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Report on the Global Dimension of the ENIC-NARIC Networks 2025

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2025 report on the Global Dimension

- **Objective**: main trends and developments for recognition of qualifications at a global level
- **Methodology**: survey circulated from 9 December 2024 to 14 February 2025.
- **Respondents:** 43 centres replied: 74% of the ENIC-NARIC Networks.
- **Comparative data**: 10 years from the first report in 2015.
- **New sections**: Regional Recognition Networks and the Global Convention.

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Analysis Dimensions

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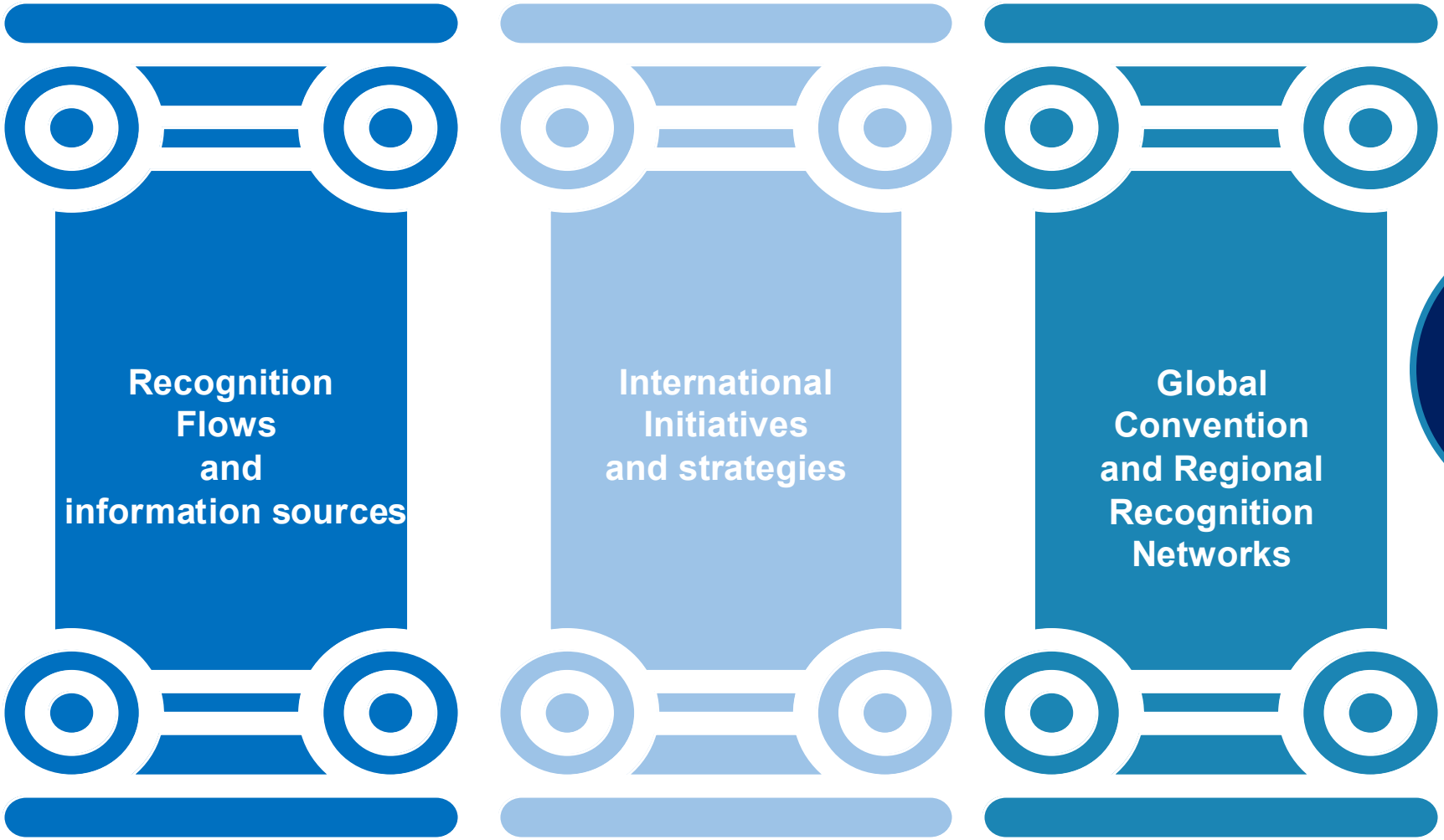

