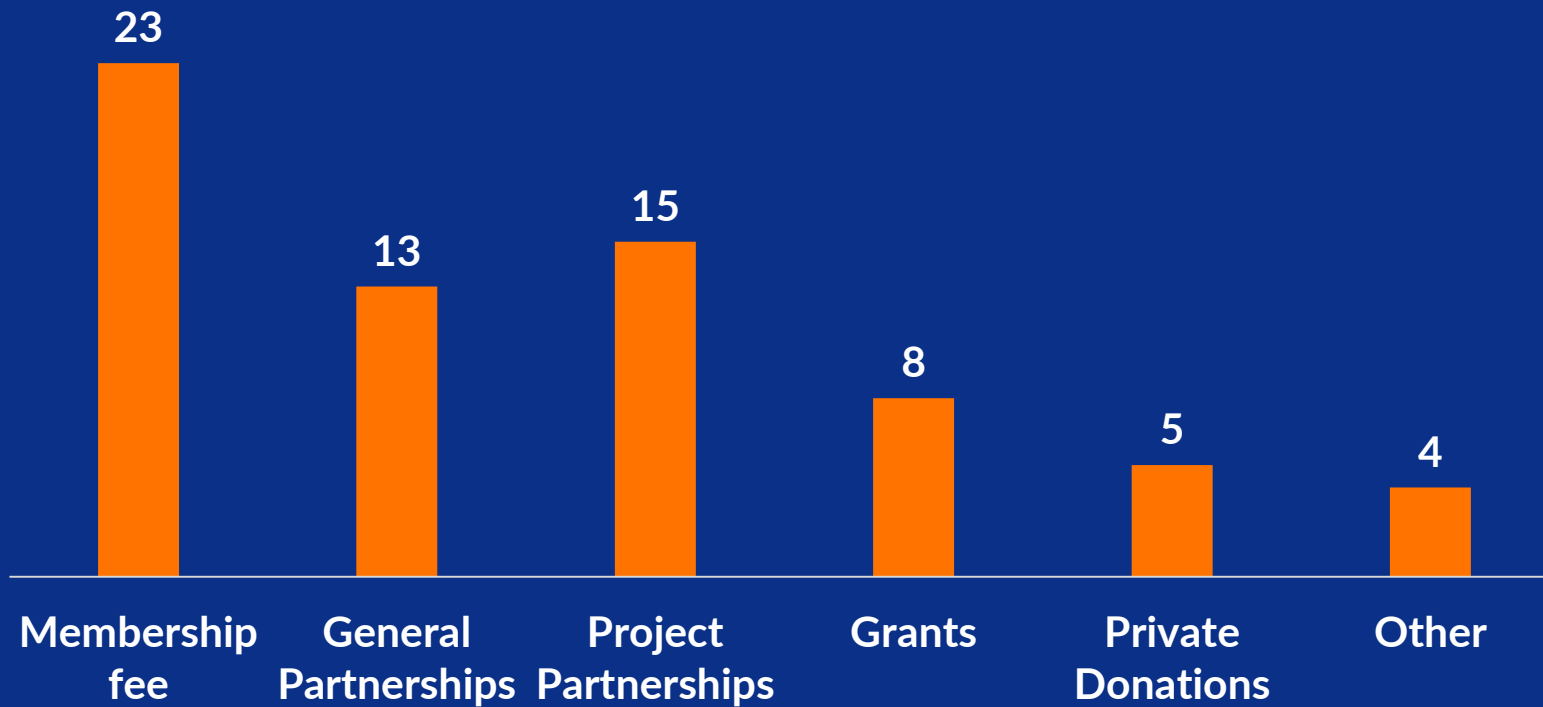
■ Yes: 24 NGs

■ No: 16 NGs

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Main source of Income

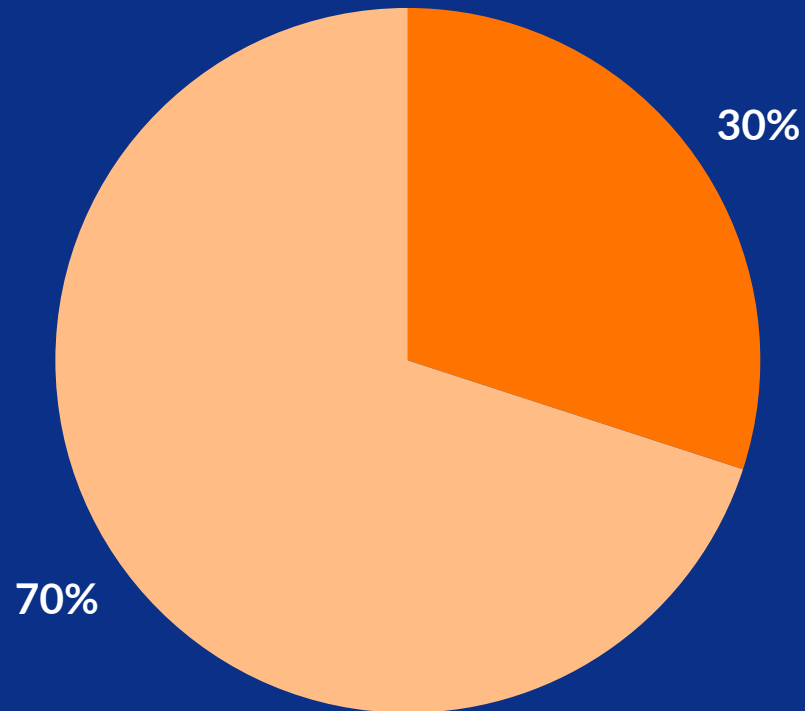


■ Number of National Groups

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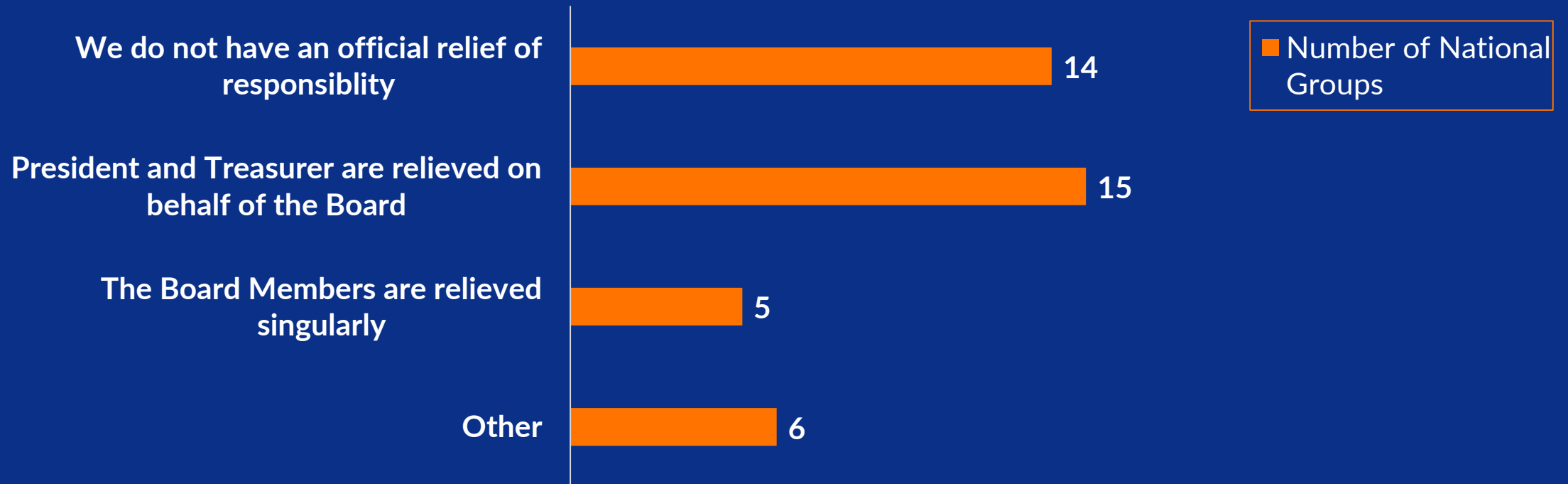
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Bookkeeping program



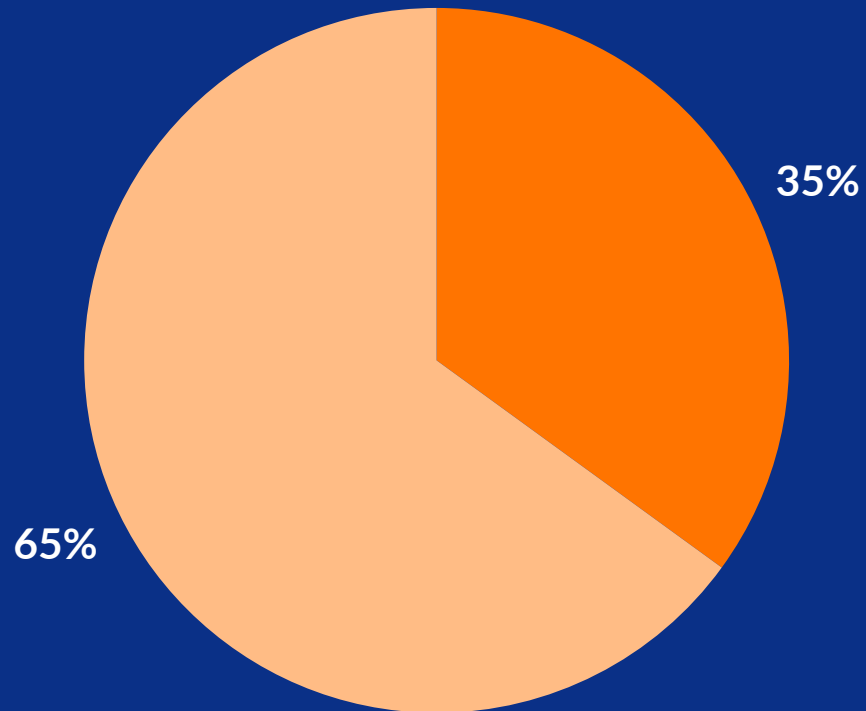
- 12 NGOs currently use a bookkeeping program
- 28 NGOs currently don't use a bookkeeping program

Relief of responsibility at the National Level



EDF

Did your National Group apply for any EDF support last year?



■ Yes: 14 NGs

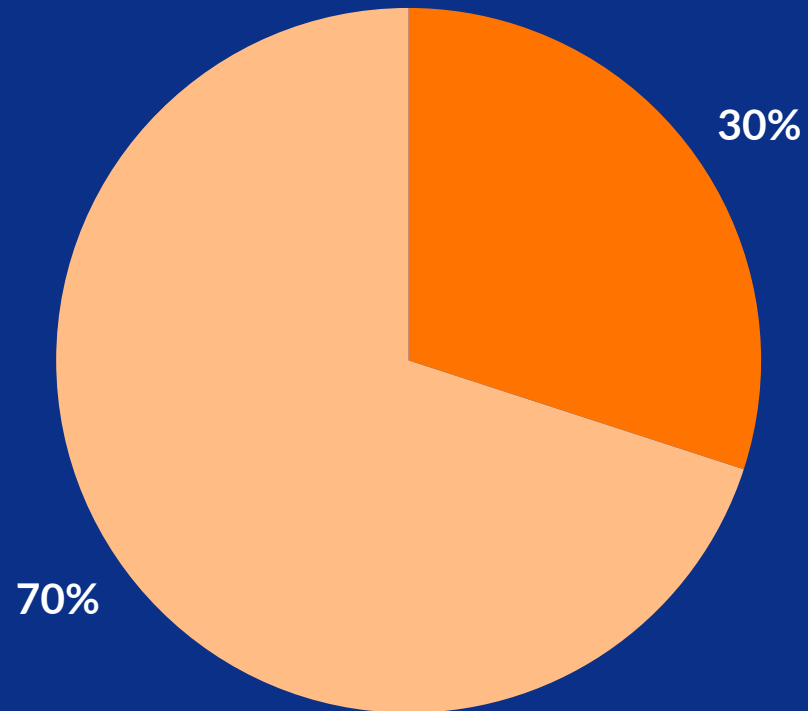
■ No: 26 NGs

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EDF

Did any of your Local Groups contact you about EDF?



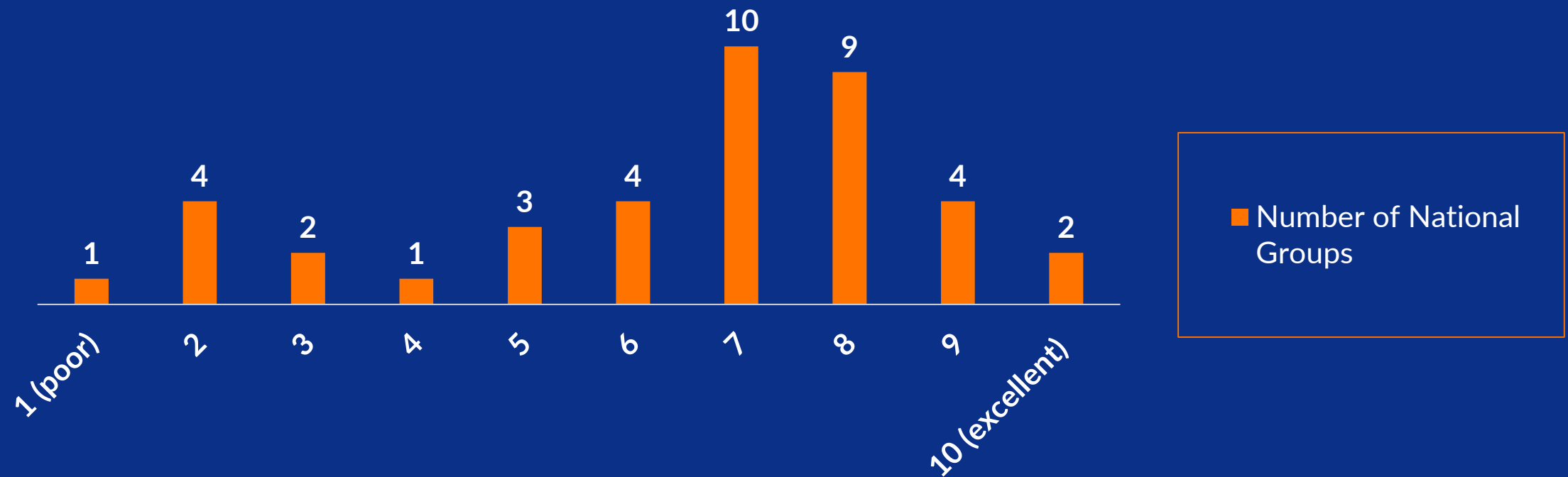
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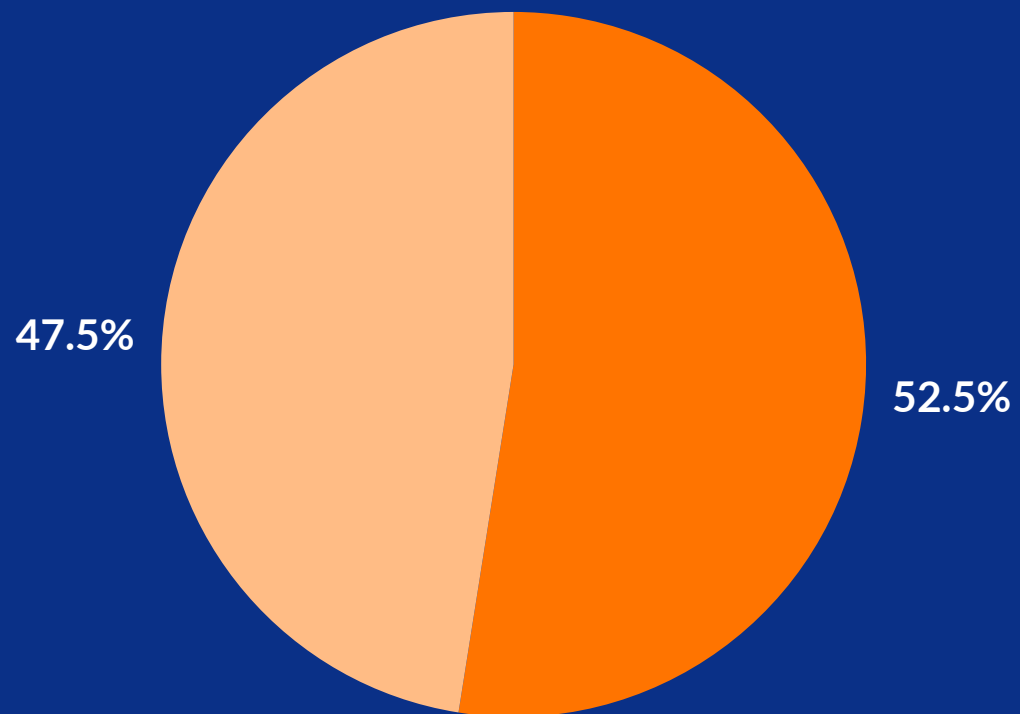
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Knowledge of the EDF Regulations



