



European Universities

Building the universities of the future.

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The flagship initiative of the European Education Area

Based on a strong political mandate

December 2017 European Council Conclusions

"Education and culture are key to building inclusive and cohesive societies, and to sustaining our competitiveness."

- *stepping up mobility and exchanges, including through a substantially strengthened, inclusive and extended **Erasmus+** programme;*
- *strengthening strategic partnerships across the EU between higher education institutions and encouraging the emergence by 2024 of some twenty '**European Universities**', consisting in bottom-up networks of universities across the EU which will enable students to obtain a degree by combining studies in several EU countries and contribute to the international competitiveness of European universities;*



Setting a vision for 2025 and beyond

Bring
Europeans
together



Increase
international
competitiveness
of
European
higher education

How was the concept developed?

Co-created by HEIs,
student organisations,
Member States and the
European Commission

Key principles towards this vision:

Excellence & Inclusion



High level of ambition

Inclusive

Bring Europeans together

Higher quality and competitiveness

a game-changer
in Europe's higher
education
landscape

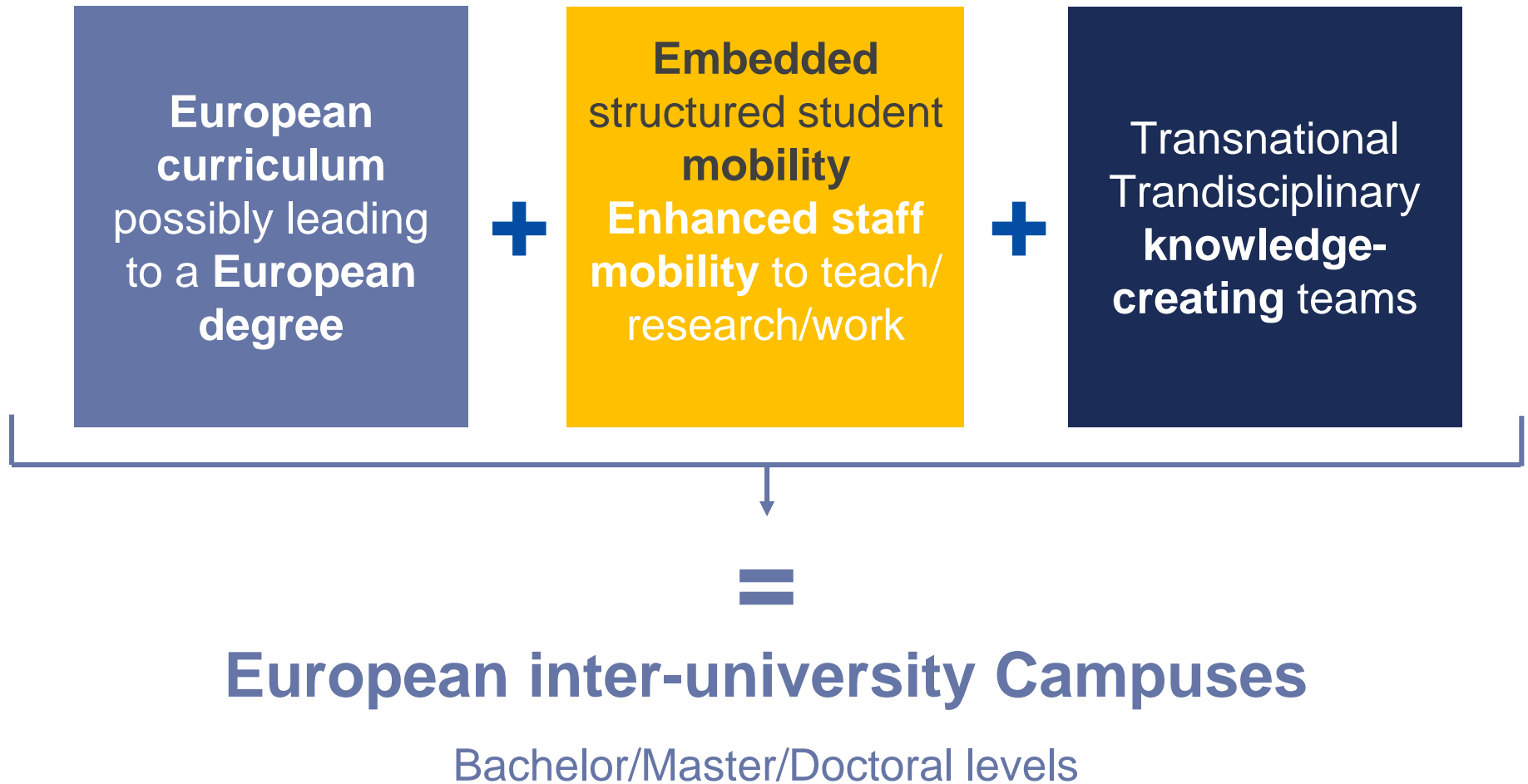
at least 3 HEIs
from **all types** of
institutions;
involve broad
student body

