

27th State of Network Report

Based on the results of the 27th State of the Network Inquiry
conducted before the LXXVI ICM Constanta 2019



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Forword

Dear Network,

I proudly present to you the 27th State of the Network report, based on the 27th State of Network Inquiry.

I would like to thank the Secretary General of ELSA International for the opportunity to contribute to the network and for all the help and support.

I would also want to thank the National Groups who filled in the inquiry. This means that ELSA International is able to contribute to the network and improve even further through the recommendations and the specific needs of the National and Local Groups.

This report shows that the entire network of ELSA is hard working and dedicated towards the association. Together we can achieve anything.

Kind regards,

Assistant for Internal Managament 2019/2020

Andrine Nordahl Holte



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Abbreviations

- NG – National Group
- LG – Local Group
- IFP – International Focus Programme
- SotN – State of the Network
- HR – Human Resources
- SG – Strategic Goals
- CI – Corporate Identity
- DP – Data Protection
- EDF – ELSA Development Foundation



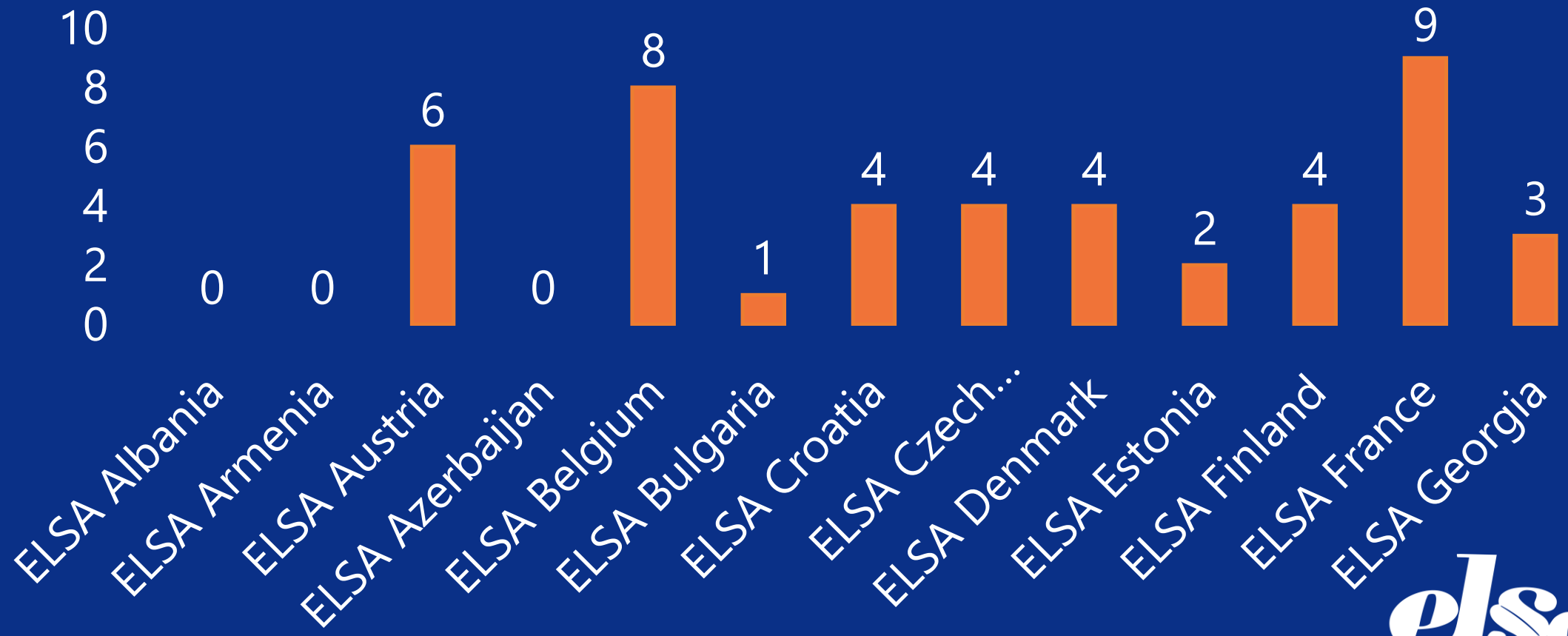
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General Information



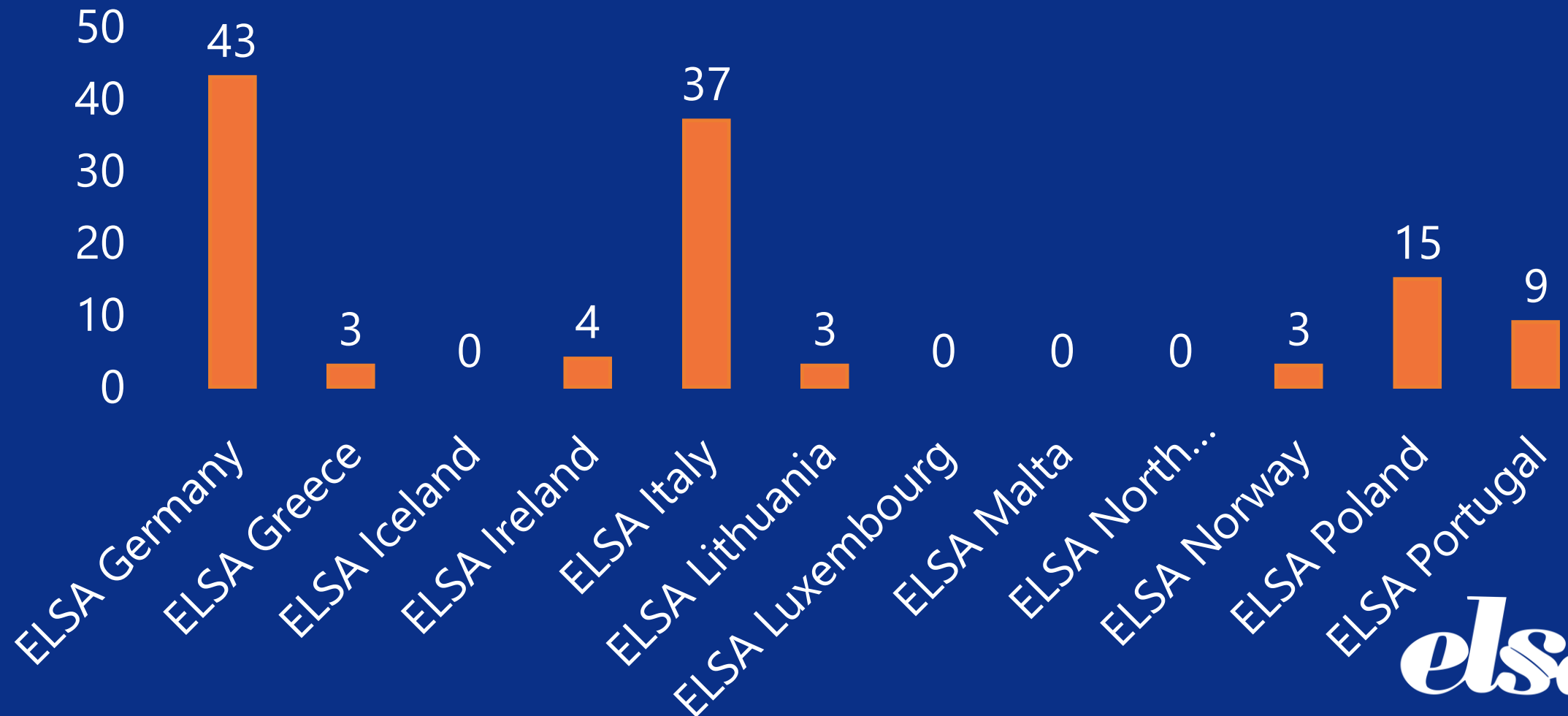
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Number of local groups



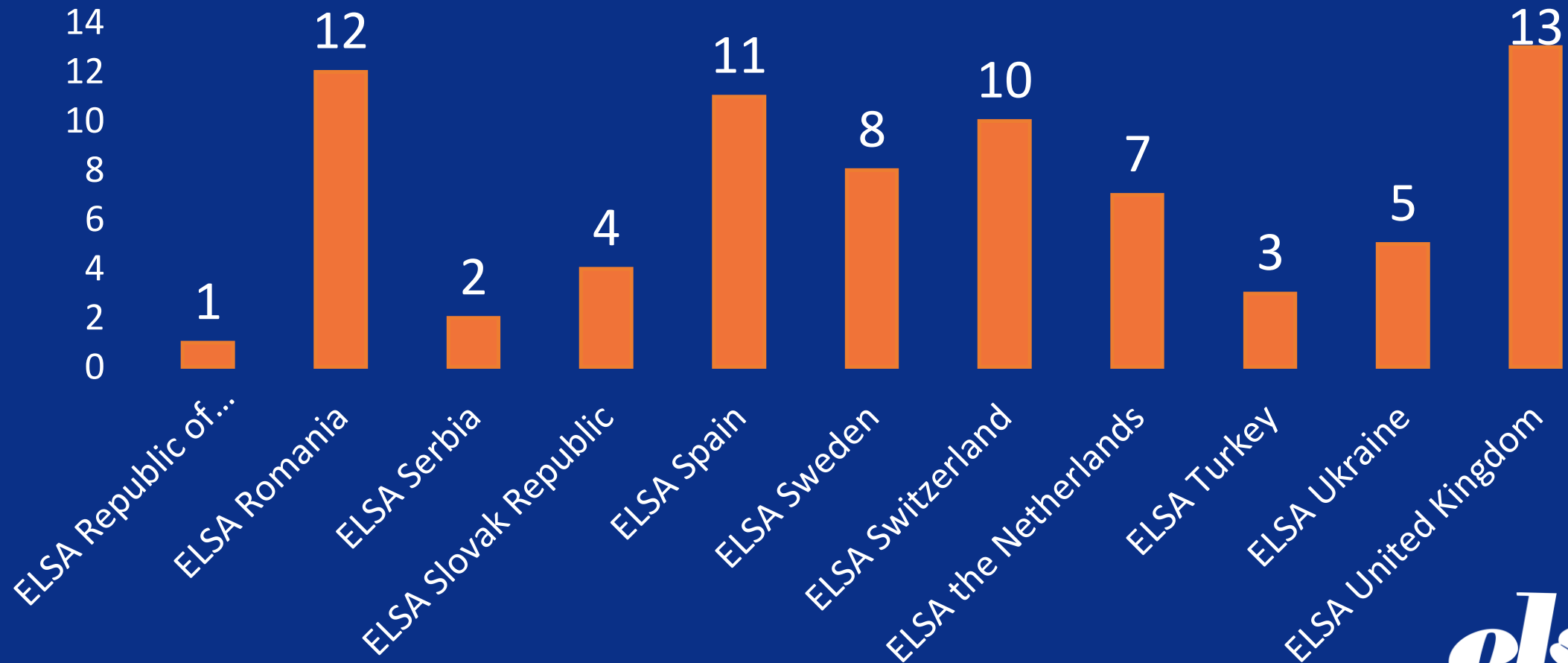
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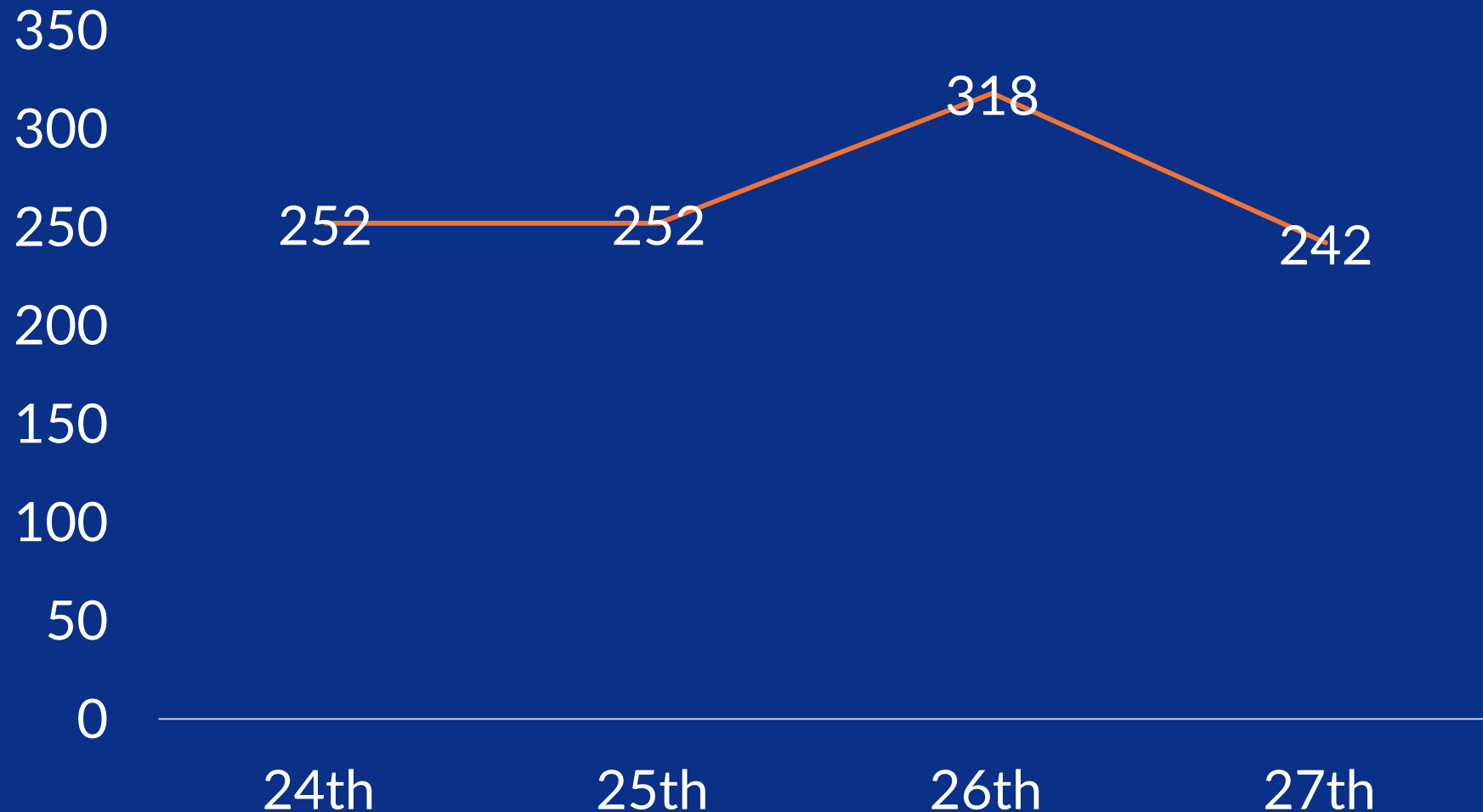
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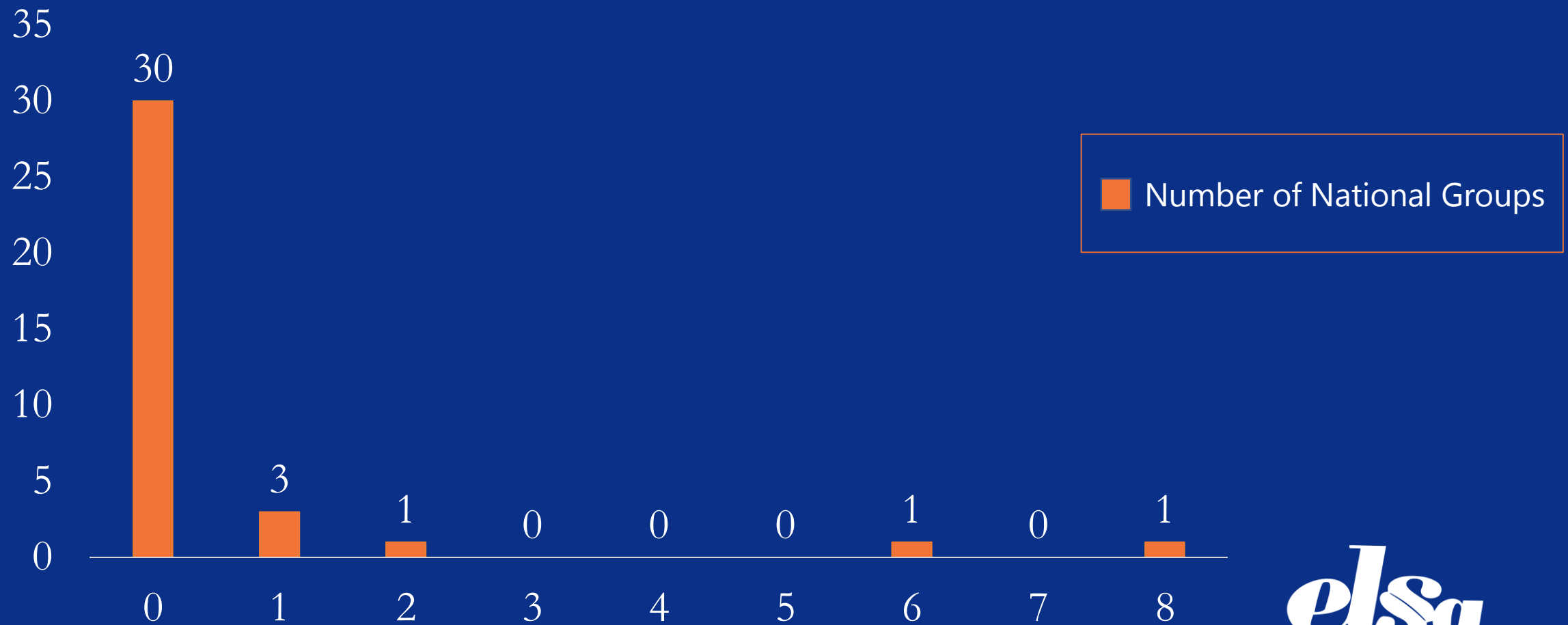


24th SotN – 252
25th SotN – 252
26th SotN – 318
27th SotN – 242



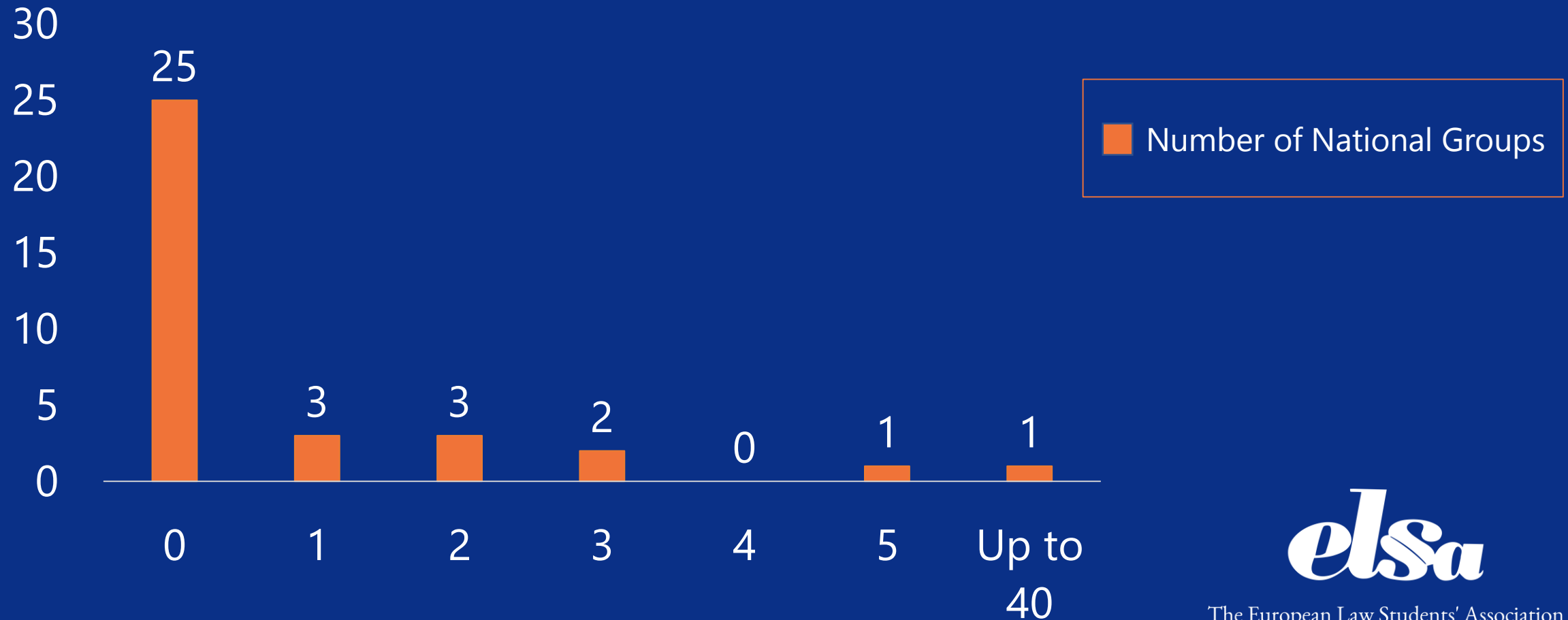
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Observer Local Groups per National Group



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Number of initiative Local Groups per National Group



Law Faculties/Law Faculties covered by a NG/LG



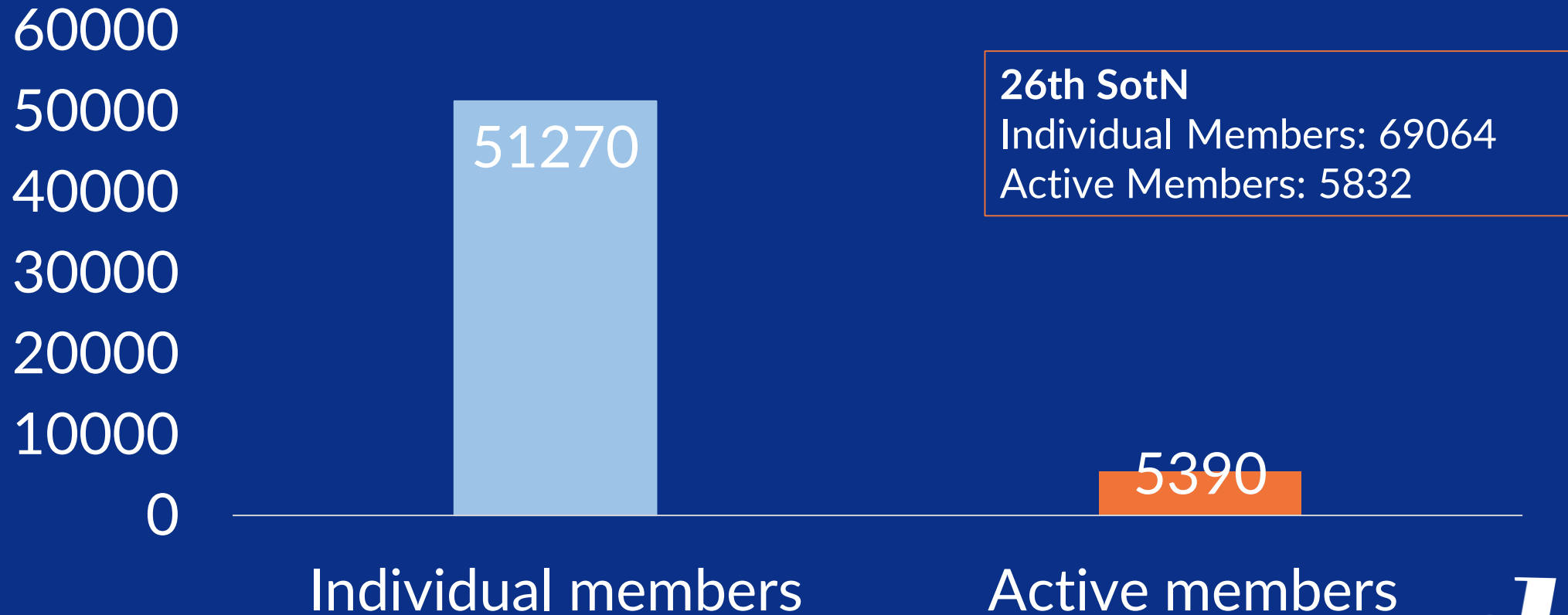
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Total number of law students in the ELSA Countries



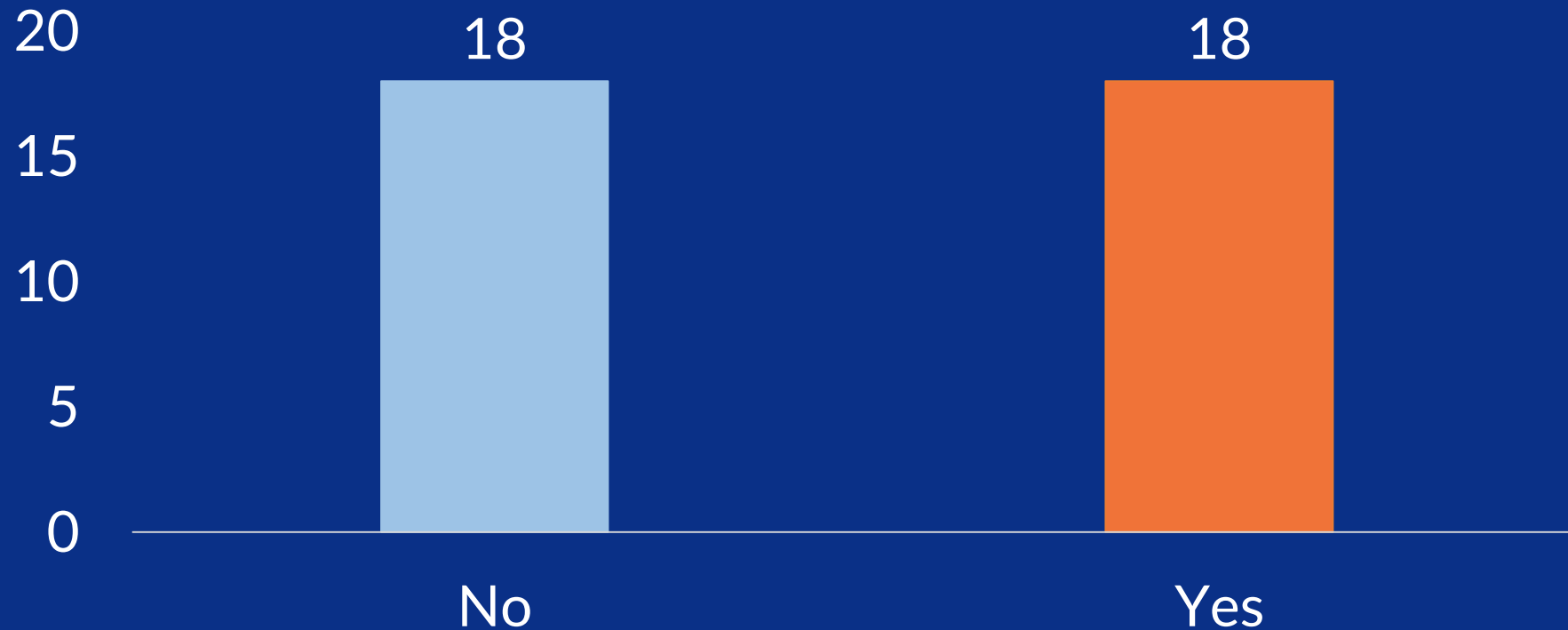
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Individual Members and Active Members



Vacant positions

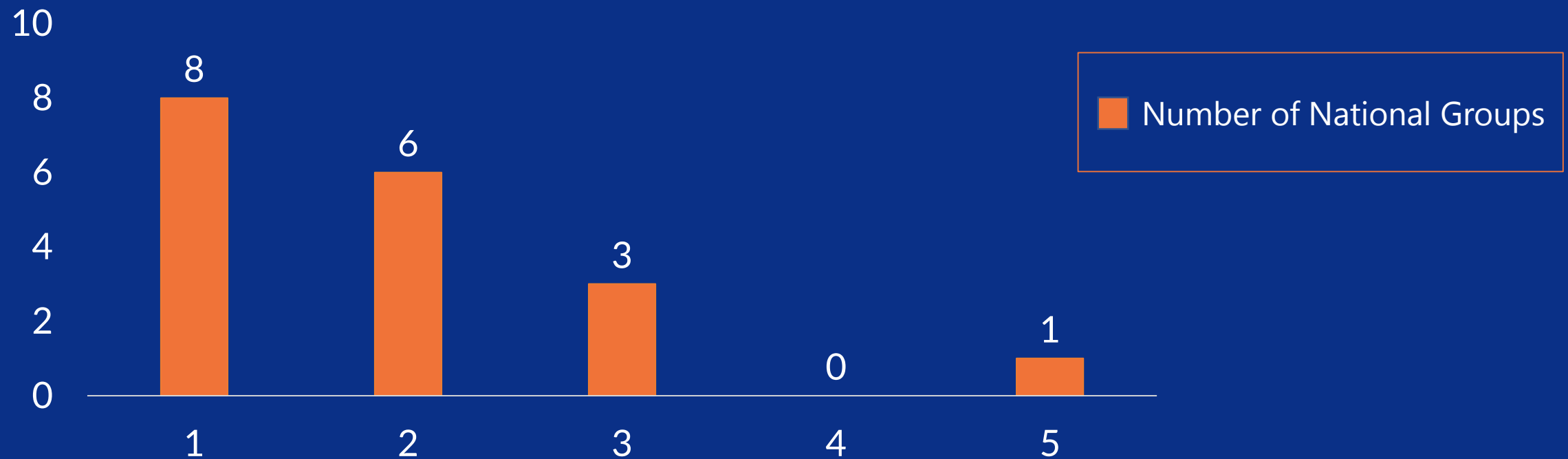
Number of National Groups with vacant positions in the Board?



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Vacant Positions

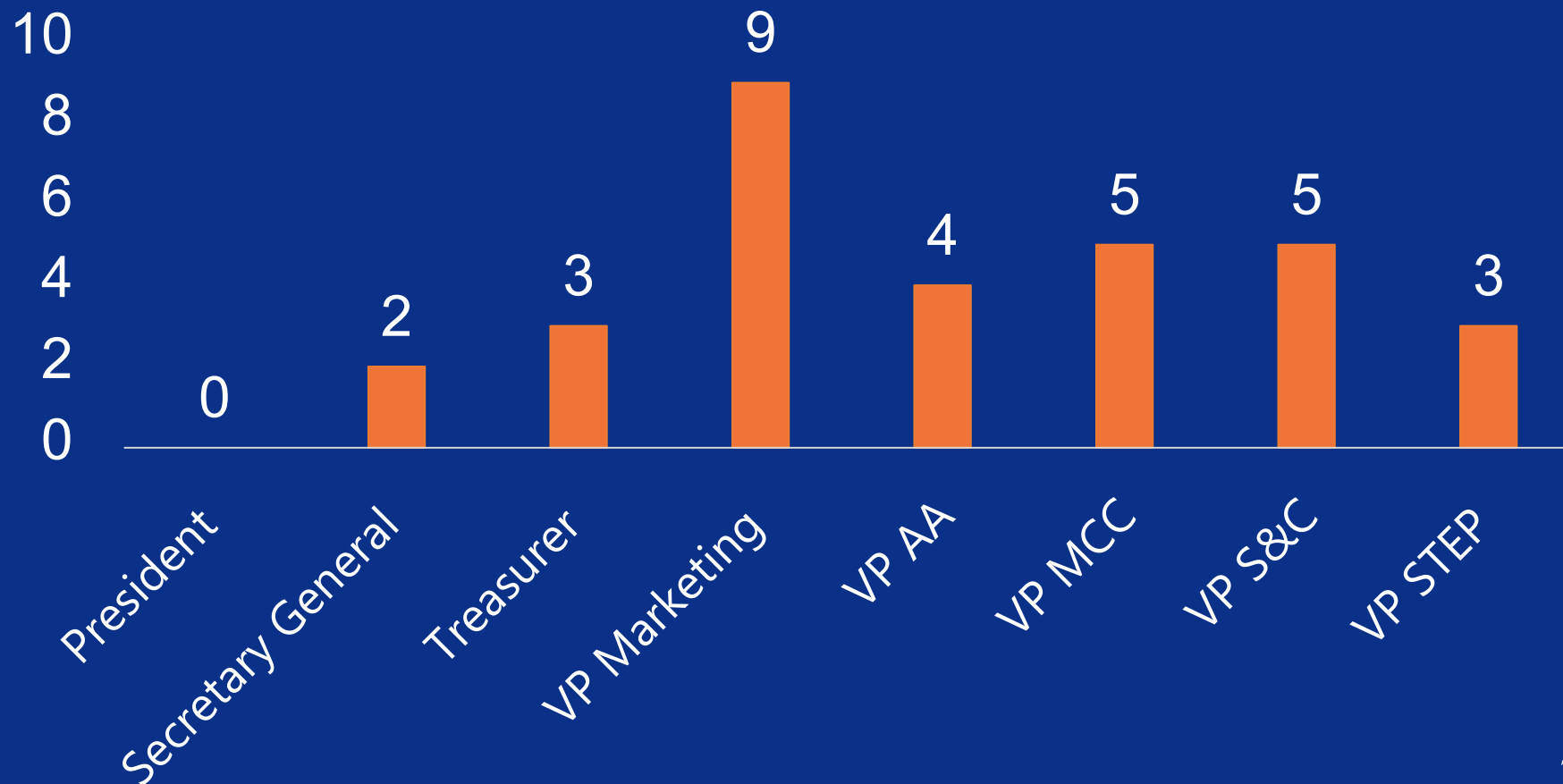
How many vacant positions do you have in Board?



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Vacant Positions in the Board

Which positions are vacant?



Top 3 vacant position:

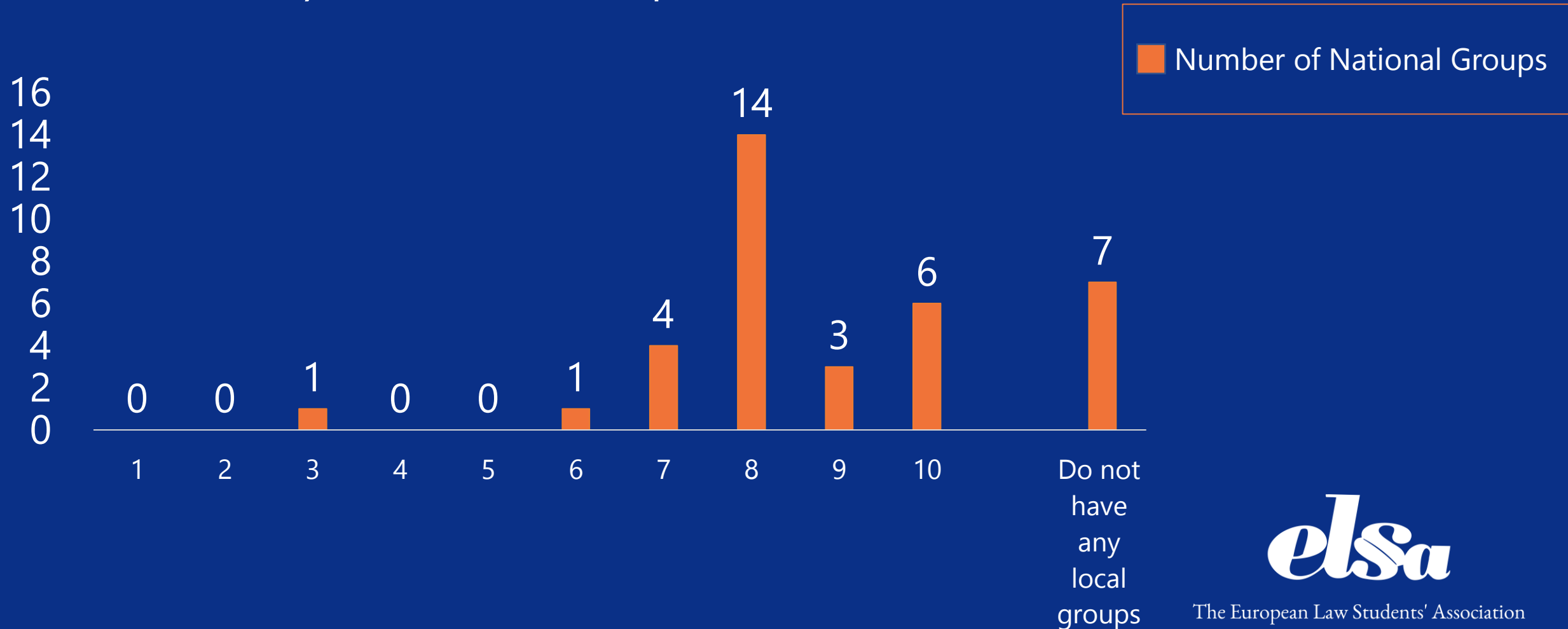
- VP Marketing
- VP MCC
- VP S&C



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Communcation: NG and LG

Evaluated by the National Groups on a scale from 1 – 10

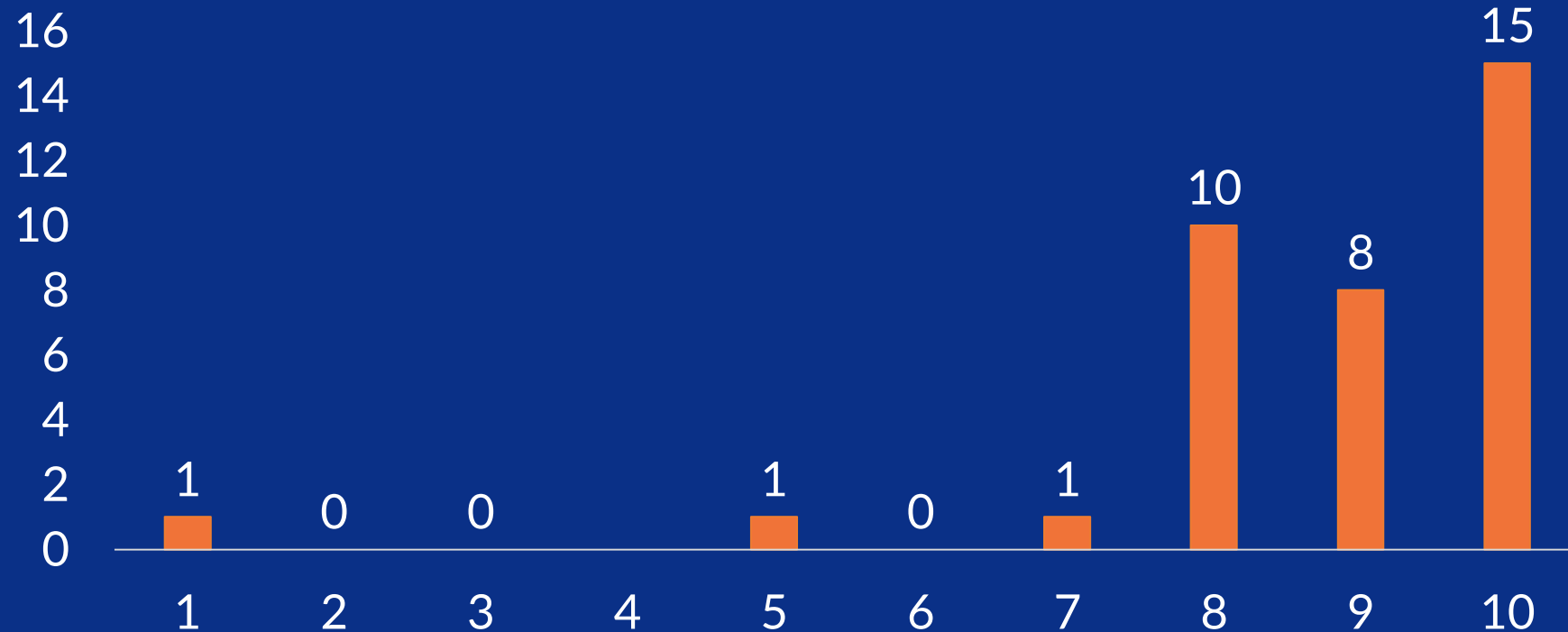


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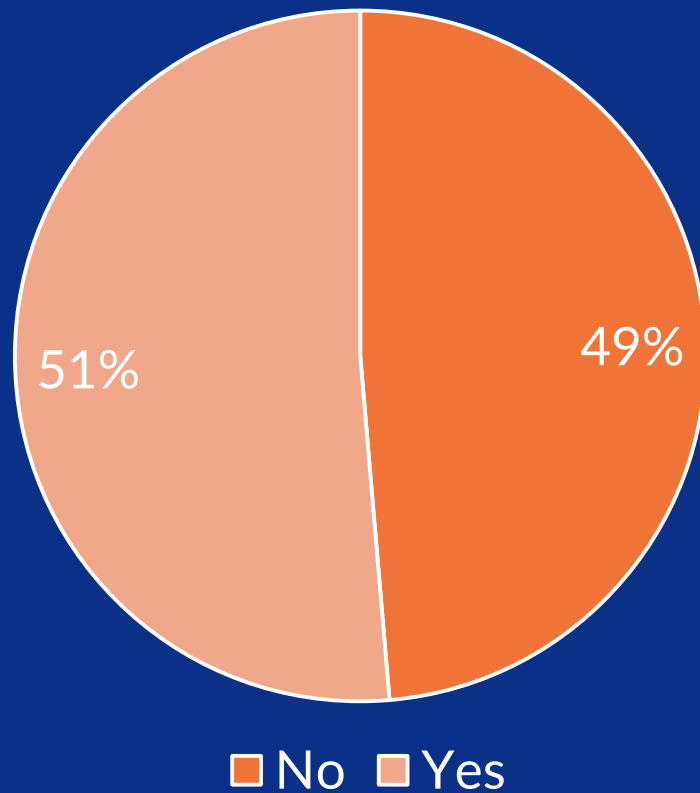
Number of National Groups



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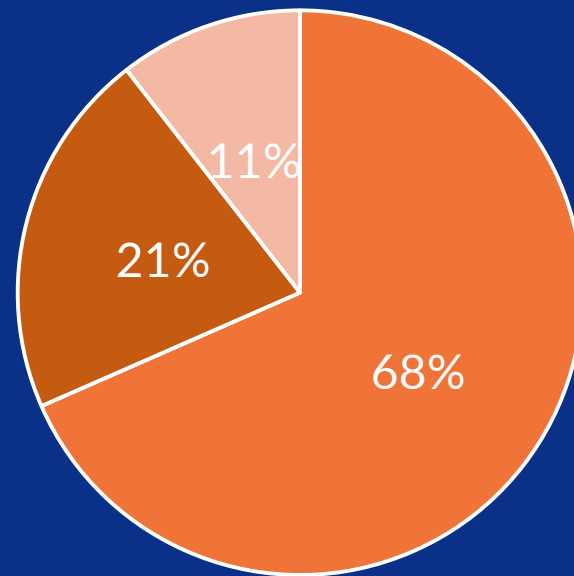
Data Protection

Person responsible for Data Protection within the National Board?



