

Evaluation of the national assessment reports on environment in the Eastern Partnership region and six Eastern Partnership countries

EEA Study of the effectiveness and relevance for policy making and public information of recent environmental assessments in the ENI East region

Scope

- Evaluation of the national assessment reports (SoE, UN FCCC, UN CBD)
- Synthesis report and six national reports, October 2017 (EEA with ZOI)
- Set up a baseline for development of environmental assessments in consistent and sustainable way

Process

- Started in April 2017 and Summary in October 2017
- The method used for the assessment is by interview face to face
- Target audience is the potential users of environmental assessments from policy making and communication to the general public (total 128 respondents)

Methodology

- The evaluation of the SOER process and outcomes at the EEA
- The EEA evaluation tool incl. two blocks of questions:
 - *Effectiveness: assessing the policy needs and requirements, the general quality and impact*
 - *Efficiency: assessing relevance to policy making and added value*



Regional report and six country reports

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	INTEGRATED ASSESSMENTS National state-of-the-environment reports	CLIMATE CHANGE national communications to UNFCCC	BIODIVERSITY national reports to CBD
Belarus	2010 Russian	2015 Russian	2014 Russian
Moldova	2011 Moldovan, 2015 English	2013 Moldovan	2015 English
Ukraine	2014 Ukrainian	2013 Russian	2015 Ukrainian
Armenia	2011 Armenian	2015 Armenian	2014 Armenian
Azerbaijan	2013 Azeri	2015 Azeri	2014 English
Georgia	2014 Georgian	2015 English	2014 English

EEA evaluation tool for the study, April-May 2017

Effectiveness

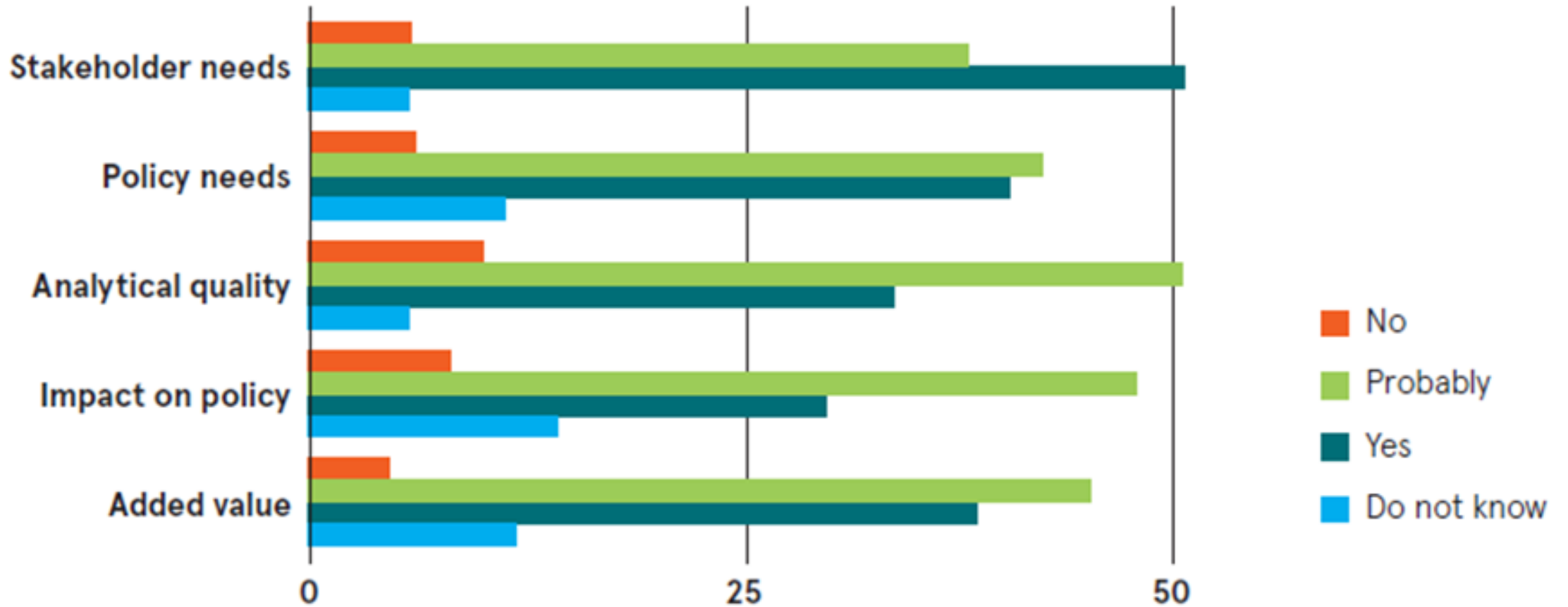
- Match the needs and requirements of the stakeholders
- Respond to environmental policy needs
- Analysis of consistently high quality
- Quality of report and information
- Development of quality of report in recent years

