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The Euroguidance Network: 20 years of supporting guidance practice and mobility in Europe

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A 20 years old Network of National Resource Centres for Vocational Guidance

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Decentralized management at national level

Coordinated by the EC

(DG Education and Culture / Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency)

✓ **1992:** first NRCVGs established within the Petra Programme to support exchanges of education and training opportunities information, particularly with the perspective of EU mobility.

✓ **1994 – 2006:** NRCVGs operated as “accompanying measure” within the Leonardo da Vinci Programme.

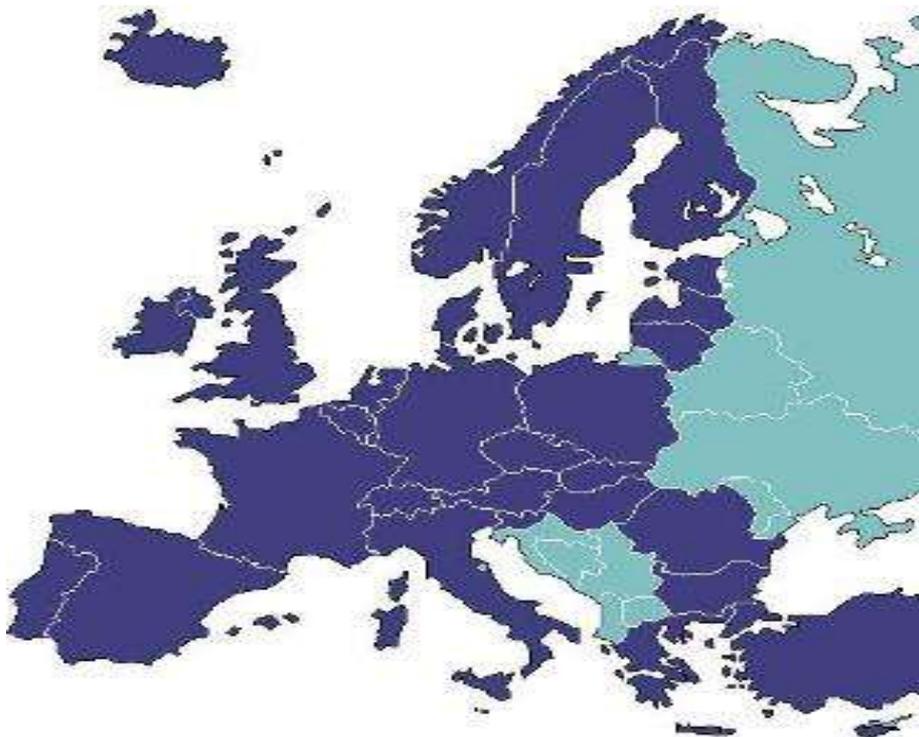
✓ **2002:** The realization and systematic support of PLOTEUS I was assigned to EG by the DG Education and Culture.

✓ **Since 2007:** Euroguidance Network integrated in Lifelong Learning Programme as a Transversal Programme (Key Activity 1: Policy co-operation and innovation)



Euroguidance in numbers

- ✓ **68 National Centers in 34 countries**
- ✓ **270 full time EG advisors (in 2011)**
- ✓ **Annual budget 50% funded by LLP, aprox. 2.250.000 EUR + 50% national contribution**