19 NB with a person responsible for DP
18 NB without a person responsible for DP

Specify the name of the position reponsible for Data Protection



■ Secretary General

■ Director for Data Protection/ Data protection officer/Director for GDPR etc

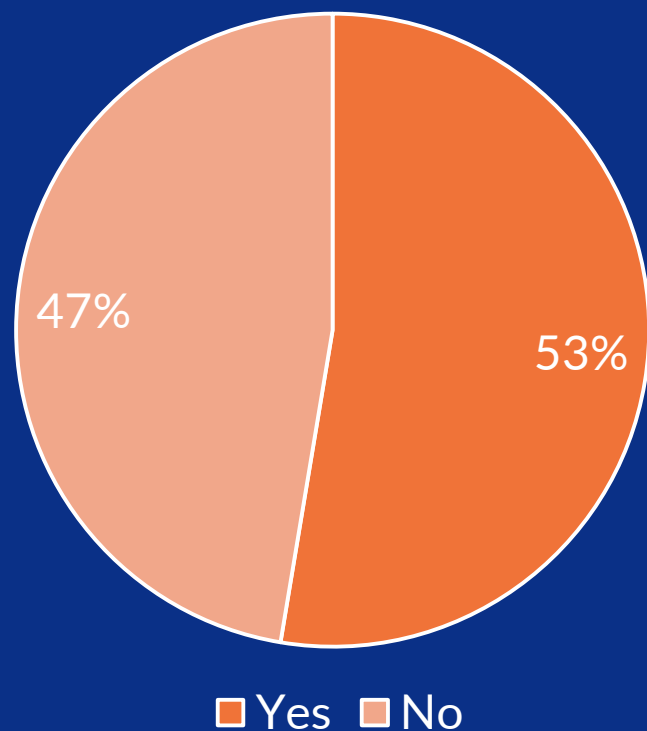
■ Other



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Data Protection Strategy

Do you have a strategy regarding the implementation of the Data Protection in your country?



Member countries with a strategy for DP: **20**

Member countries without a strategy for DP: **18**



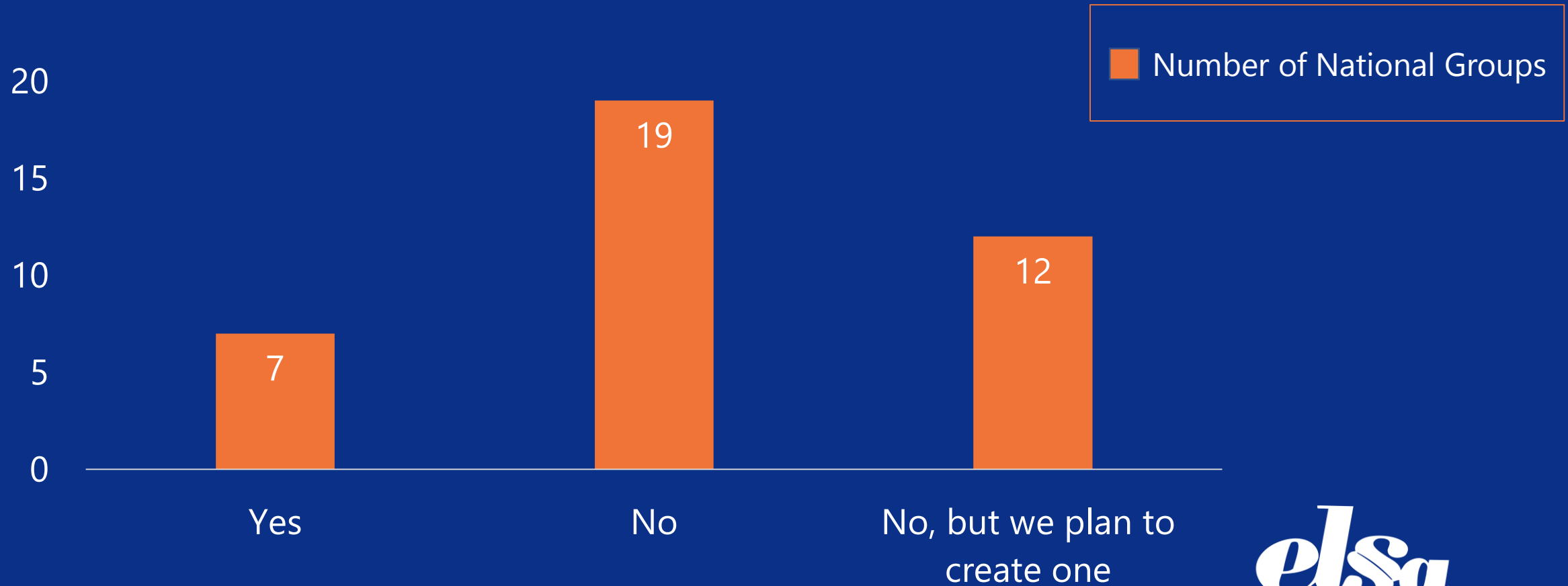
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Measures taken for Data Protection

- Establishing data protection policy – creating handbooks, writing Privacy Policy
- Inform and receive permission from the members to use the information
- Establishing a position in the board for Data Protection

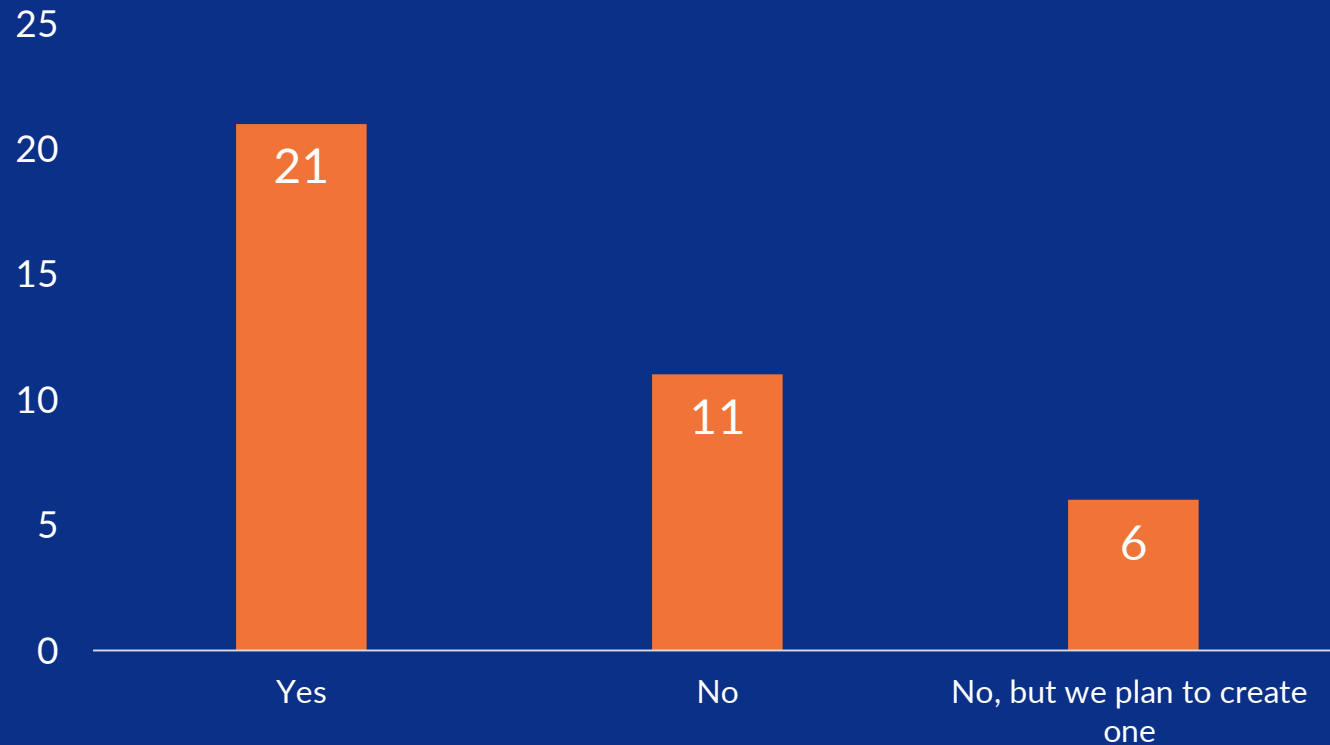


National Trainers' Pool



Online archive

Does your National Board have an online archive available to all ELSA officers?



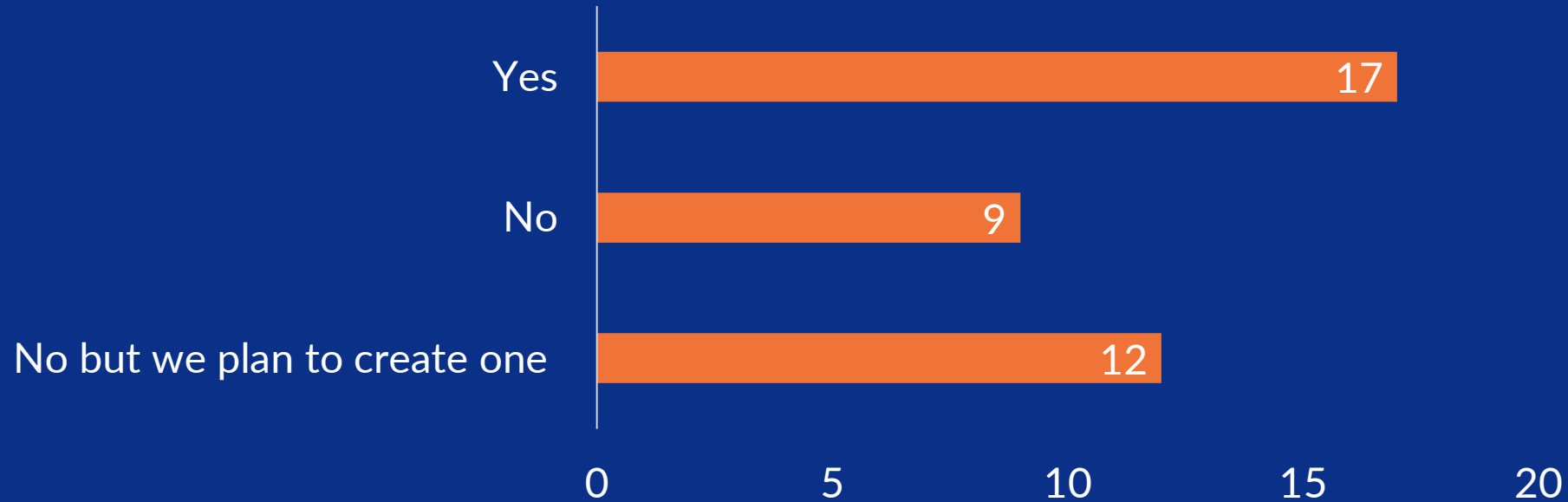
Type of archive:
Google Drive
National Officers Portal
G Suite
Minutes from the NCM,
Regulations, Strategic Plan
Website



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External Contacts' Database

Does your National Board have an external contacts' database?



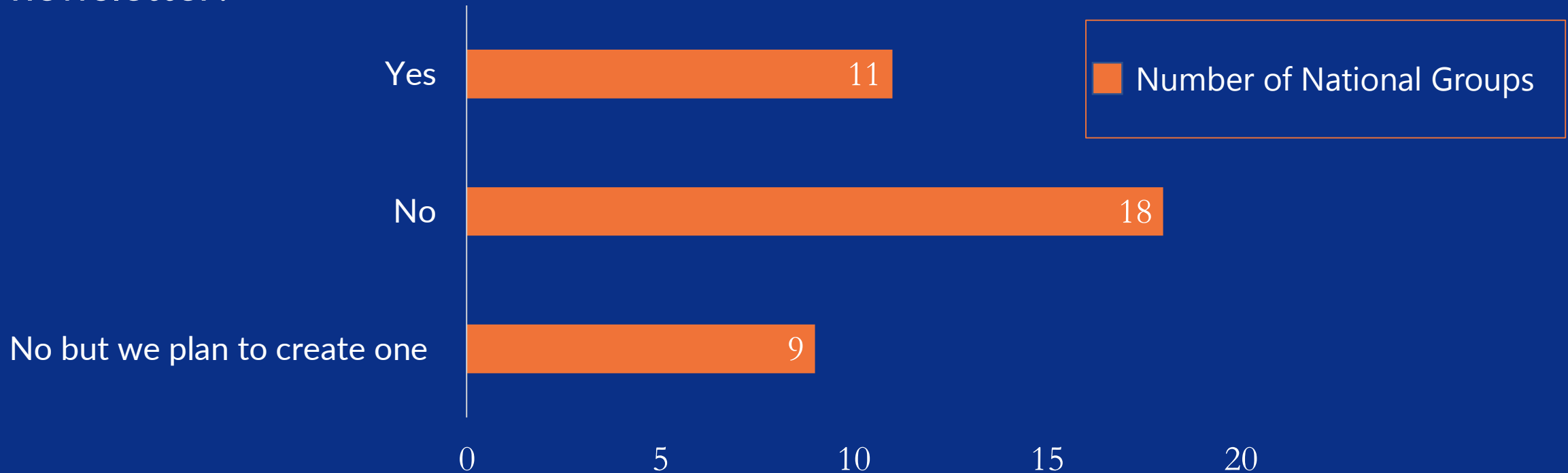
Number of National Groups

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Electronic Newsletter

Does your National Board issue an electronic newsletter?



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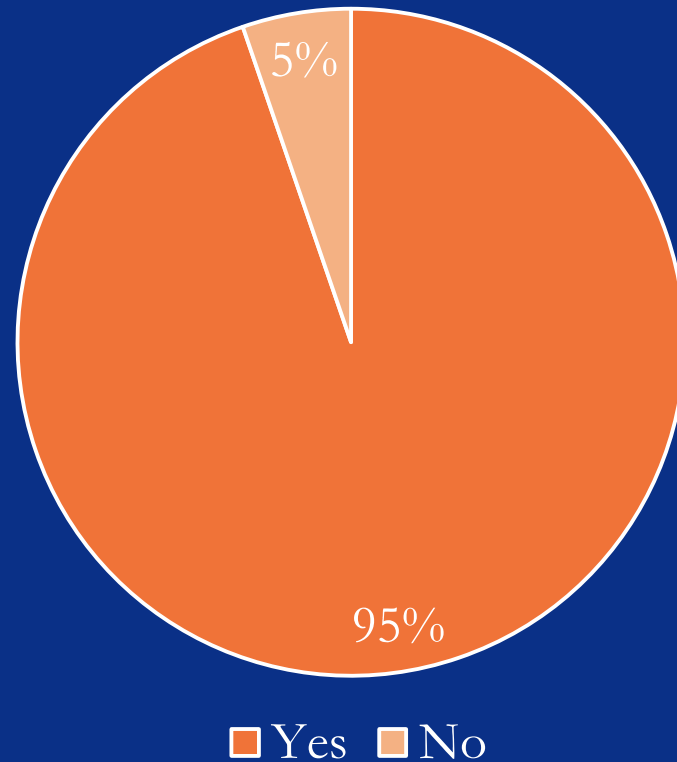
Strategic goals 2019-2023



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The Strategic goals 2019 - 2023

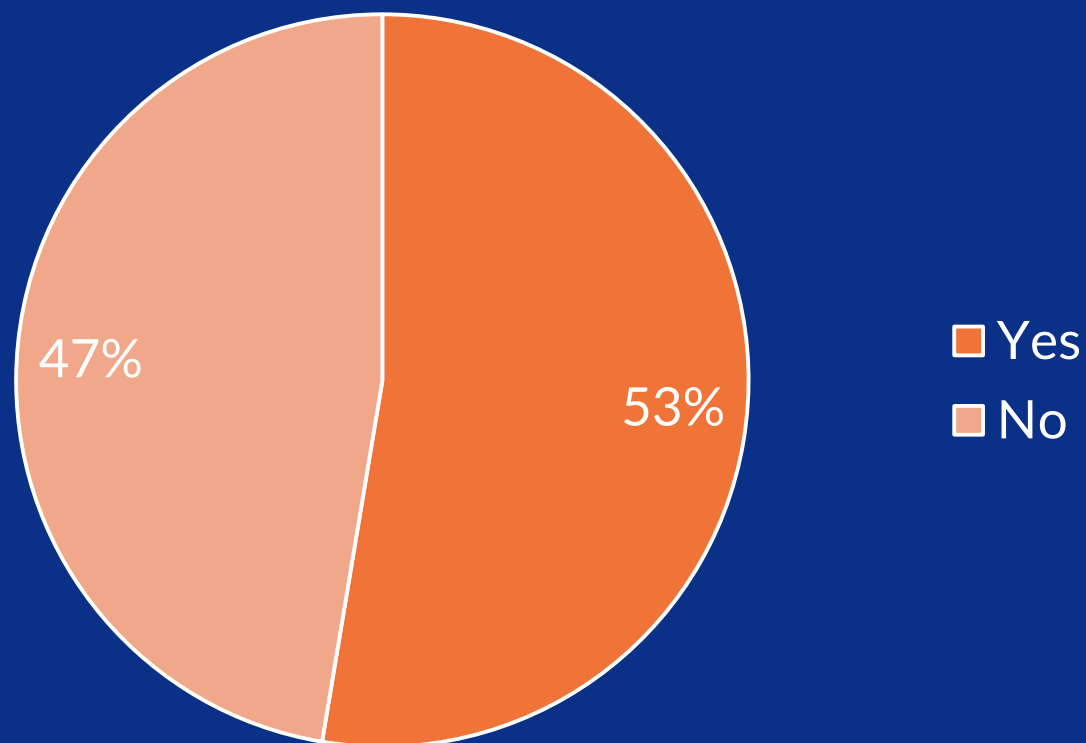
Familiarity with the newly voted SGs of ELSA International?



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The Strategic Goals 2019-2023

The newly voted SGs influence on the creation of One Year Operation Plan?



Number of NGs OYOP that has been influenced by the SGs: 20

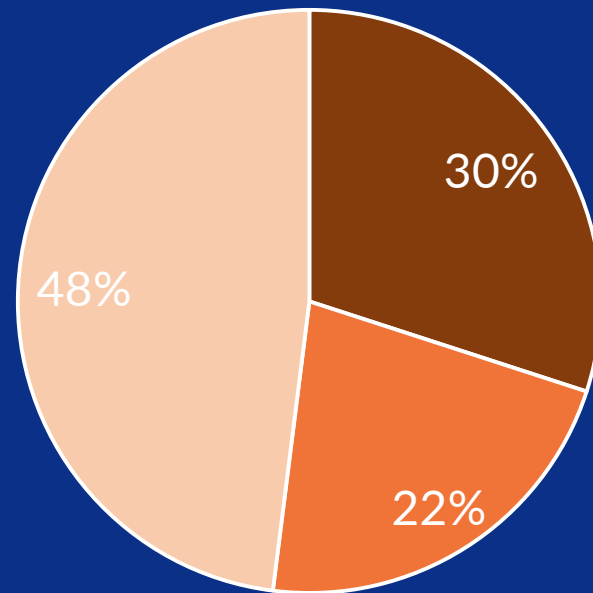
Number of NGs OYOP that has not been influenced by the SGs: 18



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The Strategic Goals 2019-2023

Which of the three 3 Strategic Goals will you be focusing on during 2019/2020?



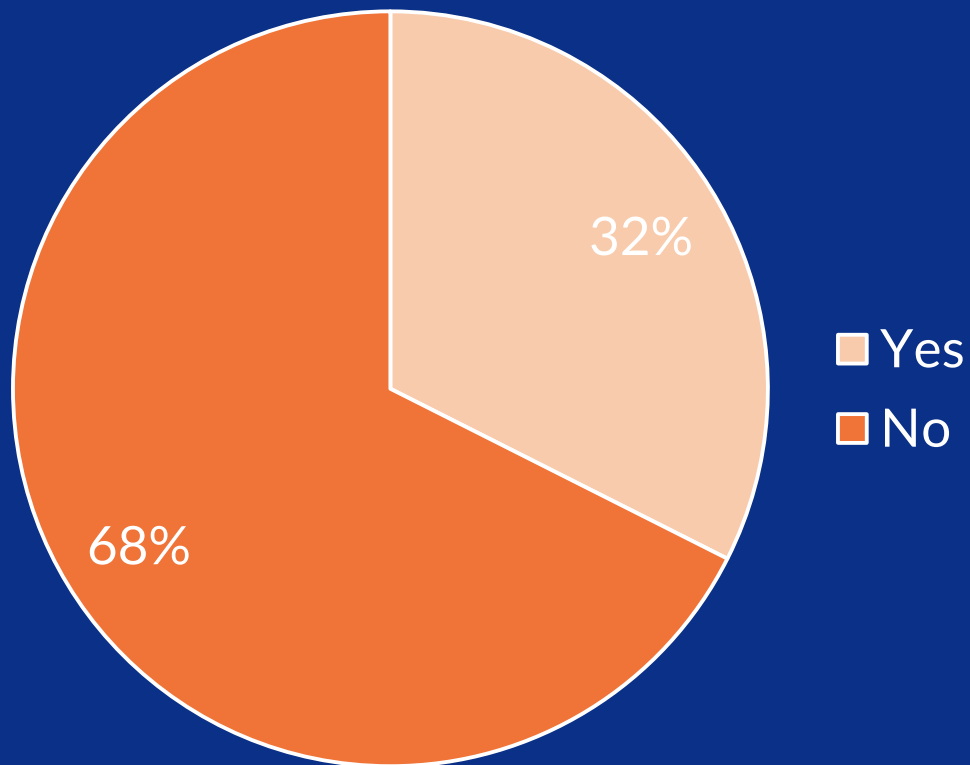
■ Good Governance ■ Living Vision ■ An Engaging Association

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Advisory Board

Do you have an Advisory Board as a National Group?



Reasons for not having an Advisory Board:

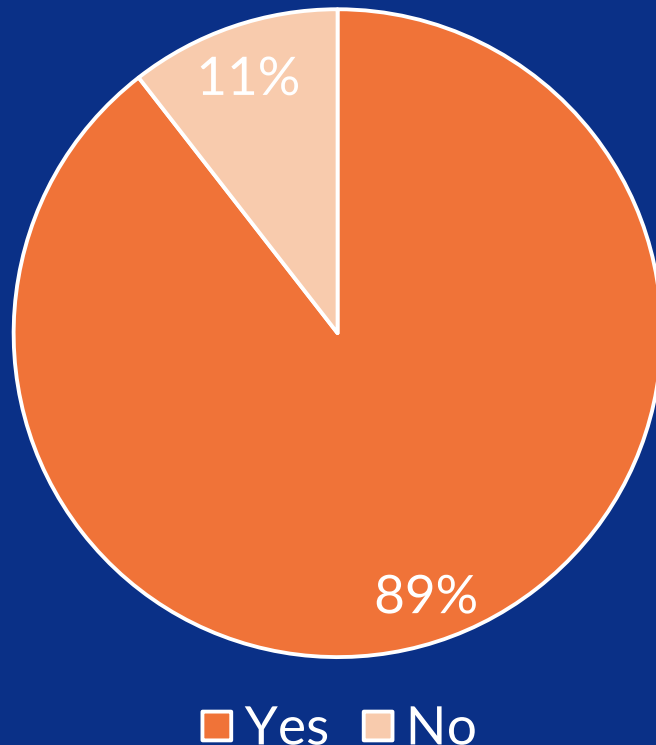
- **Planning to have it in the future**
- **It is not necessary**
- **We do not know what it is**
- **Lack of resource**

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Member Satisfaction Survey

Should ELSA plan and conduct a Member Satisfaction Survey, in order to ascertain the areas that need improvement, by getting the feedback of the Network?



NG that recommend a Member Satisfaction Survey: **34**

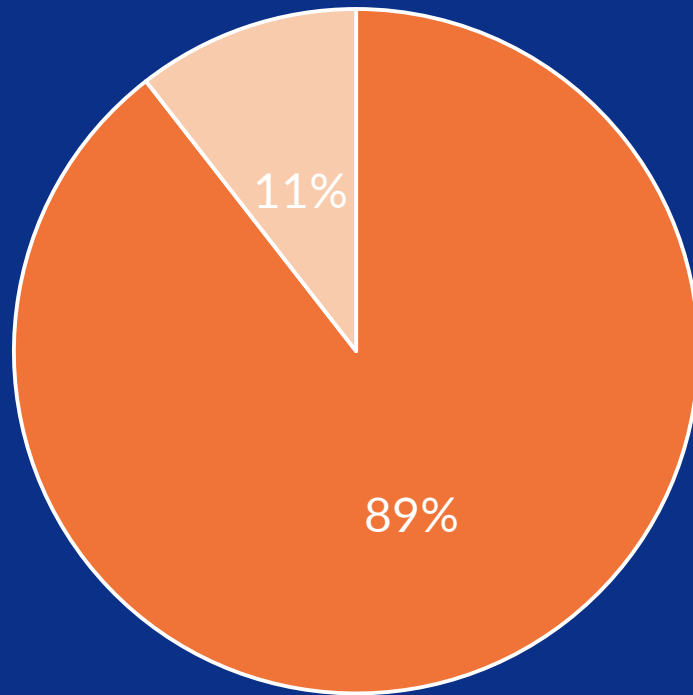
NG that does not recommend a Member Satisfaction Survey: **4**



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Marketing Research - creation of Public Relations Strategy

Do you believe that conducting a Marketing Research would be useful for ELSA International, in order to create a Public Relations Strategy?



Yes No

NG that recommend conducting a Marketing Research: 34

NG that does not recommend conducting a Marketing Research: 4



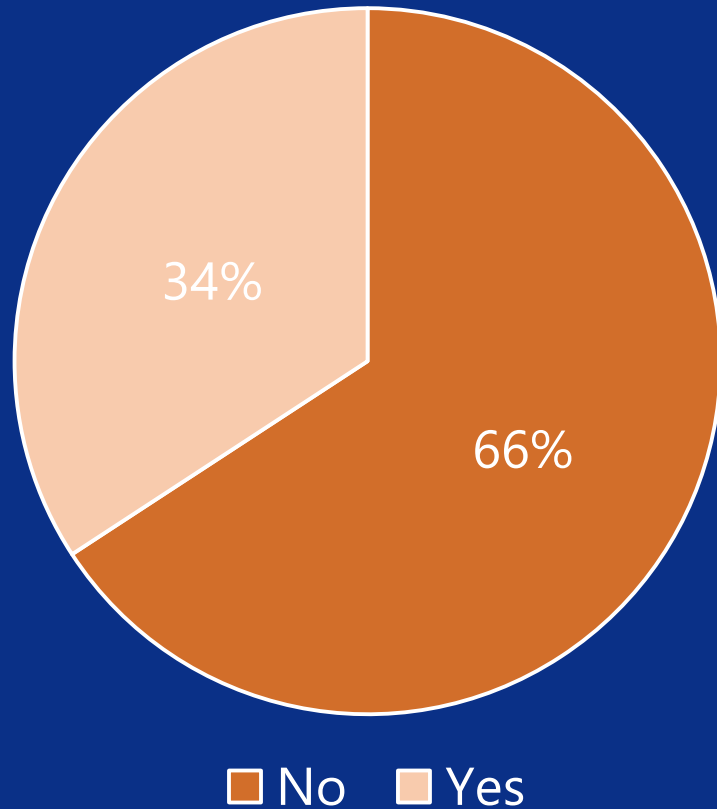
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Board Management, External Relations and Expansion (BEE)



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Number of National Groups with a Patron



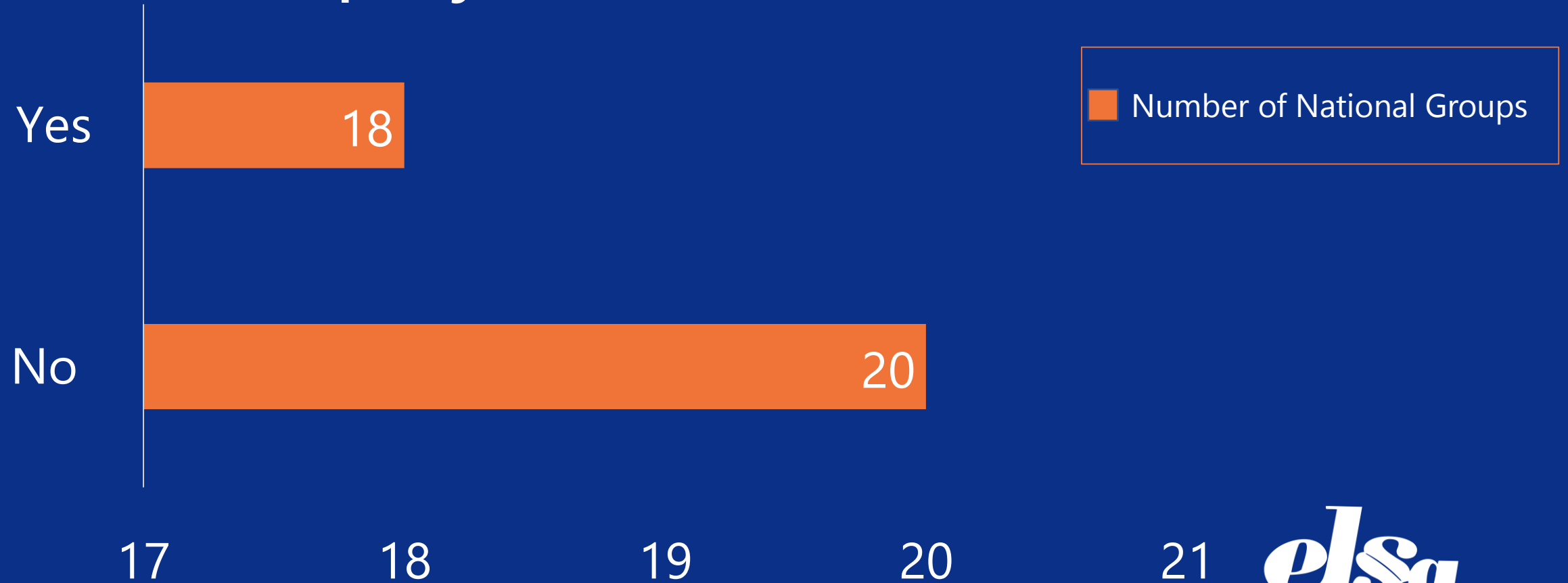
Number of National Groups with a patron: 13

Number of National Groups without a patron: 25



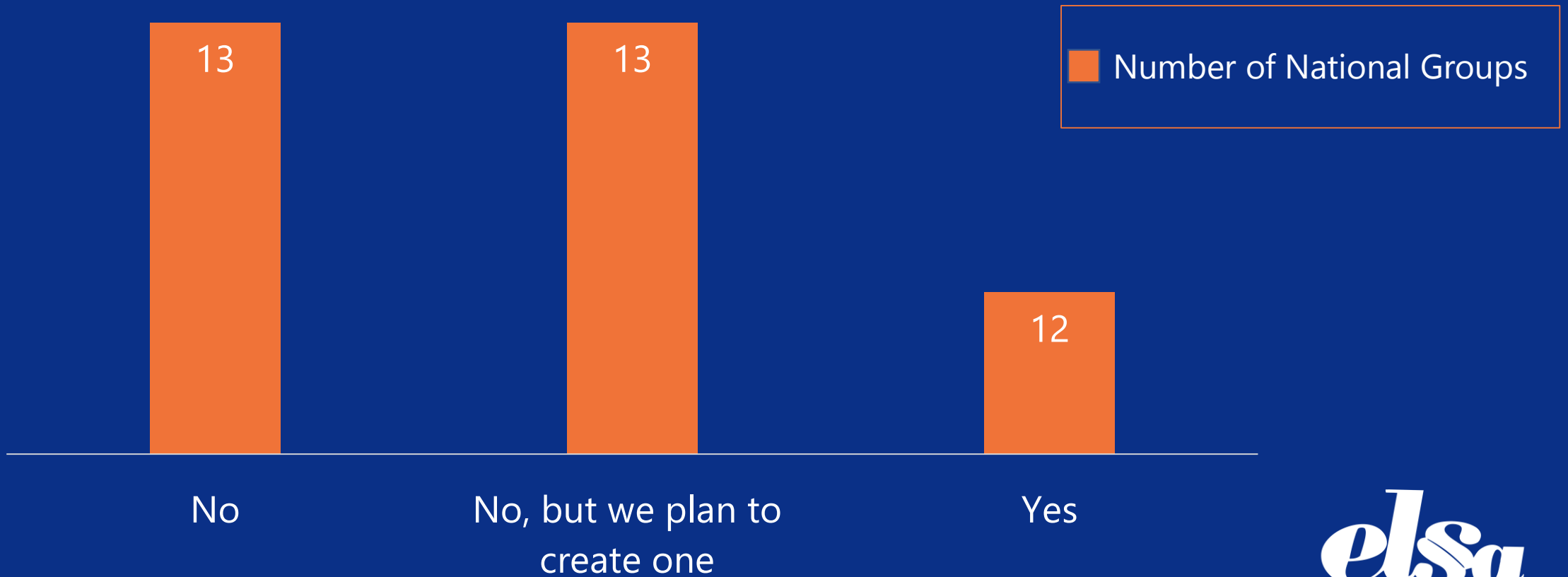
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Use of Patrons for the support of different projects



External Relations' Strategy

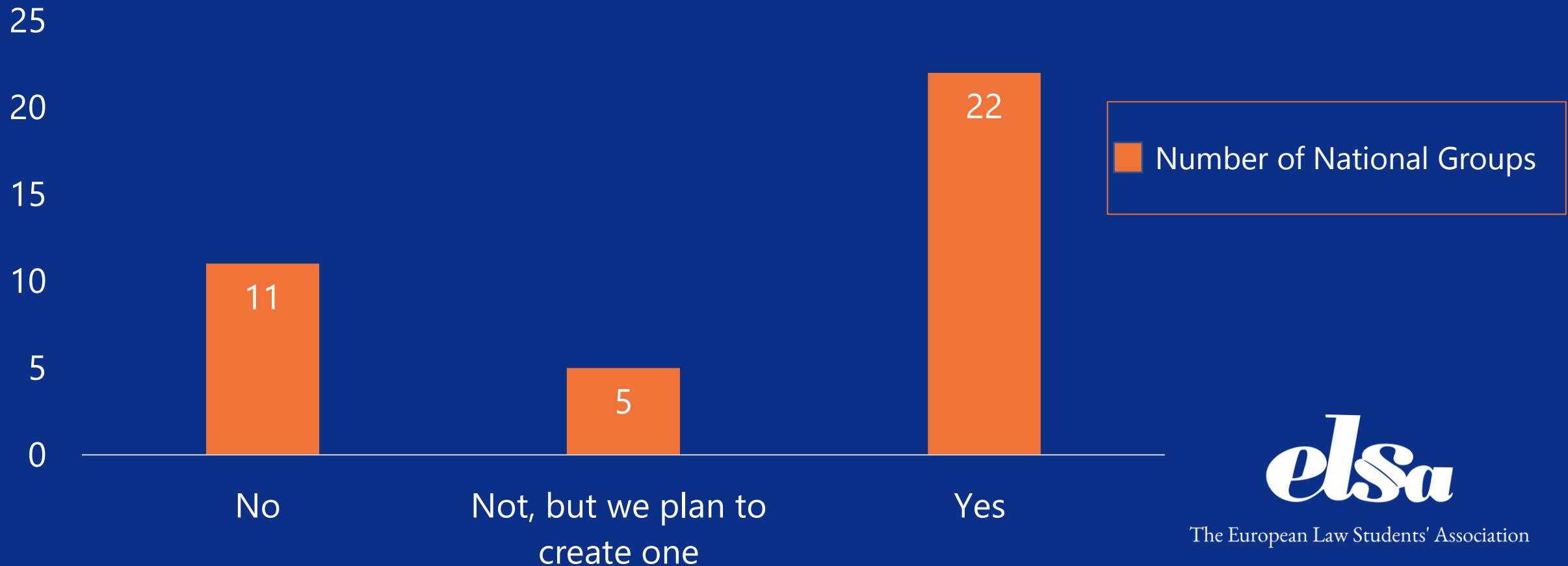
Number of National Groups with an External Relations' Strategy



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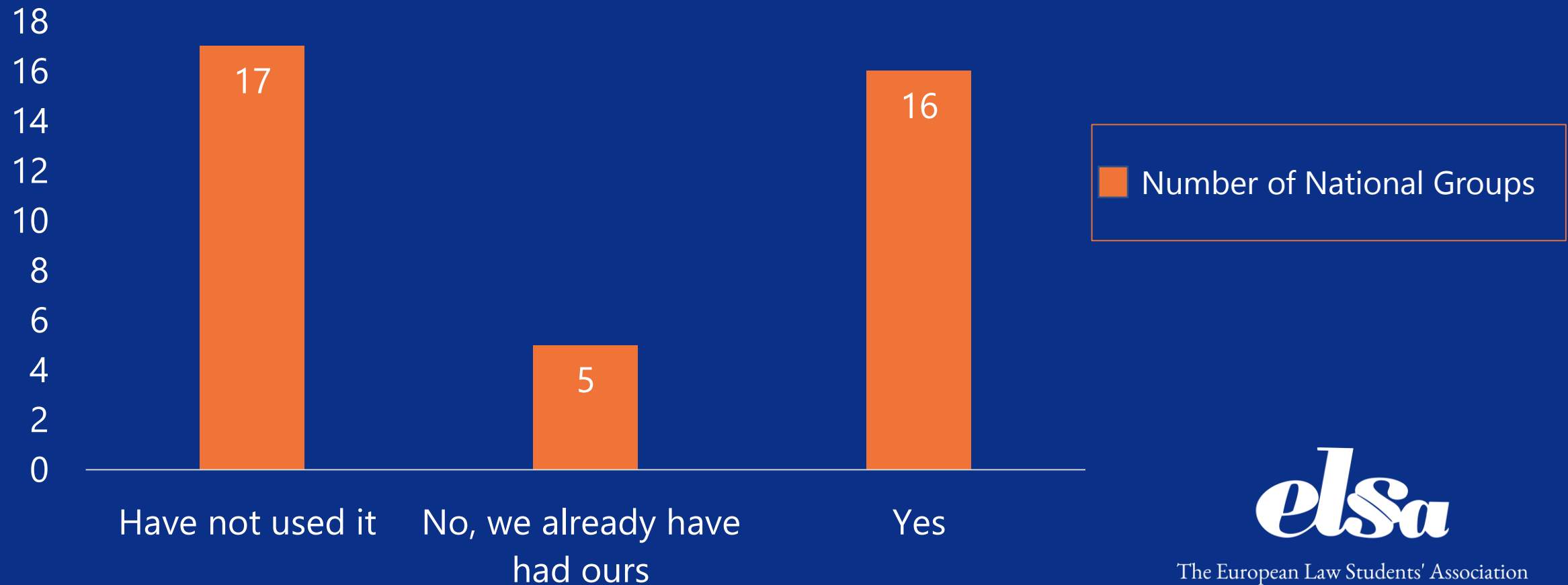
Regulations Regarding External Contacts