Efficiency

- Deliver relevant information
- Play role in environmental policy making
- Use of analytical tools and methods
- Represent value for money comparing the cost and benefits
- Potential for optimization of report via modern and efficiently operational work flow

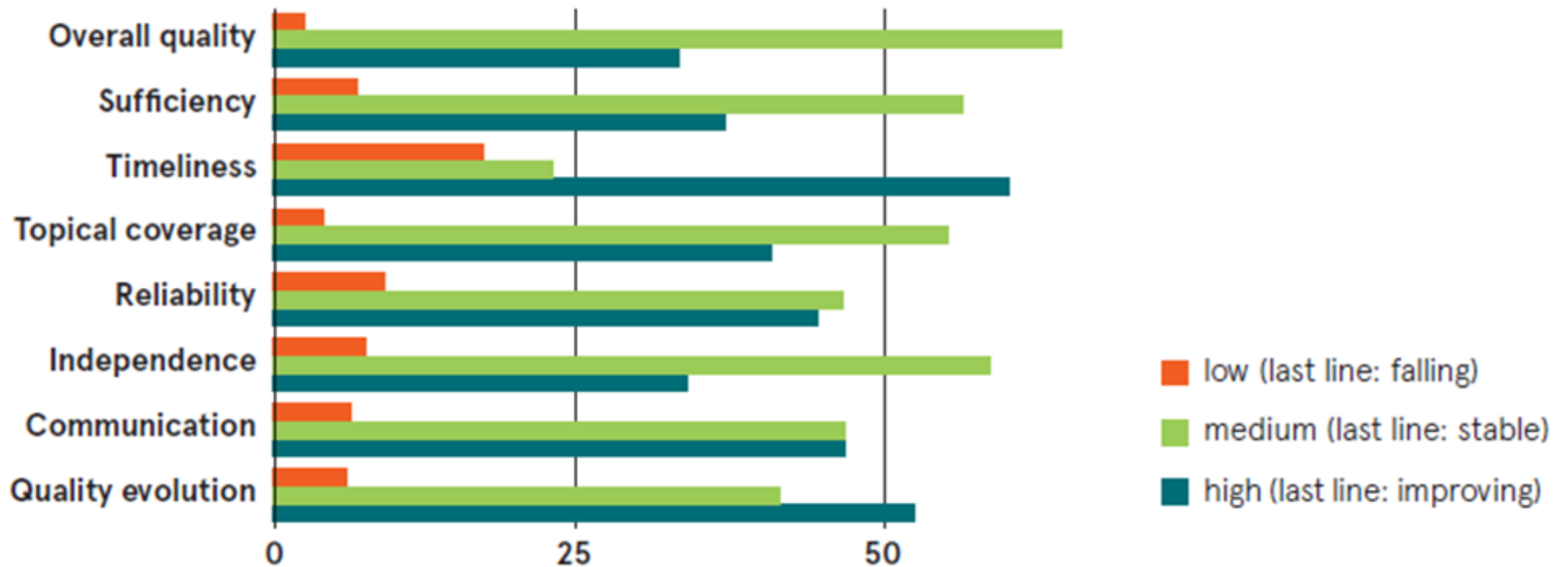
Key messages on effectiveness

Figure 3. Effectiveness – key indicators (average per-country response, %)



