

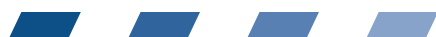
Insights from Register Committee Decisions & EQAR's Future Strategy

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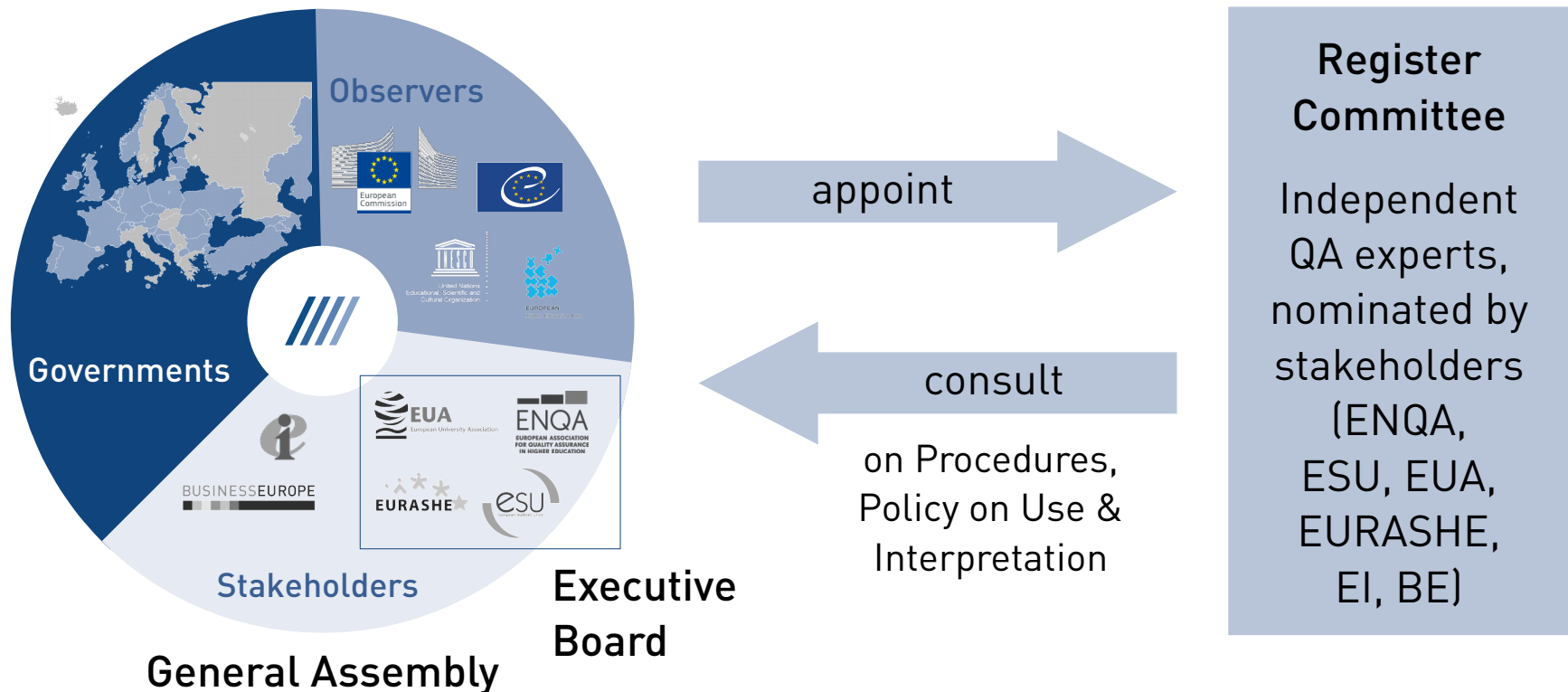
1. Context

- 48 governments participate in the Bologna Process
 - Common goal to realise the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) by.
 - promoting mobility
 - facilitating cooperation
 - Through:
 - Harmonised educational landscape (three cycle-structure)
 - Agreed principles for the recognition of qualifications
 - Robust internal and external quality assurance (ESG)
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2. EQAR's Role



- Public-interest organisation
- EHEA's official register of QAAs that comply with the ESG
- **Mission:** enhance transparency and trust between systems, QA agencies and institutions