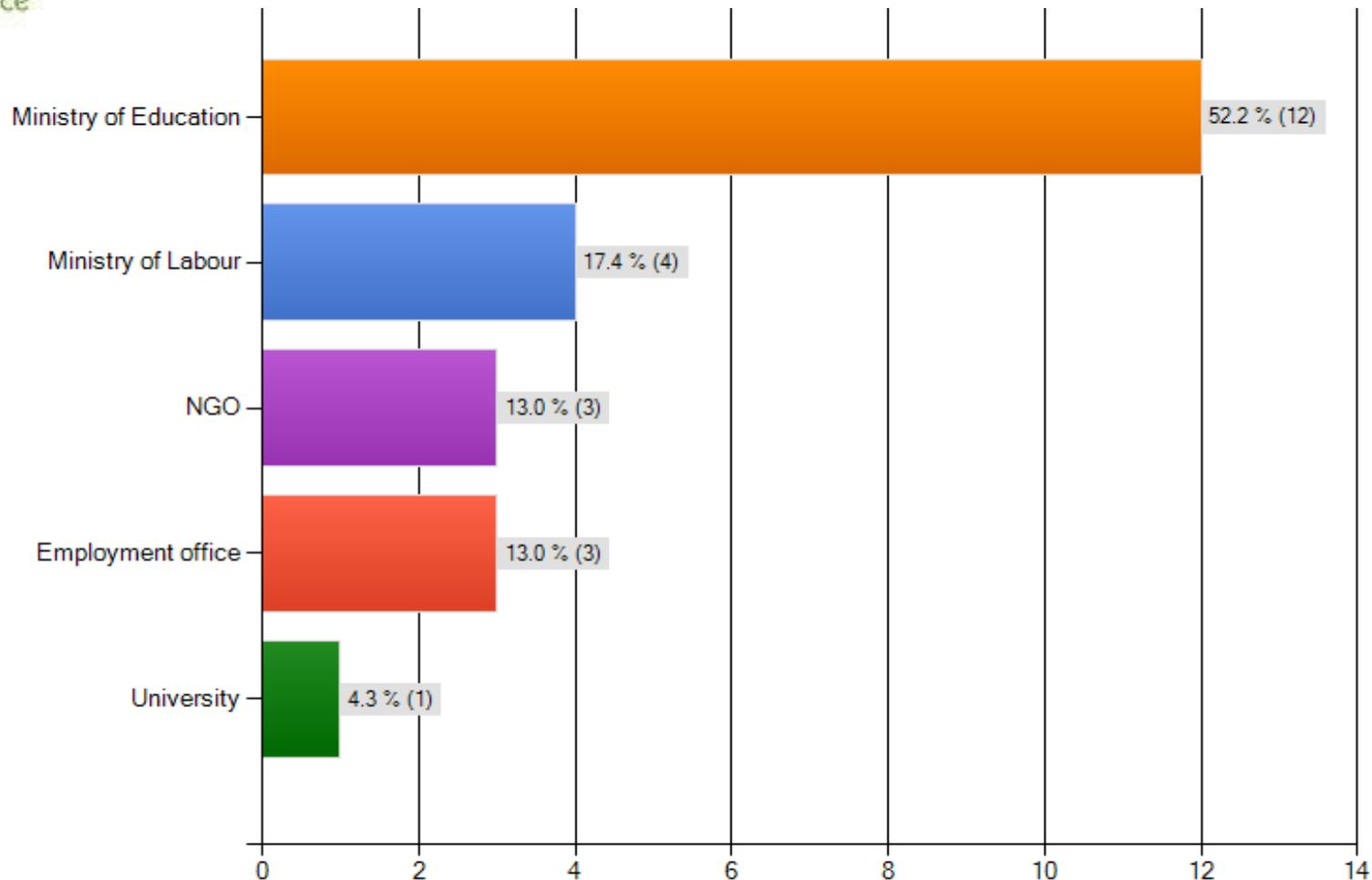


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Finland	Romania
France	Serbia
Germany	Slovak Rep.
Greece	Slovenia
Hungary	Spain
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Italy	Turkey
Latvia	United Kingdom



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82,6% of National Euroguidance Centers are hosted in Public Institutions / Ministries *

