



QA commitments: where do we stand?

Findings of the Bologna Process Implementation Report, 2024

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Bologna Process Implementation Report

5th Edition (following 2012, 2015, 2018, 2020)

Presenting state of play on all commitments

Snapshot of 2022/23 (little long-term trends analysis)

Data at this stage still provisional (final checking underway now/soon)

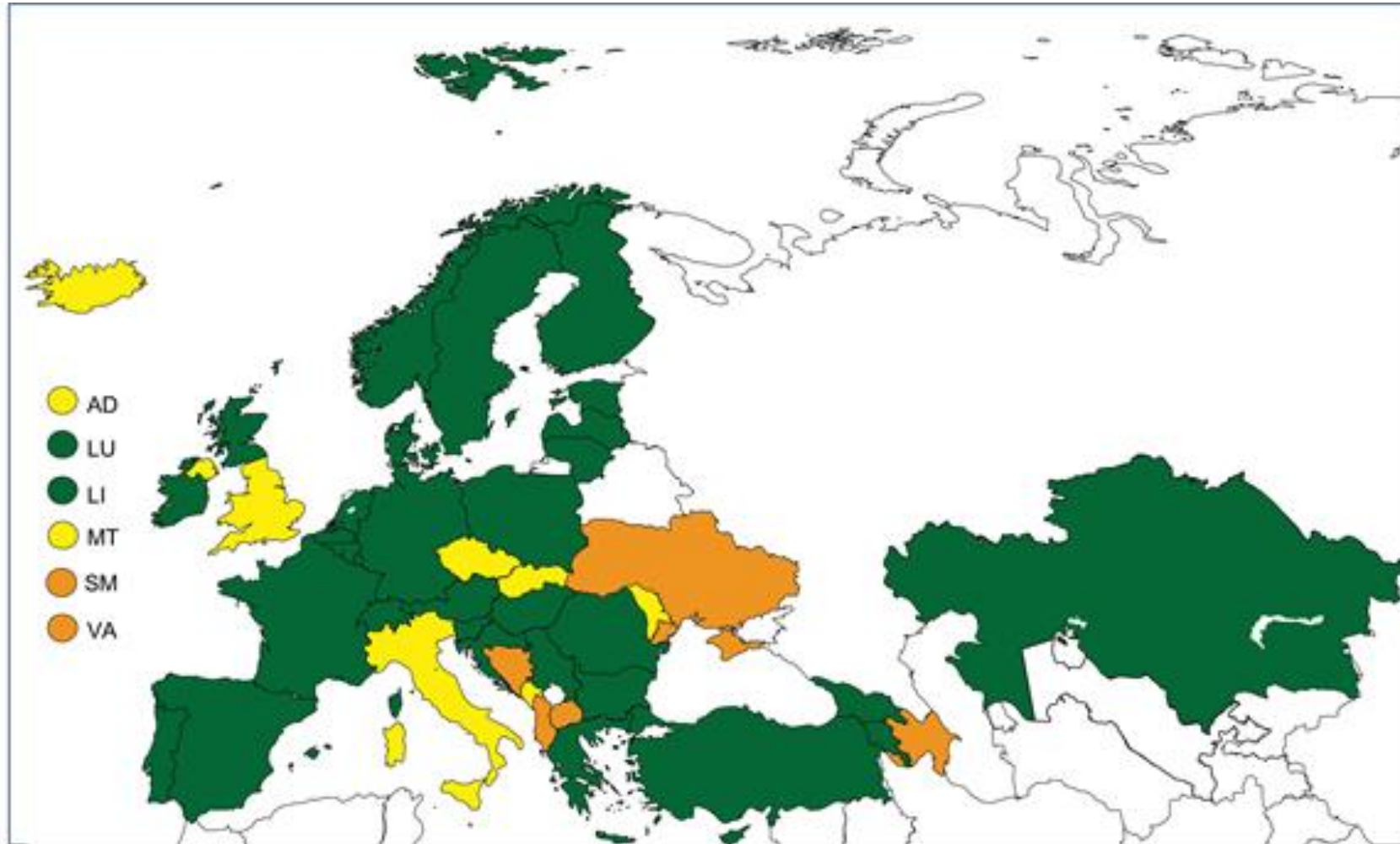
Quality Assurance

Key commitment – underpinning all objectives, along with three cycle degree structures and recognition

Main indicator focuses on compliance with ESG demonstrated through EQAR registration:

A fully functioning quality assurance system is in operation nationwide, in which all higher education institutions are subject to regular external quality assurance by an agency that has successfully demonstrated compliance with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the EHEA (ESG) through registration on EQAR.