Comparison with previous periods

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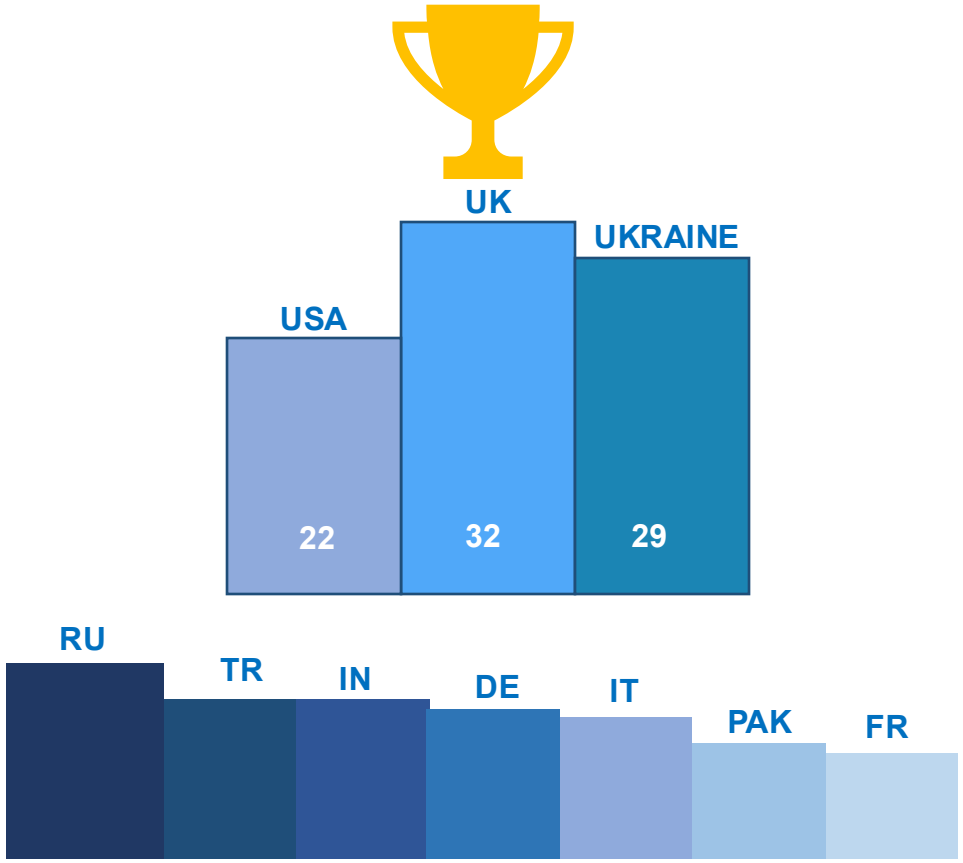
Recognition flows and information sources

Top 10 countries from which responding ENIC-NARIC centres have received requests for recognition

Absolute figures

Score



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Information sources related to non-European countries/regions

PERCENTAGES OF CENTRES THAT HAVE/HAVE NOT DEVELOPED INFORMATION SOURCES RELATED TO COUNTRIES/REGIONS OUTSIDE THE UNESCO EUROPE REGION

Target regions:
Africa, Latin America, South Asia, Eurasia, Europe and a minority of sources from the Caucasus.

