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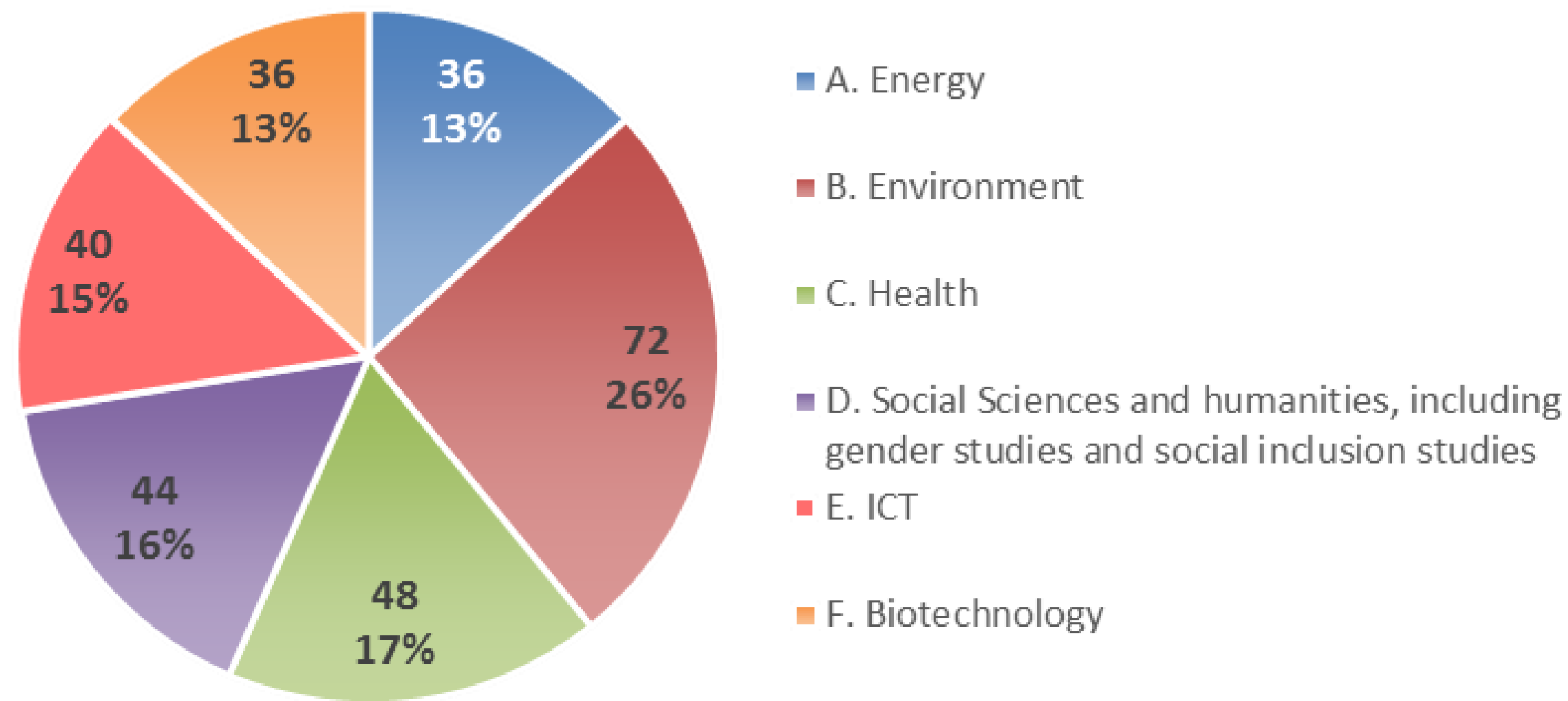


# 1. Generalities of the Call EEA Grants (CRP) - 2018

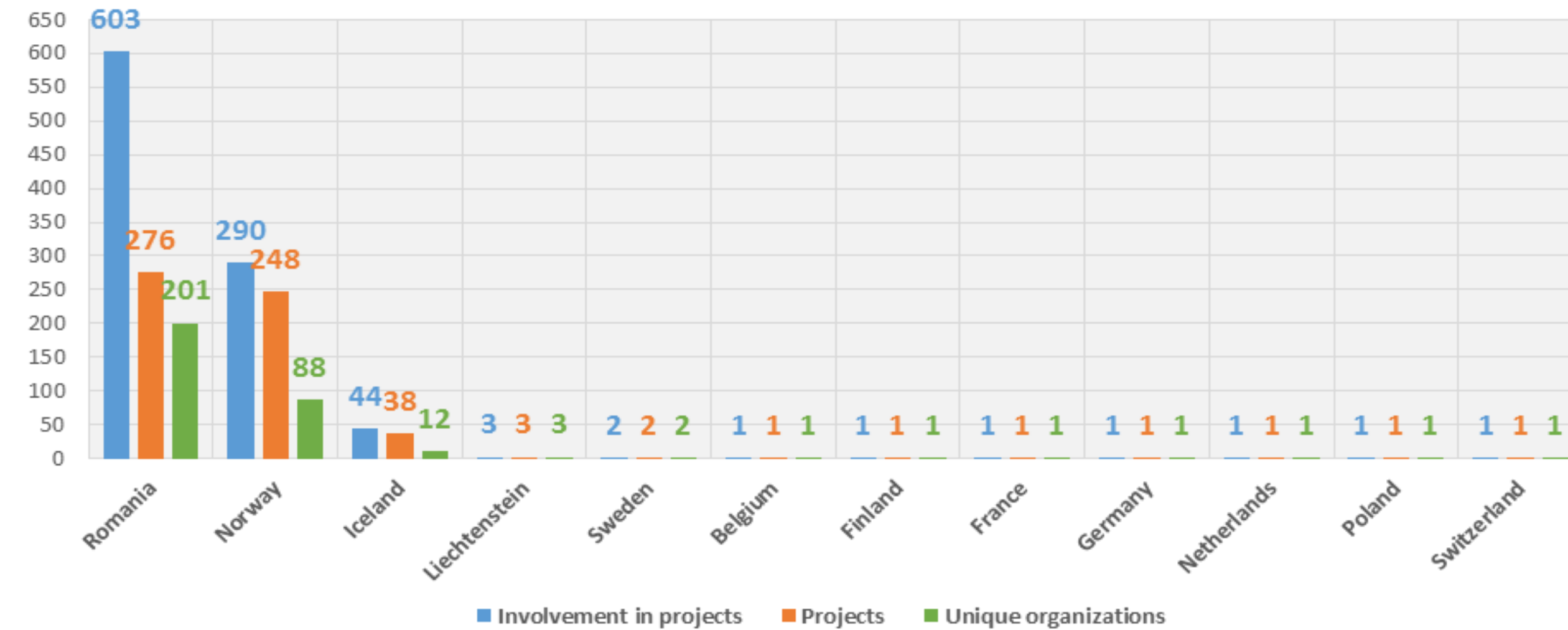
**Call budget: 16.312.500 Euros**

➤ 276 submitted project proposals

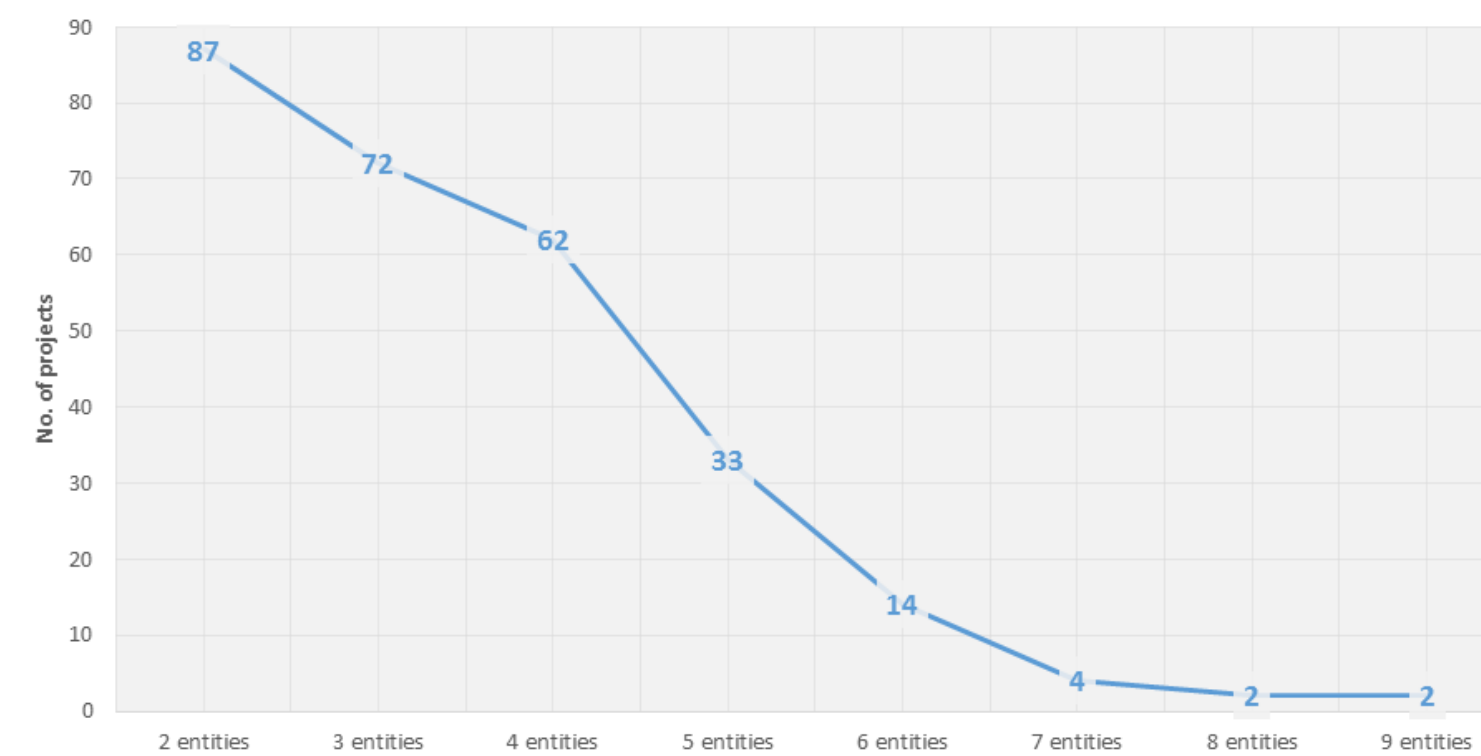
Submitted Projects Distribution by Main Thematic Area



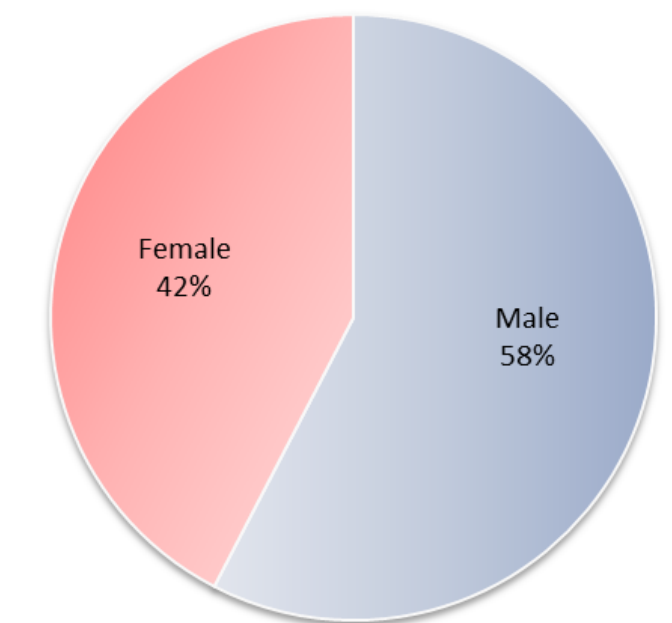
No. of Unique Organizations and Involvement in Projects by Country



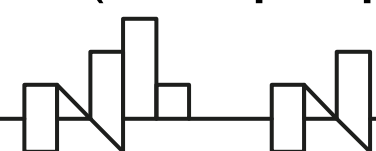
Consortium size



Gender of Principal Investigators



➤ 273 eligible project proposals  
(one proposal withdrawn during the evaluation process)