Quality Assurance: key commitment



2022/2023	
Dark Green	33
Yellow	9
Orange	7
Red	0

Compared to 2020 report, 3 systems moved to dark green).

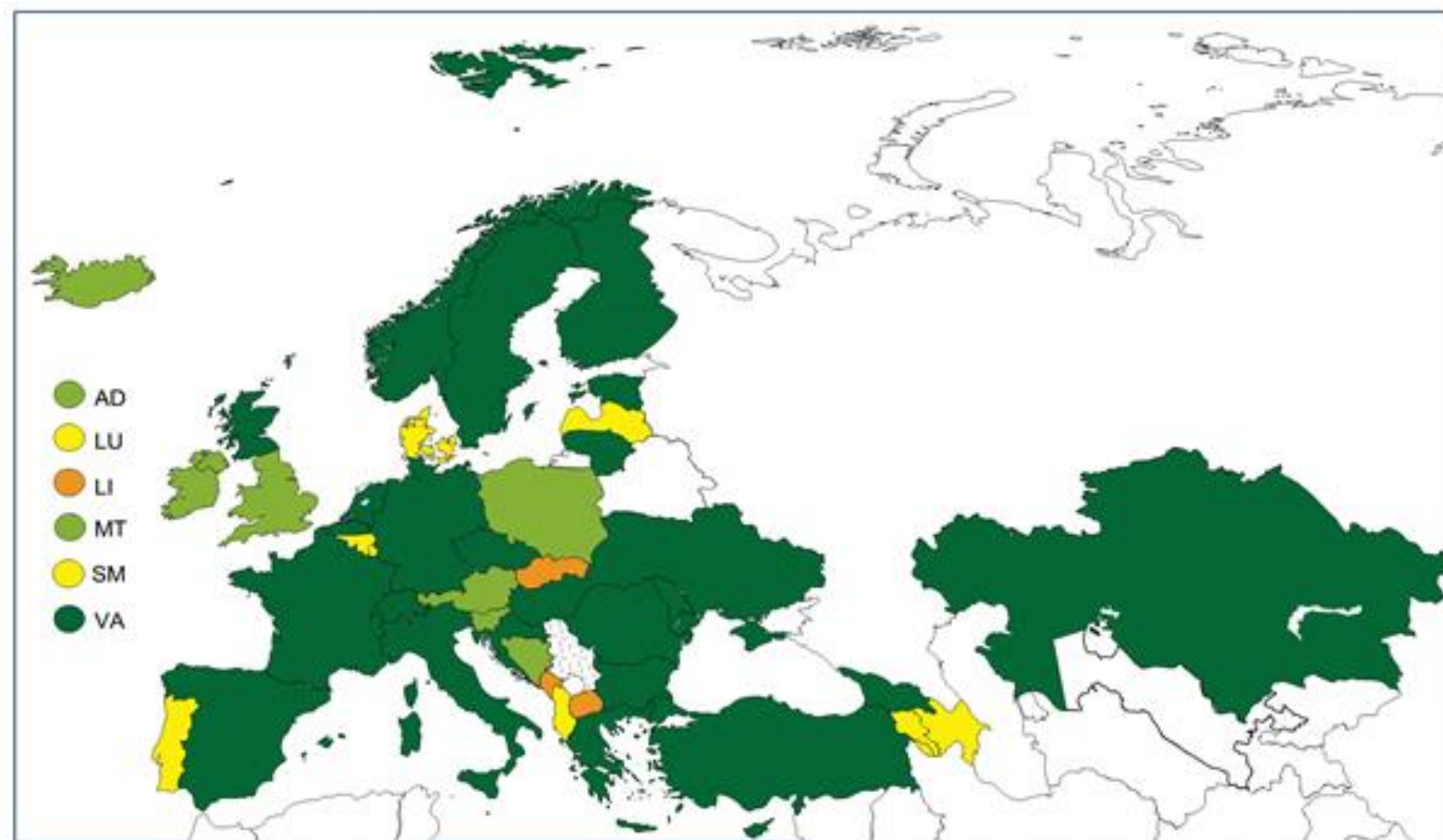
Compared to 2018 report, 9 systems have moved to dark green

Student participation in external QA

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- in governance structures of national Quality Assurance agencies;
- in external review teams;
- in the preparation of self-evaluation reports;
- in the decision making process for external reviews;
- in follow-up procedures.