Main information resources indicated by respondents:

- Country educational profiles, country briefings, and national reports on country educational systems as well as the geopolitical situation (50%)
- country-specific guidelines that include requirements for access (20%)

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International initiatives and strategies

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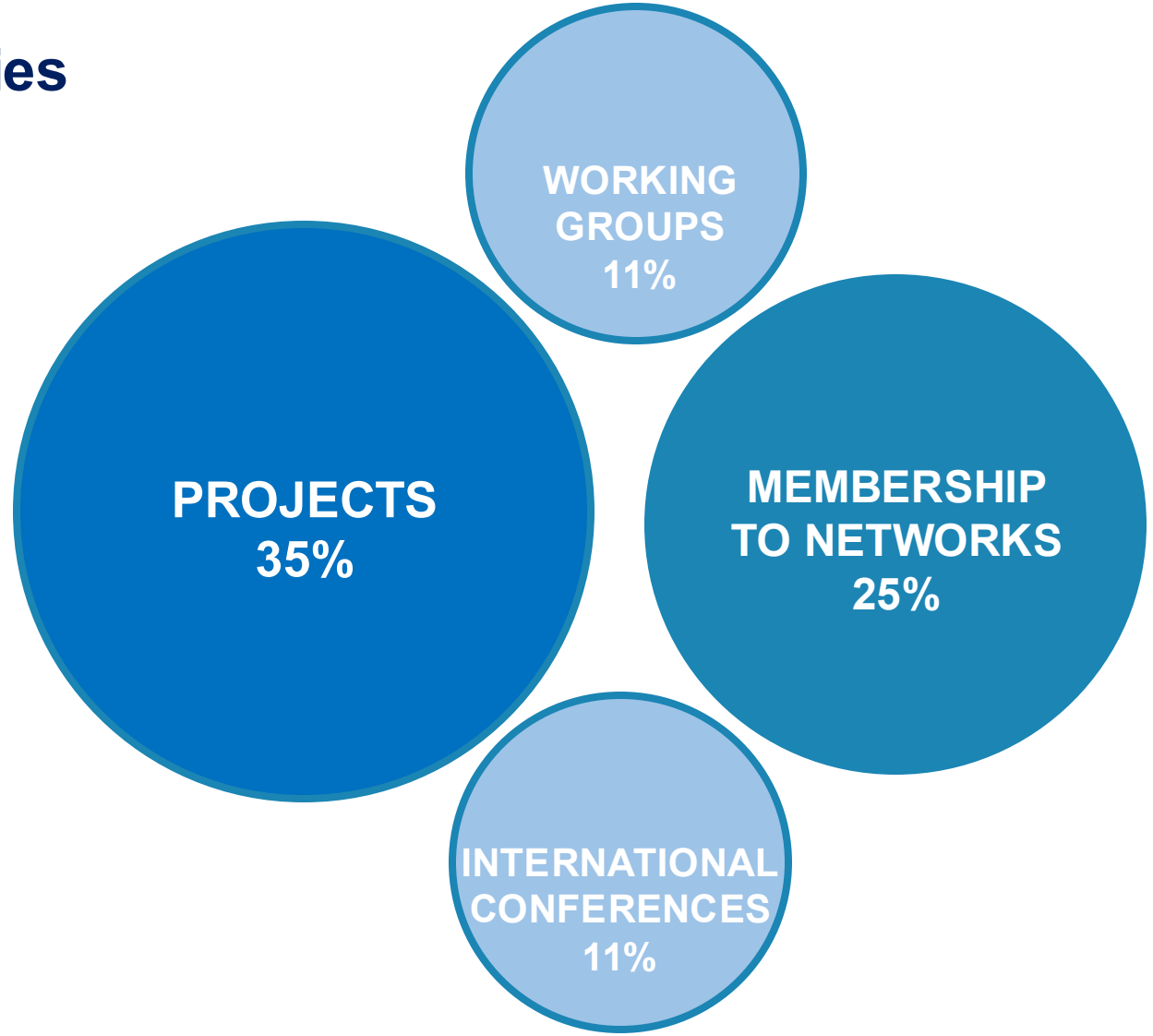
Cooperation activities

THE MAIN TYPES OF COOPERATION ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT



28% of respondents (12 centres) stated to have participated in cooperation activities since 2022, while 72% did not.