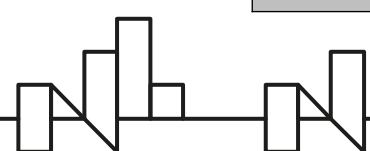


## 2. Selection of experts

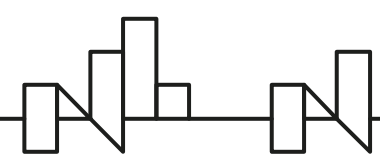
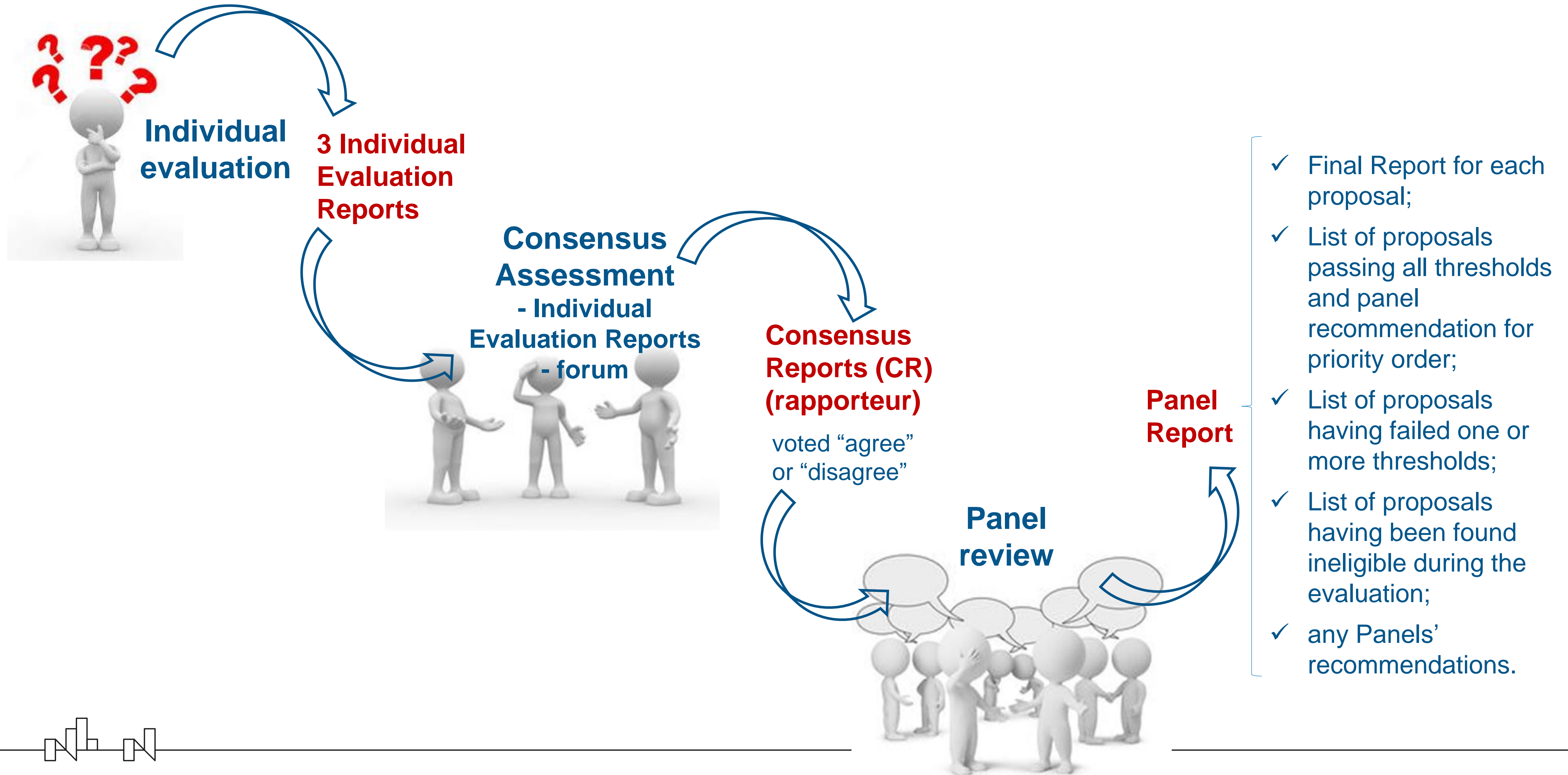
Experts from EU database and national db (brainmap.ro):

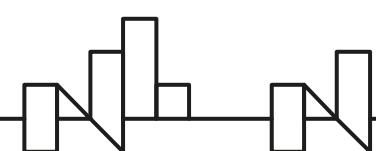
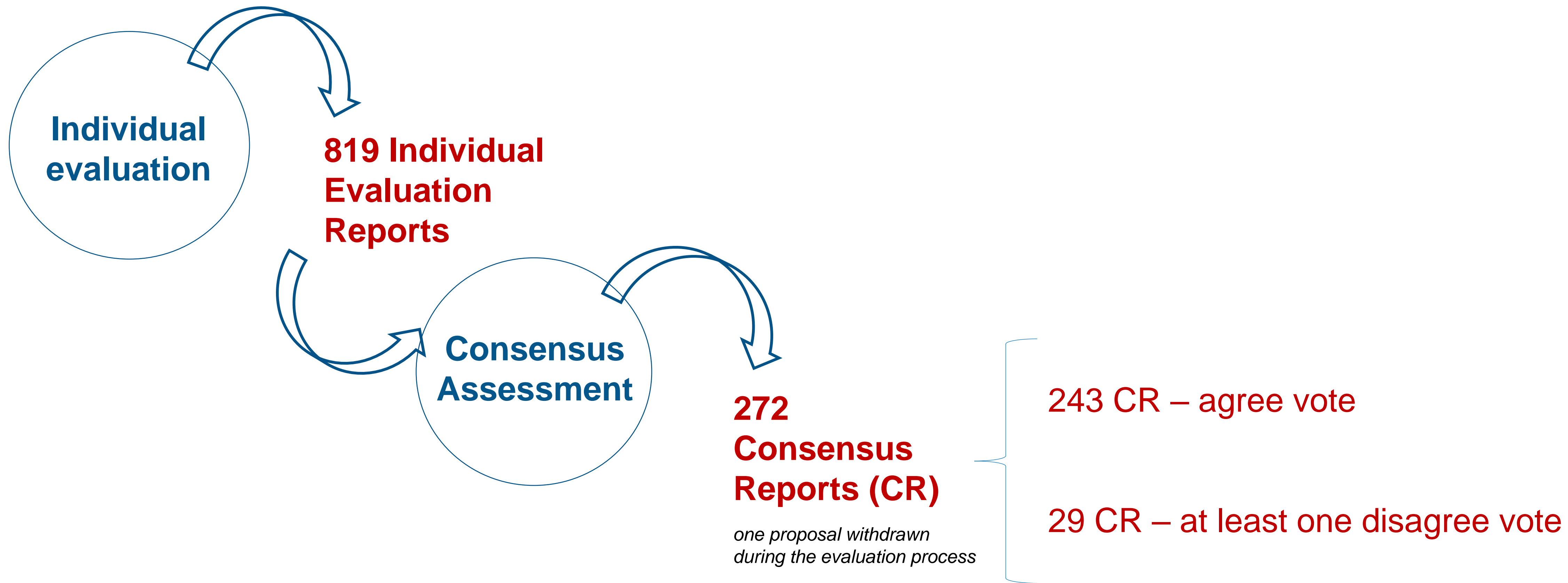
- experts from RO and Donor States not allowed;
- 10.043 experts identified in EU database and 103 in national database brainmap.ro (already used in national competitions);
- Cumulative selection criteria applied (PhD, at least 10 years of experience in research, scientific performance, Hirsch index higher than calculated median at each thematic area level, solid CVs, familiarized with international peer-review processes, etc);

Thematic Areas	Energy	Biotech	Environment	Health	ICT	SSH	Total	No of uploaded experts from EU database
No. Ev.Hirsch.	244	484	531	857	445	26	<b>2.587</b>	<b>10.043</b>
Hirsch min	1	0	0	1	0	1		
Hirsch max	62	106	79	106	111	24		
Hirsch average	17,33	24,38	21,63	25,66	16,7	7,08		
<b>Median Hirsch</b>	<b>15,5</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>		
<b>Threshold Hirsch</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>			