Student participation in external QA



Compared to 2020 report, 6 systems moved to dark green.

Compared to 2018 report, also 6 systems moved to dark green

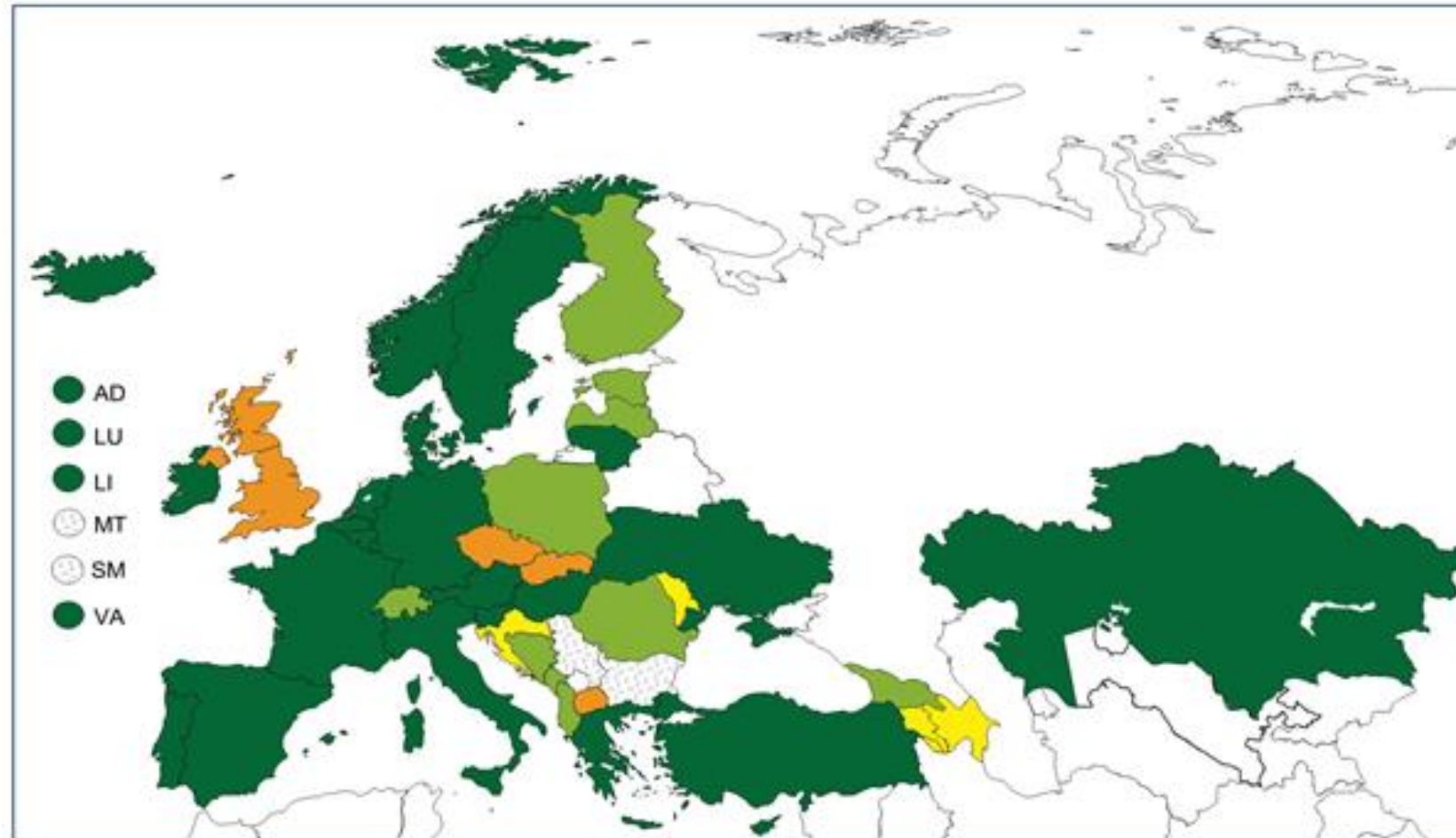
BWSE data diverges for GE, MD, MT

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International participation in external QA