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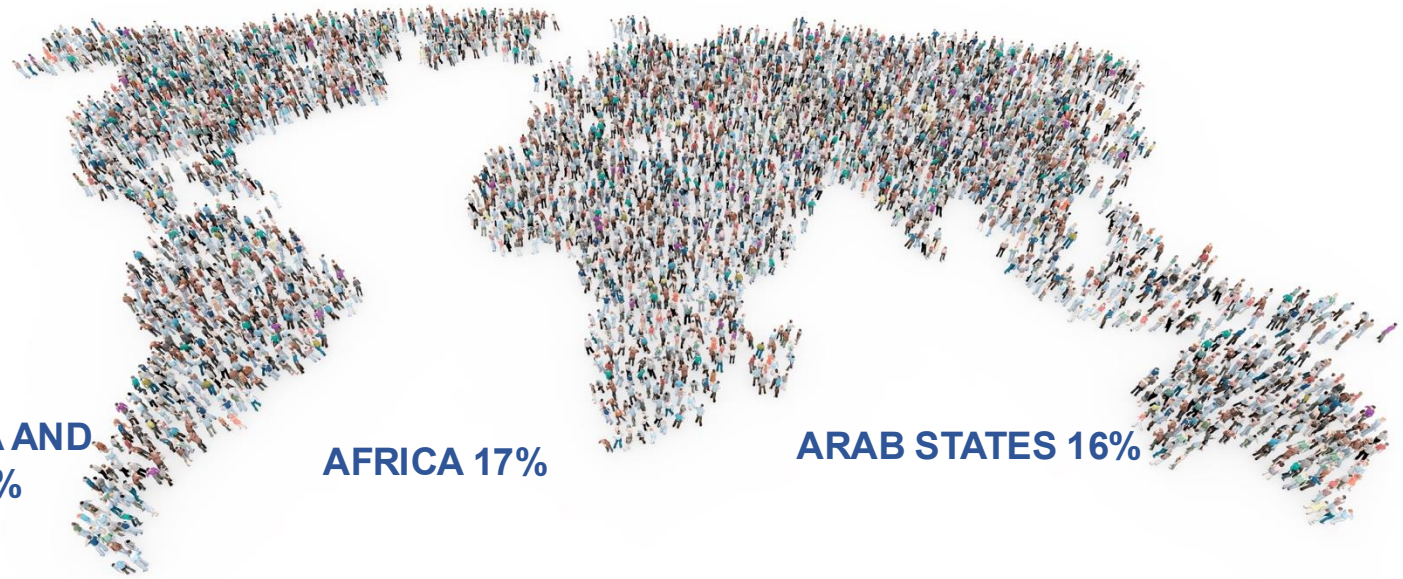
Cooperation activities

