

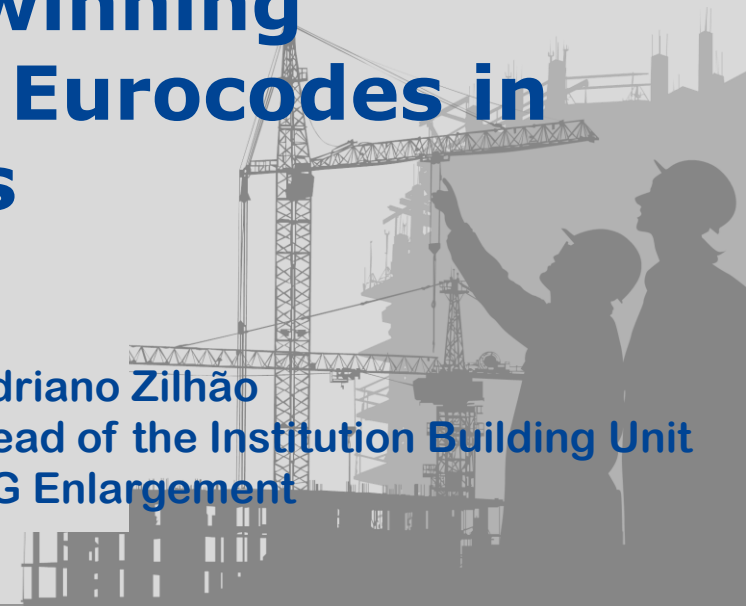
**ADOPTION OF THE EUROCODES
IN THE BALKAN REGION**

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How TAIEX and Twinning support the adoption of Eurocodes in the Balkans

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The peer-to-peer assistance instruments

TAIEX

*Technical Assistance and
Information EXchange*



Mission: support beneficiary countries in understanding, transposing, implementing and applying EU policies, legislation, rules: the **acquis**



Peer to Peer: what, what for

Nearly all experts mobilised under TAIEX / Twinning are public sector officials from EU Member States' national administrations

- Commission officials and officials from other EU Institutions sometimes involved
- Private experts rarely involved

*Information just flows better
between peer practitioners!*



Beneficiaries of TAIEX / Twinning

ICELAND

RUSSIA

BEARUS

UKRAINE

MOLDOVA

CROATIA

BOSNIA AND
HERZEGOVINA

SERBIA

MONTENEGRO

KOSOVO*

THE FORMER YUGOSLAV
REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

ALBANIA

GEORGIA

ARMENIA

AZERBAIJAN

TURKEY

TUNISIA

MOROCCO

ALGERIA

LEBANON

SYRIA

ISRAEL

OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY
(WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP)

JORDAN

LIBYA

EGYPT

* Under UNSCR 1244/1999

Beneficiaries of TAIEX/ Twinning under Instrument for Pre-accession (IPA)

- ***New Member State: Croatia***
- ***Candidate Countries: Iceland, Montenegro, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey***
- ***Potential Candidates: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo****

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TAIEX / Twinning: beneficiary groups

- *Central Governments, Ministries, Government bodies, Regulators*
- *National Parliaments*
- *Judiciary*
 - *Social Partners**
 - *Professional associations**

** Only exceptionally if actors play a clear role in the implementation of the EU acquis*



TAIEX / Twinning: main areas covered

- **Justice and Home Affairs**
- **Internal Market, Customs, Employment, Social Policy**
- **Agriculture and Food Safety**
- **Environment, Energy, Transport, Telecommunications**



TAIEX: an unusual assistance instrument

- Ownership
- *demand-driven*, beneficiary requests as needed, sometimes requests from other Commission services are also considered
- "Gap-mindedness"
 - Focus on gaps to EU *acquis*
- Responsiveness
 - *short-term*, flexible, quick delivery;
 - expert mission 6-8 weeks, 10 weeks for a workshop
- Peer-to-peer
 - expertise comes from EU Member States' administrations



TAIEX types of activities

WORKSHOP



EXPERT MISSION



STUDY VISIT



TAIEX events: who decides?

- *Requests usually submitted by beneficiary administration*
- *All applications submitted for opinion to*
 - ✓ a **National Contact Point** (NCP) in the beneficiary administration (usually Foreign Ministry),
 - ✓ the **EU Delegation** to the beneficiary country, and
 - ✓ the competent **Commission specialised service**.
- *Commission TAIEX service (**IBU**) takes final decision*



TAIEX events: eligibility criteria

Relevance to EU legislation (the acquis)

- The acquis is the body of common rights and obligations that is binding on all Member States of the European Union*

Fitness for TAIEX (short-term, pinpoint?)

Overlap?

