



Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme

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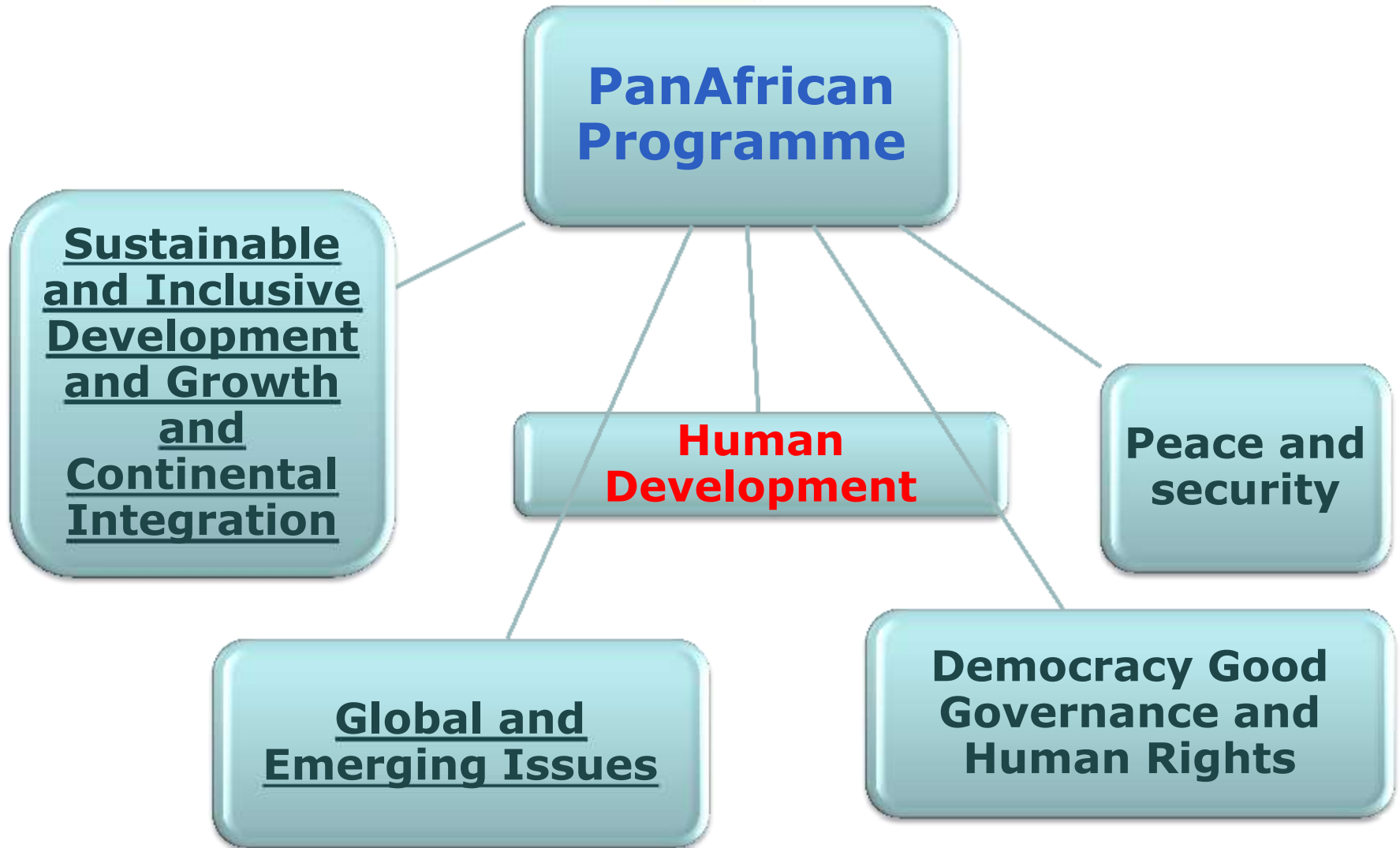
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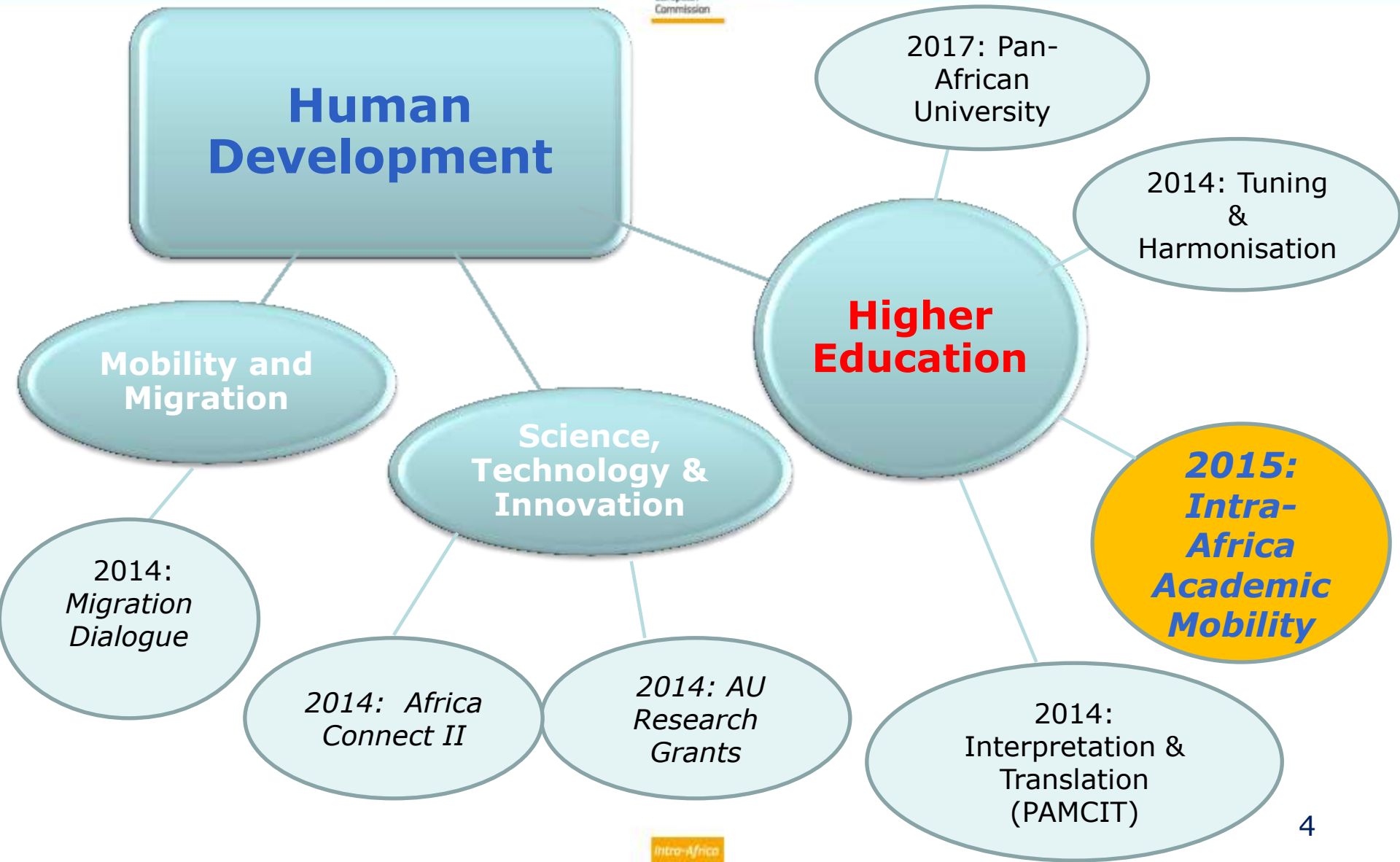