UNESCO REGIONS WHERE COOPERATION ACTIVITIES ARE TAKING PLACE

EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA 25%

ASIA PACIFIC 26%



LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN 16%

AFRICA 17%

ARAB STATES 16%

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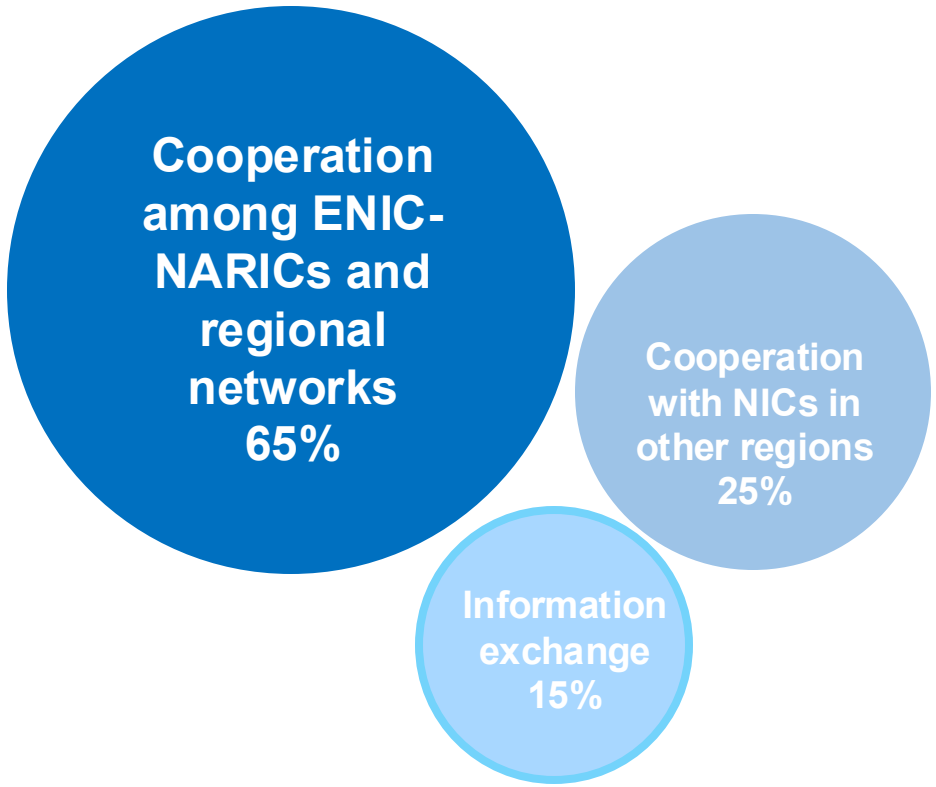
Possible strategic developments

SEE A POSSIBLE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE ENIC-NARIC NETWORKS AT GLOBAL LEVEL:

49%
Yes

42%
No

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT IDENTIED:



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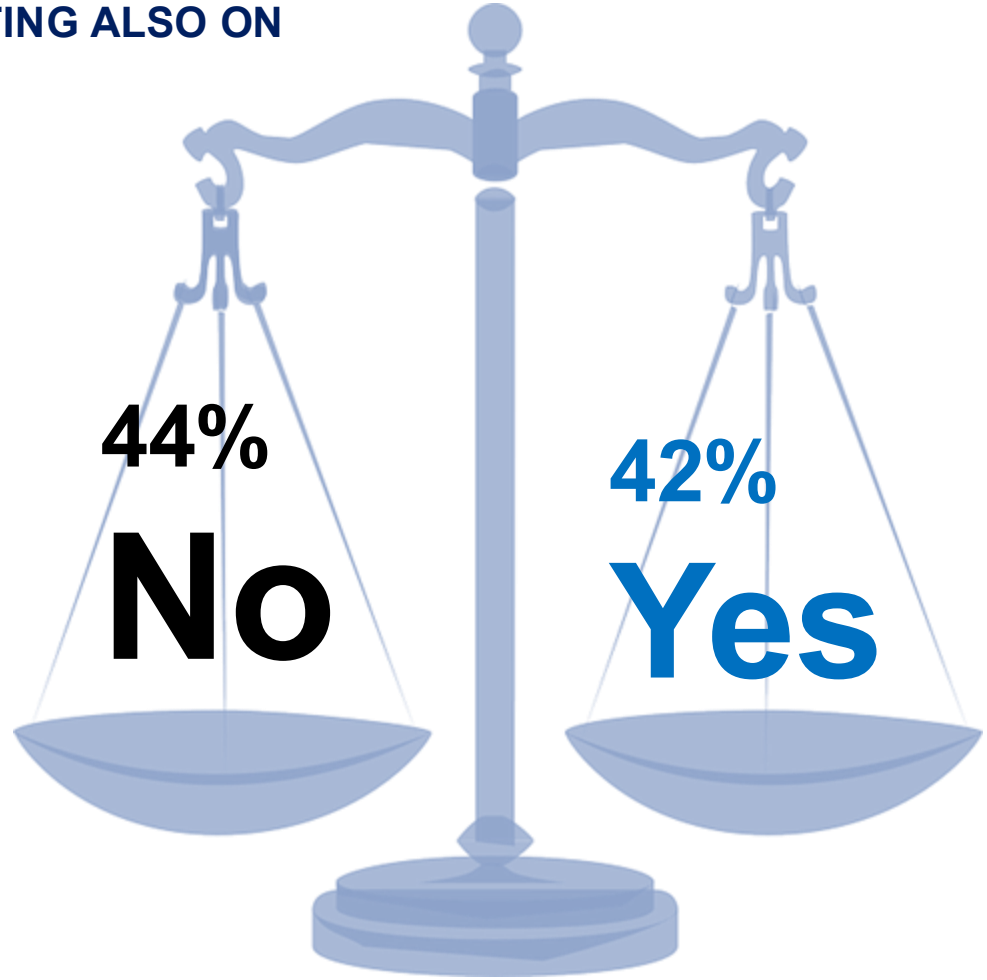
Internationalisation strategies /1

