

# **INTRA-AFRICA Academic Mobility Scheme 2022-2027**

**Programme Features and 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Proposals**

**Information Session  
15/11/2024**

European Education and Culture  
Executive Agency

# Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme 2022-2027



## *Overall objective:*

*To increase skills and qualifications across the African continent*



To promote **inclusive learning mobility** opportunities



To increase the **employability** of higher education students and trainees and their entrepreneurial skills



To improve the **quality, relevance, internationalisation of higher education** in Africa

# Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme 2022-2027



Intra-Africa budget **2022-2024**: 60 million €

## Mobility projects

1st call for  
proposals  
**NDICI-2023-MOBAF**  
**(4 April 2023)**  
27 mln €  
(15 projects)

2<sup>nd</sup> call for  
proposals  
31 October 2024  
**29 mln €**  
**(≈ 20 projects)**

## Supporting measures

4 mln €  
2023-2024  
(implemented by  
EACEA)



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## Which type of mobility projects?



### Beneficiaries

- Consortia of **Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)** from Sub-Saharan Africa and the EU

### Purpose

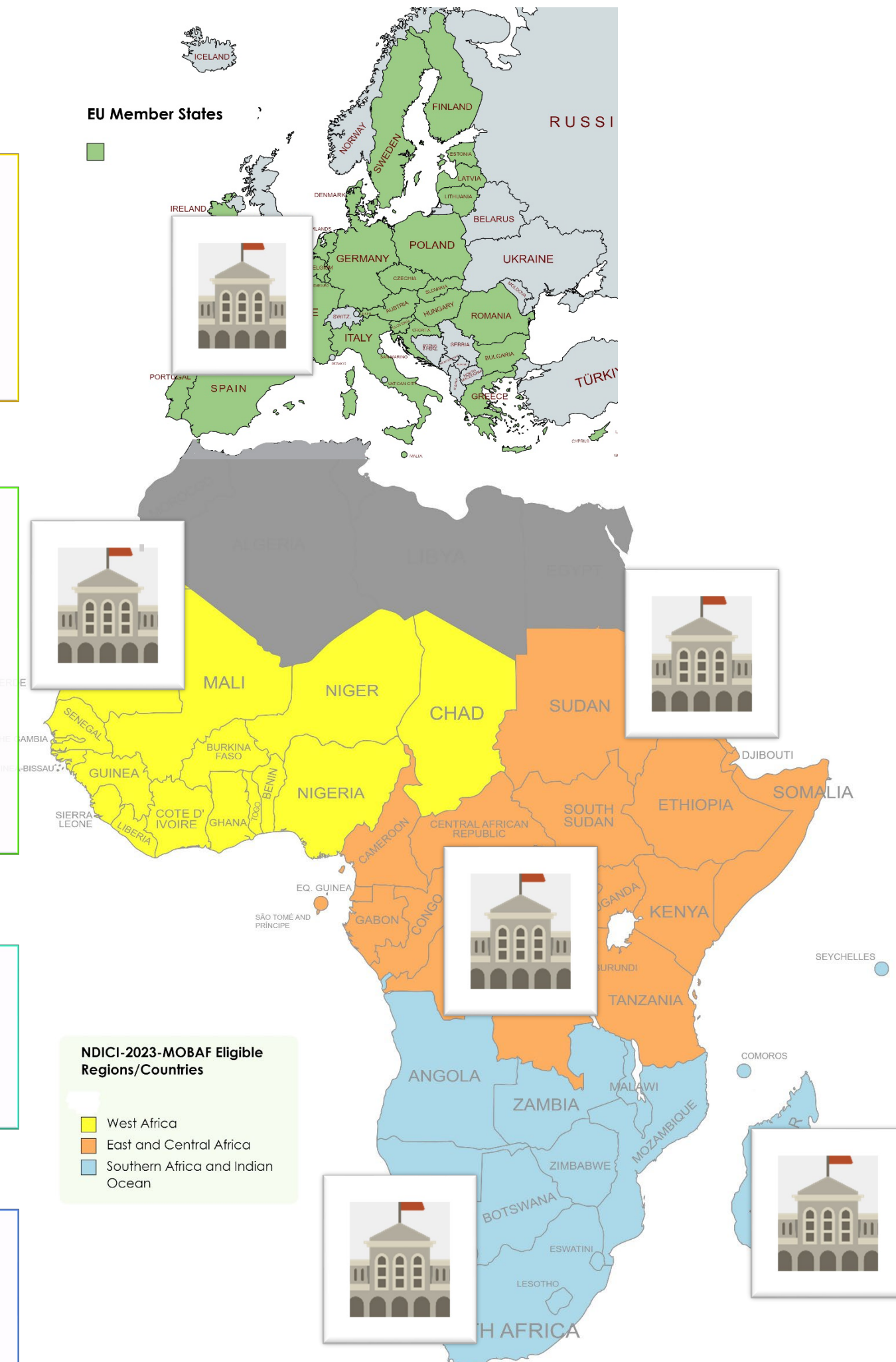
- Organisation and implementation of **international mobility to African HEIs** for
  - *Master & Doctorate students*
  - *Trainees*
  - *Staff members*

### Themes/Subject areas

- Aligned with Global Gateway Priorities in 5 sectors in Sub-Saharan Africa

### Grant per project and duration

- Maximum 1,45 mln € to fund institutional activities and scholarships
- 48 months (fixed duration)



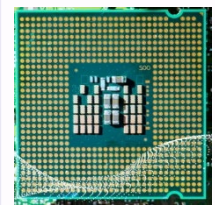
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## Themes/Subject Areas

Alignment with Global Gateway in Sub-Saharan Africa



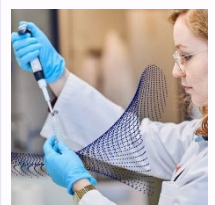
Climate and Energy



Digital



Education and Research




Health



Transport

### Proposals should aim to:

- ✓ Increase the role of Higher Education in the Global Gateway country and/or regional sectoral flagship projects. 
- ✓ Demonstrate the added value to the sectors of the flagship projects.
- ✓ Maximise the benefit for the mobile students and trainees through **quality academic programmes and the traineeships offer.**





# Description of a Global Gateway Priority

Theme/Subject area: Sector “Transport”

## Regional Flagship Project: The Lobito Corridor

Countries: Zambia, Angola, Democratic Republic the Congo



**Objective: to reduce logistical costs and carbon footprint of exporting/importing goods (minerals, agricultural goods, etc.) & to improve economic activity:**

- Port of Lobito management & maintenance (*Africa Global Logistics*)
- Rail infrastructure management (~1300 km) and maintenance (*Lobito Atlantic Railways*)
- Railway construction (~770 km) & rehabilitation (~420 km)
- Advisory, provision of equipment, investment around the corridor (ex: logistic platform for agri- products) and business enabling support (customs, trade facilitation, etc.)