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Auditors



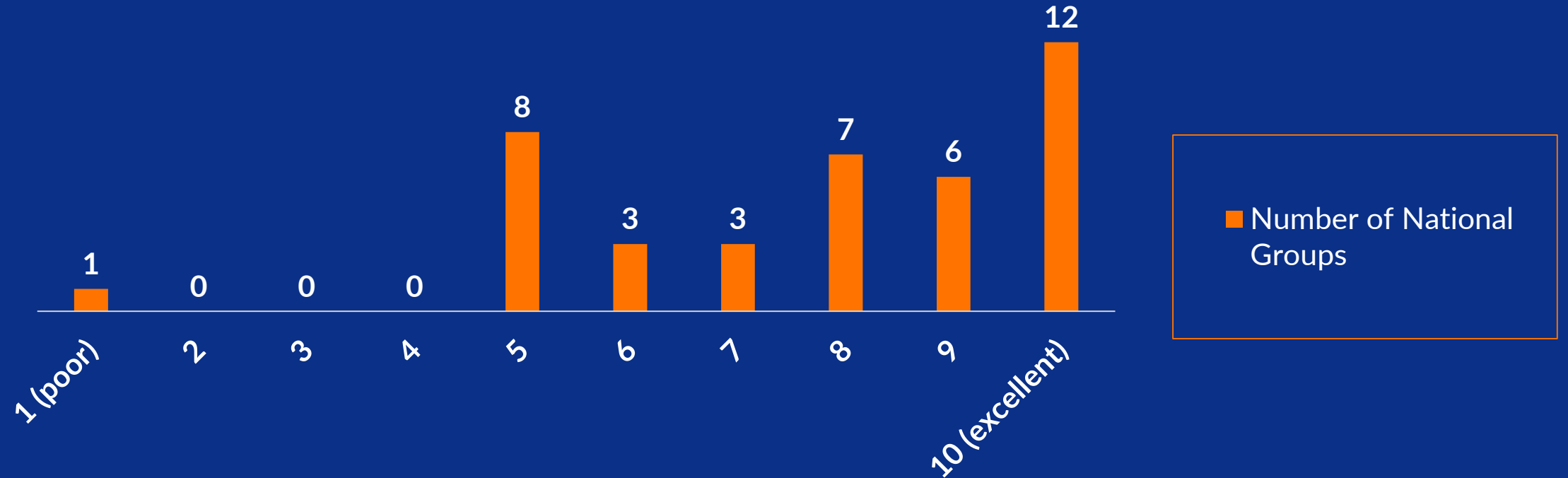
■ Yes: 21 NGs

■ No: 19 NGs

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Communication with the International Treasurer



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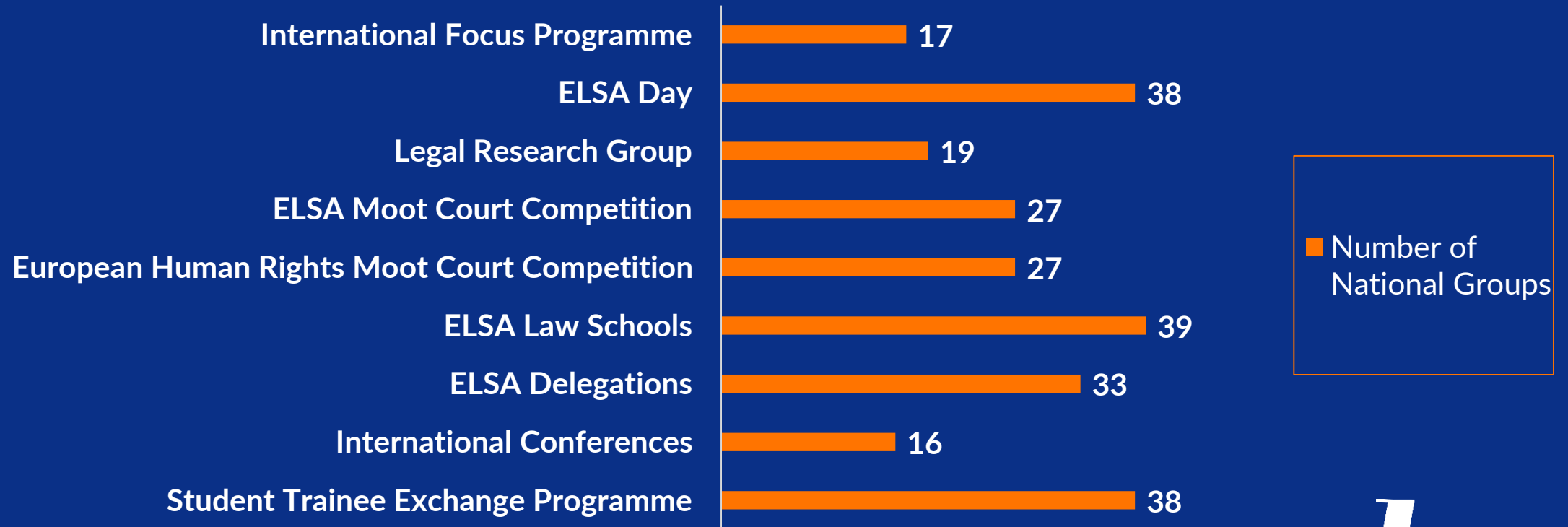
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Marketing (MKT)



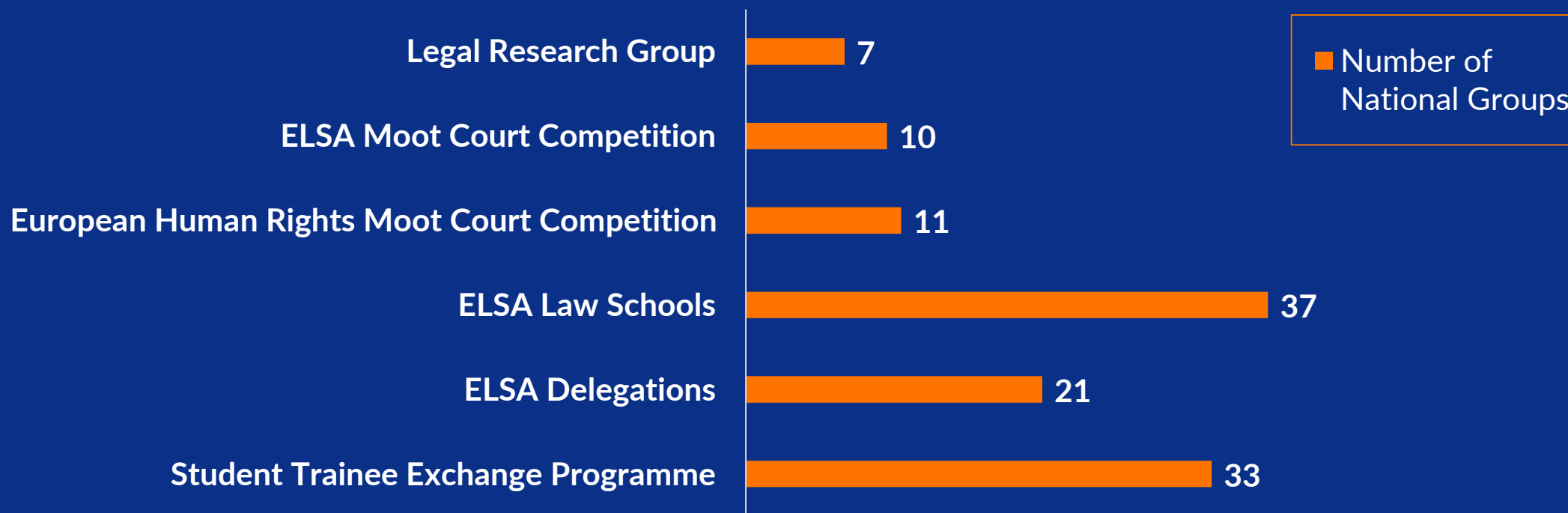
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International projects actively promoted by the National Groups



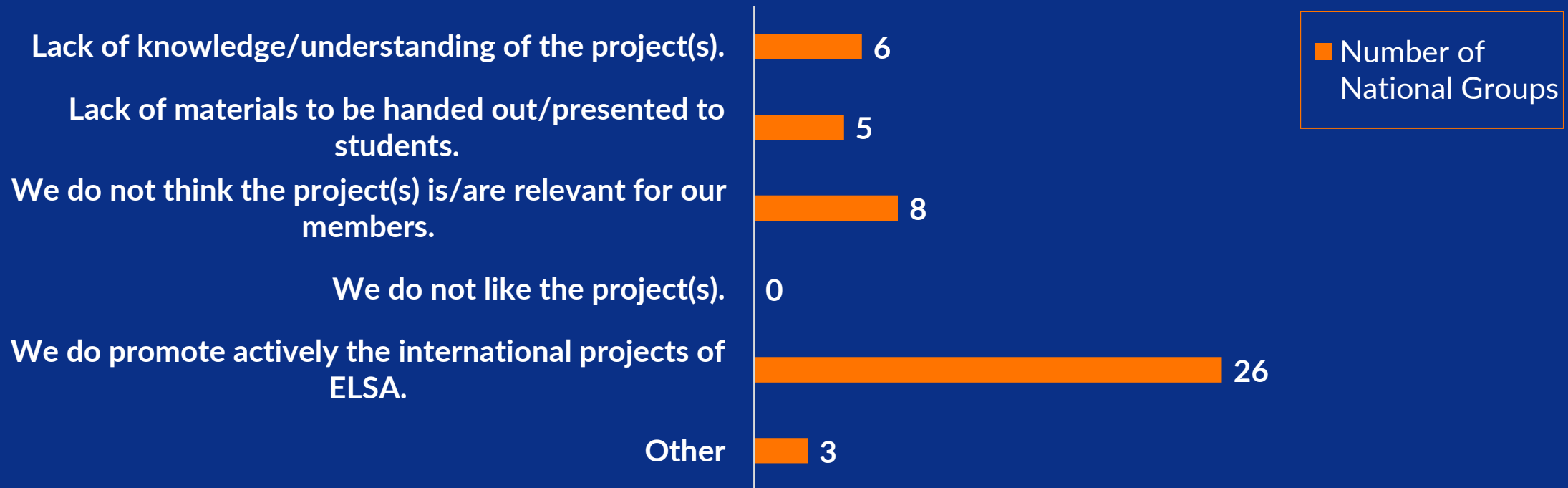
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Most appealing flagship projects