Do you have any regulations on the national level regarding the approach of external contacts?*

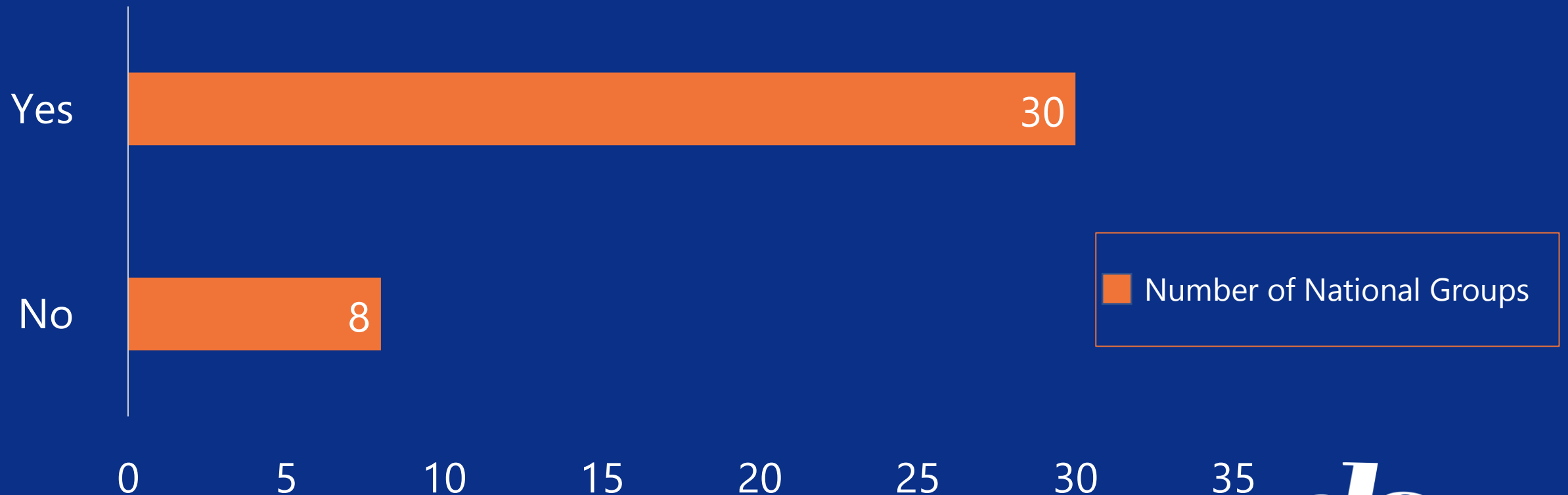


Partnership Proposal of ELSA International

Usefulness of the editable version of the Partnership Proposal of EI



Cooperation with Organisations, Institutions and Corporations



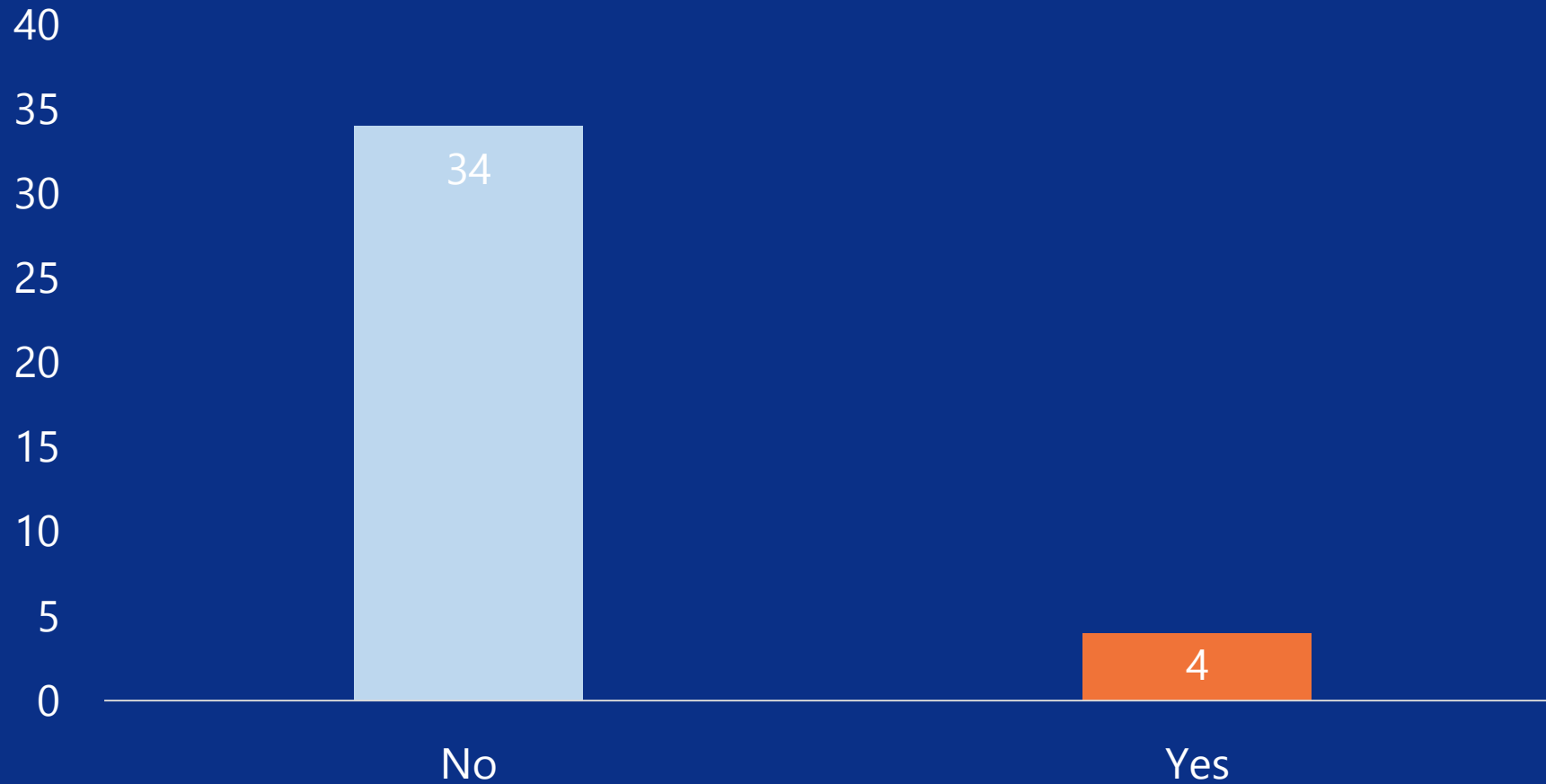
Organisations, Institutions etc that NG cooperate with

- Universities
- NGOs
- Student Associations
- Amnesty International
- Other students' organisations
- Council of Europe National Office
- Public Institutions
- Human Rights partners
- Law firms



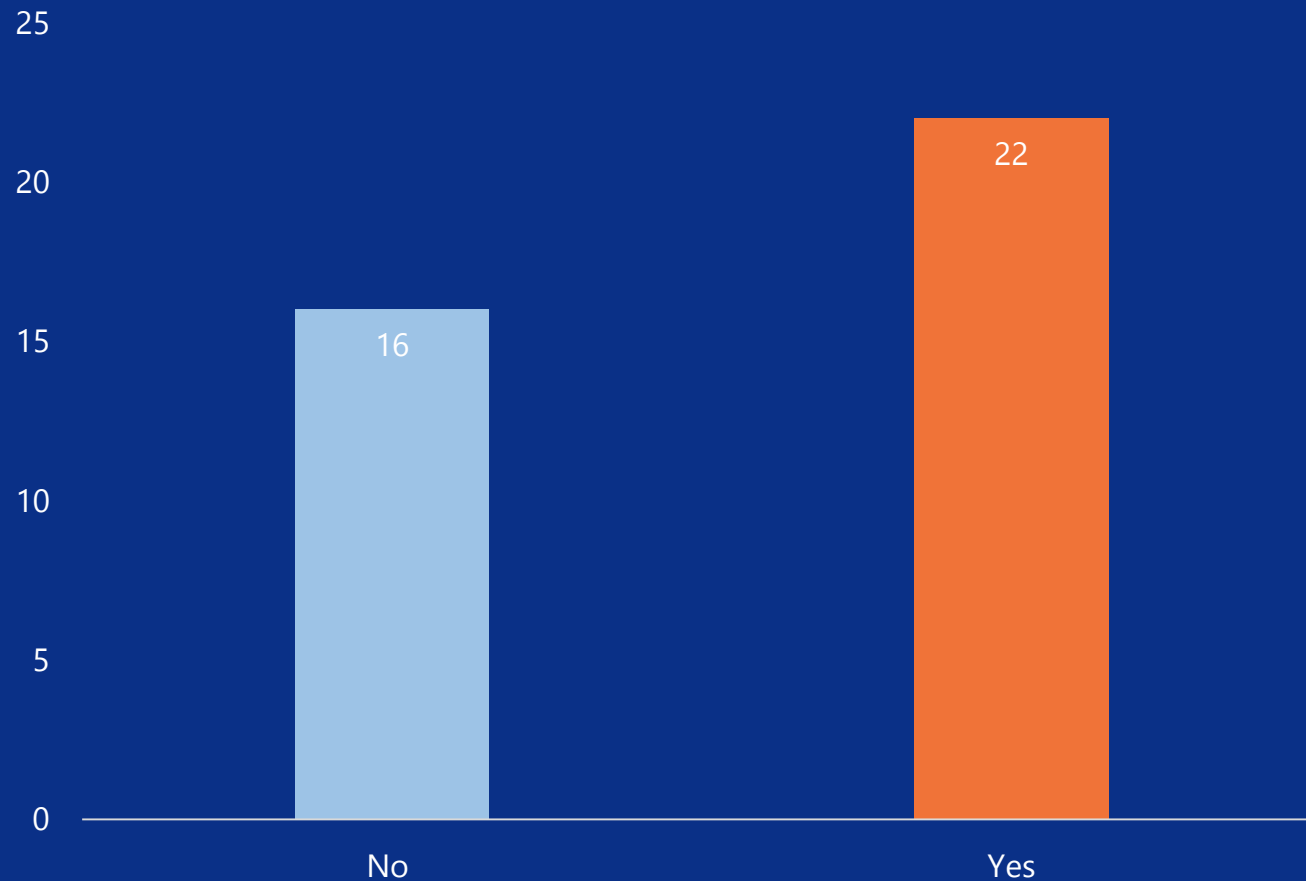
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Cooperation with Council of Europe



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Cooperation with Human Rights Partners



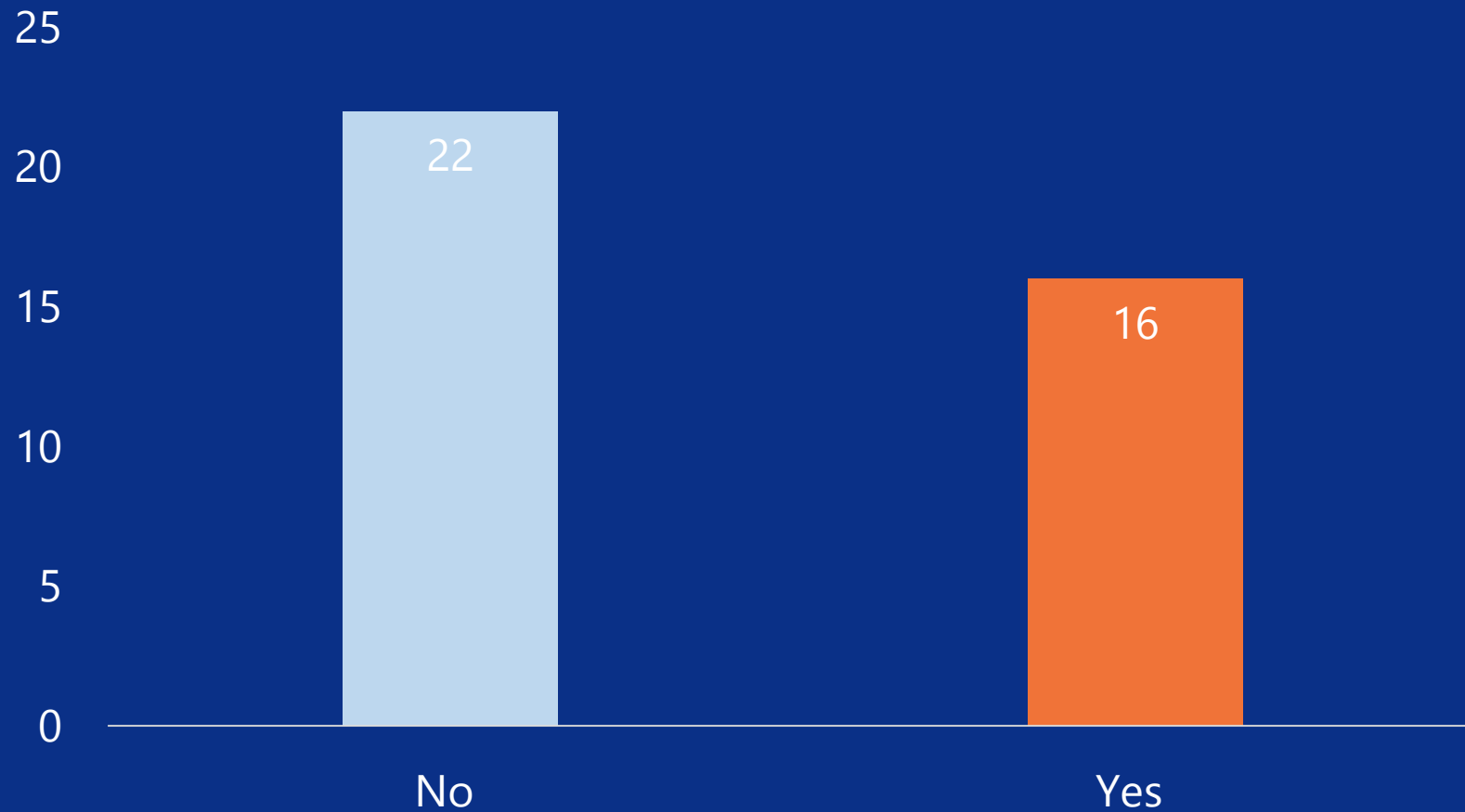
How do you cooperate?

Not specified yet
Still planning it
Organise events together
ELSA Day
Webinars
Academic Activities
Human Rights Campaign

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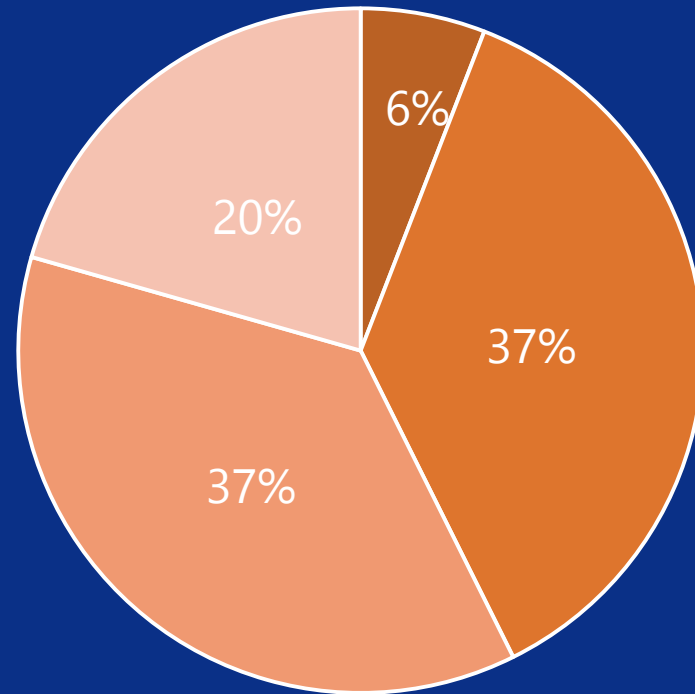
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Cooperation with Bar Associations



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The most Attractive Partners for the Members



General Partner

General Legal Partners

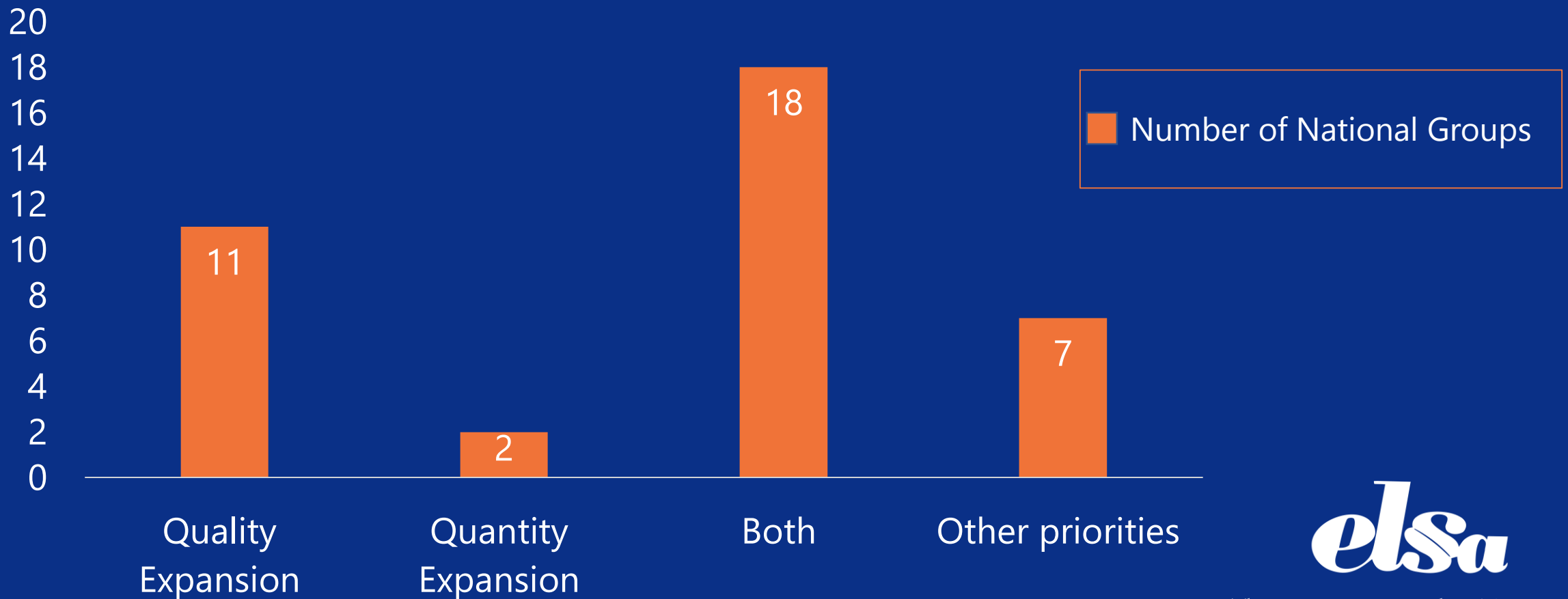
Human Rights Partners

General Education Partners

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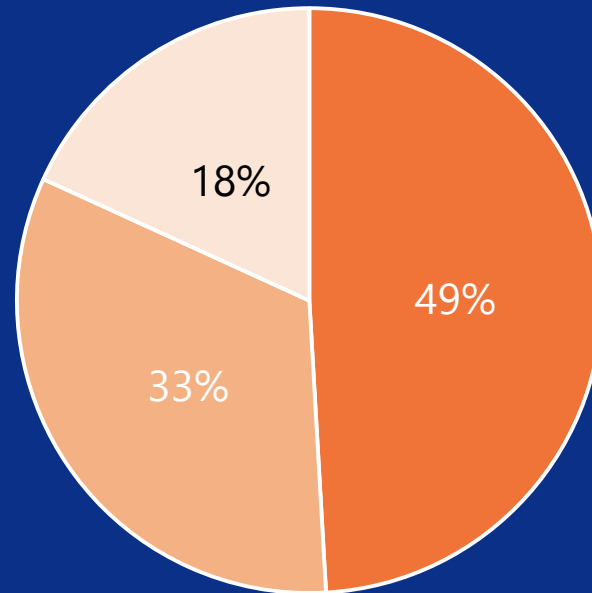
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Focus on Expansion



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What does Quality Expansion mean for your NG?



- Knowledge management and transition of good practices
- Organisation of more flagship projects of ELSA on Local and National Level
- Focus on partners related to the purposes of ELSA, such as Human Rights Partners, Legal Education Partners

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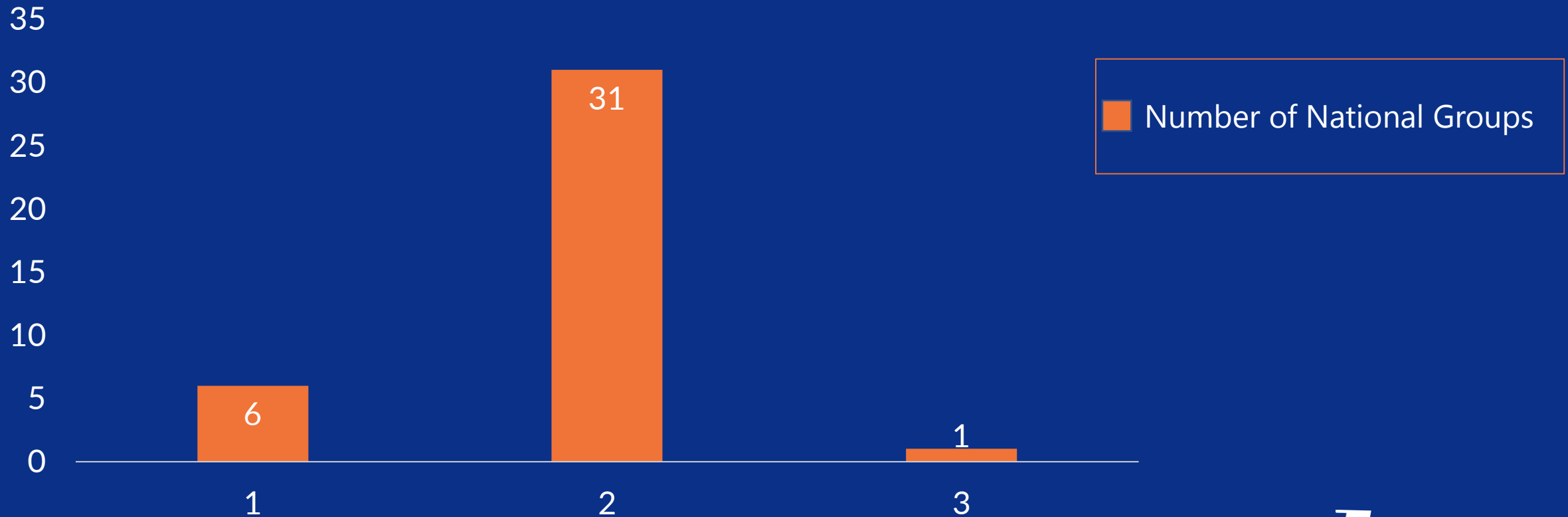
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Internal Management (IM)



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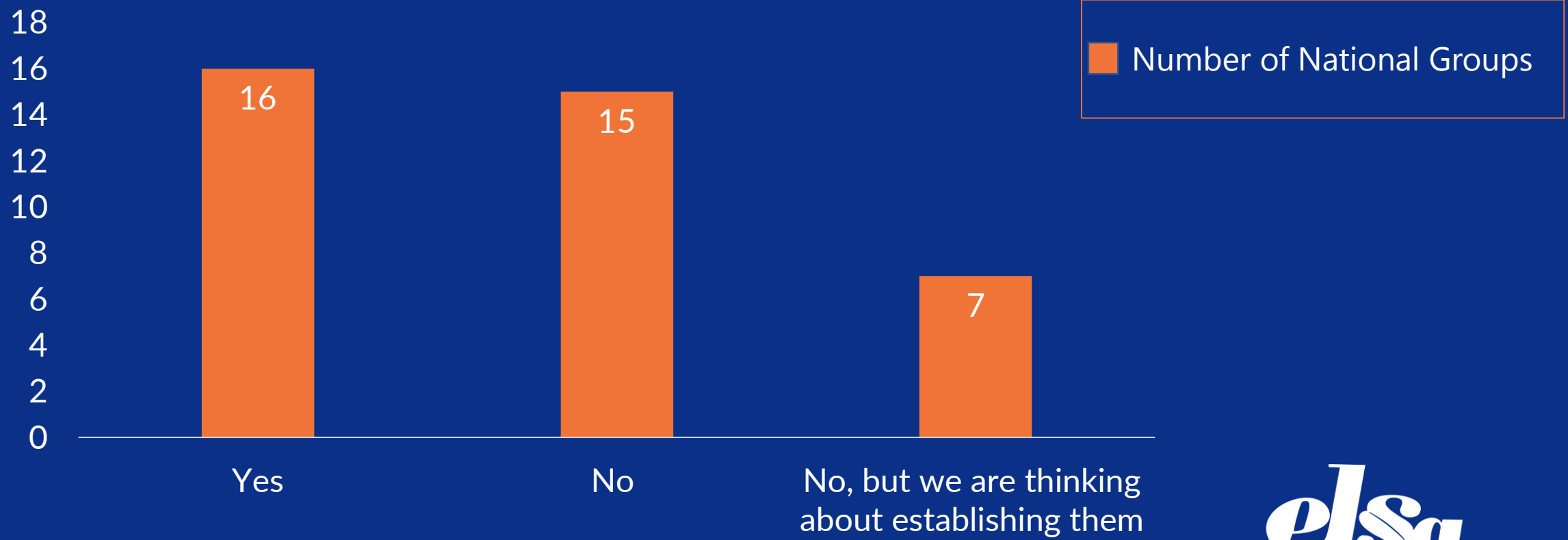
National Council Meetings per term



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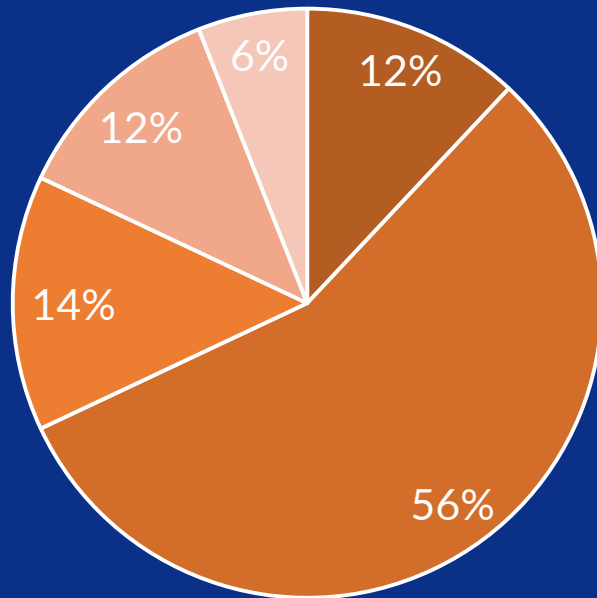
National Officers Meeting

Number of NGs that has National Officers Meeting



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Tools used to keep track of individual members



■ Paper based ■ Excel (Spreadsheet) ■ Access (Database)
■ Online system ■ Other

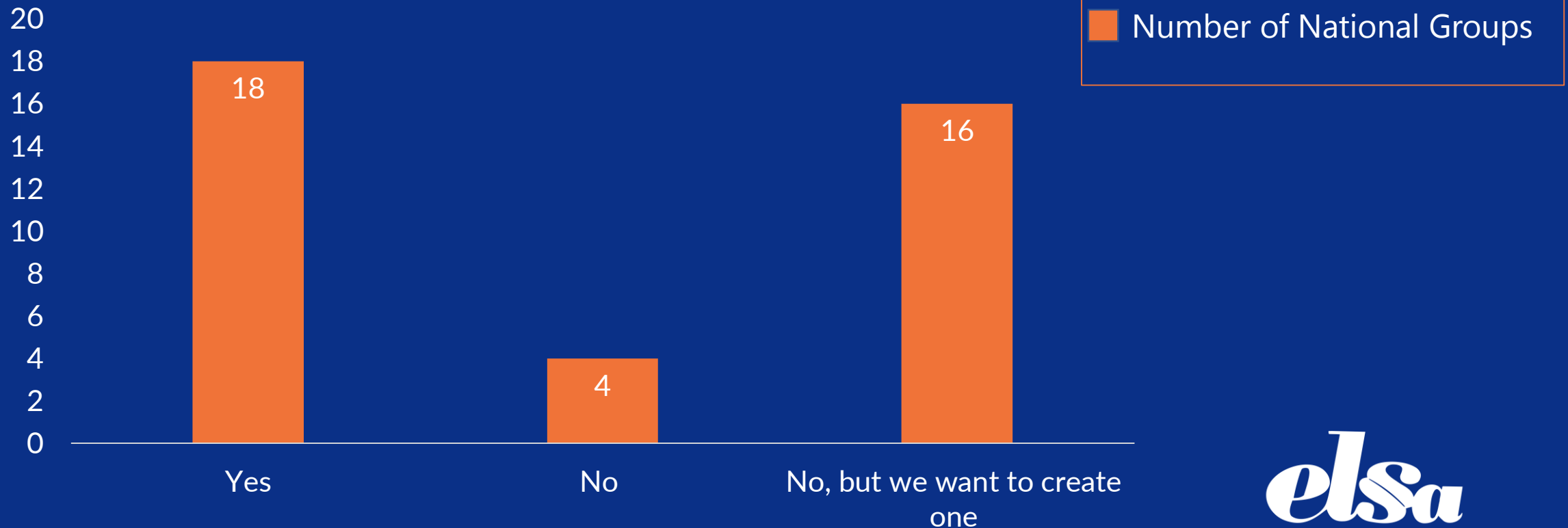
Online system:
National Officer's Portal
Excel on Google Drive
ArcMember
OneDrive
List of alumni in word
Database (sheet)
The Local Groups are in charge
Google forms and Google
Sheets

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Alumni

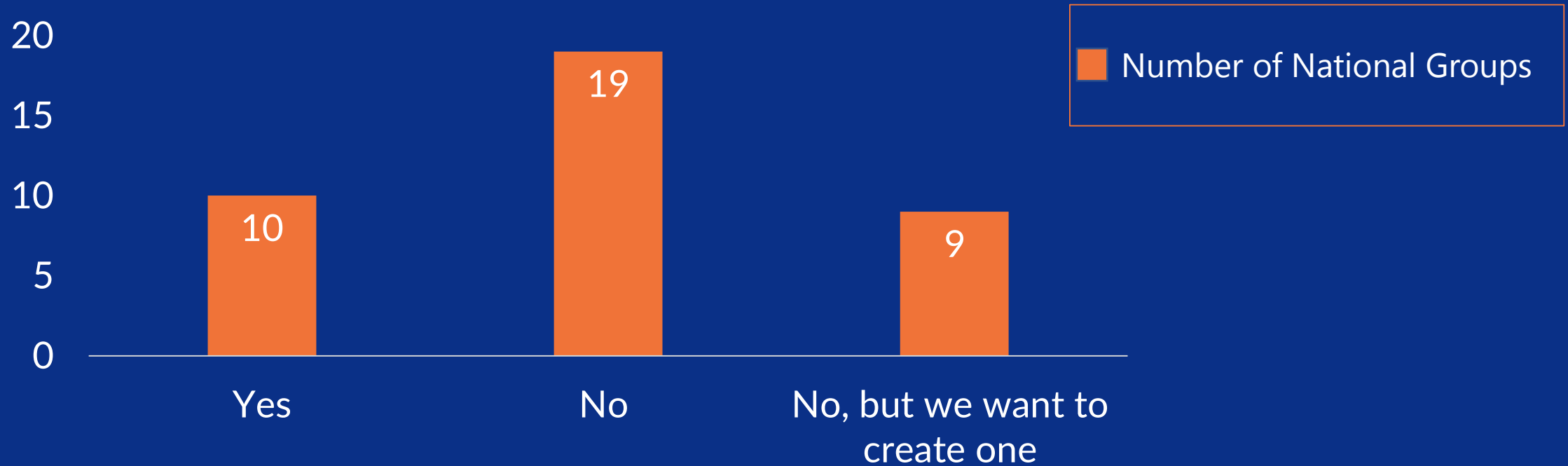
Do you have a National Alumni Database?



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Alumni

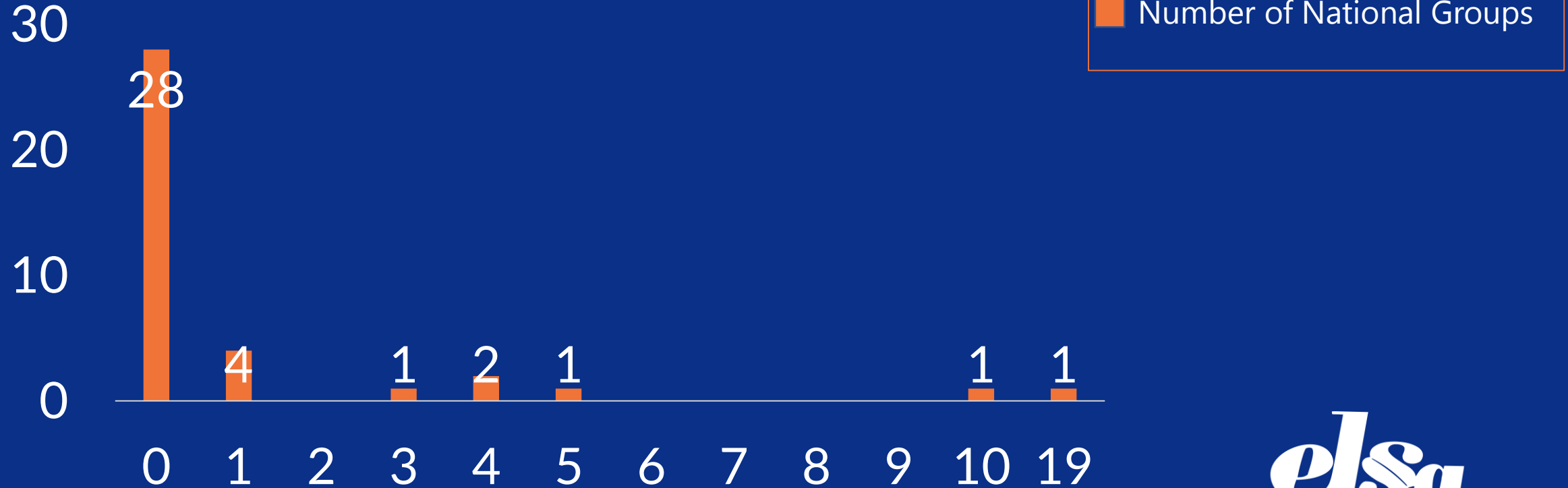
Do you have a National Alumni Association?



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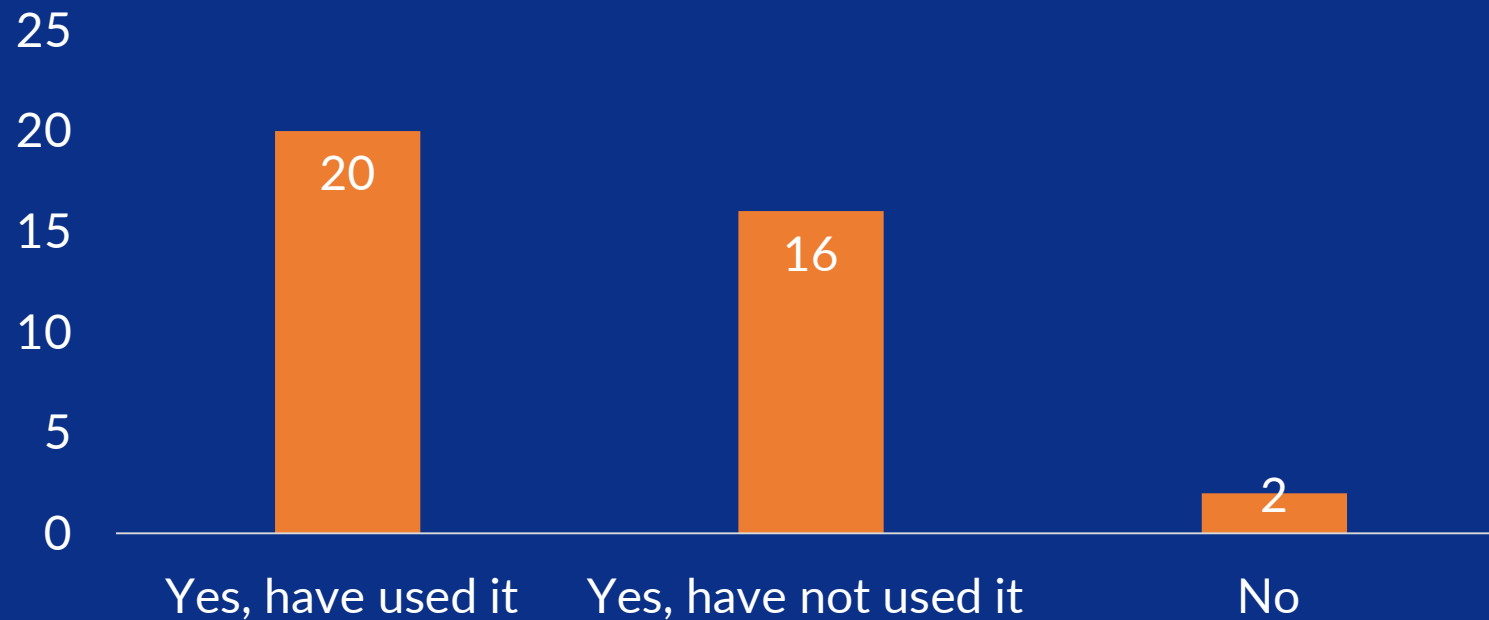
Trainings

Number of trainings since the 1th of August



Trainings

Are you familiar with the webpage
www.elsa.org/training?



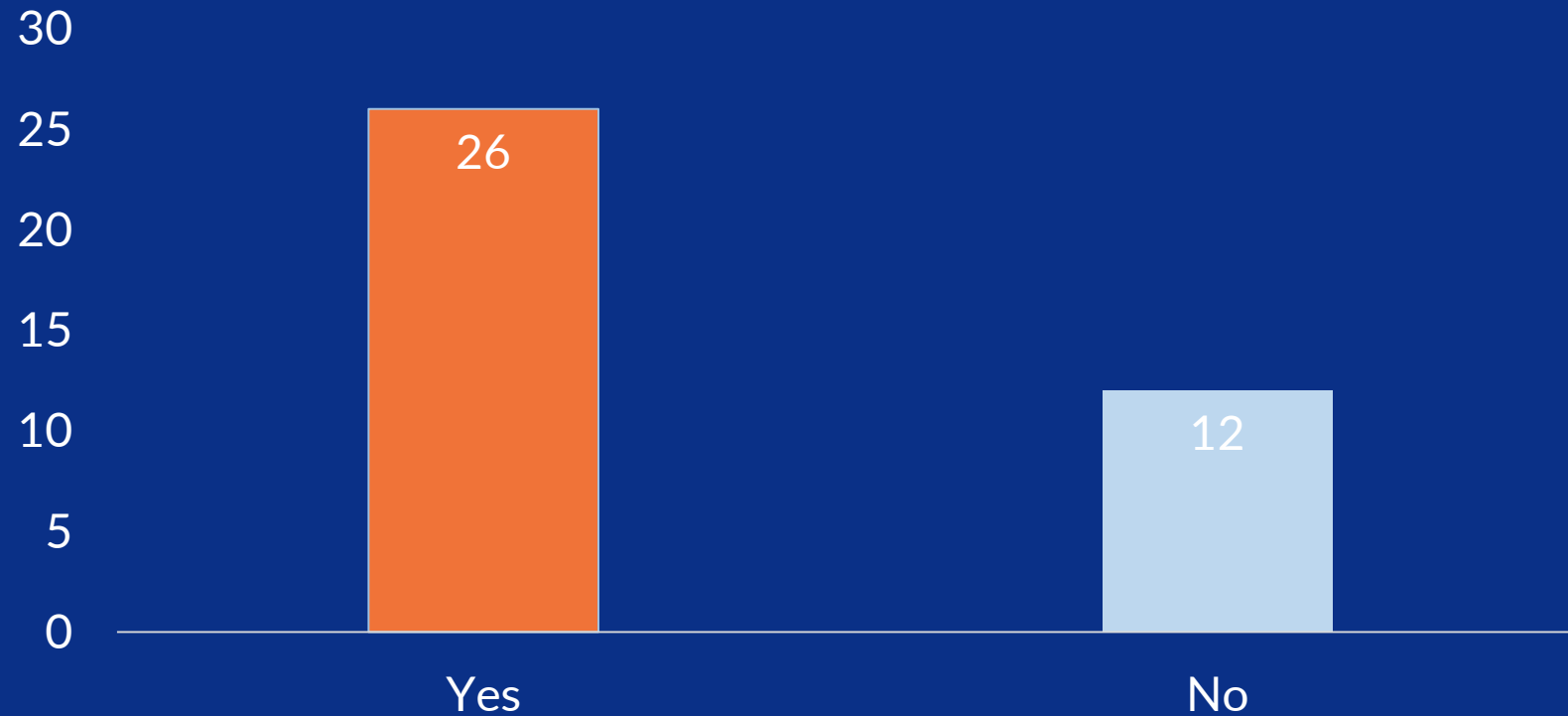
Number of National Groups



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Human Resources

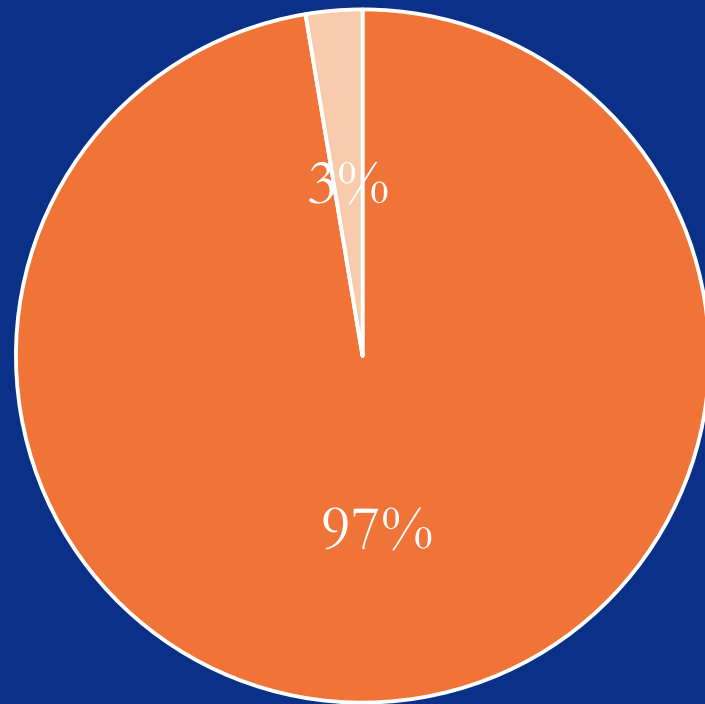
Are you familiar with the newly voted HR-model of ELSA?