### Partners:

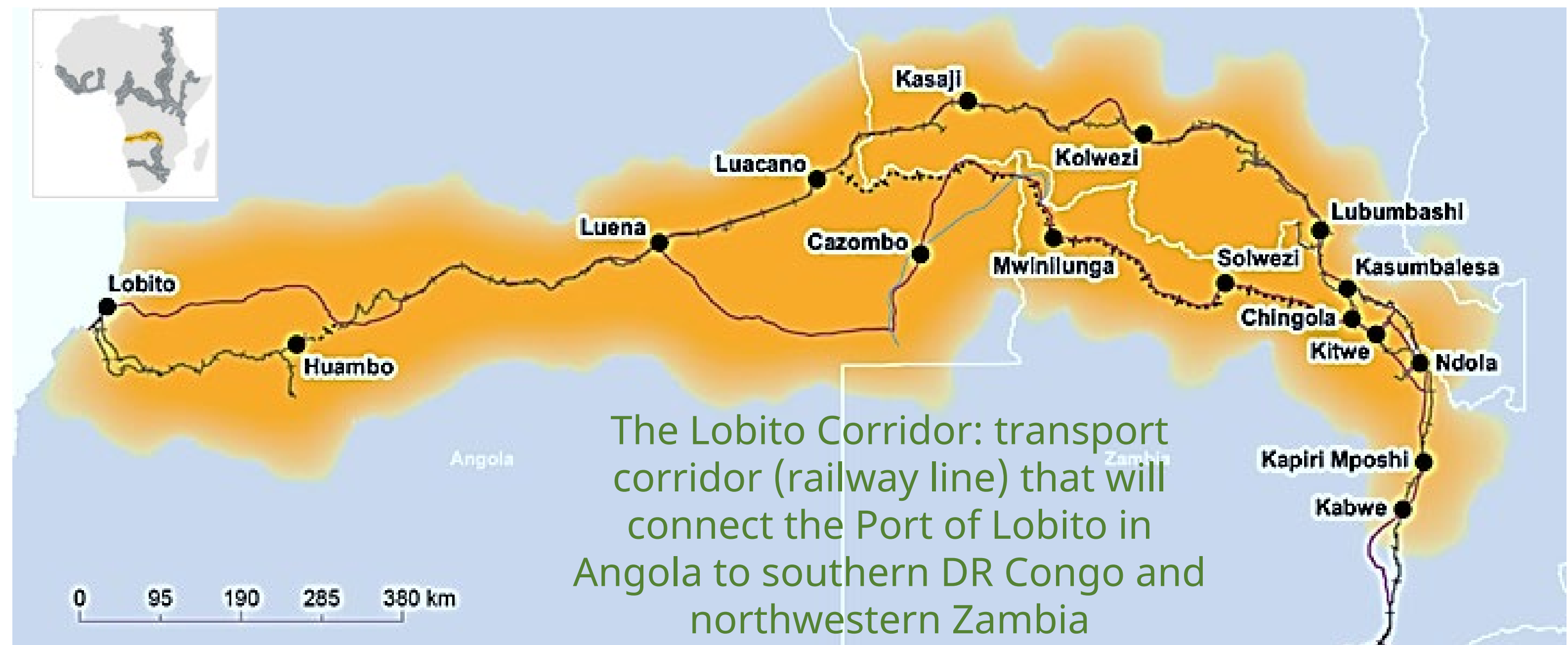
EU

USA

Governments of Angola, DR Congo and Zambia

African Development Bank (AfDB)

Africa Finance Corporation (AFC)





## How should the proposals address the Global Gateway country and/or regional priorities?

Each proposal must target at least one theme/subject area (sectors) of the Global Gateway Priorities.

Each applicant **has to** demonstrate how they will address at least **one** Global Gateway Investment Priority (Global Gateway flagship project) of its country/region.

The cooperation among partners can work between HEIs addressing the **same priority** or **different priorities**.

## How should the proposals address the Global Gateway country and/or regional priorities?

Examples of Global Gateway country and/or regional sectoral flagship projects:

Lobito Corridor  
Regional Flagship Project for Angola, Zambia, Democratic Republic of the Congo in **Transport**

(Thematic priority A)

Harbour Infrastructures  
National Flagship project for Democratic Republic of the Congo in **Climate and Energy**

(Thematic priority B)

Critical Raw Materials Partnership Roadmap:  
Regional Flagship project for Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia in **Critical Raw Materials**

(Thematic priority C)

*Possible cooperation scenarios:*



**Scenario 1:**  
Angola , Zambia, Democratic Republic of the Congo addressing all **Thematic priority A**

**Scenario 2:**  
Angola and Zambia addressing **Thematic priority A** + Democratic Republic of the Congo addressing **Thematic priority B**

**Scenario 3:**  
Angola addressing Thematic priority A + DRC addressing **Thematic priority A** and **Thematic priority B** + Zambia addressing **Thematic priority A** and **Thematic priority C**

**Scenario 4:**  
Angola addressing **Thematic priority A** + DRC addressing **Thematic priority B** + Zambia addressing **Thematic priority C**



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## Eligible consortium composition



**Minimum 4 and maximum 6 Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) from Sub-Saharan Africa**

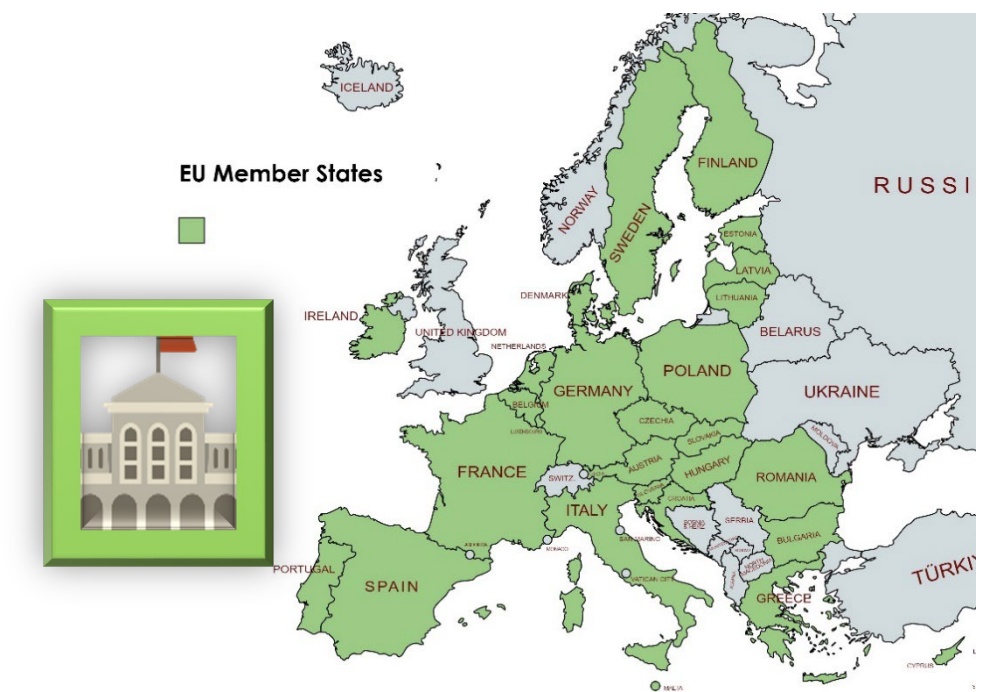
**One HEI from one of the EU Member States**  
(EU technical partner)