COUNTRIES THAT HAVE INTERNATIONALISATION STRATEGIES IN PLACE IMPACTING ALSO ON RECOGNITION:



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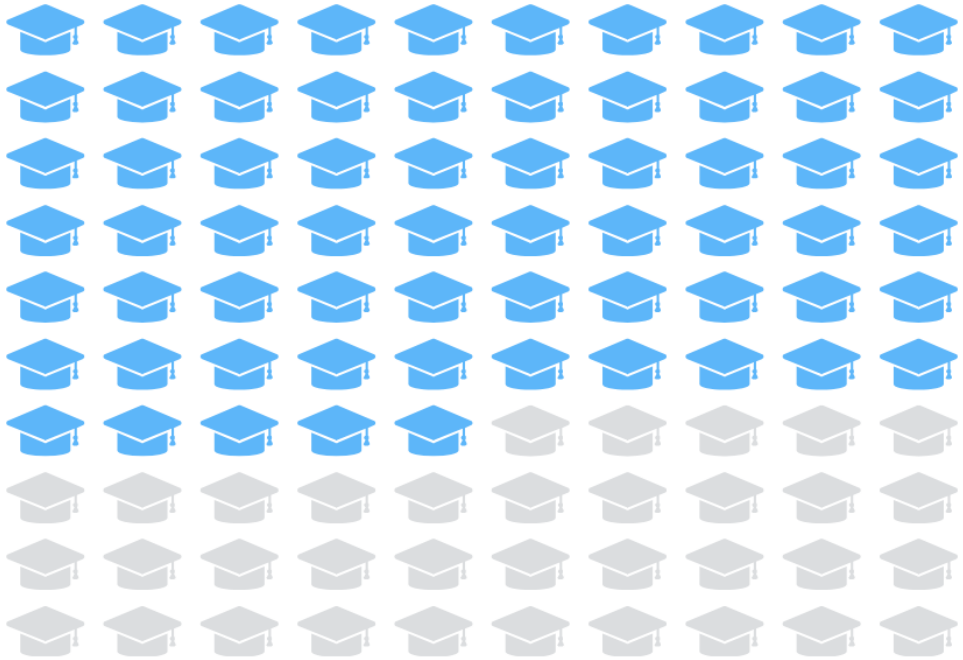
Internationalisation strategies /2

COUNTRIES THAT HAVE AGREEMENTS TO SUPPORT AUTOMATIC RECOGNITION



65% have bilateral agreements to support recognition, with countries both inside and outside the ENIC-NARIC Networks.

The list of bilateral or multilateral agreement supporting automatic recognition is attached to the document.