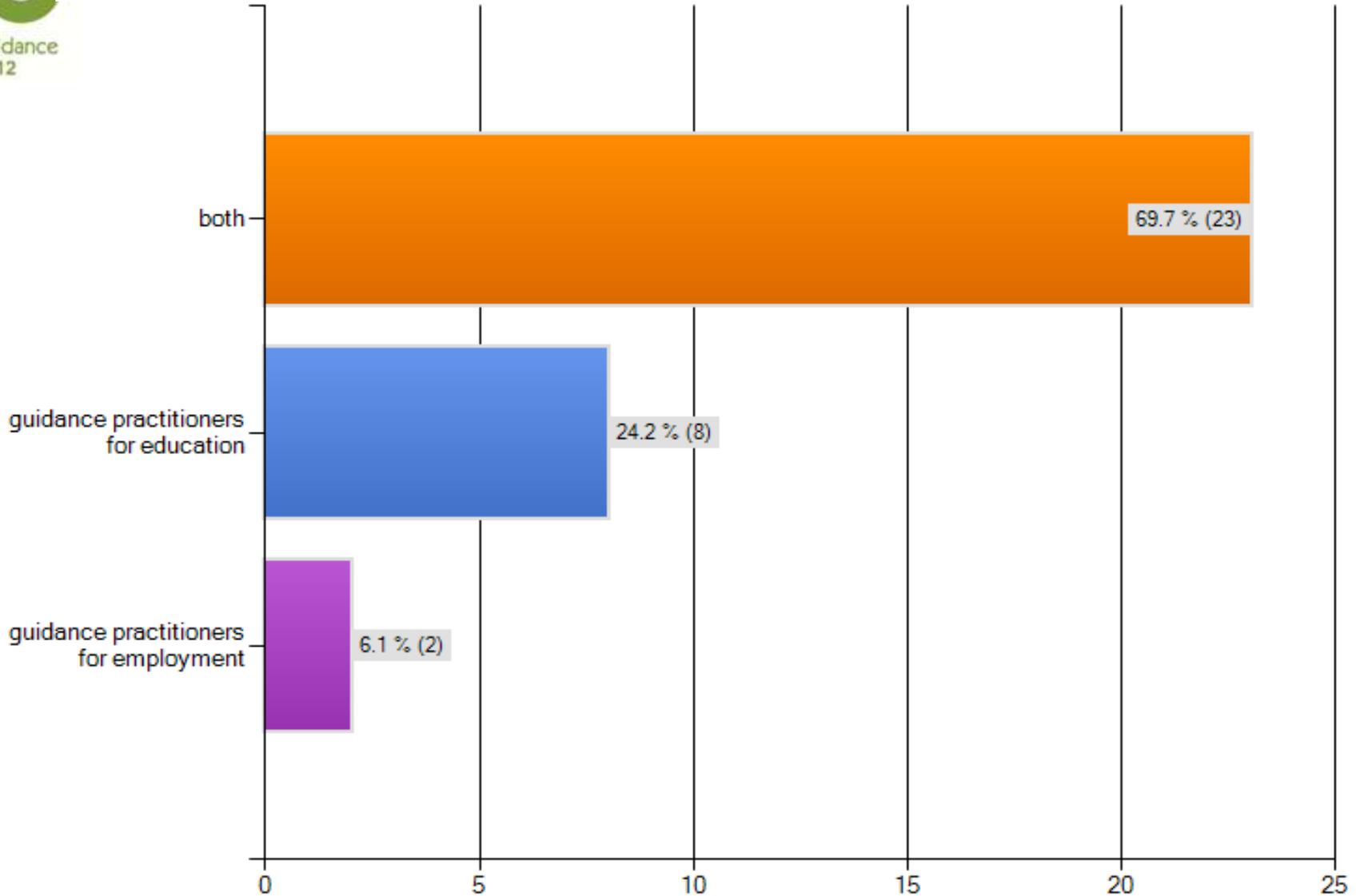


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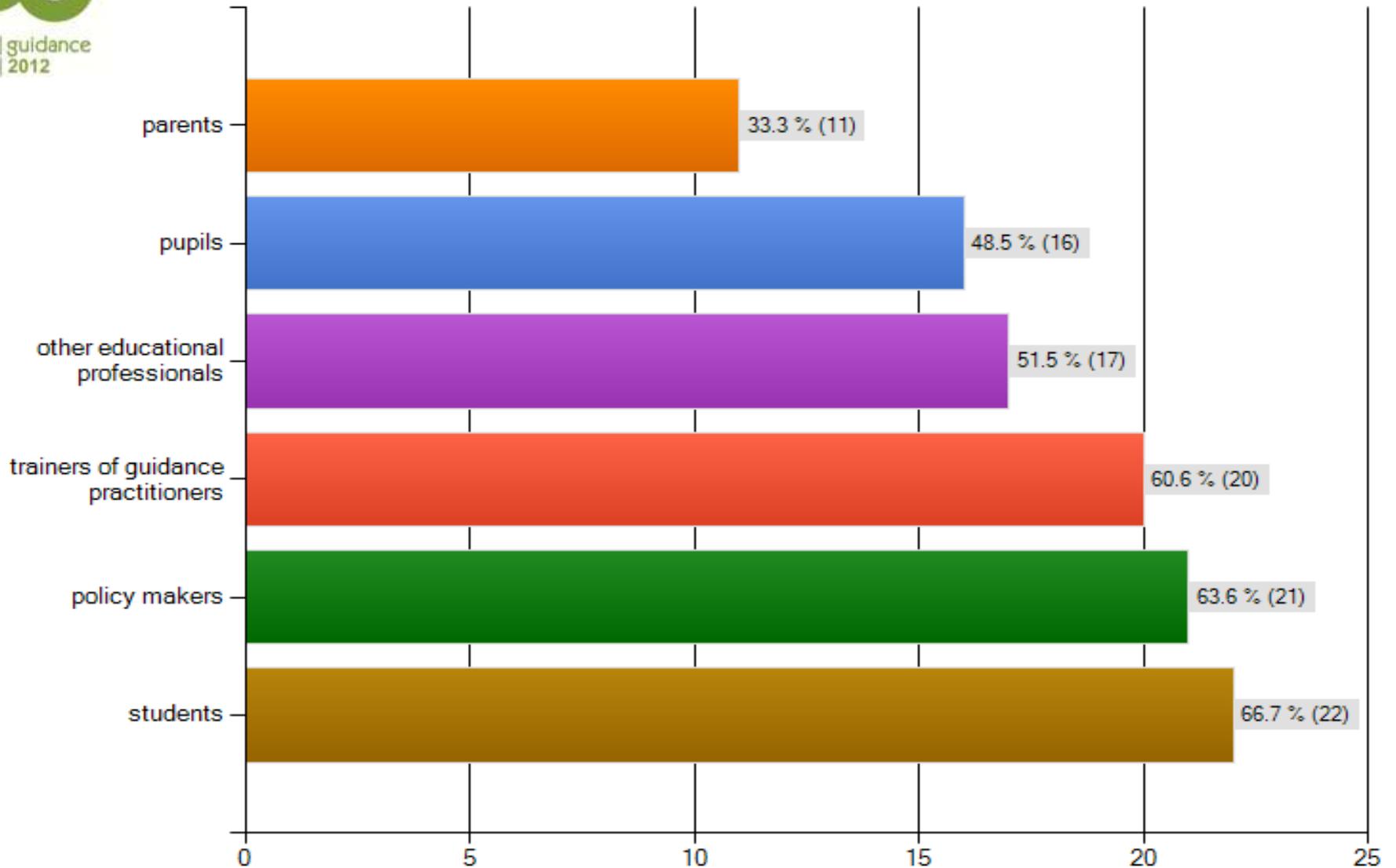
Primary Target Groups*



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Secondary Target Groups*



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A European network supporting guidance practice!

Euroguidance Network Core Objectives

- A. Promote the European dimension in guidance**

- B. Provide quality information on lifelong guidance and mobility for learning purposes**



Focused in continuous network development to achieve quality outcomes

The Euroguidance Working Groups based on active participation of all the EG member countries are the main internal driving force for the development of Euroguidance as a learning network.