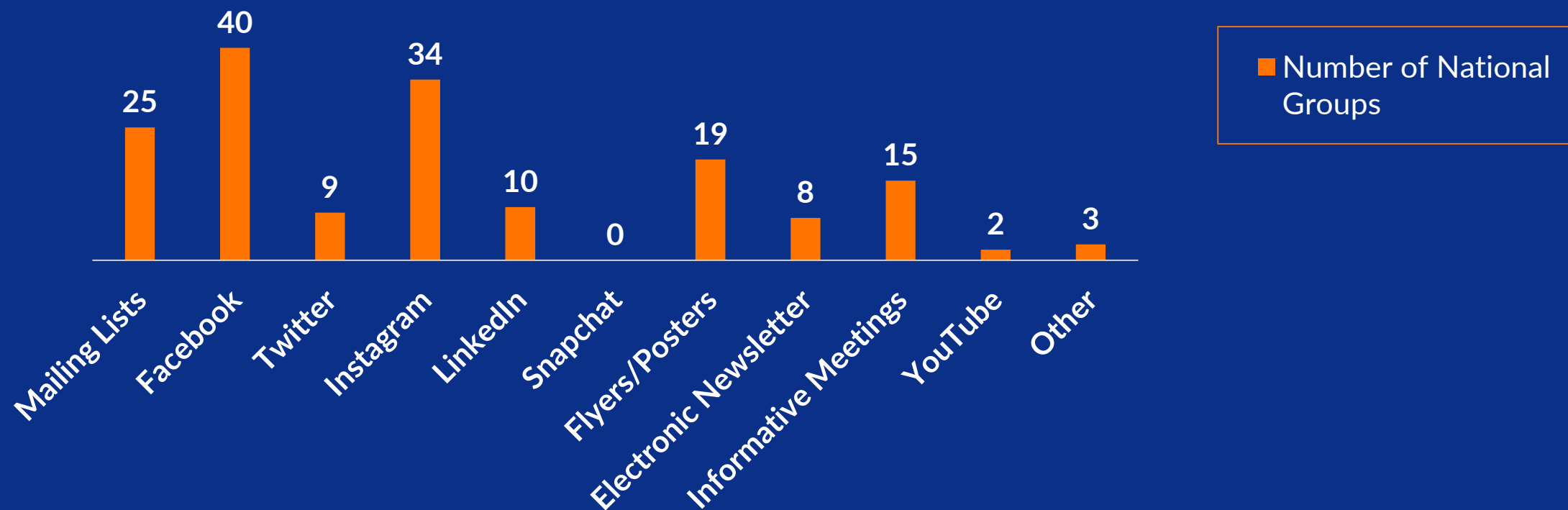


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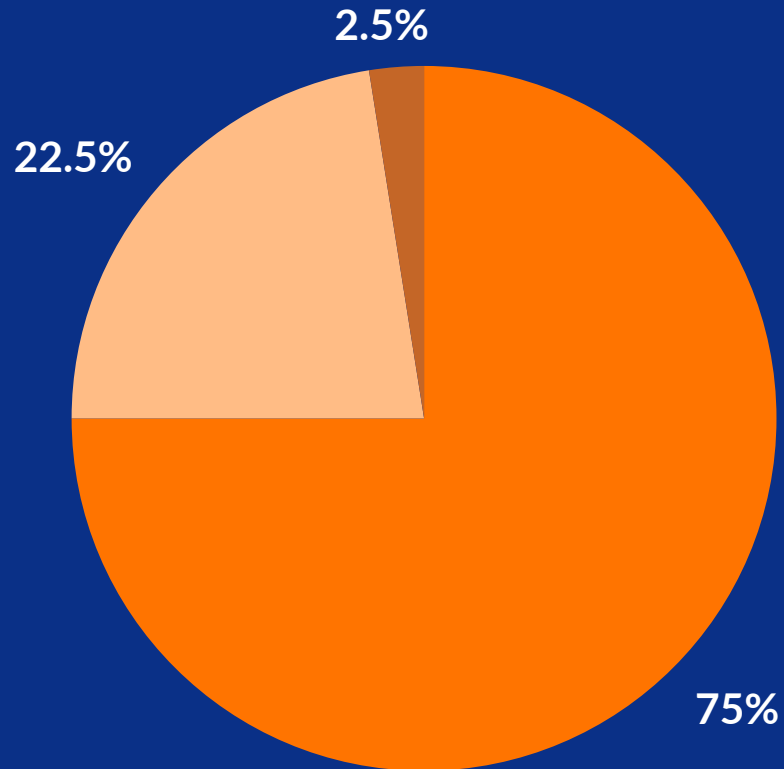
Reasons for lack of promotion of some of the international projects



Means of promotion



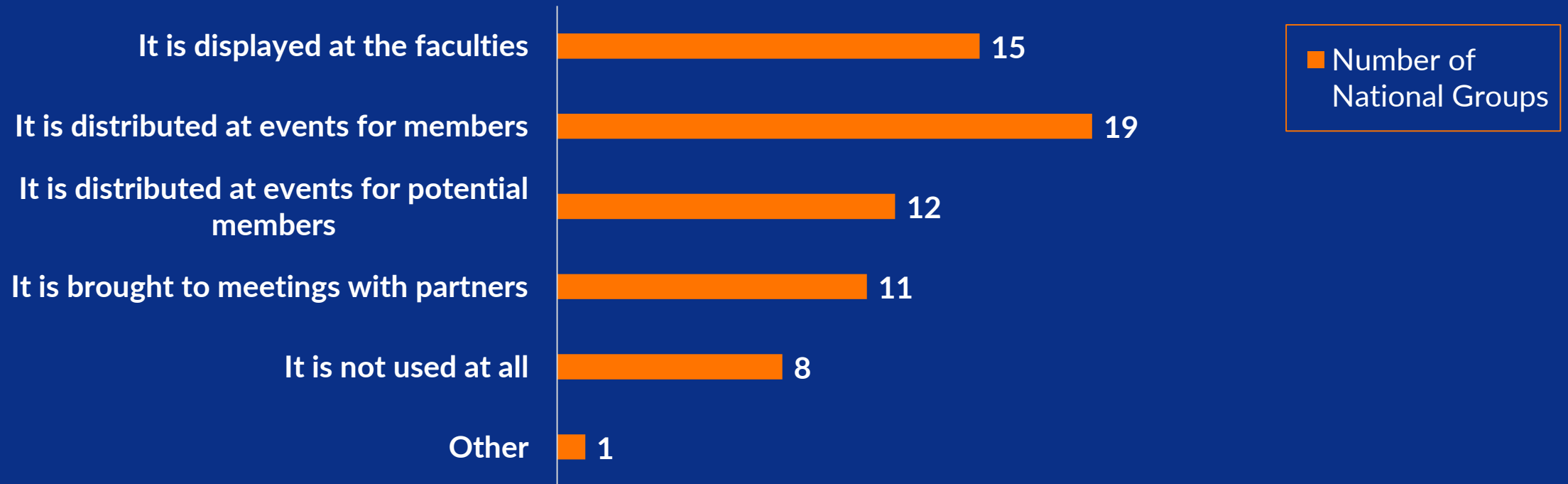
Digital templates for the marketing materials



- 30 NGOs think that ELSA International should provide more digital templates for the marketing materials
- 9 NGOs think that ELSA International shouldn't provide more digital templates for the marketing materials
- Other: 1 NG

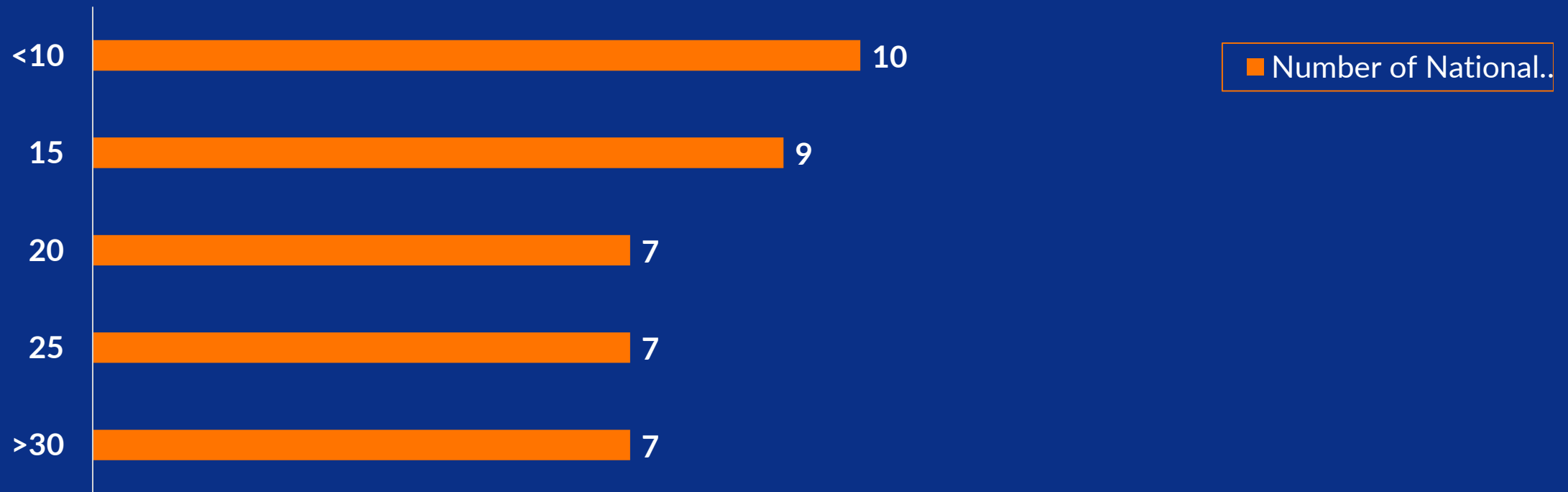


Use of Synergy Magazine



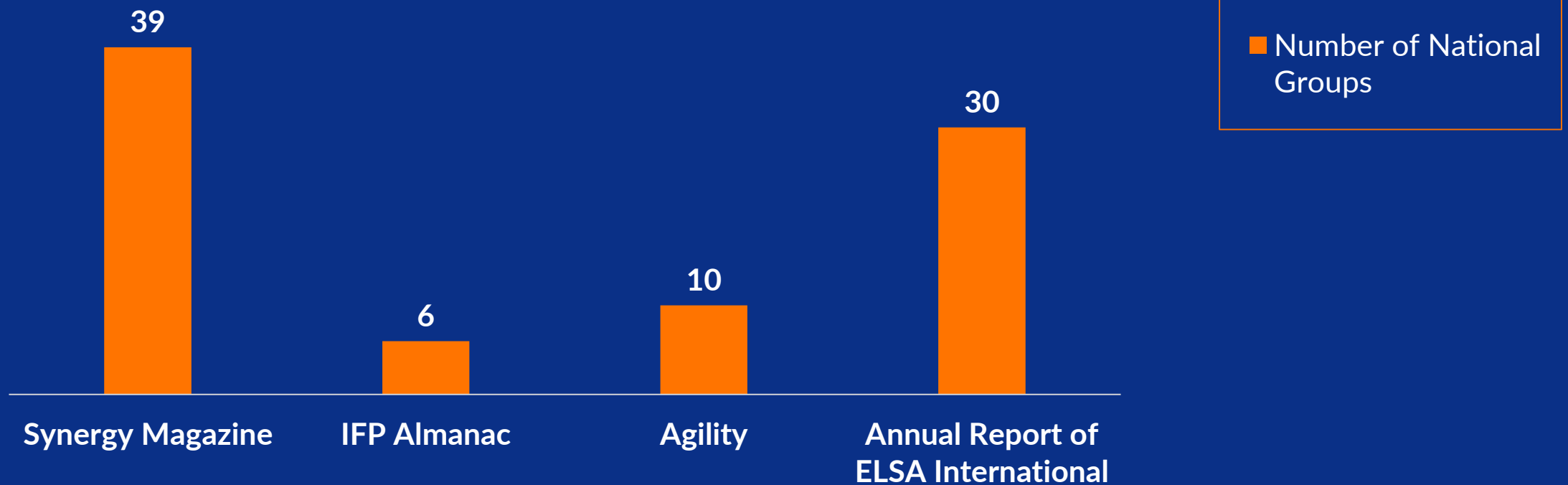
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Amount of Synergy Managazines needed in LGs



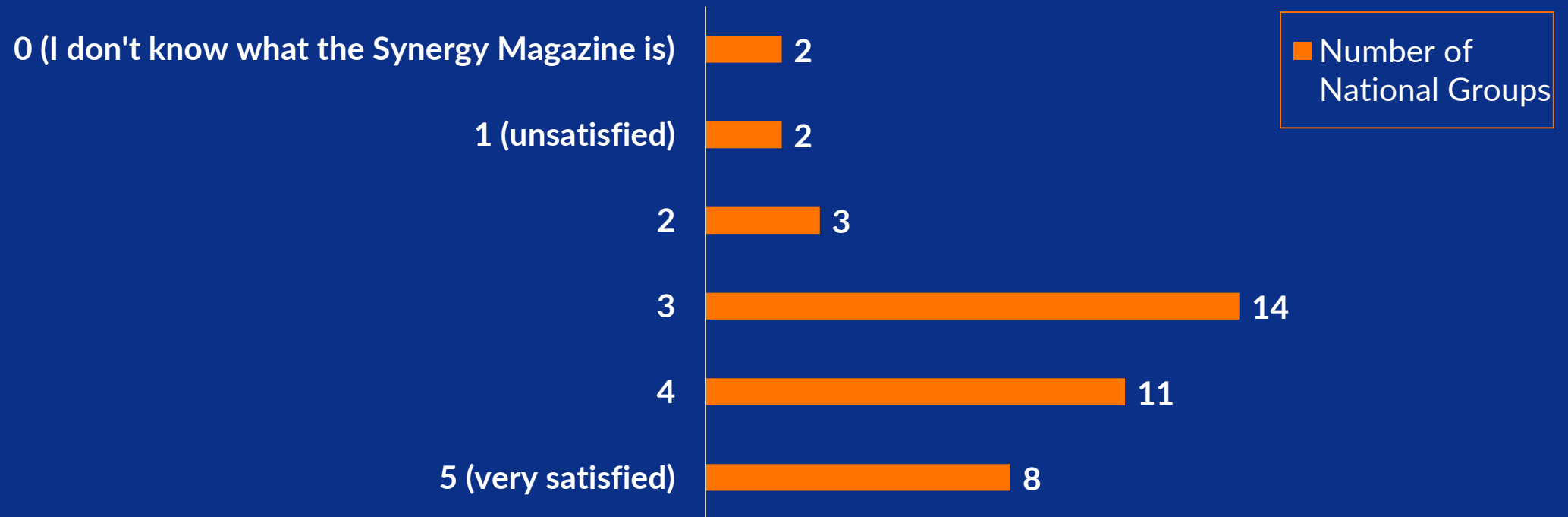
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Familiarity with publications



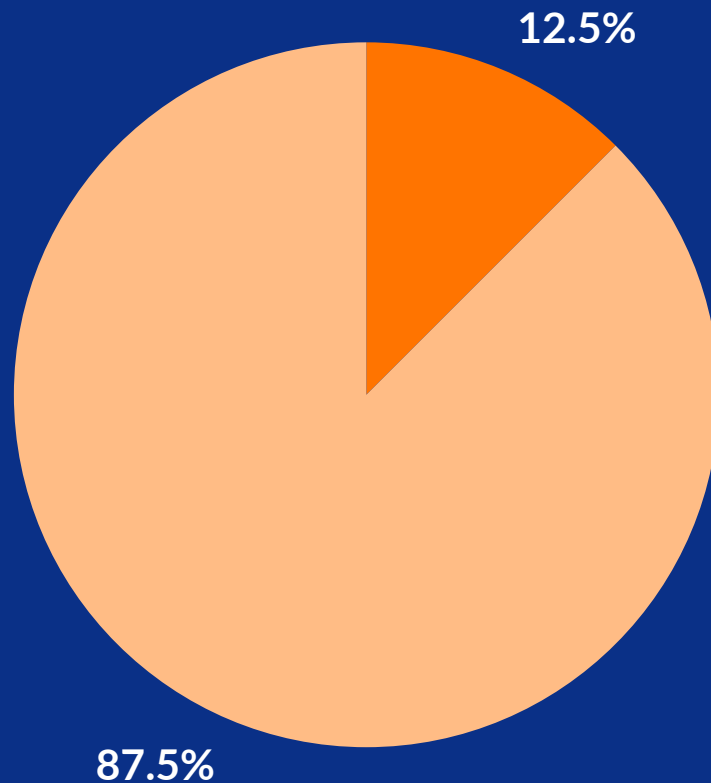
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General satisfaction with the Synergy Magazine



Update/change of Corporate Identity elements

(logo, colors, fonts)



- 5 NGs think ELSA should update/change its Corporate Identity elements
- 35 NGs think ELSA shouldn't update/change its Corporate Identity elements