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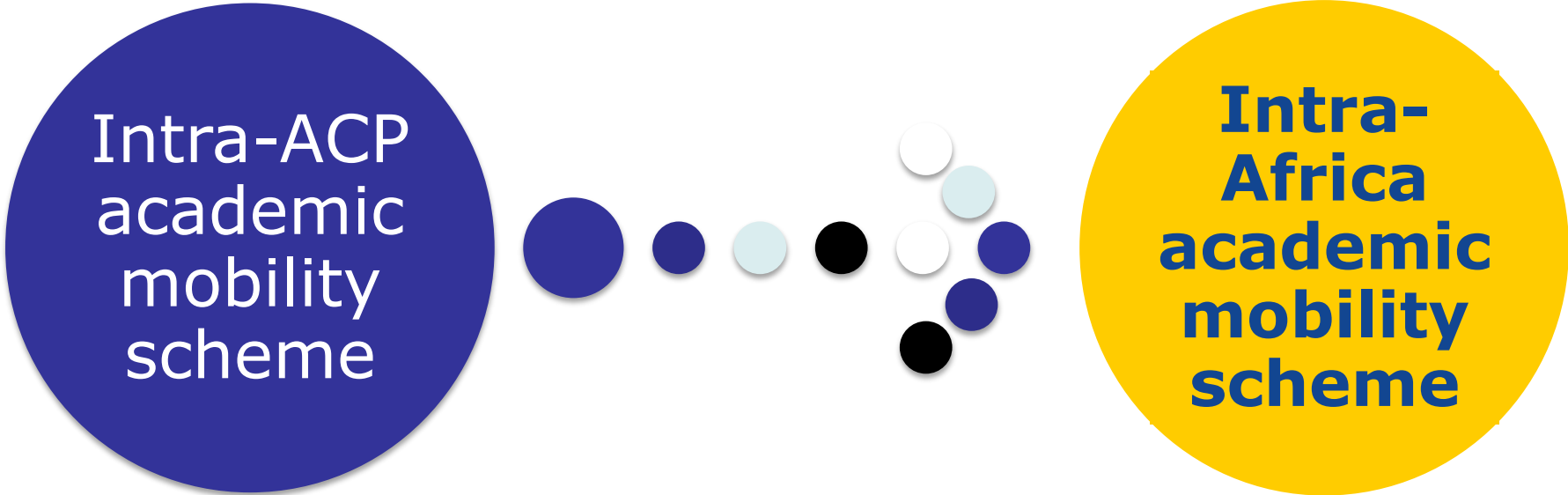
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New programme built on past experience