Registration & monitoring



Registration based on external review of agency



Annual updates on reviews and countries



Substantive change reports



Third-party complaints



Periodic renewal every 5 years



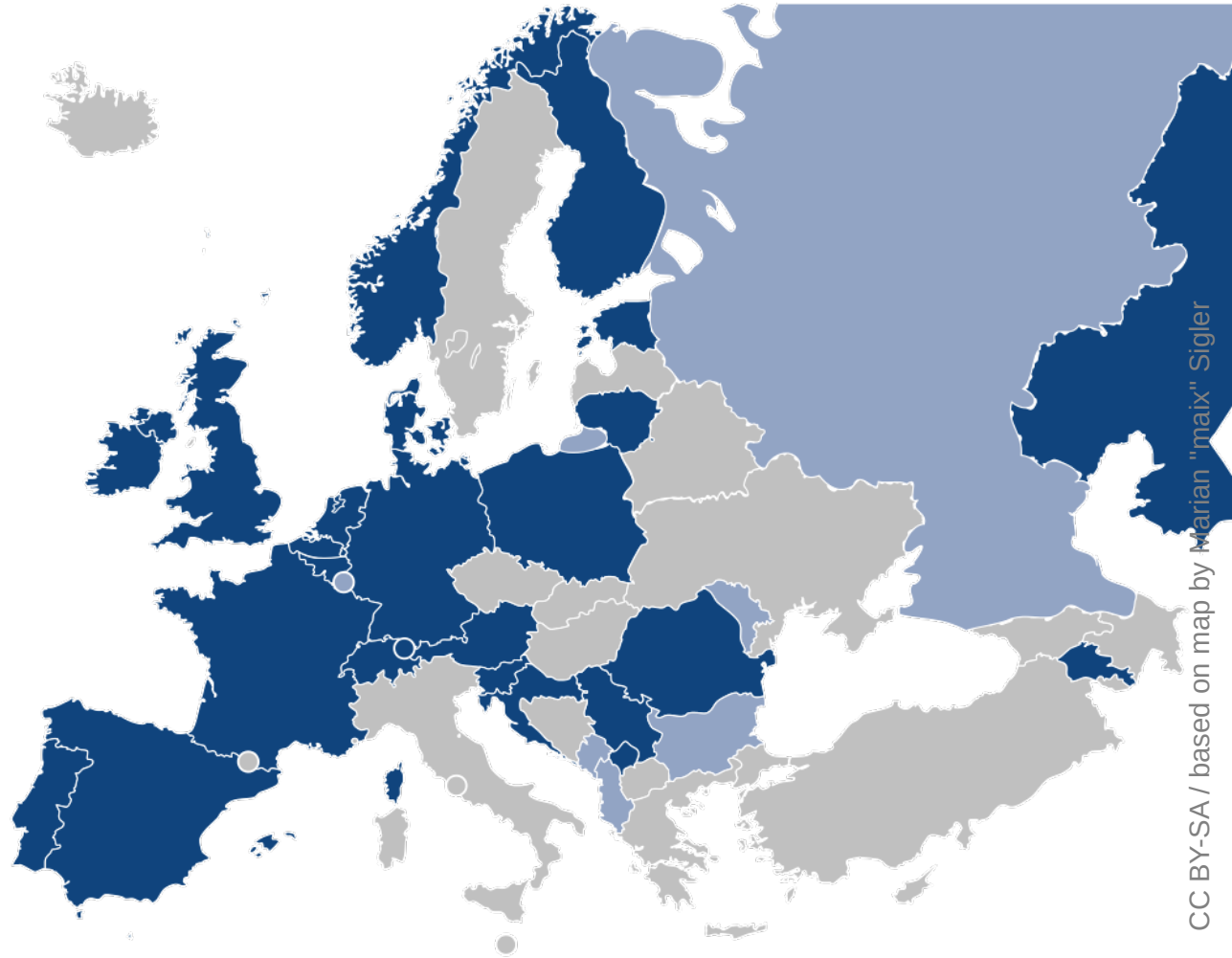
3. What have we accomplished?