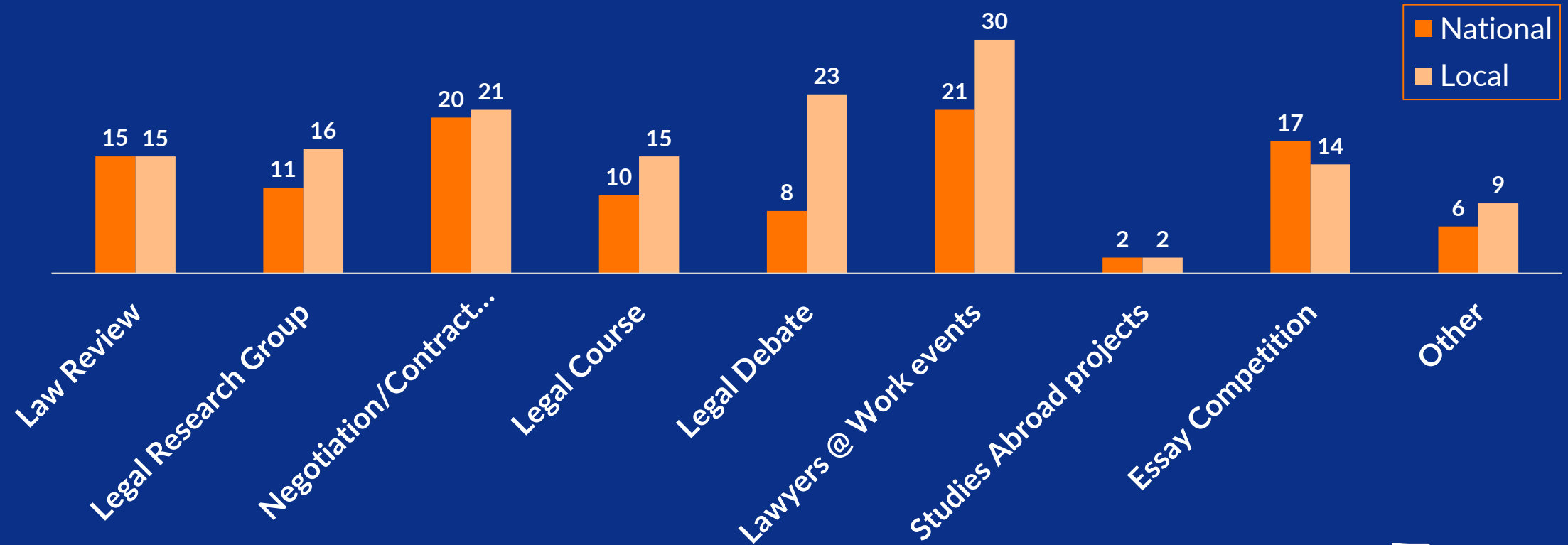
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Academic Activities (AA)



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AA events organised in the network



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Most important AA projects

as evaluated by the National Boards

At the national level

1. Negotiation/Contract Competition
2. MCCs
3. Legal Research Group
4. Law Review
5. Lawyers @ Work events

At the local level

1. Lawyers @ Work events
2. MCCs
3. Legal Course
4. Negotiation/Contract Competition
5. Legal Debate



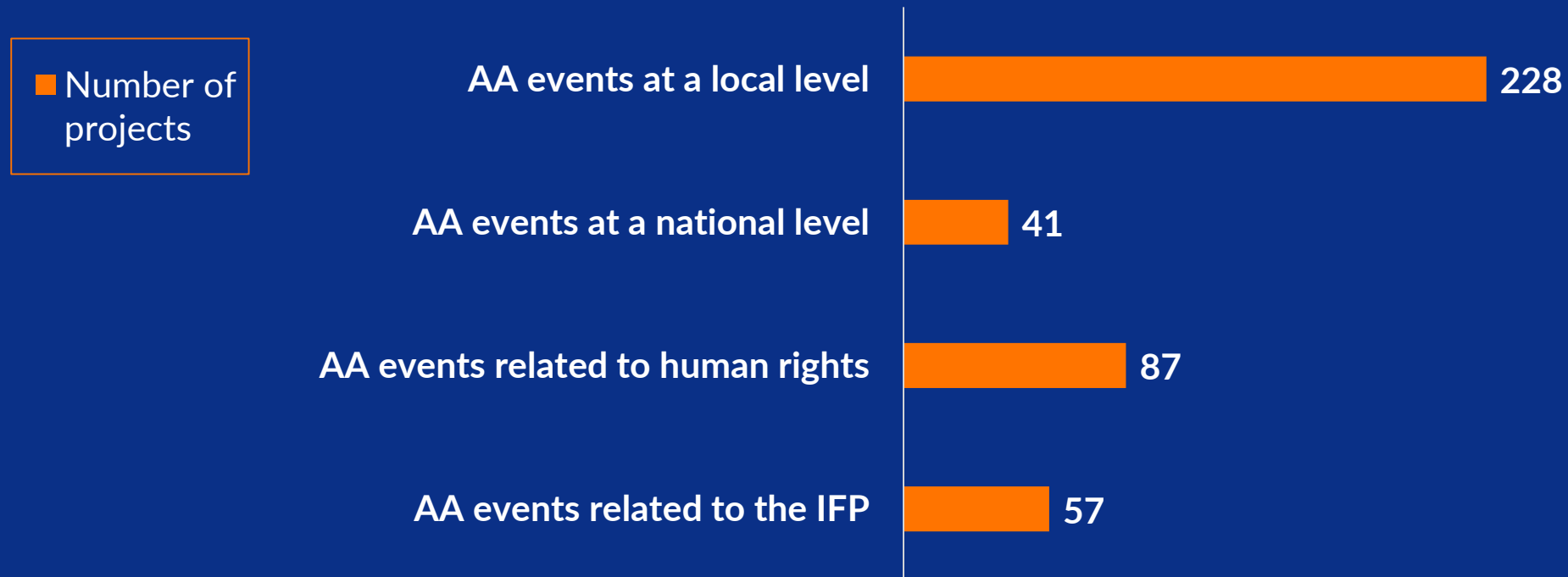
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Motivation behind organising AA events



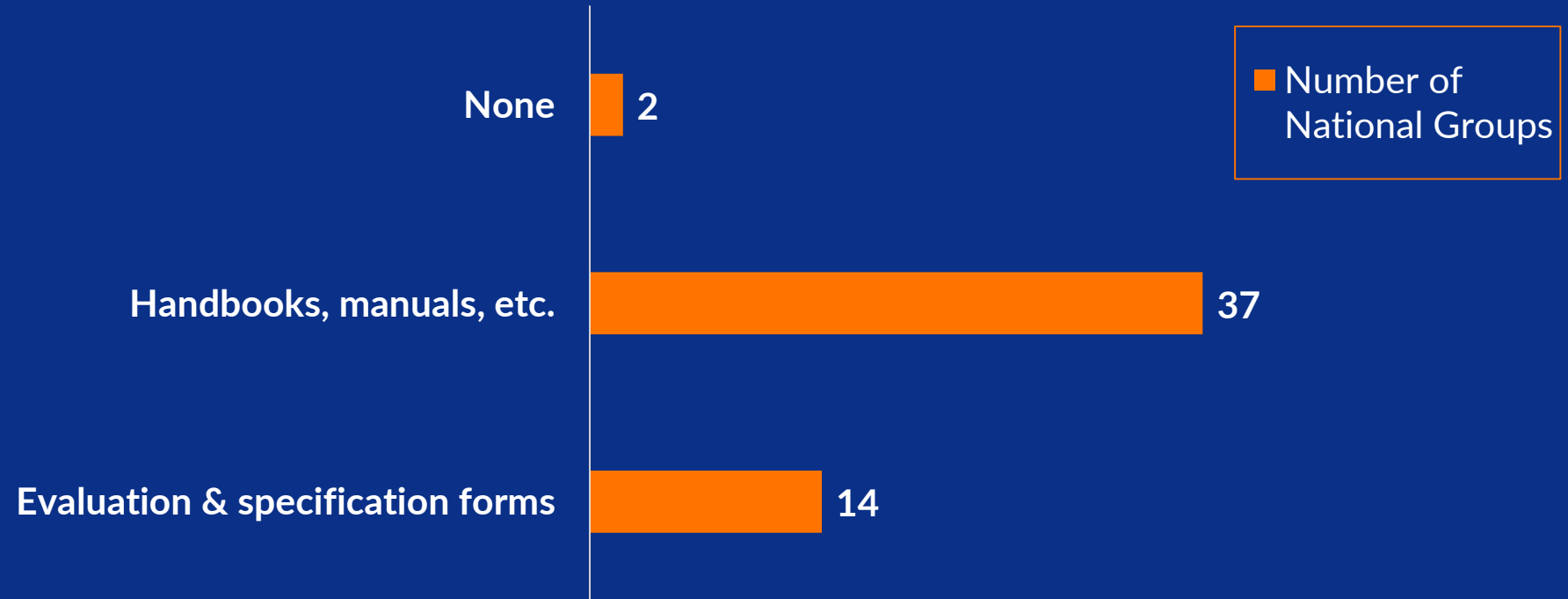
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AA events overview in 2018/2019



Usage of tools

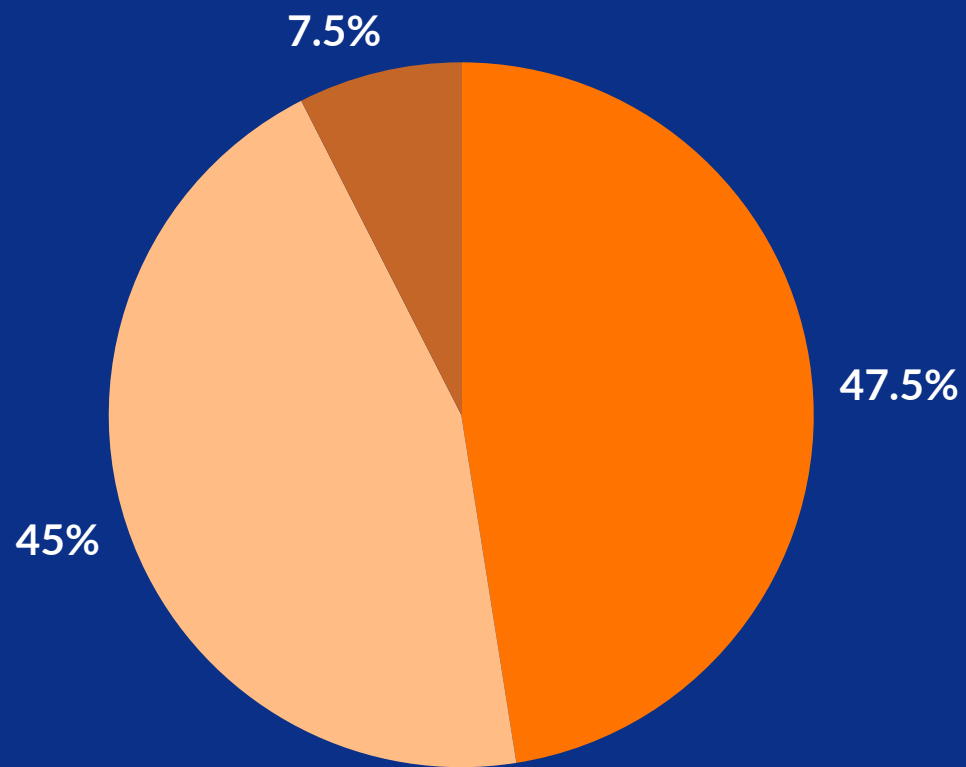
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Visibility

of International ELSA Projects amongst individual members



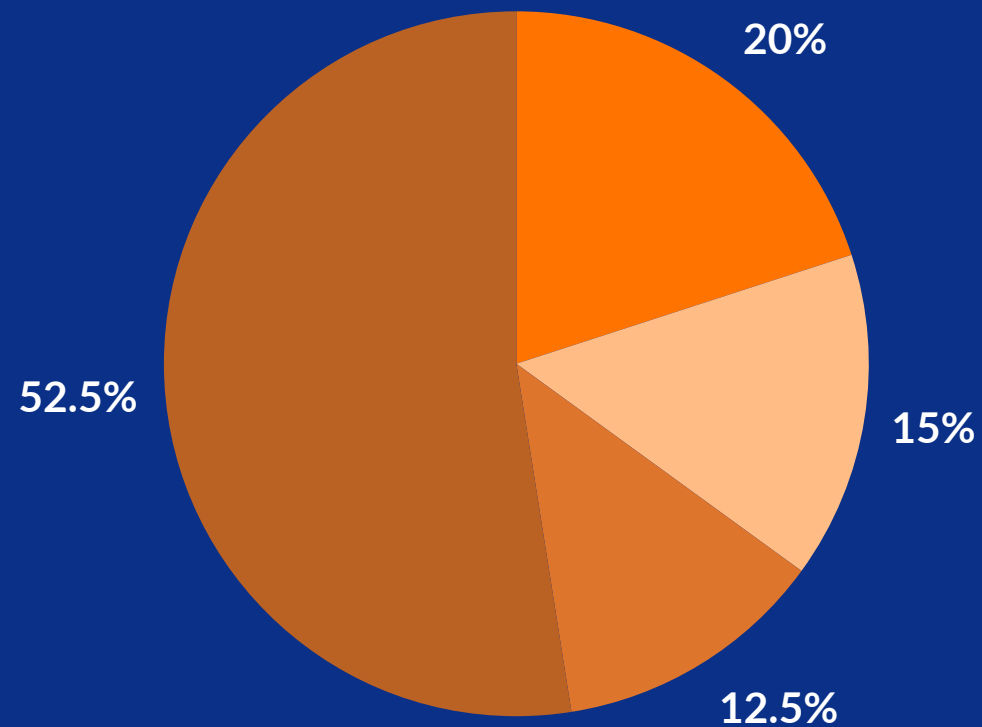
- Yes, they are well promoted and the concept is easily comprehensible: 19 NGs
- No, members focus on local and national projects and they are not well aware of the international ones: 18 NGs
- Other: 3 NGs