Intra-ACP
academic
mobility
scheme

3 selection rounds
(2011, 2012, 2013)
15 Partnerships selected
in Africa

Intra-
Africa
academic
mobility
scheme

3 selection rounds
expected
(2016 – 2020)

How is the scheme managed?



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
Directorate-General for International
Cooperation and Development

- *Setting of priorities and funding*



AFRICAN UNION

- *Close cooperation throughout the process*



EDUCATION, AUDIOVISUAL AND
CULTURE EXECUTIVE AGENCY

- *Programme cycle management*



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
Directorate General Education
and Culture

- *Advice/expertise*

Which are the objectives of the scheme?

- To promote **internationalisation** and contribute to **harmonisation** of Higher Education systems in Africa through stronger **cooperation** among Higher Education Institutions
- To **improve skills and competencies** and **increase career development opportunities** through enhanced **mobility** of students and staff within African countries



What does the scheme fund?

- Partnerships of African Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) for the **organisation and implementation** of student and staff mobility across the continent.
- **Scholarships** to students and staff to carry out studies, research, teaching and training assignments in another African country.

What funding is available per year?

- Total available budget: **EUR 10 million**
- Per project: **EUR 1 – 1,5 million**
- **7 to 9 projects** to be funded
- Around 350 mobility flows in total

Main features

A. Eligible partnerships

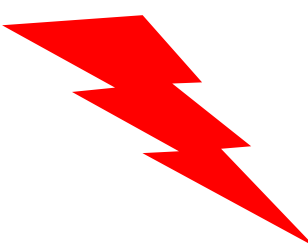
- **Minimum 4 HEIs** and **maximum 6 HEIs** registered in Africa
- **No more than 2 HEIs** from the same country
- Minimum **3 African regions** represented
- **1 EU Technical partner** – mandatory
- **Associate partner(s)** - optional

Eligible countries

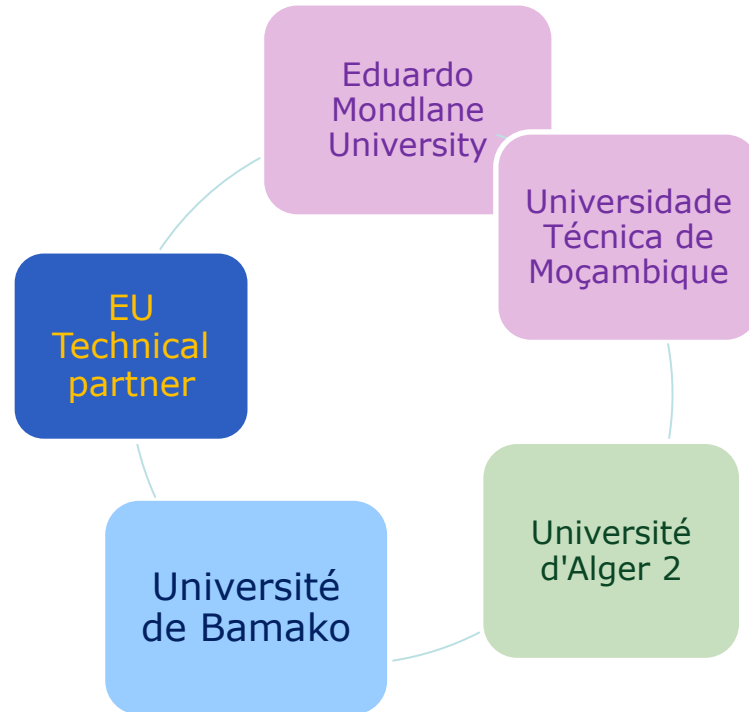
All African Countries	Regions of Africa
Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Congo (DRC), Equatorial Guinea, Gabon and São Tomé and Príncipe	Central
Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda and Tanzania	Eastern
Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia and Morocco	Northern
Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe	Southern
Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Cape Verde, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea- Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo	Western