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Officers Portal

Do you use the material uploaded at the Officers' Portal in you work?



■ Yes ■ No

NGs that use the material
at the Officers' Portal: **37**

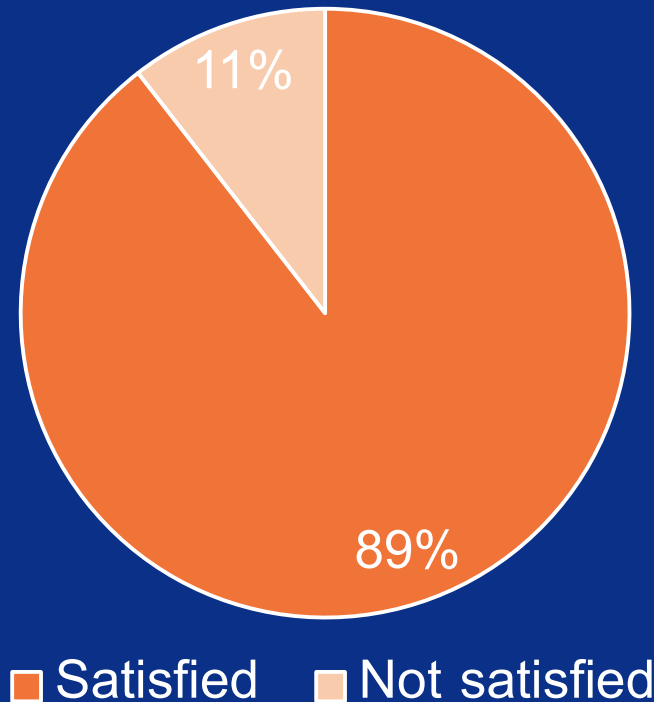
NGs that do not use the
material at the Officers'
Portal: **1**

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Materials provided by ELSA International

Satisfaction with the materials provided by ELSA International evaluated by the NGs



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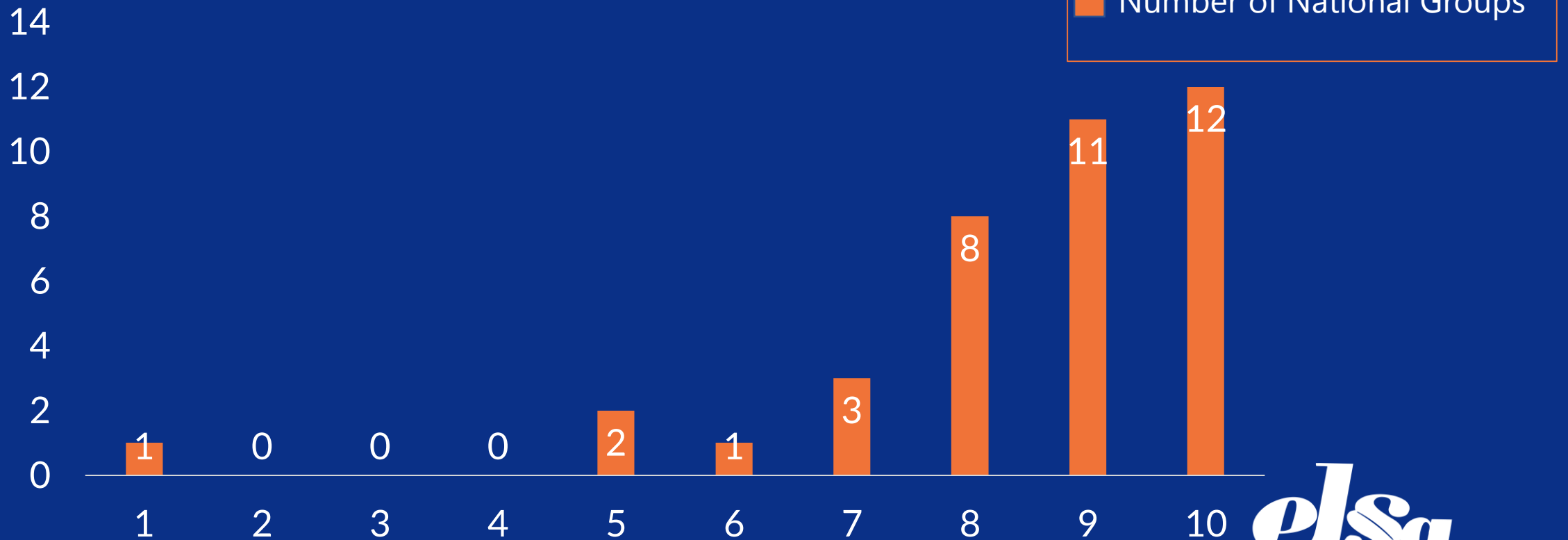
- More updated handbooks – Human Resources
- Want treasurers manual and HR model Handbook
- The Human Resources Manual should be updated
- Handbooks/guidelines that describes the responsibilities under IM more specifically



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Coaching System

Are you satisfied with the Coaching System provided by ELSA International? (On a scale from 1-10, as ranked by the NG)



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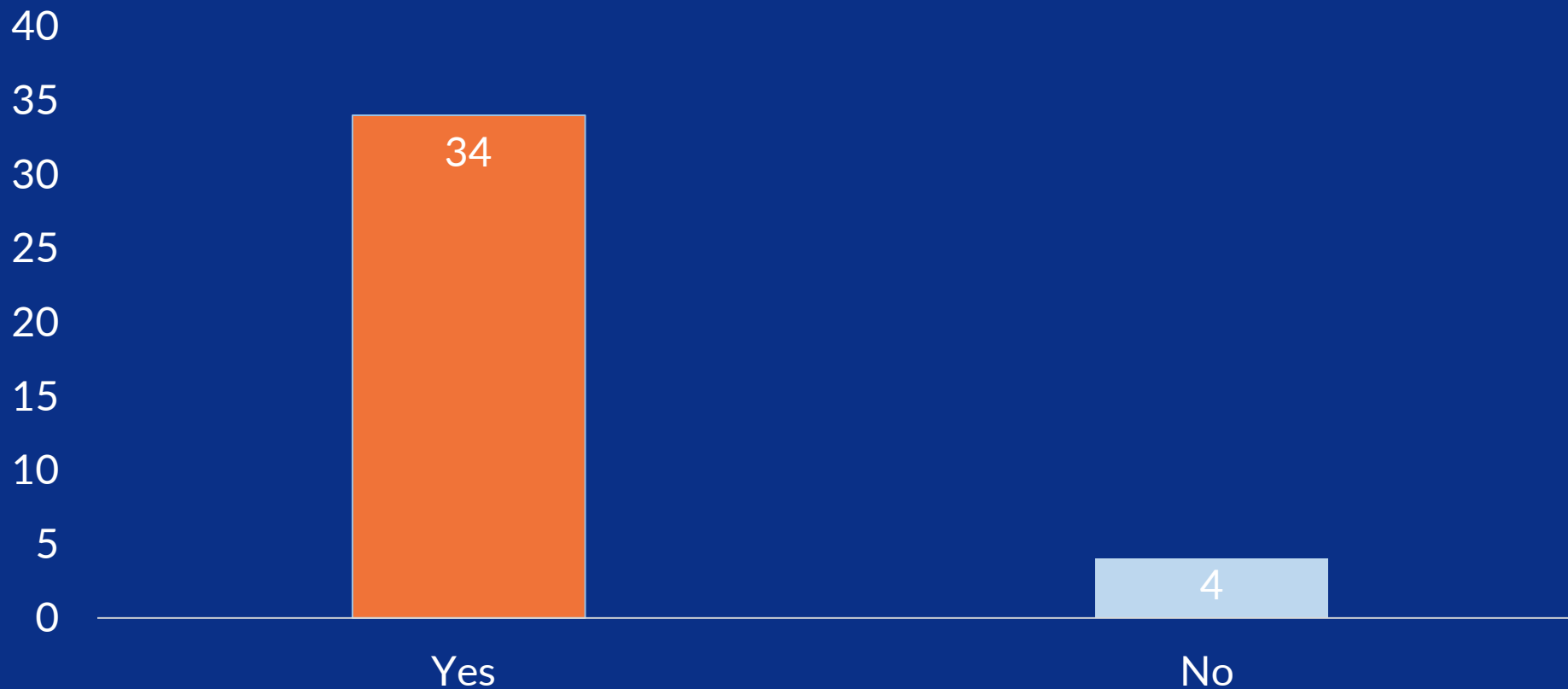
Comments to the Coaching System

- Presence in National Events;
- Communication and accessibility;
- More trainings;
- Project Support;
- A more personal touch and closer personal relationship;
- More frequent communication;
- More guidance;
- More tips and suggestions;
- Customizing the plans for NG.



Email addresses

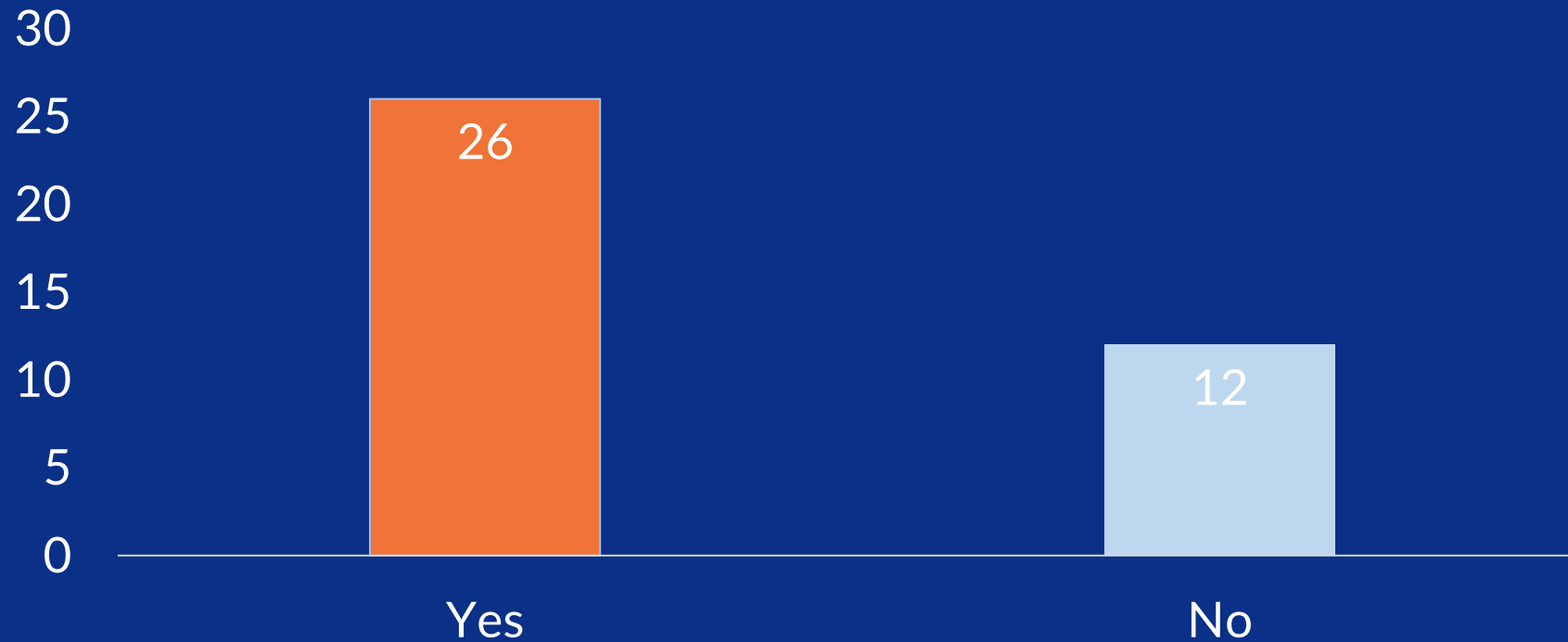
Are your official email addresses in compliance with the Article 2, Information Technology, Internal Management of the Decision Book?



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Website

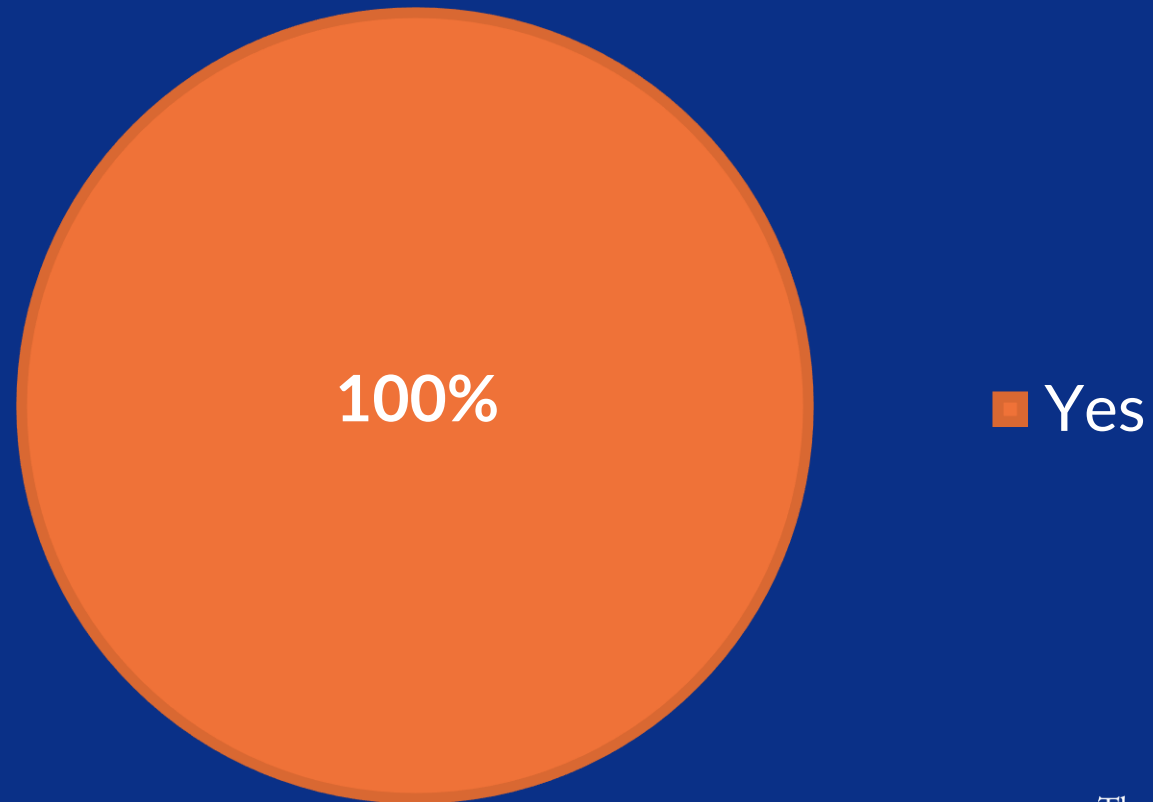
Does your National Board have a constantly updated website?



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Communication Channels

National Groups satisfaction with the communication channels used by ELSA International



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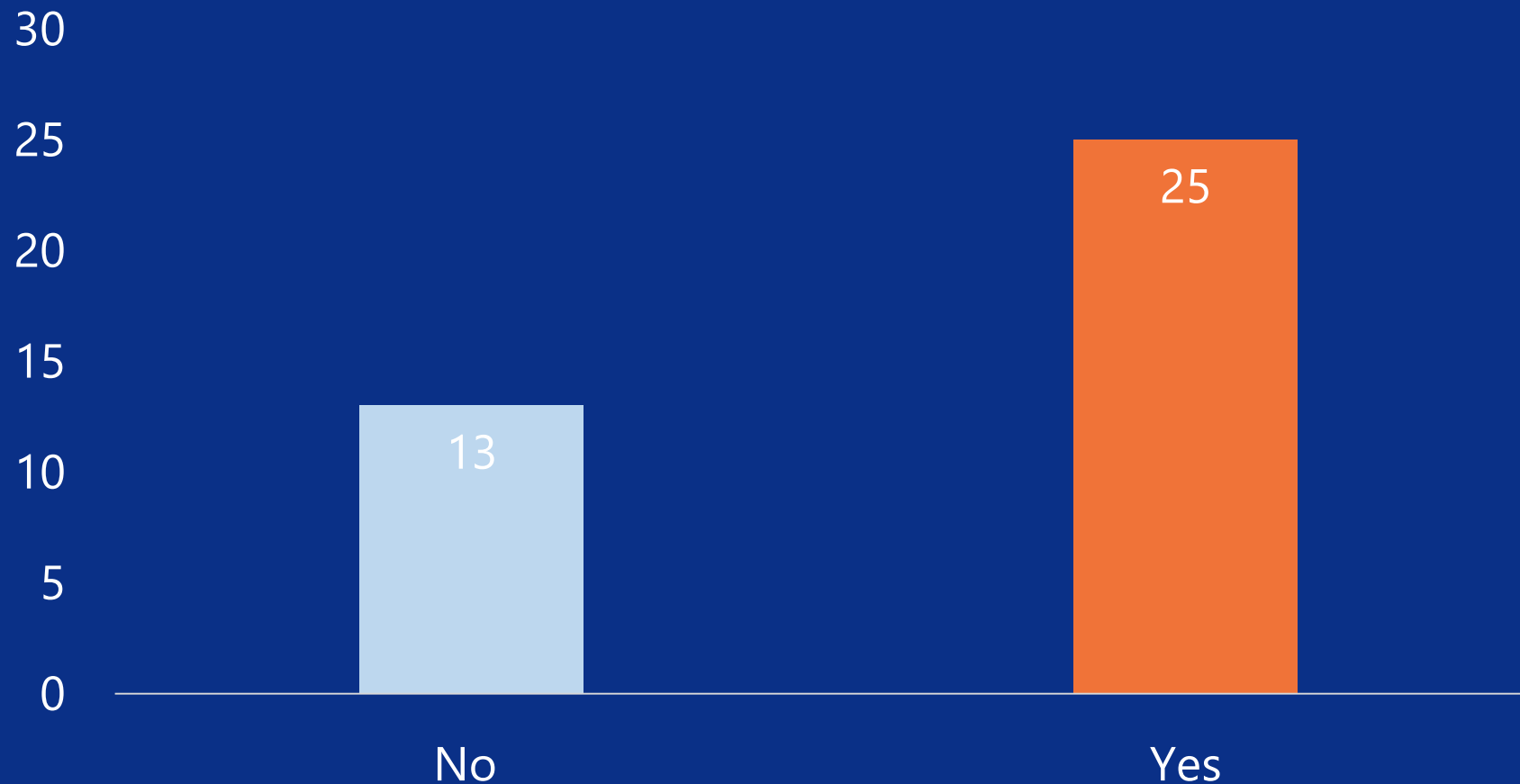
Financial Management (FM)



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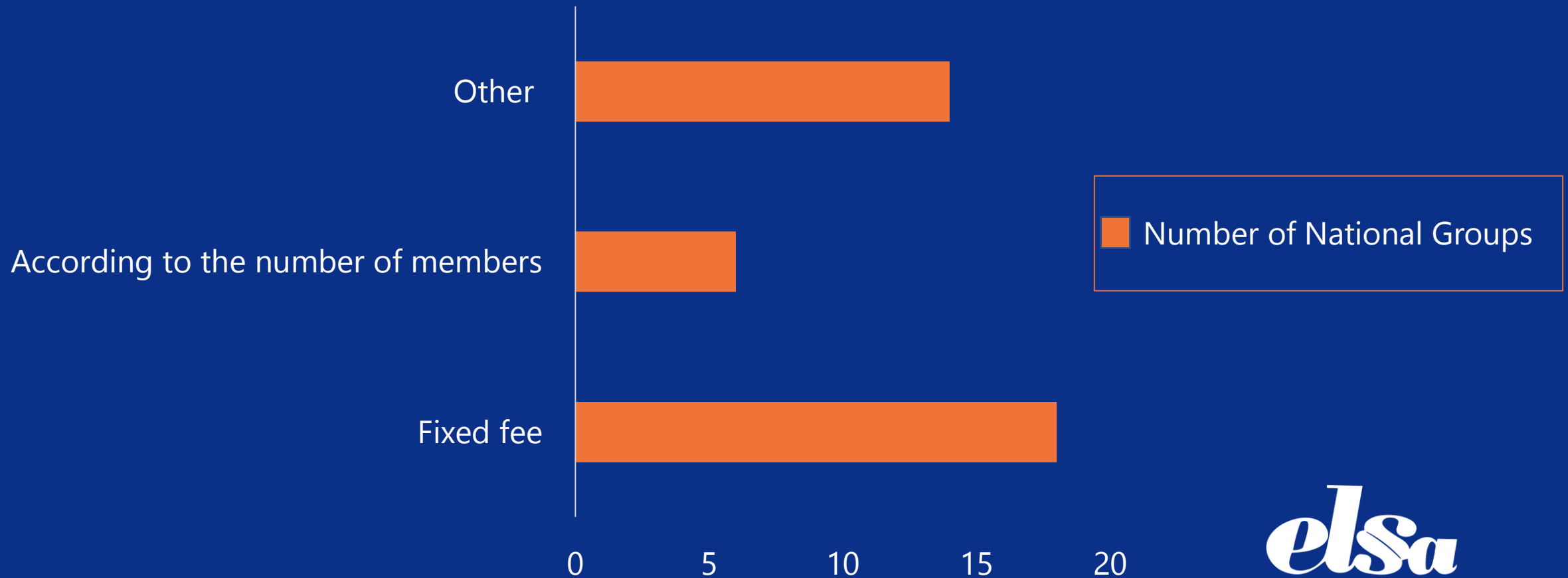
Membership Fee

Number of NGs with membership fee for the LGs

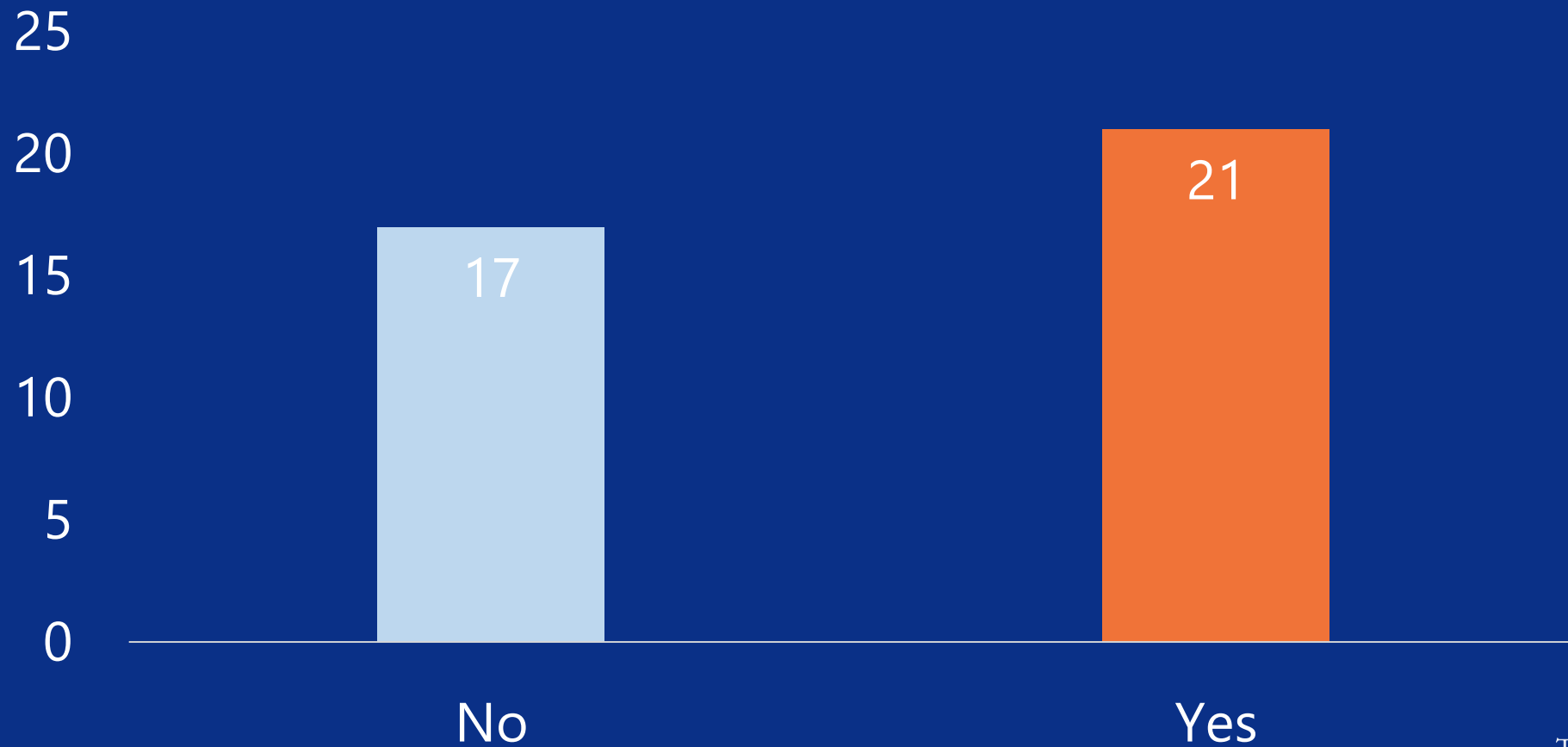


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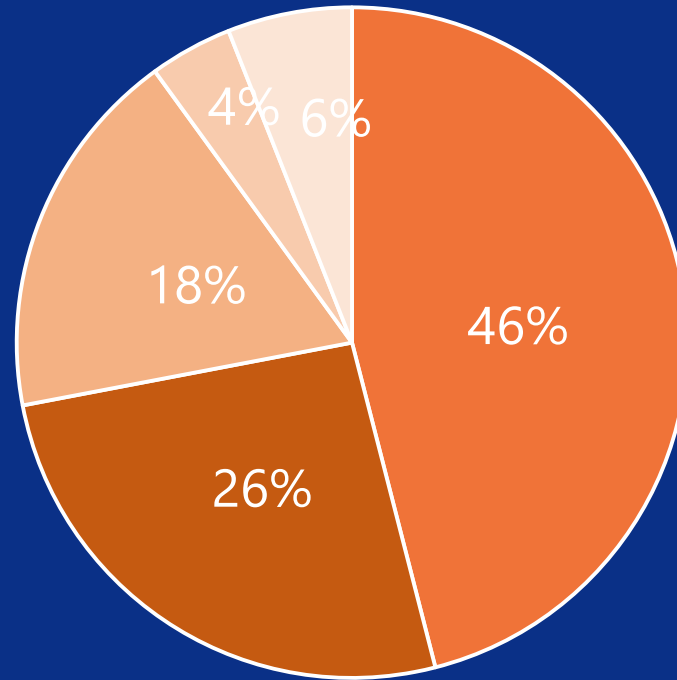
Kind of Fee Used



Local Groups with Individual Member Fees



Main Source of Income



Membership fee

General Partnerships

Project Partnerships

Grants

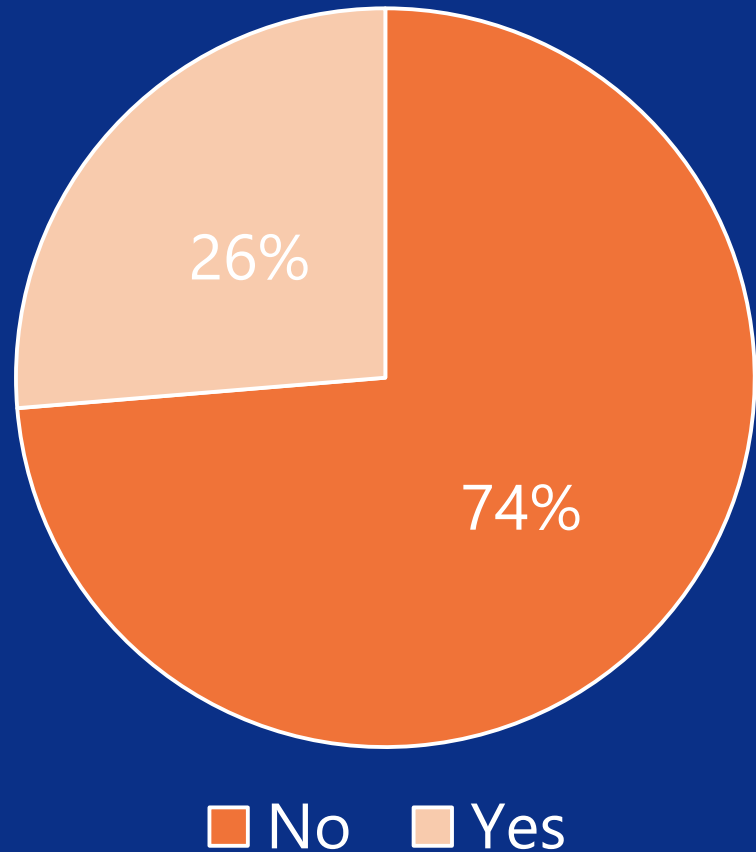
Private Donations

Other



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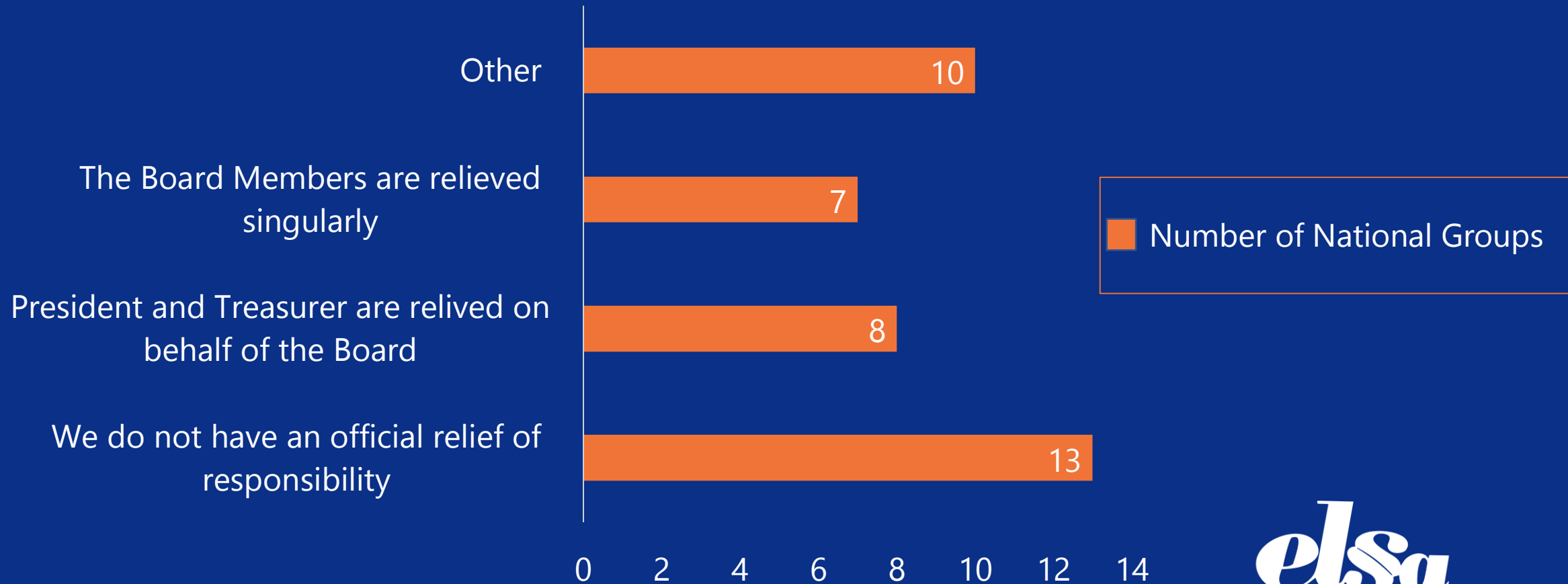
Bookkeeping Program



Number of NG that use a bookkeeping program: 10

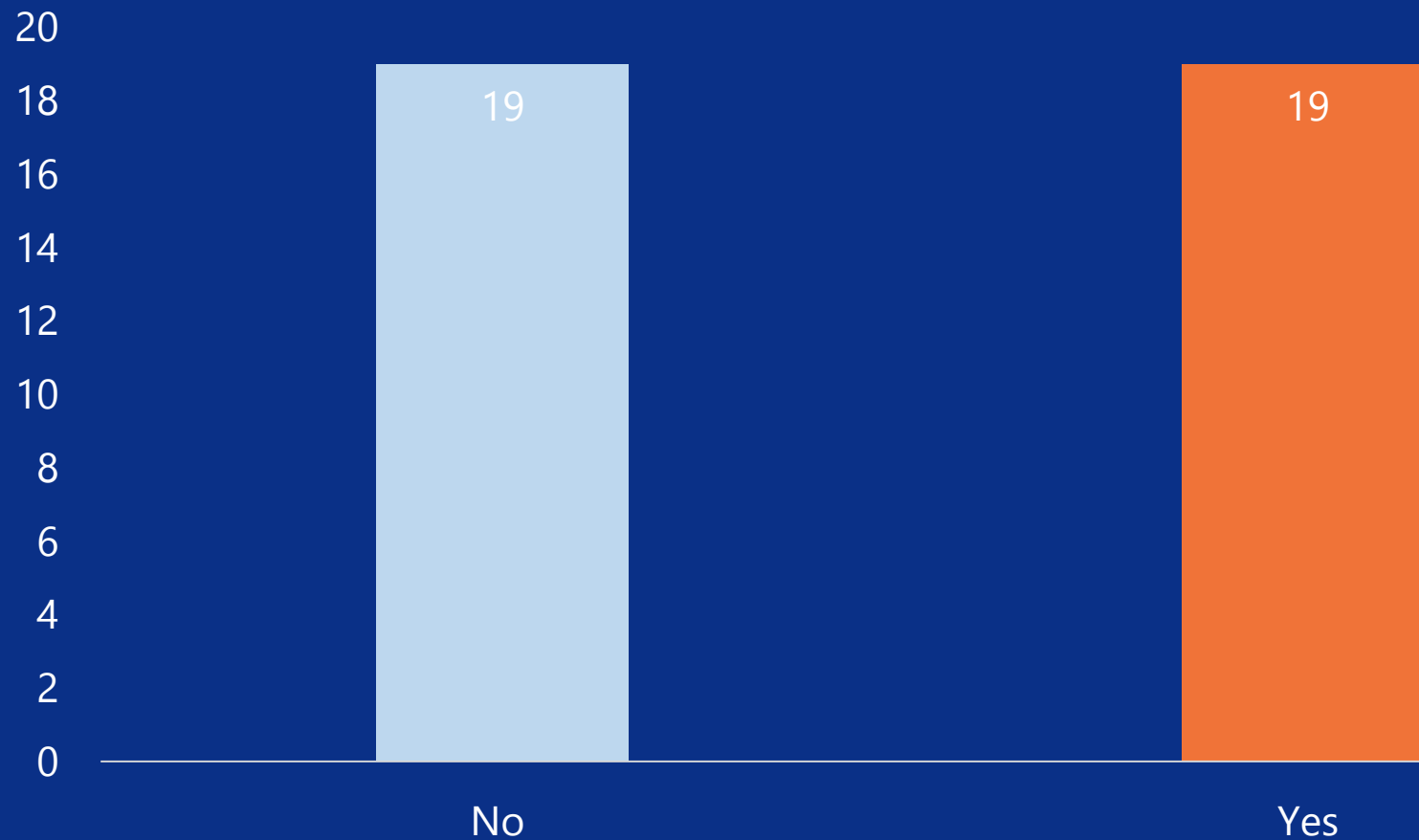
Number of NG that do not use a bookkeeping program: 28

Relief of Responsibility



EDF

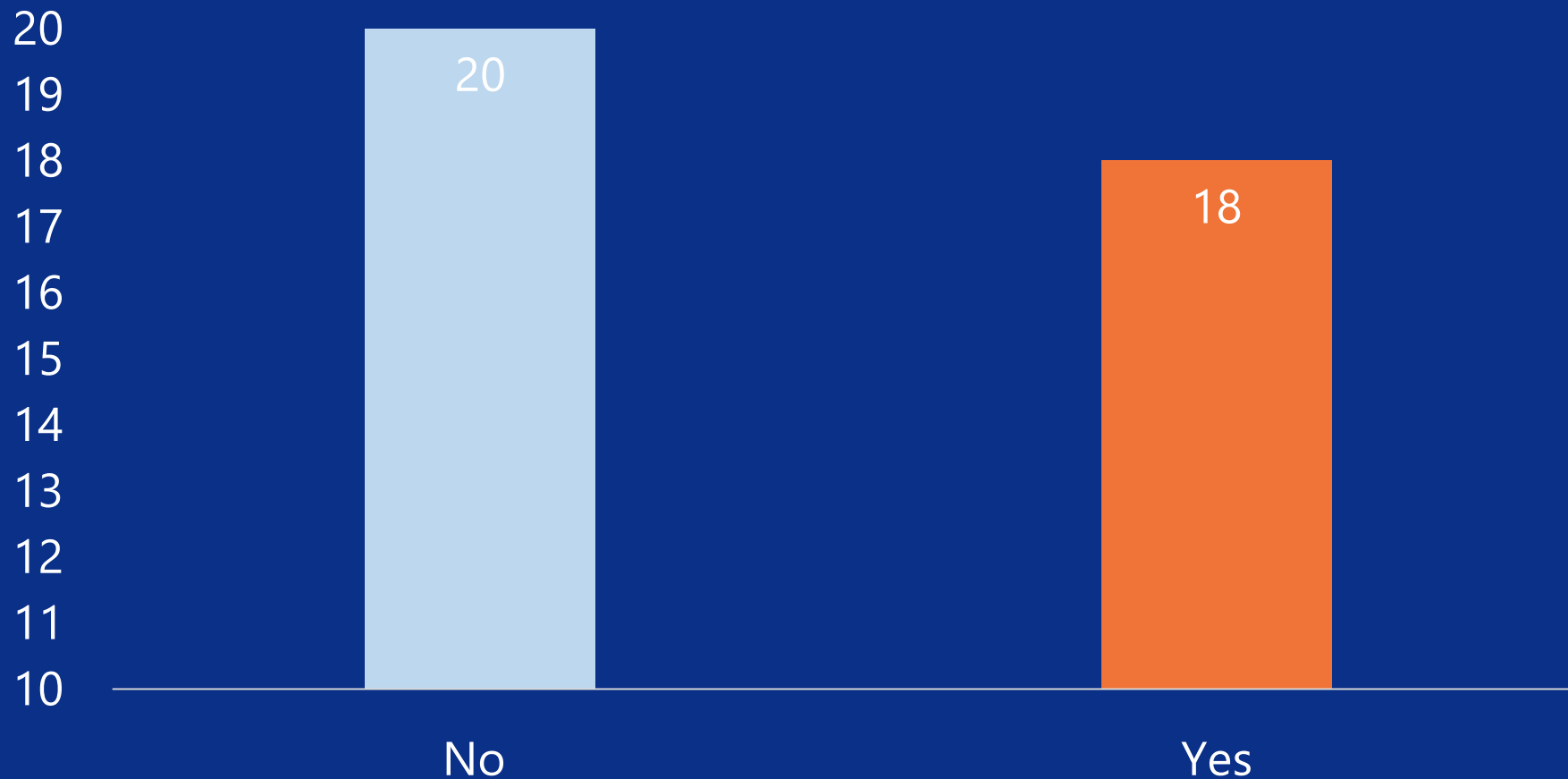
Number of National Groups who applied for EDF support last year (2018/2019)