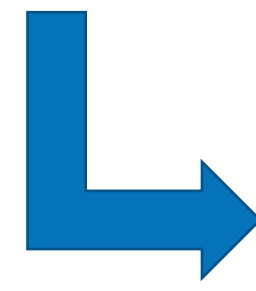
### 3. Evaluation process







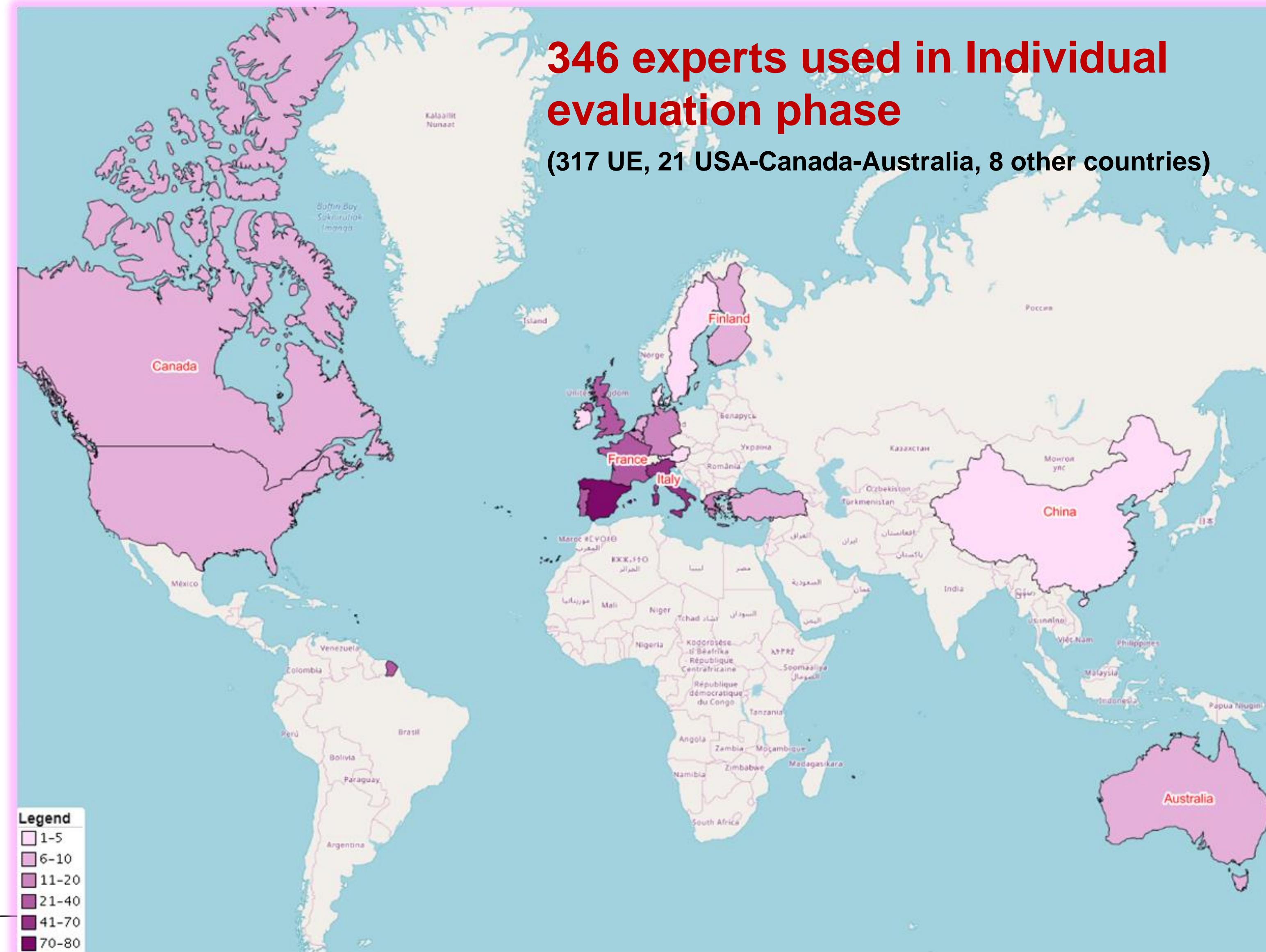
# Individual evaluation



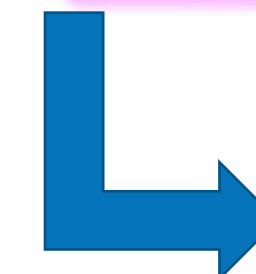
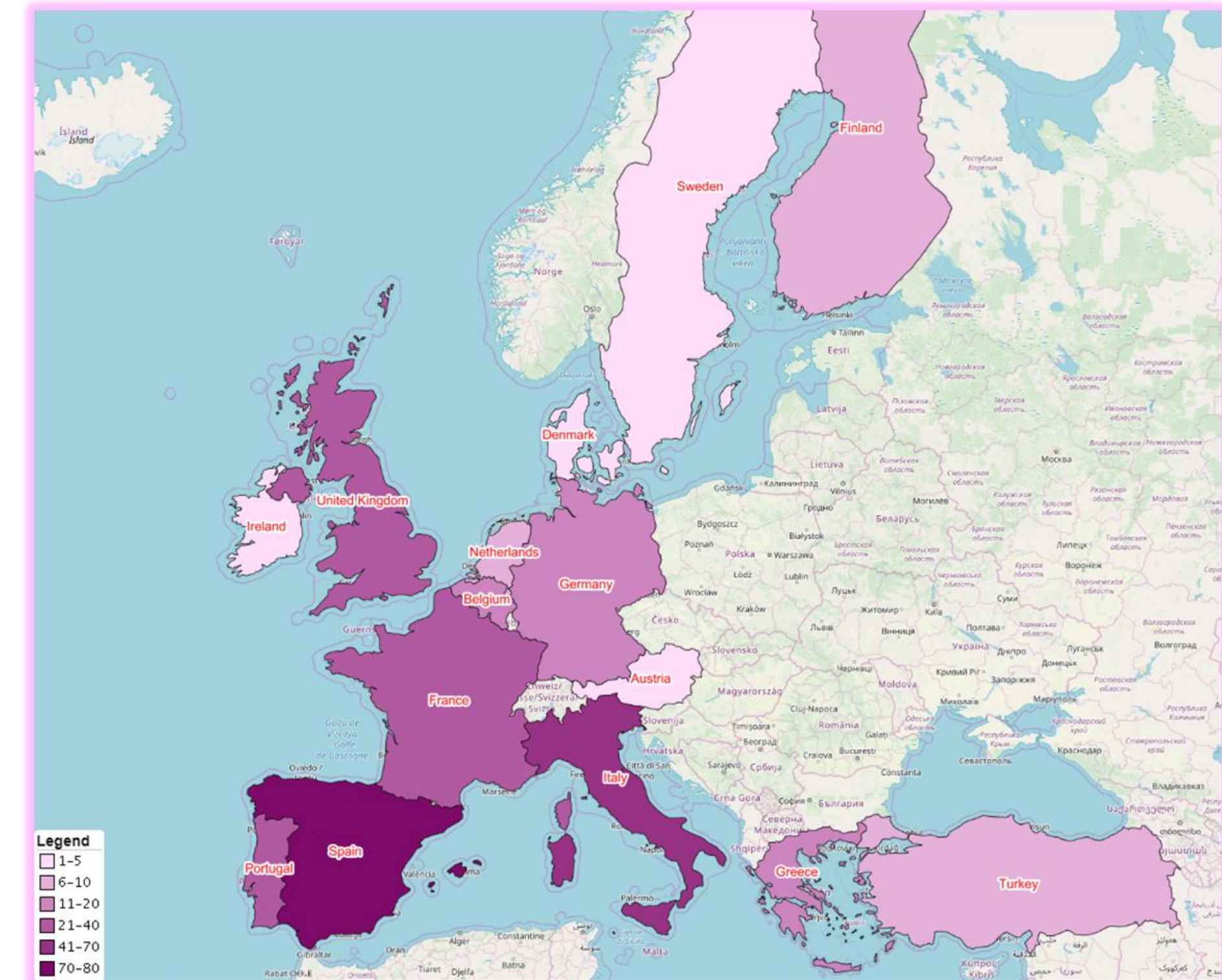
1.411 experts from EU database + 103 experts from national db invited in evaluation process  
out of which **623 available**

## 346 experts used in Individual evaluation phase

(317 UE, 21 USA-Canada-Australia, 8 other countries)