- 38 out of 48 EHEA signatories are members of EQAR
- 46 registered agencies (as of November 2017, of ca. 90 agencies in Europe)
- 13 countries recognise EQAR-registered agencies as evaluators for external QA
- 10 countries recognise foreign agencies as evaluators if they comply with specific, national requirements

EHEA Key Commitment



- External QA is performed by agencies that demonstrably comply with the ESG, registered on EQAR
- Applies for some, but not all higher education institutions

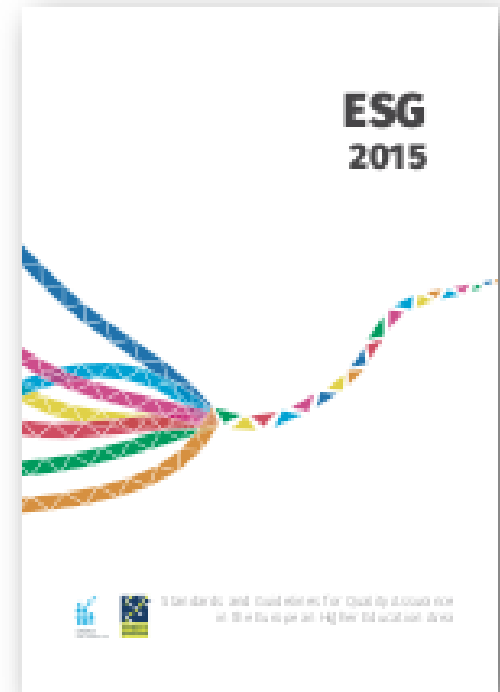


Which standards do you think are the most challenging for QA agencies?