***Applicants  
(beneficiaries)***

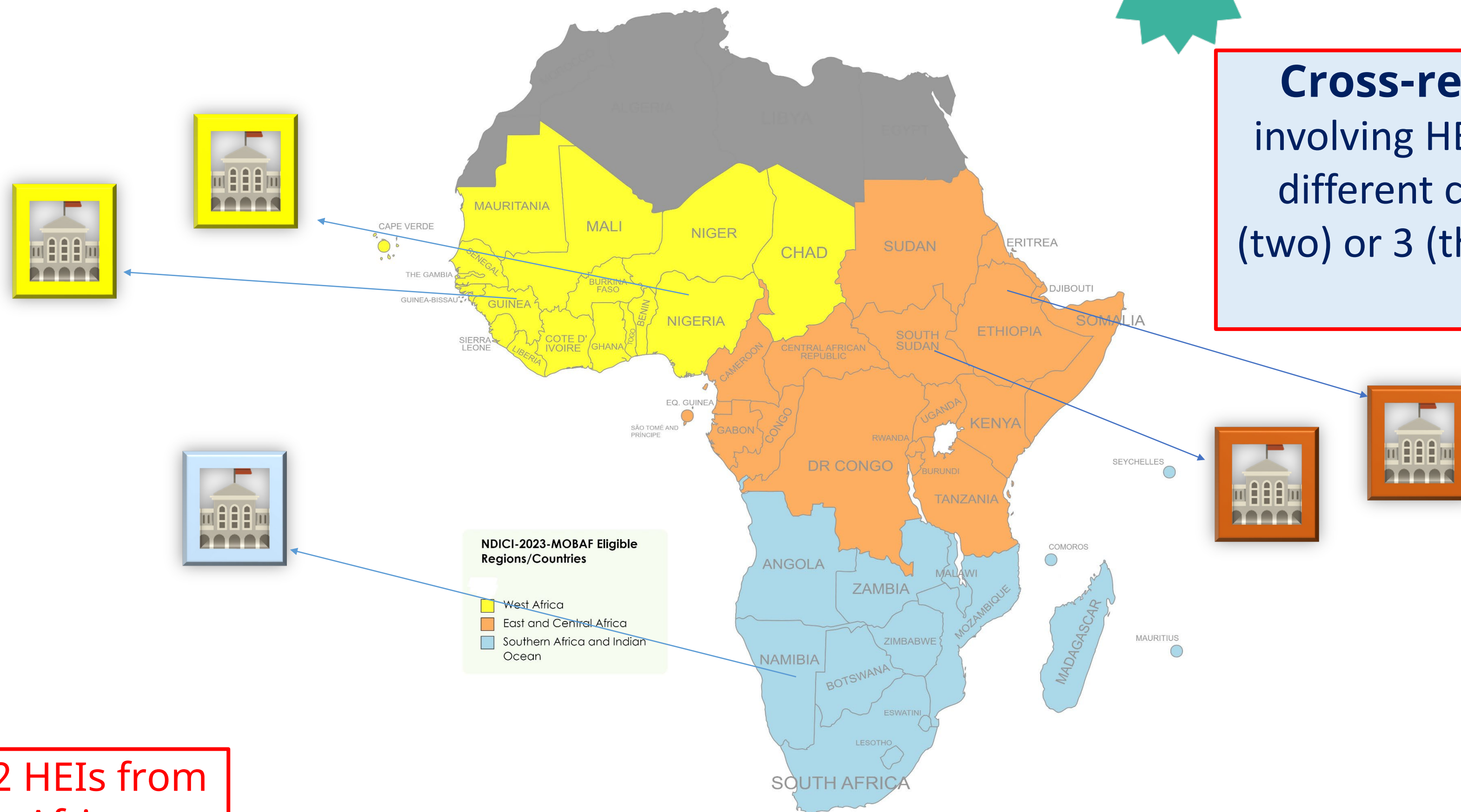
Only HEIs from **Africa** as **lead applicant/coordinator**

Other organisations from Africa (including North Africa) can participate as **Associated Partners**

# Call NDICI-2024-MOBAF Eligible consortium composition: geographical coverage



**Cross-regional cooperation**  
involving HEIs from at least three (3)  
different countries representing 2  
(two) or 3 (three) eligible Sub-Saharan  
regions



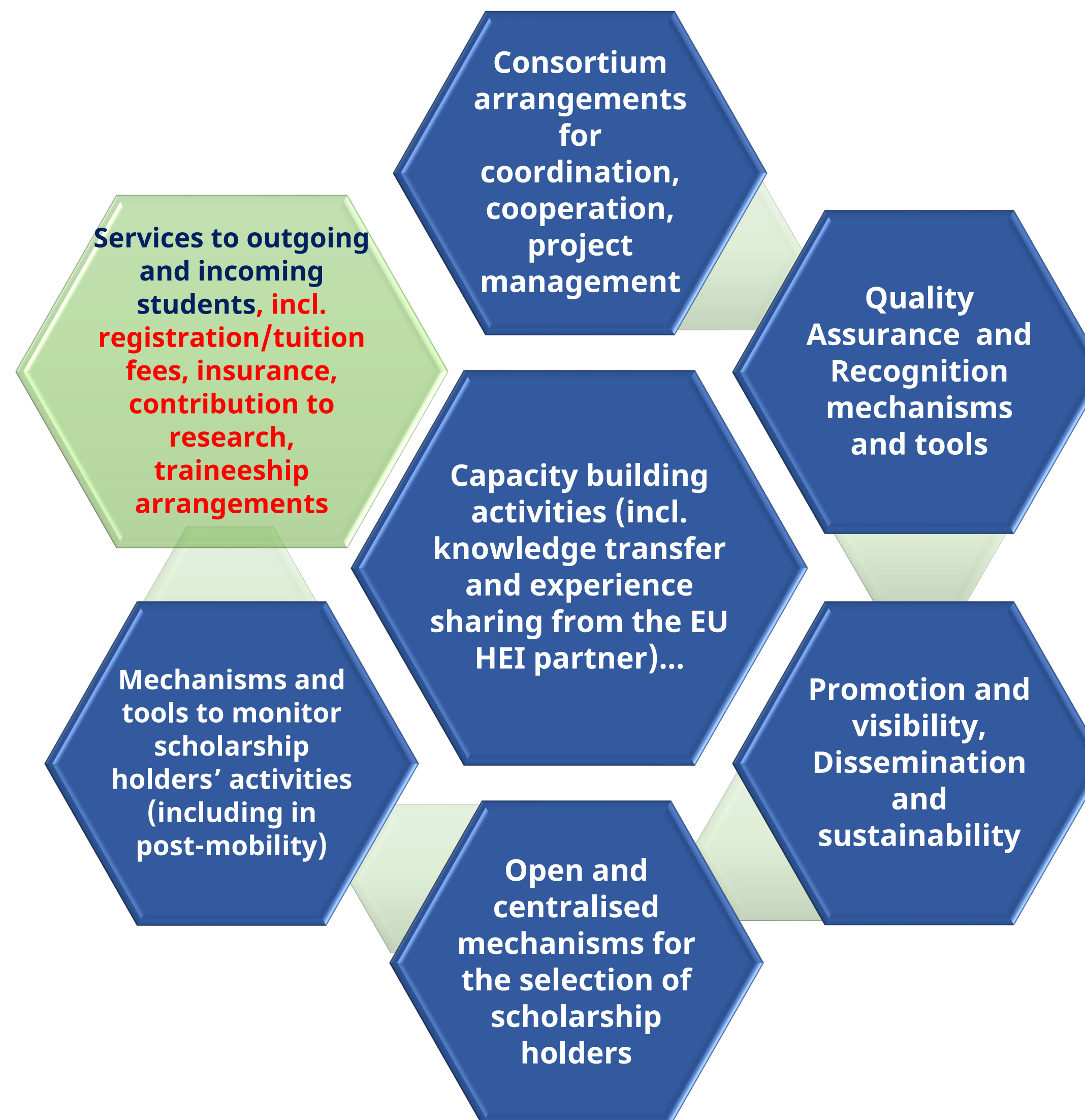
Maximum 2 HEIs from  
the same African  
country

# Call NDICI-2024-MOBAF

## Funded activities



## Institutional activities





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## Funded activities



### Scholarships for:

- Students (Master/PhD) for CREDIT or DEGREE seeking mobility
- Trainees (i.e. students enrolled in Bachelor, Master or PhD)
- Staff members of consortium HEIs