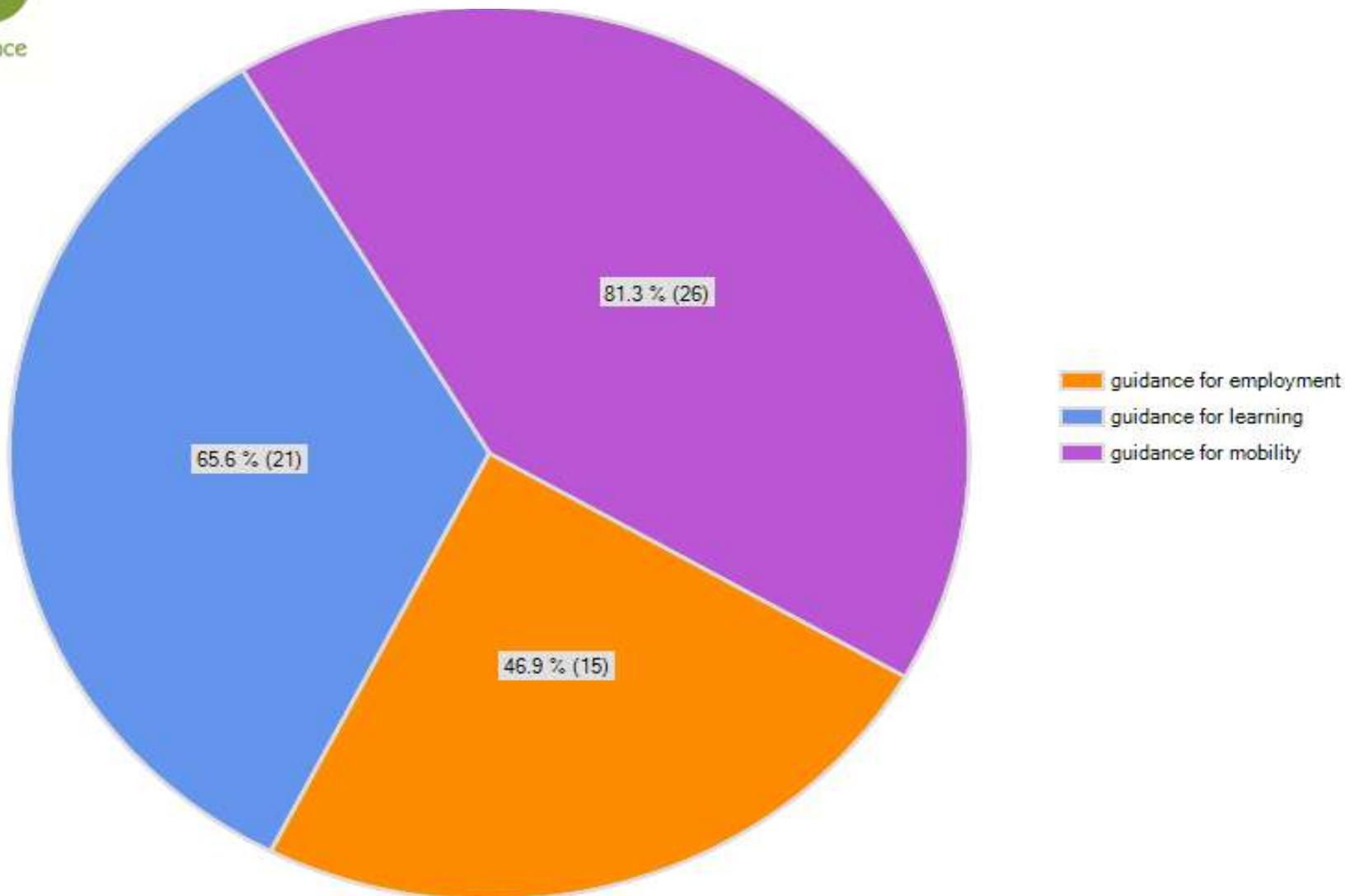
- ✓ **Strategy Working Group**
- ✓ **Quality Handbook Working Group**
- ✓ **Staff Development Working Group**
- ✓ **Mobility Working Group**
- ✓ **Network Promotion Working Group**