Priority and timeliness



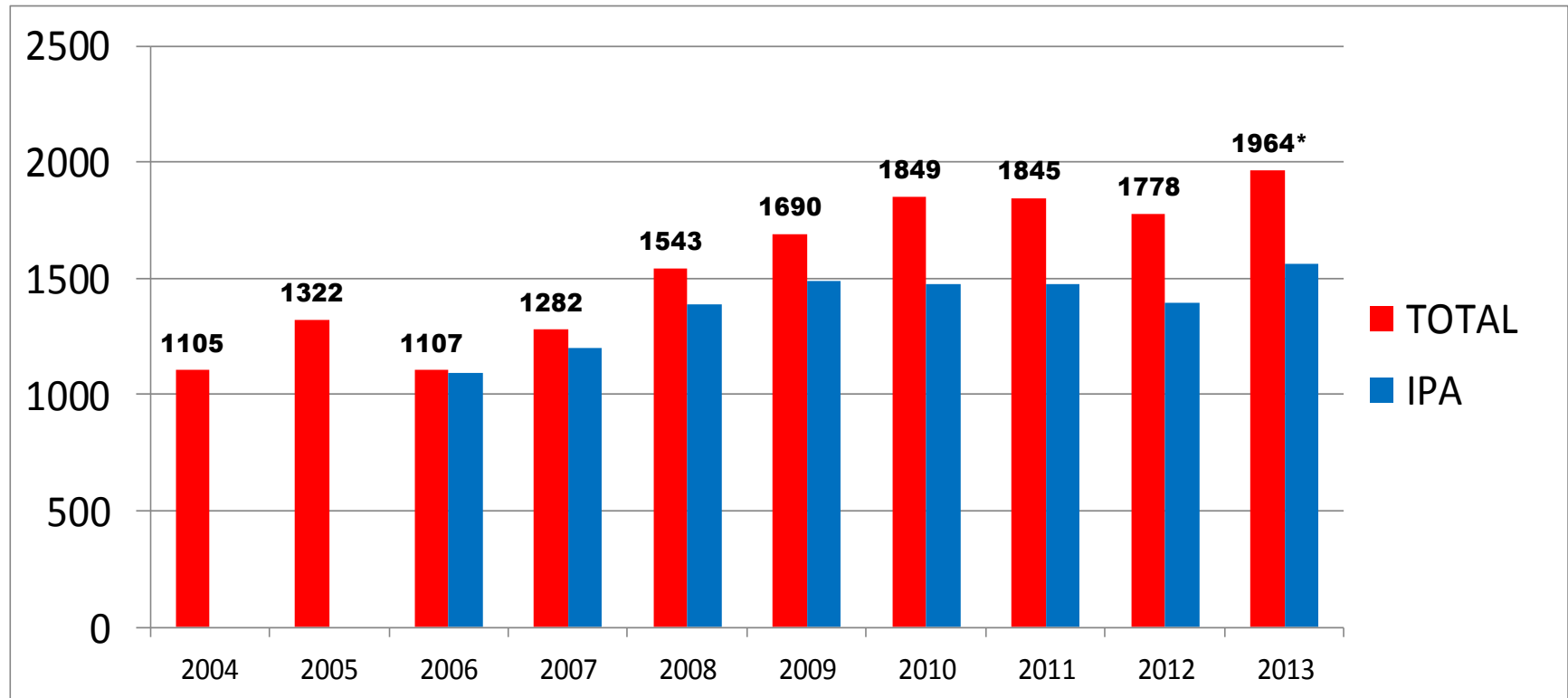
TAIEX: what it covers

- *TAIEX covers all costs related to provision of assistance*
- *TAIEX arranges logistics through a contracted service provider*
- *e.g. for Workshops:*
 - ✓ Hotel and travel costs for EU MS experts
 - ✓ Meeting room rental (if in hotel)
 - ✓ Interpretation (including equipment)
 - ✓ Catering (lunch, coffee)



