

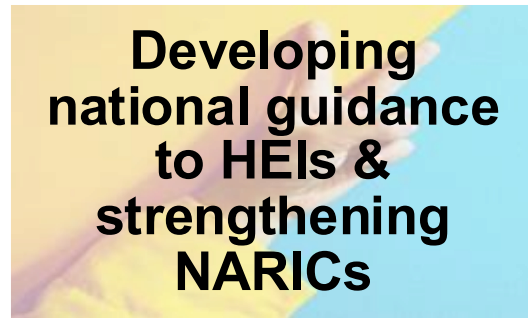
# Where are we? A glimpse to the state of art on automatic recognition implementation

European Commission perspective

*TPG-LRC Plus project,  
16 April 2026*

# Council Recommendation 2018

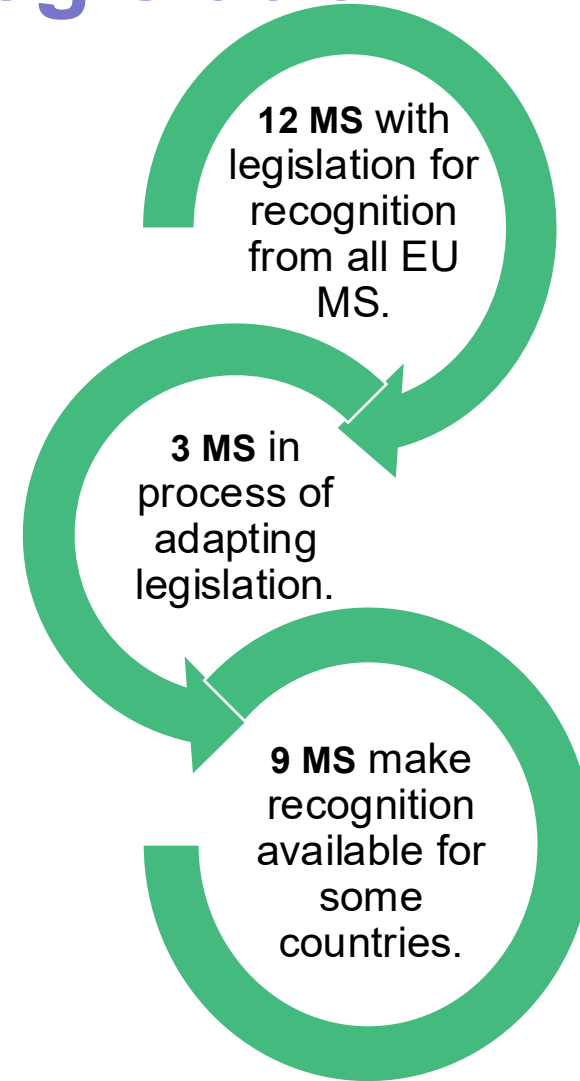
- **By 2025, Member States should put in place the steps to ensure that**
  - a HE qualification acquired in one MS is automatically recognised at the same level in any other MS, for the purpose of granting access to further studies.
  - the outcomes from a learning period abroad at HE level in one MS are automatically and fully recognised in the others
- **Member States are recommended to create framework conditions and trust and transparency by:**



# Progress in adapting national legislation

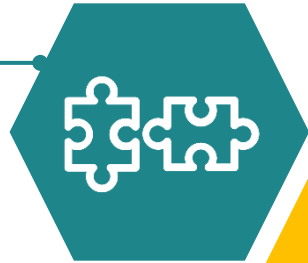
## Adapting legislation is a necessary prerequisite for automatic recognition in HE

- National legislation for automatic recognition of HE qualifications from all EU Member States is in place in 12 Member States.
- 3 Member States in process
- 9 Member States with a subset of countries
- No legislative alignment so far: 3 countries



# Progress in implementing EU tools and common standards for transparency and trust

Bologna and EU transparency tools used in most MS.  
In 11 MS not fully implemented.



26 MS have referenced their NQFs to the EQF.  
21 indicate EQF levels in NQF databases and registers. 16 share data on qualifications through the Europass platform.



