

Aim of the project

The FENIQS-EU project aims to enhance implementation of quality standards (QS) in drug prevention, treatment and harm reduction across the EU, with more services, organizations and countries applying QS in daily practice.

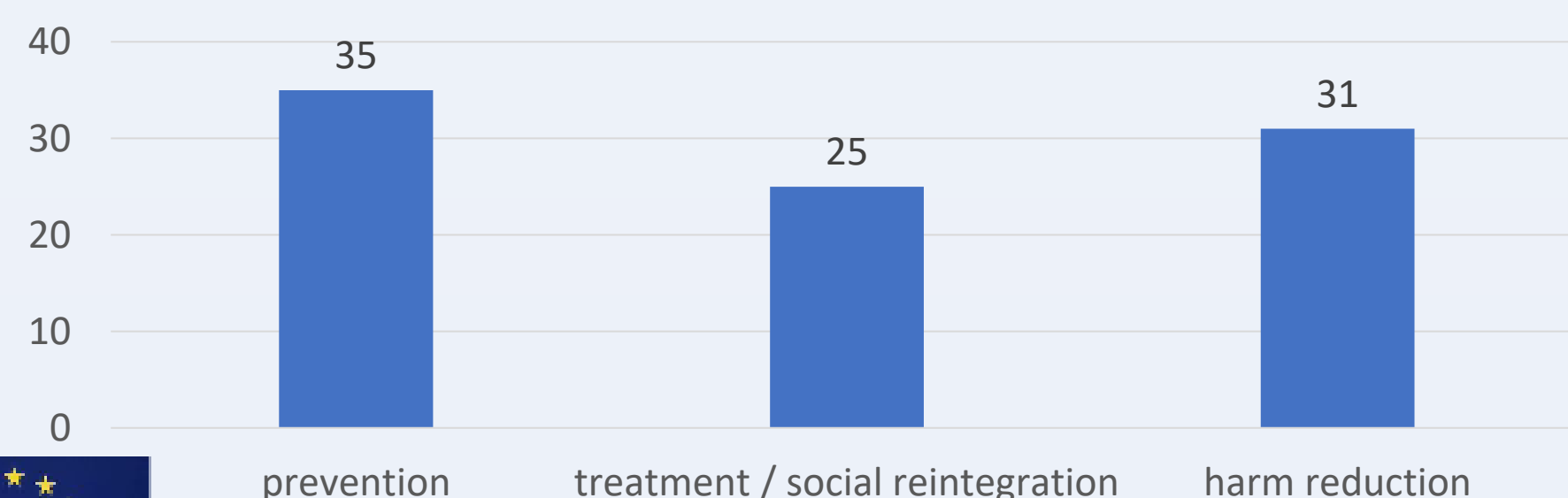
Aim of this poster

Present the implementation of quality standards (QS) in drug prevention across the EU & barriers, needs and challenges in QS implementation

Assessment of the current state of QS implementation in the EU online research & interviews