## Reviewers by their work country – Europe zoom

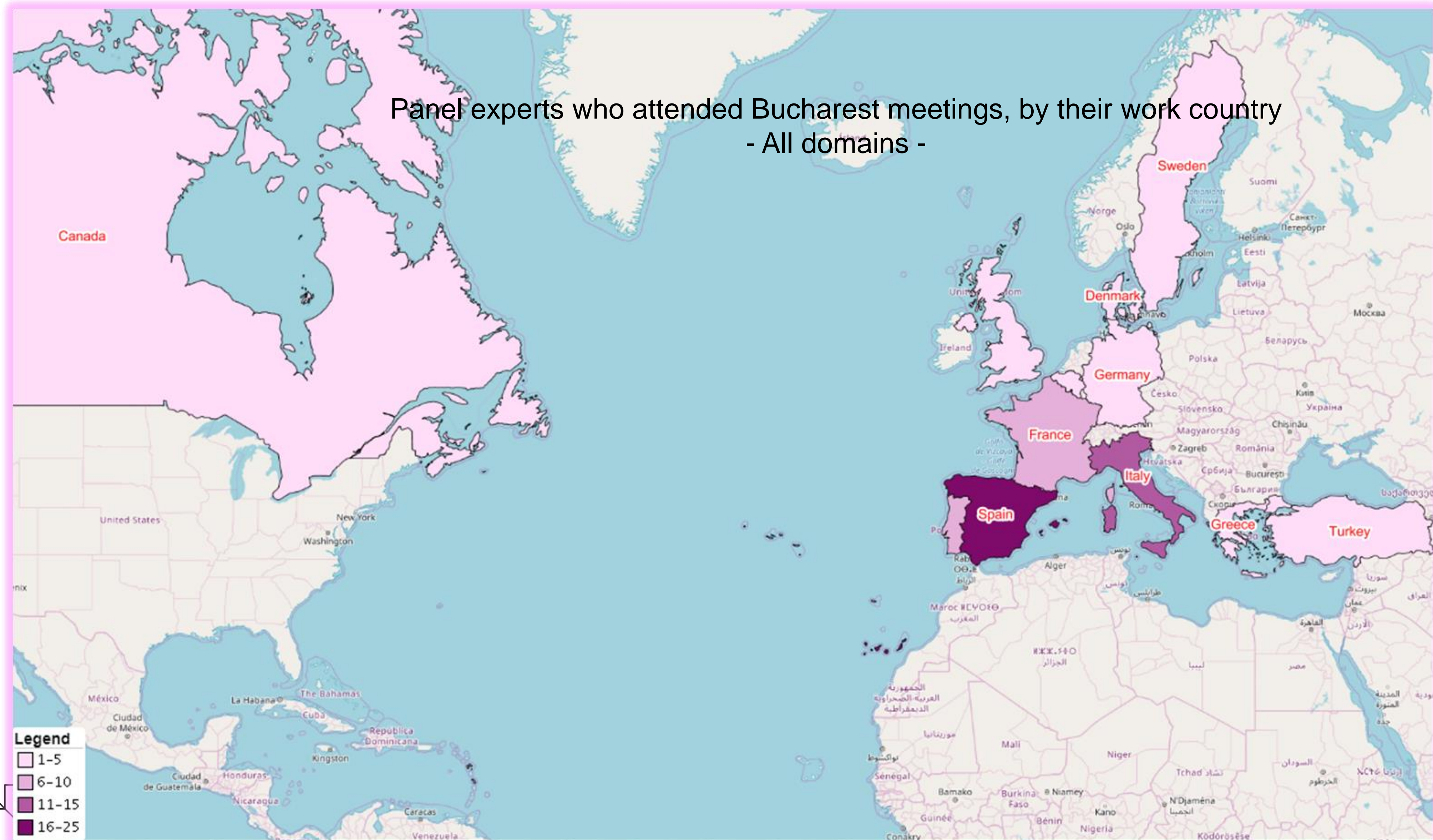


**819 Individual Evaluation Reports**

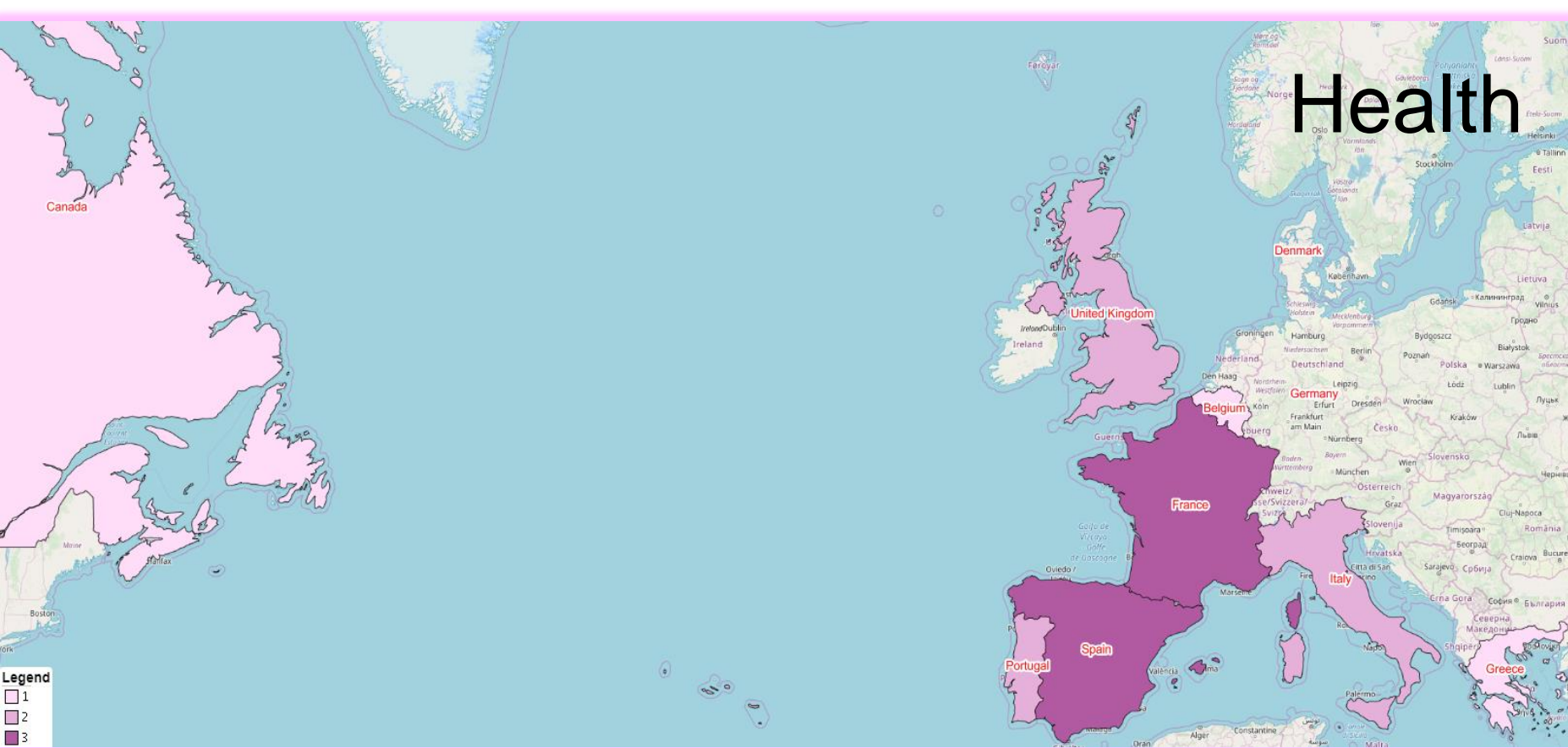


## Panel Review

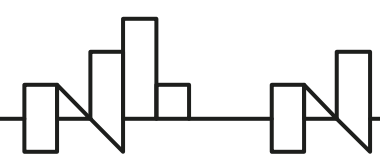
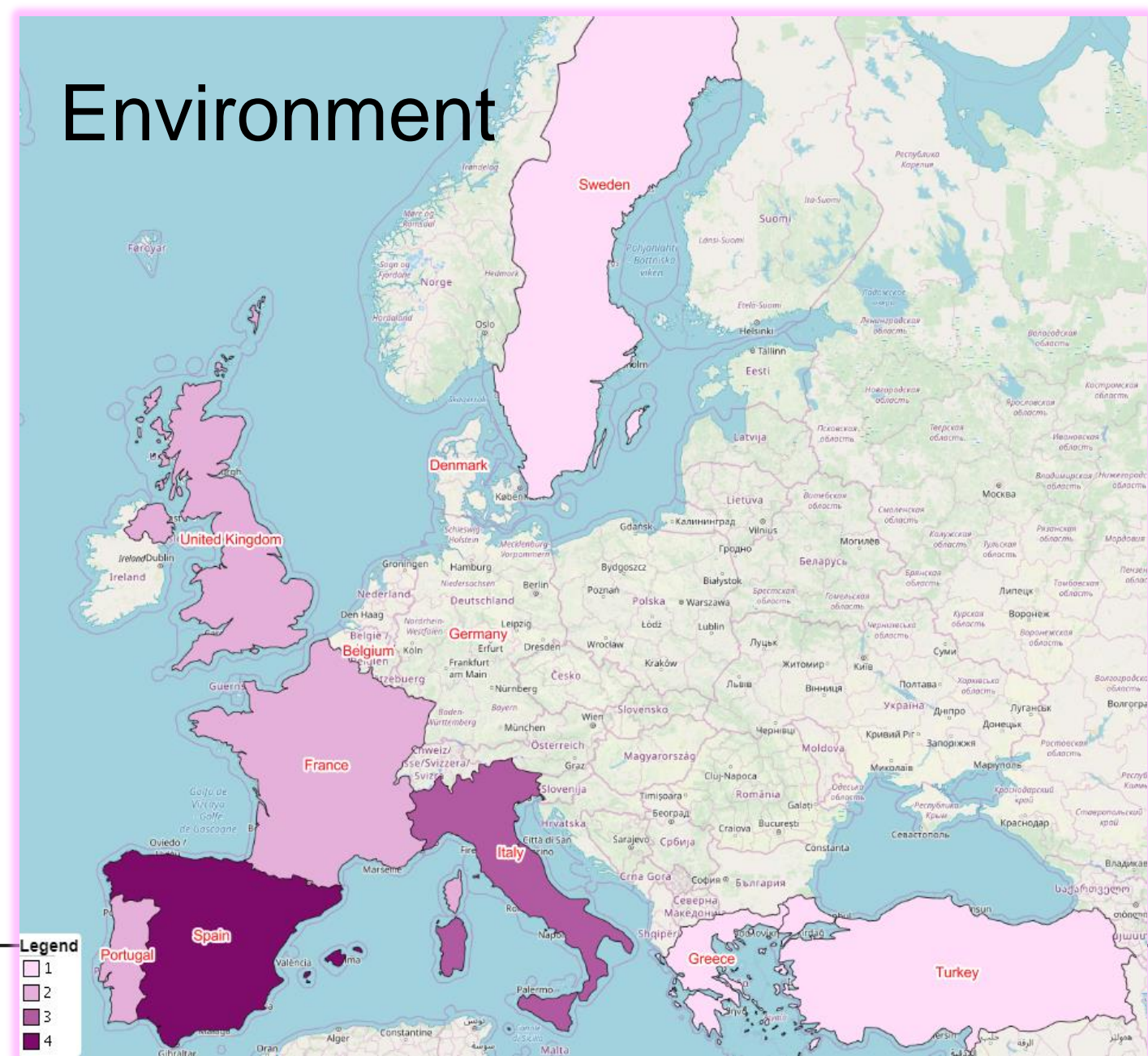
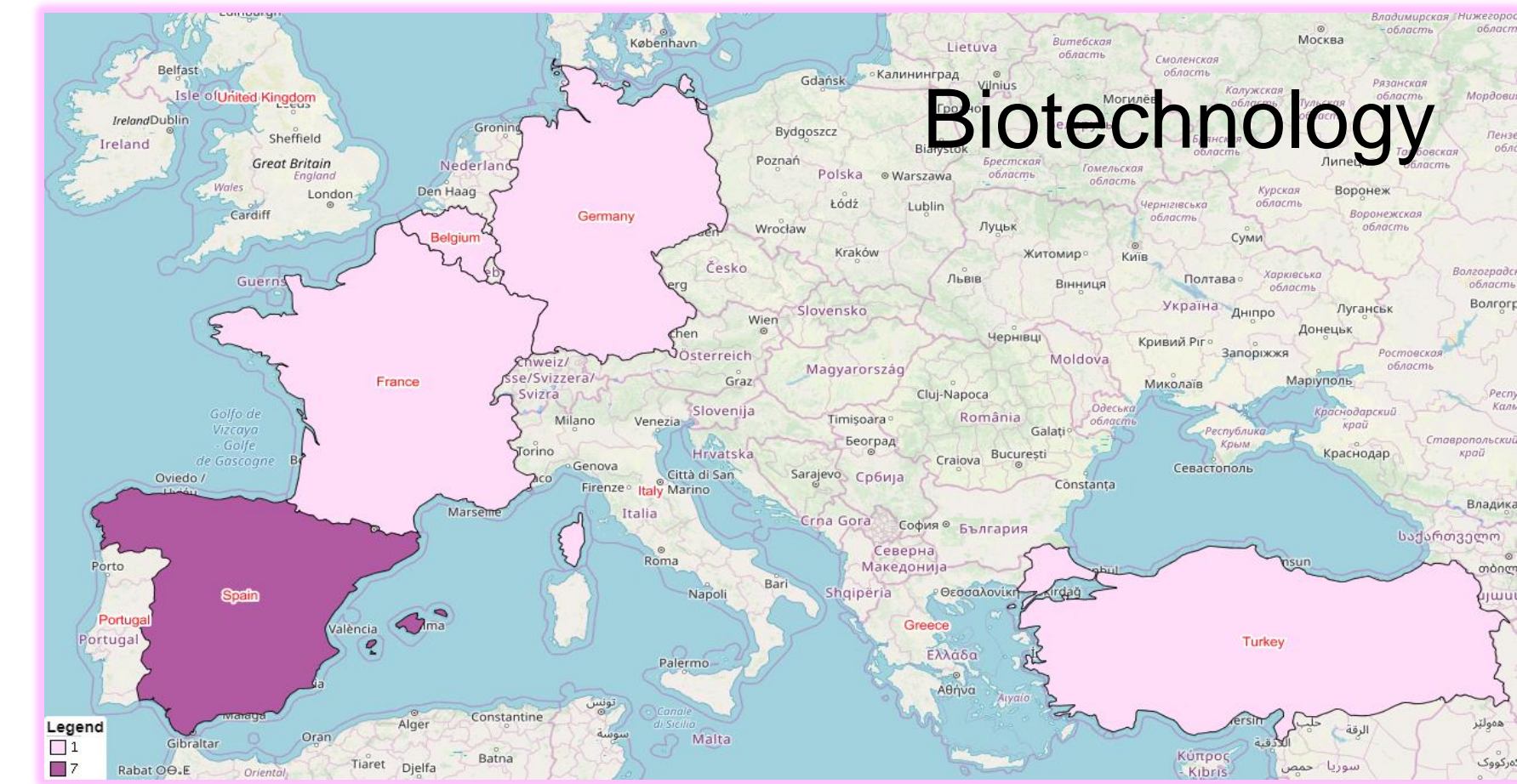
- **163 Rapporteurs** used in Consensus Assessment phase, invited to panel meetings
- 6 panel meetings in Bucharest, 12-19 February (74 rapporteurs in place and 66 online)







Panel experts who attended meetings in Bucharest by their work country/thematic area





### *Appreciations from experts:*

*“I want to make my appreciation for the organization of the evaluation system. I cooperate with various national institutions but your electronic system is the most advanced and also the most aligned to EU standards (for some aspects maybe even later).”*

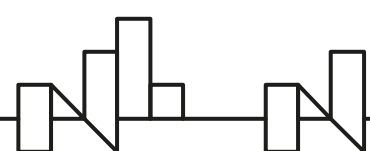
*“Thank you for the professionalism during the evaluation process and for organizing a very efficient panel meeting. It was a very fair and democratic evaluation.”*

*“It is always a pleasure taking part in your evaluation. Actually, I thoroughly enjoyed as I feel it is the most objective evaluation I take part. I wish in Greece things were also like this. Congratulations on an excellent procedure.”*

*“I would like to express my thanks for all your efforts in organizing the project selection, from the remote evaluation to the good condition of working on-site in panel meeting.”*

### *Recommendations from experts:*

- *“There are a lot of very good projects which cannot be financed due to the reduced call budget.”*
- *“In order to have a higher social impact, several projects with smaller budgets should be funded.”*
- *“For a better understanding of a domain at national level, during the panel meetings, the involvement of Romanian experts is needed.”*

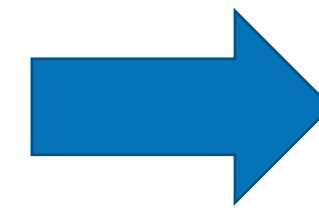




## 4. Award of project grants

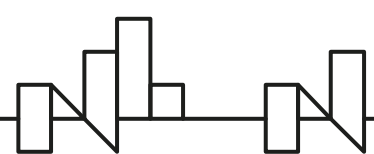
### **What PO have done**

- ✓ **to prepare the preliminary ranking lists, one for each thematic area and one for proposals addressed key topic “Roma inclusion and empowerment”, split out in 3 sections:**
  - ✓ **proposals passing all thresholds and panel recommendation for priority order;**
  - ✓ **proposals having failed one or more thresholds;**
  - ✓ **proposals having been found ineligible during the evaluation;**
- ✓ **to give access to PC to evaluated proposals, individual reviews, consensus reports and panel reports;**



### **The role of PC**

- ✓ **to decide about the final ranking order of the proposals on the basis of total consensus scores assigned to the projects and the panel reports**
- ✓ **to apply the following criteria within the groups of equally scored proposals for each thematic area:**
  - ✓ **Bilateral cooperation;**
  - ✓ **Gender balance in the project**
  - ✓ **Young researchers**
- ✓ **to take into consideration the overall quality of the proposals (ranking lists), a similar success rate for each thematic area and the total earmarked budget to the call, in order to make recommendation for funding**





## 4. Award of project grants

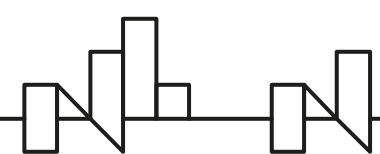
### **Role of PC**

- ✓ To approve the Final ranking list
- ✓ To propose minor budget cuts uniformly across all projects, if case



### **Role of PO**

- ✓ May apply minor budget cuts uniformly across all projects, not exceeding 3% the requested budget (according Guideline for Research Programme)
- ✓ To make a Reserve list
- ✓ To publish the lists of selected projects on website