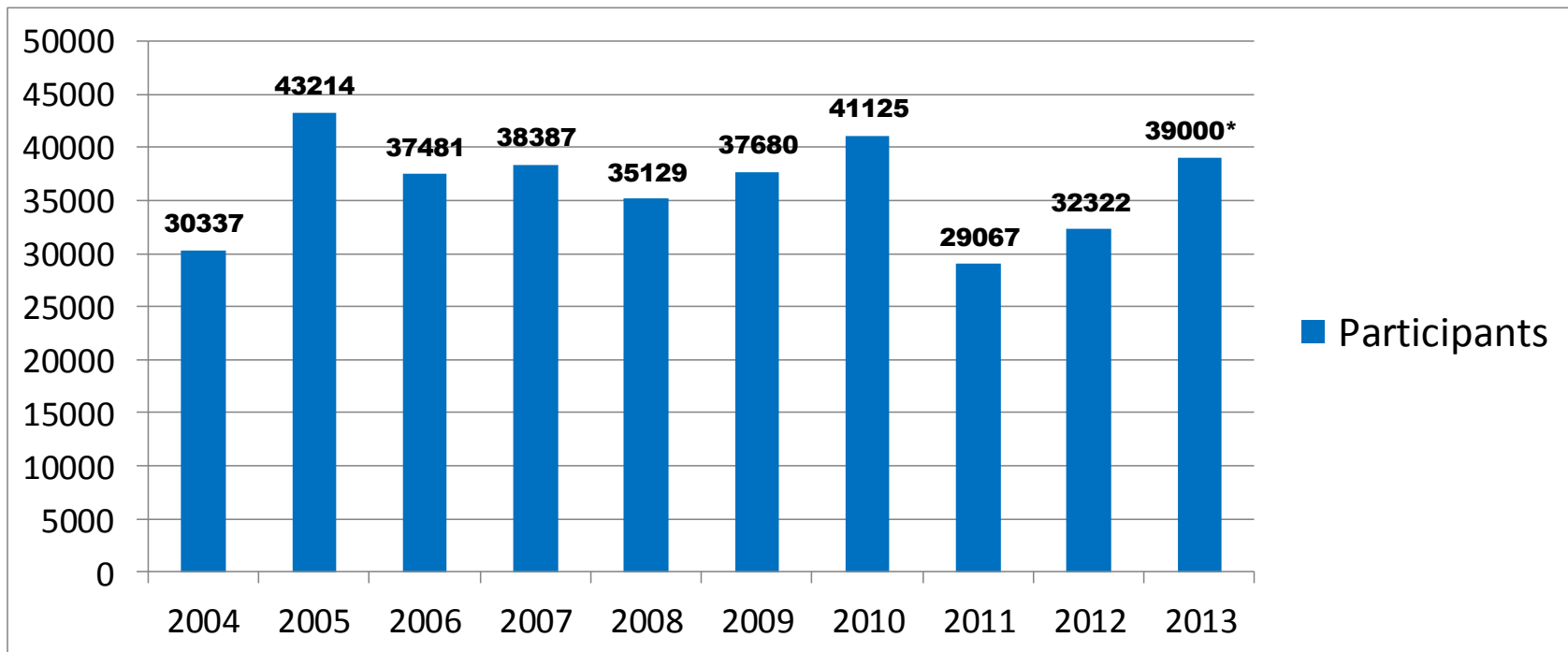
TAIEX Events Total, IPA

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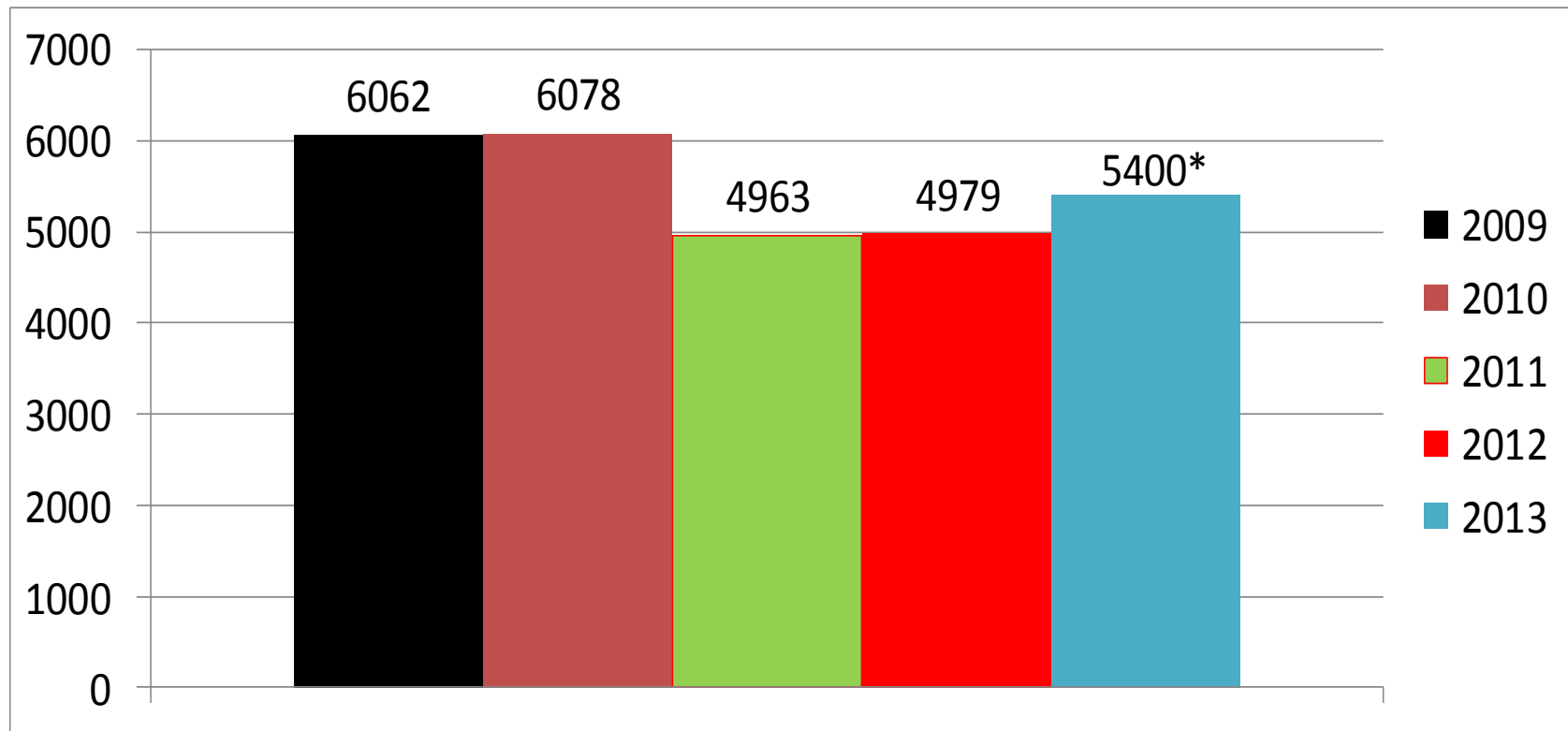
Participants in TAIEX activities