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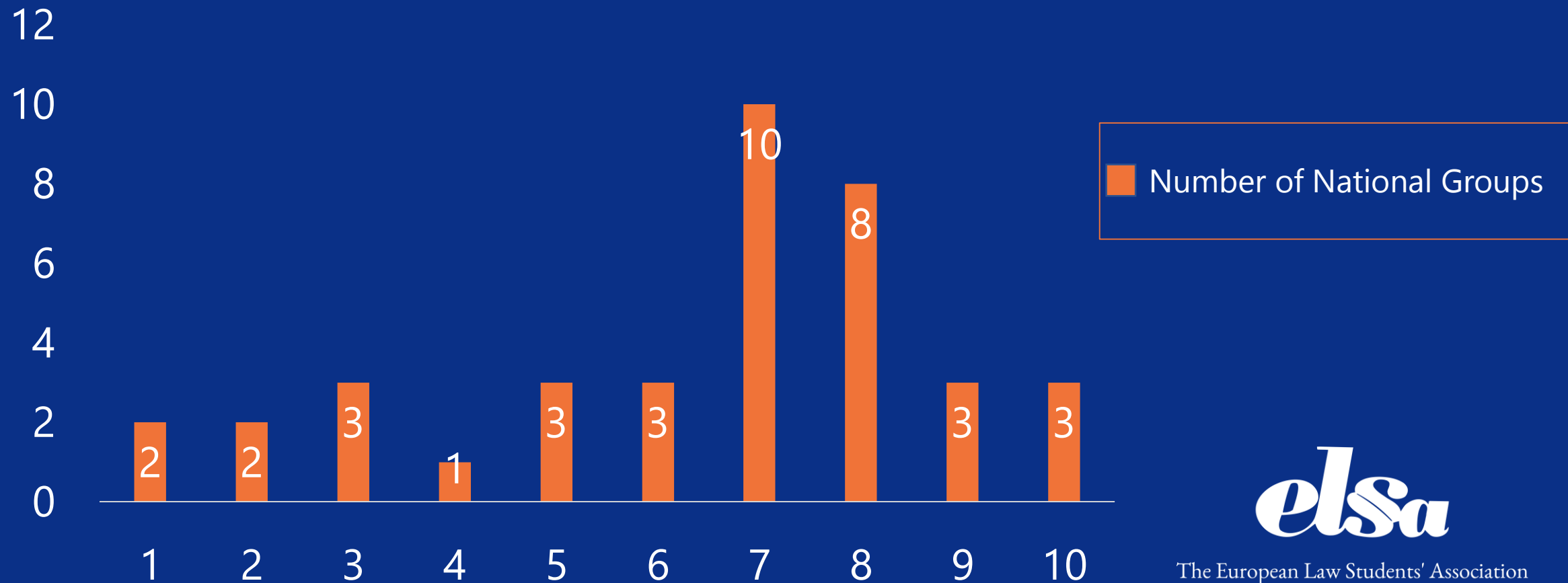
Number of National Grops' Local Groups that applied for EDF support 2018/2019



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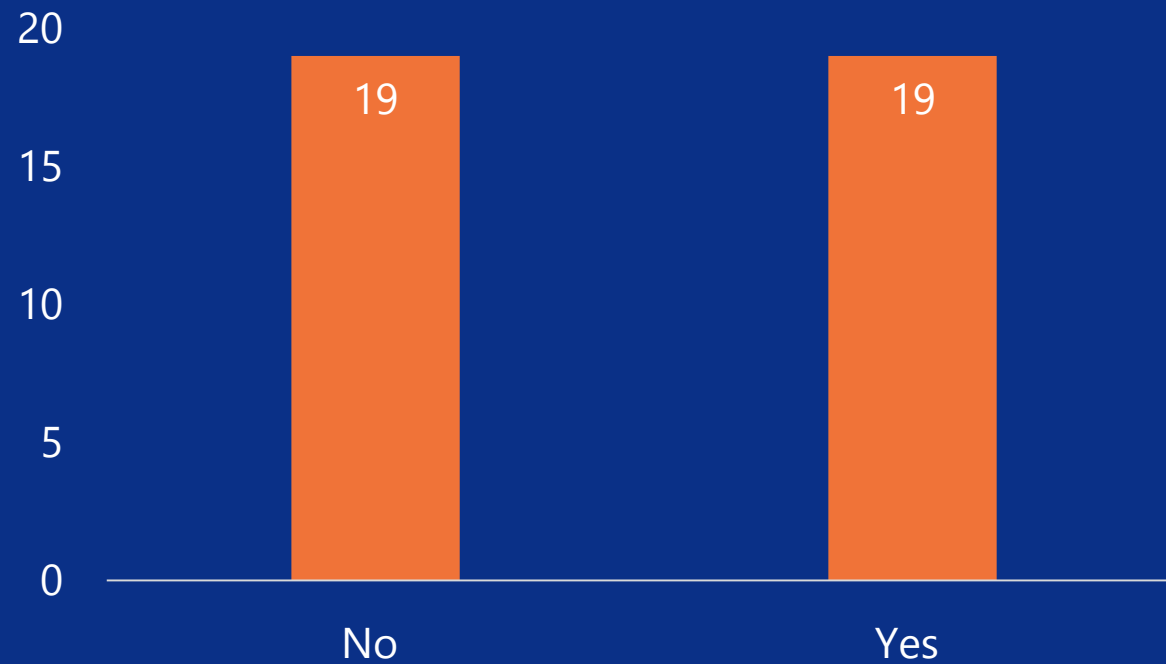
EDF

The knowledge about EDF Regulations ranked by the NG on a scale from 1-10

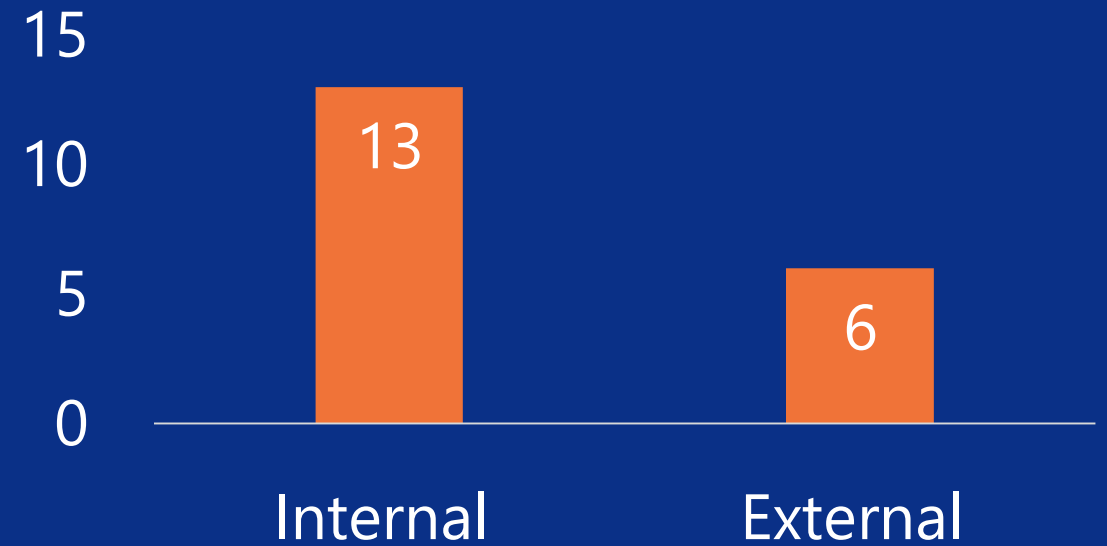


Auditor

Number of NG with Auditor

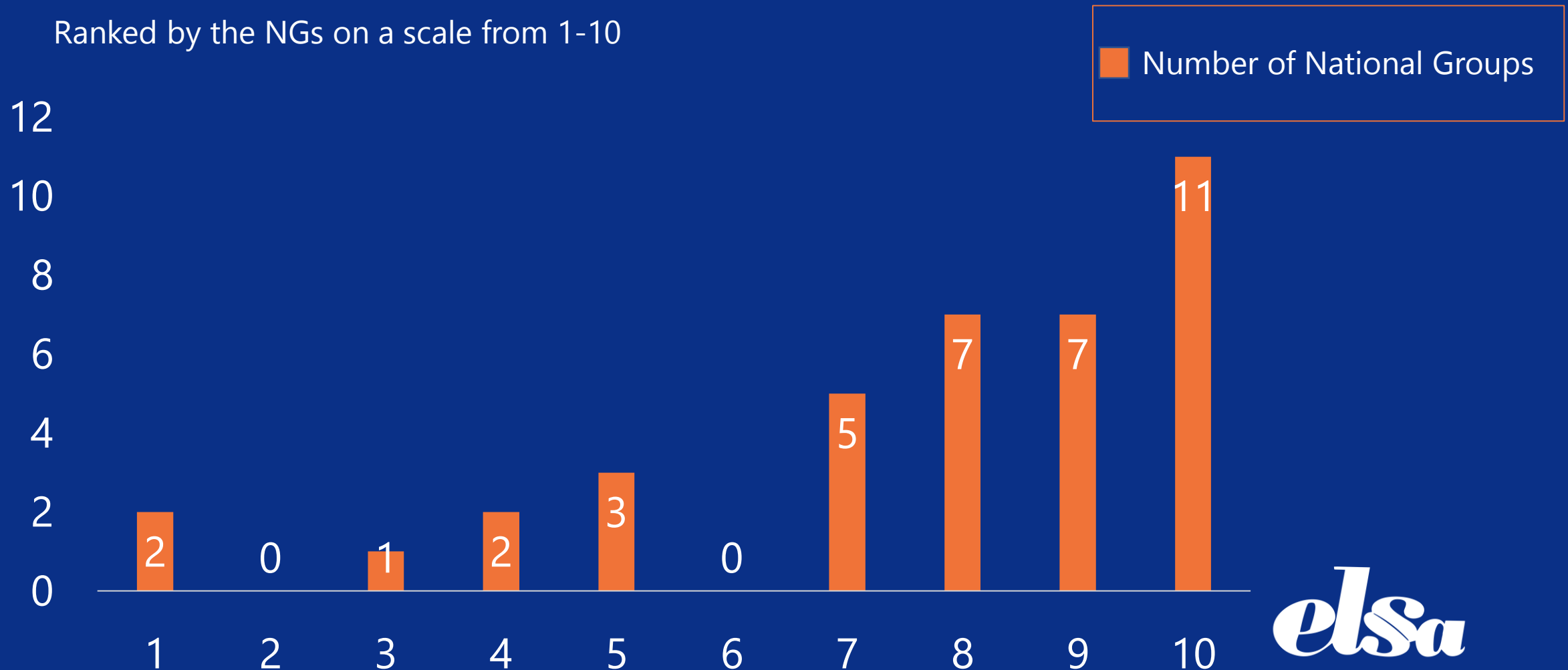


Internal/external auditor



Communication with the Treasurer of ELSA International

Ranked by the NGs on a scale from 1-10



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Wanted Materials for the FM area

- Handbook for Financial Management
- General Guideline for the Treasurers
- Financial Reports of NGs
- EDF templates
- Instructions on how to draft a report for EDF

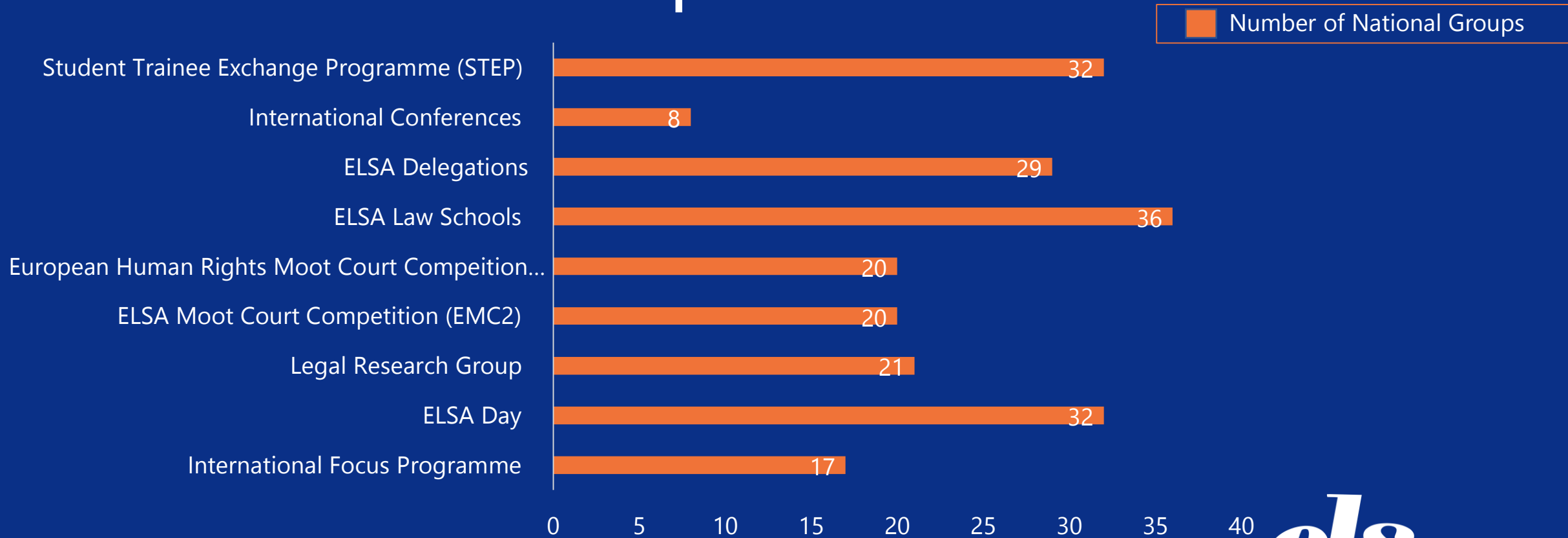


Marketing (MKT)



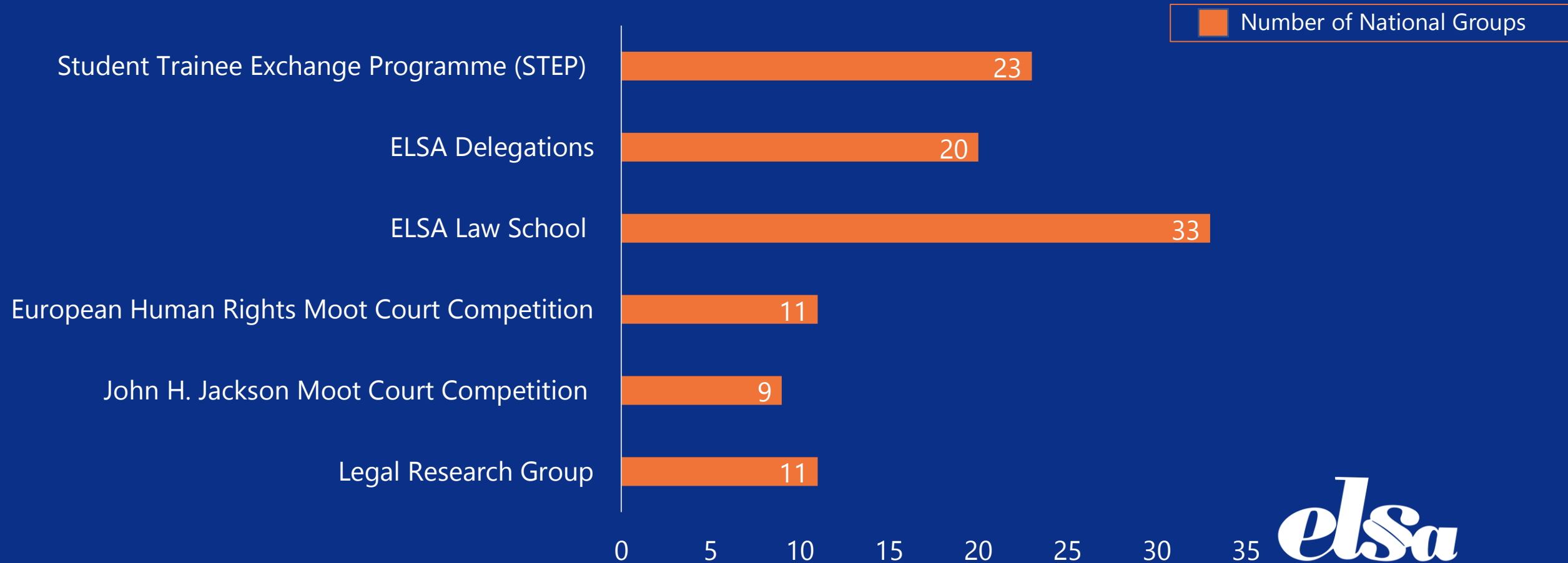
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International projects actively promoted by the National Groups



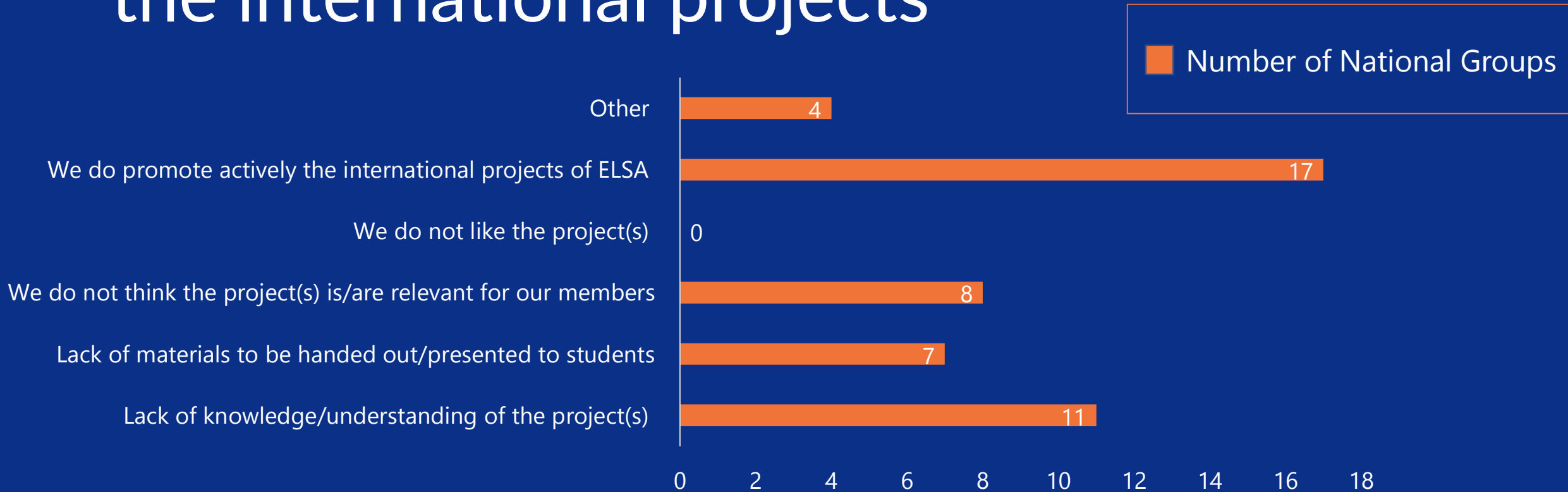
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Most appealing flagship projects



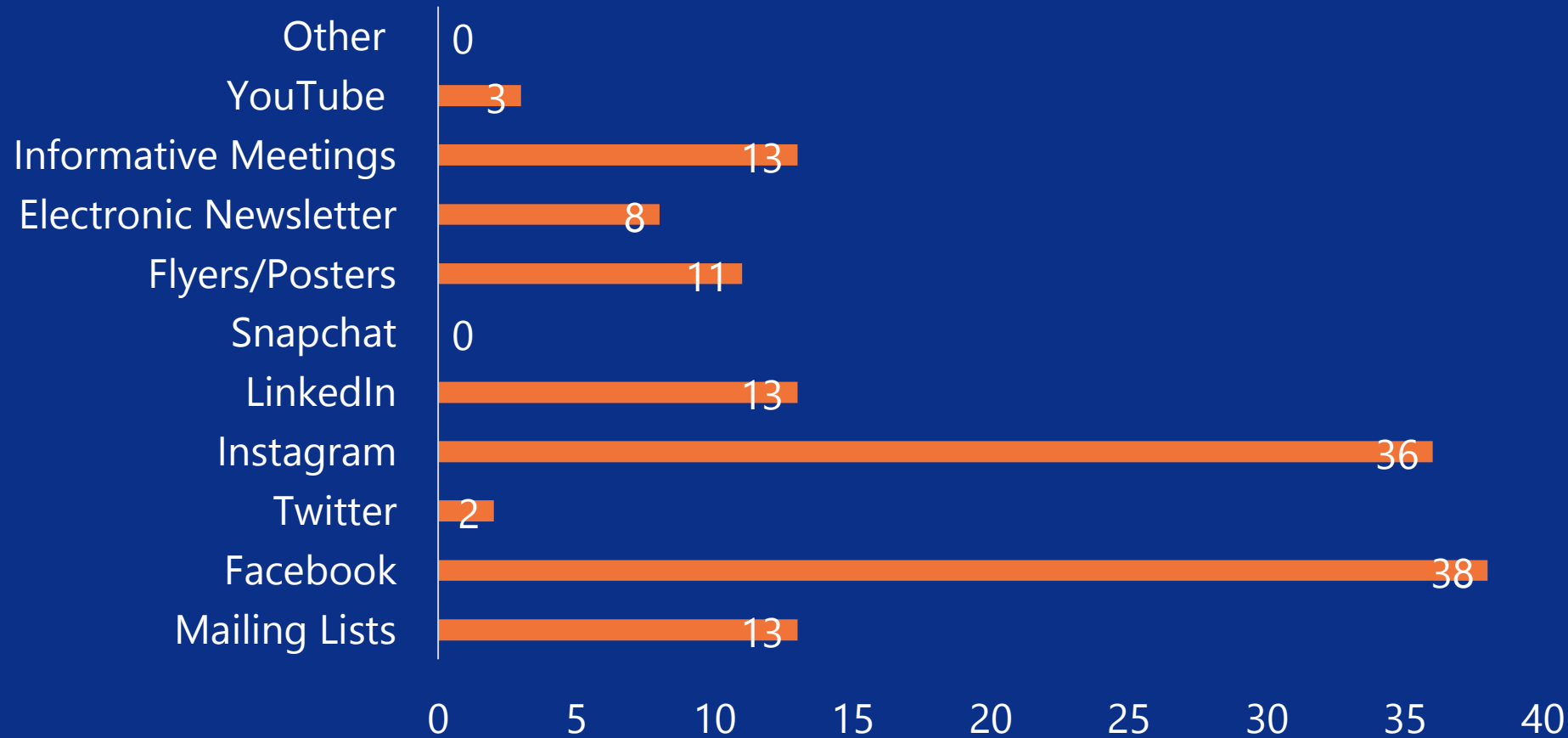
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Reasons for lack of promotion of some of the international projects



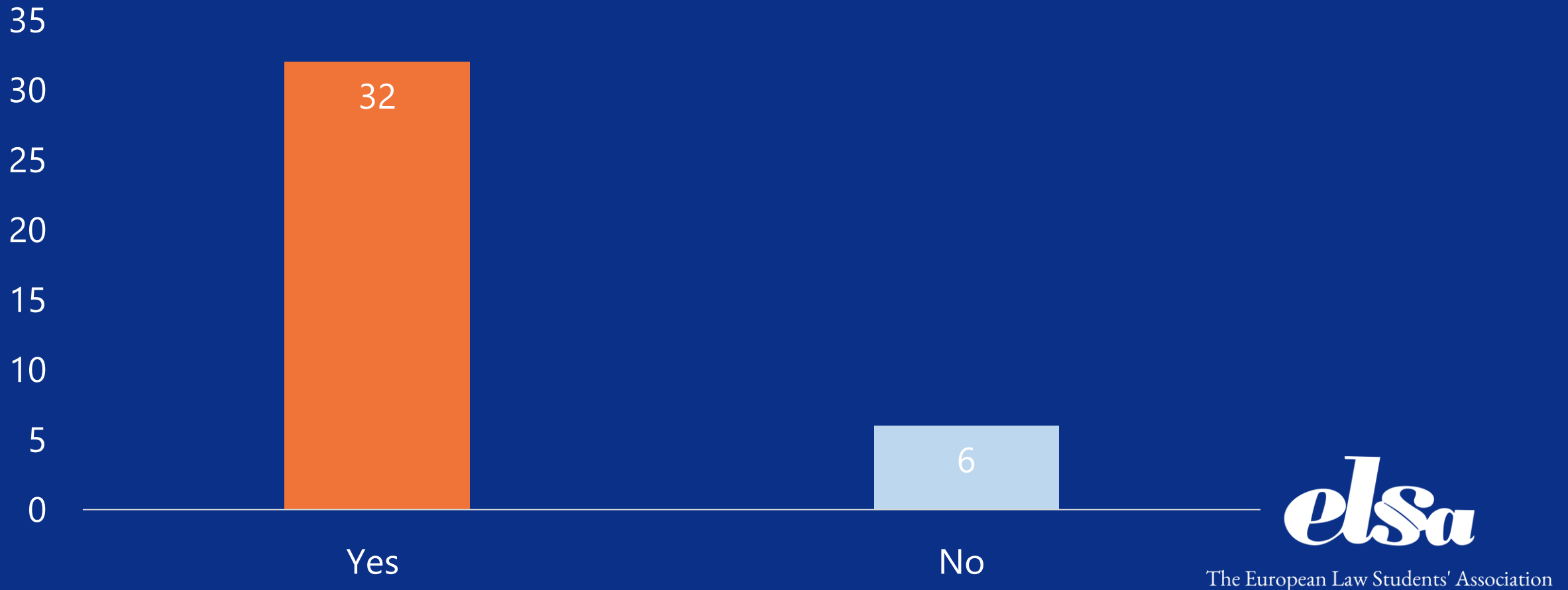
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Channels for promotion



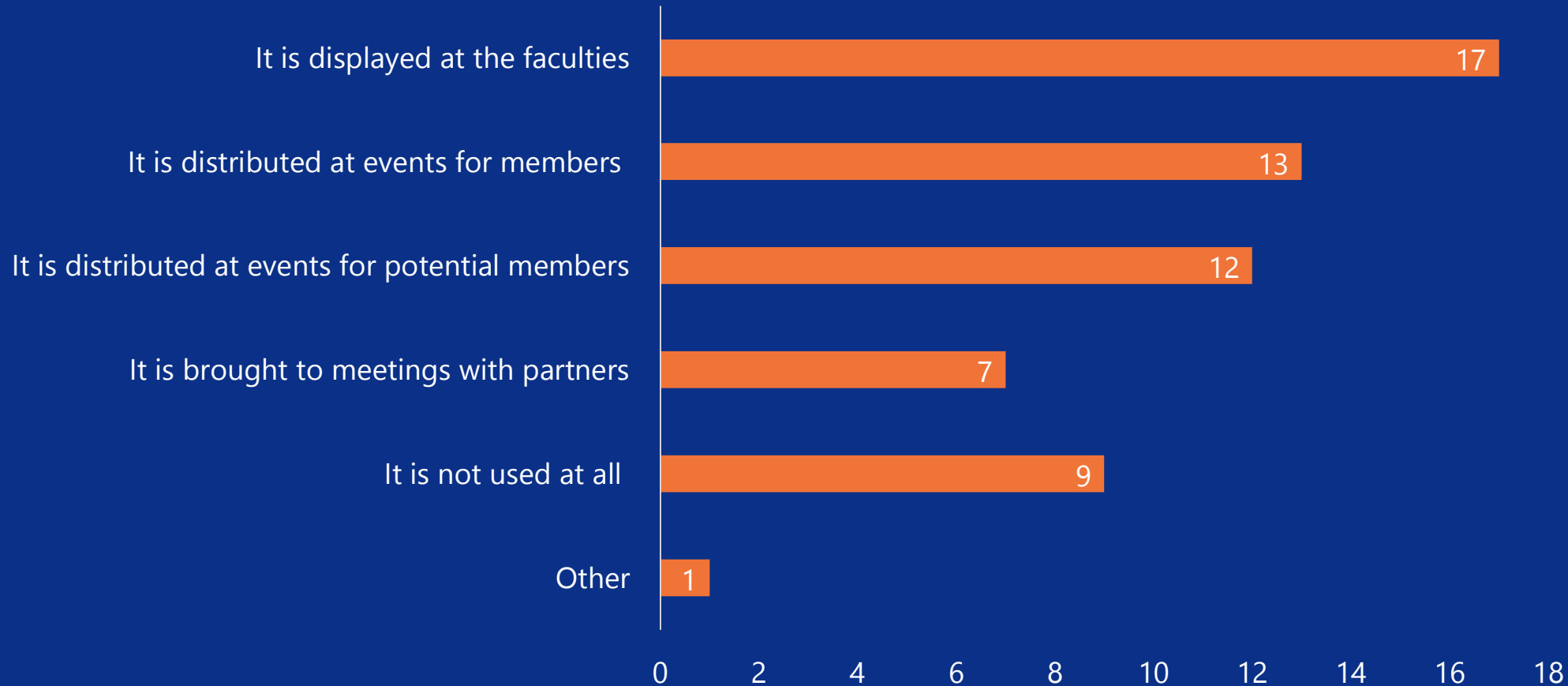
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Digital templates for marketing materials



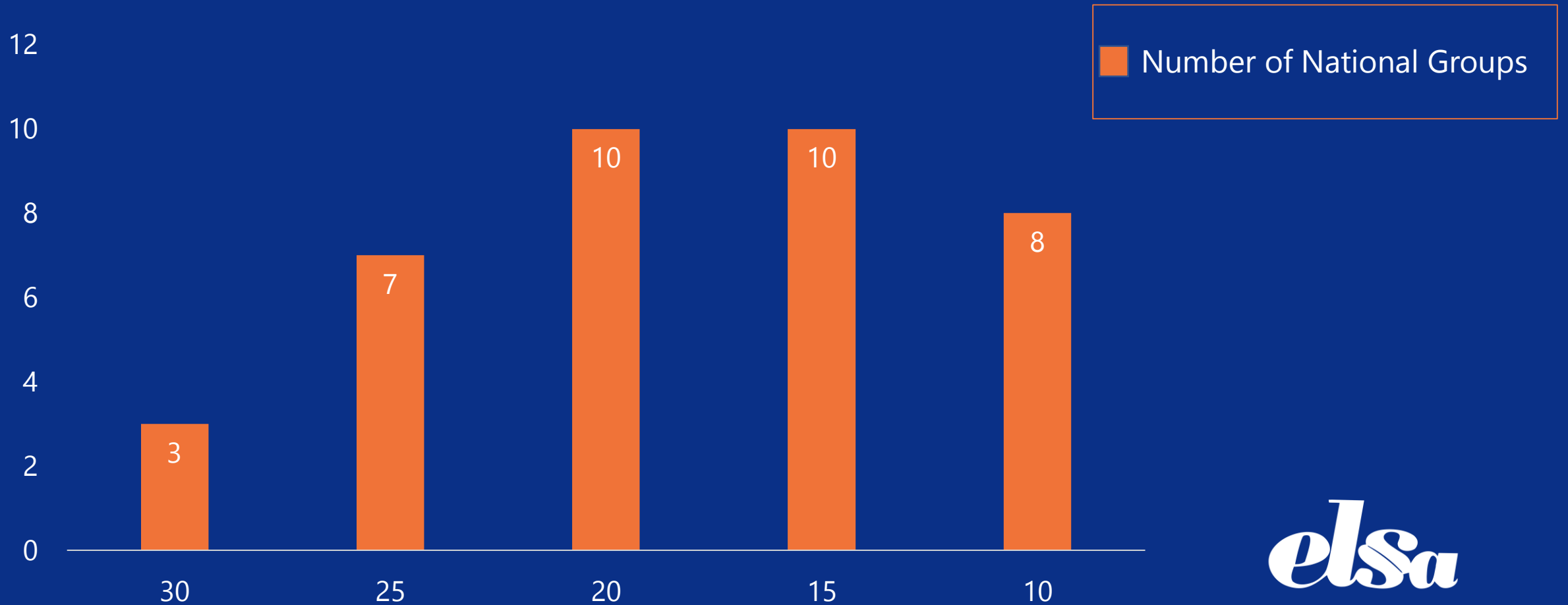
Synergy

The use of the Synergy Magazine in the National Groups



Synergy

Amount of Synergy magazines needed in LGs

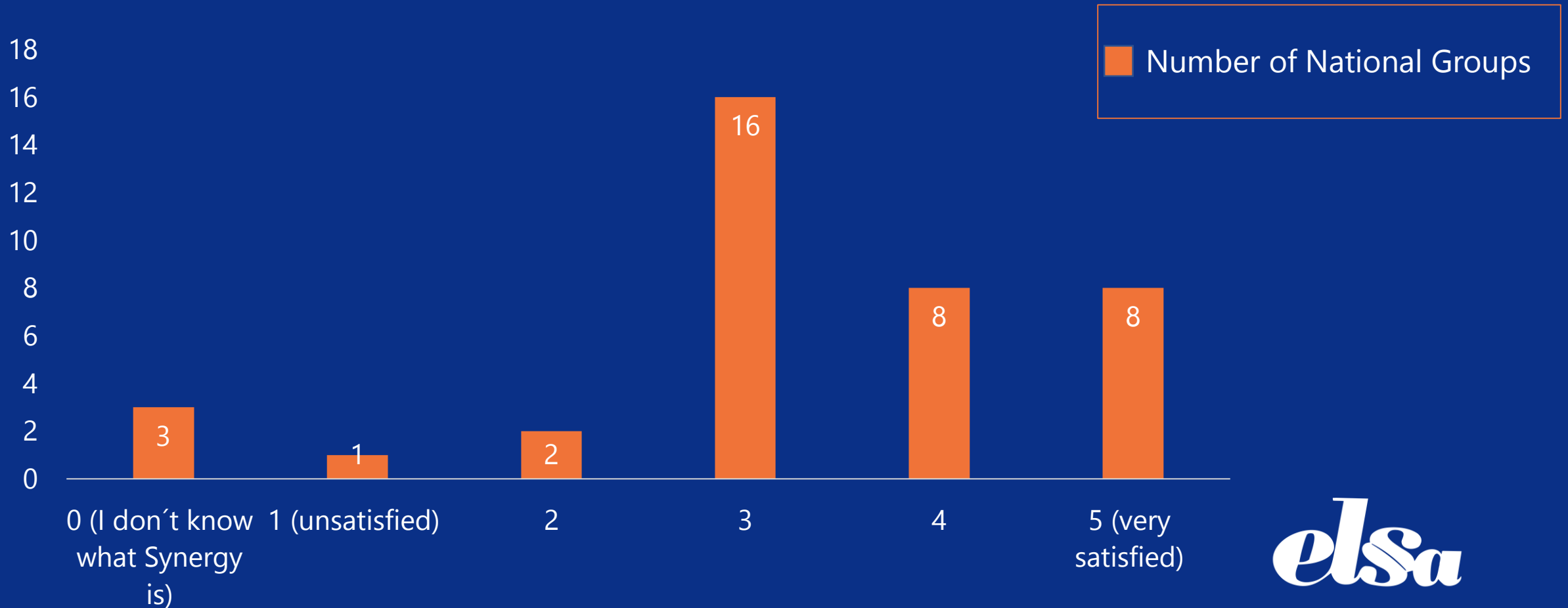


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Synergy

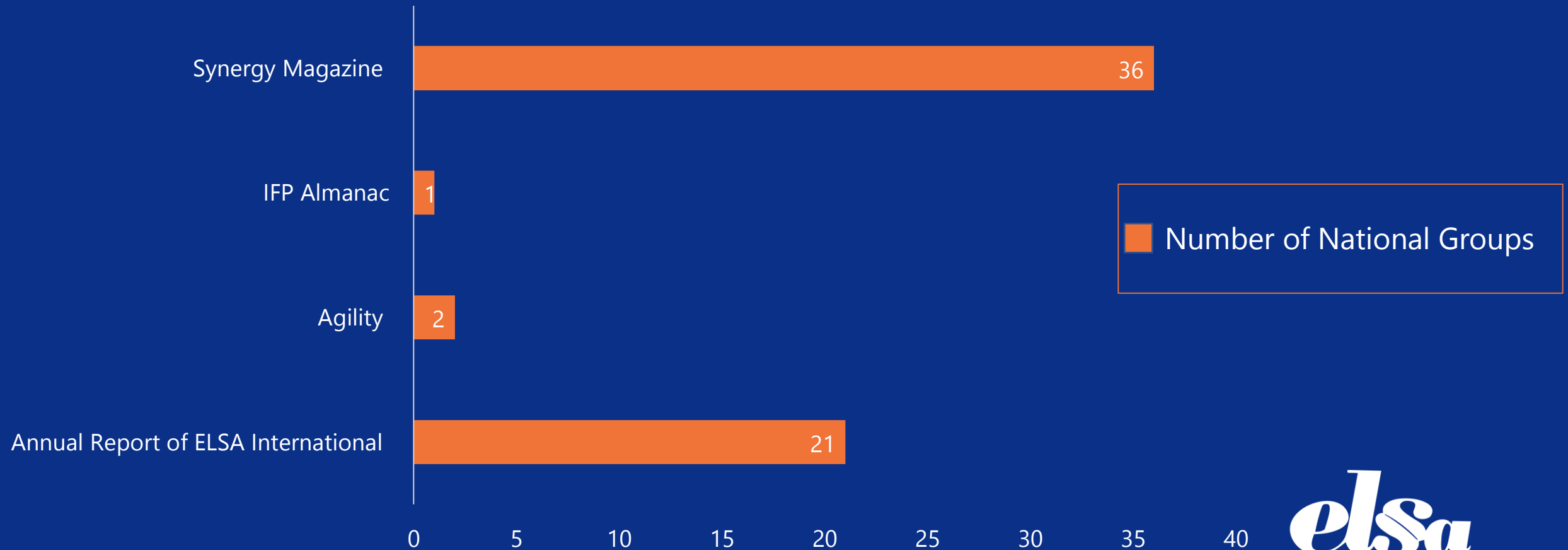
NGs satisfaction with the Synergy Magazine



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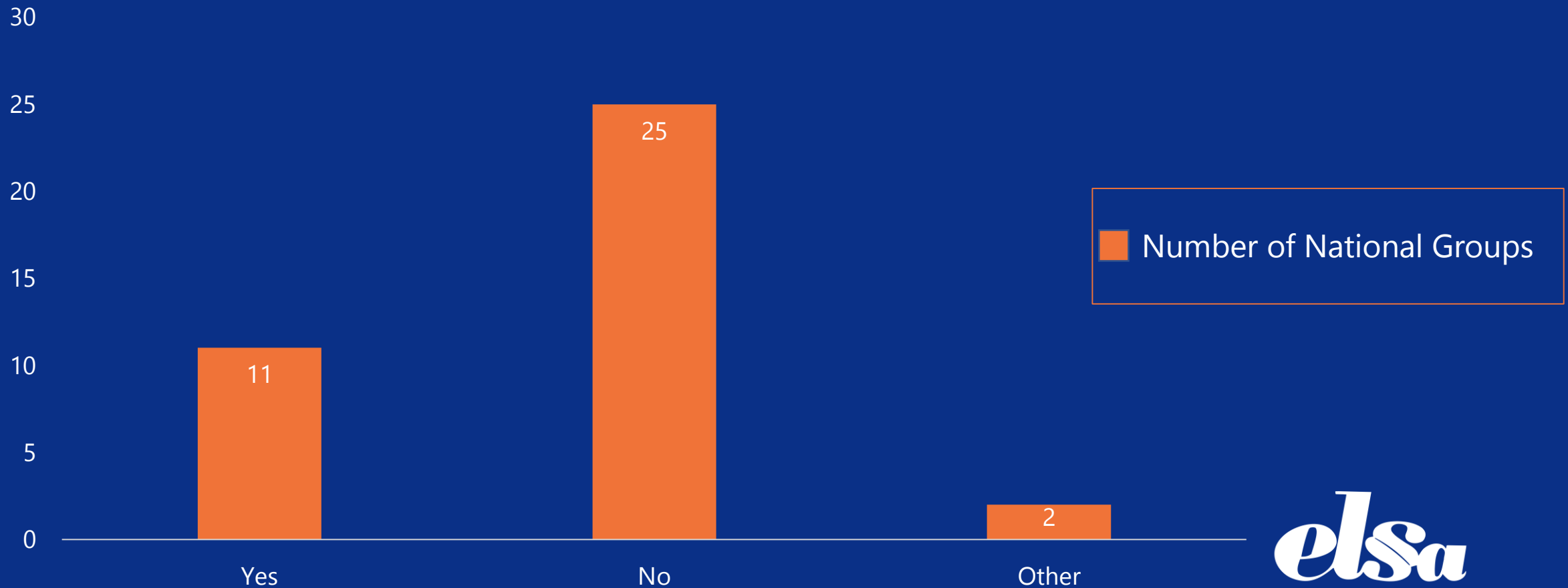
Familiarity with publications