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Negotiation Competition

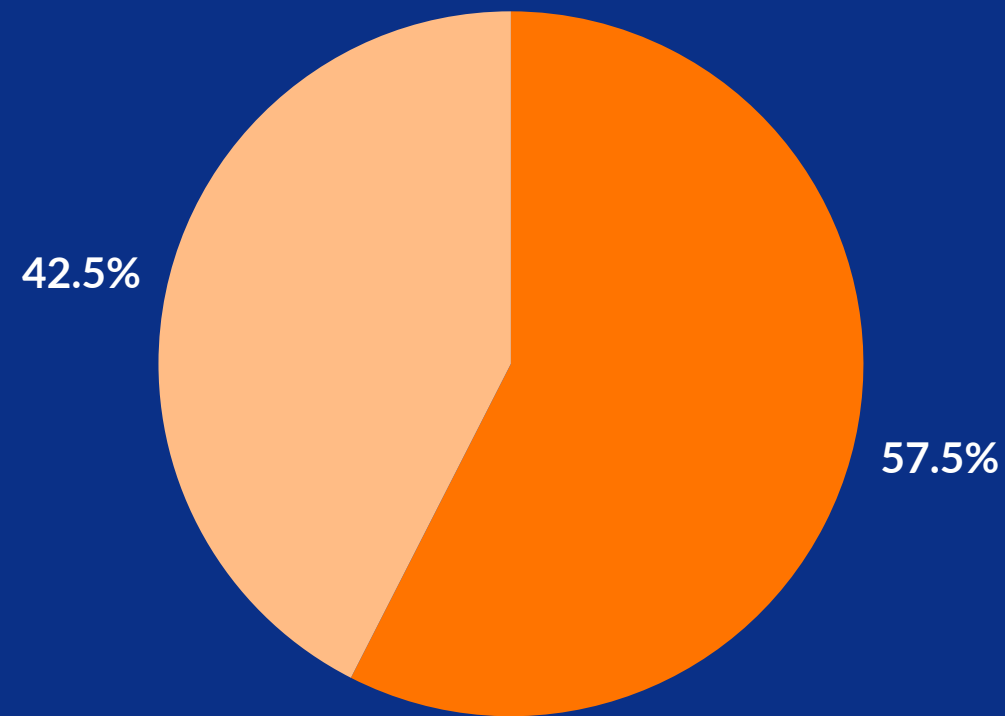
NGs that organised such an event in 2017/2018



- Yes, at a local level: 8 NGs
- Yes, at a national level: 6 NGs
- Yes, at both levels: 5 NGs
- No: 21 NGs

Negotiation Competition

Communication with ENC Coaching team

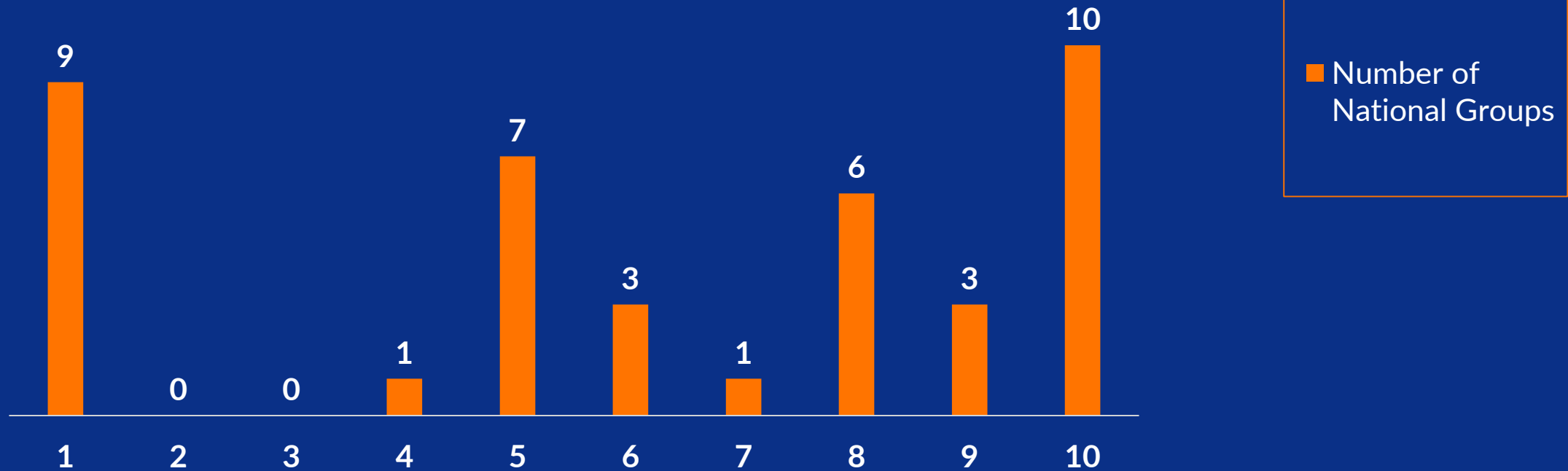


- 23 NGs have been in touch with ENC Coaching team
- 17 NGs haven't been in touch with ENC Coaching team

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Communication with the ENC Coaching team



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Negotiation Competition

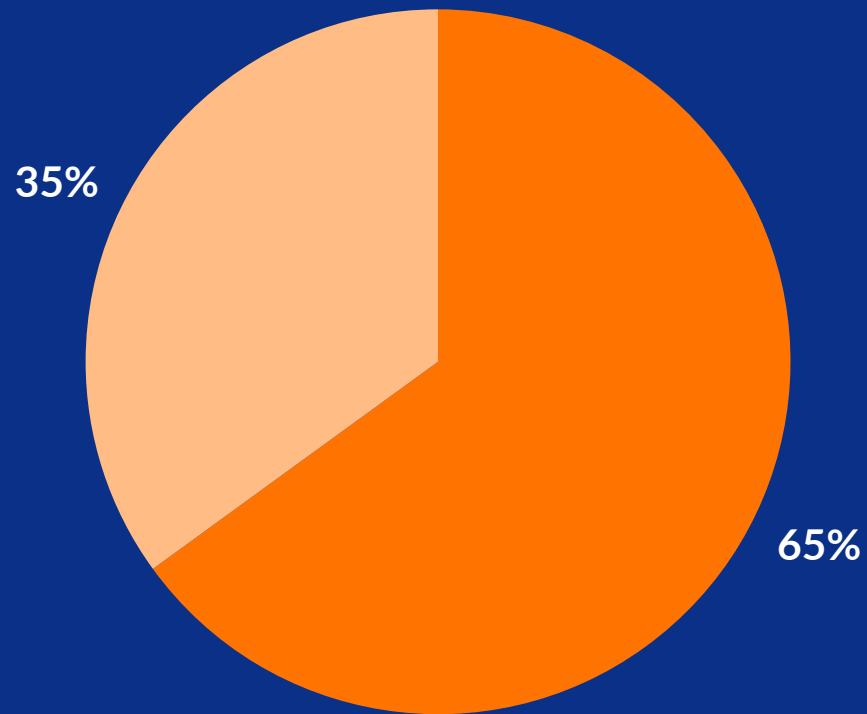
NGs planning on organising such an event in 2018/2019



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Familiarity with the AA transition checklist

on the Officers' Portal

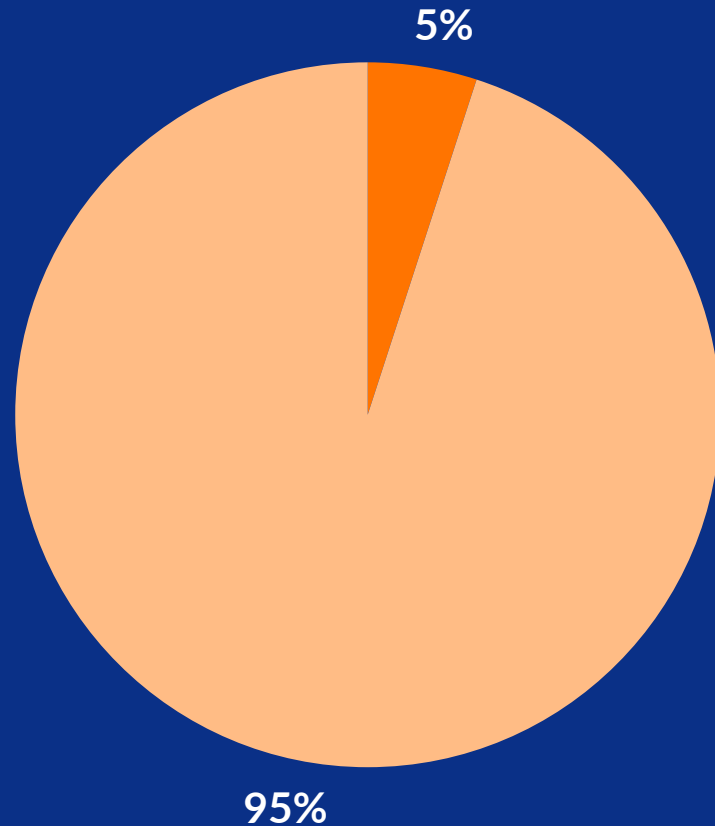


- 26 NGs are familiar with the AA transition checklist
- 14 NGs aren't familiar with the AA transition checklist



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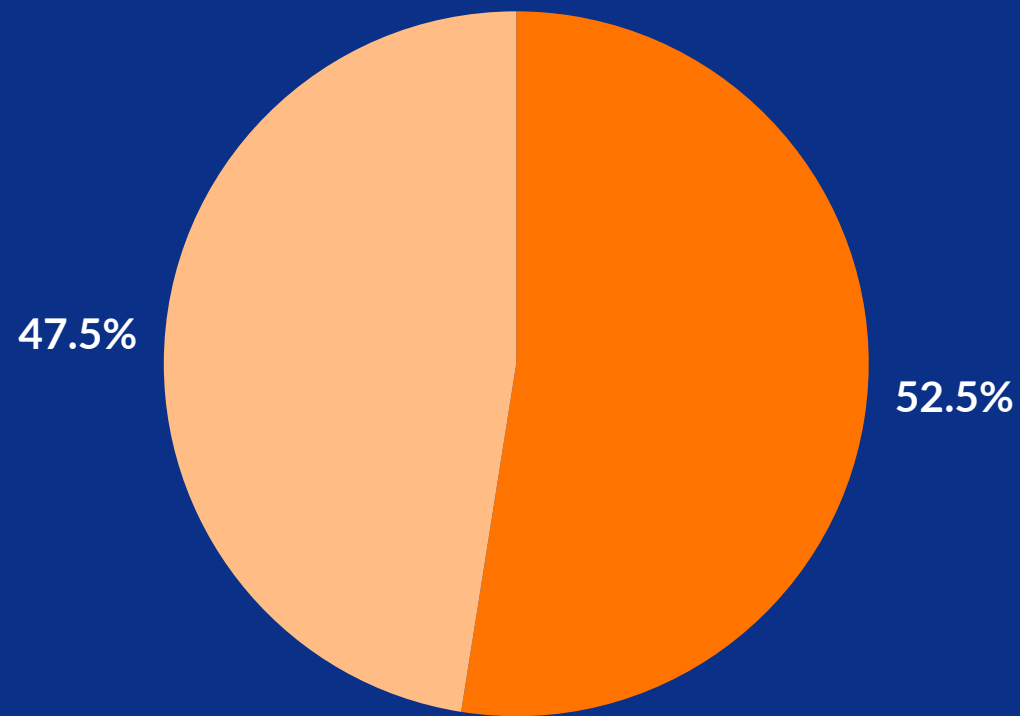
NGs making use of partners of ELSA International when organising events



- 2 NGs have used a support of one of the partners of ELSA International
- 38 NGs haven't used a support of one of the partners of ELSA International



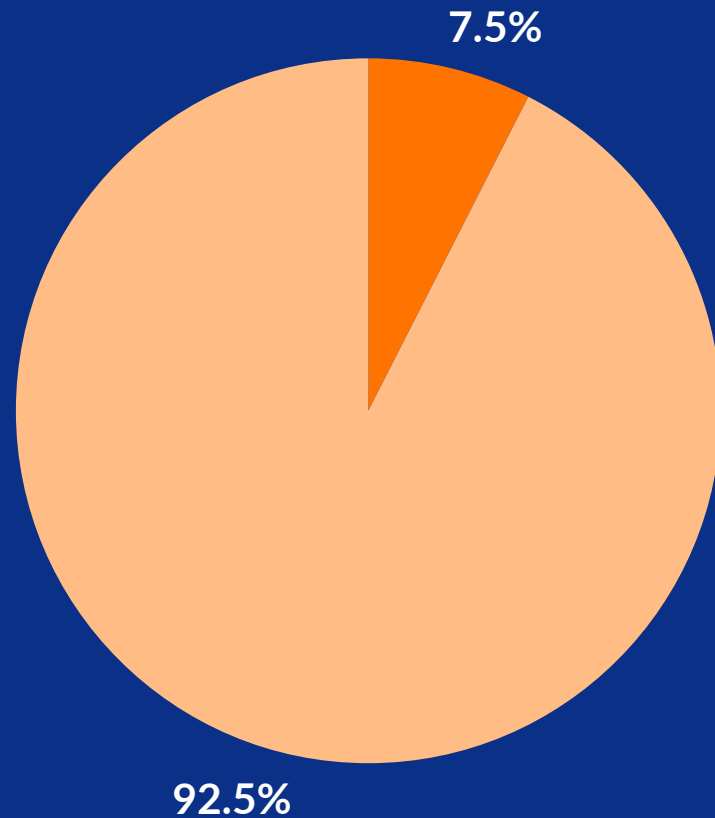
Familiarity with the 7th EHRMCC Outline



- 21 NGOs are familiar with the 7th EHRMCC Outline
- 19 NGOs aren't familiar with the 7th EHRMCC Outline

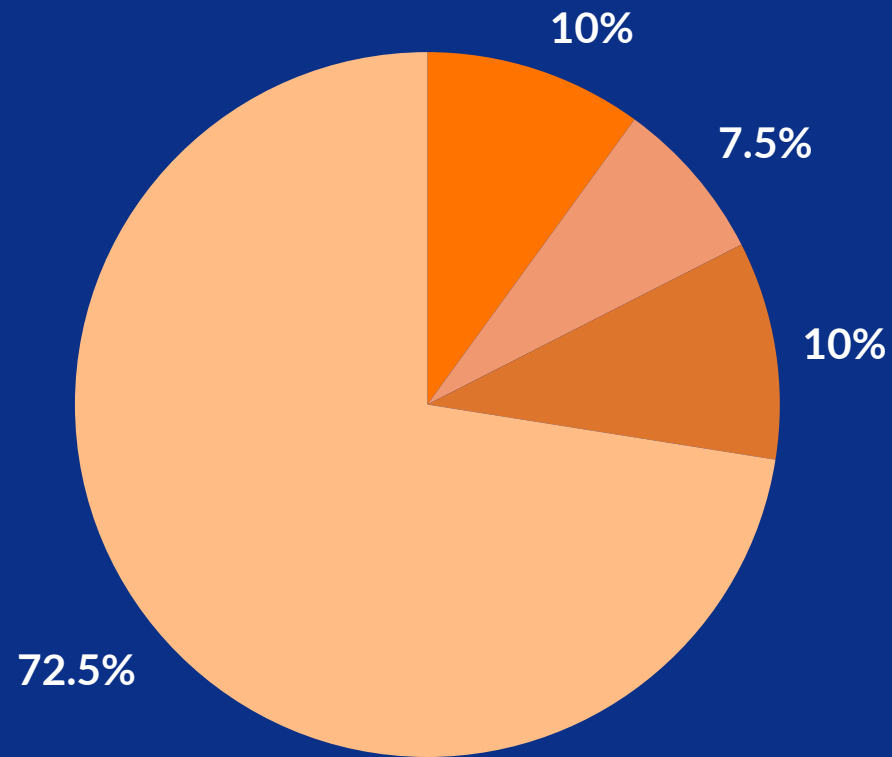


NGs that have organised a Pre-Moot in 2017/2018



- 3 NGs have organised a Pre-Moot in 2017/2018
- 37 NGs haven't organised a Pre-Moot in 2017/2018