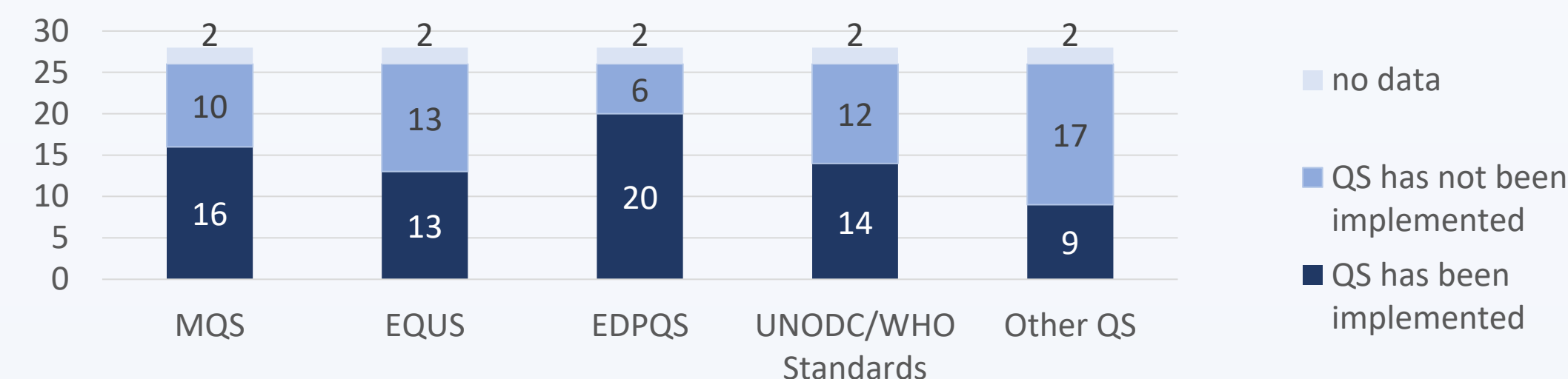
- 3 versions of the online surveys were developed, one for each drug demand reduction (DDR) area
- Key informants were identified - EMCDDA – National Focal Points & partner DDR networks (IREFREA, Euro-TC, C-EHRN, EUFAS...)
- snowball method - initially identified key informants recommend other experts who could be a valuable source of information
- Timeline of online research: June 10th 2021 to October 15th 2021
- Follow-up interviews were conducted from September 17th, 2021 to November 24th, 2021 with some of the key informants who agreed to be interviewed
- a total of 26 interviews were conducted: 8 in the area of prevention