Eligible partnerships

**Ex. 1: minimum partnership 4 HE institutions
+ 1 EU technical partner**



**Min. 3 regions
represented**
**No more than
2 HEIs from
same country**

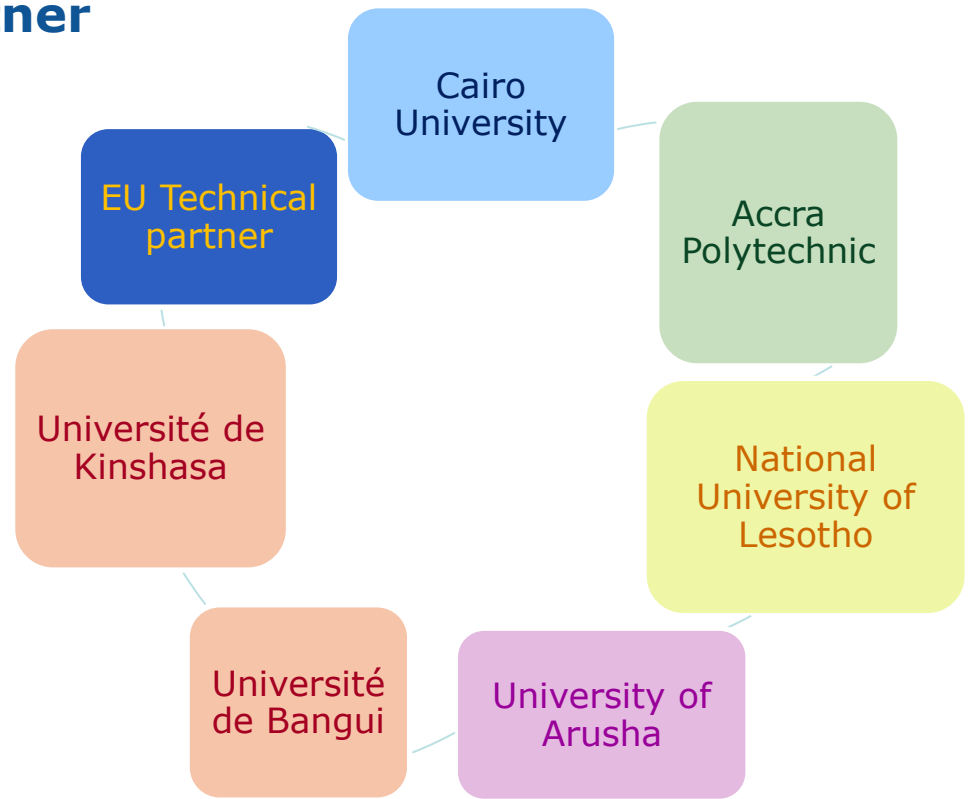


Eligible partnerships

**Ex. 2: maximum partnership 6 HE institutions
+ 1 EU technical partner**

**Min. 3 regions
represented**

**(No more than 2
HEIs from same
country)**



B. Eligible activities

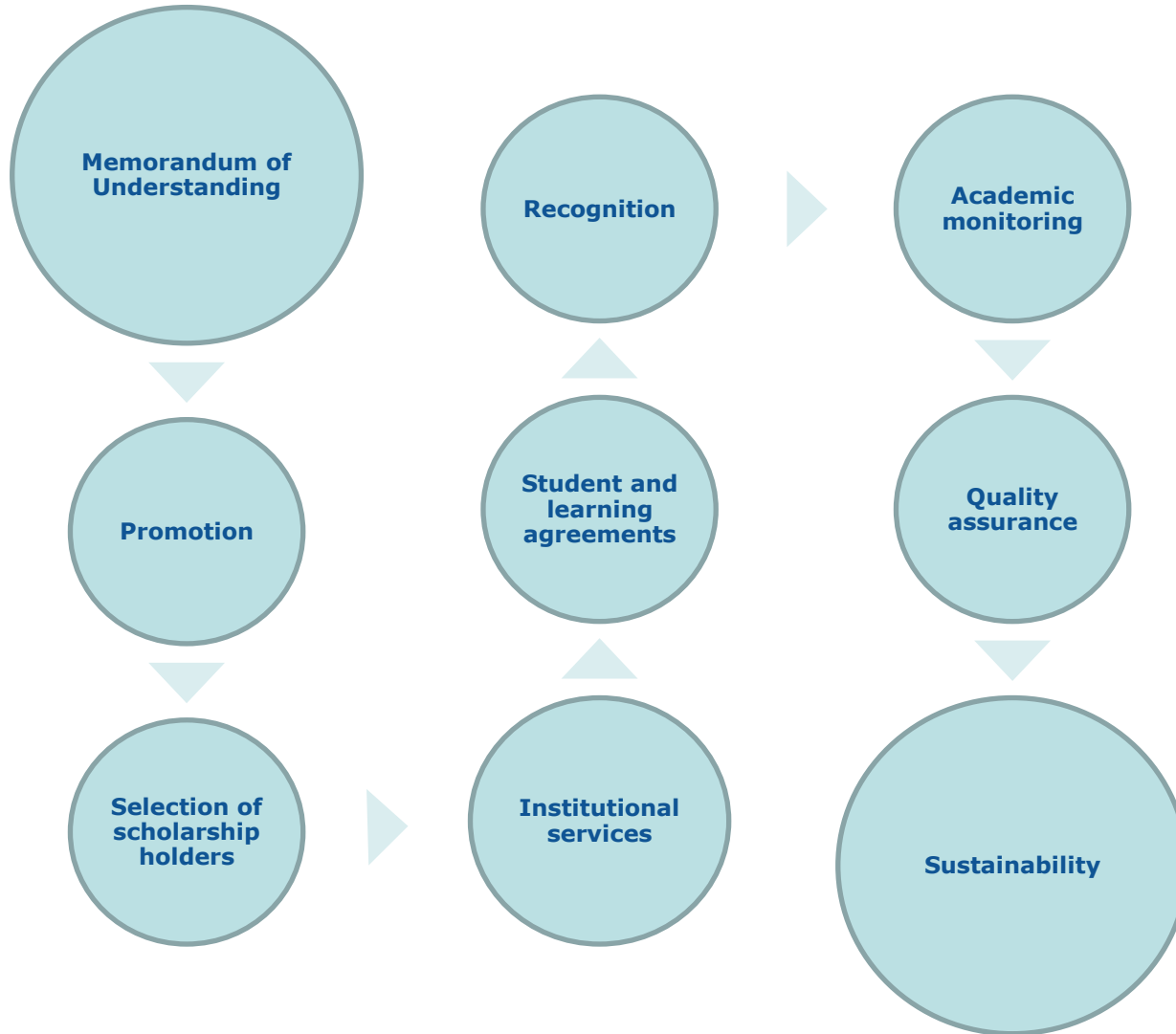
Organisation

and

implementation

of student and staff mobility

in **high quality master and doctoral
programmes**



C. Mobility – Eligible candidates

Eligible students:

- National and resident in any of the African countries
- Registered/admitted in or having obtained a HEI degree at the time of the application for a scholarship from:
 - one of the African HEIs included in the partnership as applicant/partner > **Target Group I**
 - or
 - a HEI not included in the partnership as a partner/applicant but established in Africa > **Target Group II**

D. Mobility – Eligible candidates

Eligible staff candidates:

- Nationals and resident in any of the African countries
and
- Employed or associated with a HEI included in the
partnership as applicant/partner

E. Mobility – requirements

➤ Target Group:

- Mobility of Target Group I has to represent **min 40%** of the student mobility

➤ Type of mobility

- Students: Master and Doctorates
- Staff: Academic and Administrative

Distribution per type of mobility	
Master	50-70%
Doctorate	15-30%
Staff	10-30%

E. Mobility – requirements

➤ Duration

- Master students: min 6 max 24 months
- Doctoral candidates: min 6 max 48 months
- Staff: min 1 max 6 months

➤ Credit-/degree-seeking mobility

- Credit-seeking mobility has to be **min 25%** of the students' mobility

Strongly recommended

- *Max 20% per nationality*
- *Gender balance*
- *Balanced distribution among partners*

F. The EU grant

1. **Lump-sum** contribution for the **organisation** of the mobility:

- EUR 20.000 per No. of partner HEIs (including applicant/coordinating HEI) + EU technical partner.
- Maximum amount EUR 140.000 per partnership.