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## Funding mechanism - form of grant



	Master student	Doctoral candidates/trainees	Staff
<b>SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTION (per month of mobility)*</b>	890 €	1.230 €	2.370 €
<b>INSTITUTIONAL CONTRIBUTION** (per month of mobility)</b>	900 €		
<b>CONTRIBUTION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS</b>	Unit costs varying from 3.000 € to 60.000 € (max 2 x 60.000 €)		

*\* To be paid to scholarship holders*

*\*\* To be managed by the consortium and shared according to share of tasks/responsibility for institutional activities and based on the number of scholarship holders to be hosted*

## Eligible scholarship holders

- ❖ **STUDENTS** (at Master and Doctorate):
  - **national of and resident in** an African country (*including from Northern Africa region*)
  - graduated/registered/admitted at one of the African HEIs member of the consortium (TG1) or any other African HEIs (TG2) (*including from Northern Africa region*)
- ❖ **TRAINEES**
  - **national of and resident in** an African country (*including national of Northern African countries*)
  - enrolled in a Bachelor/Master/PhD programme at African HEIs members of the consortium
- ❖ **STAFF MEMBERS** employed in one of the HEIs members of the consortium, *including the HEI from EU*





# NDICI-2024-MOBAF

## Mobility activities



### Eligible mobility

- ❖ Only HEIs from Africa involved in the project as applicants (beneficiaries) can host mobility of students and staff
- ❖ Mobility can only be toward an eligible African country different from the country of **nationality** and of **residence** of the scholarship holder
- ❖ Only organisations (public or private) established in the countries of the applicants (beneficiaries) HEIs from Africa can host **trainees**
- ❖ **Student mobility:**
  - **credit-seeking mobility** (leading to the academic recognition by the home HEI of the study/research period spent at the host HEI )
  - **degree-seeking mobility** (for a complete academic programme/leading to a degree)

## Mobility requirements/targets (indicative)

	➤ Min/max duration	➤ Minimum Percentage
Master students	4 to 24 months	45%
Doctoral candidates	6 to 36 months	10%
Trainees	3 to 6 months	20%
Staff members	2 weeks to 3 months	10%



- Participation of women (25%)
- Scholarship holders with vulnerable status or special needs (10%)
- Balanced distribution of mobility per host institutions and per nationality (of scholarship holders)
- *Credit seeking* mobility for students (25%)

# NDICI-2024-MOBAF

## What is new?



### Thematic Priorities

- Global Gateway Flagship projects at country/regional level

### Grant Amount Number of projects

- 1,450,000 EUR
- 20 projects to be selected

### Partnership composition

- Cross-regional projects
- Minimum 2 Sub-Saharan African regions
- Minimum 3 different countries