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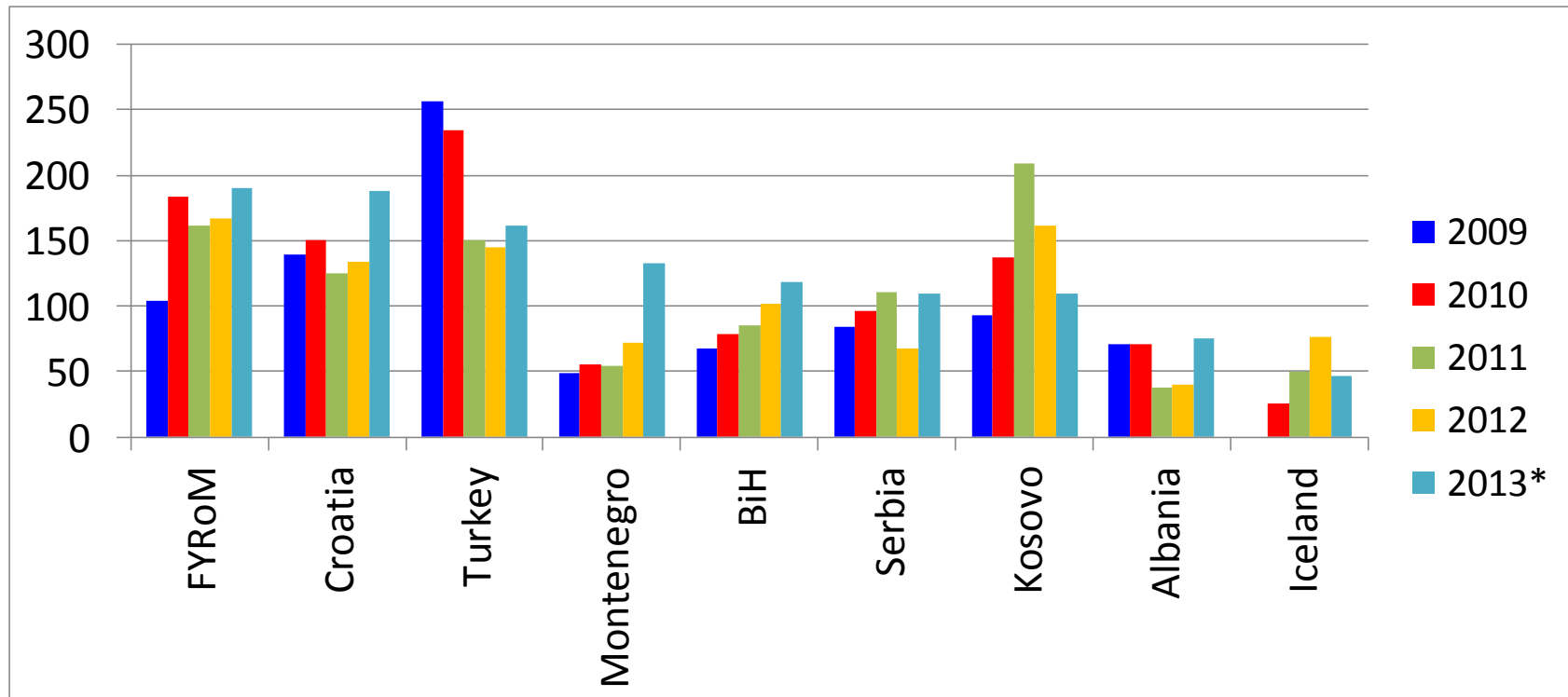
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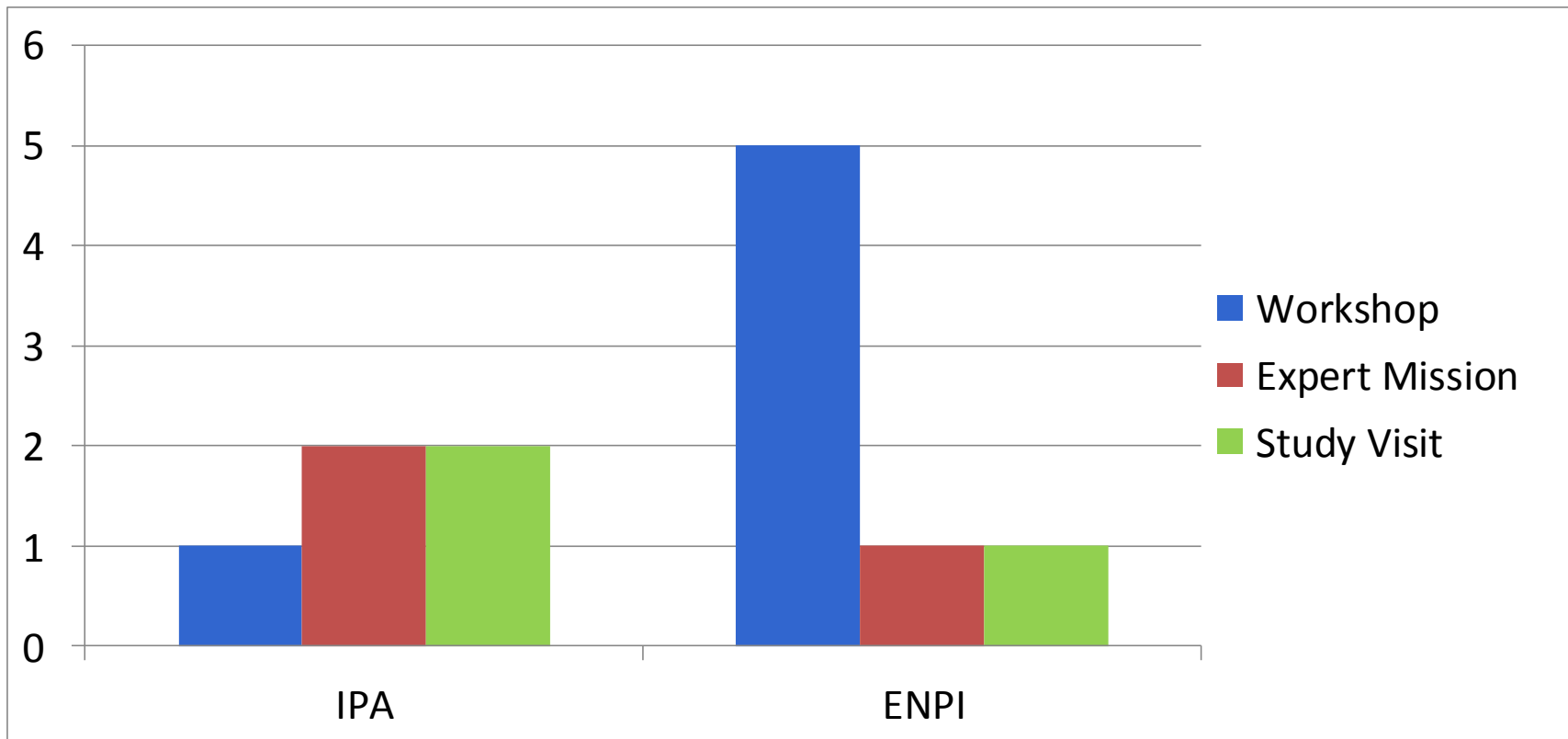