The EU grant

2. Unit costs to cover the **implementation** of the mobility (incl. scholarships to students/staff):

a. Travel costs: unit cost granted for each return ticket

Distance (km)	Fixed-amount (€)
< 500	275
500– 1 000	550
>1 000– 1 500	825
>1 500 – 2 500	1.100
>2 500 – 5 000	1.650
>5 000 – 10 000	2.200

The EU grant

- b. Subsistence allowance** (+ settling-in allowance for students)
- c. Participation costs**
- d. Research costs**
- e. Insurance**

Type of mobility	b. Subsistence allowance (per month)	c. Participation costs (per year)	d. Research costs (per year)	e. Insurance (per month)
Masters	€ 600	€ 3 500	€ 600	€ 75
Doctorates	€ 900	€ 4 000	€ 2000	€ 75
Staff	€ 1 200	-	-	€ 75



The EU grant

f. Allowances for female scholarship holders

Extra allowance (=monthly subsistence allowance) **per academic year** to female scholarship holders **for mobility equal or longer than 2 academic years.**

Results of the 1st Call – submission phase

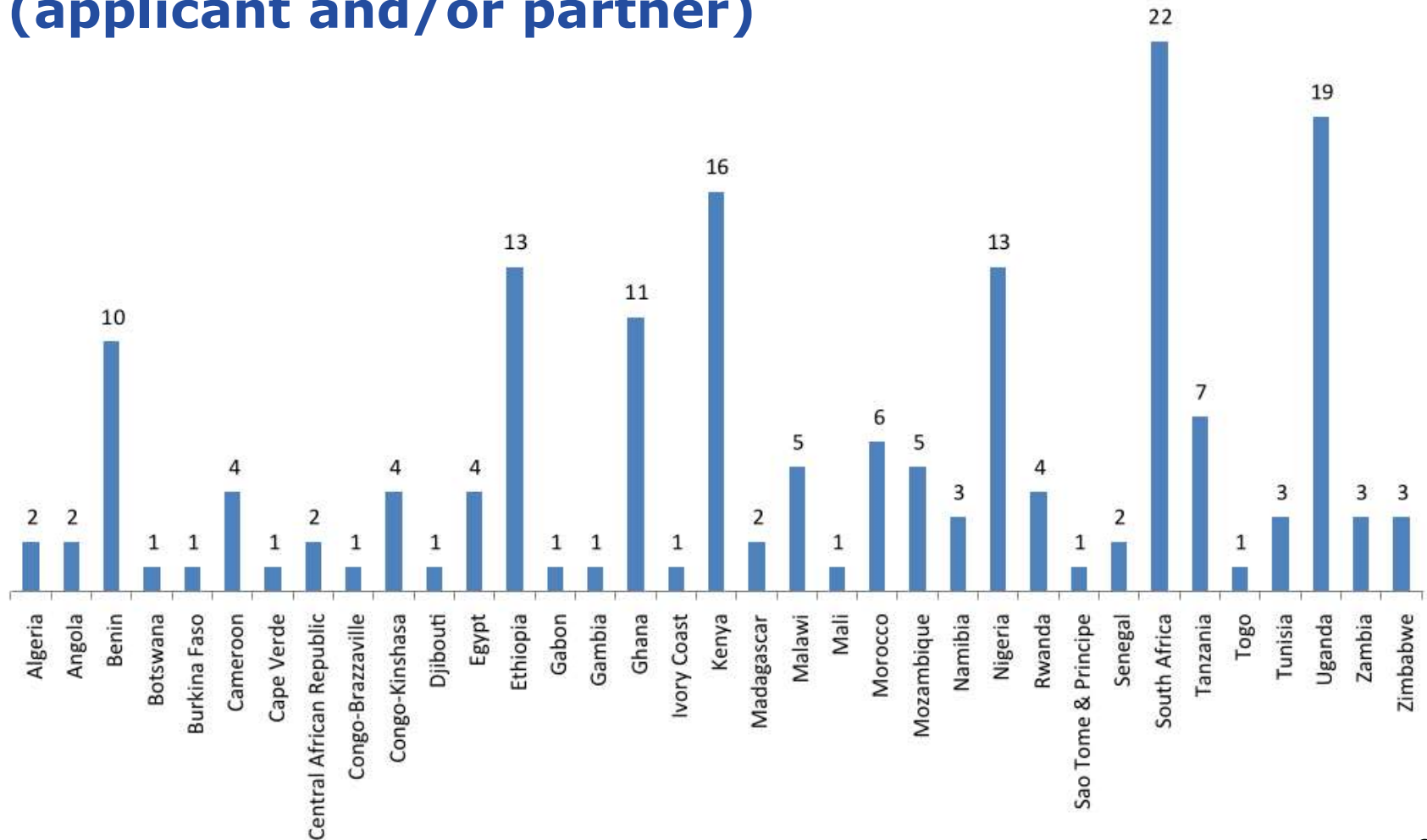
*N. applications received by the deadline: **38***