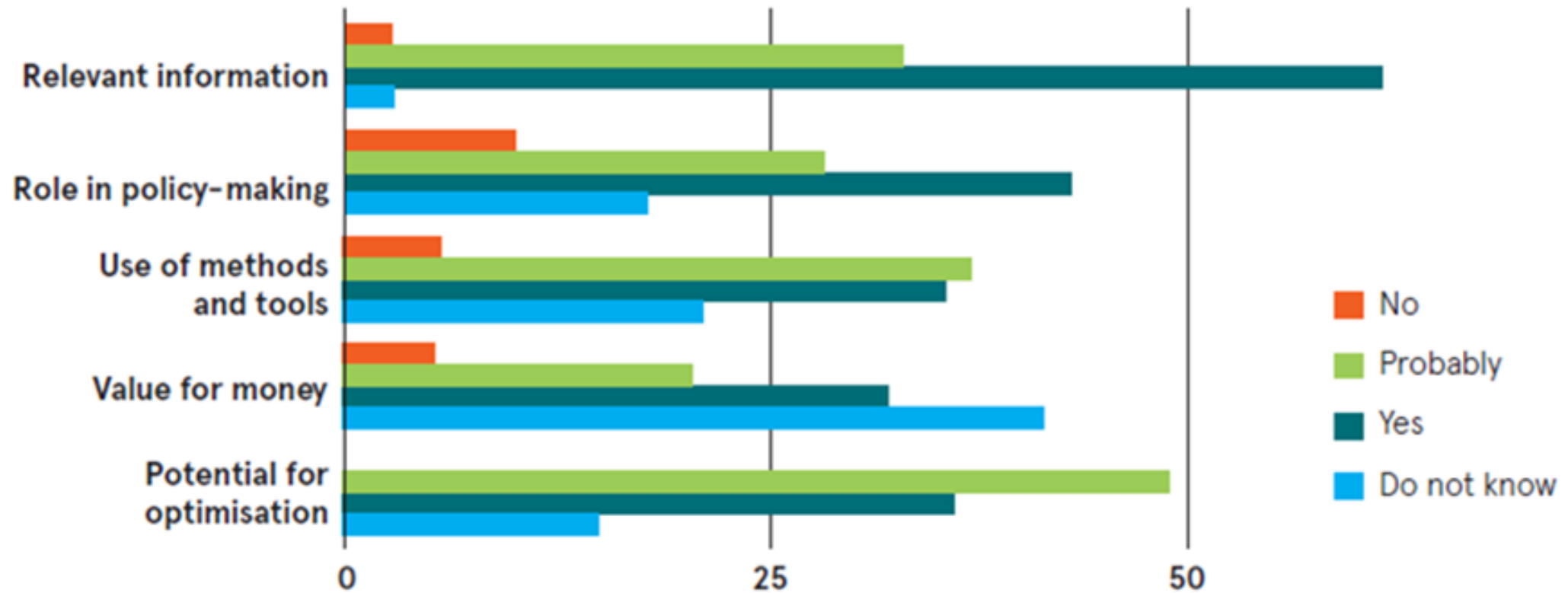
Key messages on quality assessments

Figure 4. Quality of assessments (average per-country response, %)