Events breakdown per IPA beneficiaries

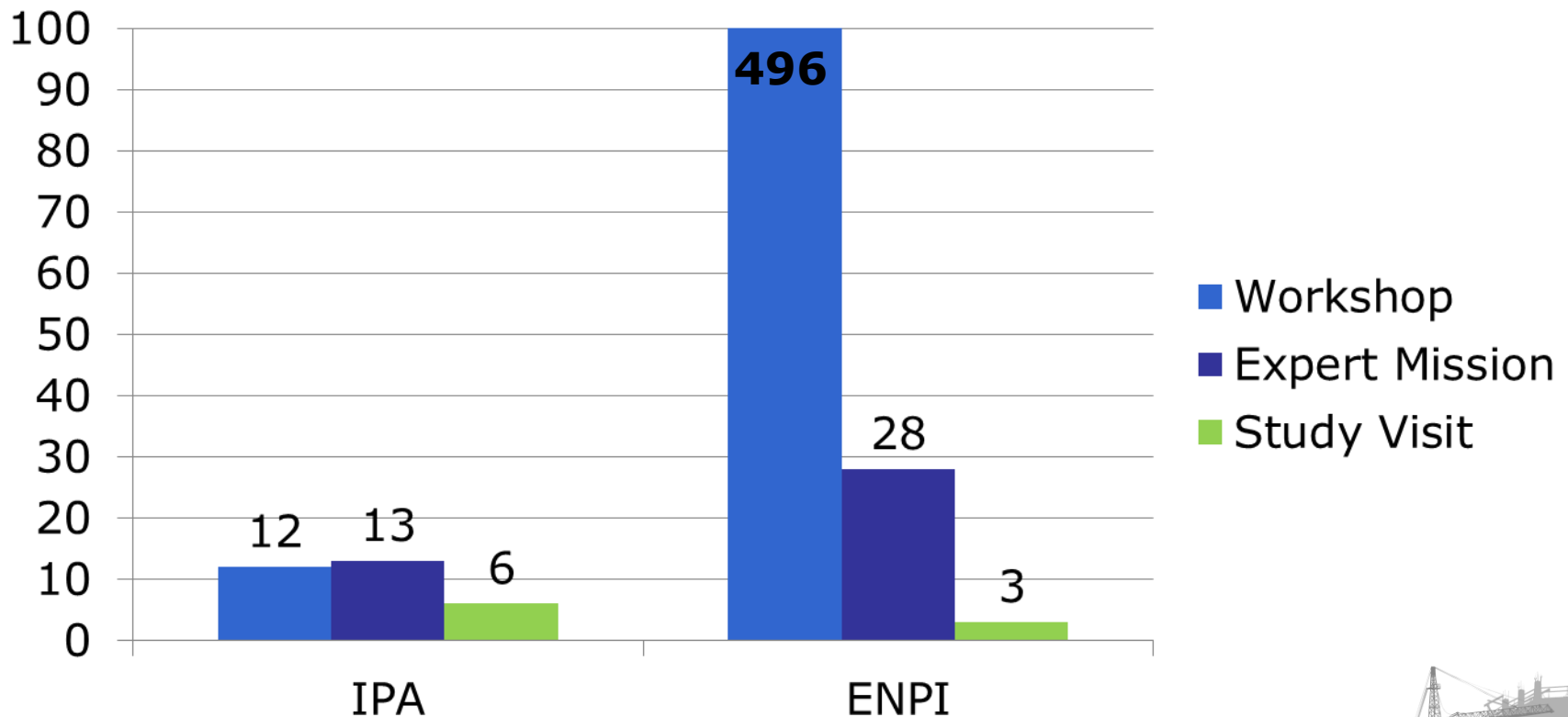
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TAIEX events on Eurocodes (since 2009)



Participants in TAIEX events on Eurocodes (since 2009)



TAIEX events on Eurocodes in IPA countries (since 2009)

In detail:

- **Workshop** on "Transposition of EU Legislation on Construction Products" – FYROM, 05/2013
- **Study Visit** on "National Determination Parameters" – FYROM, 3/2013
- **Expert Mission** on "National Determination Parameters" – FYROM, 10/2011
- **Expert Mission** on "Compliance with EU legislation on construction" – Montenegro, 9/2009
- **Study Visit** on "Laboratory and research studies for the development of Eurocodes for construction works and structural construction products" – Turkey, 10/2009