*N. applications eligible: **34***

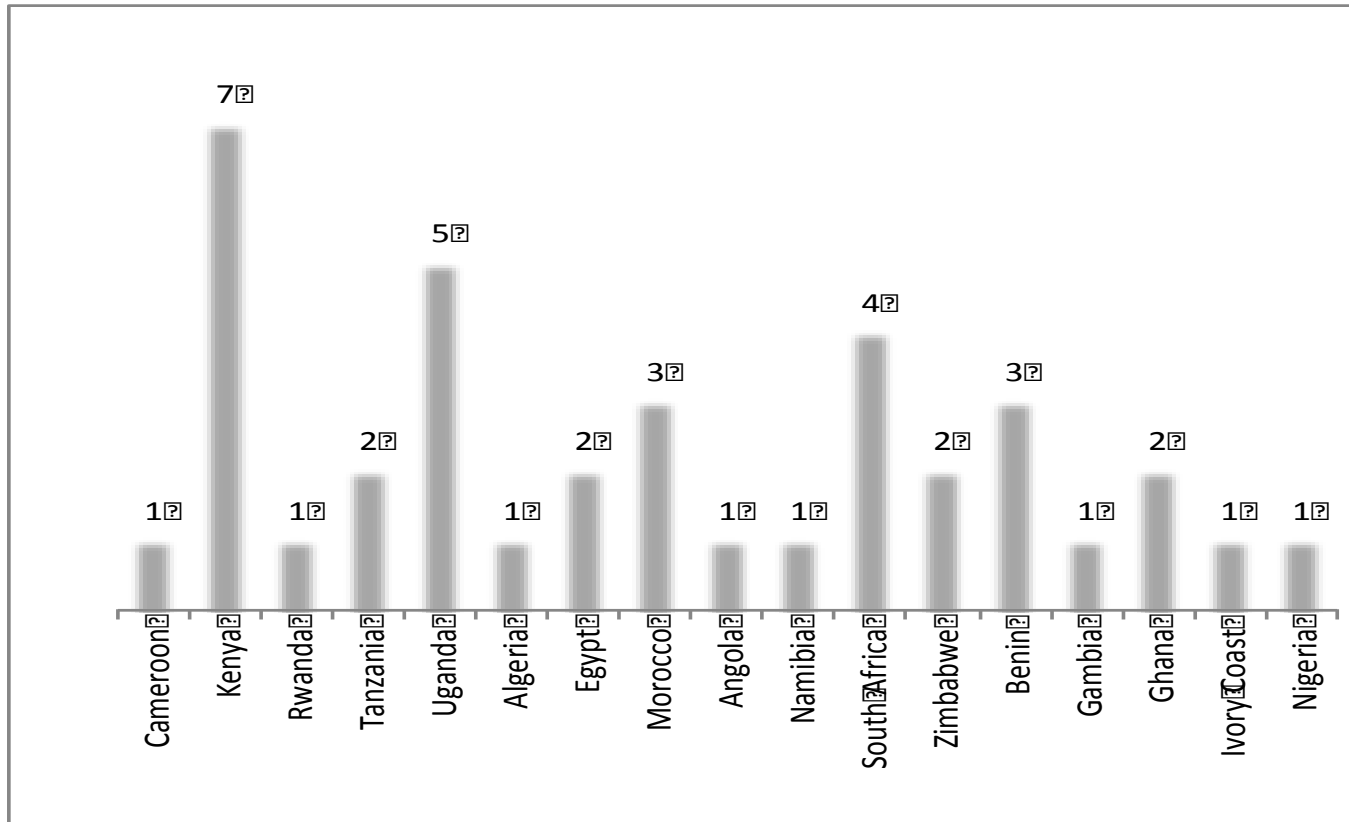
African countries represented: 35

African regions represented: all 5 regions

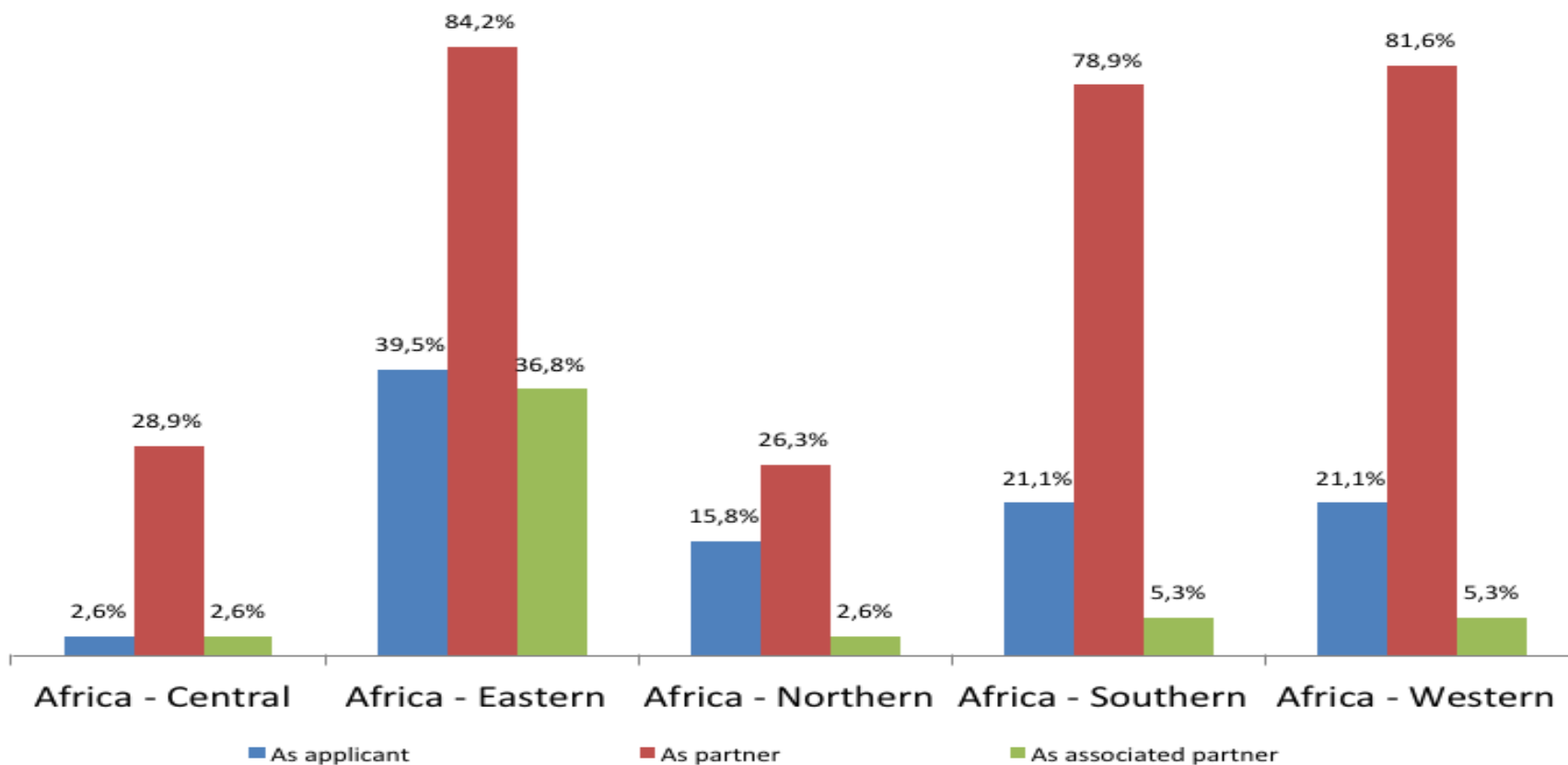