minimum 3
Erasmus+
programme
countries

innovative
teaching and
learning,
trans-disciplinary

Key elements of European Universities by 2025

A shared, integrated, **long-term joint strategy** for education with links, where possible, to **research and innovation**, and to **society**.



The first Erasmus+ pilot call will test
different innovative and structural models
for implementing and achieving the long-
term vision
through a **step-by-step approach.**

Key Milestones



Oct-18

First pilot call launched
(EUR 60 mio; 12 alliances)



Dec-18

Information Session – 1000 participants



28 Feb 2019 Deadline to apply

Key Milestones



Jul-19

Publication of the results of the 1st call

Sep-Nov-19

Start of the first 12 European Universities



Oct-19

Launch of the 2nd call under Erasmus+

As of 2021

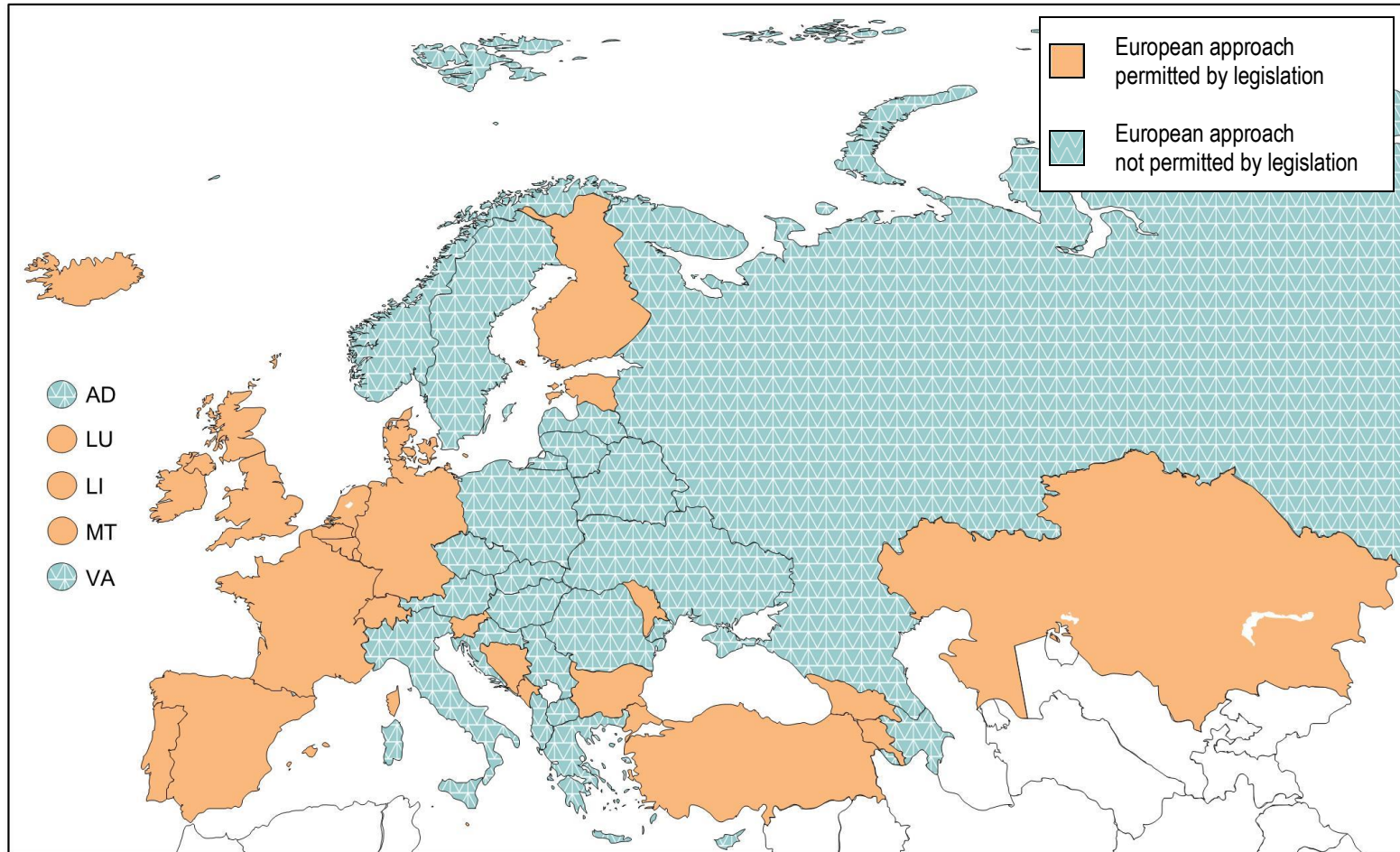
Full roll-out under Erasmus, with synergies with ESF+, Horizon Europe, InvestEU...