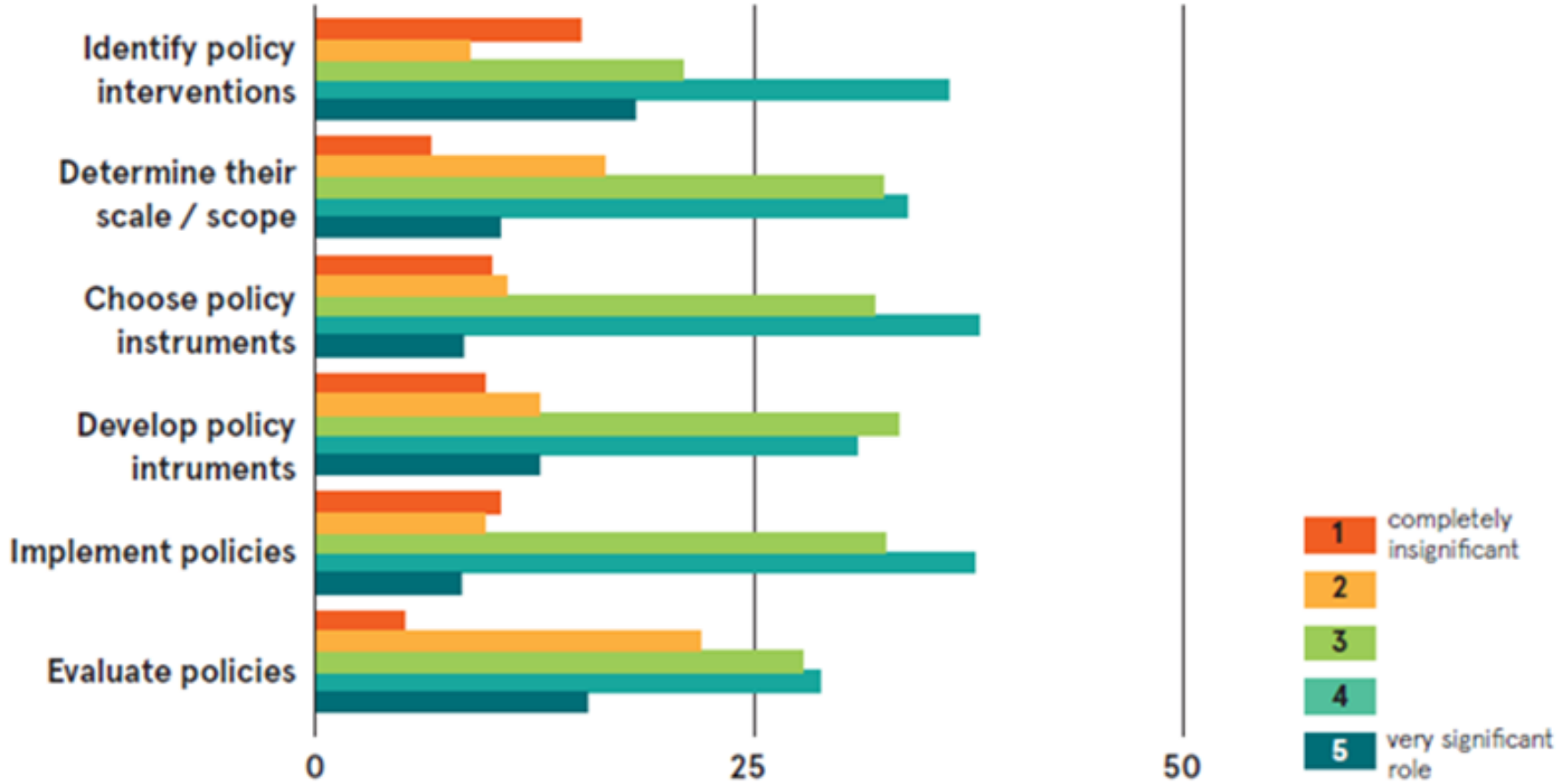
Key messages on efficiency

Figure 5. Efficiency – key indicators (average per-country response, %)



Key messages' on policy relevance

Figure 6. Policy relevance and impact (average per-country response, %)



Conclusions and way forward following the SEIS principles

Content of the Environmental assessment reports

1. More analytical, less descriptive
2. Timely and dynamic
3. Data quality
4. Sustainable governmental financing of environmental assessment and reporting

Tools and innovation

1. Using of modern tools and methods for environmental assessments: environmental accounting, environmental modeling, GIS applications, scenario analysis and forecasting
2. Using the potential of modern electronic communication and information technologies for online reporting

Institutions and partnerships

1. Build analytical reporting and users capacities within governmental and external bodies
2. Partnership mechanism to support regular assessments and reporting via sharing EU best practices
4. Inform policy makers and public about cost and value added of environmental assessment reporting



Key elements in the way forward

- Sustainable governmental financing of environmental assessment and reporting
- Inform policy makers and public about cost and value of environmental assessment reporting

Sustainable
financing



- Using the potential of modern electronic communication technologies to provide online the key messages and reports
- Mass media outlets and NGOs

Strategic
communication



Thank you!

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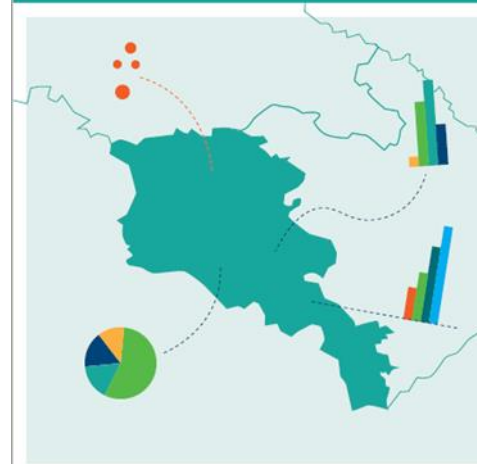
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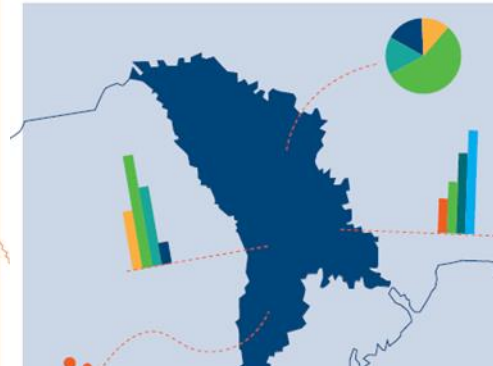
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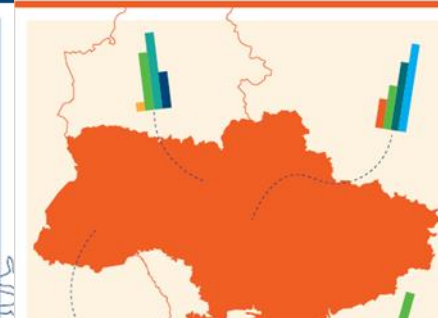
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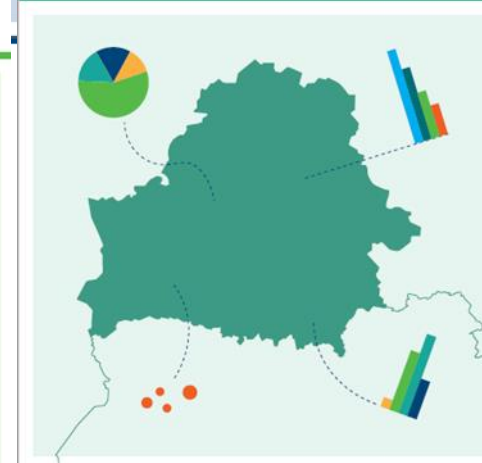
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