NGs familiarity with publications and distribution and promotion



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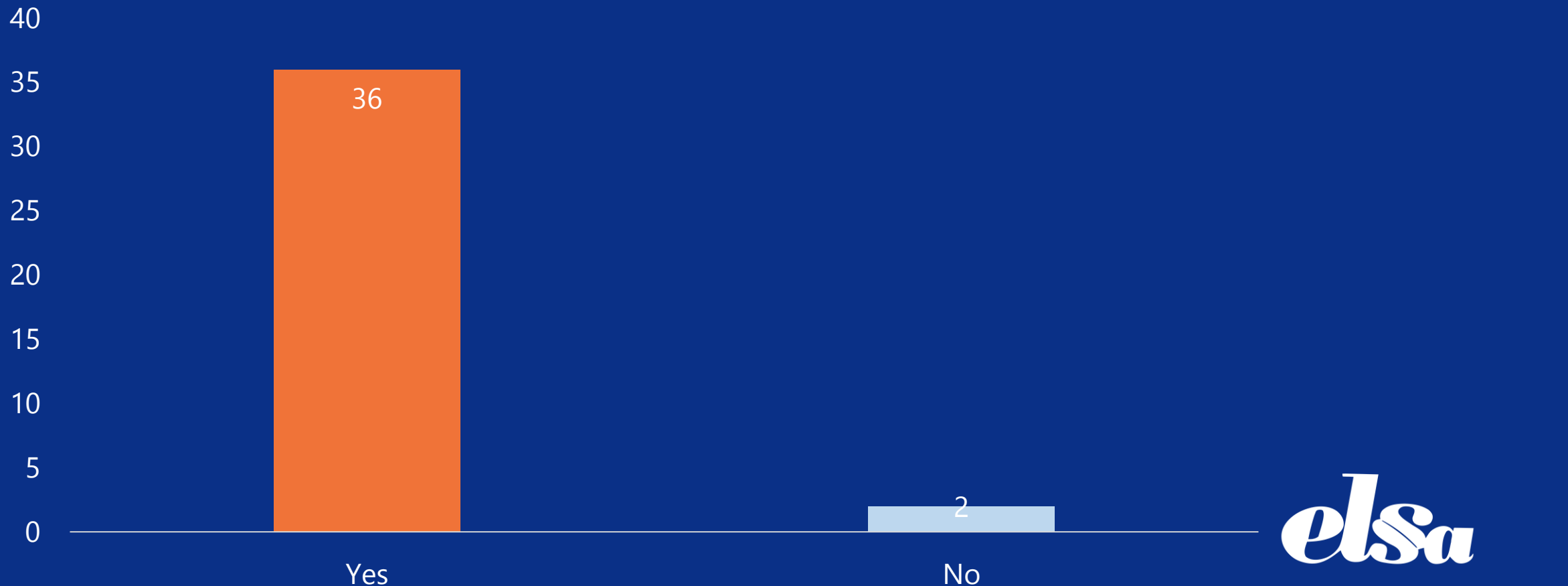
Change of Corporate Identity elements



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ELSA Day

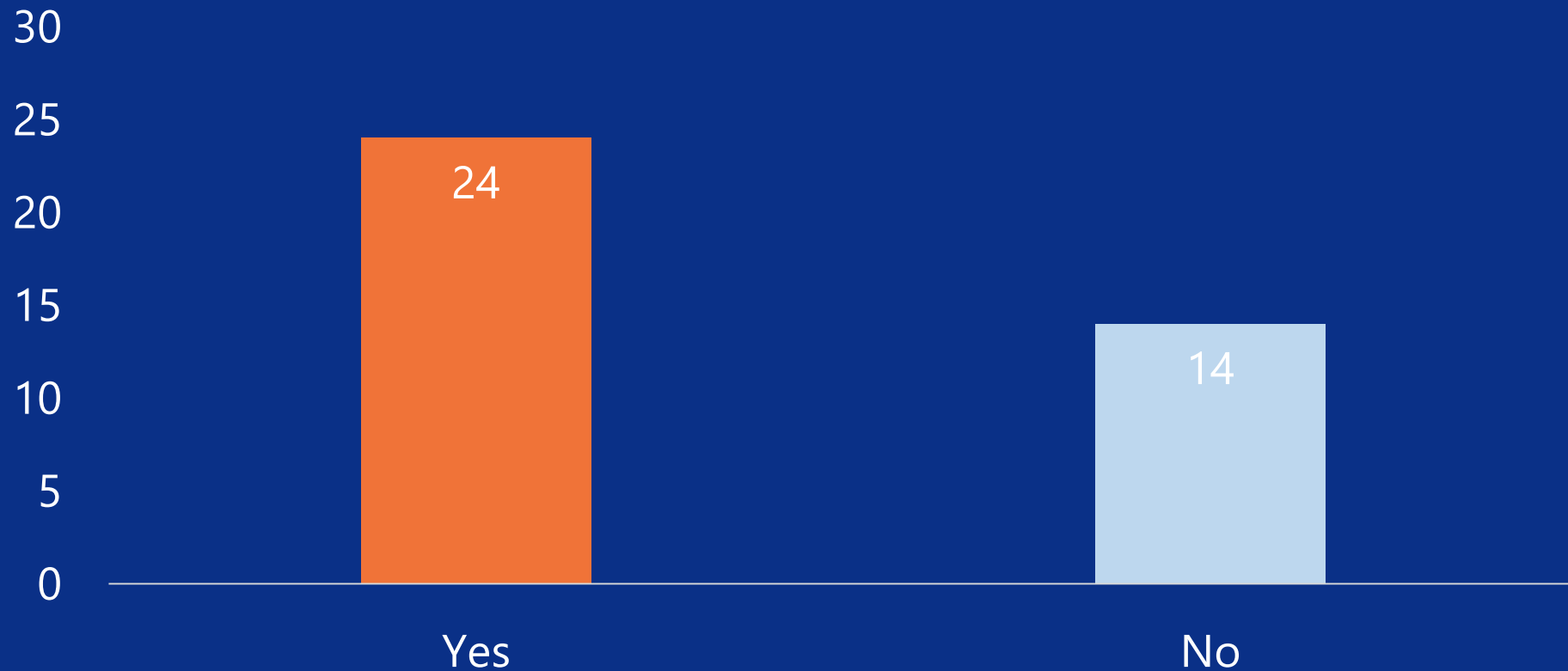
NGs' LGs planning to organise an ELSA Day event



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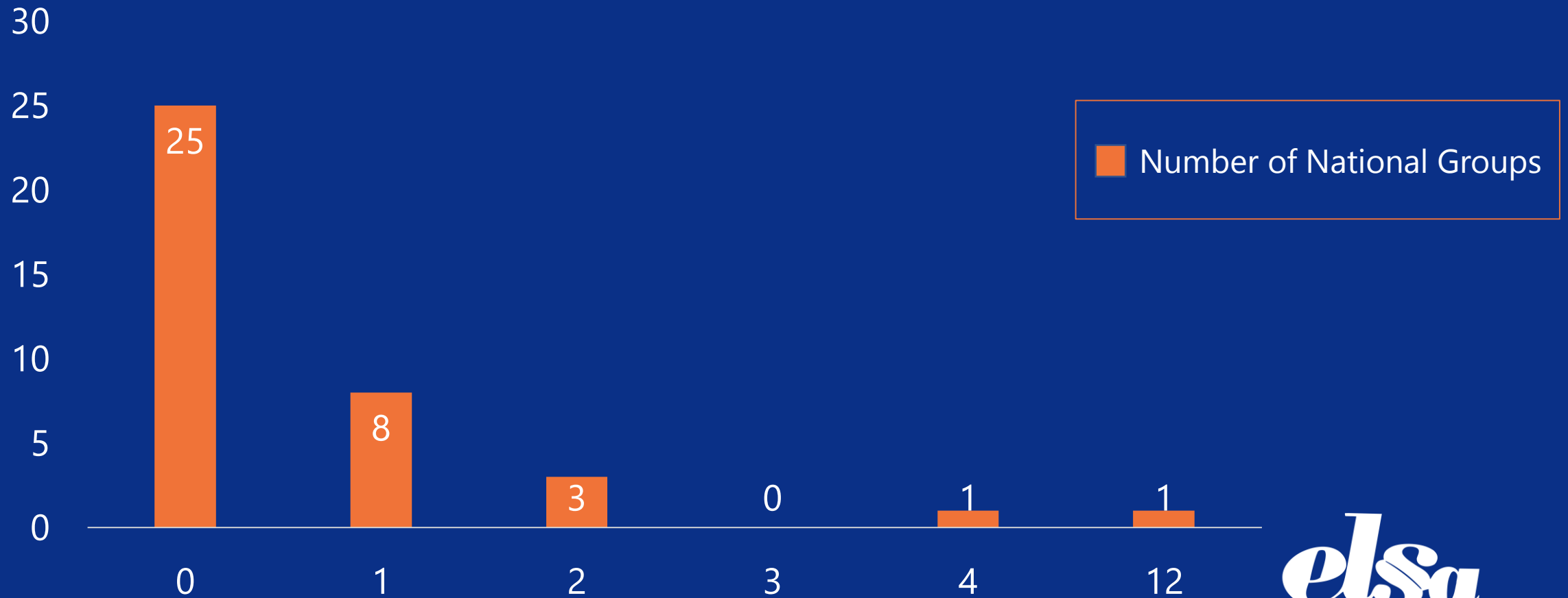
ELSA Day

Number of NGOs LGs that are planning to organise human rights campaign as a part of ELSA Day



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Number of IFP events organised



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Academic Activities (AA)



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Academic Activities organised on Local level



Academic Activities organised on National Level



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Most important AA projects

Local Level

Legal Courses

Lawyers@work events

Legal Education Days

Essay Competition

Negotiation/Contract
competition

LRG

Court and Essay Competitions

• National Level

ENC

Law Review

Academic Competitions

Moot Court Competitions

Lawyers@work events



Most important AA events

International Level:

Competitions

JHJMCC

EHRMCC

Legal Research Group

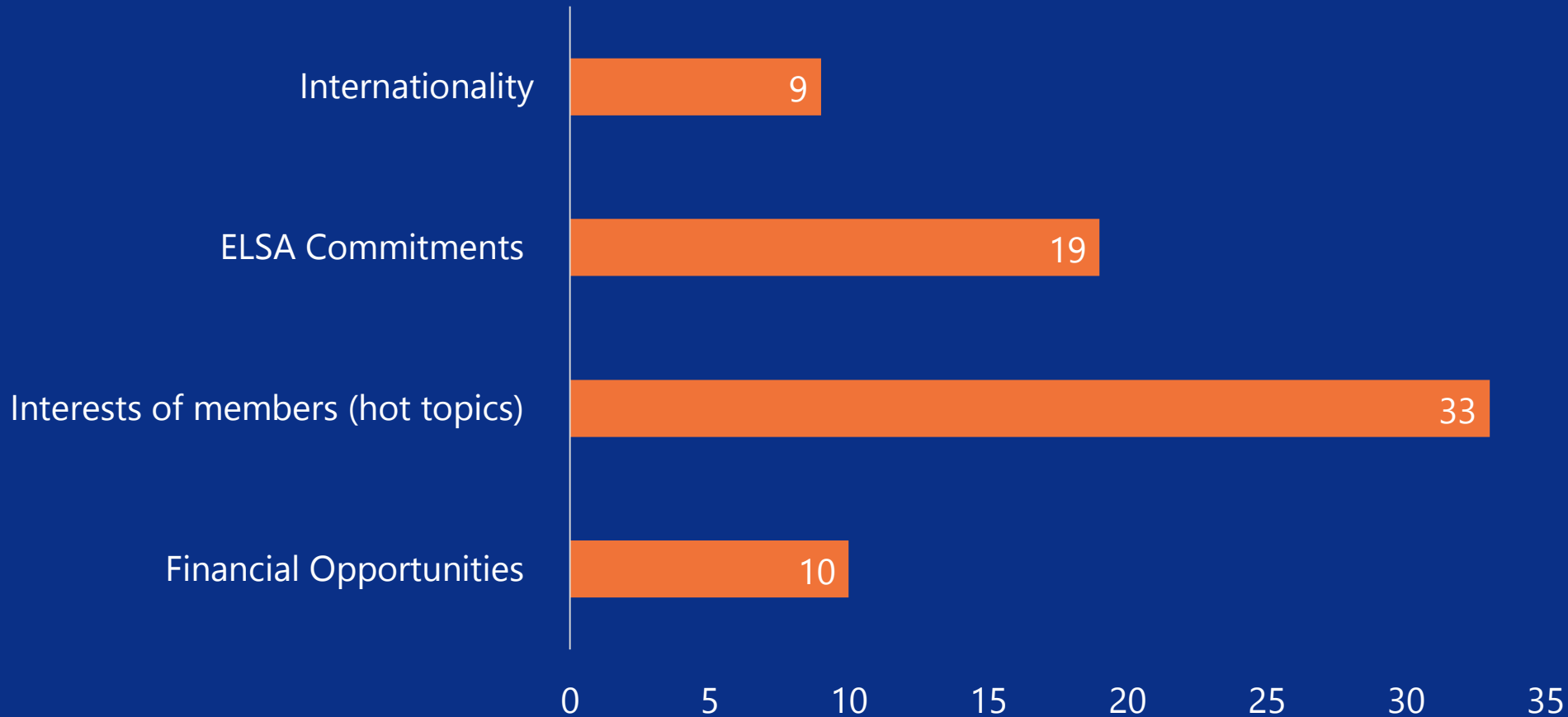
Essay Competition

Law Review



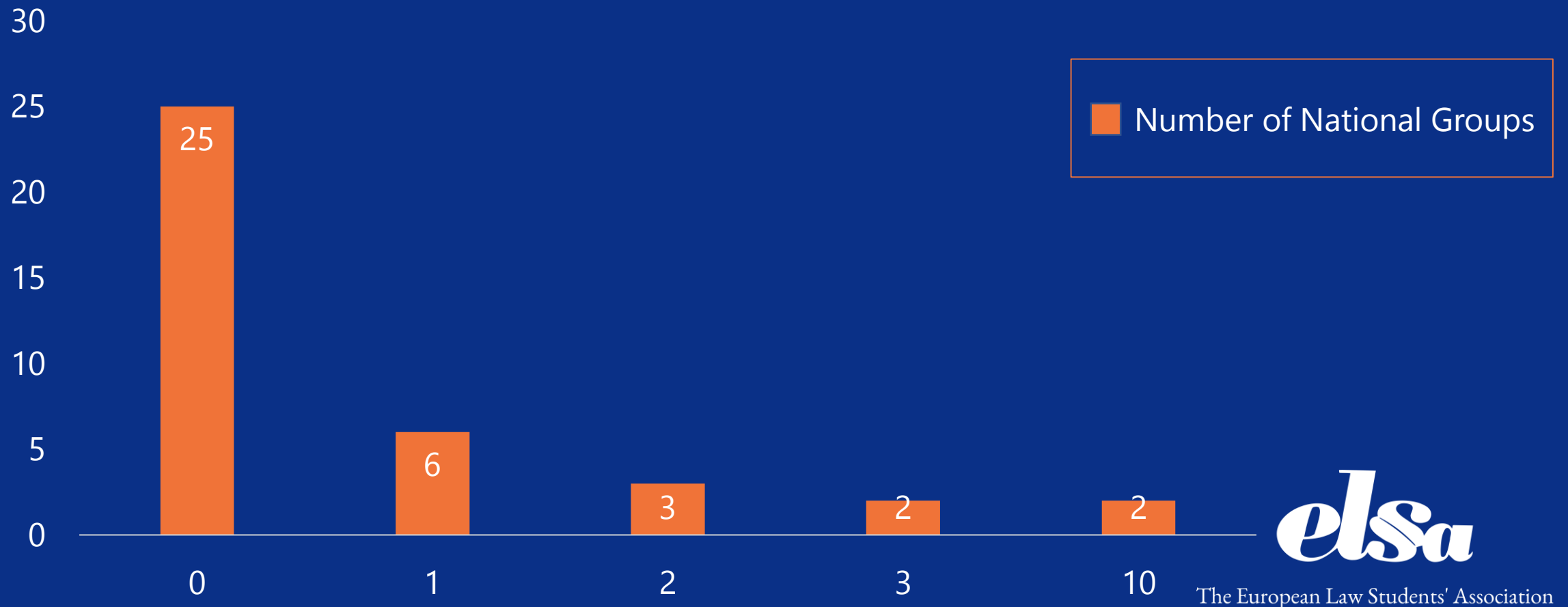
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Main focus when organising AA events

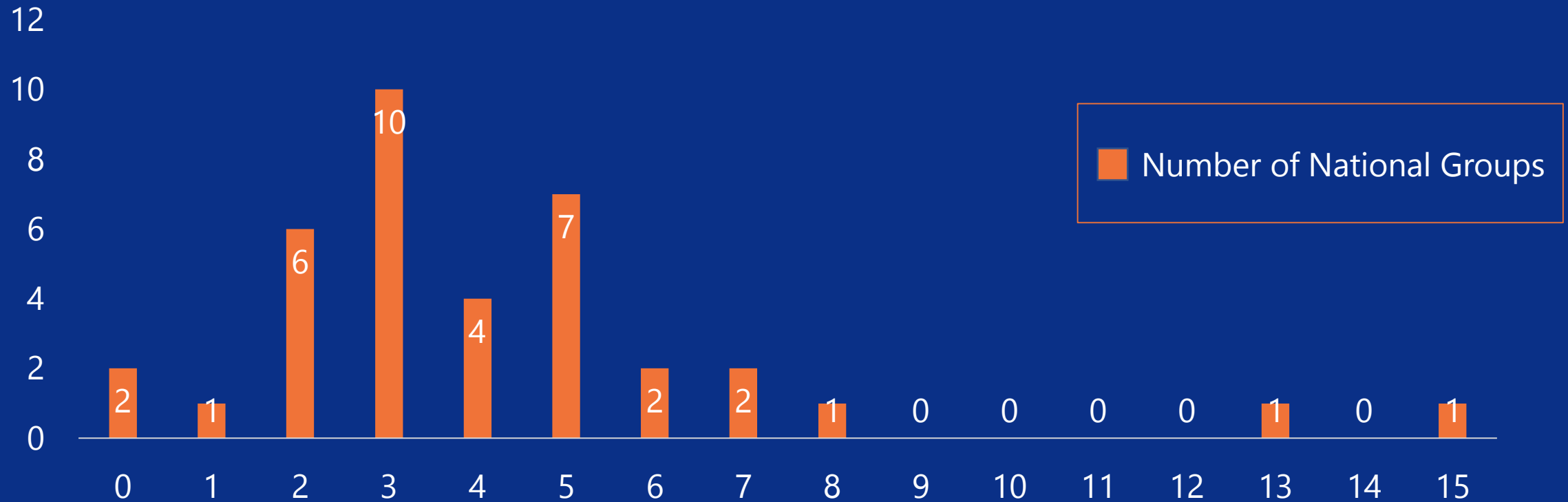


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How many AA events organised so far in 2019/2020



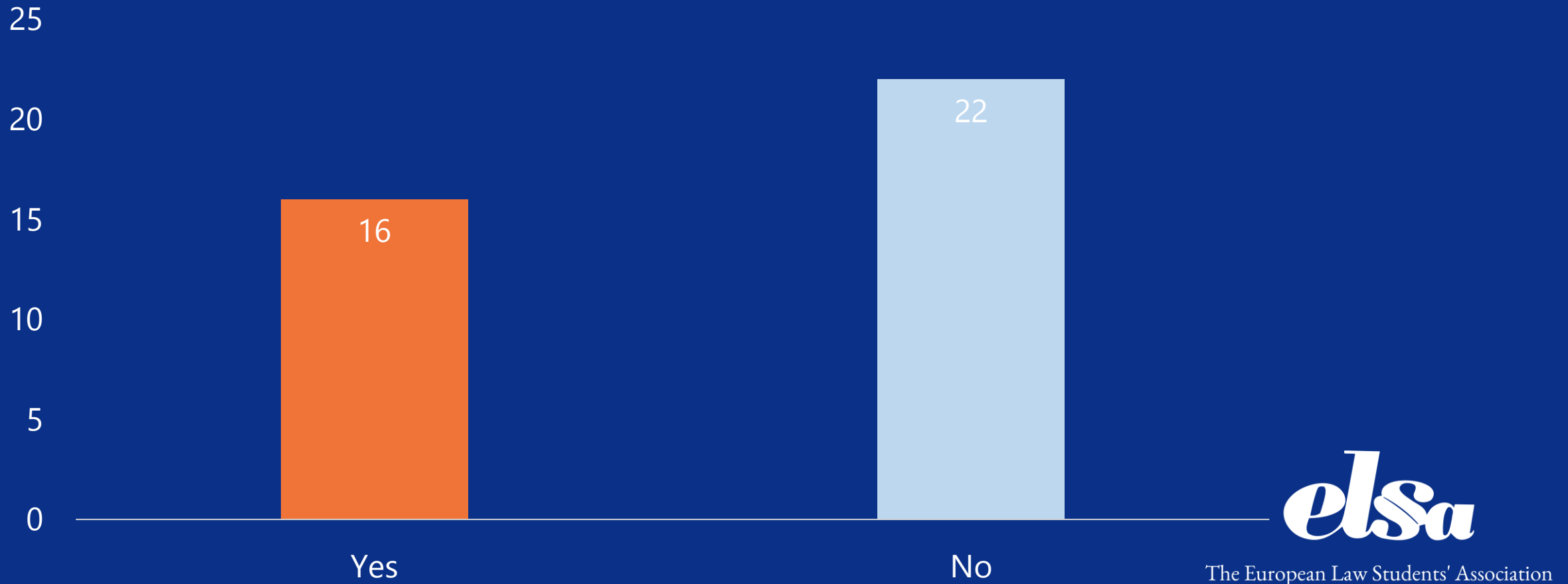
AA events in planning for 2019/2020



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Contact with a faculty or a team that is participating in the EHRMCC

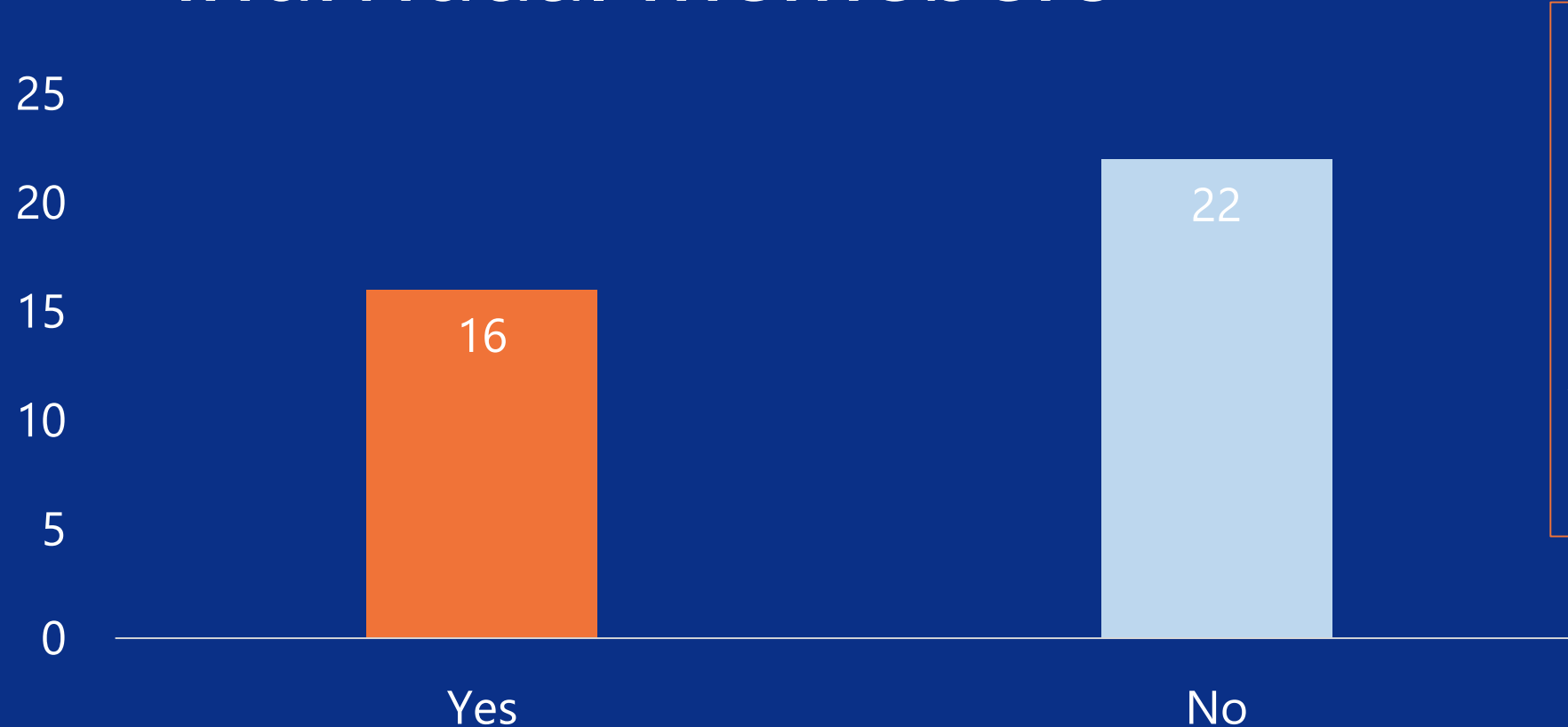


Materials or Information for the organising of a Regional Round

- Knowledge of the process, financial support
- Simple information with a few bulletpoints that highlights the main facts of EHRMCC
- Handbooks or other regulations regarding the procedure and the costs of organising a Regional Round
- Marketing and sponsorship materials, logos, gadgets



Visibility of the EHMCC amongst individual members



There is not enough visibility, how can this be improved:

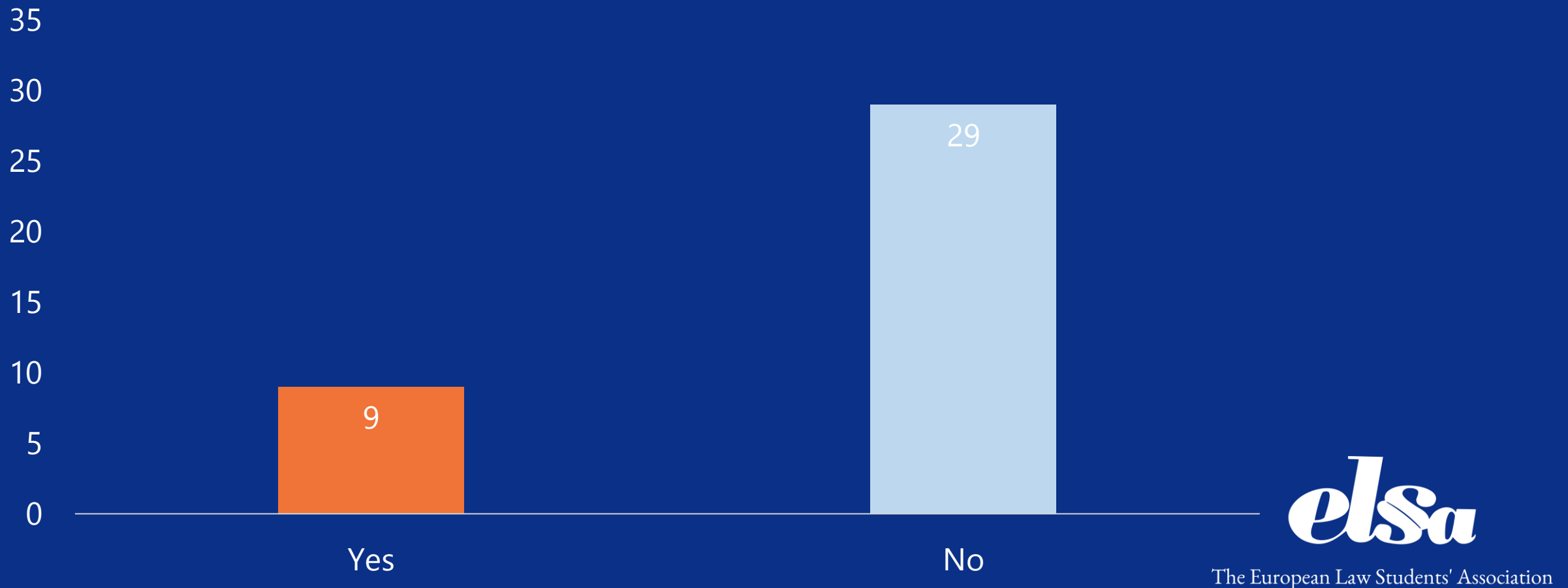
More reaching out, especially on social media
Improvement of communication
Sending templates and making videos
Talk about it at the NCM
More marketing materials



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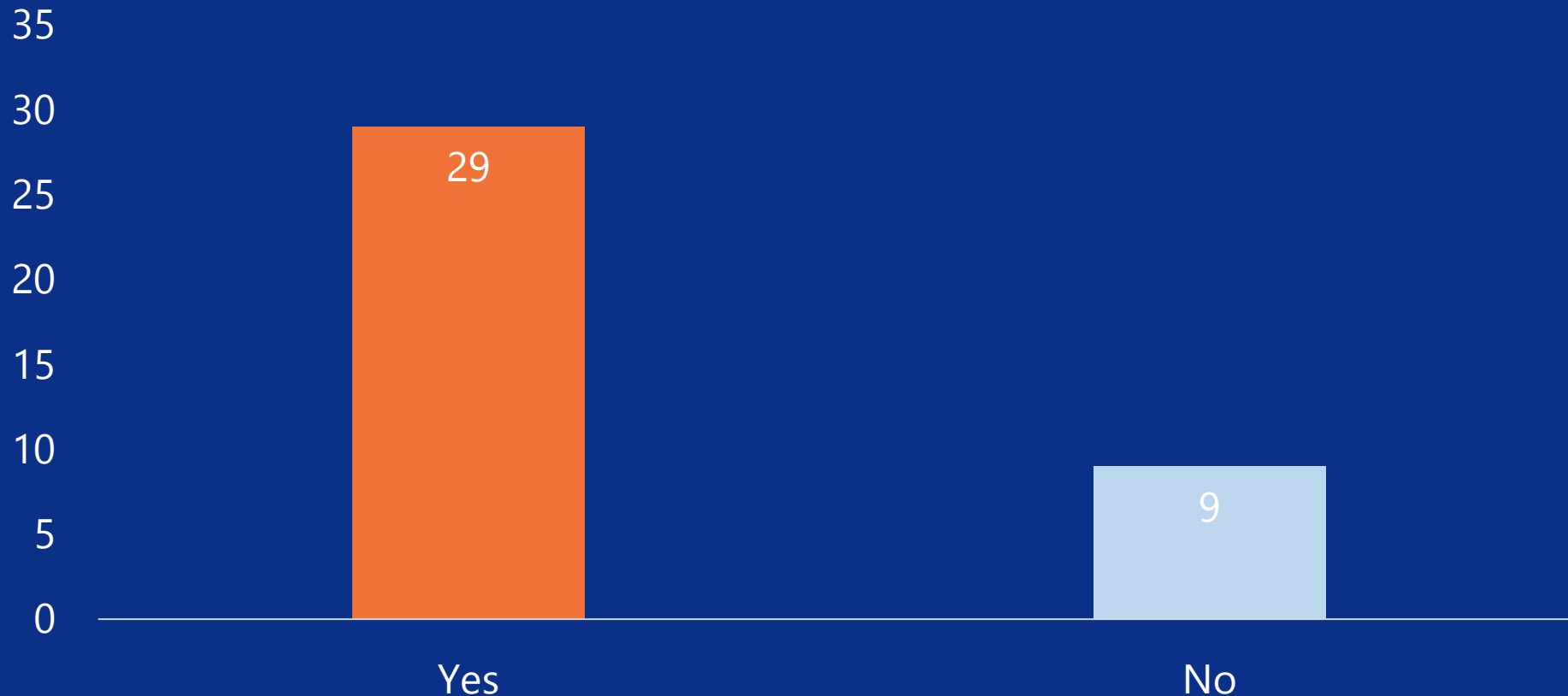
Multilateral/bilateral Legal Research Group (LRG)

Number of NGs involved in a multilateral/bilateral LRG



Multilateral/bilateral LRG

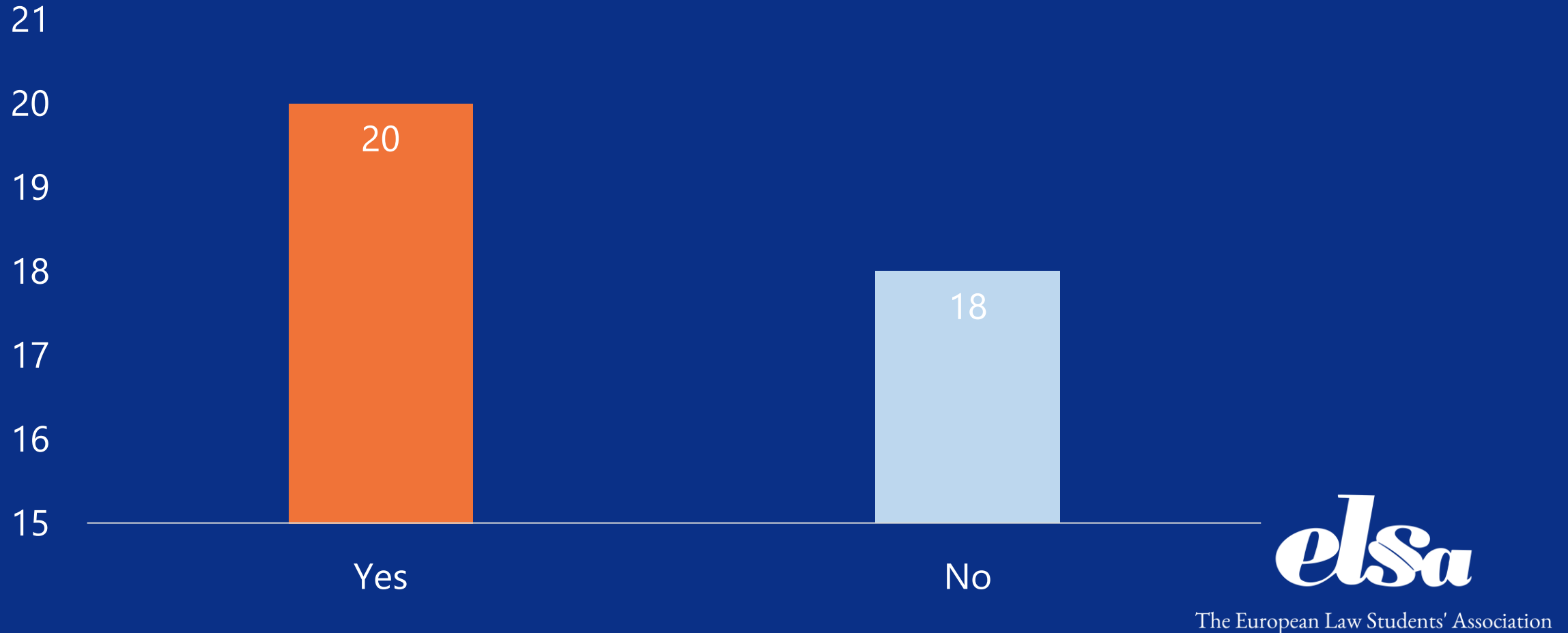
Do you have enough information and materials to conduct a multilateral/bilateral LRG?