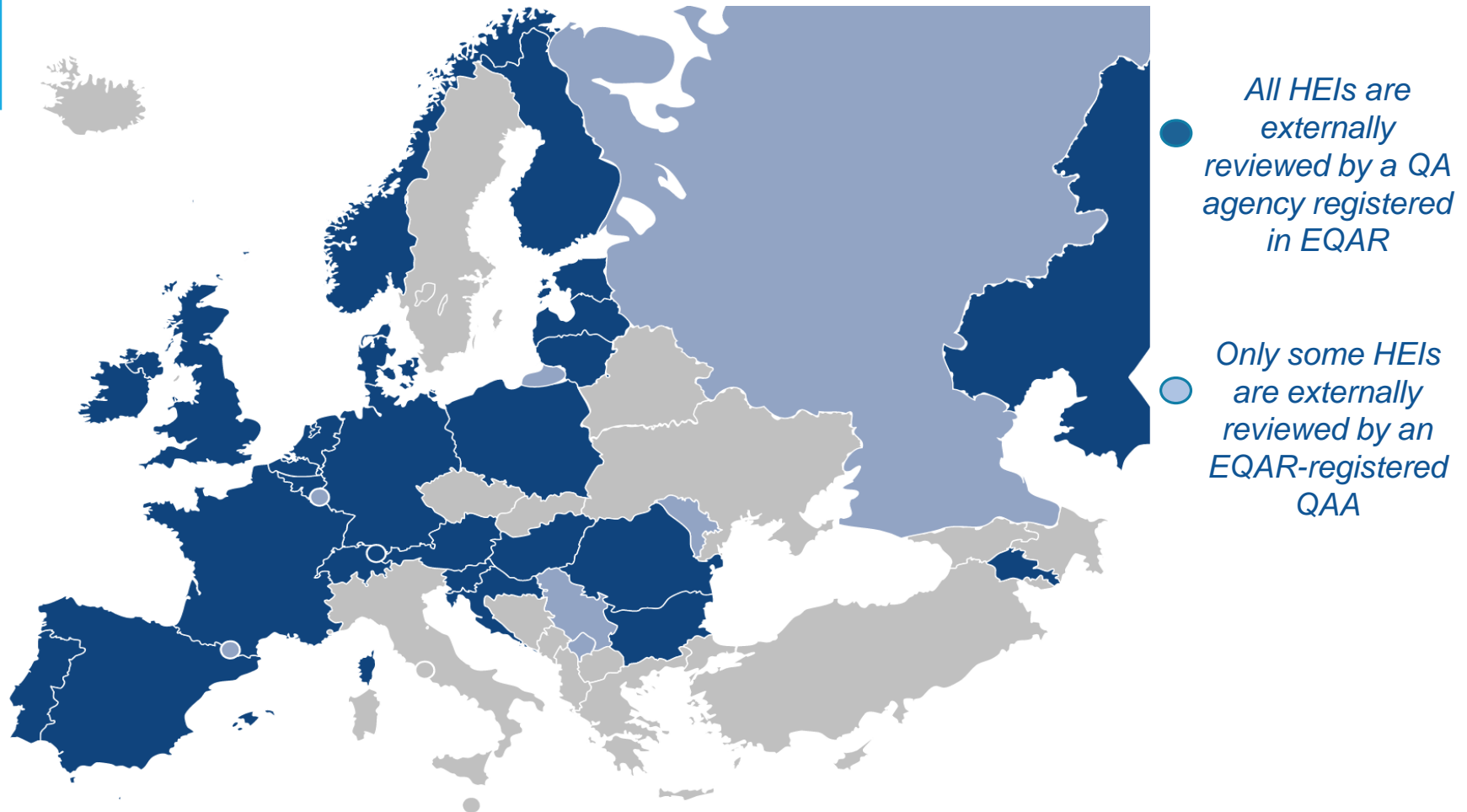


The road ahead...