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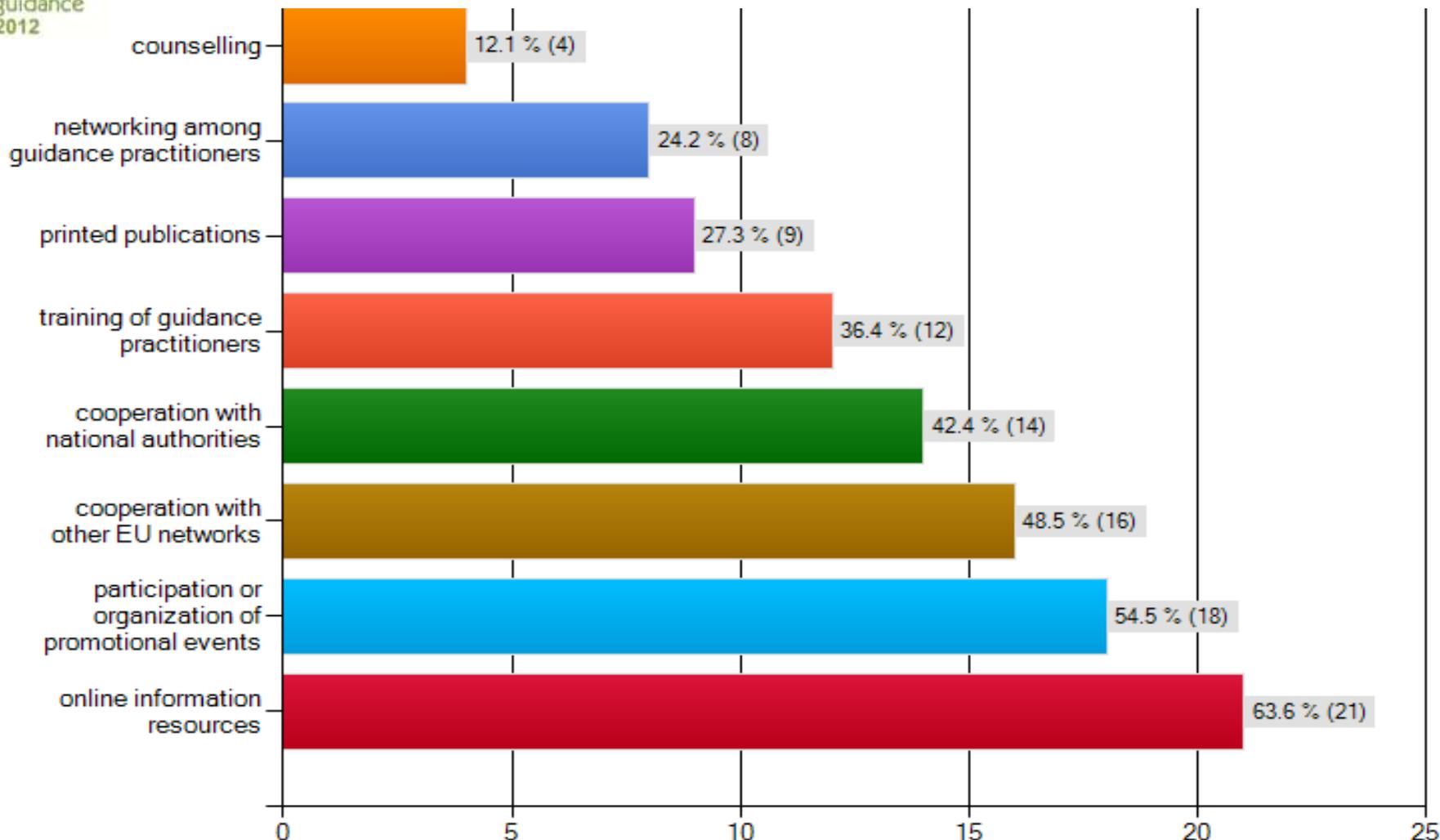
Euroguidance Main Fields of Expertise*



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Euroguidance Main Activities *