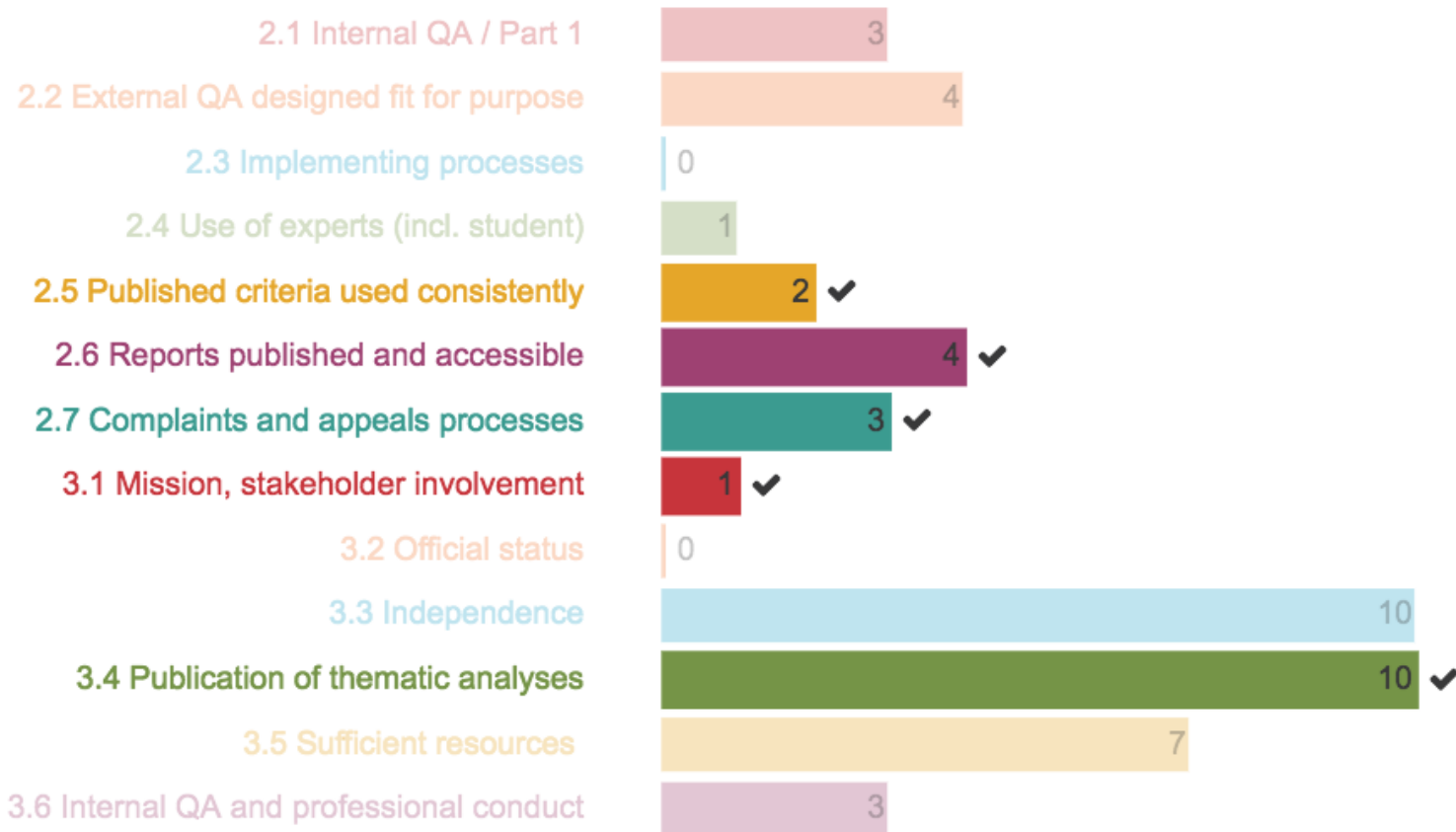
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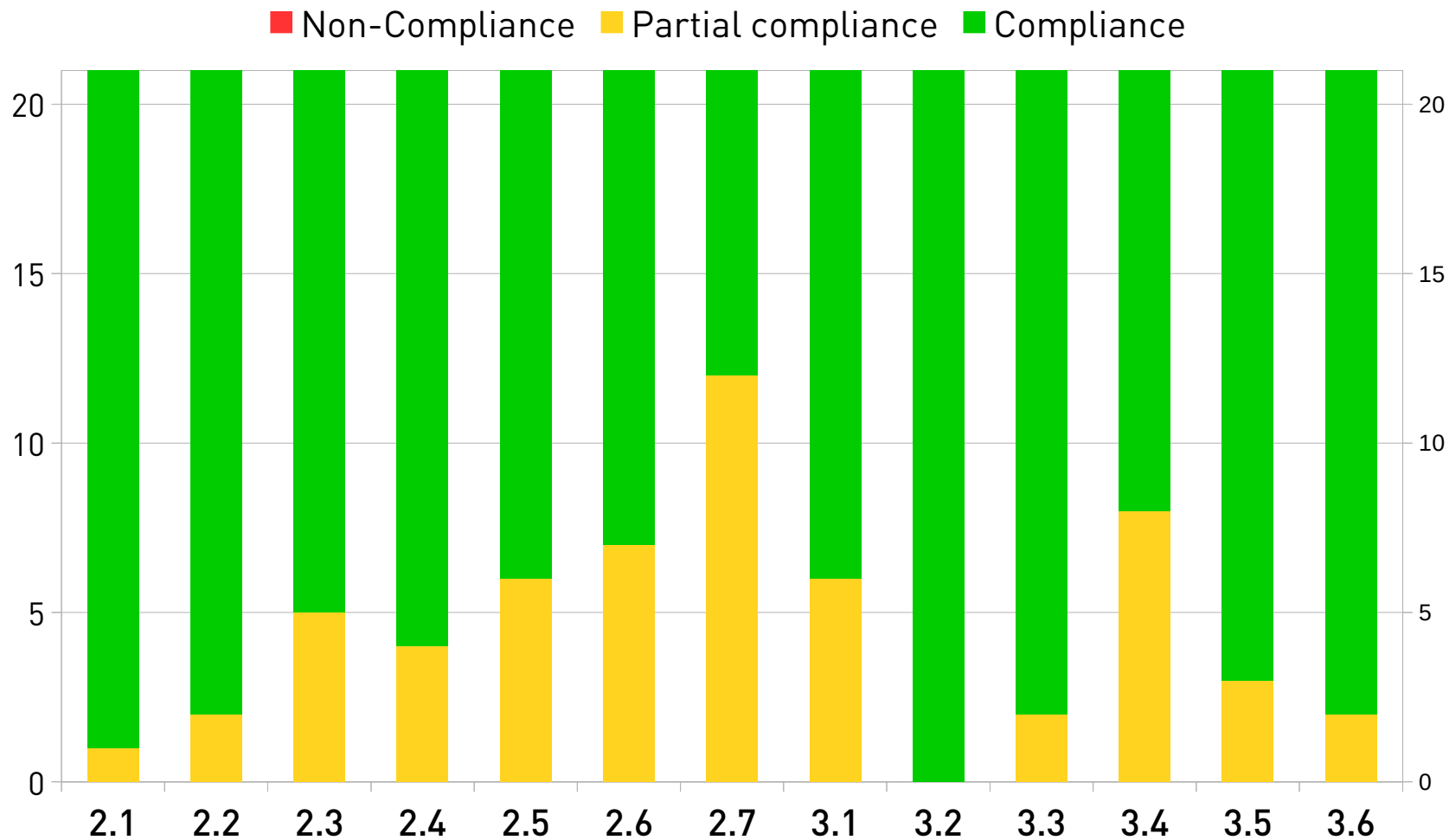
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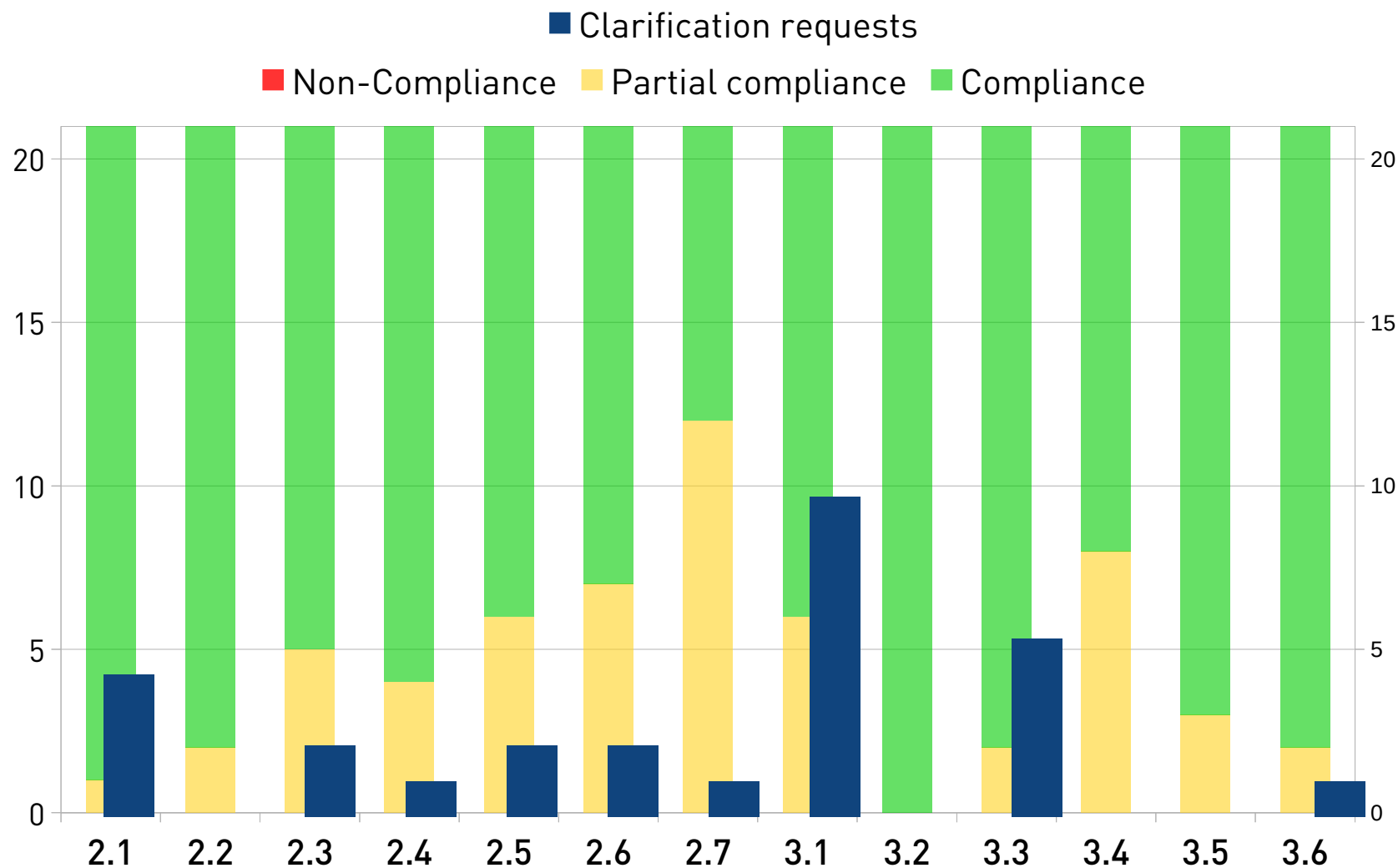
Which are the most challenging standards (partial compliance in > 25% of cases) for agencies?
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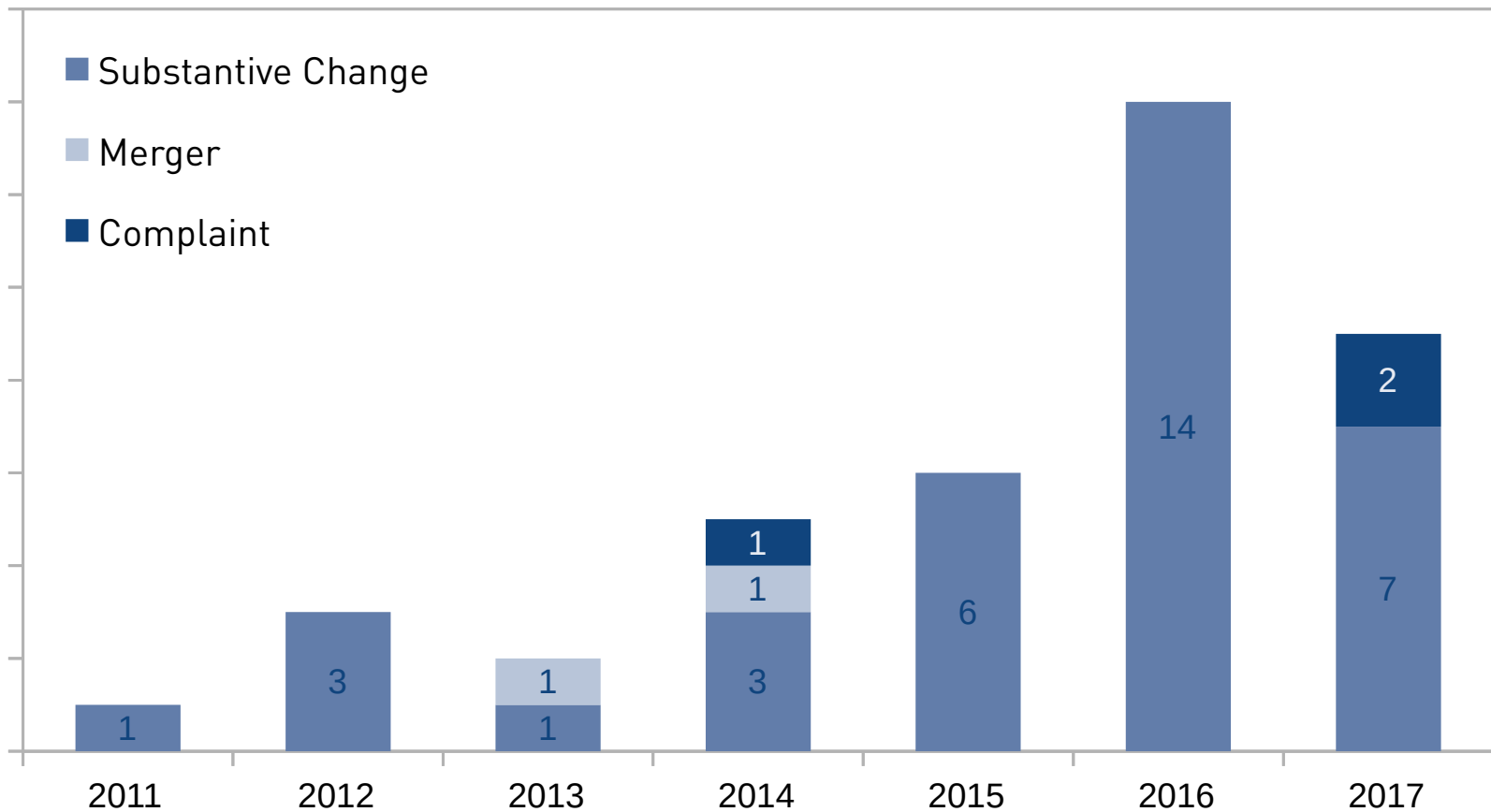
Register Committee conclusions



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Substantive Change Reports



Type of changes



Organisational identity	3
Organisational structure	7
New external QA activity	10
Changes to existing EQA activity	11
Discontinuation of activity	6

EQAR vision



“EQAR's vision is a coherent quality assurance framework for the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) in which higher education institutions have the freedom to turn to any EQAR-registered agency for their external quality assurance reviews, and in which qualifications are thus universally recognised.”



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- Keep the Register up-to-date, through the Register Committee
- Maintain a database of external QA results
- Ensure that monitoring instruments are known
- Publish information and analysis

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- Maintain public knowledge base on legal frameworks for external QA and cross-border recognition
- European Approach for QA of Joint Programmes
- Encourage EHEA governments to use the register to recognise external QA results
- Support (automatic) recognition of qualifications

Thank you for your attention!

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