2022/2023	
Dark Green	26
Light Green	9
Yellow	4
Orange	5
Red	0
White	4

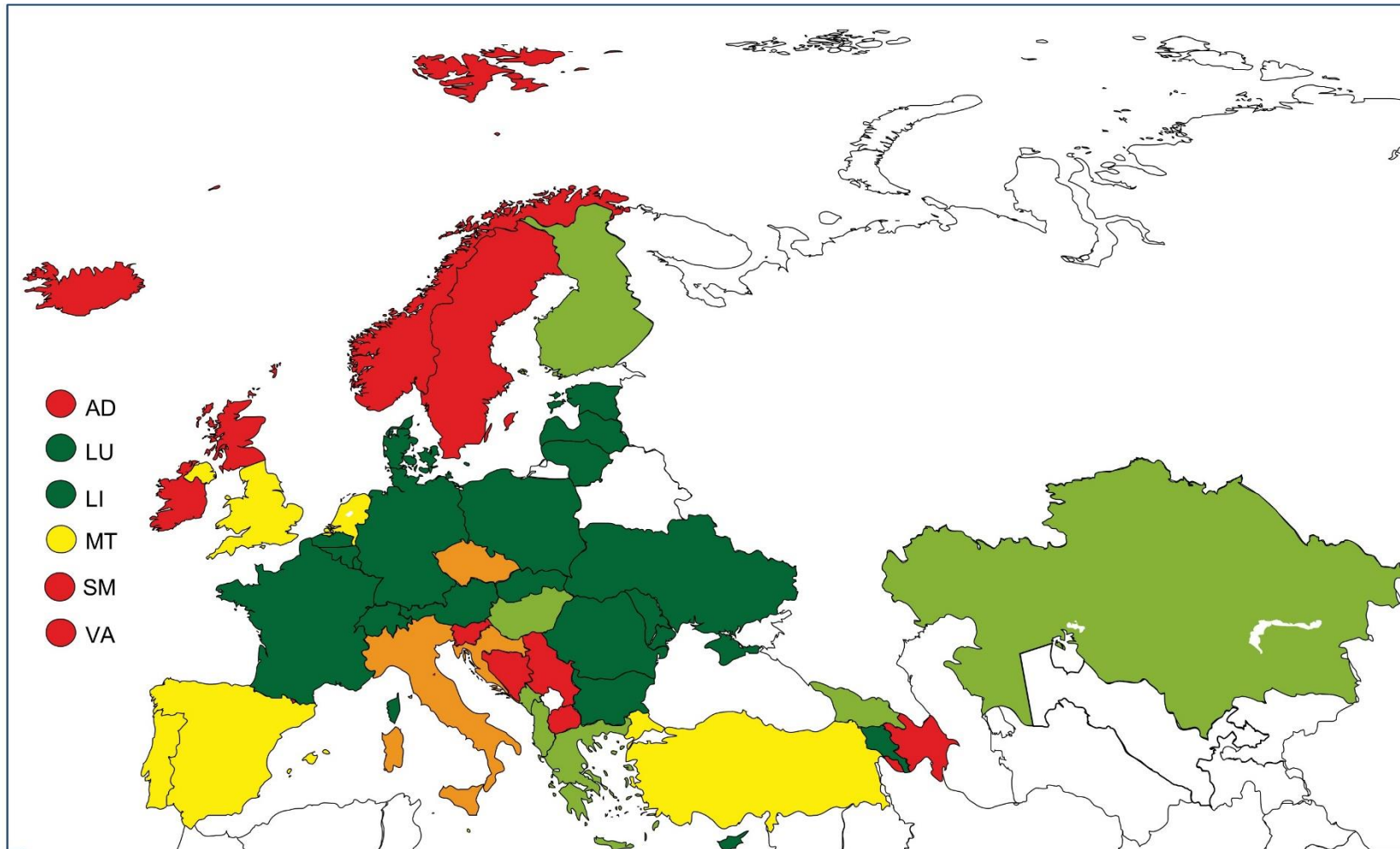
Compared to 2020 report, 2 systems moved to dark green.