## 6. Panels' activity

# Thematic Area: ICT

### 38 Consensus Reports:

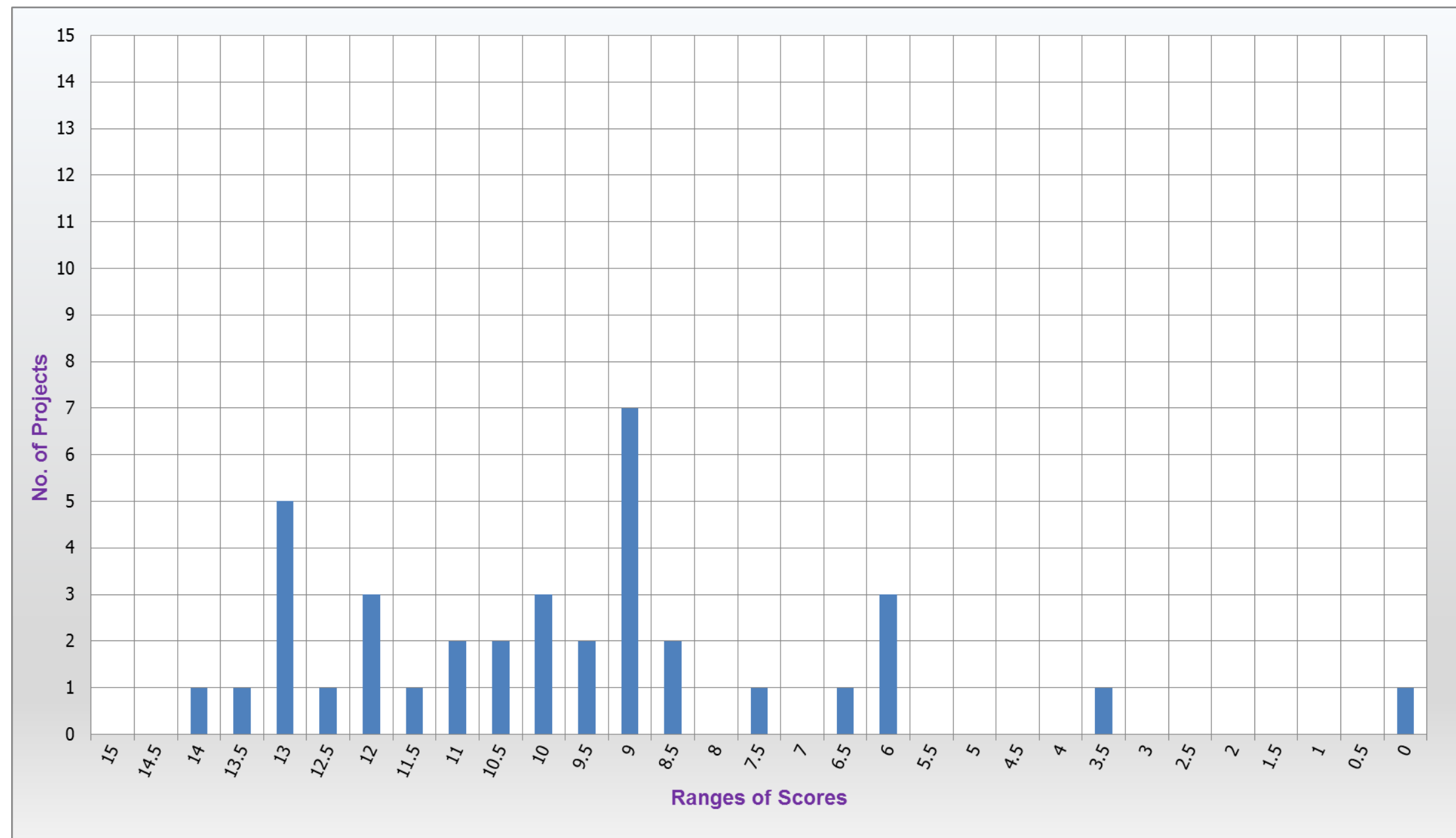
32 Consensus Reports voted "agree" by all 3 experts

6 Consensus Reports with at least one "disagree" vote

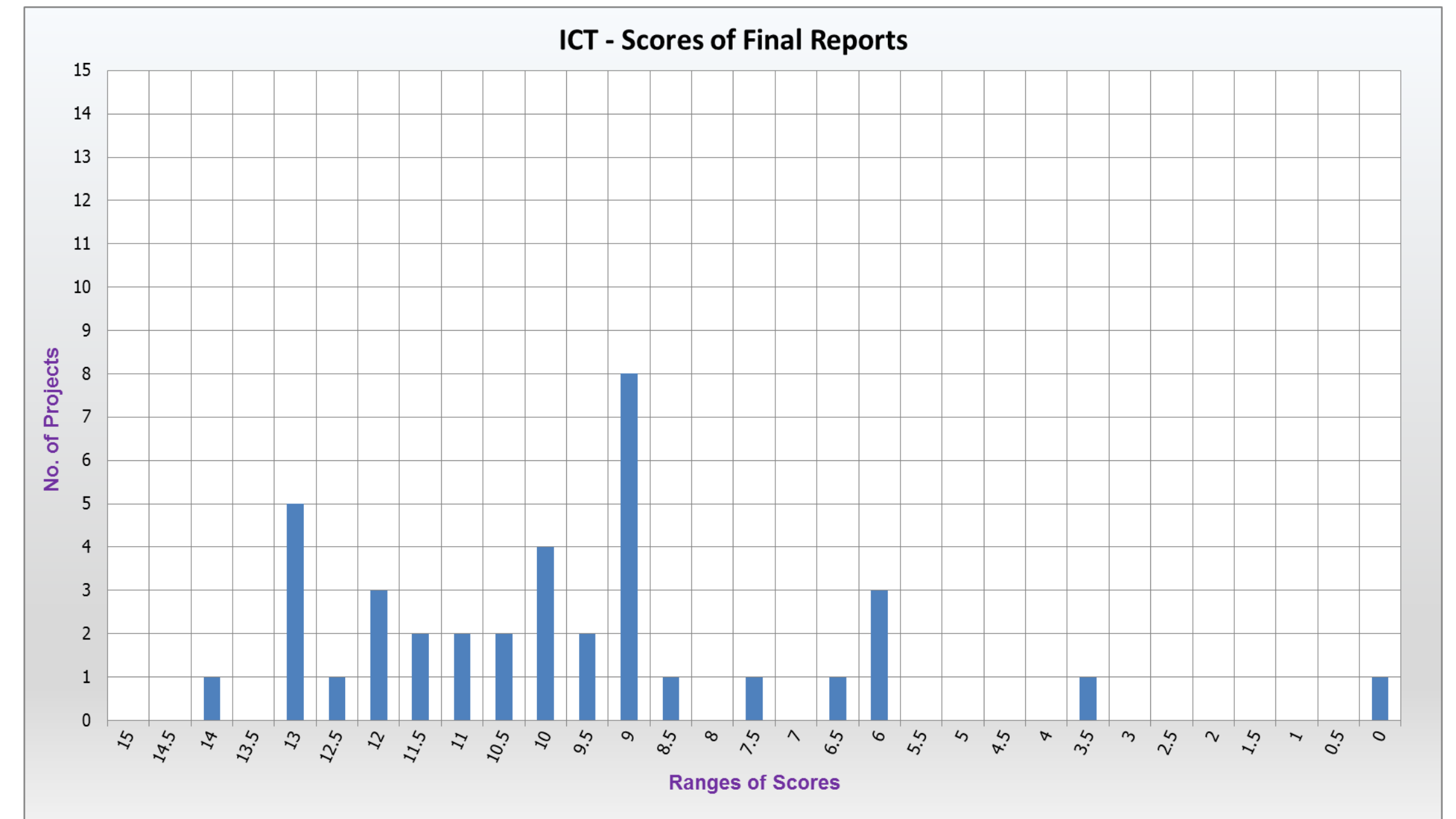
**Number of evaluated proposals: 38**

**Number of international experts: 50**

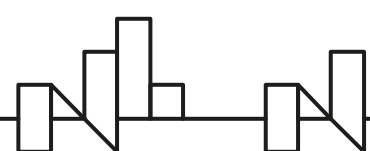
**Number of rapporteurs: 22, out of which 20 from EU**



Range of scores before panel meeting



Range of scores after panel meeting





# Thematic Area: ICT

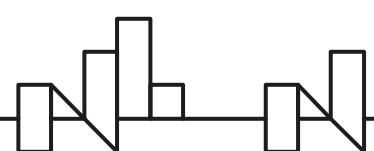
*Estimated number of funded project: 2*

## Conclusions of the panel meeting:

- 35 proposals with the score unmodified
- 2 proposals with modified score (one increased score, one decreased score)
- one proposal declared ineligible

- **27 proposals on the List of proposals passing all thresholds**
- **10 proposals on the List of proposals having failed one or more thresholds**
- **1 proposal on the List having been found ineligible during the evaluation**

- ✓ **one proposal scored 14,00 points**
- ✓ **5 proposals scored 13,00 points**





# Thematic Area: Energy

## 36 Consensus Reports:

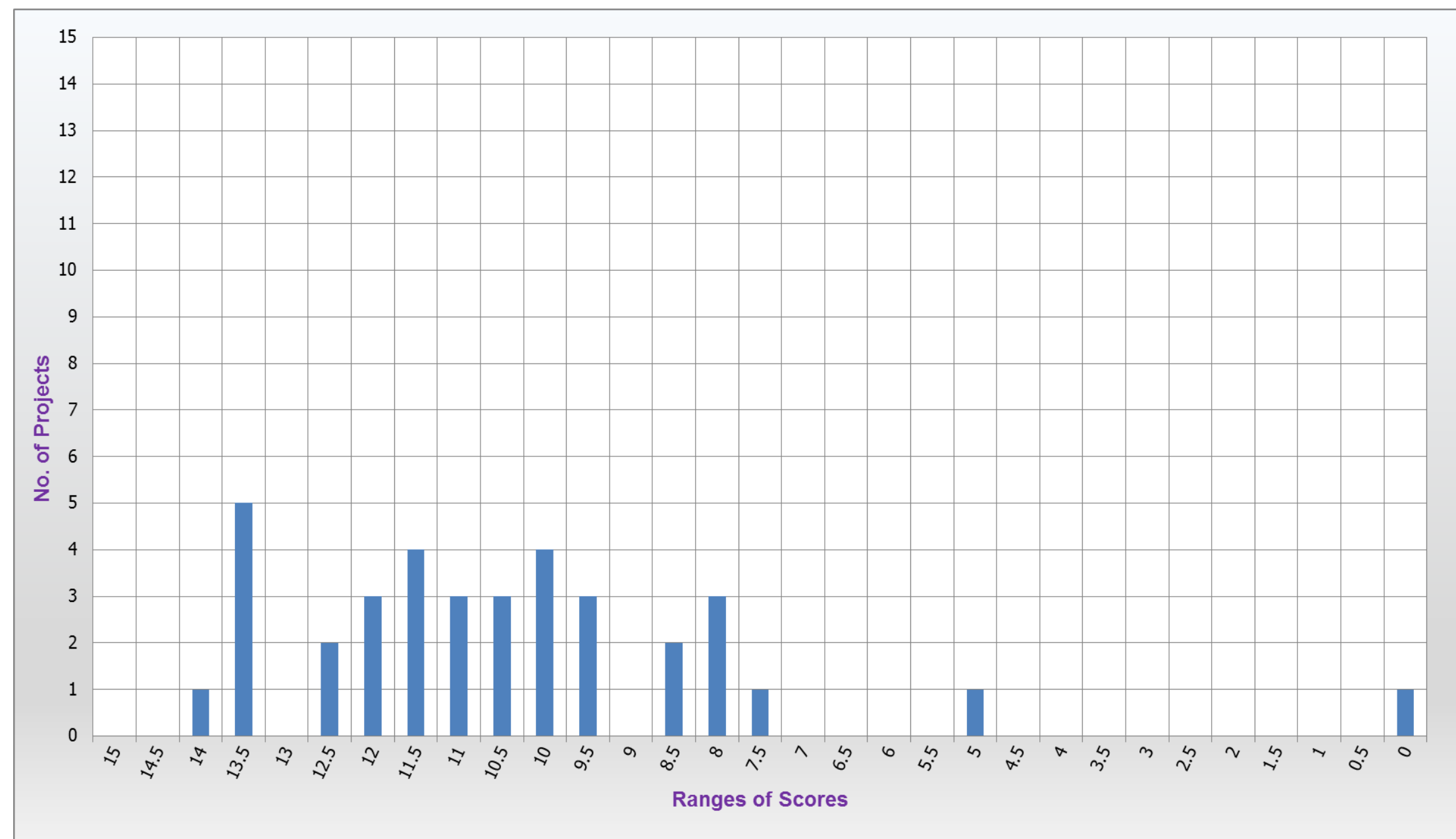
33 Consensus Reports voted “agree” by all 3 experts