### Minimum percentage per type of mobility

- A higher percentage for trainees

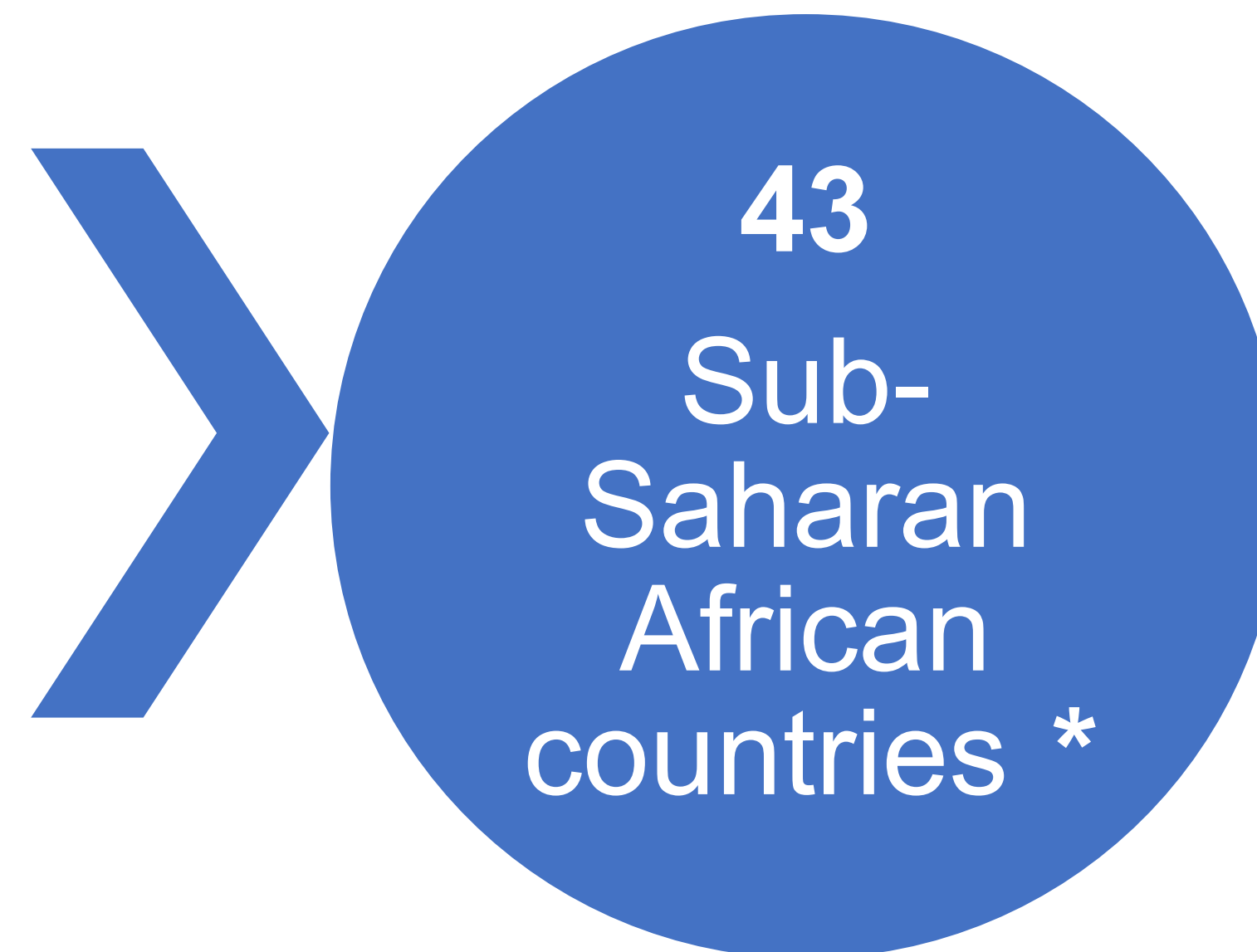


# **NDICI-2023-MOBAF SELECTION RESULTS**

## NDICI-2023-MOBAF Submitted proposals

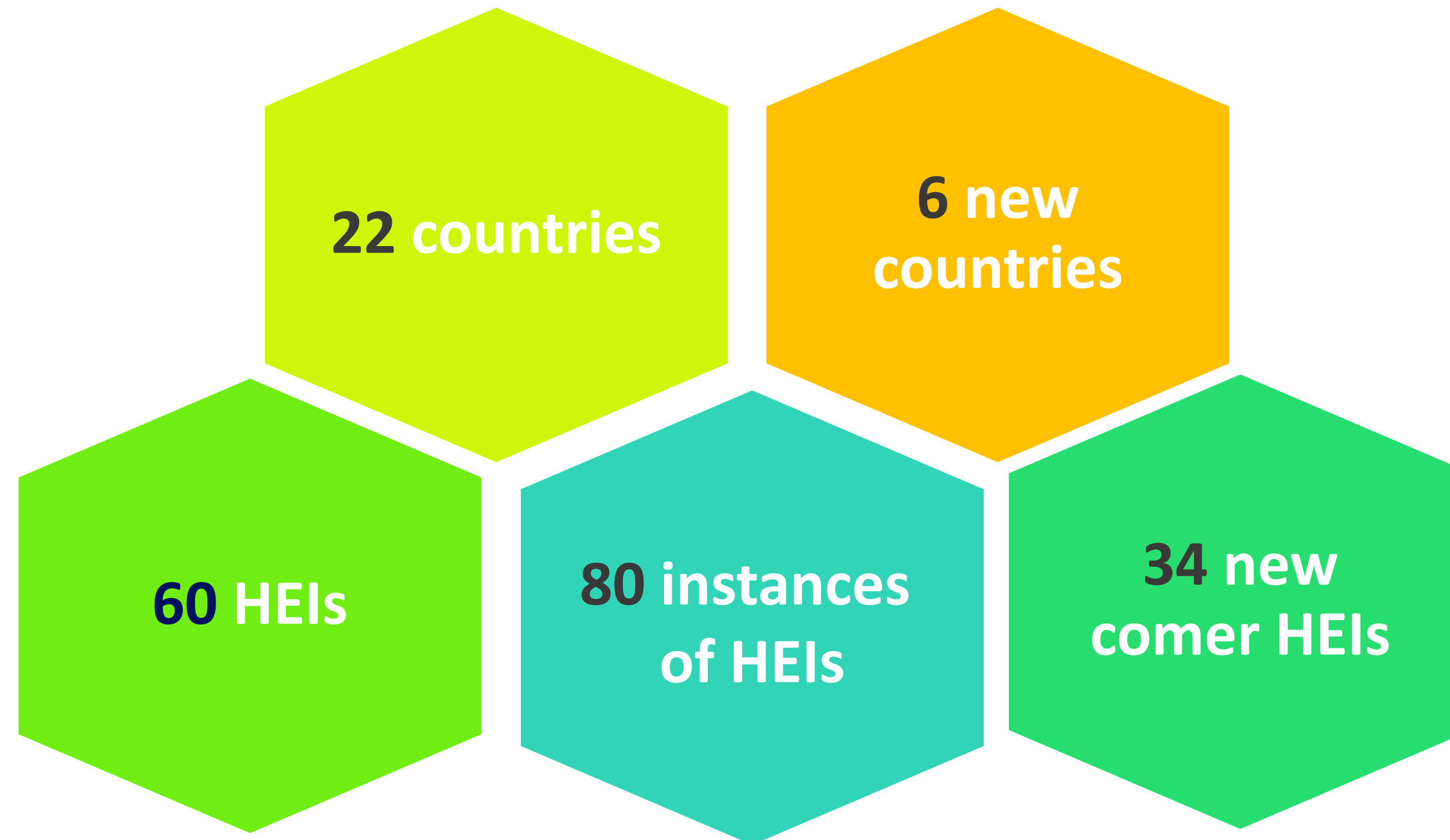


> 600  
instances of  
participation of  
African HEIs \*



\* This number includes all eligible partner types, i.e. coordinators, partners and associated partners.