22 MS use QA agencies registered in EQAR, while 5 are undergoing EQAR review or considering application. NARICs in 3 MS are integrating an automatic DEQAR search in their workflows for recognition.



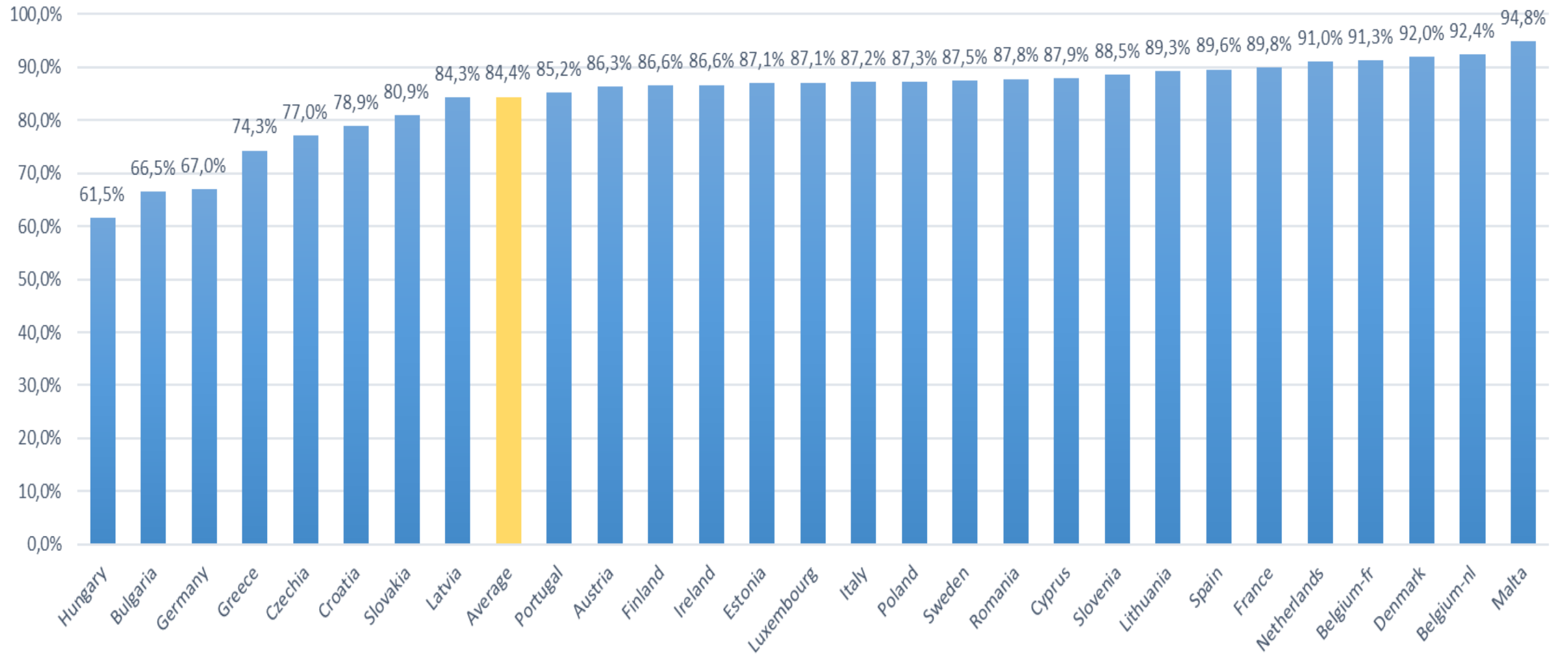
In 23 MS Diploma Supplement is issued automatically, free of charge and in a widely spoken language for all graduates. 3 MS do not issue DS automatically and 1 MS requires a fee.