3 Consensus Reports with at least one “disagree” vote

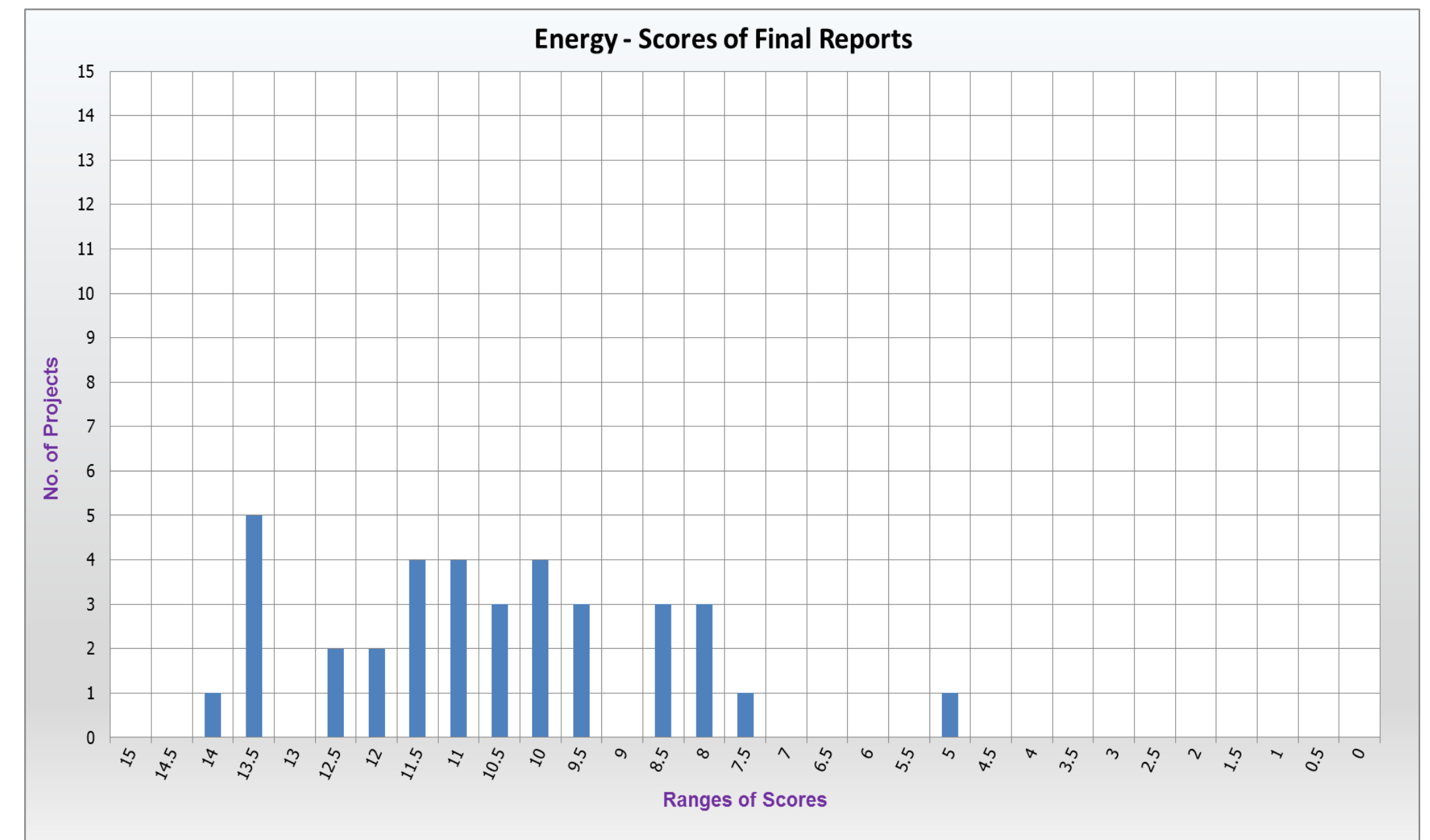
Number of evaluated proposals: 36

Number of international experts: 40

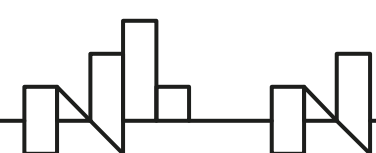
Number of rapporteurs: 21, out of which 19 from EU



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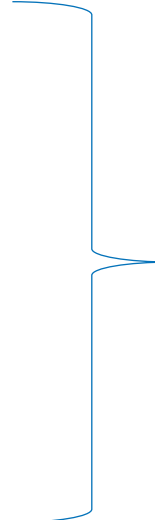
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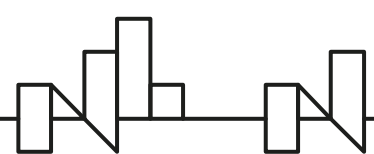
*Estimated number of funded project: 1*

## Conclusions of the panel meeting:

- 35 proposals with the score unmodified
- one proposal with decreased score

- ✓ **one proposal scored 14,00 points**
- ✓ **5 proposals scored 13,50 points**

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- **27 proposals on the List of proposals passing all thresholds**
  - **9 proposals on the List of proposals having failed one or more thresholds**





# Thematic Area: Environment

## 71 Consensus Reports:

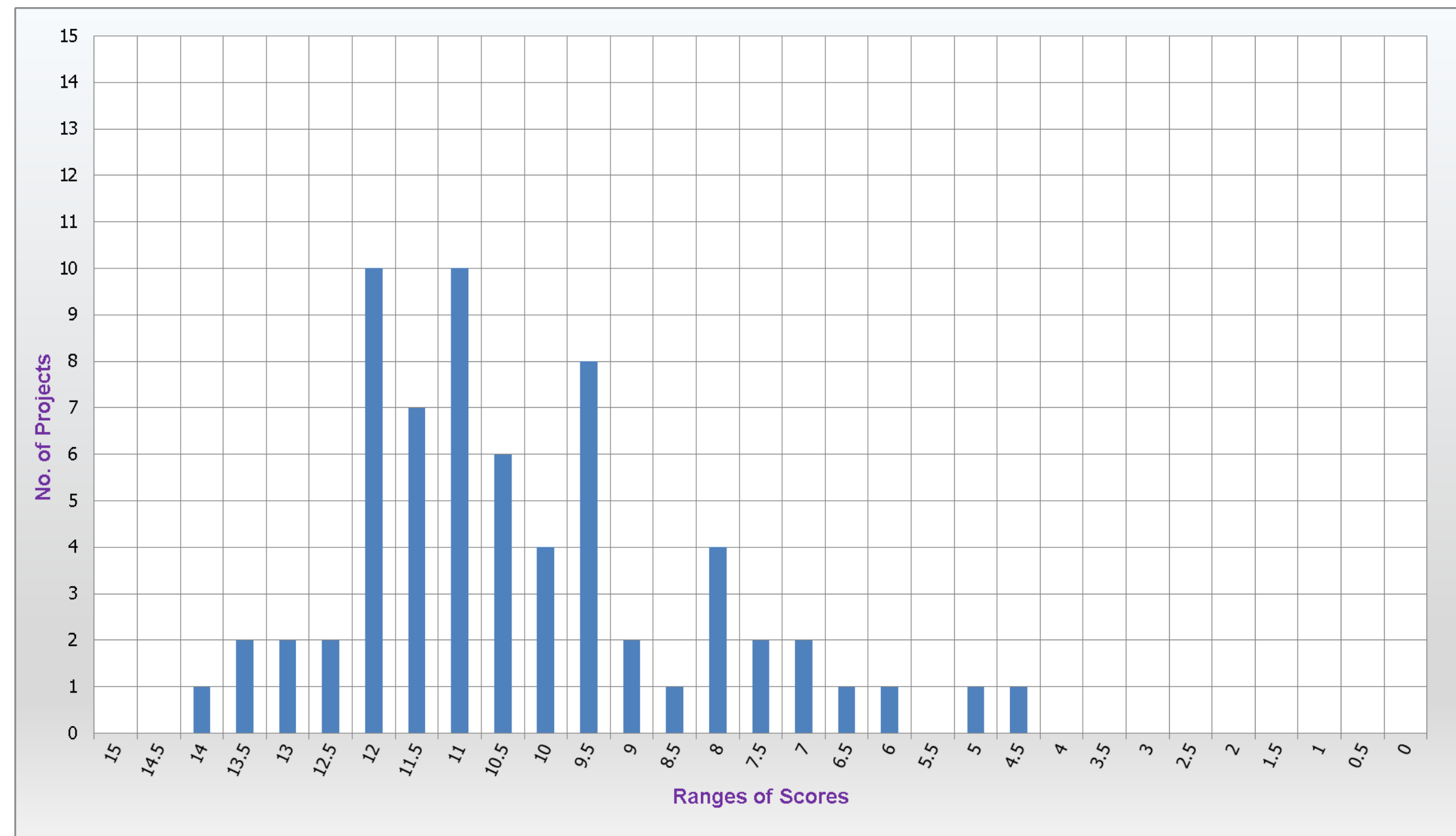
66 Consensus Reports voted “agree” by all 3 experts

5 Consensus Reports with at least one “disagree” vote  
(2 with one additional expert)

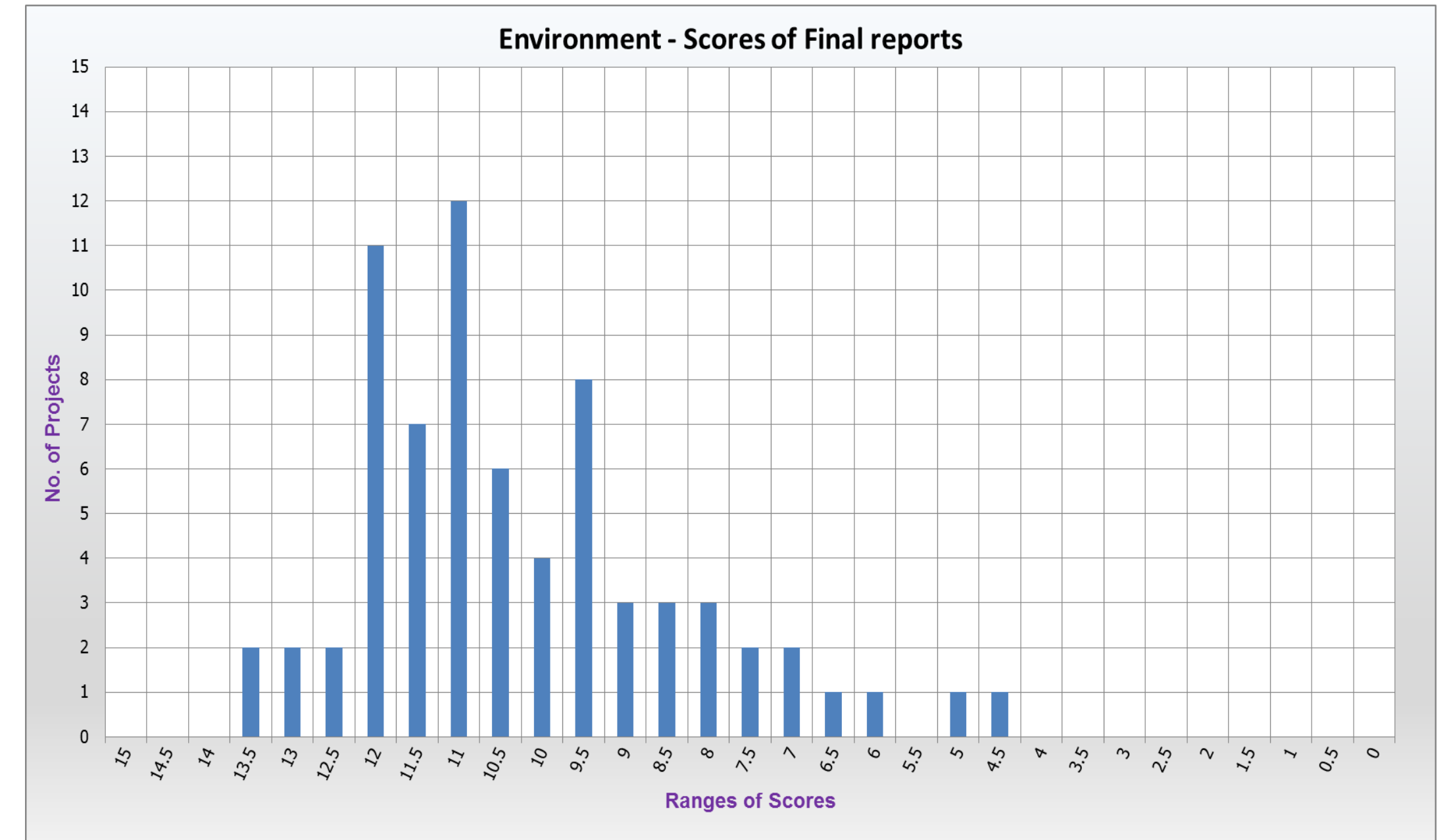
**Number of evaluated proposals: 71**

**Number of international experts: 92**

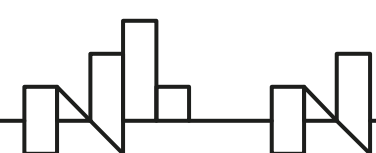
**Number of rapporteurs: 44, out of which 42 from EU**