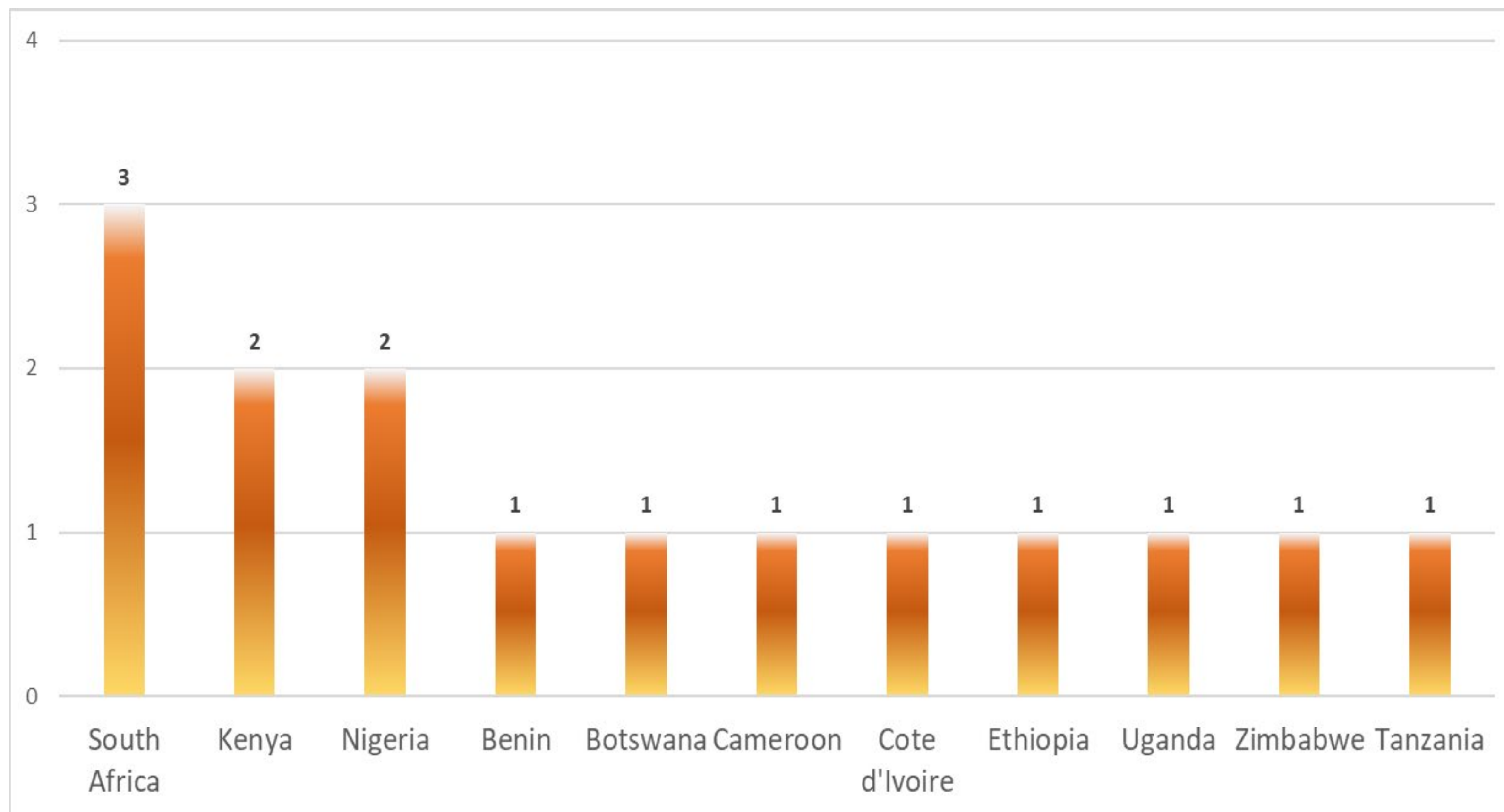
### Countries and HEIs from Africa





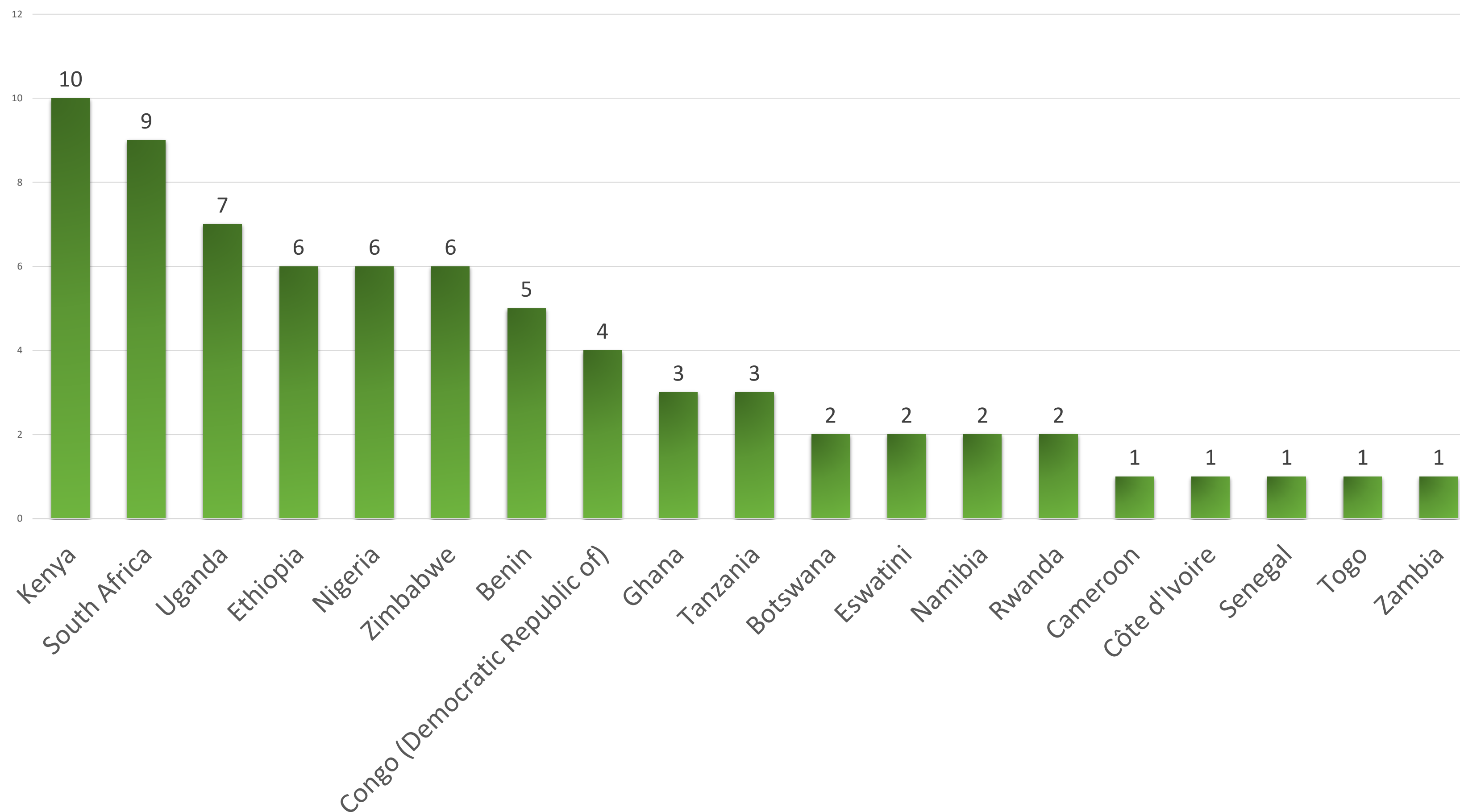
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## Number of HEIs per Country (Coordinator)

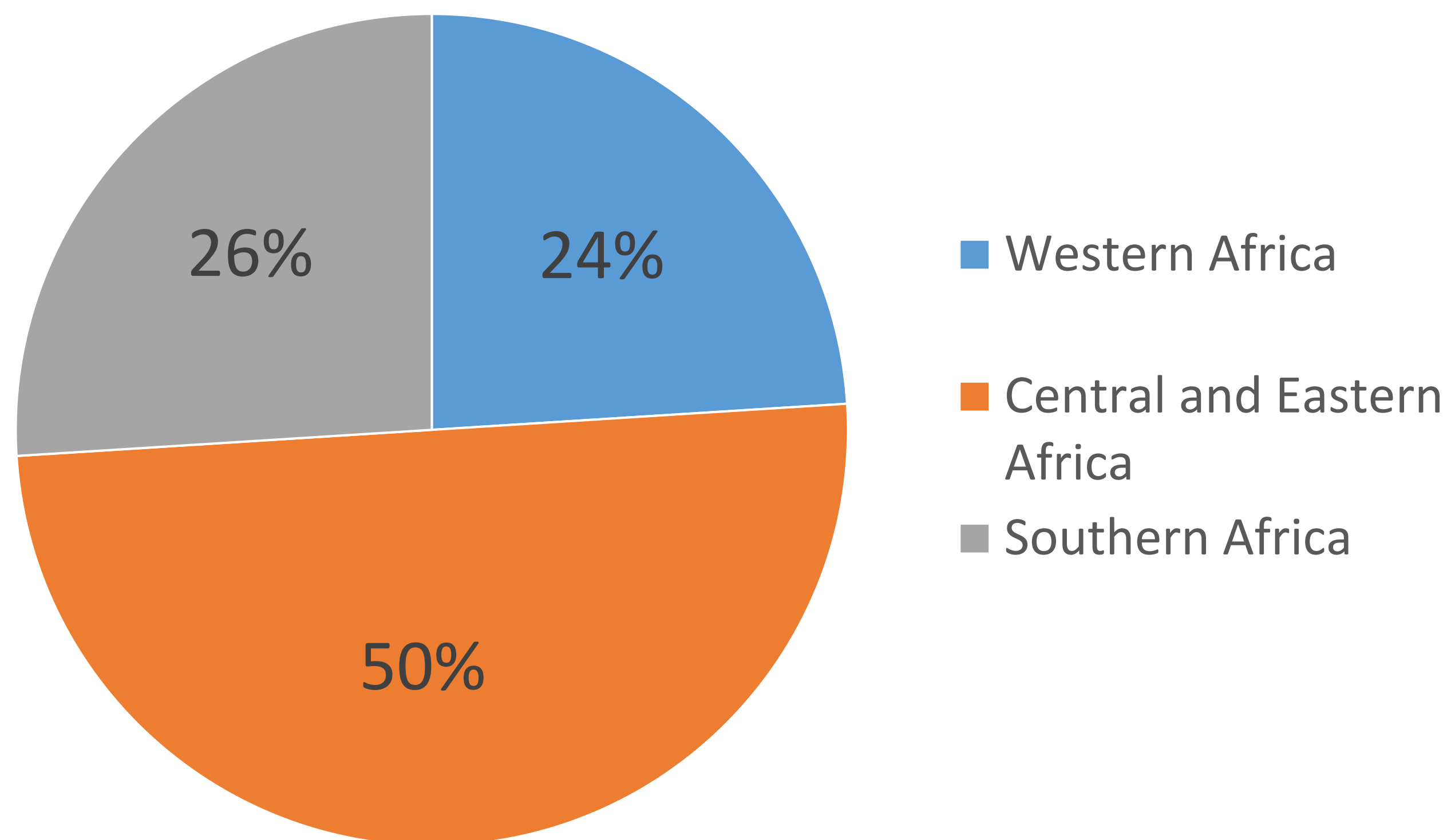


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## Number of project per Country (Coordinator and partner)