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Visibility of the International LRG

For the individual members of the LGs



ELSA Law Review

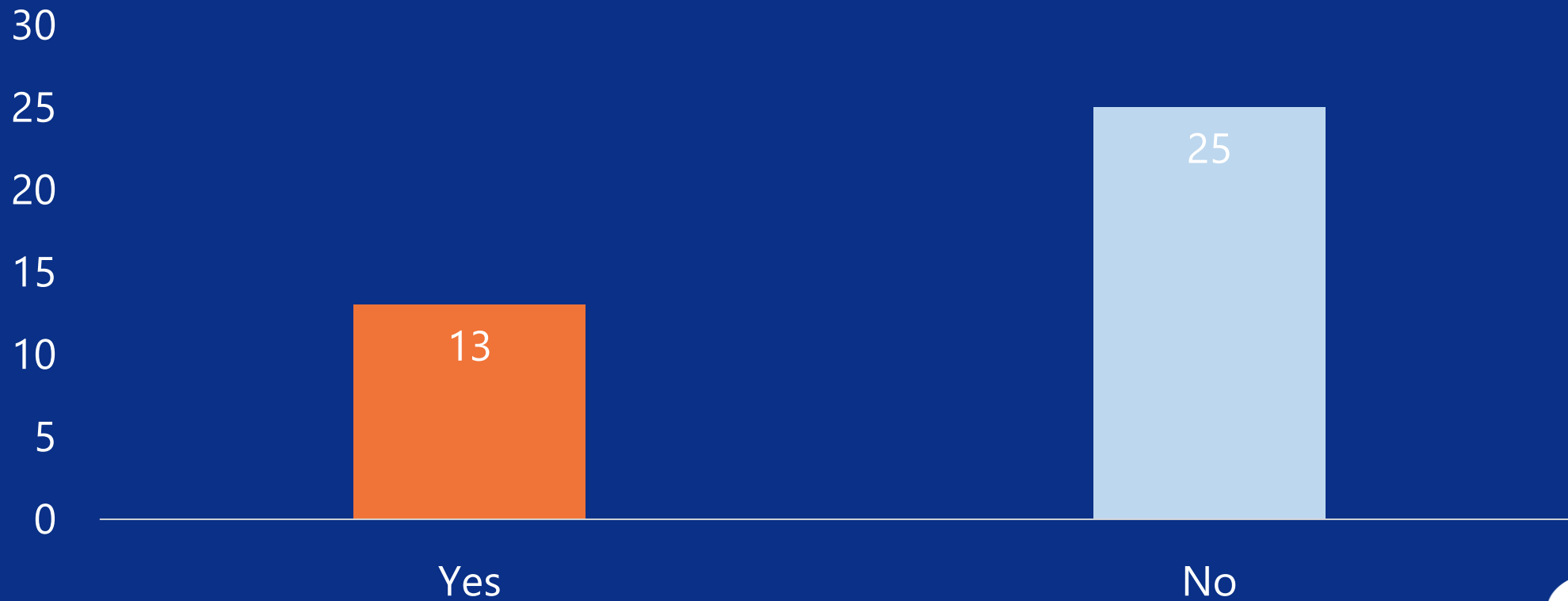
NGs or LGs organising ELSA Law Review



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ELSA Law Review

Visibility for individual members of the LGs

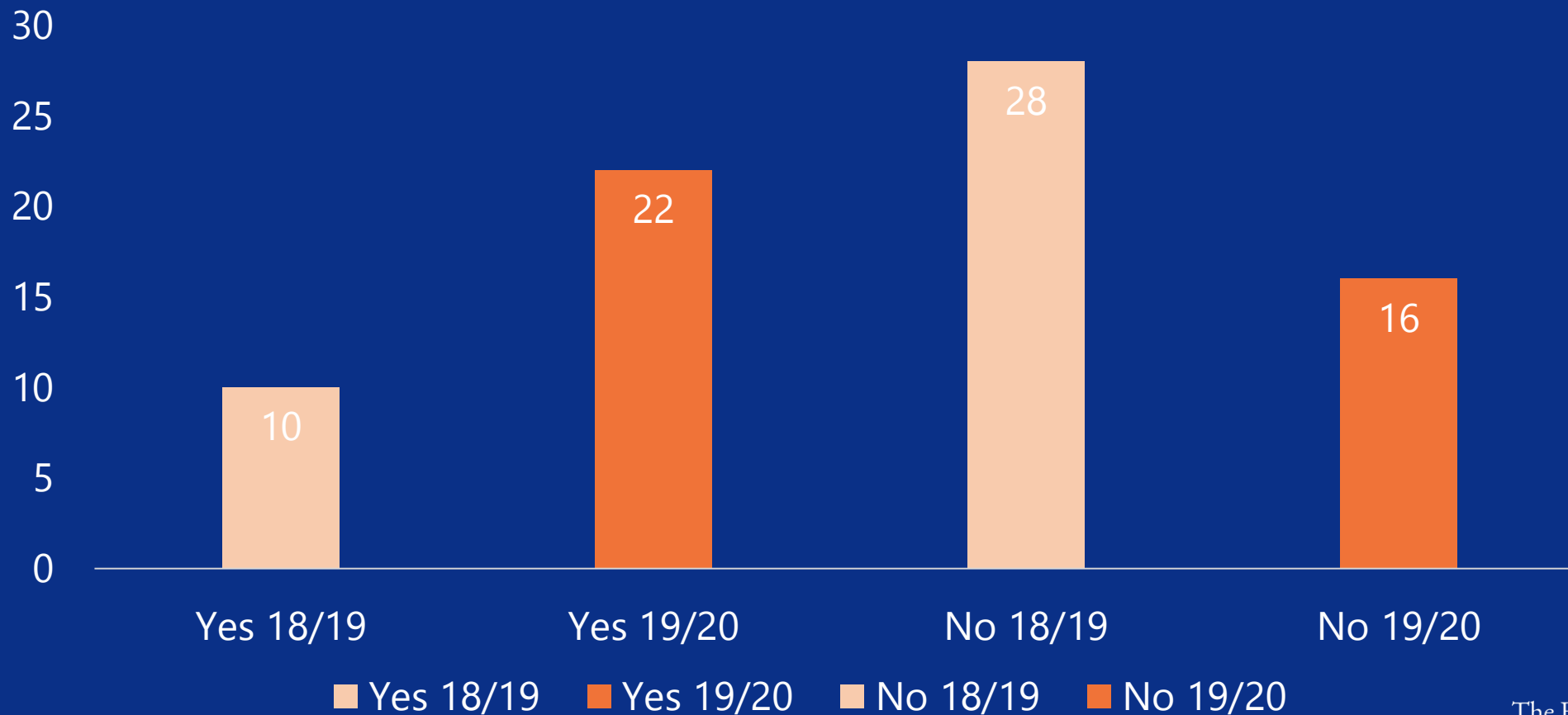


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ELSA Negotiation Competition (ENC)

Number of NGs that organised ENC during 2018/2019

Number of NG that is planning to organise ENC during 2019/2020



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ELSA Negotiation Competition

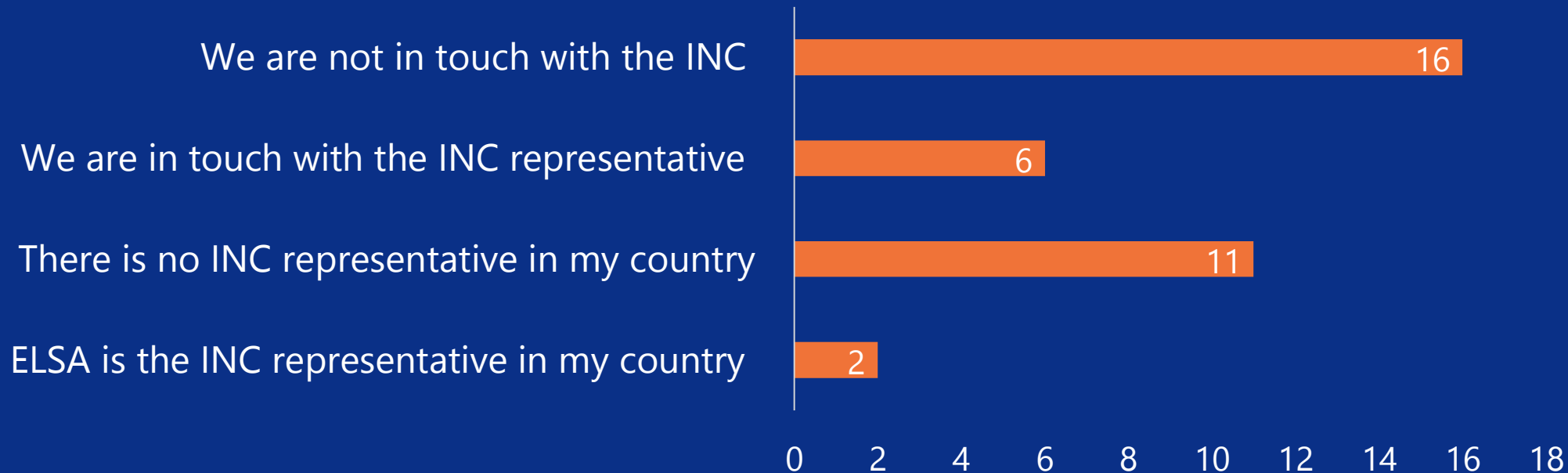
Contact with the ENC coaching team



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ELSA Negotiation Competition

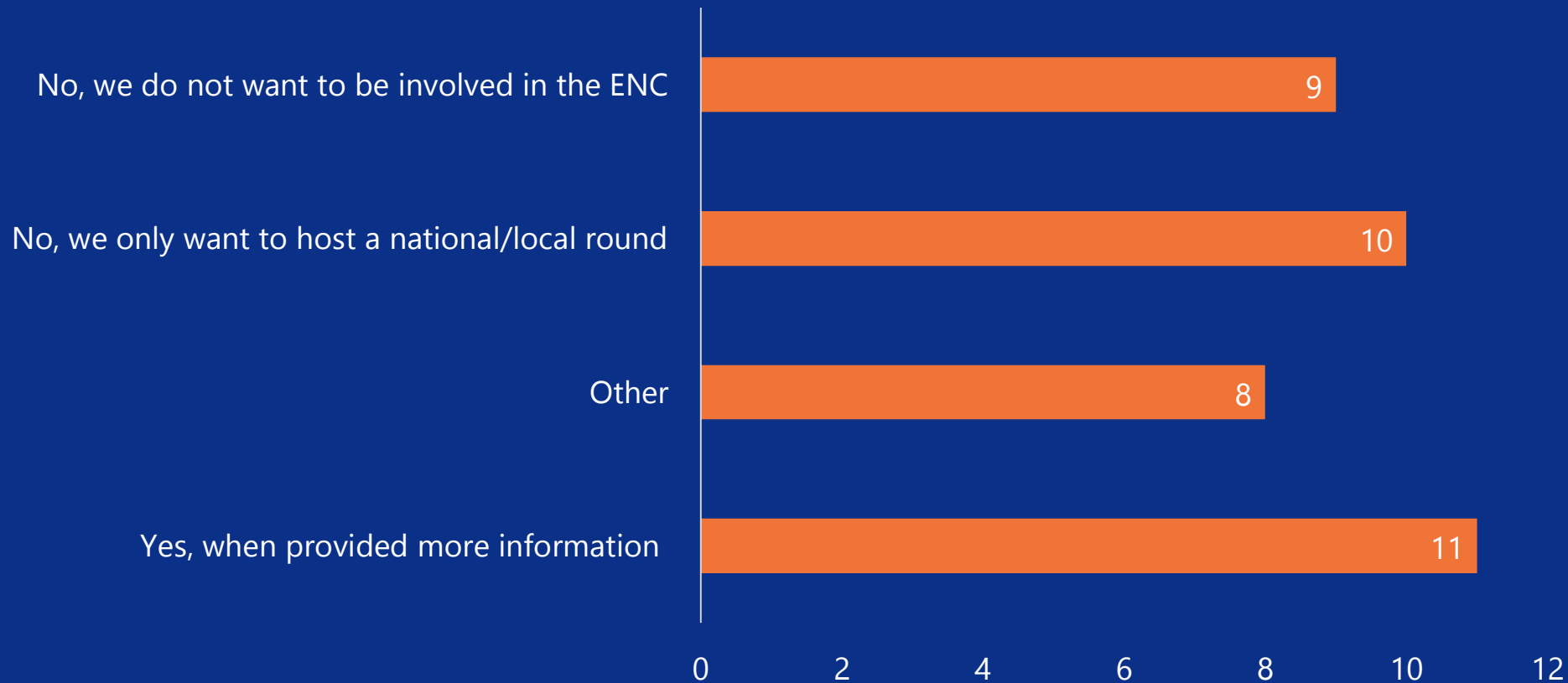
Contact with the International Negotiation Competition representative of the country



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ELSA Negotiation Competition

Willingness to host an ENC round for the winners of the respective ENC rounds all over the network



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Other Academic Competition than the ENC



Other academic competitions:

Essay competition: 14 NG

Client Interviewing competition: 3 NG

Legal Debate: 9 NG

Finance Law Competition: 1 NG

Competition in criminal law: 1 NG

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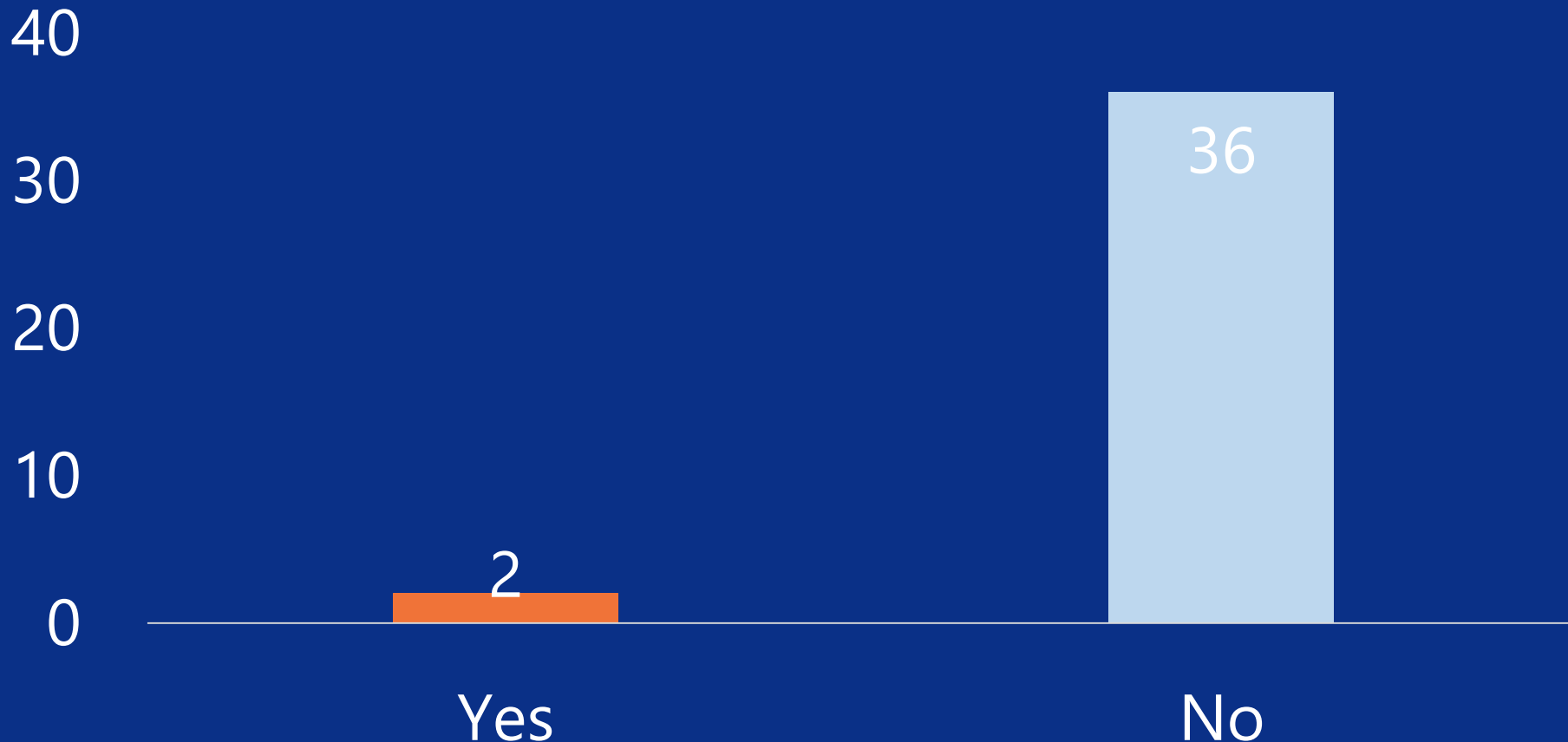
Moot Court Competitions (MCC)



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John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition (JHJMCC)

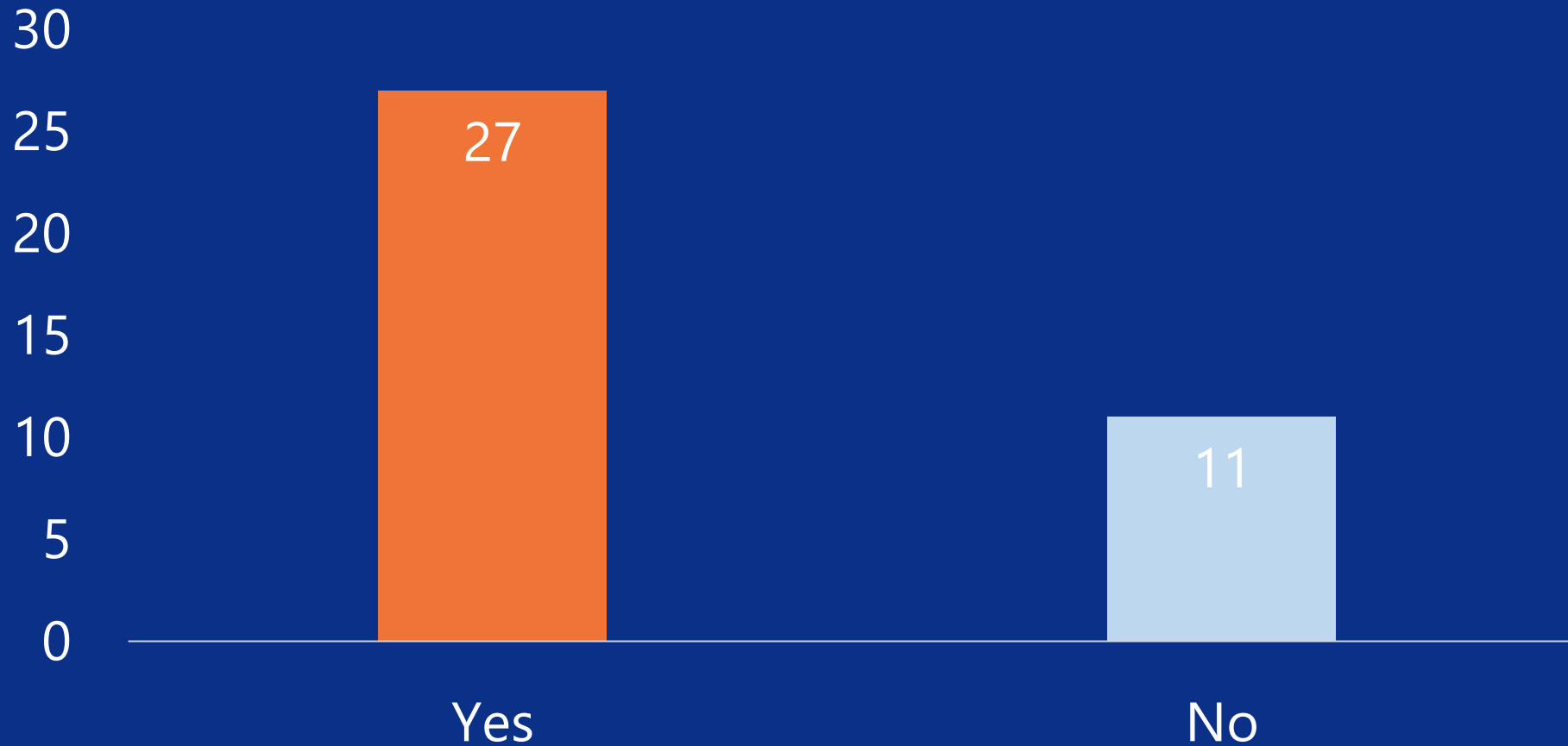
NGs planning to host a regional round of JHJMCC 2020/2021



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National Moot Court Competition

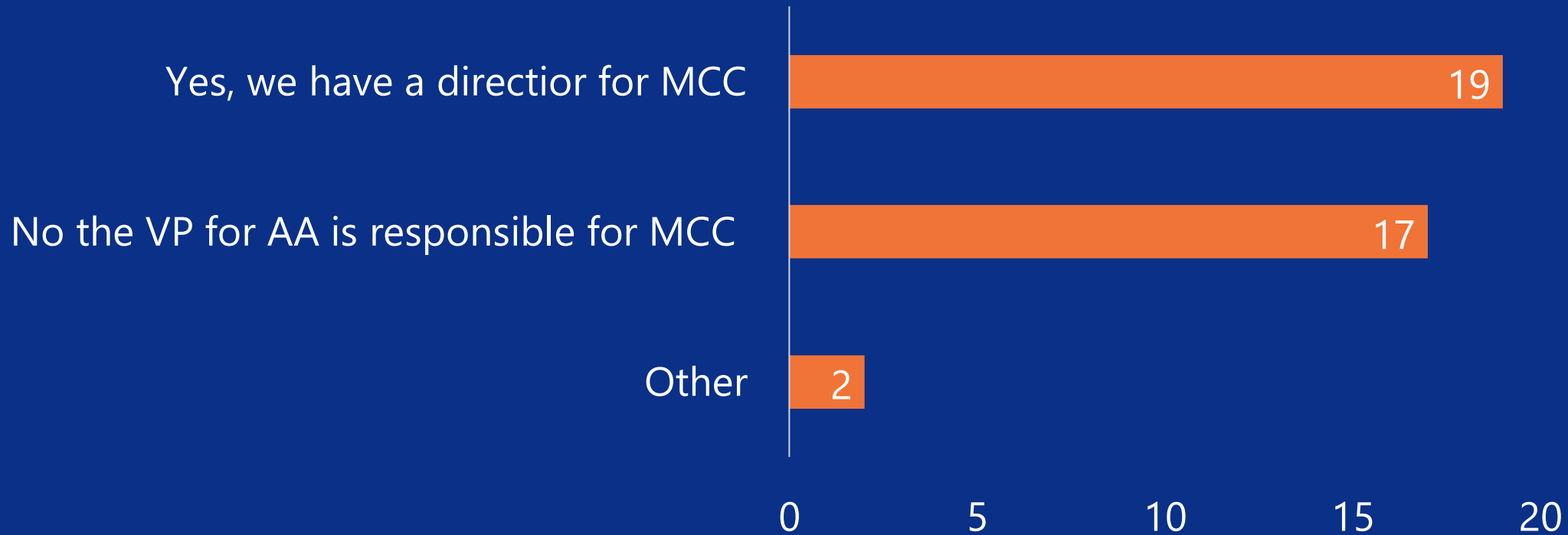
Number of National Groups organising National MCC



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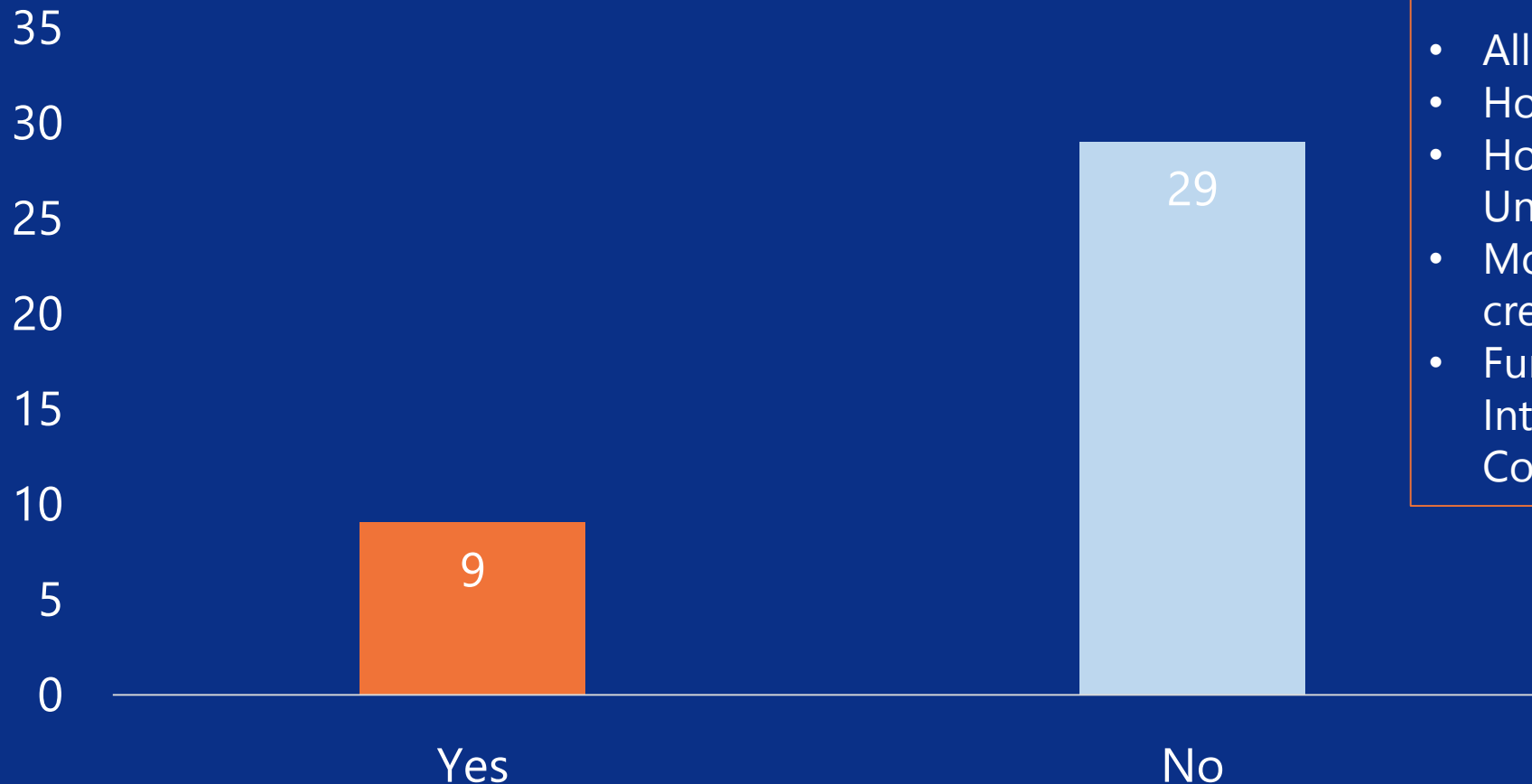
National Moot Court Competition

Position for MCC in the National Board



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More guidance from the VP MCC of EI



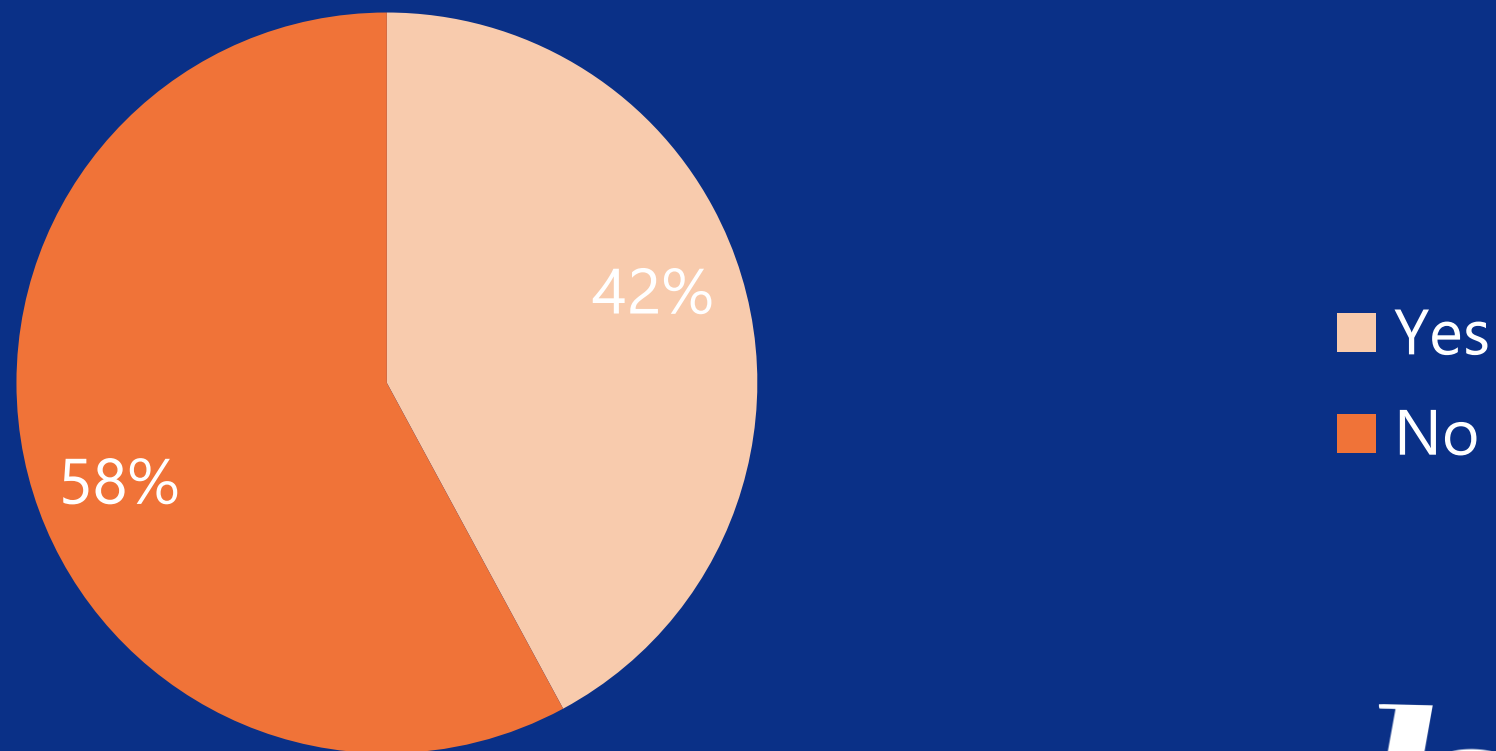
Yes, please specify:

- All information is well received
- How to attract professionals
- How to draw attention from the University
- More information on how to create the case
- Further information about International Moot Court Competitions

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Interest in organising a MCC on the IFP topic



The biggest challenge in organising a new MCC

- Finding interested students: 13 NG
- Promotion: 3 NG
- Partners, case, judges: 7 NG
- Financial issues: 8 NG



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What can the VP MCC of ELSA ~~International help the NGs with in the~~ organising of MCC?

- Cases: 10 NG
- Rules: 6 NG
- Handbook: 3 NG
- Promotion: 4 NG
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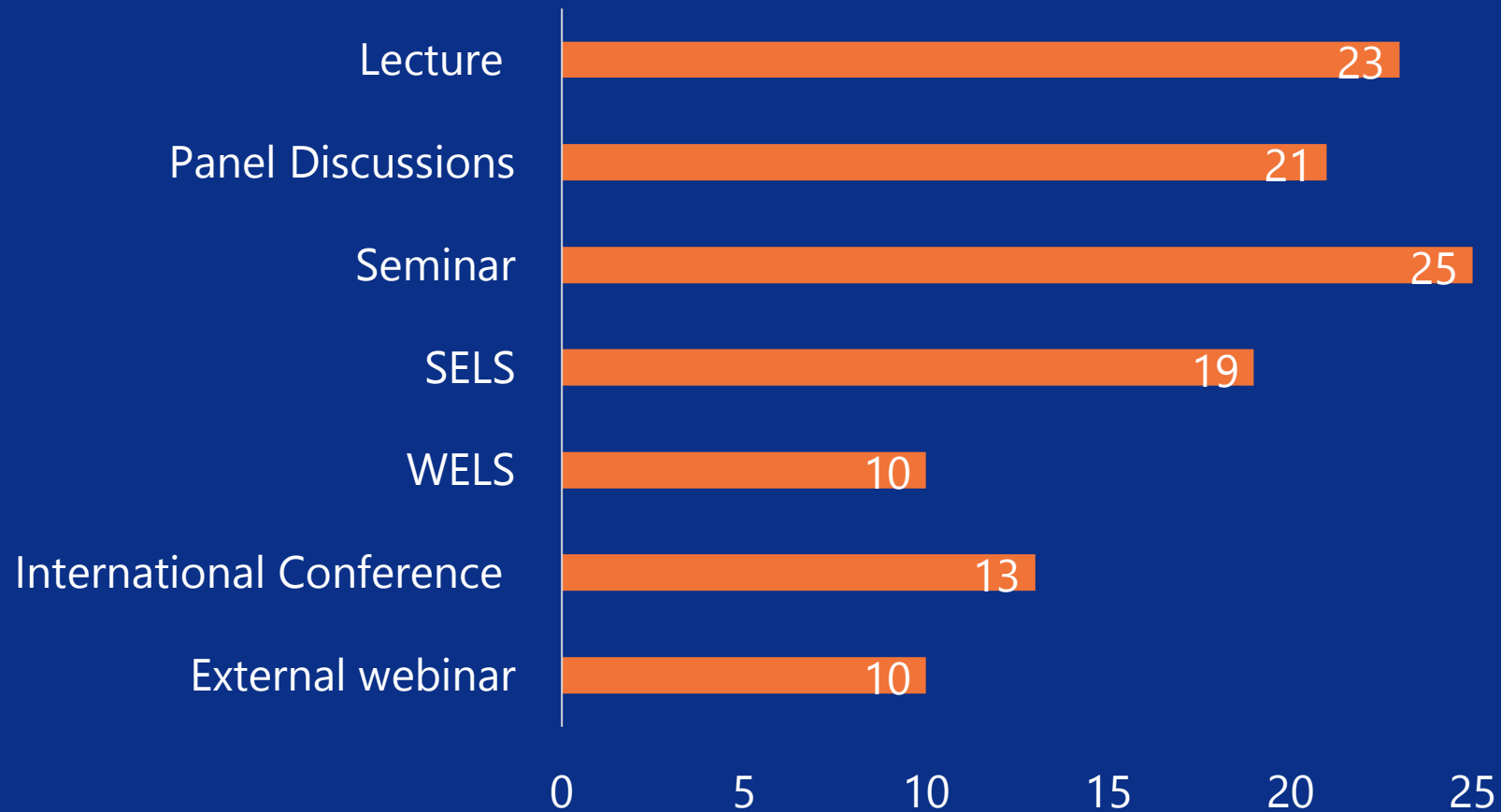
Seminar & Conferences (S&C)



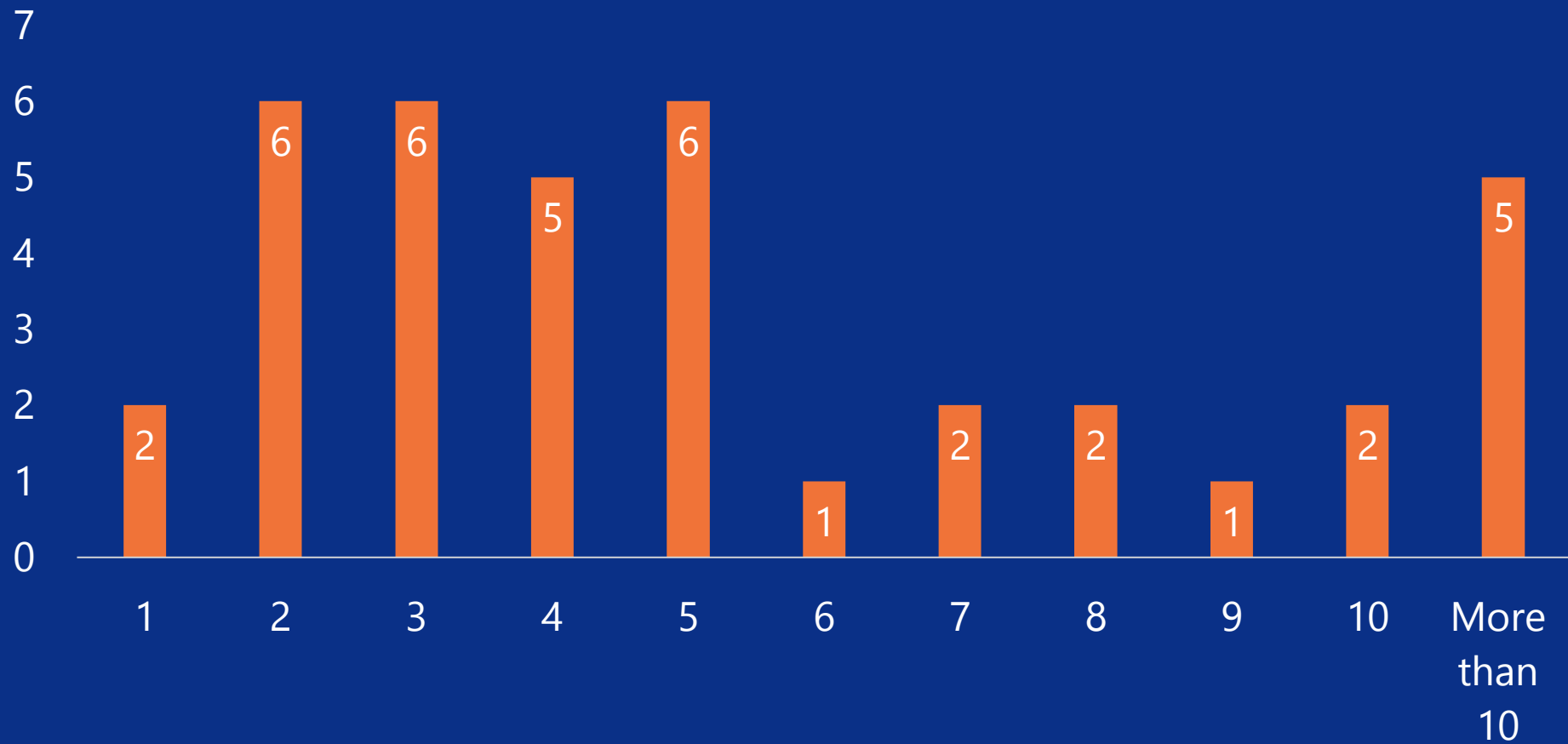
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S&C Projects

S&C projects NGs are planning to organise 2019/2020

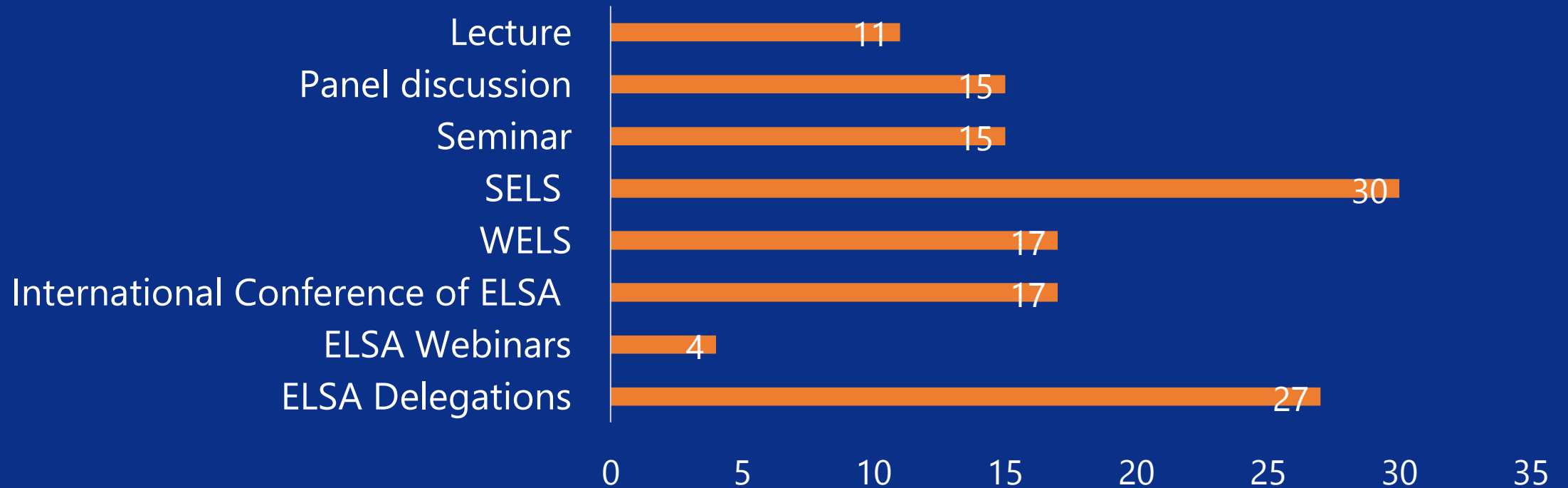


Number of S&C projects for 2019/2020



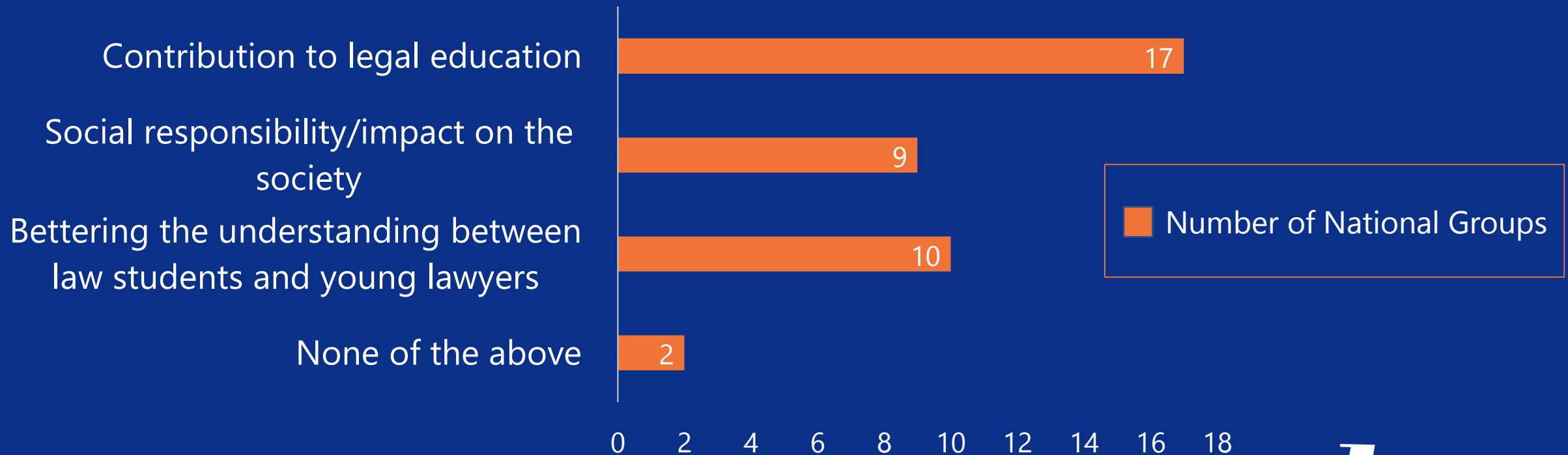
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The most important projects



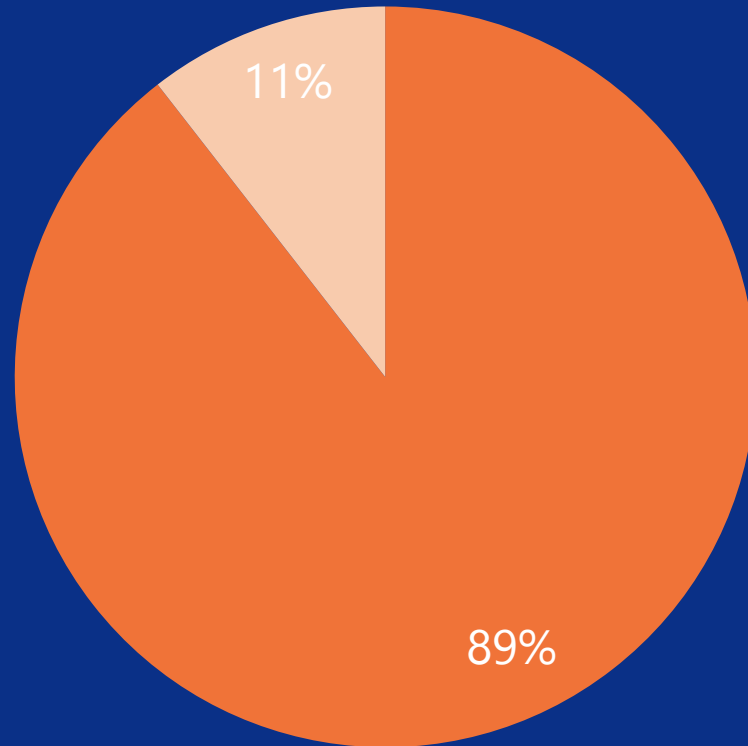
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Main focus when organising S&C events