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New sections

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Regional Networks of National Information Centres

- 84% of centres have links with centres from other regions
- 14% have not

Main reasons to contact other NICs:

✉ REQUEST OF INFORMATION ON RECOGNITION OF THEIR QUALIFICATIONS (62%)

👥 COOPERATION: projects, internationalisation activities, recognition agreements, etc. (27%)

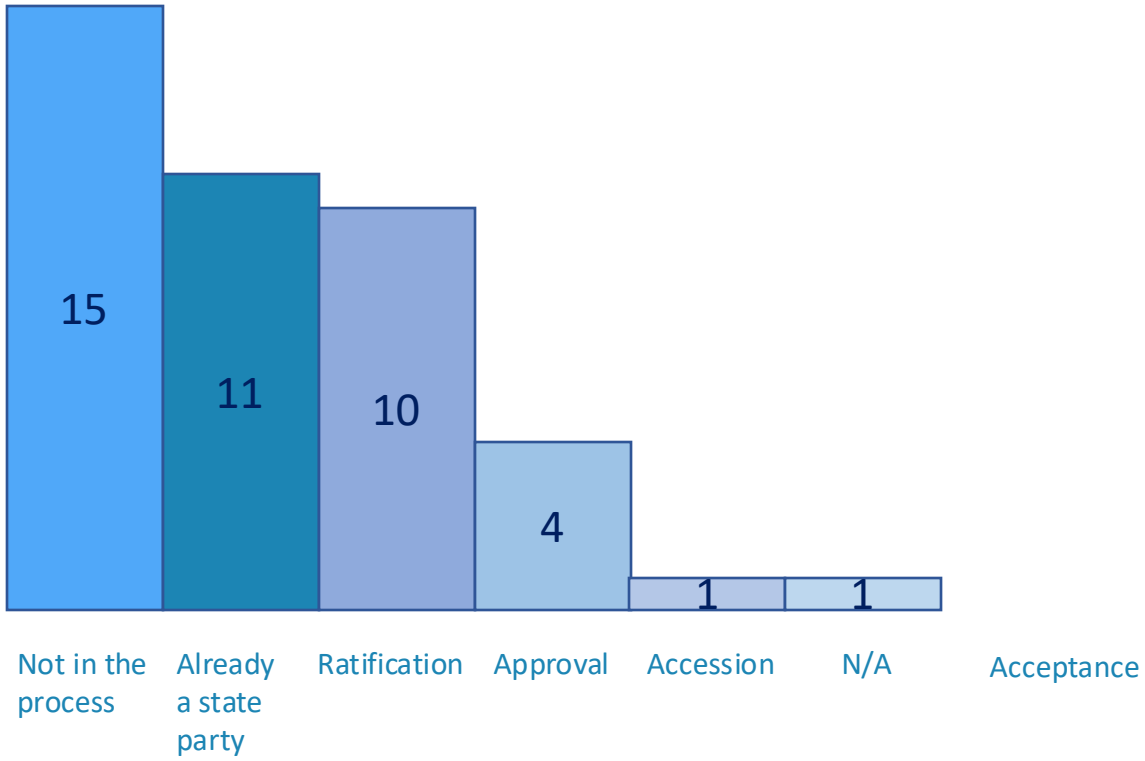
Cooperation areas considered most useful/beneficial among centres

✉ EXCHANGE OF INFORMATIONS (42%)

👥 EXCHANGE OF GOOD PRACTICES(14%)

Global Convention

Countries' stage in joining the Global Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education through ratification, acceptance, approval or accession



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Global Convention

STATE PARTIES TO GLOBAL CONVENTION COOPERATE WITH COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THEIR UNESCO REGION FOR THE FOLLOWING INDICATED REASONS.