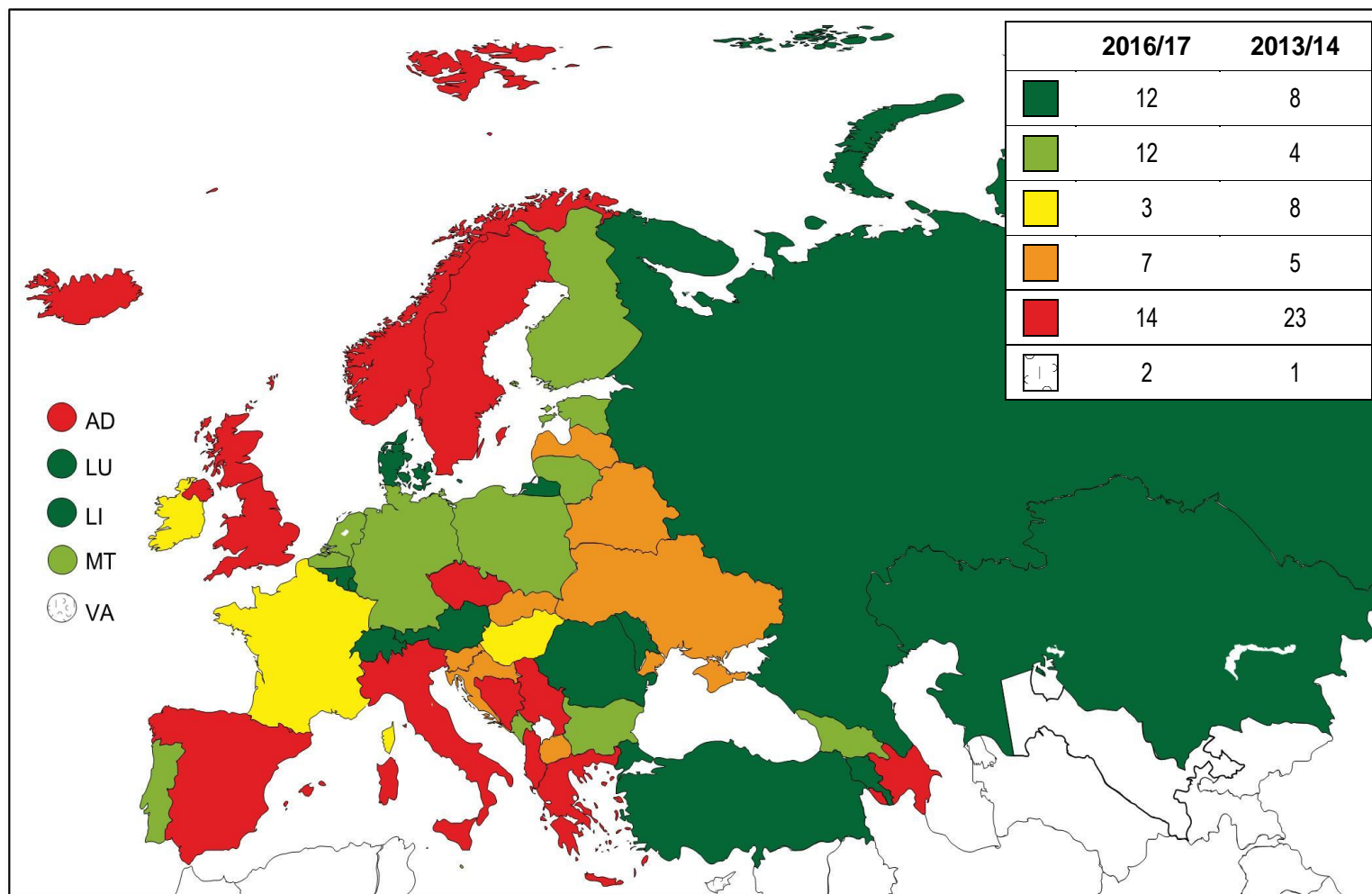
EUROPEAN APPROACH FOR THE QUALITY ASSURANCE OF JOINT PROGRAMMES



COUNTRIES WITH HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS EXTERNALLY REVIEWED BY EQAR REGISTERED AGENCIES