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Satisfaction with the communication with ELSA International



■ Yes
■ No

Yes: 34 NGs

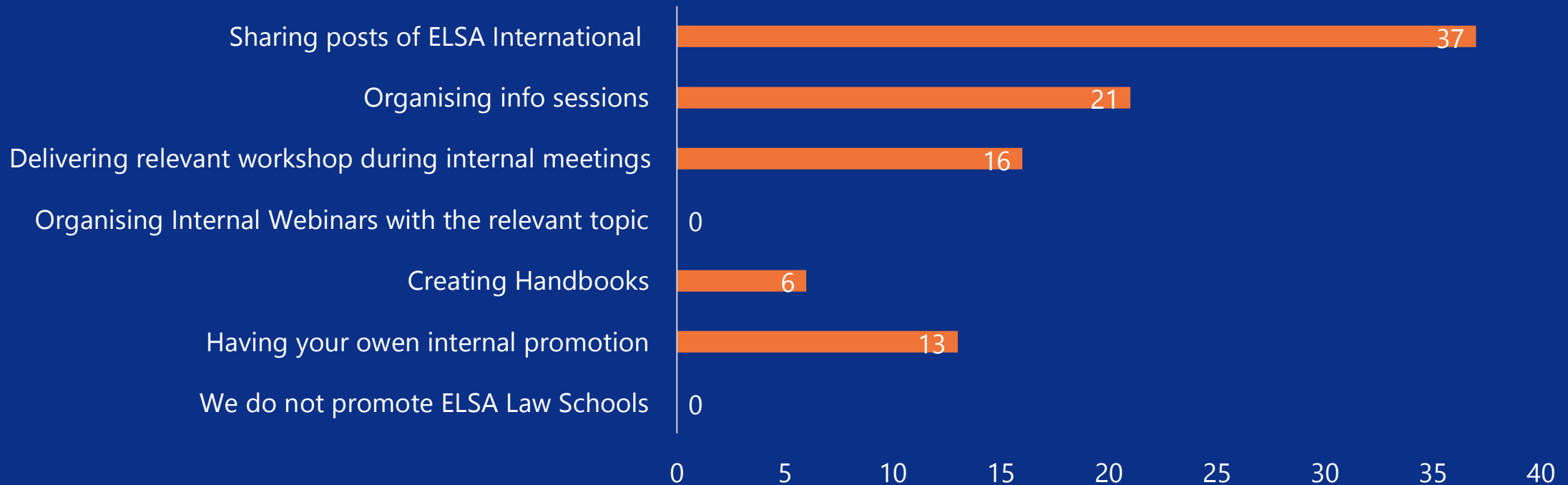
No: 4 NGs

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ELSA Law Schools

Ways of promoting ELSA Law Schools in the NG



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ELSA Delegations

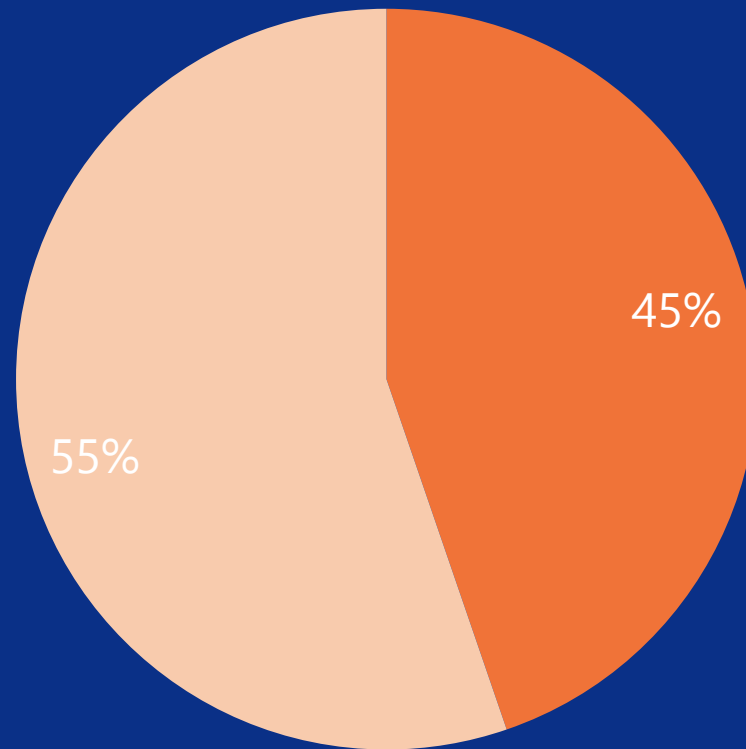
Ways of promoting ELSA Delegations in the NG



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Webinars

Number of NGs/LGs planning to organise Webinars 2019/2020



■ Yes
■ No

Yes: 17 NGs

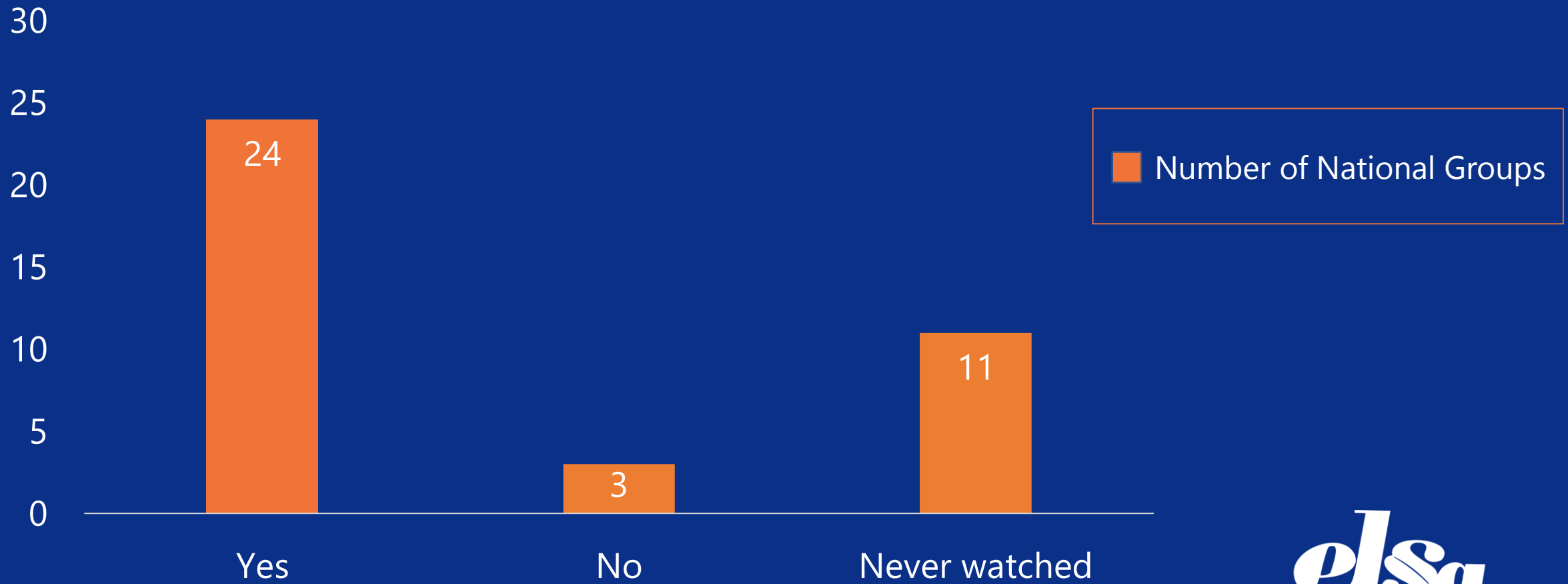
No: 21 NGs

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Webinars

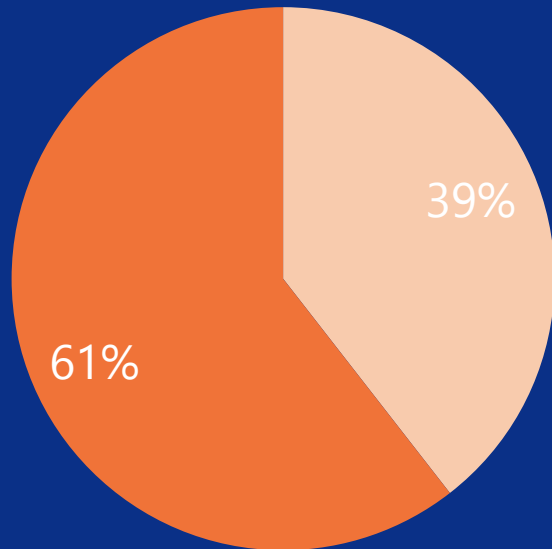
Number of NG that find webinars provided by EI useful



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Webinars

Type of webinars NGs plan to organise 2019/2020



- External e.g. a seminar with a partner
- Internal e.g. training on the S&C projects for your local officers

External: 15 NGs

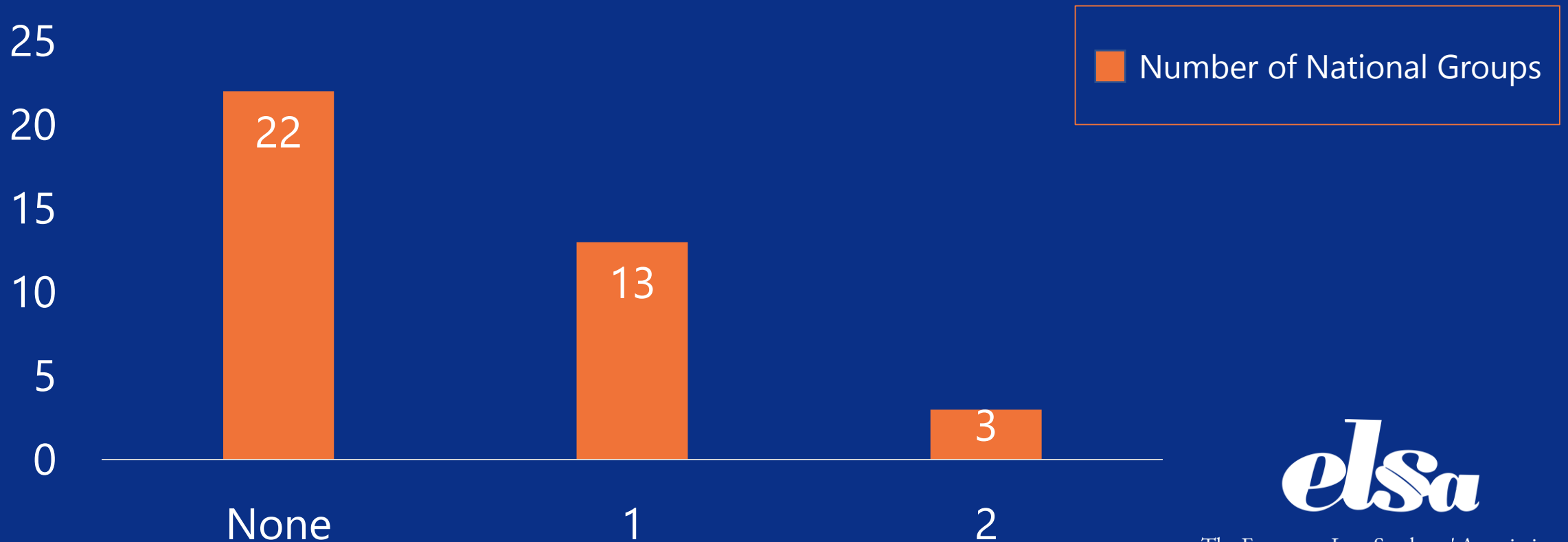
Internal: 23 NGs



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International Conferences of ELSA

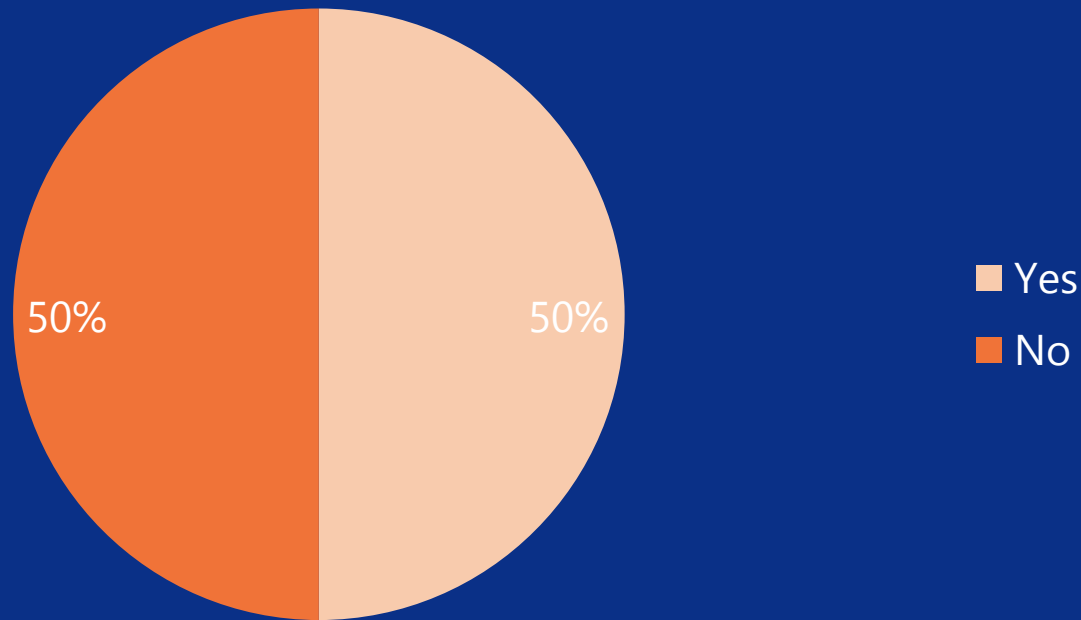
Number of International Conferences NGs and LGs are planning to organise 2019/2020



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International Conferences

NGs planning to use International Conferences of ELSA website



Planning to use ICE Website: 19 NGs

Not planning to use ICE website: 19 NGs



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International Conferences

Tools requested by the NGs to be provided by EI

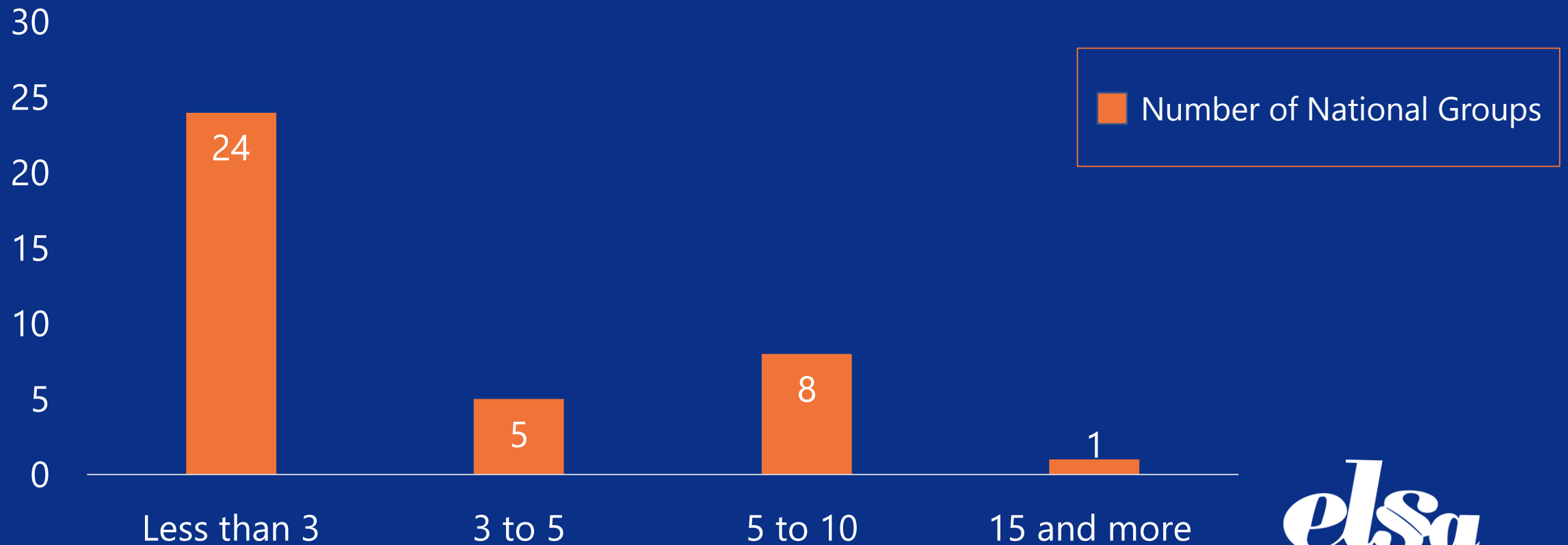
- Handbooks: 14 NGs
- More background information: 5 NGs
- Marketing tools: 8 NGs
- Human Resources Support: 4 NGs



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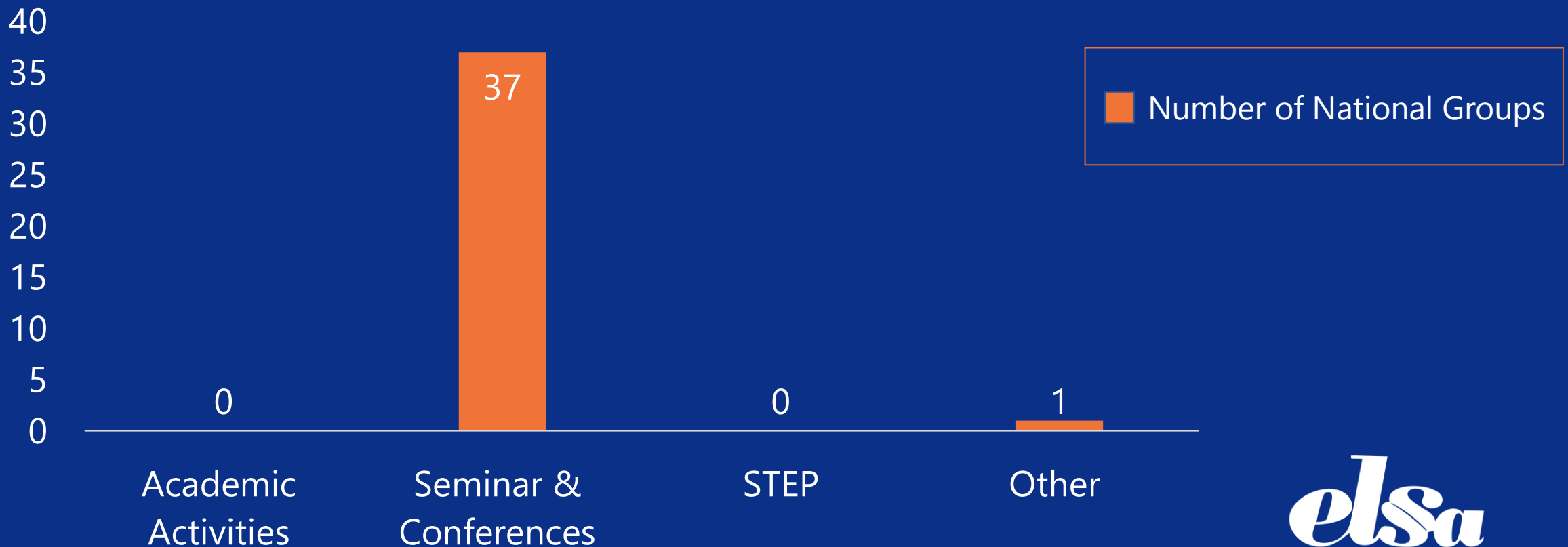
Study Visits

Number of Study Visits organised 2018/2019 in the NG by either Local or National Officers



Study Visits

Area in charge of organising Study Visits in the LGs



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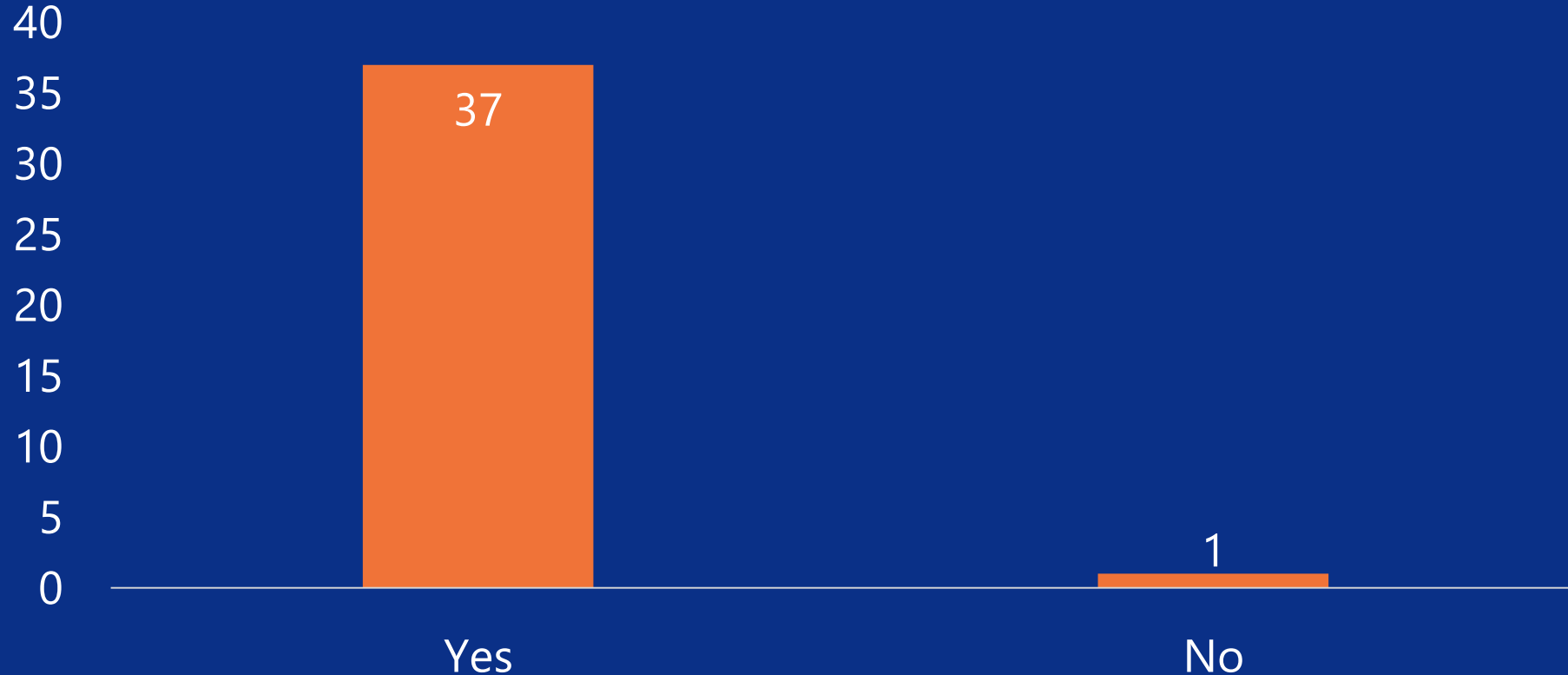
Student Trainee Exchange Programme (STEP)



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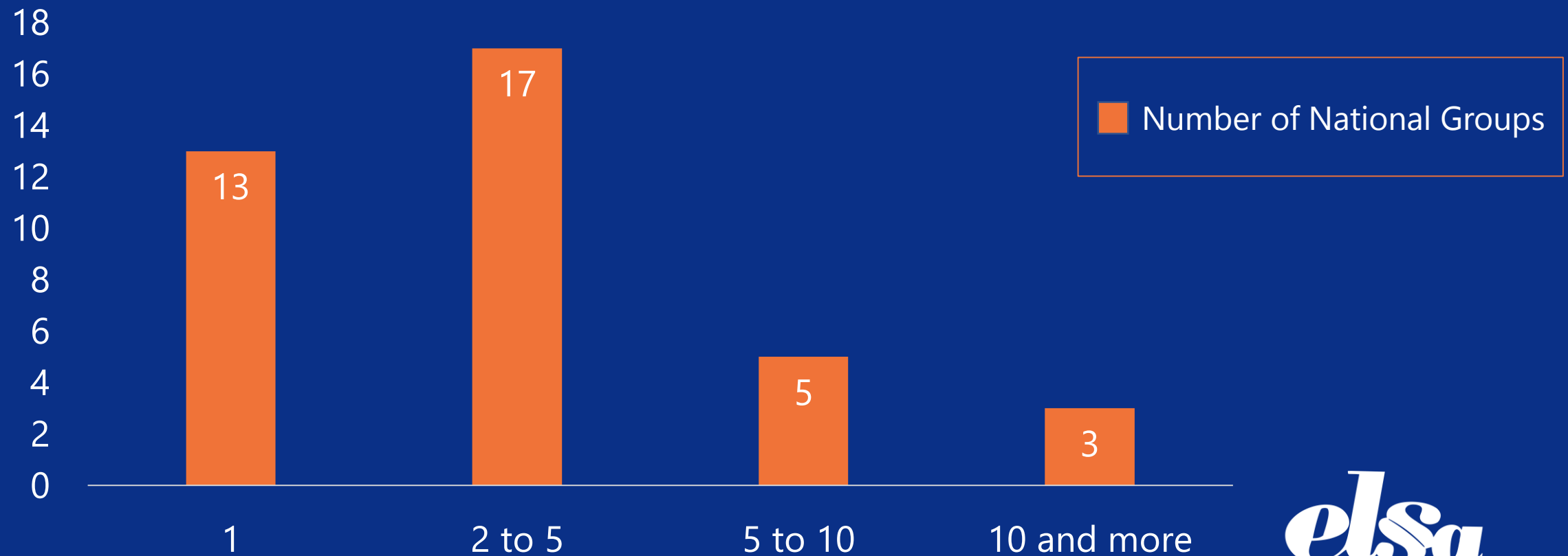
Communcation

Have you (the NGs) recieved enough information regarding STEP from EI



Student Hunting

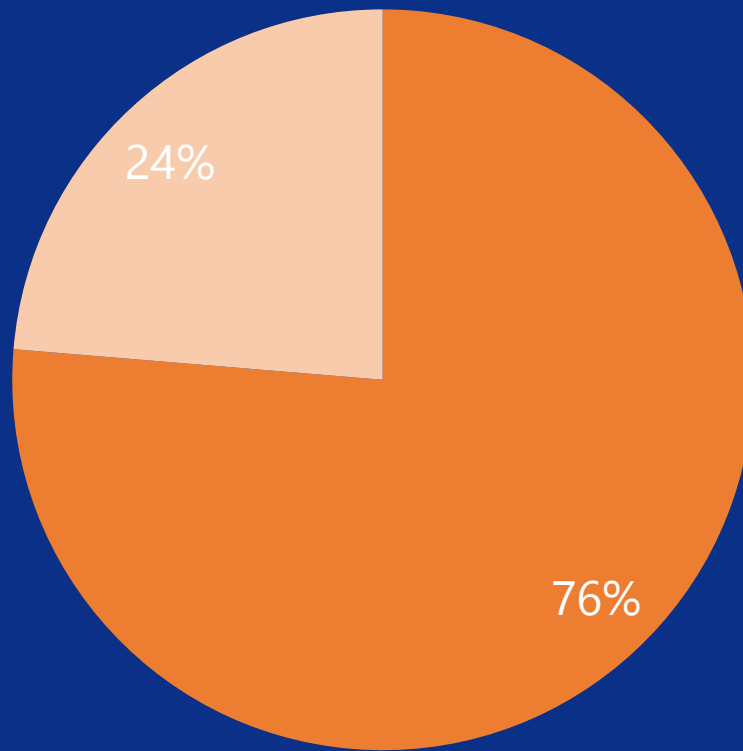
Number of Student Hunting events organised by the NG (on both local and national level)



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Student Hunting

Were the Student Hunting materials provided by EI sufficient?



■ Yes
■ No

Yes, the materials are sufficient: 29 NGs

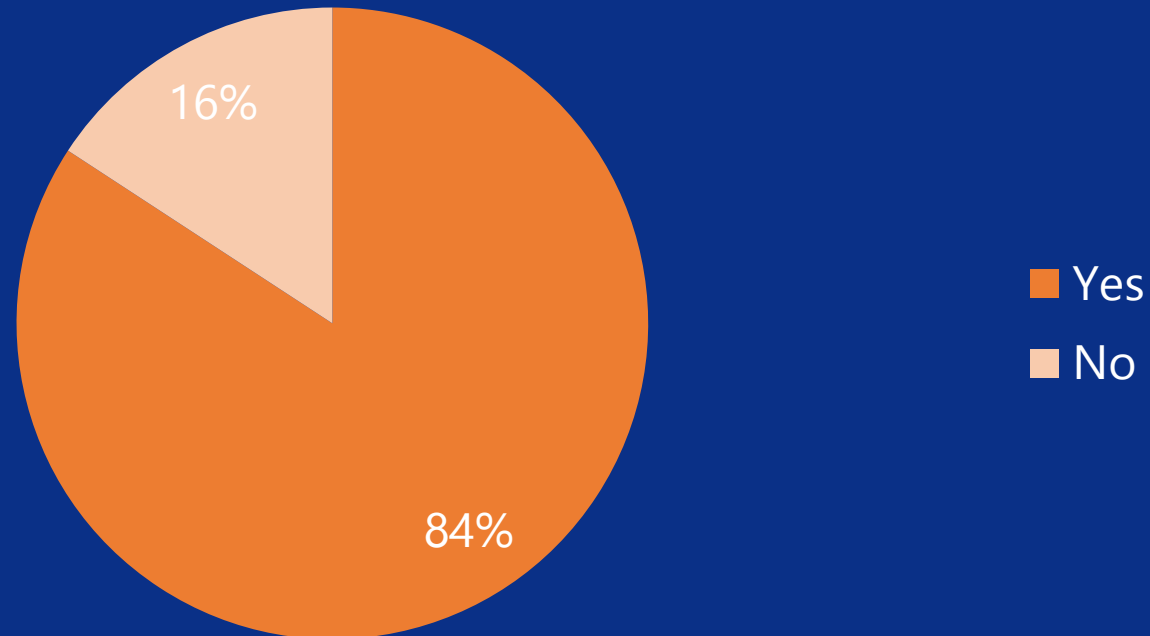
No, the materials are not sufficient: 9 NGs

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Job Hunting

Were the Job Hunting materials provided by EI sufficient?



Yes, the materials are sufficient: 32 NGs

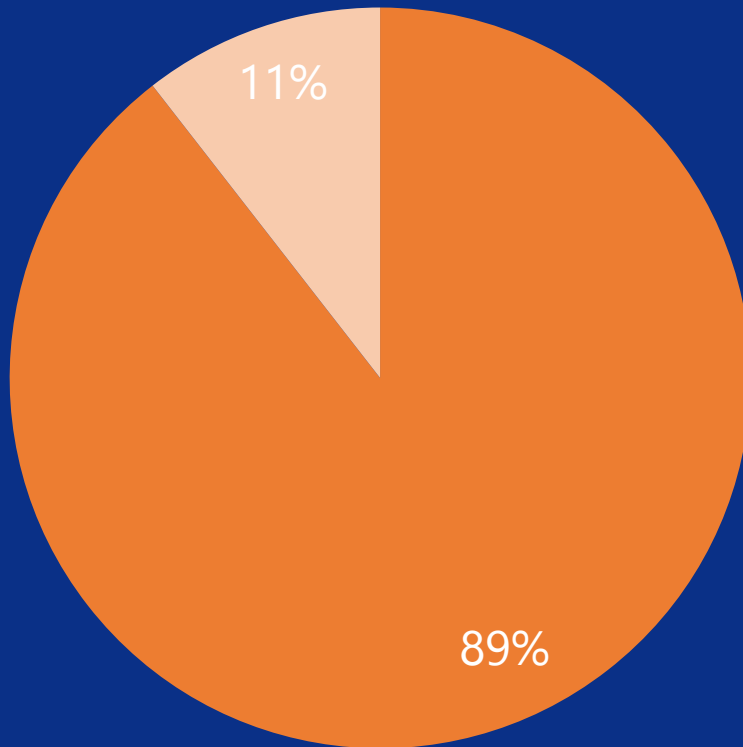
No, the materials are not sufficient: 6 NGs



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STEP Coaching

Contact with the STEP Coach



■ Yes
■ No

Yes, we have had contact with the STEP coach: 34 NGs

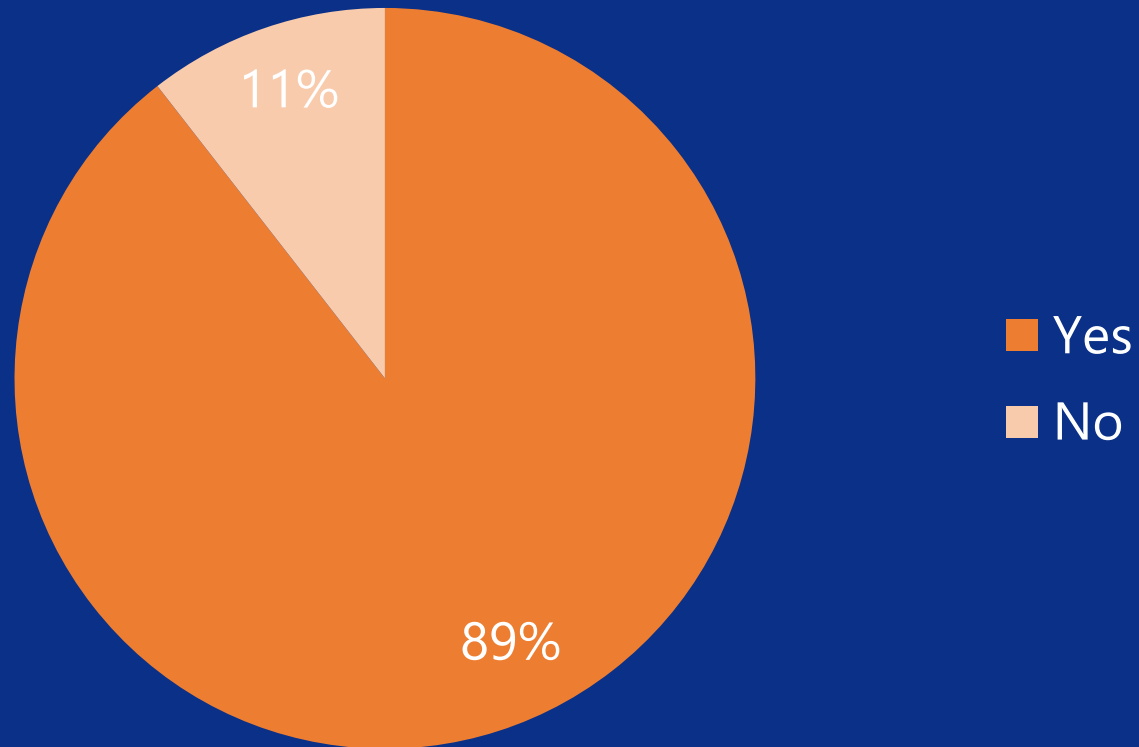
No, we have not had contact with the STEP coach: 4 NGs

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STEP Coaching

Helpfulness of the STEP Coaching System



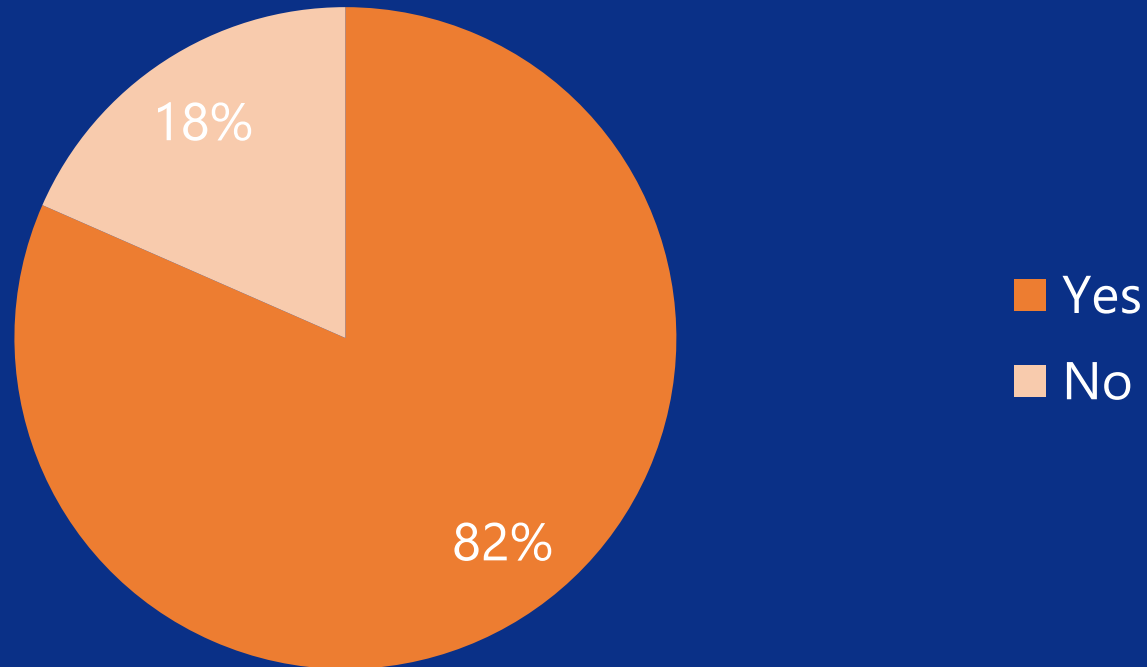
Yes, the coaching system is helpful: 34 NGs

No, the coaching system is not helpful, 4 NGs



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Usage of the forms and contracts provided by ELSA International



Yes, we use the forms and contracts provided by EI: 31 NGs

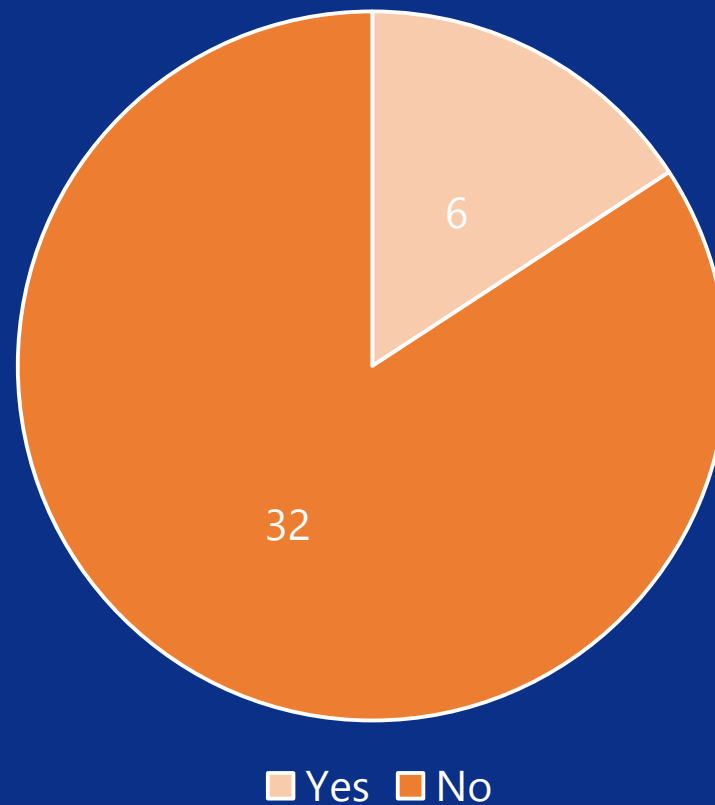
No, we do not use the forms and contracts provided by EI: 7 NGs



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Legal Issues

NGs having faced legal issues affection the operation of STEP



Yes, we have faced legal issues: 6 NGs

No, we have not faced legal issues: 32 NGs



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Challenges regarding the implementation of STEP

- Legal issues
- Poor transition
- Language requirements
- Partners
- Knowledge of the network
- National job market
- Student Hunting – finding interested students



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How ELSA International can help the NGs overcome the challenges of the NGs

- Marketing Materials
- More information
- Communication
- Improve the coaching system
- STEP-branding
- Workshops on internal meetings
- Many NGs think that the challenges are internal and specific for the country



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