prioritised at national level according to national context

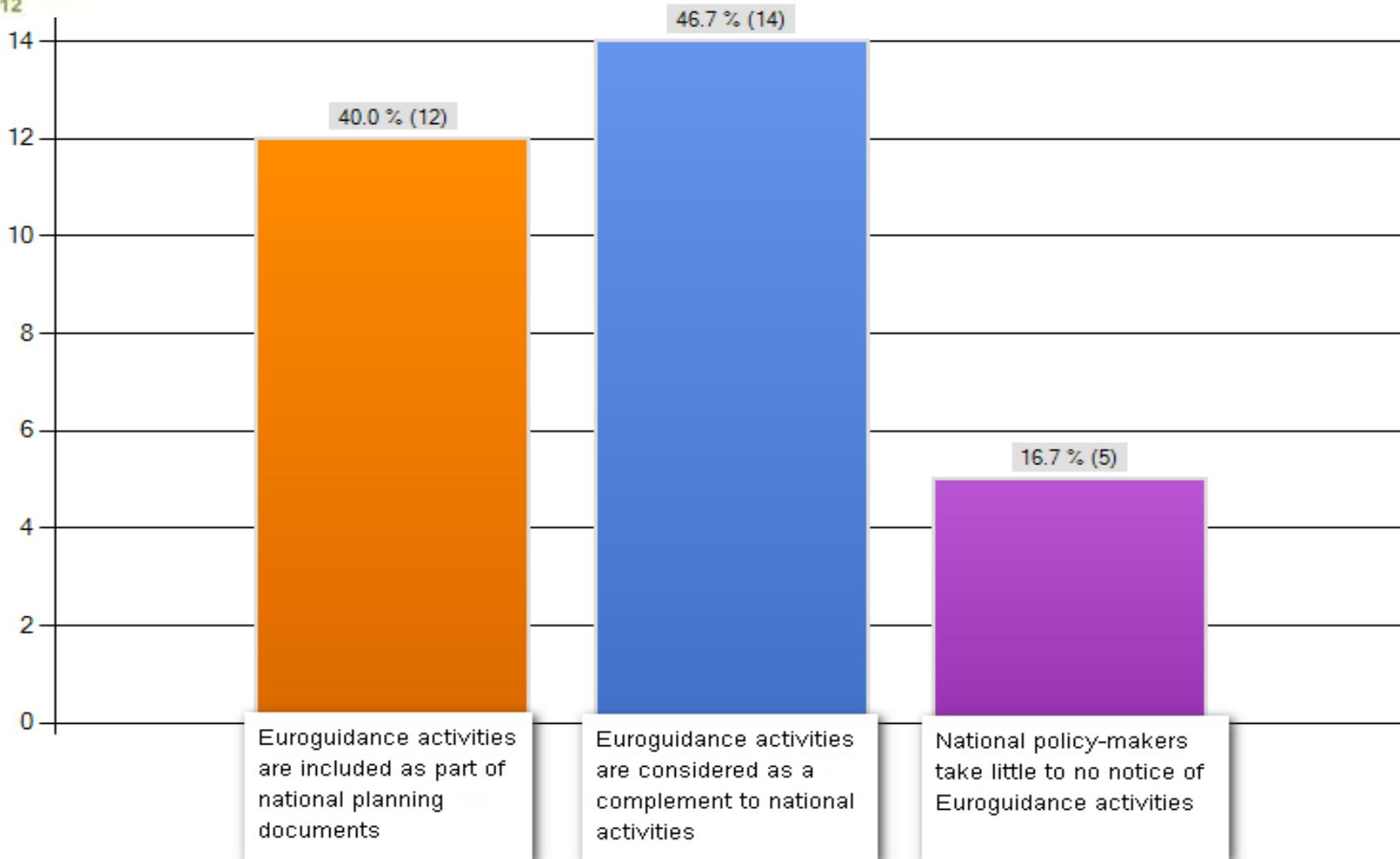


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Euroguidance in relation to national guidance policy*

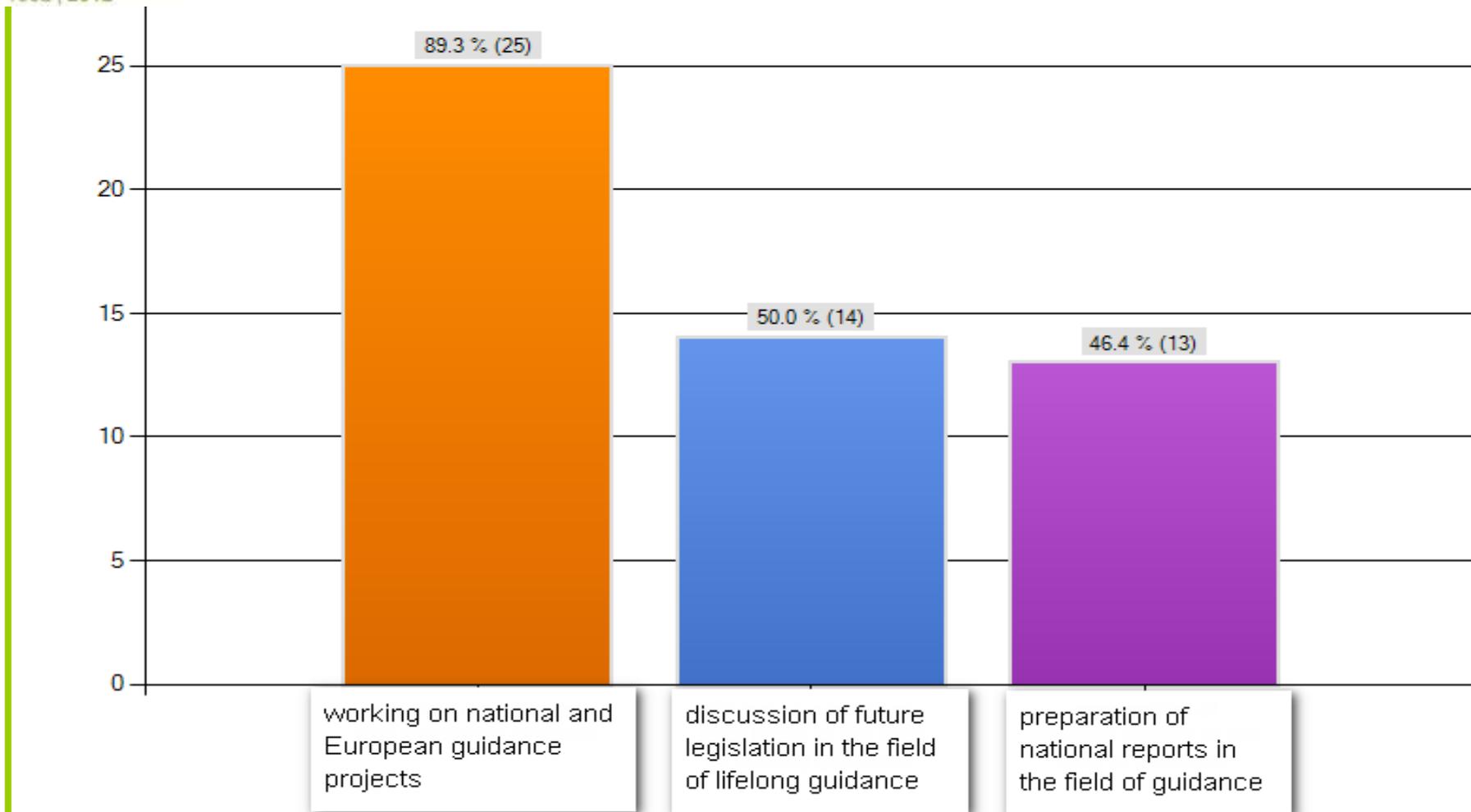
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Main areas of interaction with national authorities*