Range of scores before panel meeting



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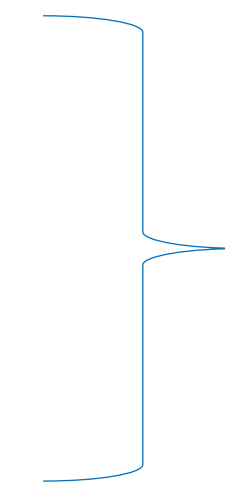


# Thematic Area: Environment

*Estimated number of funded project: 3*

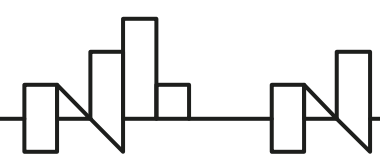
## Conclusions of the panel meeting:

- 63 proposals with the score unmodified
- 8 proposals with modified score:
  - One increased score
  - 7 decreased score



- **51 proposals on the List of proposals passing all thresholds**
- **20 proposals on the List of proposals having failed one or more thresholds**

- ✓ **2 proposals scored 13,50 points**
- ✓ **2 proposals scored 13,00 points**





# Thematic Area: Health (including 2 applications addressing Roma)

## 47 Consensus Reports:

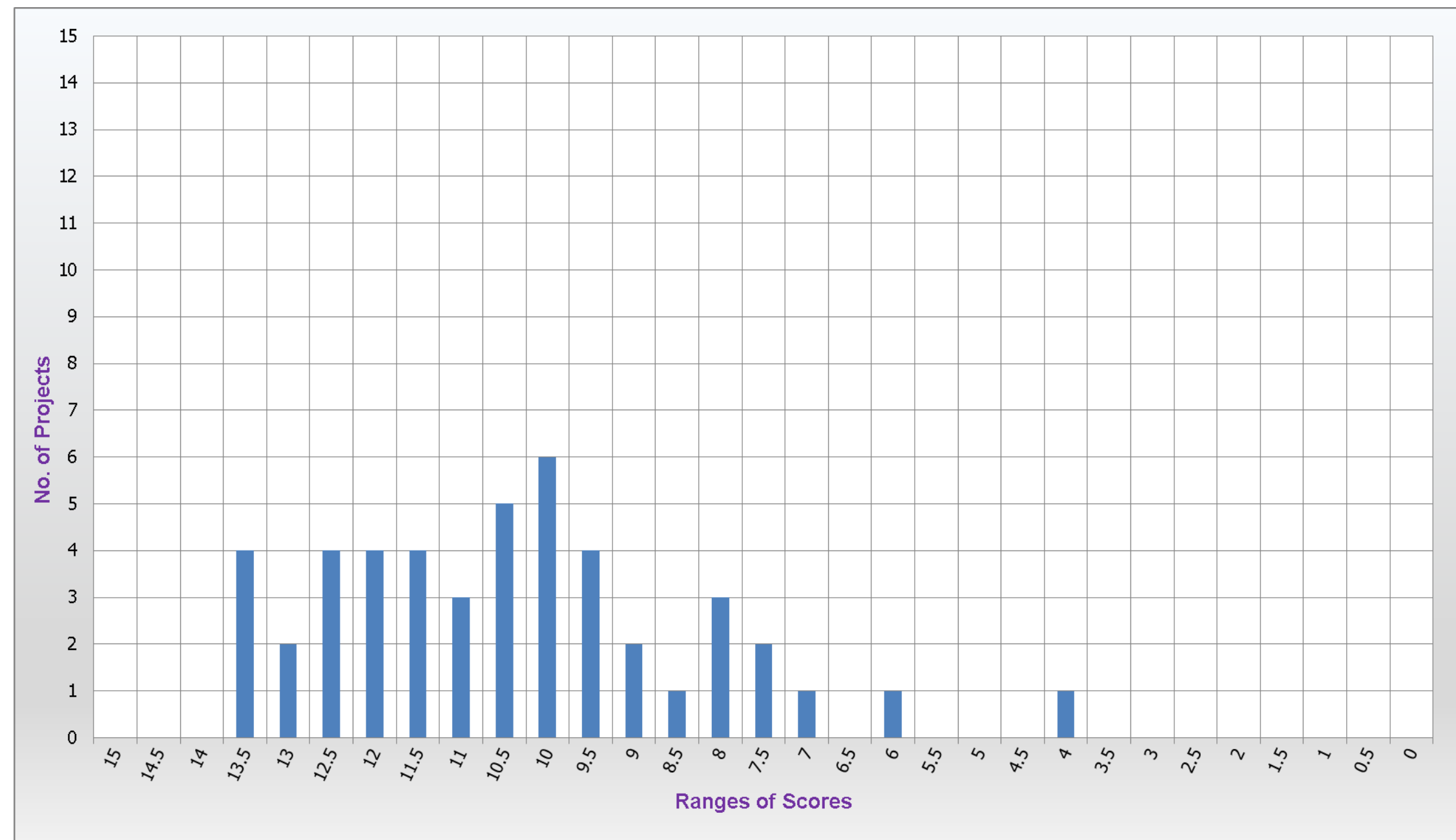
43 Consensus Reports voted “agree” by all 3 experts

4 Consensus Reports with at least one “disagree” vote  
(3 with one additional expert)

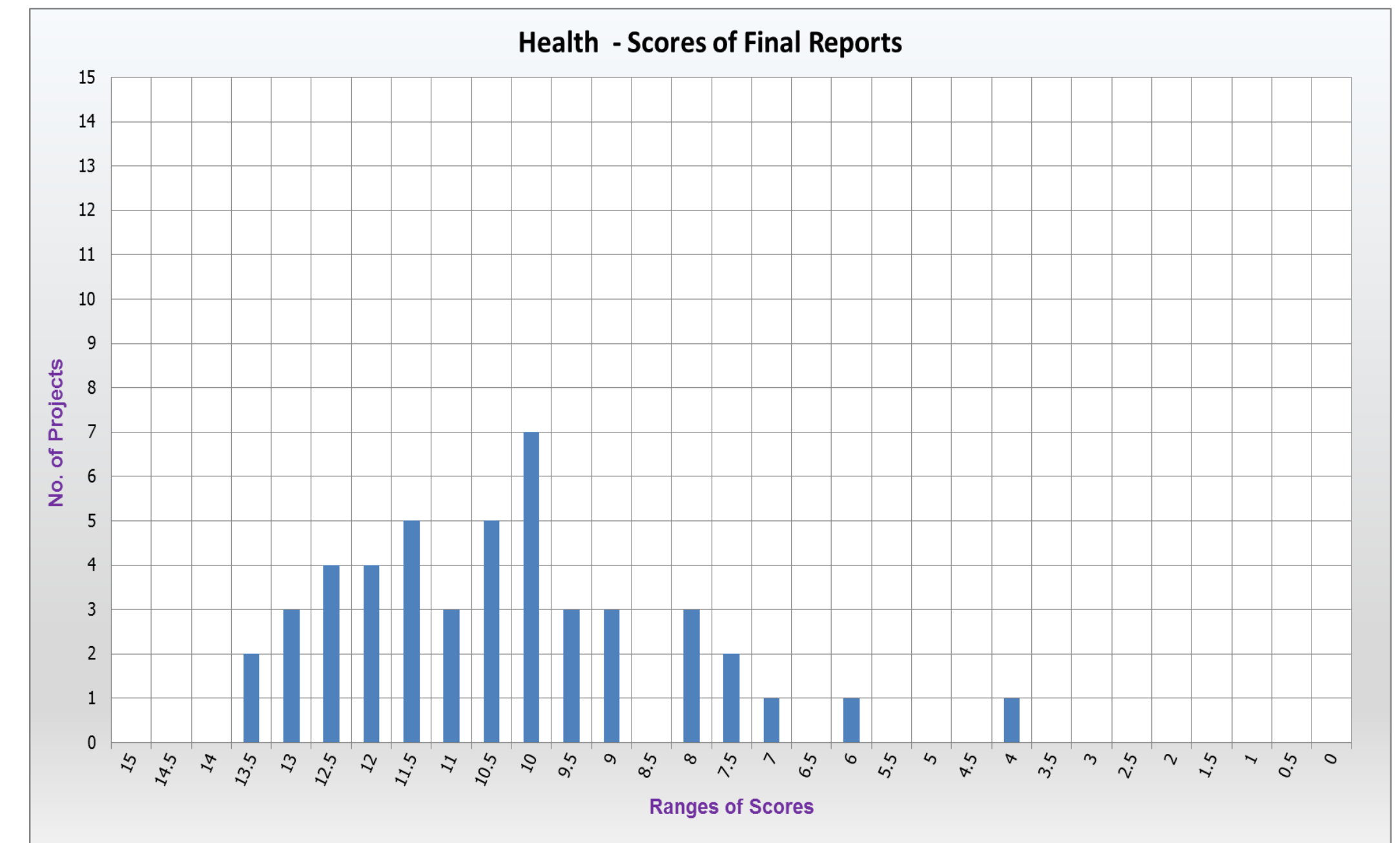
**Number of evaluated proposals: 47**

**Number of international experts: 84**

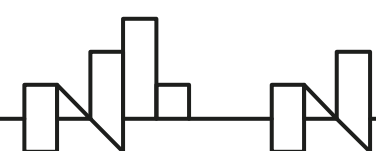
**Number of rapporteurs: 29, out of which 26 from EU**



Range of scores before panel meeting



Range of scores after panel meeting



# Thematic Area: Health (including 2 applications addressed Roma)

*Estimated number of funded project: 2*

## Conclusions of the panel meeting:

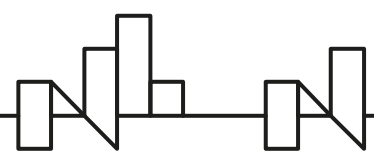
- 41 proposals with the score unmodified
- 6 proposals with modified score:
  - One increased score
  - 5 decreased score