TAIEX evaluation system

"instant" and six month-after feedback

Feedback questionnaires

- **sent to participants/speakers/co-organisers one day after end of event**
- **gather feedback on events' quality and logistics**

Impact feedback

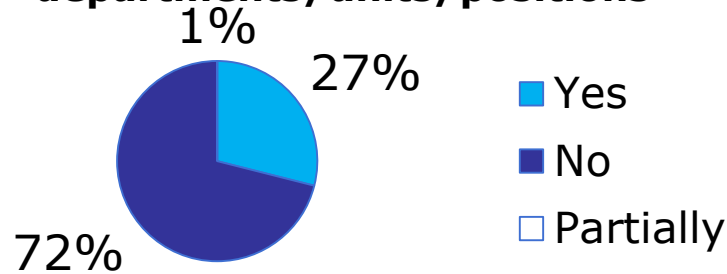
- **from co-organisers ("evaluation correspondent") 6 months after end of event**
- **gathers feedback on events' quality and longer term impact**



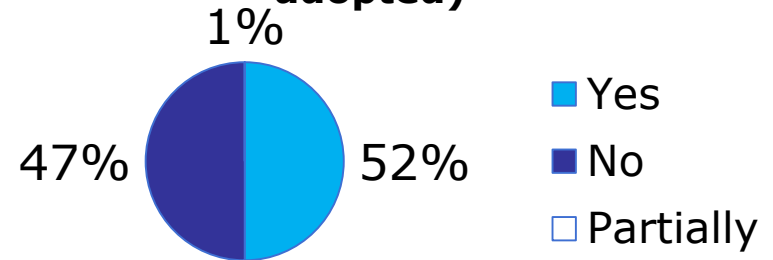
Impact of TAIEX

data gathered six months after (140/550 co-organisers – end February 2012)

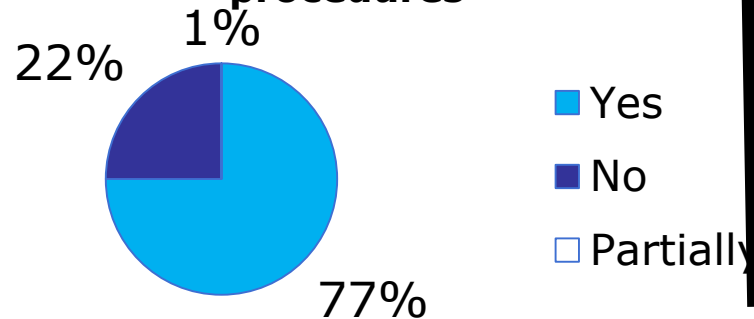
**Organisational changes -
creation of new
departments/units/positions**



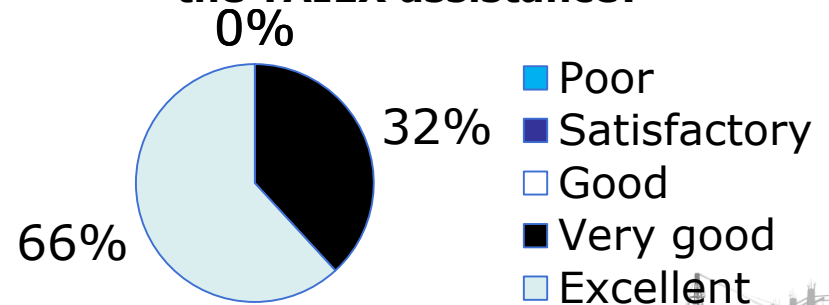
**Draft of a new law/act or
modification of an existing
one (either presented or
adopted)**



**Improved internal working
procedures**



**In your opinion how useful was
the TAIEX assistance?**



TAIEX: How to apply?

Online application form via website

<http://taieux.ec.europa.eu>



What is Twinning?

Launched in May 1998, **Twinning**



- aims to help beneficiary countries **develop modern public administrations** able to implement EU acquis to same standards as Member States (MS).
- provides framework for administrations and semi-public organisations in beneficiary countries to **work with their counterparts (twins)** in EU Member States.



Twinning basics



Project-based mechanism for assisting Beneficiaries in adopting, implementing and enforcing the EU acquis or other policy objectives.

A Twinning is a **grant** to the winning Member State(s) administration

A Twinning has **mandatory results** and follows a **work plan**

On the Commission side, a Twinning is owned / monitored by **EU Delegation**

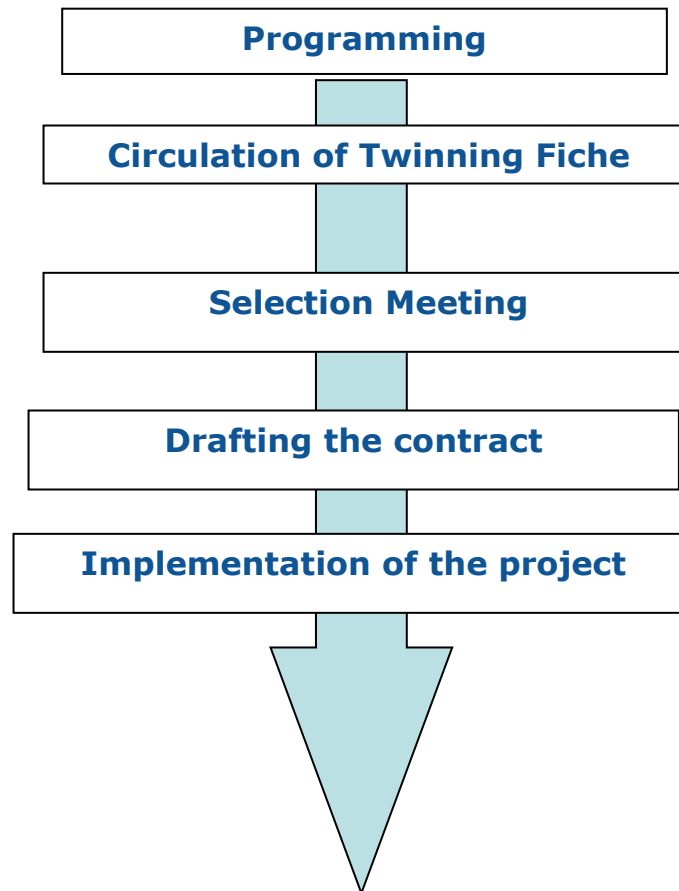
Twinning relies entirely on **efficient administrative co-operation** between MS public administrations (or mandated bodies) and their counterparts ("twin") in the beneficiary country.

Project Leader, Resident Twinning Advisor and short-term experts are made available by MS administrations or mandated bodies to counterparts in BCs through EU funding.