Number of completed surveys in each DDR area

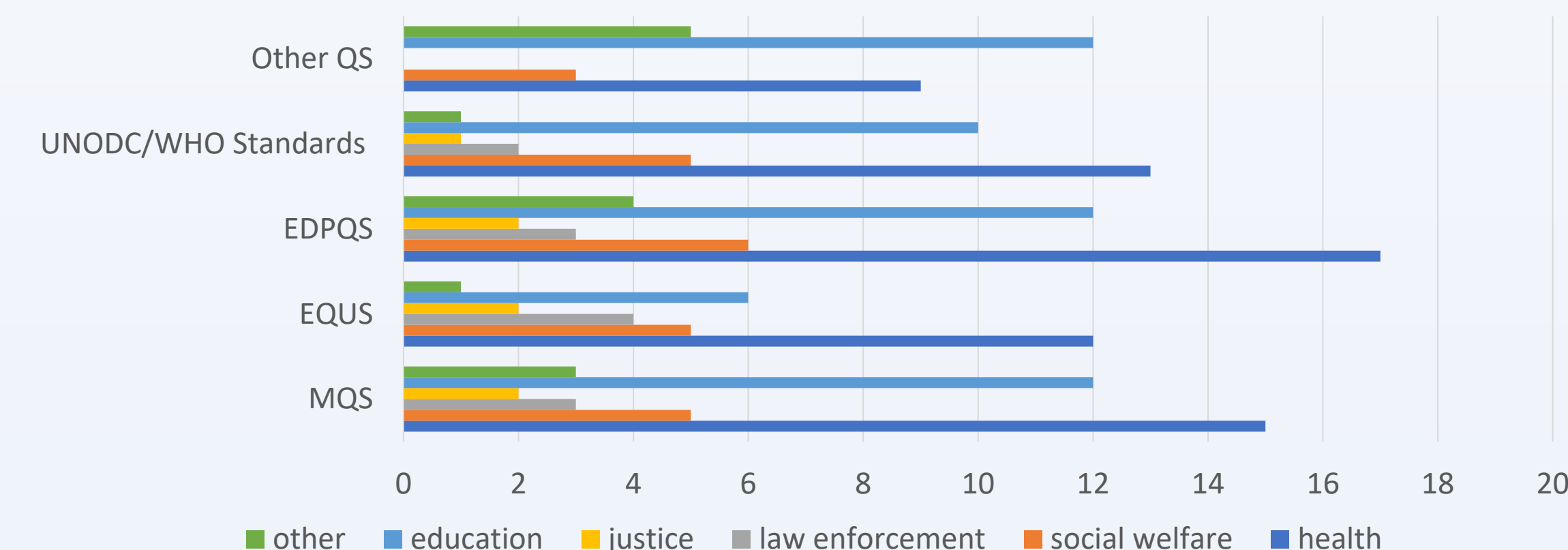


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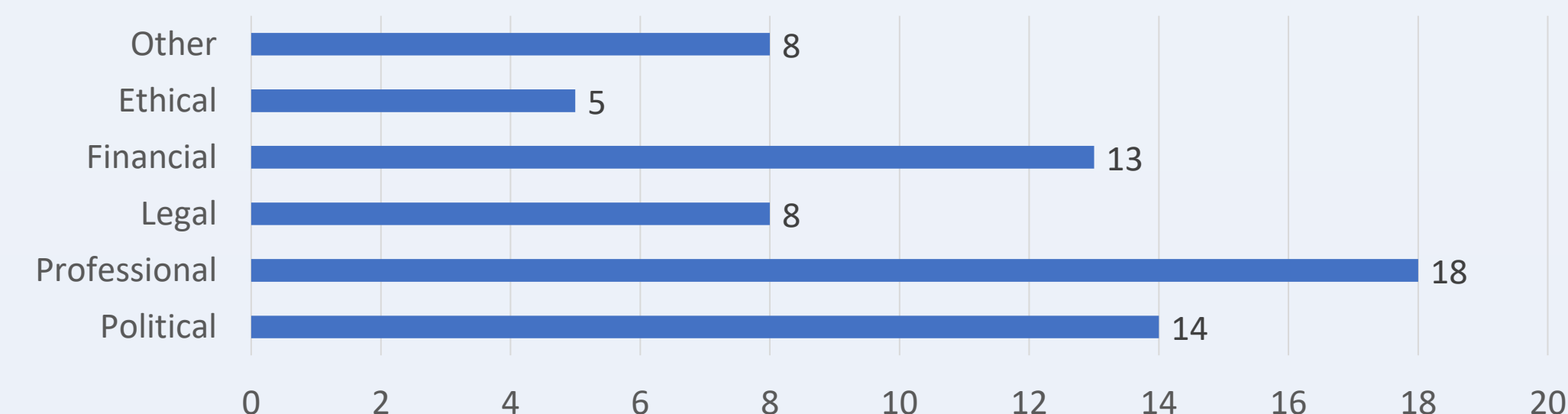
Number of countries implementing QS in the prevention area



Policy domains QS have been implemented in prevention area



Main explanations for the actual degree of QS implementation in the area of prevention (showed by countries)



Findings

- most countries have implemented the **ED PQS** standards, followed by the **MQS**, the **EQUUS** and the **International Standards for Drug Use Prevention**; 9 of the countries have adopted other standards
- most often **explanation** for the actual degree of QS implementation are **professional reasons** followed with **political** and **financial**
- most QS are implemented in the domain of **health**, followed by education, social welfare, and low enforcement, with fewest implemented in justice domain
- in most of countries implementation of QS is **not mandatory**
- in number of countries **support for QS implementation** is provided through the available **training for practitioners** & through the **integration of (parts of) QS into strategies/recommendation/plans** at different levels (national, regional, or local)

Research limitations

- for some countries there is **no data at all**
- the **sample** of key informants is very **heterogeneous**
- the key informants gave their **overview in relation to different levels of QS implementation** - national, regional, local
- the key informants from the same countries gave **opposite answers** in some cases
- some key informants **reported on the QS implementation only** in cases where QS was **formally adopted** in their countries

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