NGs interested in organising a Pre-Moot or Pre-Round in 2018/2019



- Yes, a Pre-Moot: 4 NGs
- Yes, an official Pre-Round: 3 NGs
- Yes, both: 4 NGs
- No: 29 NGs

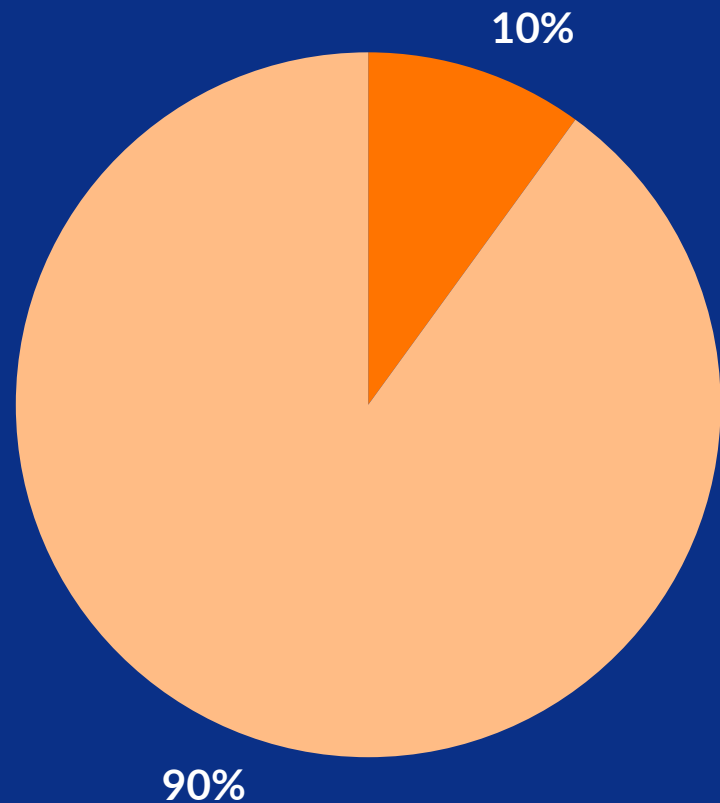
ELSA Moot Court Competitions (EMCC)



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The John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition

NGs planning to apply to host a Regional Round for the term 2019/2020



■ Yes: 4 NGs

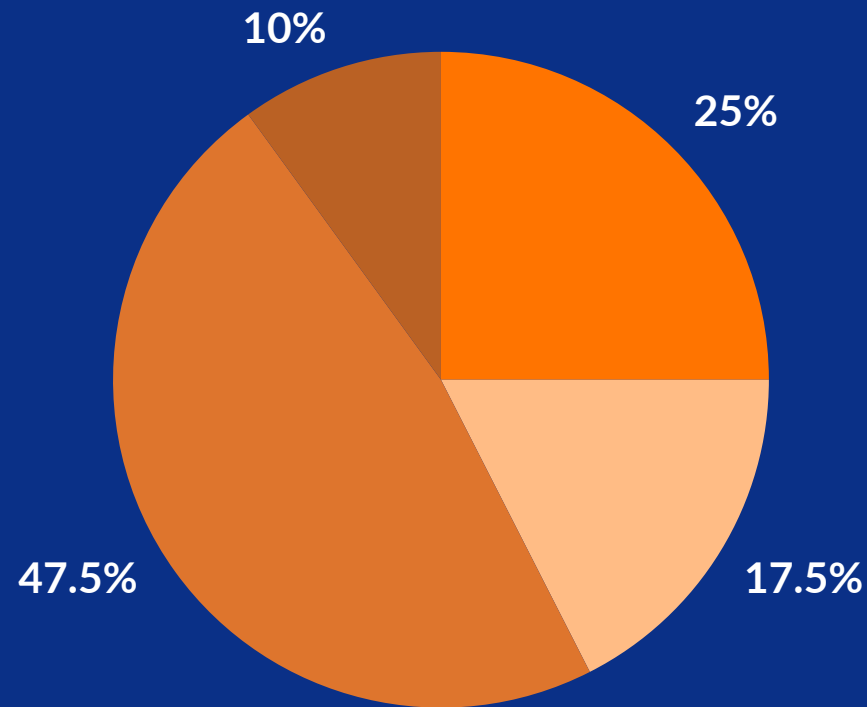
■ No: 36 NGs

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National Moot Court Competition

National Groups organising Moot Court Competitions

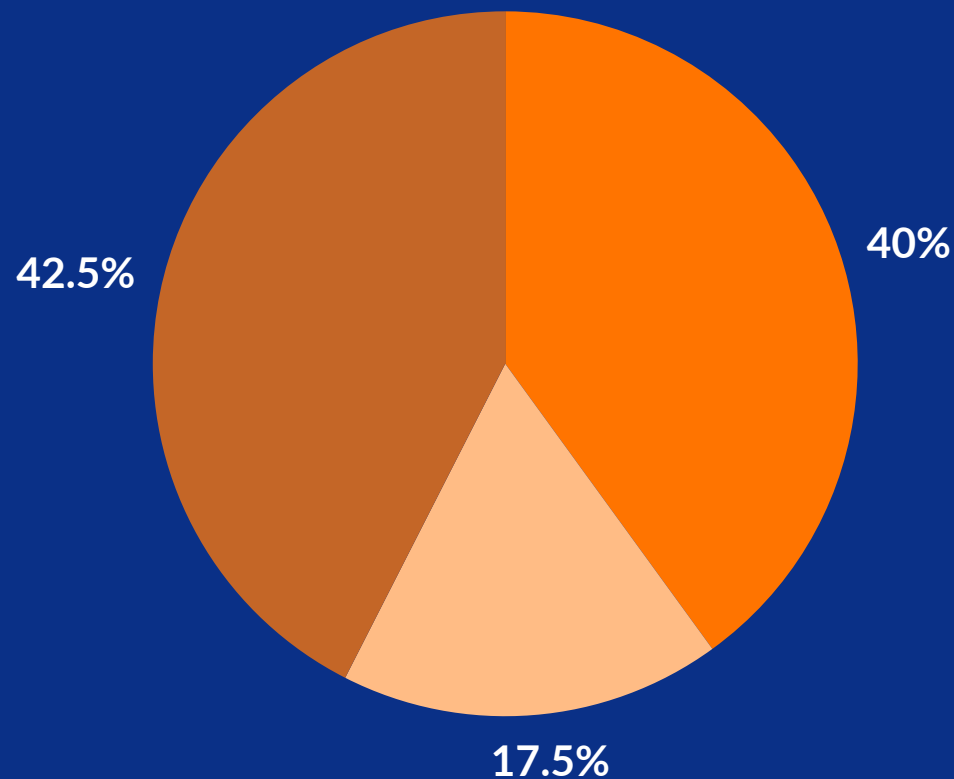


- No, we only have Local Moot Court Competitions: 10 NGs
- No, we do not have any Moot Court Competitions: 7 NGs
- Yes, it is organised by the National Board: 19 NGs
- Yes, it is organised by a Local Group: 4 NGs



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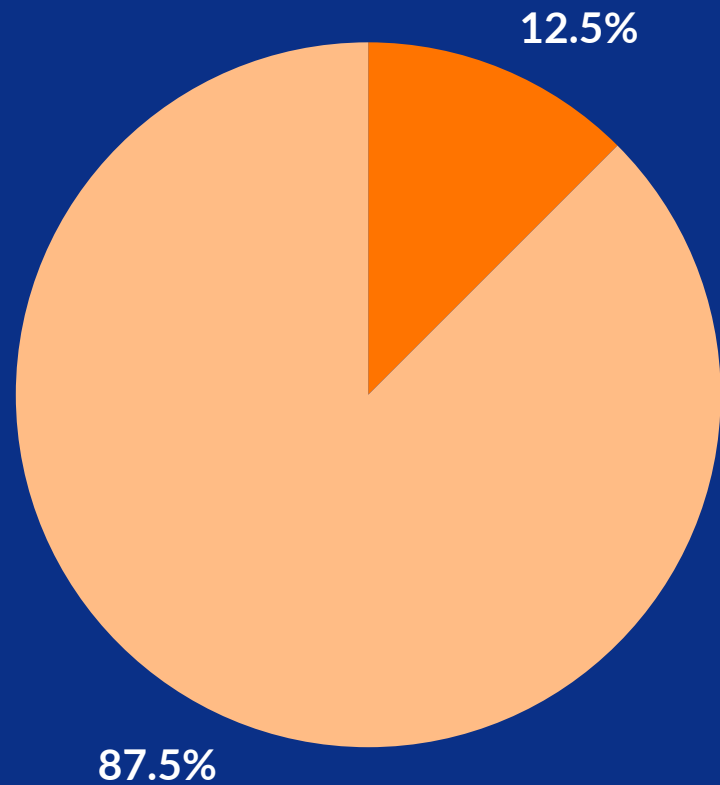
Responsible for Moot Court Competitions at the national level



- Yes, we have a Vice President for Moot Court Competitions: 16 NGs
- Yes, we have a Director for Moot Court Competitions: 7 NGs
- No, the Vice President for Academic Activities is responsible for Moot Court Competitions: 17 NGs



Communication with teams participating in the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition



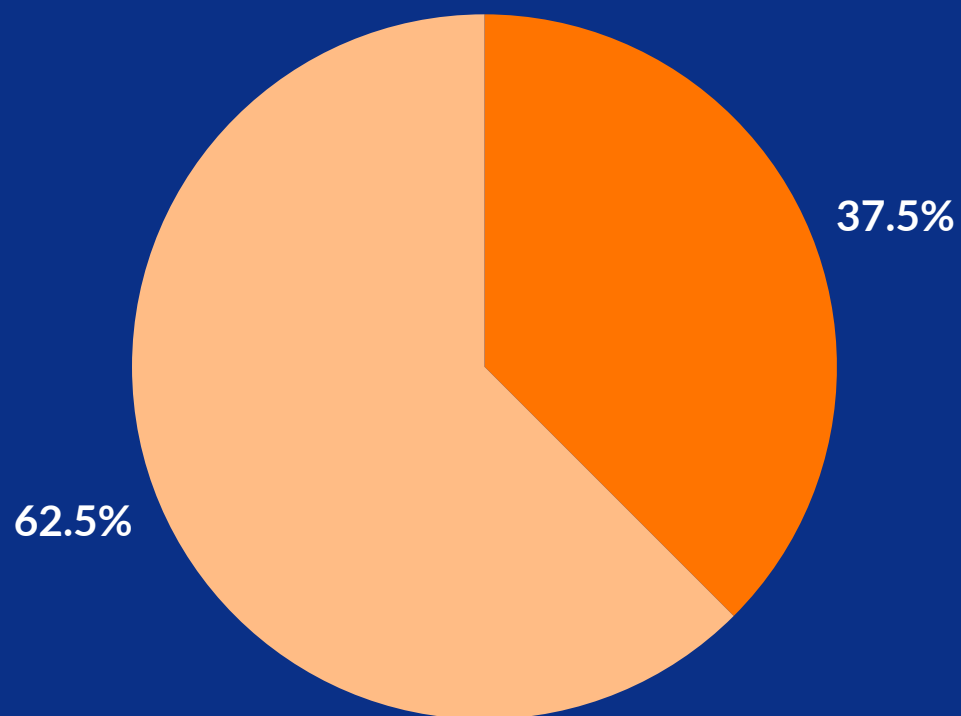
■ Yes: 5 NGs

■ No: 35 NGs

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Would you like to have more guidance from the VP MCC?



■ Yes: 15 NGs

■ No: 25 NGs

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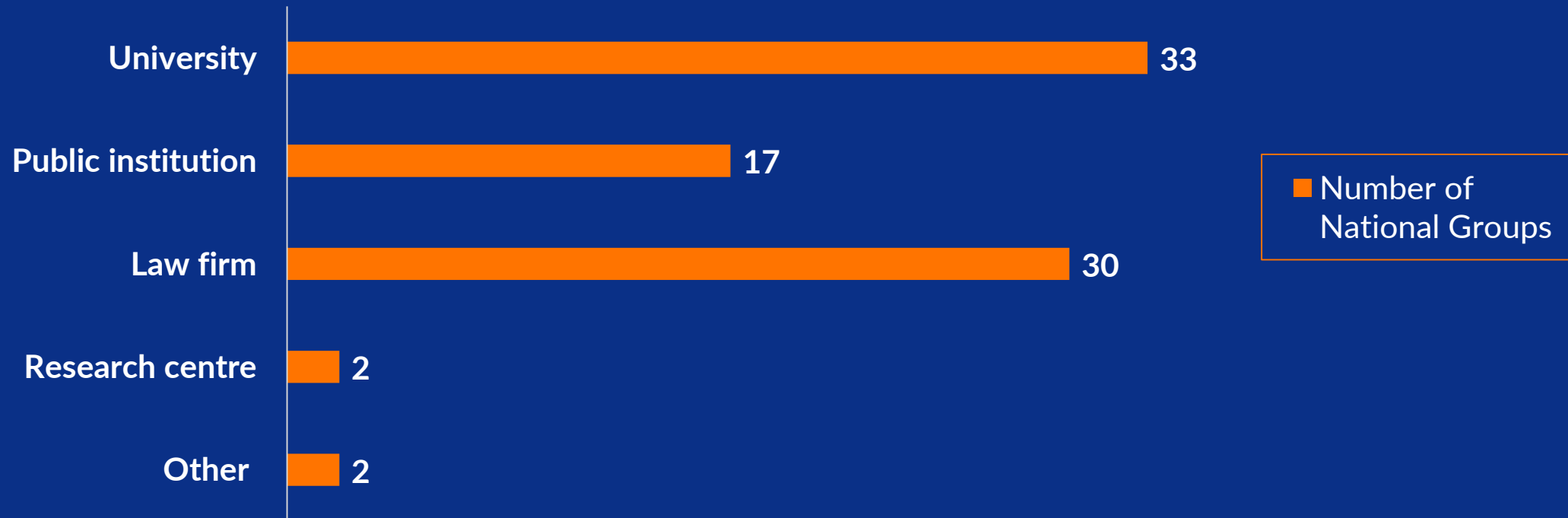
Seminars & Conferences (S&C)