Number of applications per African country (applicant and/or partner)



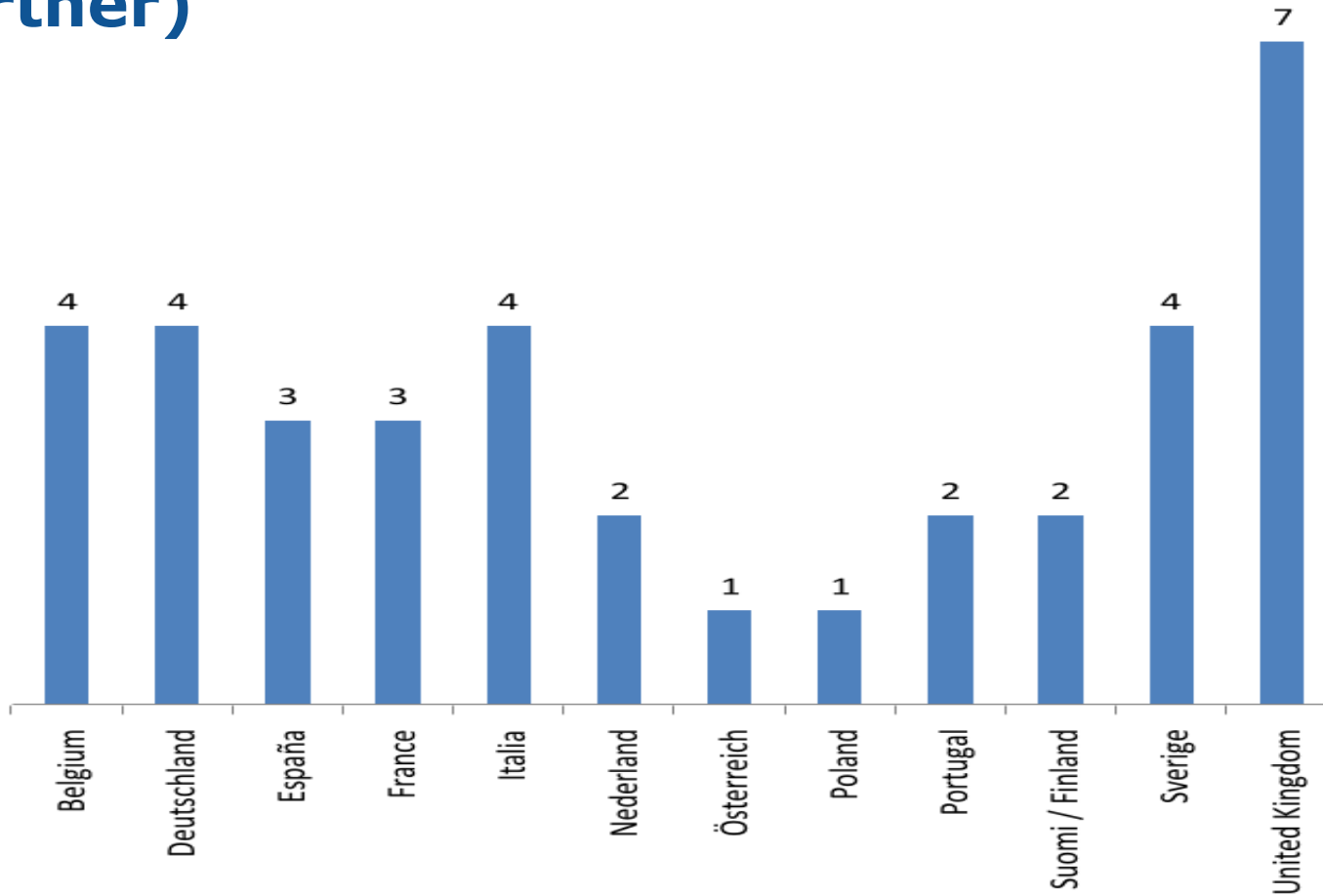
Number of applications per African country (applicant)