Exchange of practices
40%

Professional recognition
20%

Joint cooperation activities
20%

However, there is room for improvement to increase cooperation

Comparison with the previous surveys

Concerning the comparative remarks with the surveys carried out in 2015, 2019 and 2022, the following findings can be highlighted:

Stable Top Countries

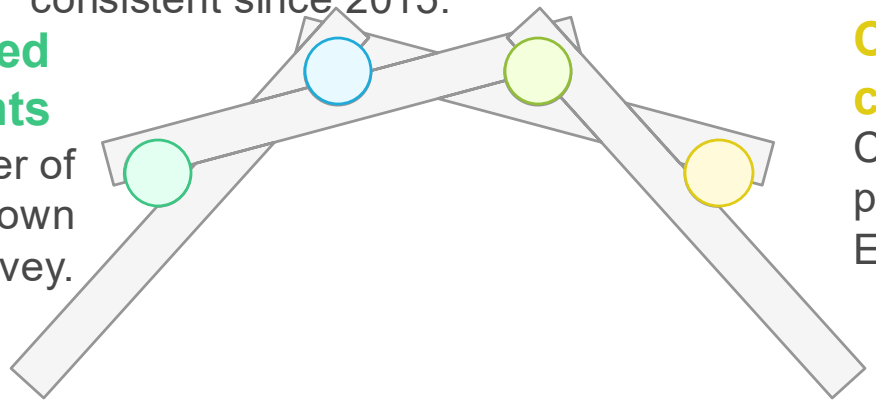
The leading countries requesting recognition have remained consistent since 2015.

Emerging Regions

Asia Pacific is the first region for cooperation

Increased Respondents

The number of participants has grown since the initial survey.



Changes in cooperation

Changes in cooperation patterns in Central and Eastern Europe.

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To summarise…

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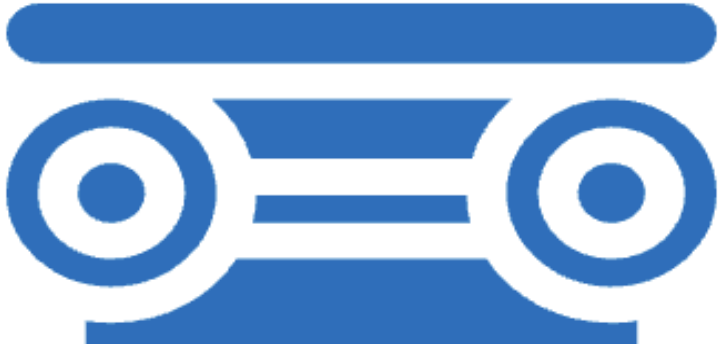
FLOWS & INFORMATION PROVISION



Need for better information tools, as shown by the 39% of respondents who developed new resources.

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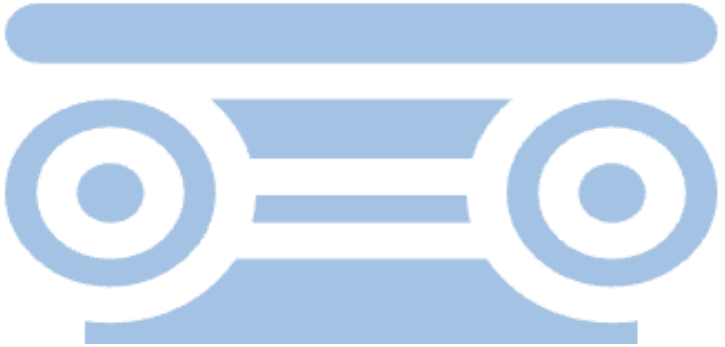
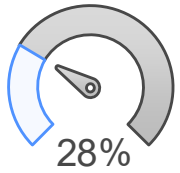
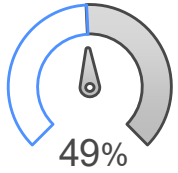
INITIATIVES AND STRATEGIES





Cooperation sligthly decreased



Strategic development

Main activities include projects, network memberships, and working groups

GLOBAL
CONVENTION

36% not yet in the process of joining

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