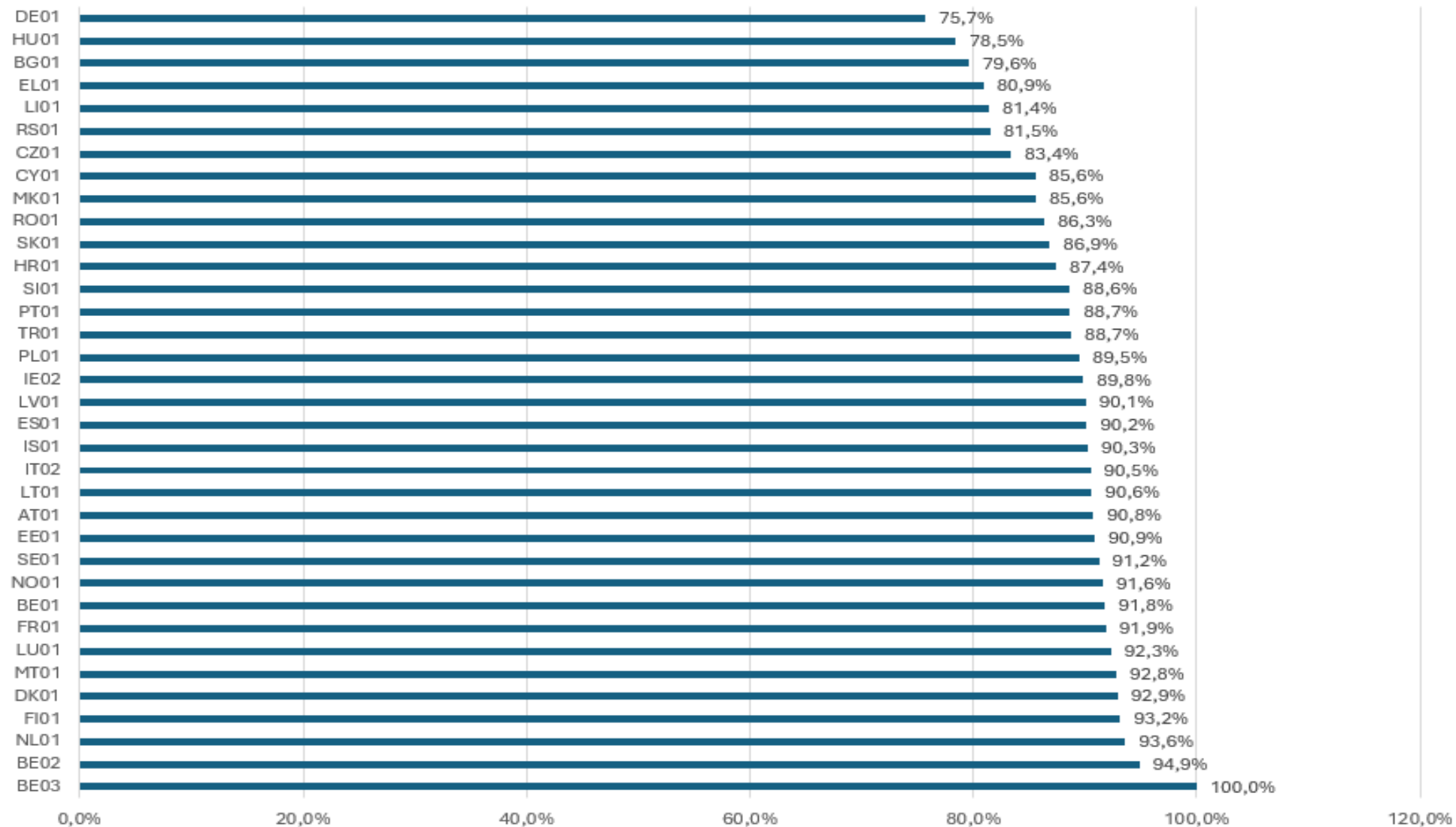
22 MS have a legal requirement for external QA agencies to refer to the key principles of ECTS and the rest use it widely. In 6 systems the implementation of ECTS is fully monitored.