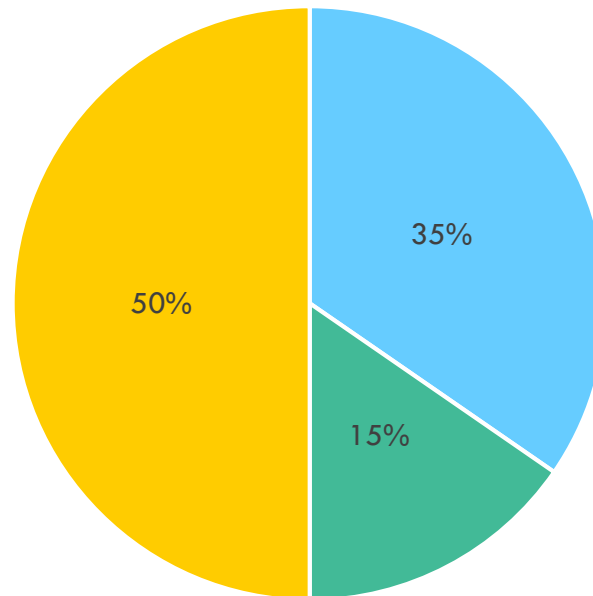


OPENNESS TO CROSS-BORDER QA



Source: Bologna Process Implementation Report
2018

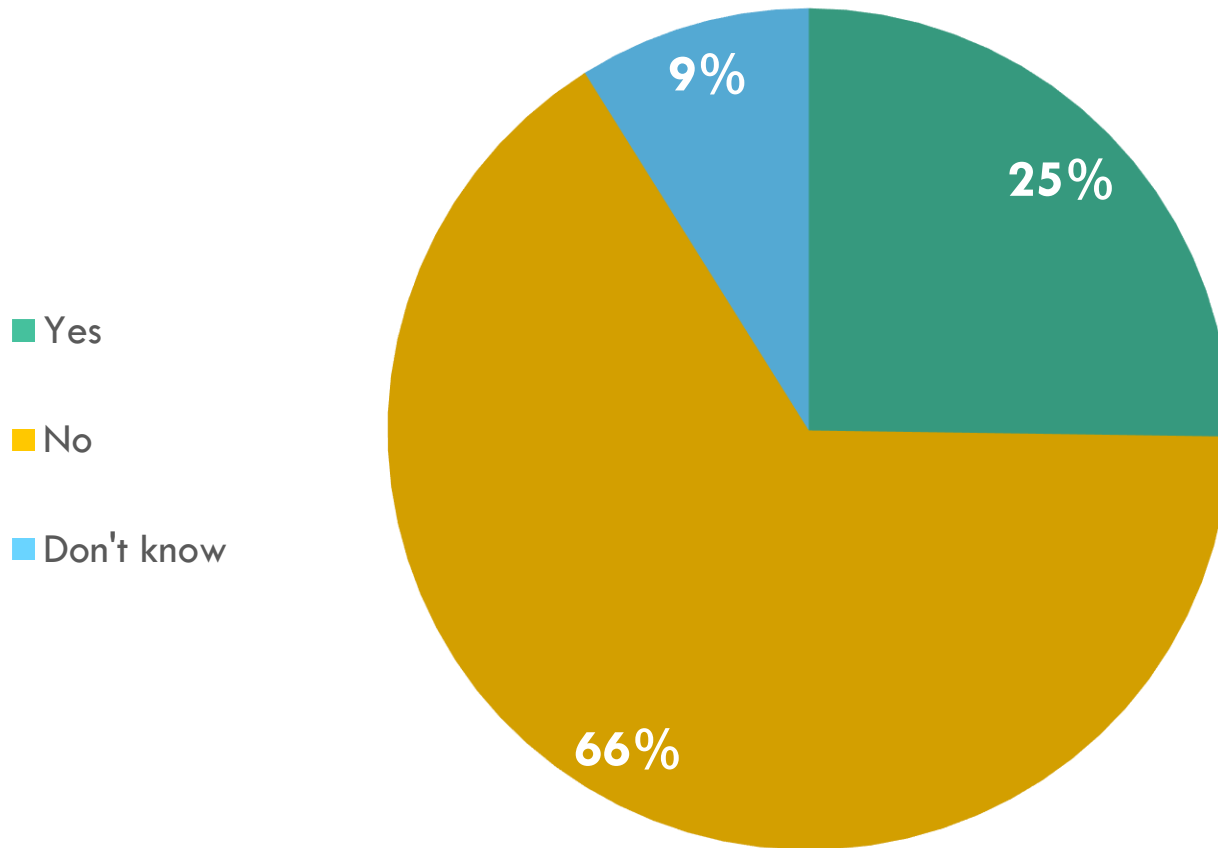
HAS YOUR AGENCY EVER IMPLEMENTED THE EXTERNAL EVALUATION OF FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES?



- Yes, our agency regularly evaluates HEIs from other countries
- Our agency has evaluated HEIs from other countries at least once
- No, our agency has not evaluated foreign HEIs