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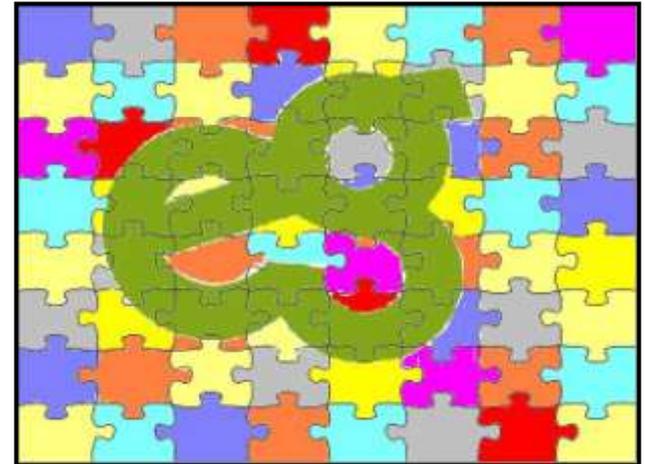
- ✓ [Descriptions of National Guidance Systems in EU countries](#)
- ✓ [Database of Guidance Projects and Resources](#)
- ✓ [EG Newsletter presenting current trends in guidance](#)
- ✓ [Contacts details of all EG Centers](#)
- ✓ [Thematic events and trainings calendar](#)
- ✓ [Euroguidance group on LinkedIn](#)
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A network of interesting practices in lifelong guidance across EU

**EG annual outputs contribute to the
lifelong guidance priorities set
in the EU LLG Resolutions
(2004, 2008):**

- Supporting the development of career management skills
- Facilitating access to guidance services
- Supporting quality assurance in guidance
- Coordination and cooperation among the guidance key stakeholders



Selected EG practices in Supporting CMS development

Trainings, Seminars, material to develop CMS of guidance practitioners and all citizens groups e.g. :

✓ The CH-Q and Coaching Approach trainings applied in several EU countries (EG Netherlands).

✓ The 10 week distance course on Mobility and Guidance and methods to guide students to international opportunities (EG Sweden)

✓ The Cross Border Seminar* on “Career Management Skills” and different methods of developing CMS (EG Slovenia, 2012)

✓ The training course on Multicultural Counselling competences (EG Greece, 2011-2012, EG Cyprus 2011).

✓ A nation-wide campaign on Career Education in School, aiming at proposing legislation changes in the School Education Act (EG Bulgaria).

✓ A Shared framework for Lifelong Guidance Competences (EG Portugal).

**The first cross border seminar was organised in 2005 by EG Austria, Czech Republic and Slovakia*



Selected EG practices in Facilitating access

Online guidance tools and methods to support the use of ICT in guidance, e.g.:

- ✓ The EXODUS International careers information database, a gateway to opportunities around the world **(EG UK)**

<http://www.careerseurope.co.uk/Products/exodus.html>

- ✓ The EISODOS web database information for refugees, asylum seekers, EU migrants and for those working with these groups **(EG UK)**

<http://www.careerseurope.co.uk/Products/eisodos.html>

- ✓ The School Portal - <http://www.udir.no/skoleporten> providing access to indicators for basic education **(EG Norway)**

- ✓ The development of school counsellors` ICT competencies and ICT training courses **(EG Romania, EG Greece).**

- ✓ Distance Counselling Handbooks for counsellors in several EU languages **(EG Poland)**

- ✓ “TodoFP” (“All in VET”), the Spanish Portal on Guidance and Information about VET <http://todofp.es> **(EG Spain)**



Selected EG practices in Supporting quality assurance

Quality assurance tools and quality material to support the European dimension in guidance, e.g.:

- ✓ The National Quality Assurance System for Guidance Services (EG Greece)
- ✓ The Mobility Learning Package / Destination world - mobility exercises to be used broadly by the guidance community within EU (EG Finland)
- ✓ The Mobility Advice Interview - Handbook for Counsellors (EG France, Belgium, Luxemburg, Romania)
- ✓ The Quality Award for guidance practitioners and subsequent methodological publications (EG Lithuania)
- ✓ The National Career Counselling Award Contest (EG Czech and EG Slovakia)