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Partners of S&C projects

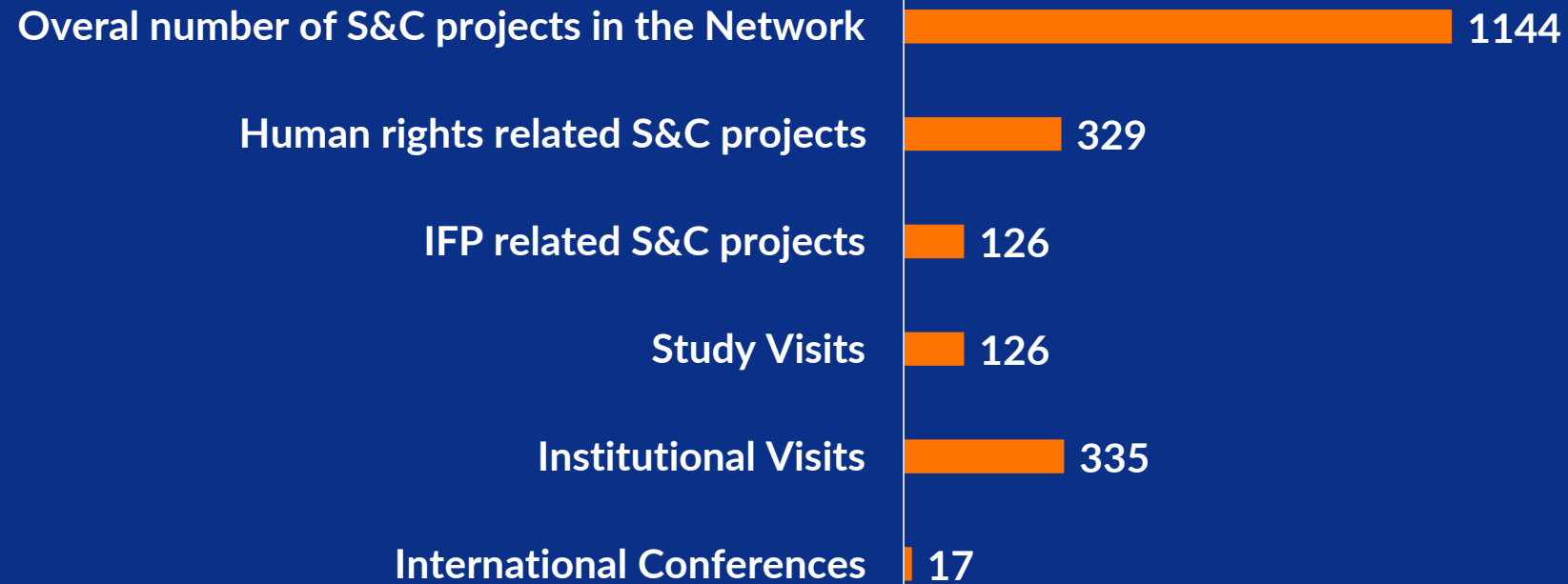
within respective national networks



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S&C projects overview

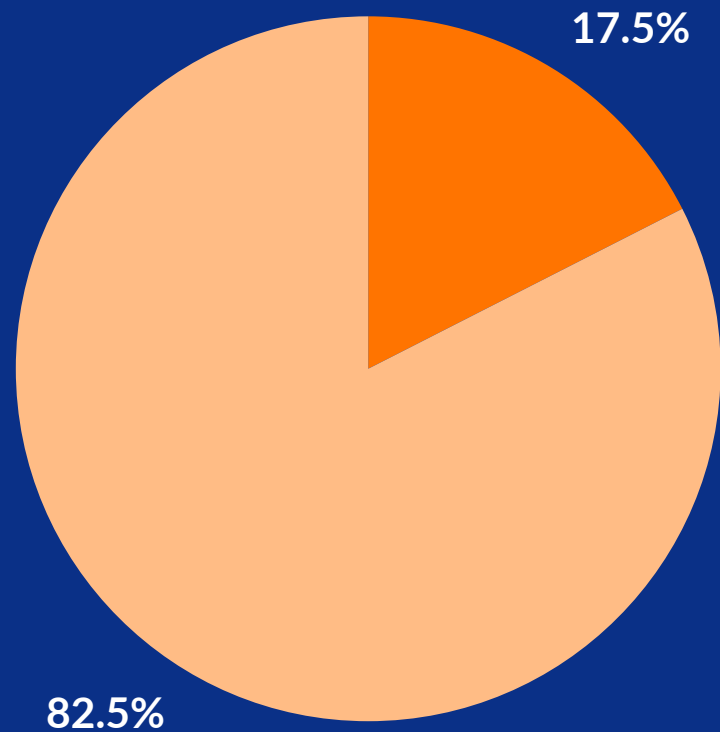
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Webinars

NGs that organised them



■ Yes: 7 NGs

■ No: 33 NGs



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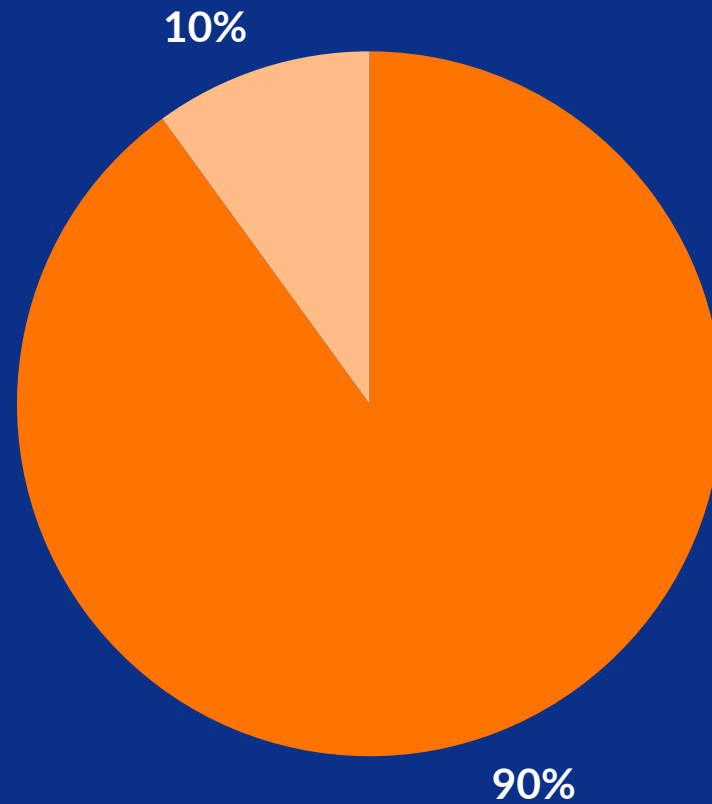
Student Trainee Exchange Programme (STEP)



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Information

NGs that are receiving sufficient information from ELSA International regarding STEP



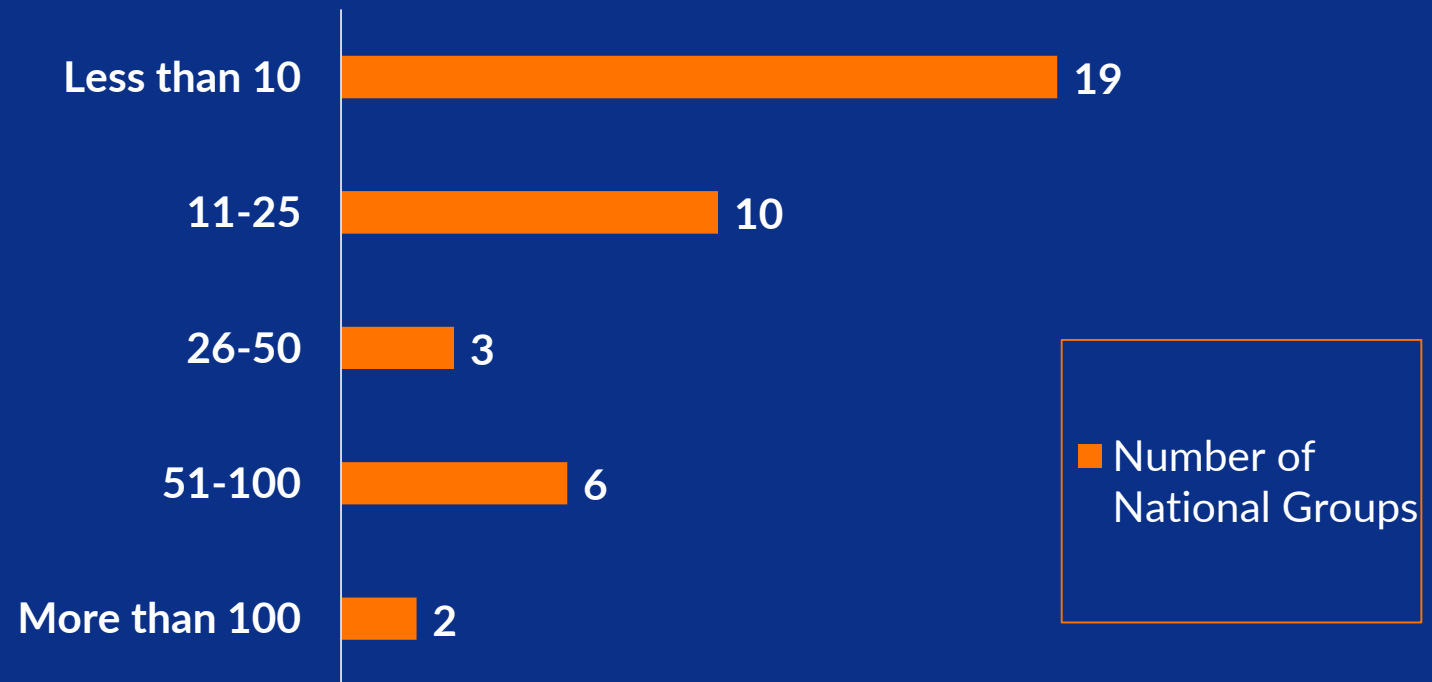
■ Yes: 36 NGs

■ No: 4 NGs



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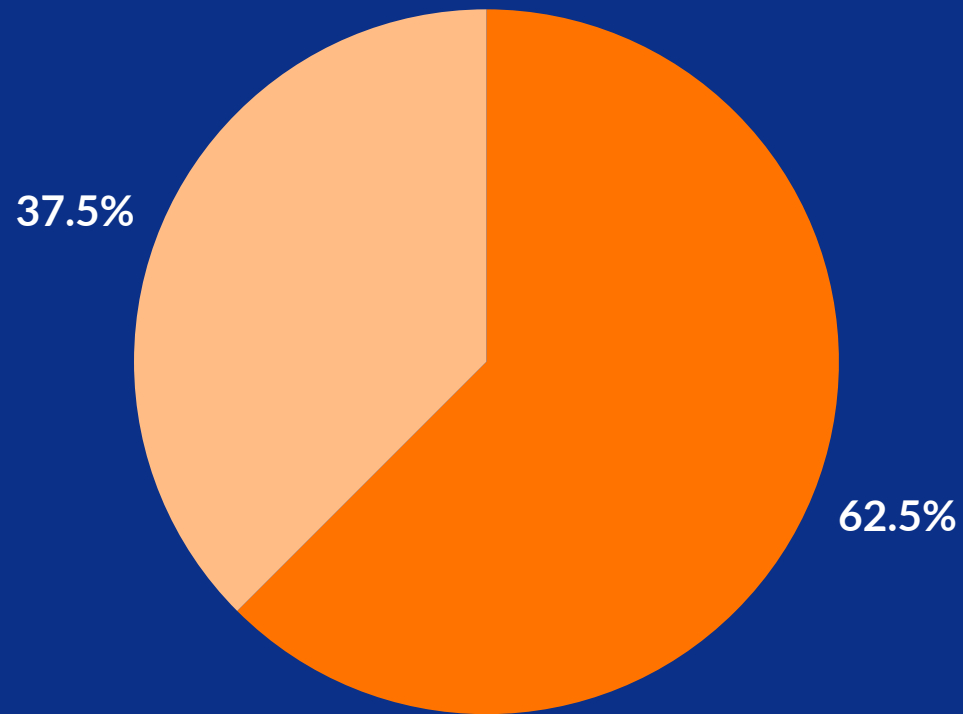
Number of potential STEP providers approached



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Database of potential Traineeship Providers