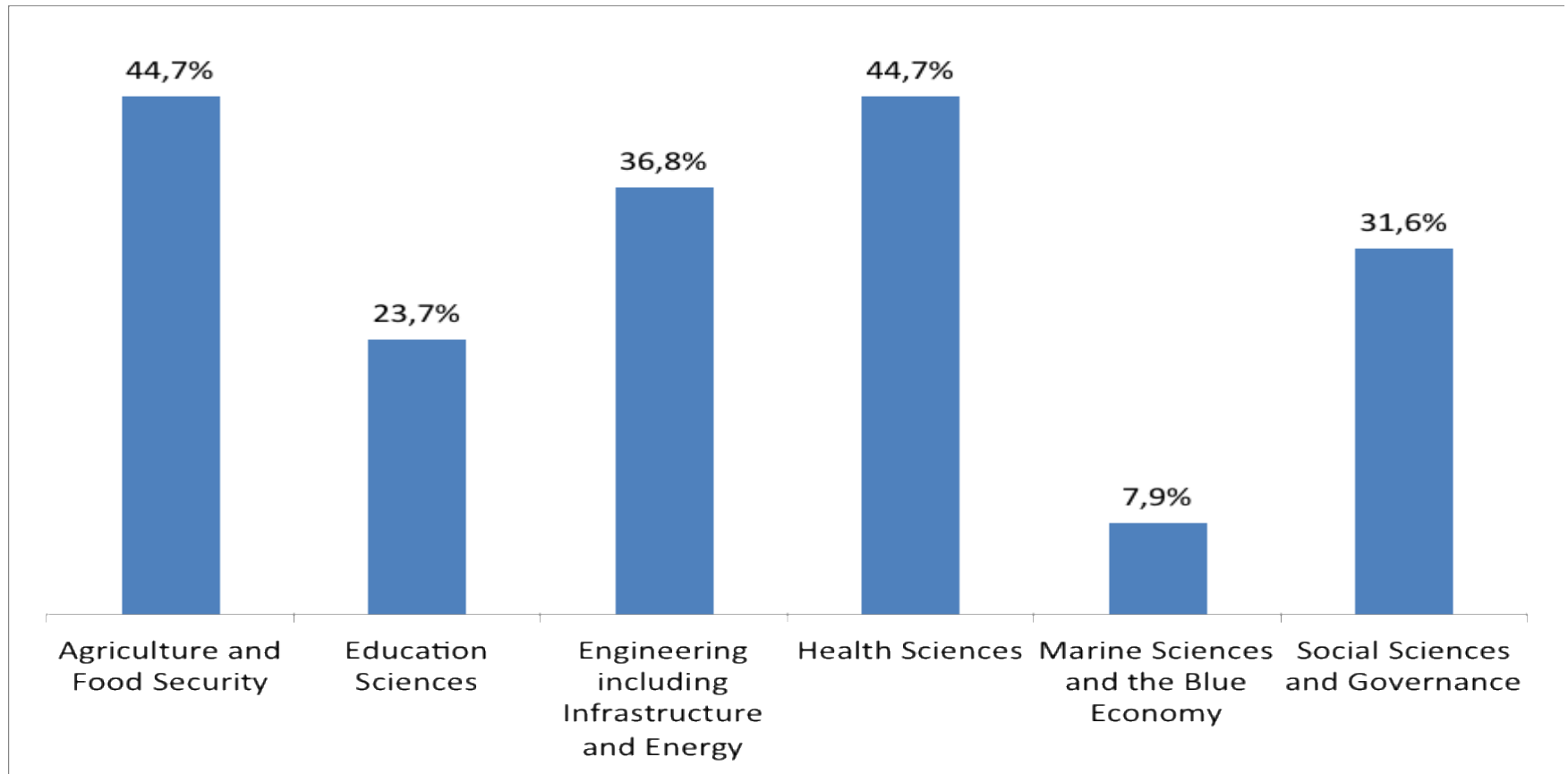
Involvement of the 5 regions in applications (% of total N. of applications)



Participation of EU countries (EU Technical partner)



Percentage of applications per thematic field*



* Each application can address more than one thematic field

What are the expected benefits for HEIs?

- **Stronger links** between institutions
- Contribution to **internationalisation of the HEIs**
- New mechanisms to facilitate mobility (e.g. international relations offices, student facilities)
- Practices on **harmonising curricula** and establishing **credit recognition mechanisms**
- Increased **quality, visibility and attractiveness** of the HEIs
- Improved **quality of teaching** and upgrading students/staff members **qualifications**



What are the expected benefits for students/academics

- Participation in **high-level academic mobility**
- **Recognition** of study and research/teaching assignments abroad
- Improved **linguistic skills**
- Improved **employability** and better career perspectives
- **Strengthened personal/soft skills** through international academic exchange of knowledge, ideas, contacts

Our website

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Questions?