Selected EG practices in coordination and cooperation

1. Common activities at national level and cross border cooperation, e.g.:

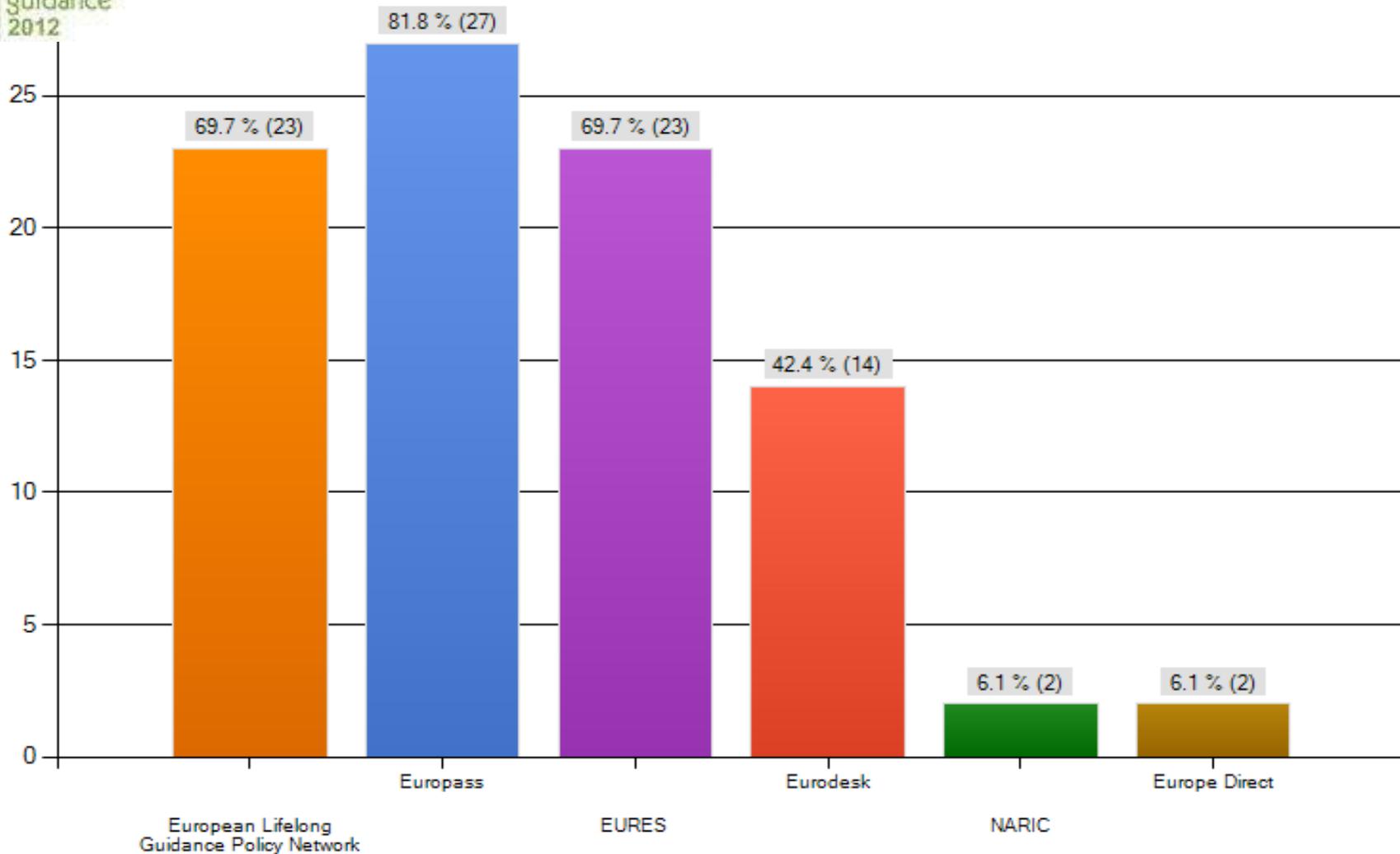
- Active involvement in the establishment of the Cyprus LLG Forum (EG Cyprus)
- The Discussion Platform for Vocational lifelong Guidance (EG Poland)
- The Joint conference "Learning by Leaving" (EG Sweden)
- The Euroguidance and EURES one-stop-service (EG Germany)
- The EU Mobility Information Day by all the mobility networks (EG Hungary)
- The cross border study "Guidance in the bordering region of Öresund" (EG Denmark and Sweden)
- Cross border seminars (EG Austria, Czech Republic, Slovakia)
- The Europa network, involving all national EU agencies (EG Iceland)
- The Joint study-visit (EG Estonia/Finland and EG Latvia/Lithuania)
- The active involvement in ELPGN membership (EG Ireland)
- International Guidance stand at the Paris Student fair (salon de l' Education) involving many EG centers (EG France)
- The international networking conference 2012" /"The study trip to Belgium 2012" (EG Switzerland)





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Levels of EG cooperation with other EU networks at national level*



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Selected EG practices in coordination and cooperation

2. Synergies with other EU Networks, Organisations at EU level, e.g.:

- EG Synergies with Academia and other mobility networks

(EG Centers as Academia coordinators: Estonia, Finland, France, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Norway, UK, Slovenia, Ireland, Switzerland, Spain)

- EG synergies with ETF

- EG synergies with ELGPN





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Perspectives for the enhancement of ELGPN & EG synergies at network level

Euroguidance could contribute to synergies by:

- **National Guidance Systems Descriptions** to be updated with policy input
- **Guidance Practice Projects Database** updated systematically
- **Guidance Experts Database** possible to be shared with ELGPN
- **Resource contact point for Guidance Practice and Mobility** (provide input, national data or contribute to ELGPN relevant concept papers)
- **ELGPN articles and news** to be published in the EG Newsletter
- **Continue to participating in the ELGPN work** through EG systematic representation.
- **Continue to welcoming ELGPN representation** in the EG meetings.



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Opportunities to enhance ELGPN & EG synergies at national level

- ✓ **EG & ELGPN country teams to cooperate in the adaptation, field testing, and application of the 2012 ELGPN European Resource Kit at national level.**
- ✓ **EG Centres to translate or further disseminate the ELGPN 2011-12 outcomes to national guidance communities**
- ✓ **EG & ELGPN country teams to cooperate in order to design guidance practice activities matching the 4 EU priorities and the ELGPN policy outcomes**
- ✓ **EG & ELGPN country teams to cooperate within the national LLG Forums**



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