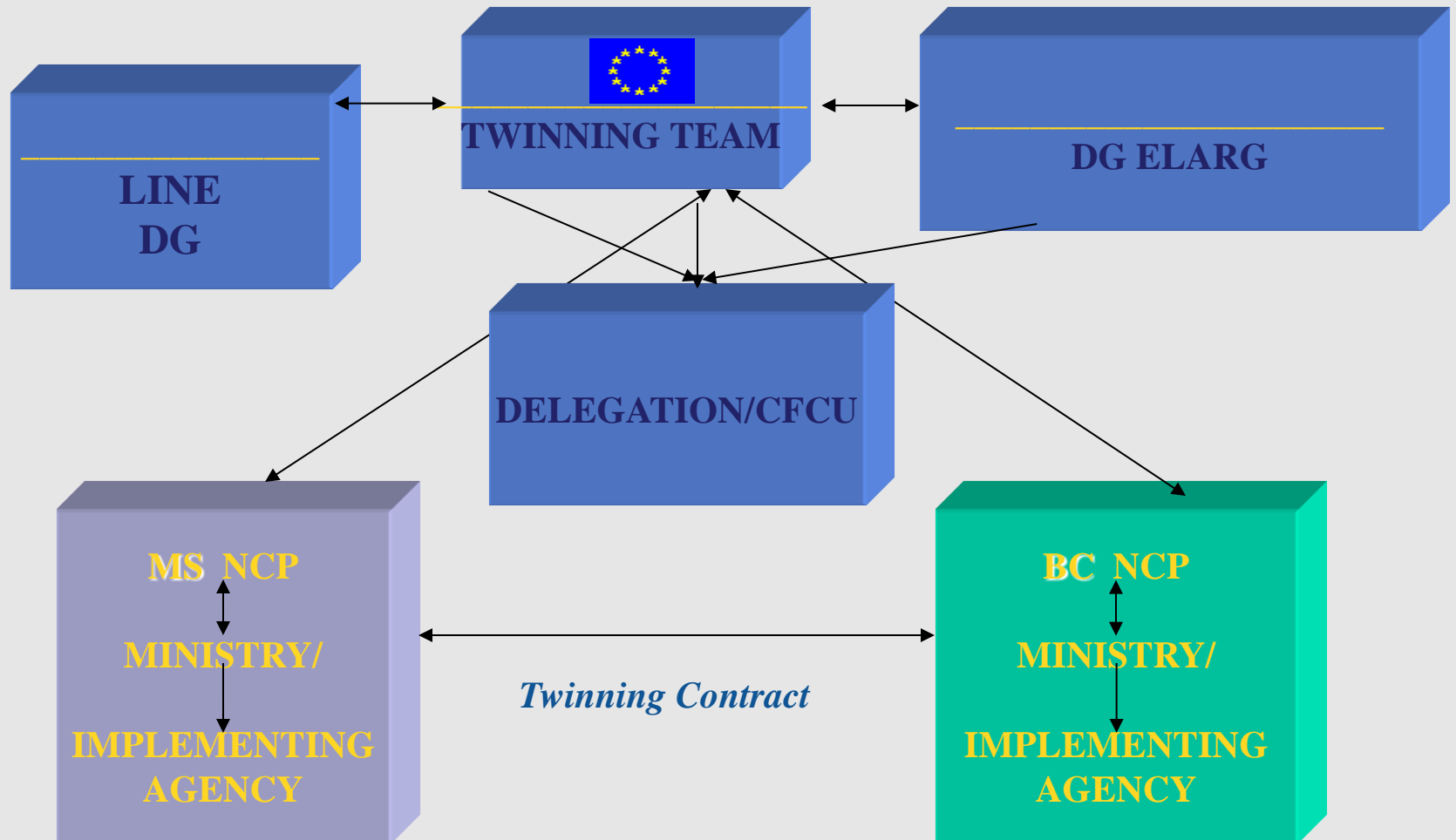


Twinning Timeline





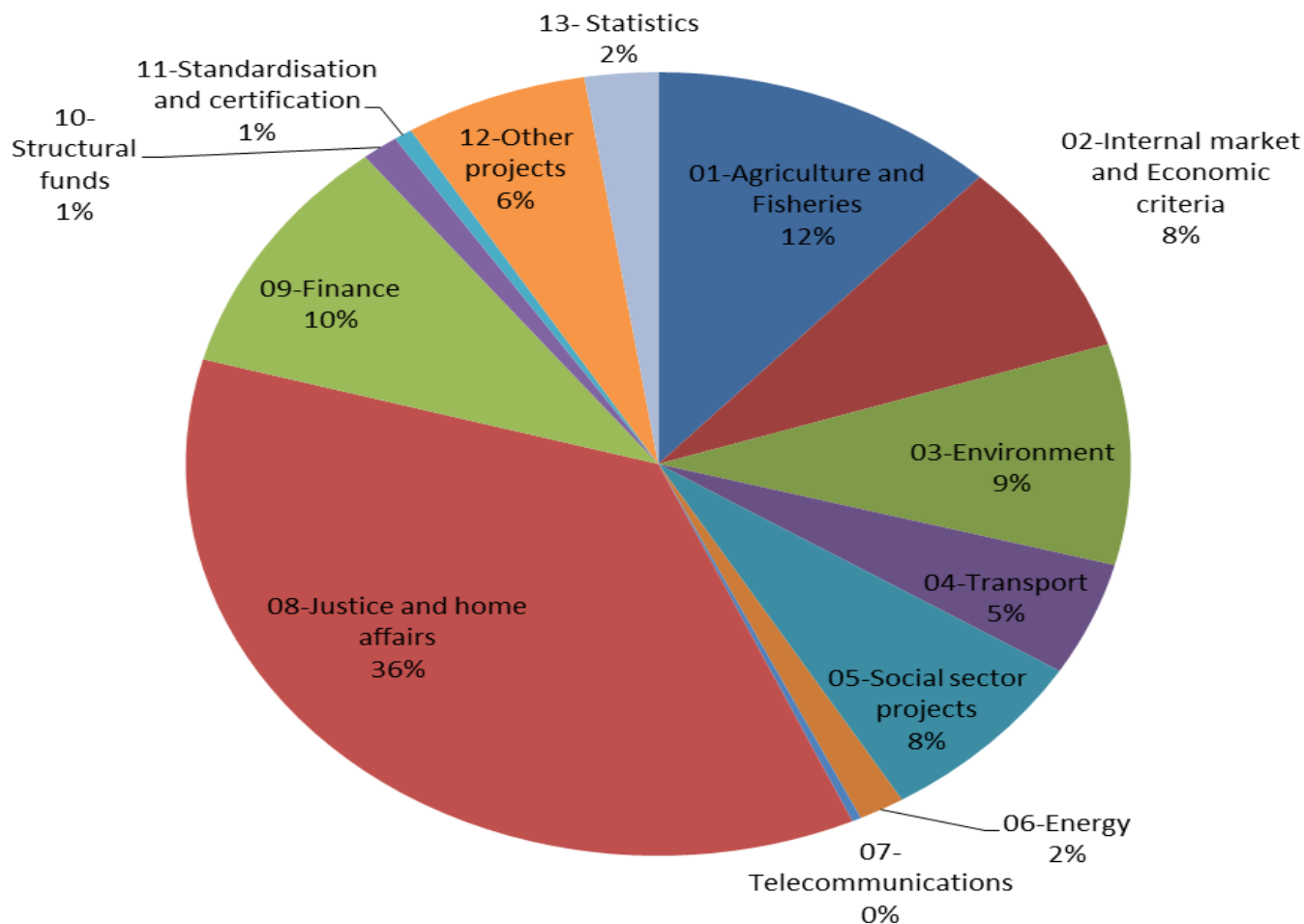
Twinning projects: the actors





Twinning projects: the areas

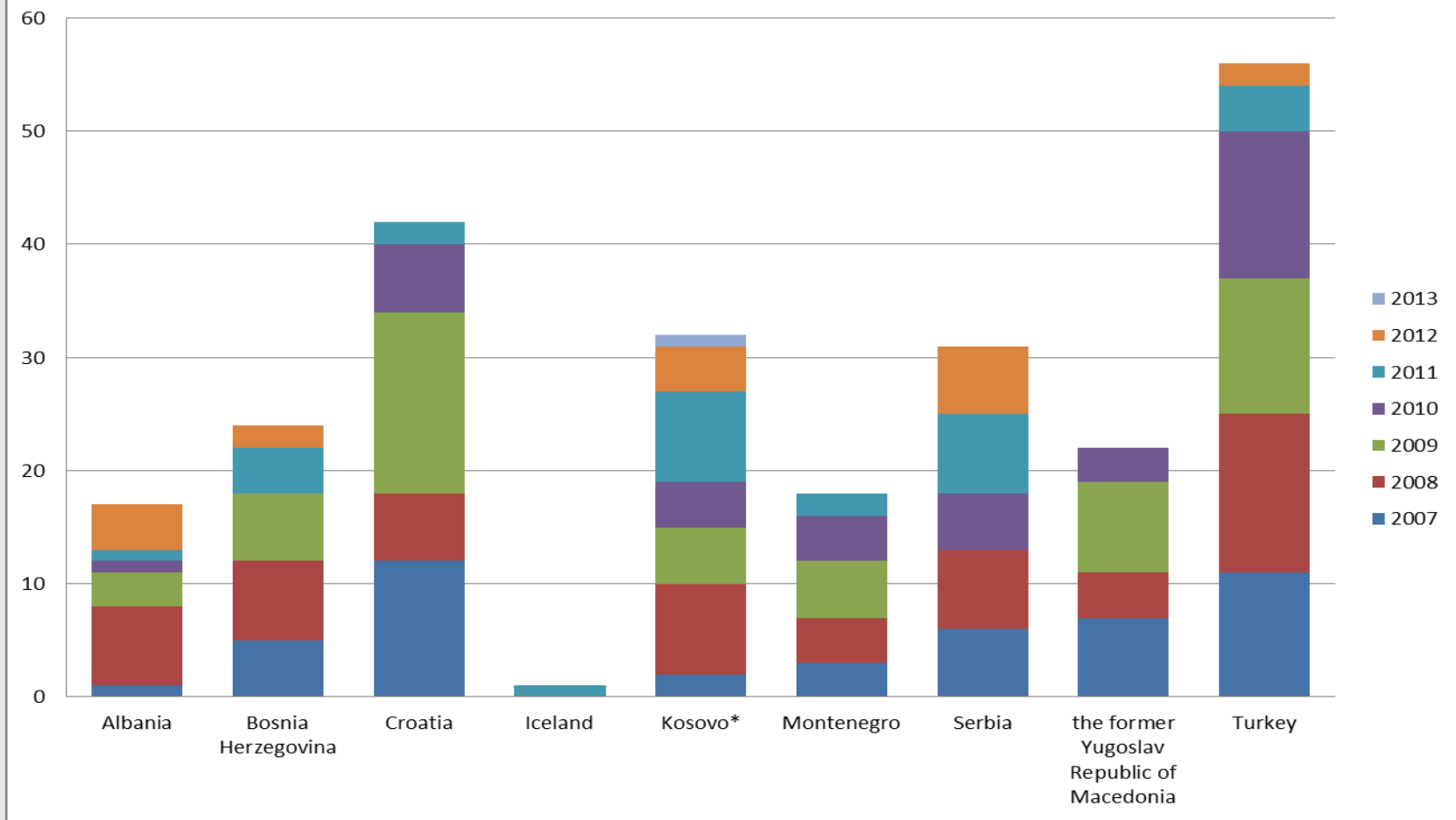
IPA Twinning projects per sector (2007-2013)





Twinning: countries, numbers

Number of Twinning projects launched under IPA by programming year (2007-2013)