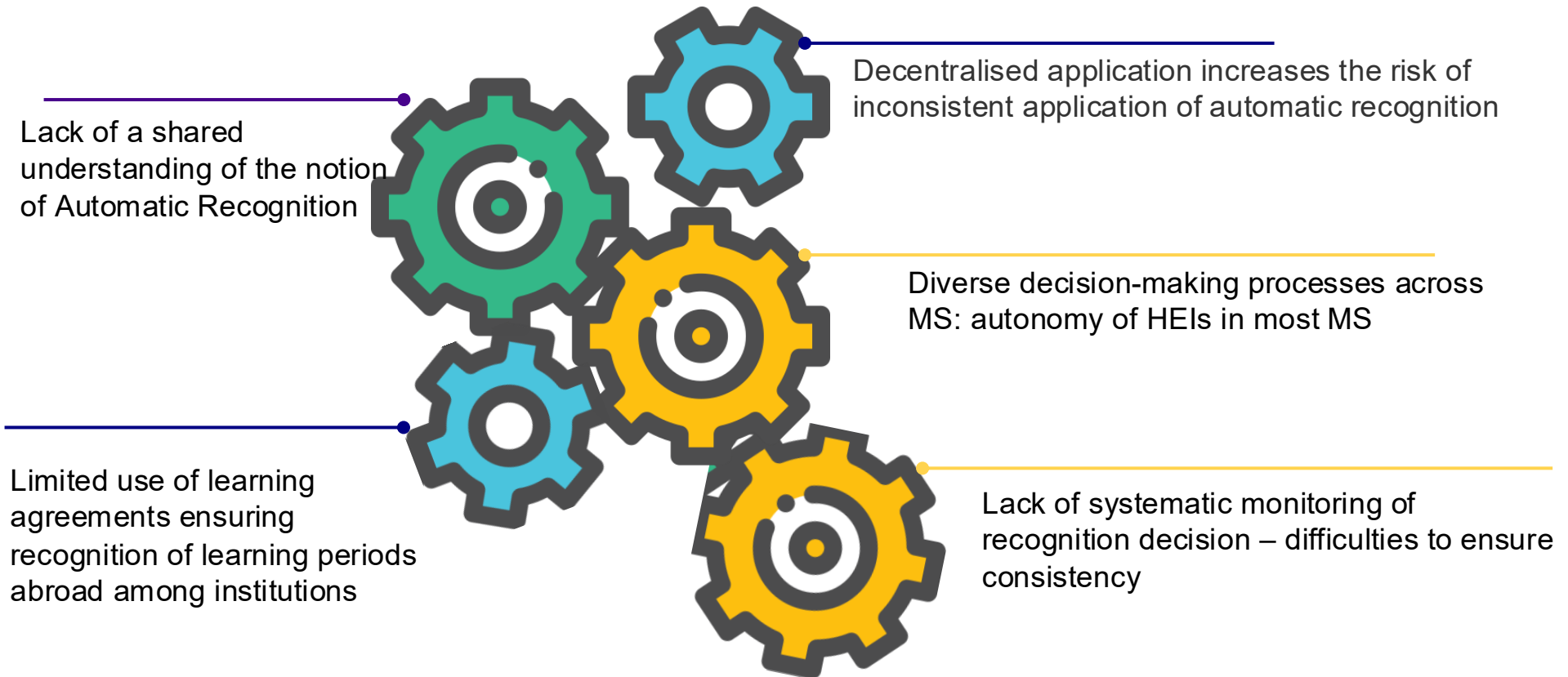
## Full recognition of Erasmus+ learning periods abroad, 2020



### Full recognition rate KA131 SMS 2024



# Challenges in implementation



# Council conclusions (2023): Recommendation to Member States

- **Consolidate and reinforce their efforts in line with the Council Recommendation**
- **Support higher education institutions in applying automatic mutual recognition as defined in the Council Recommendation, including by providing clear guidance and relevant training.**

- **Ensure that external quality assurance in higher education is carried out by independent quality assurance agencies registered with EQAR and operating in line with the European Standards and Guidelines (ESG), to promote transparency and thereby foster mutual trust in automatic mutual recognition.**