Compared to 2018 report, 11 systems moved to dark green

Quality Assurance: openness to cross border

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	Discussions are on-going or plans have been made to establish a legal framework allowing EQAR-registered agencies to operate in the country
	Institutions and programmes cannot be evaluated by quality assurance agencies from outside the country to fulfil their obligations for external quality assurance, and no plans are being discussed.

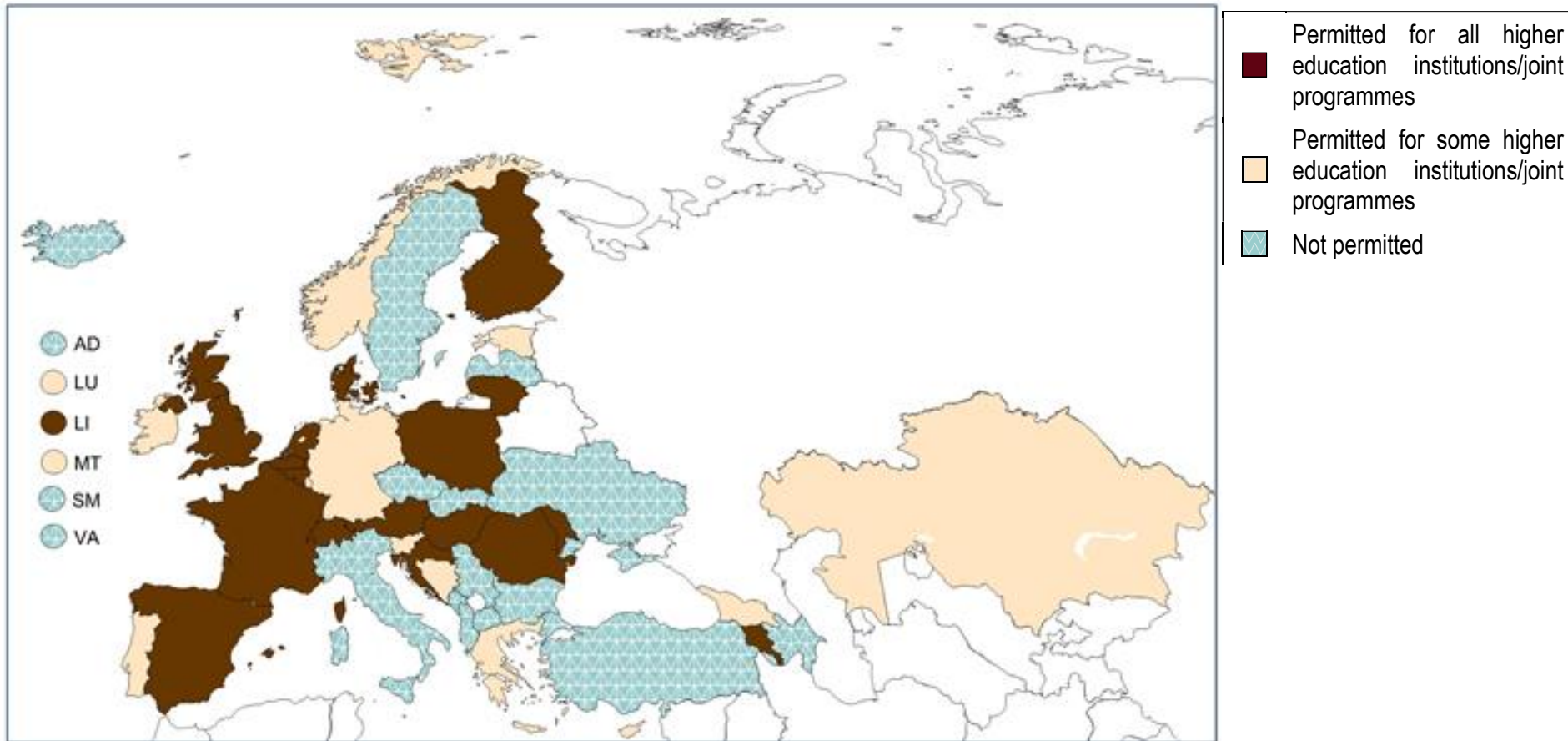
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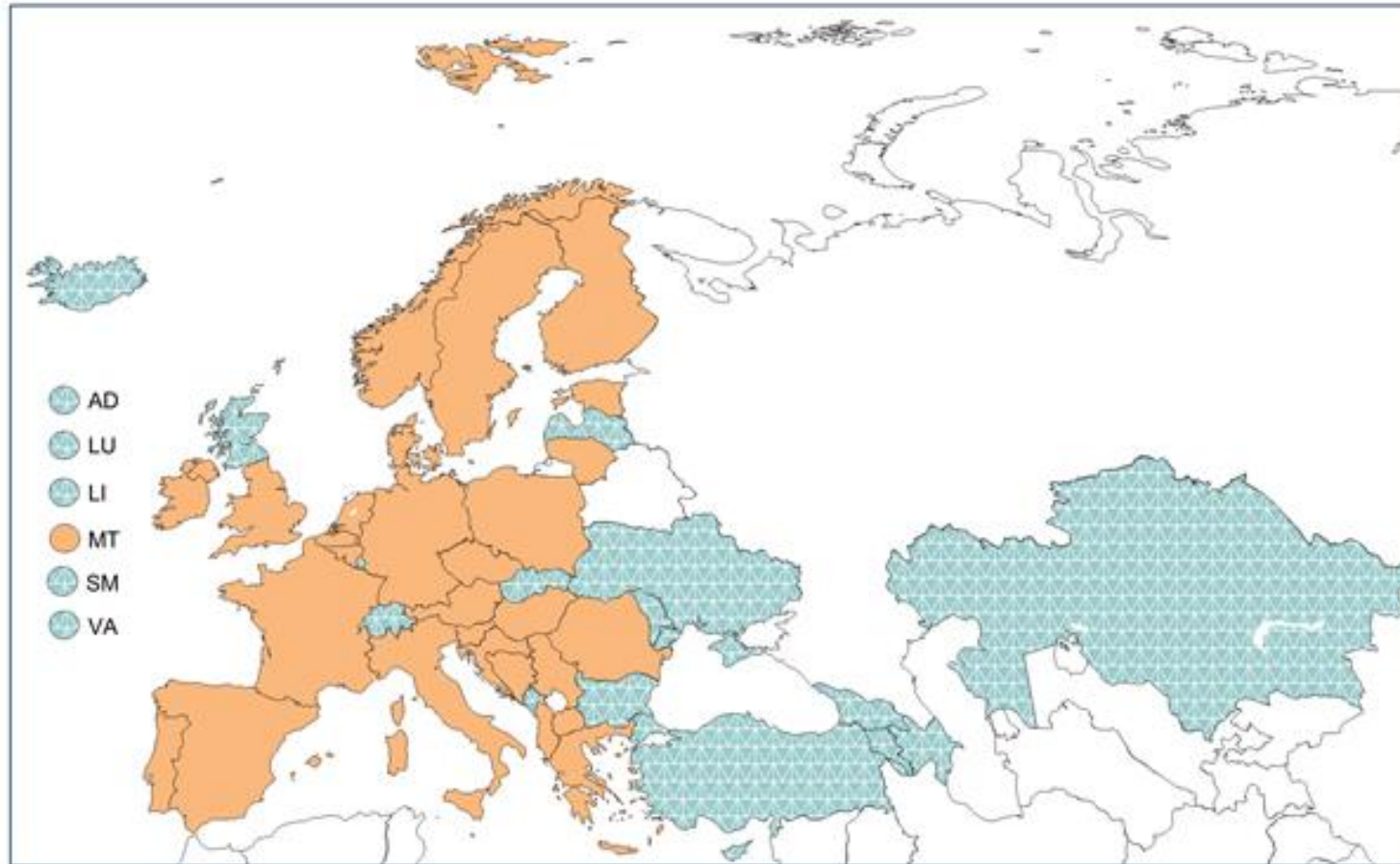
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European approach to quality assurance for joint programmes



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- European Approach has been used
- European Approach has not been used

Top users of European approach:
France (13)
Germany (12)
Spain (11)
the Netherlands (6)

Fundamental Values : QA finding

Half of the countries reported that an external body assesses values (particularly academic freedom, institutional autonomy)

In every case but one, a QA agency was identified as being responsible for this evaluation

Conclusions

- Picture of steady progress
- ESG has had a major impact on national QA practice
- Although direction of travel is positive, speed could be increased..