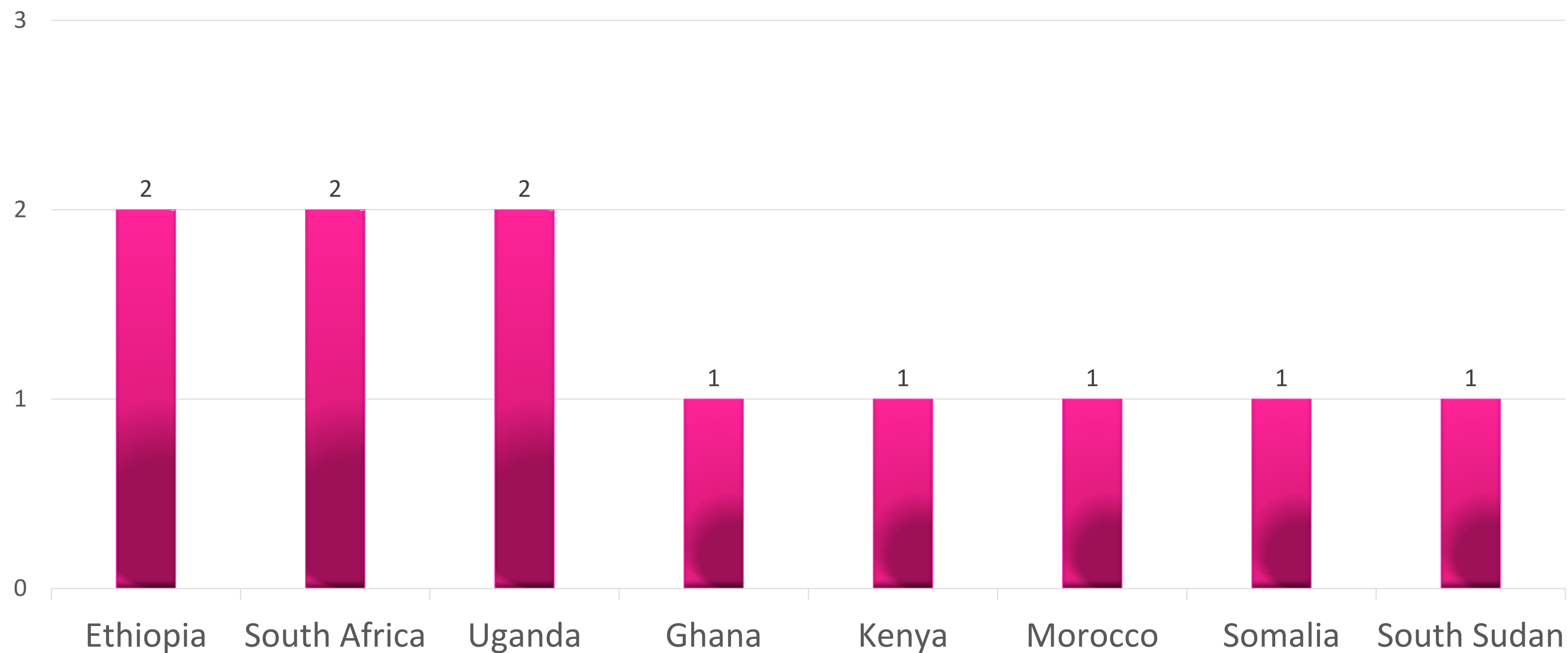
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Number of project per Region  
(Coordinator and partner)





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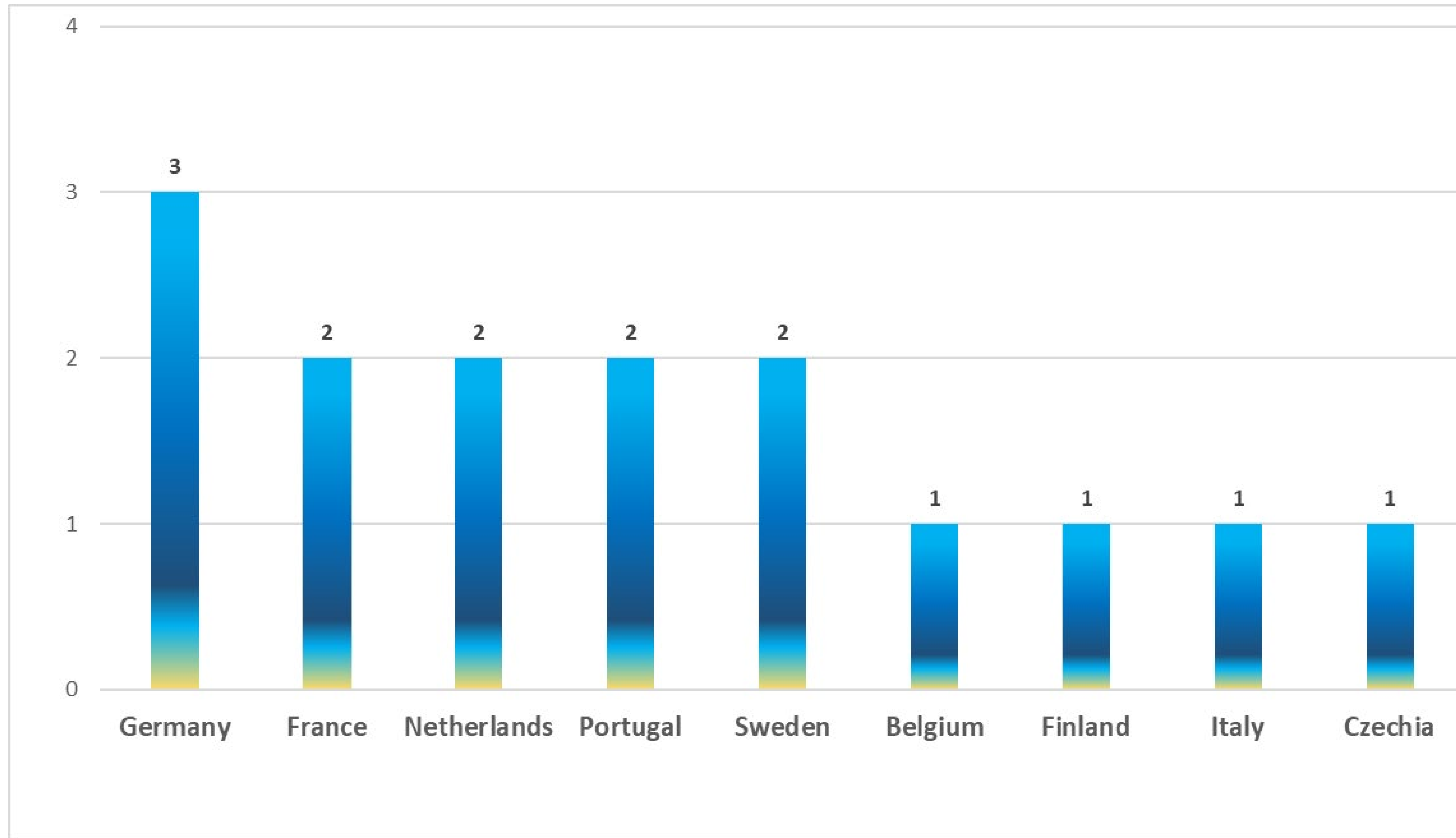
## Number of projects per Country (Associated Partner)





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## Number of projects per EU Country (EU Technical Partner)