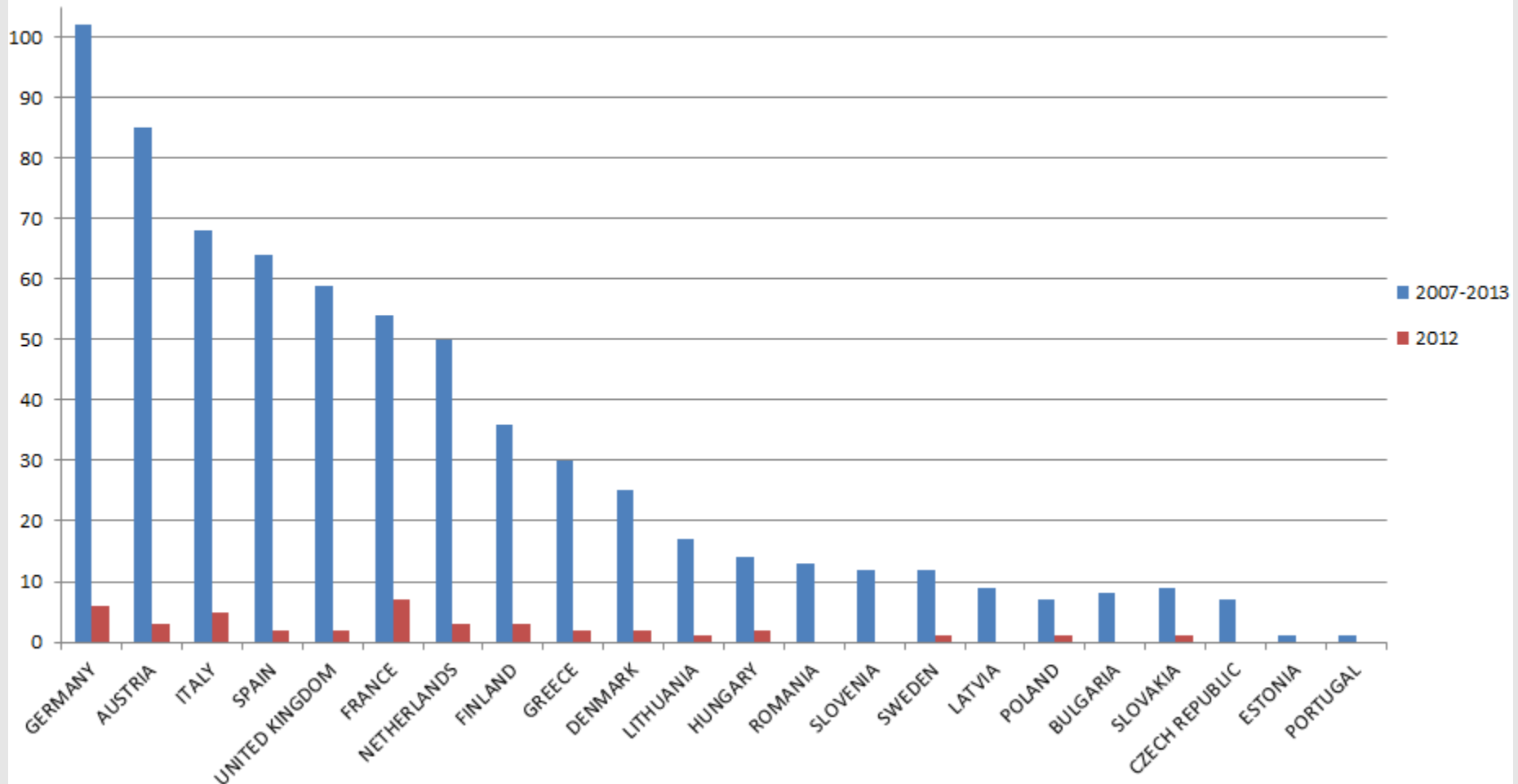


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Twinning projects: who bids?

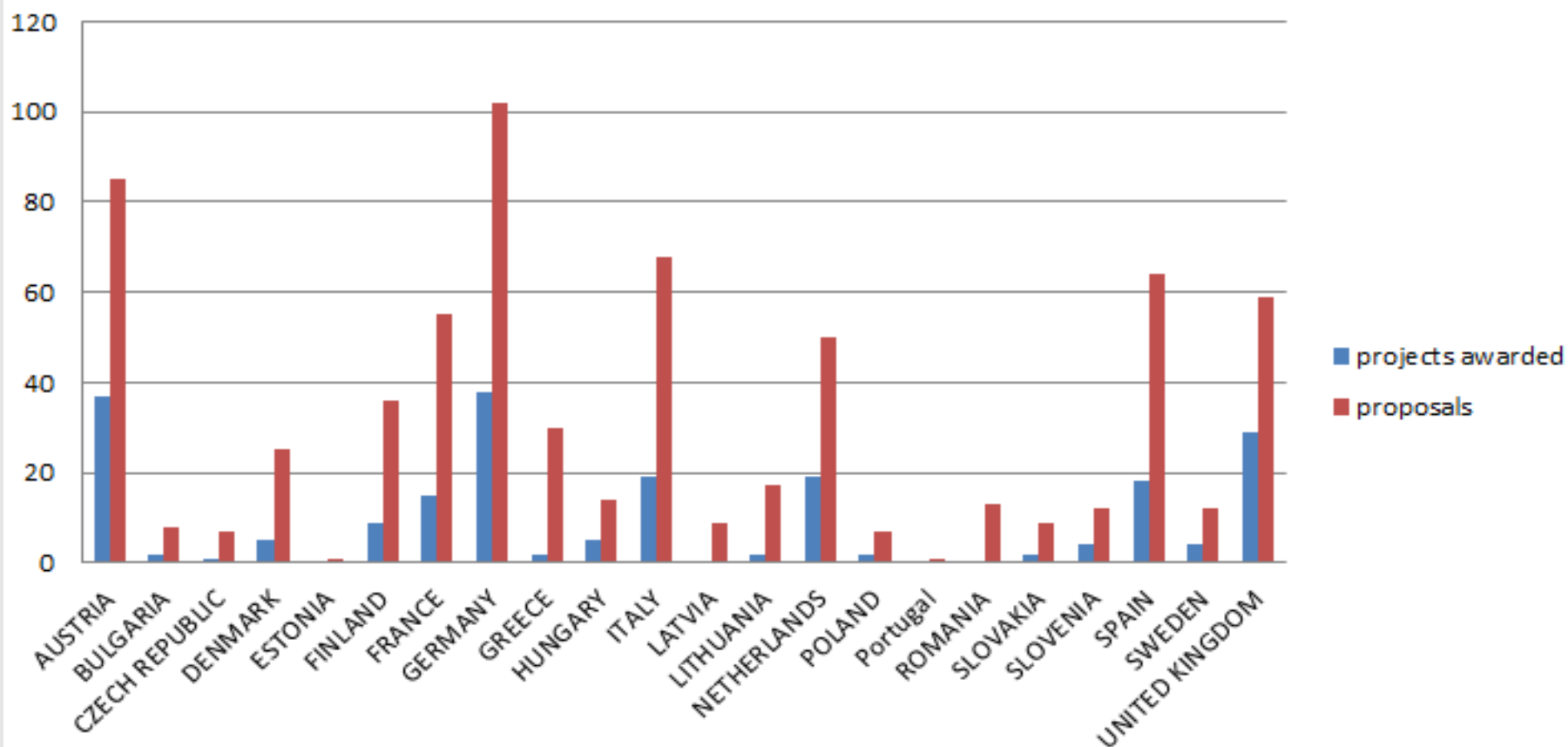
Proposals sent for Twinning projects under IPA instrument by lead Member State





Twinning projects: who wins?

Success rate for proposals by MS as lead partner for IPA projects until September 2013





winning project on Eurocodes Montenegro

- *2010 - "Achieving highest safety and technical quality of construction"*
- **Beneficiary country:** Montenegro
Twinning MS administration: Austria as lead Member State with France
- **Project purpose:** *To create prerequisites for the harmonization of national regulations and standards for structural analysis and design with the regulations and standards of EU and for building capacities for their successful adoption, implementation and use.*
- **Budget:** € 700.000
- **Main results expected:**
 - 1) *action plan for adoption of the Eurocodes;*
 - 2) *action plan for implementation of the Eurocodes;*
 - 3) *national annex to Eurocode 8 part 1.*



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- *Team leader Internal Market:* *Lazar Todorov*
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