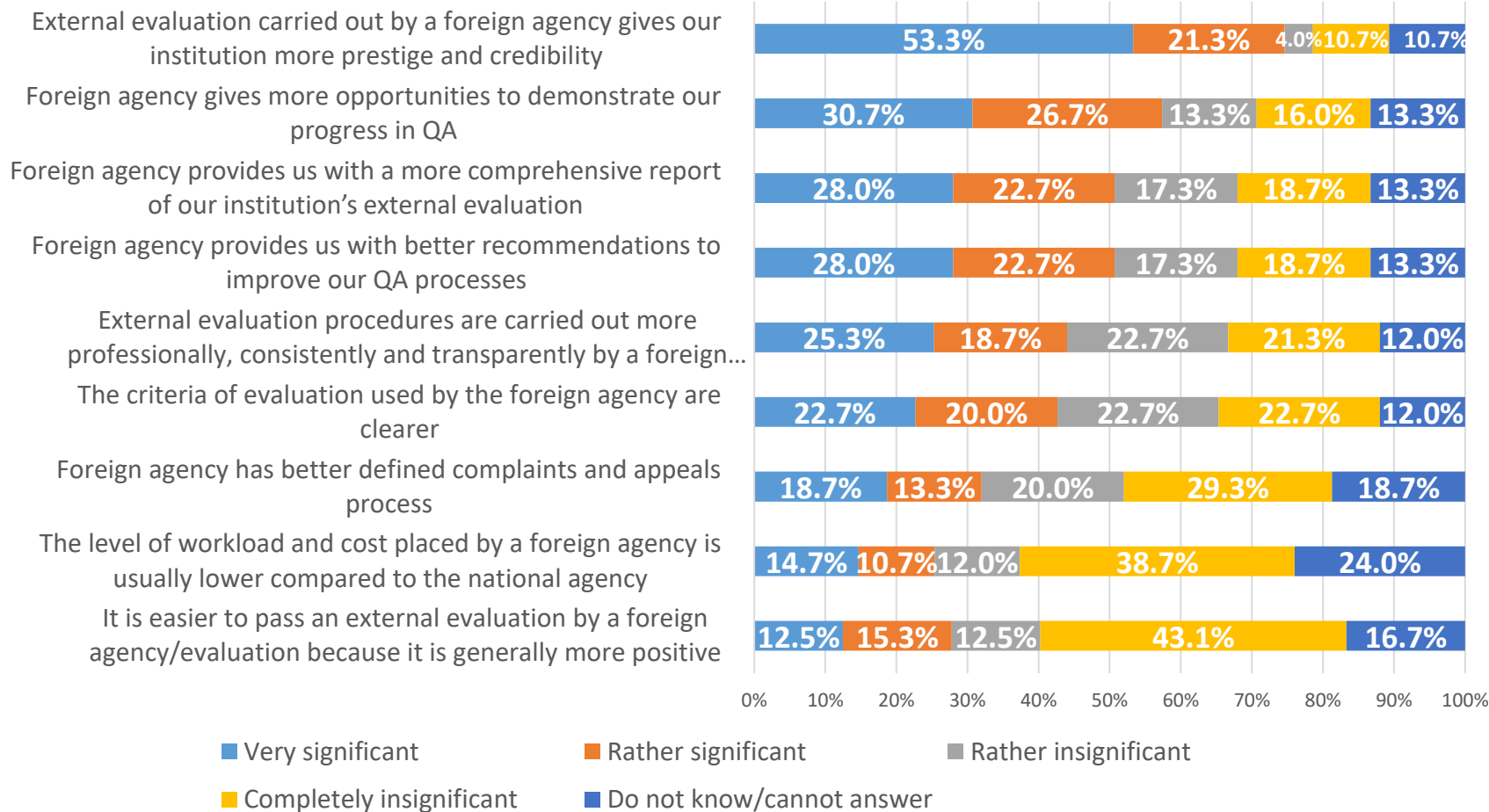
Source: European Commission study on
progress in quality assurance

HAS YOUR ORGANISATION/STUDY PROGRAMME BEEN EVER EVALUATED BY A FOREIGN QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY?



Source: European Commission study on progress in quality assurance

WHAT REASONS LED YOUR INSTITUTION TO CHOOSE A FOREIGN QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY INSTEAD OF A NATIONAL ONE?



ERASMUS+ PROJECT

« DEVELOPING A EUROPEAN APPROACH FOR COMPREHENSIVE QA OF (EUROPEAN) UNIVERSITY NETWORKS »



**Developing a methodology for
QA agencies on supra-
institutional QA procedures**

Cross-border HE
European universities

**4 pilot assessments of
European University alliances**



Project partners:

8 QA agencies
6 national authorities
ENQA, EUA, ESU
Coordinated by NVAO




Project duration:

May 2019 – April 2021

Let's build the future together!





“Study to evaluate the progress on quality assurance systems in the area of higher education in the Member States and on cooperation activities at European level”

executive summary

full study

annexes