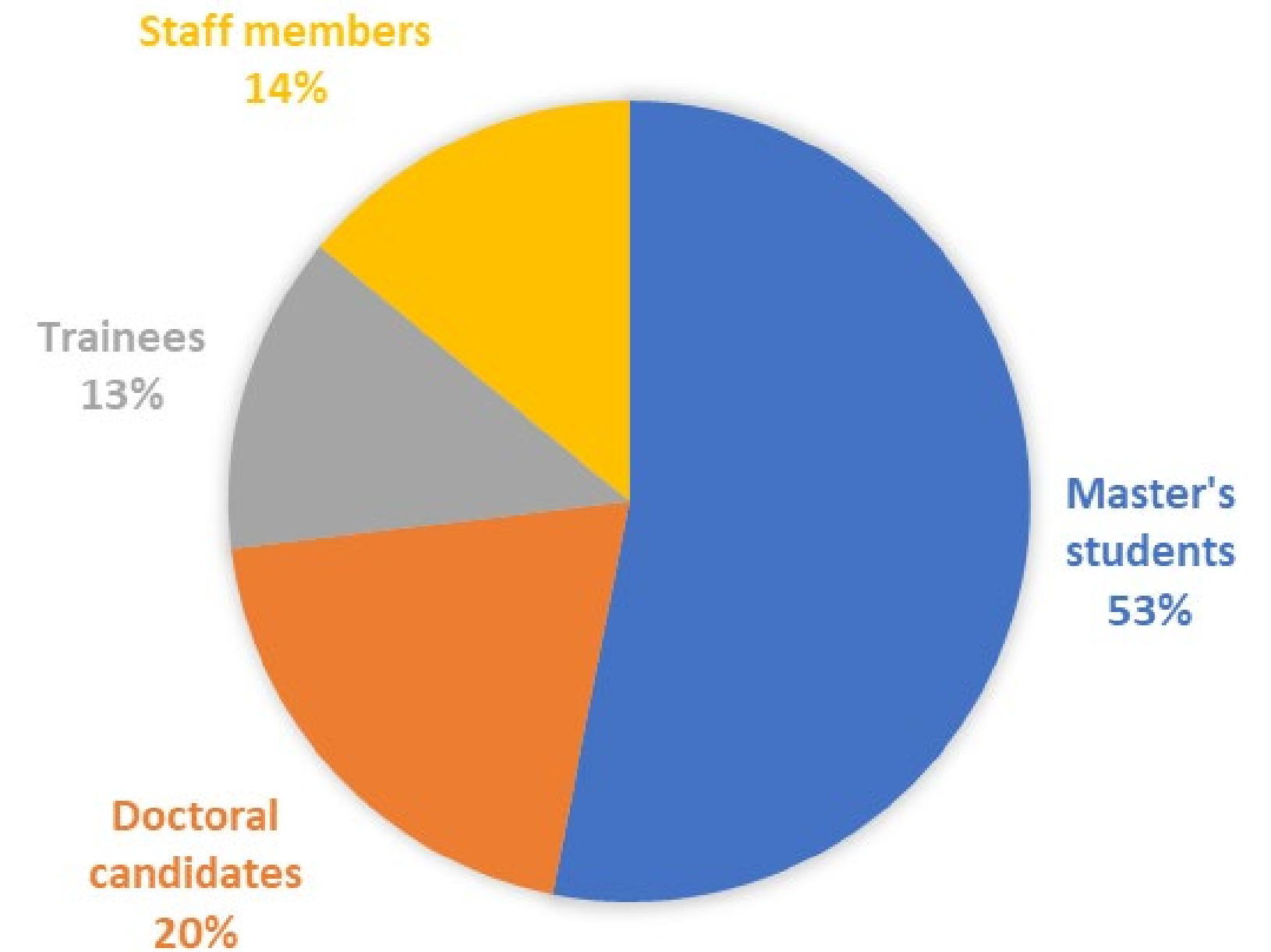
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## MOBAF projects - features



### Number of Mobility flows

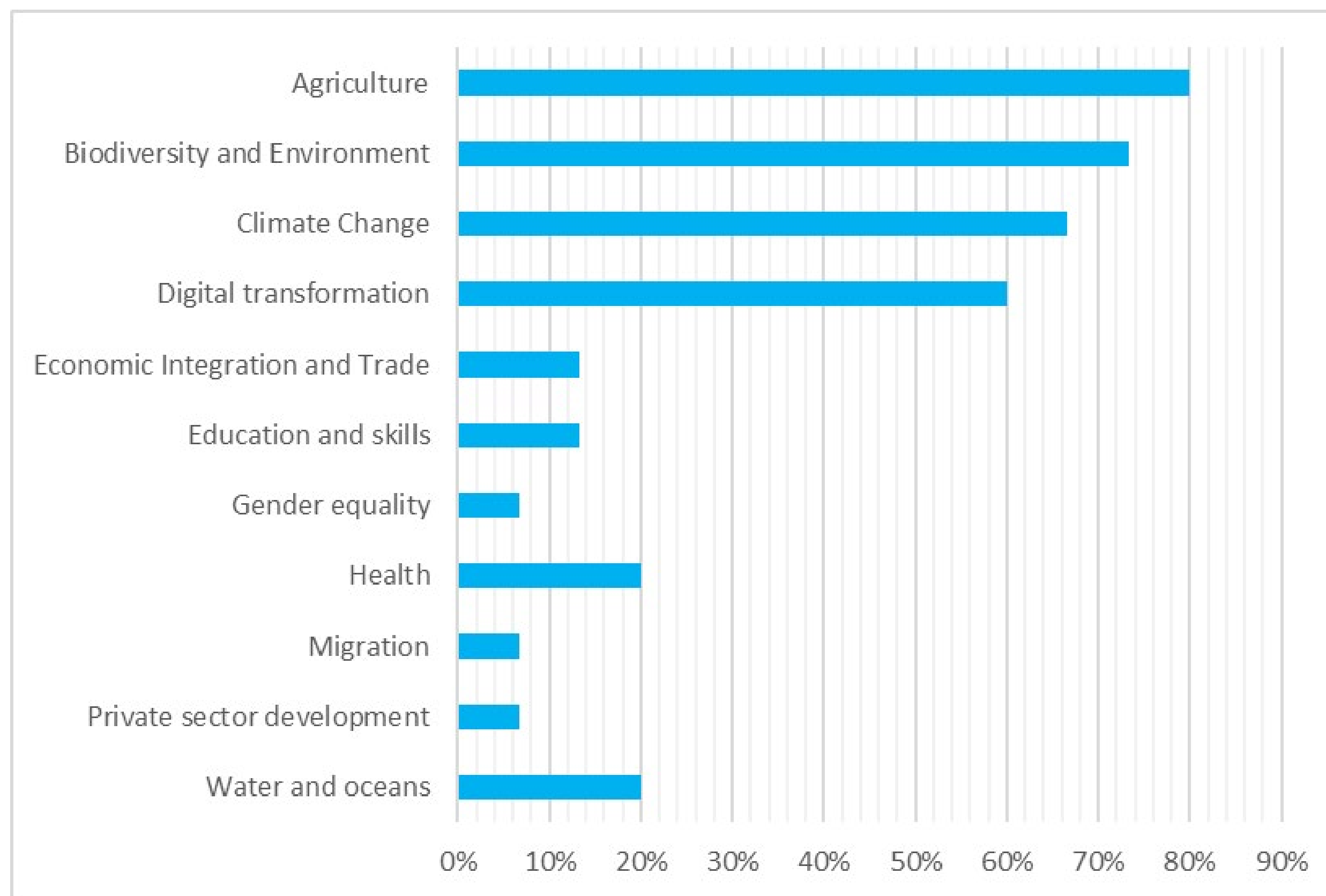
- 963 in total
- 64 in average



# NDICI-2023-MOBAF

## MOBAF projects – features

Thematic fields of selected projects





## NDICI-2023-MOBAF Selection results



**For more information on the selected projects:**

### **BROCHURE**

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**Selection results 2023 : promoting learning, skills, and exchanges  
across Africa**