■ Yes: 25 NGs

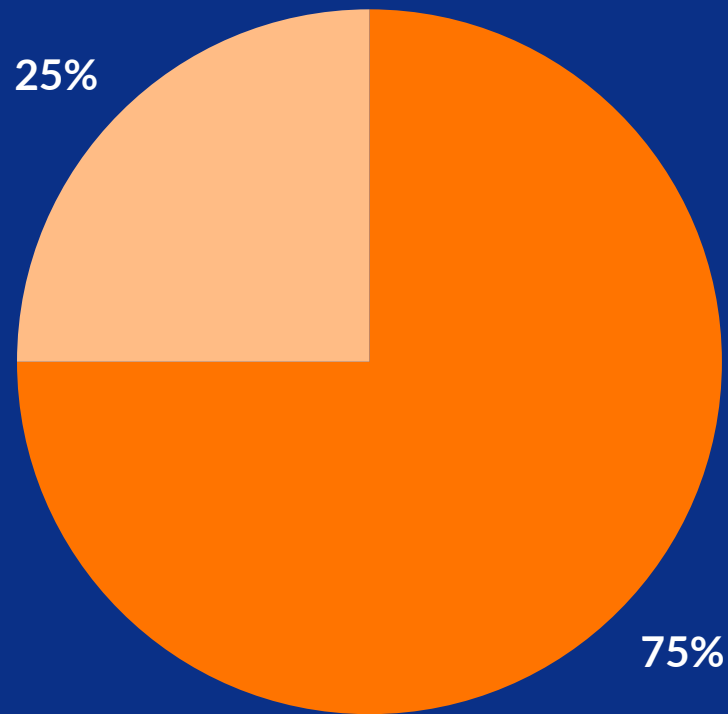
■ No: 15 NGs

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Usage of Slack

as the main mean of communication



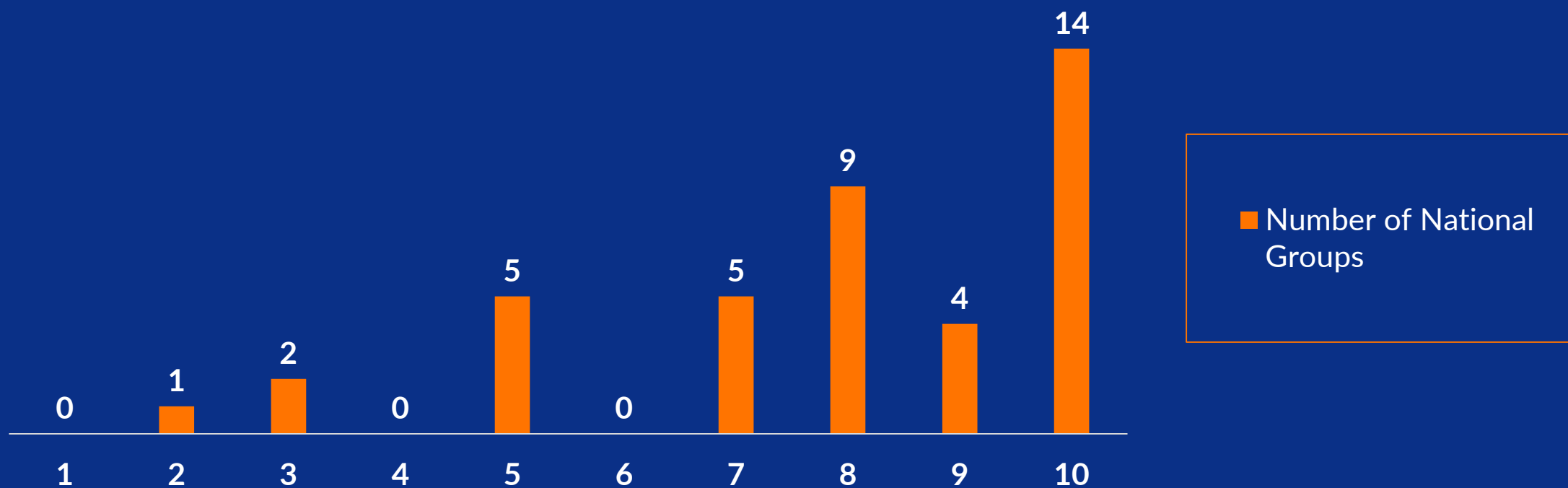
■ Yes: 30 NGs

■ No: 10 NGs

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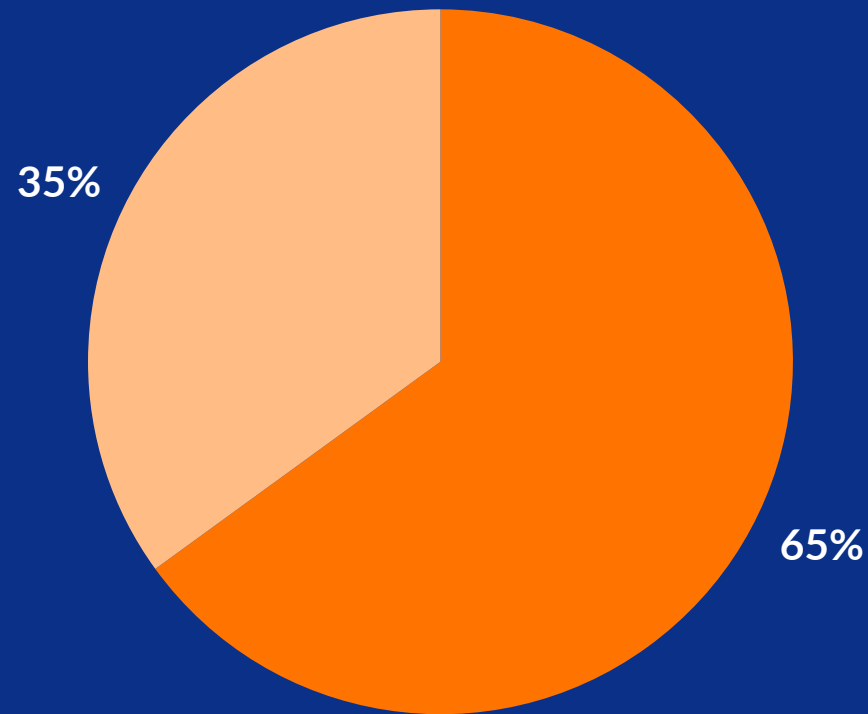
Helpfulness of the STEP Coaching System/STEP Coach



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STEP Coaching System/STEP Coach

NGs that were in an actual need of it so far



■ Yes: 26 NGs

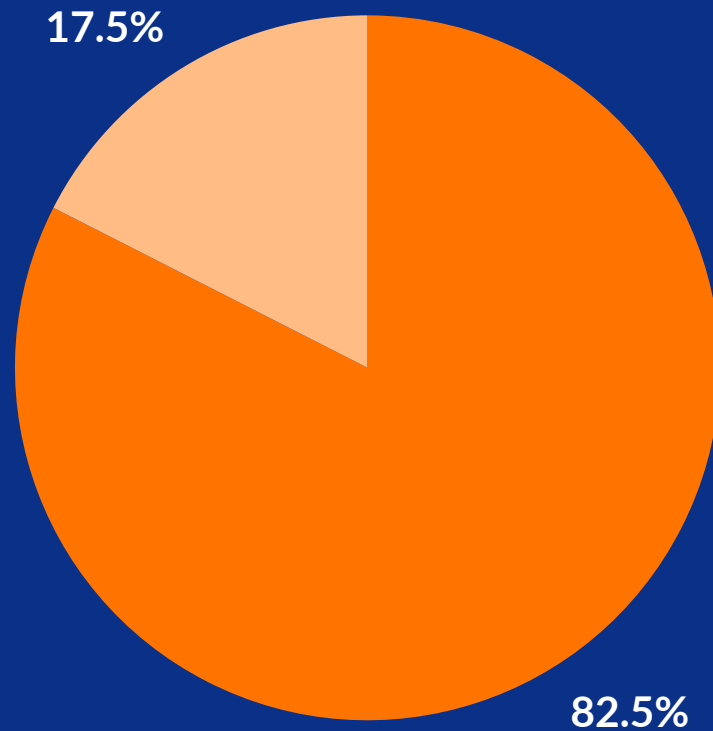
■ No: 14 NGs

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STEP Coaching System

NGs that think they need to be part of it in the future (for their successors)



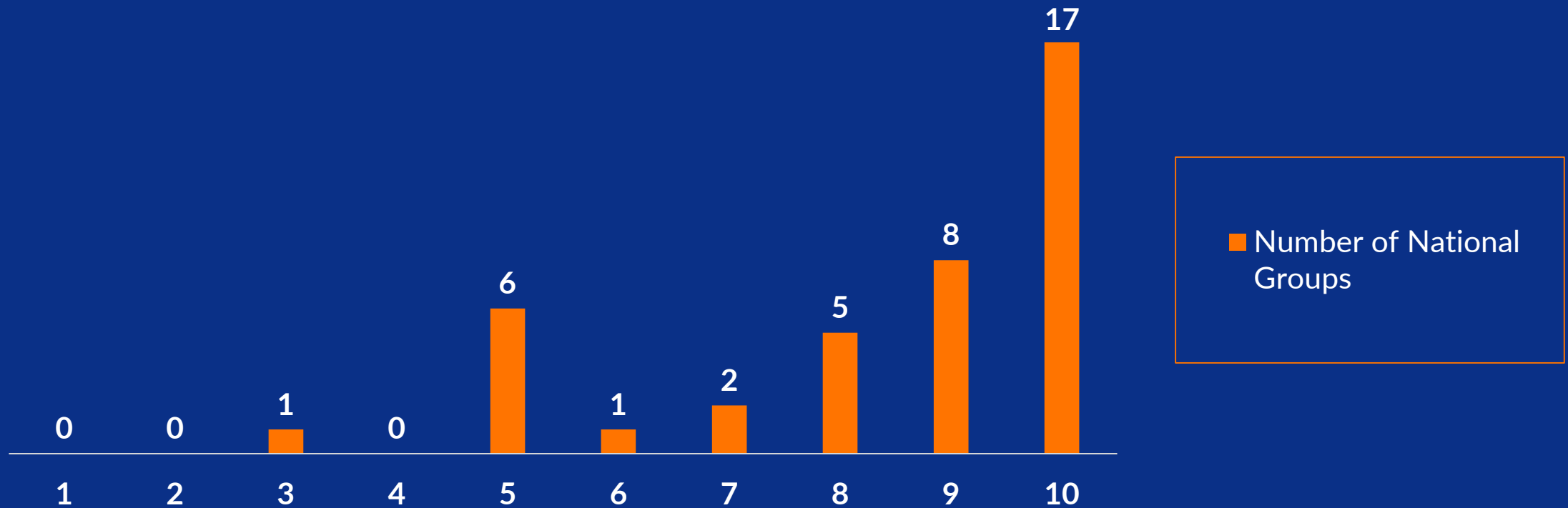
■ Yes: 33 NGs

■ No: 7 NGs

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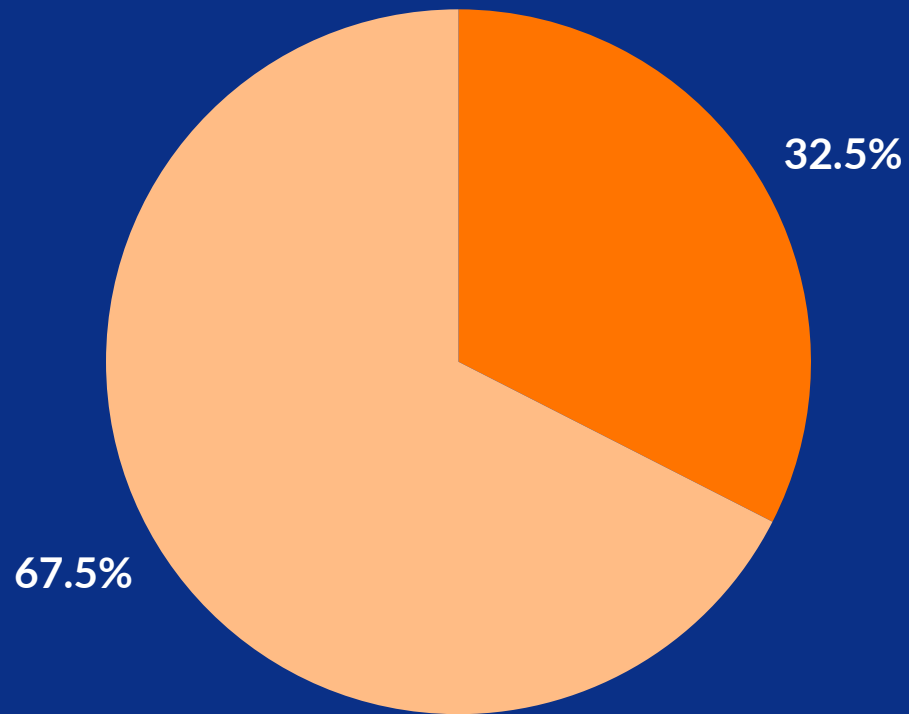
Communication with STEP Coaches



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Coaching System

Should Local STEP Officers be part of it?



■ Yes: 13 NGs

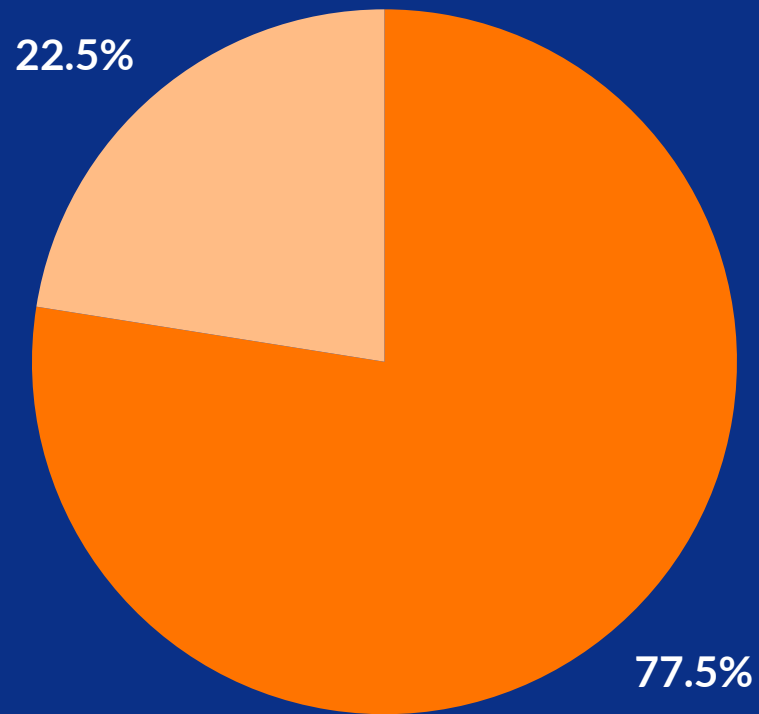
■ No: 27 NGs

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Usage of the Traineeship Agreement

provided by the ELSA International



■ Yes: 31 NGs

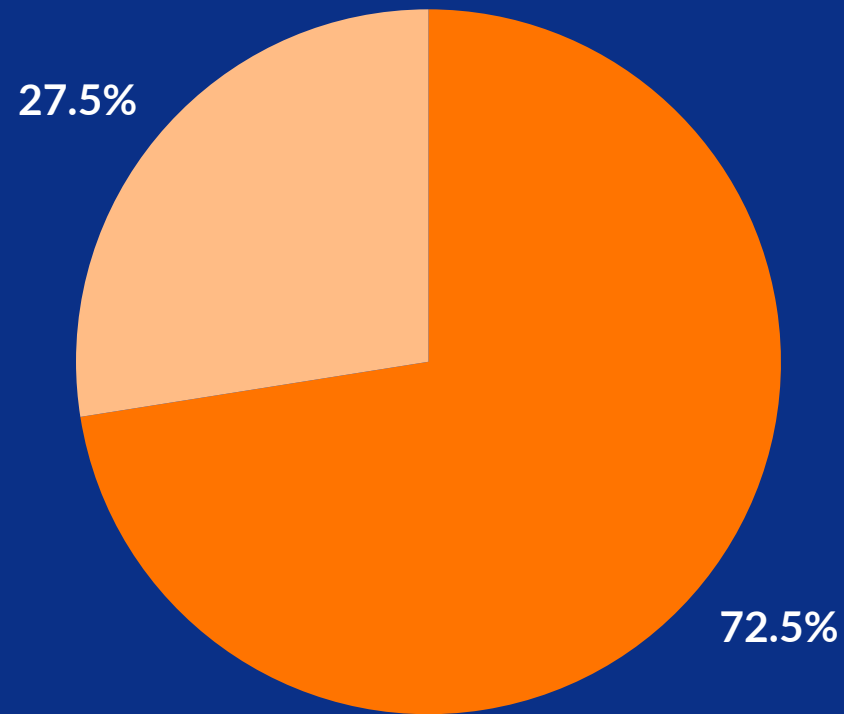
■ No: 9 NGs

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Traineeship Agreement

Is the Traineeship Agreement legally binding or enforceable in your country's jurisdiction?



■ Yes: 29 NGs

■ No: 11 NGs

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