- **Foster synergies within the EHEA and the EEA to ensure that they mutually reinforce each other, to promote transparent and efficient environments for automatic mutual recognition.**



# Skills Portability Initiative

Removing barriers to the free movement of workers and  
making the EU more attractive to global talent

# A package of three interrelated actions

## To unlock the full potential of the EU Single Market

*Internal dimension*

*External dimension*

To remove barriers to free movement of workers related to skills and qualifications

To attract and value global talent in the EU

a potential legislative proposal to

- **remove barriers to workers' mobility** in unregulated professions
- facilitating **digitalised portability of qualifications**

Action 1



potential measures, incl. legislative, to

- facilitate and modernise recognition processes for **regulated professions**
- and to extend automatic recognition to additional professions

Action 2



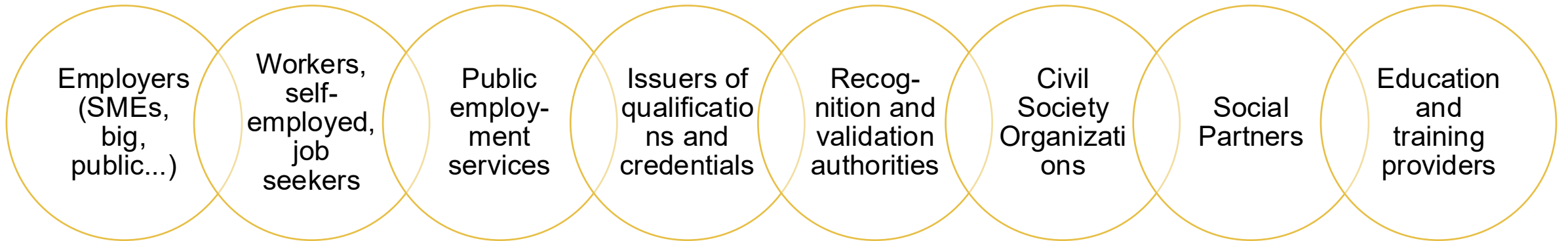
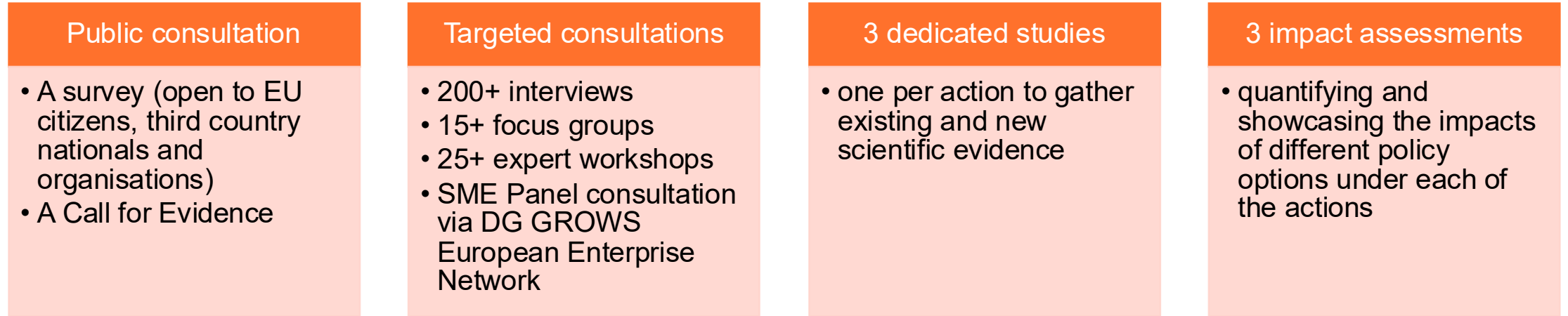
a potential legislative proposal for common rules to simplify procedures for

- the recognition of qualifications and
- validation of skills of **third-country nationals**

Action 3



# A broad consultation strategy and evidence gathering



# Thank you



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