➤ **38 proposals on the List of proposals passing all thresholds**

➤ **9 proposals on the List of proposals having failed one or more thresholds**

✓ **2 proposals scored 13,50 points**

✓ **3 proposals scored 13,00 points**





# Thematic Area: SSH (including 10 applications addressing Roma)

## 44 Consensus Reports:

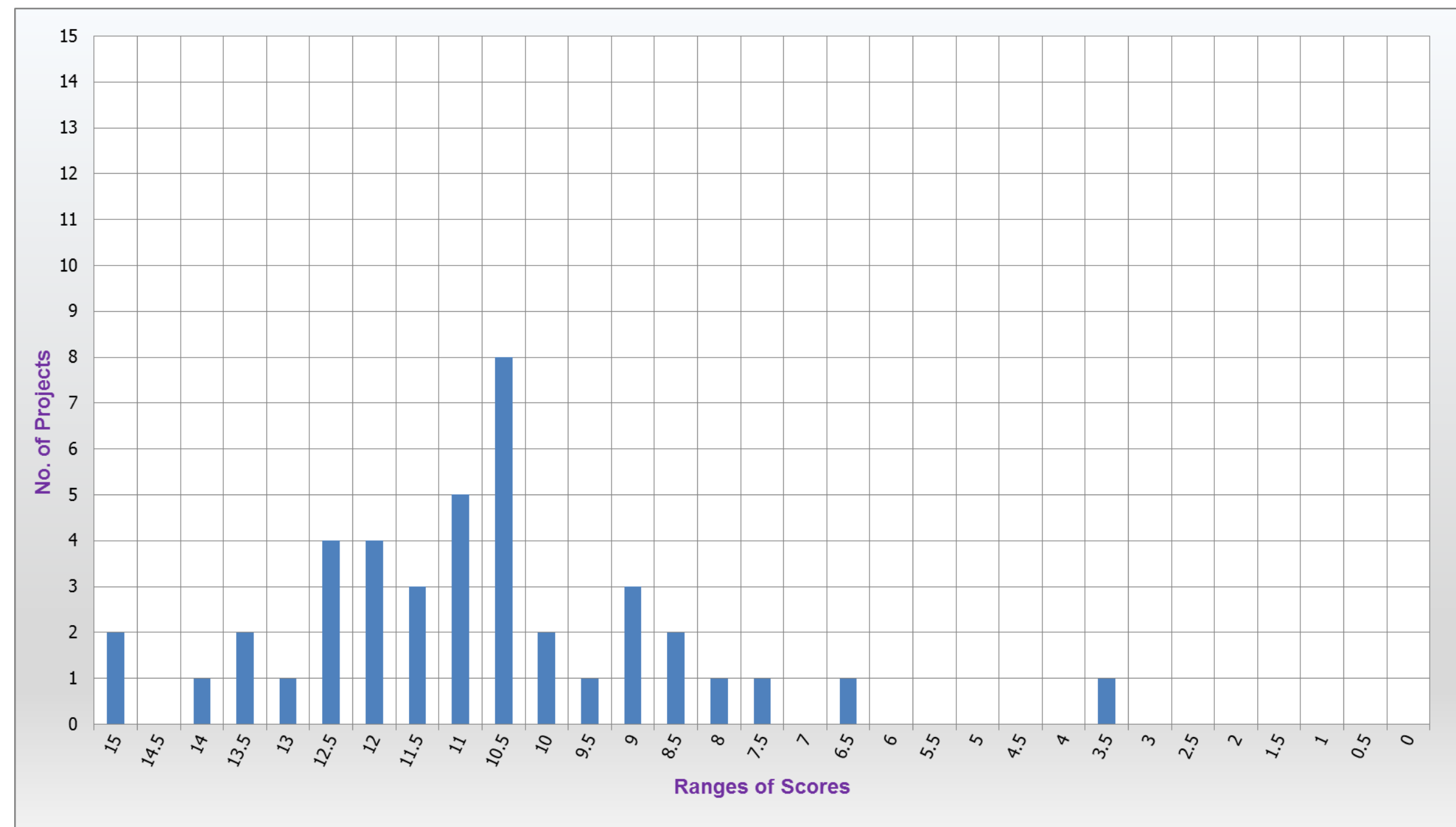
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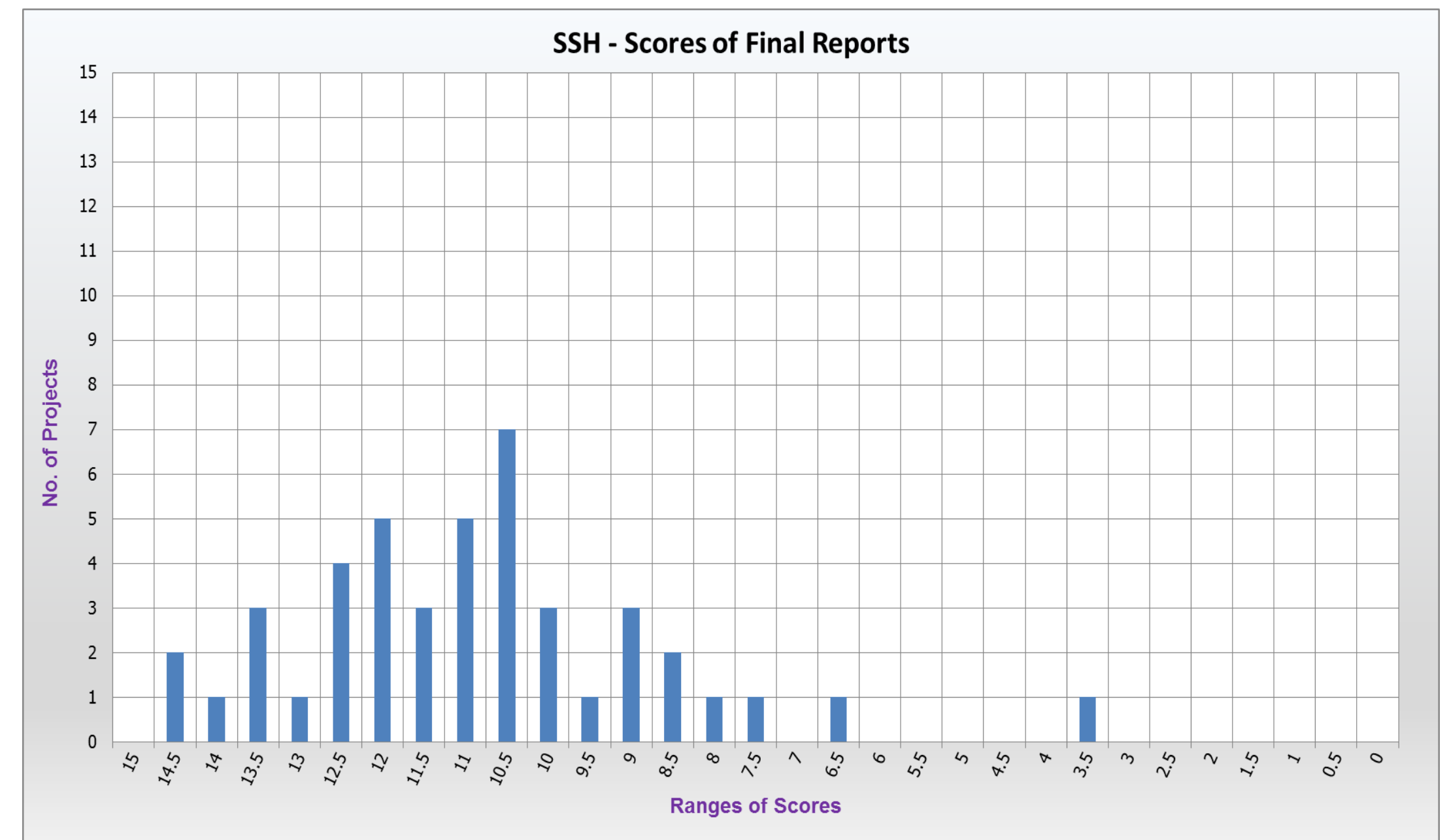
**Number of evaluated proposals: 44**

**Number of international experts: 58**

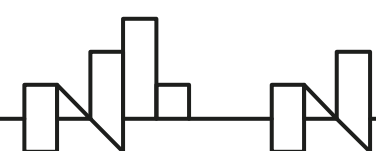
**Number of rapporteurs: 30, out of which 28 from EU**



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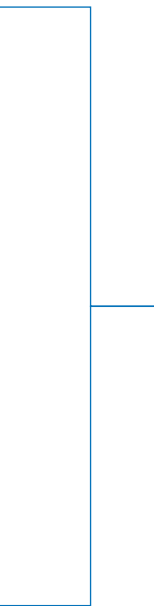


# Thematic Area: SSH (including 10 applications addressing Roma)

*Estimated number of funded project: 1 + 1 addressing Roma*

## Conclusions of the panel meeting:

- 39 proposals with the score unmodified
- 5 proposals with modified score:
  - One increased score
  - 4 decreased score

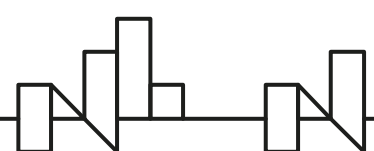
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- **35 proposals on the List of proposals passing all thresholds**
  - **9 proposals on the List of proposals having failed one or more thresholds (including one on Roma list)**

## SSH list without Roma

- ✓ **2 proposals scored 14,50 points**

## List with proposals addressing Roma

- ✓ **1 proposal scored 13,50 points**





# Thematic Area: Biotechnology

## 36 Consensus Reports:

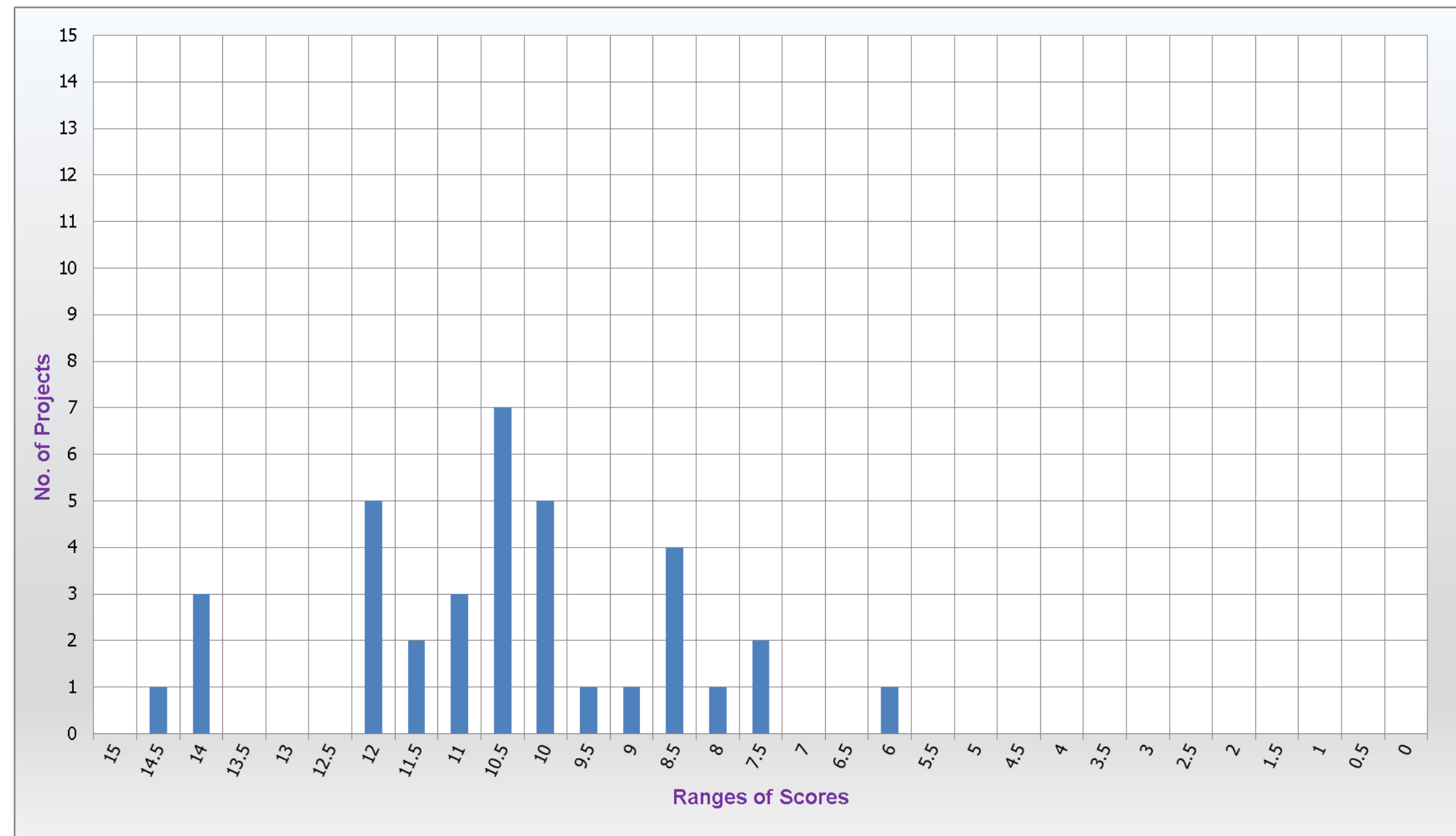
31 Consensus Reports voted “agree” by all 3 experts

5 Consensus Reports with at least one “disagree” vote

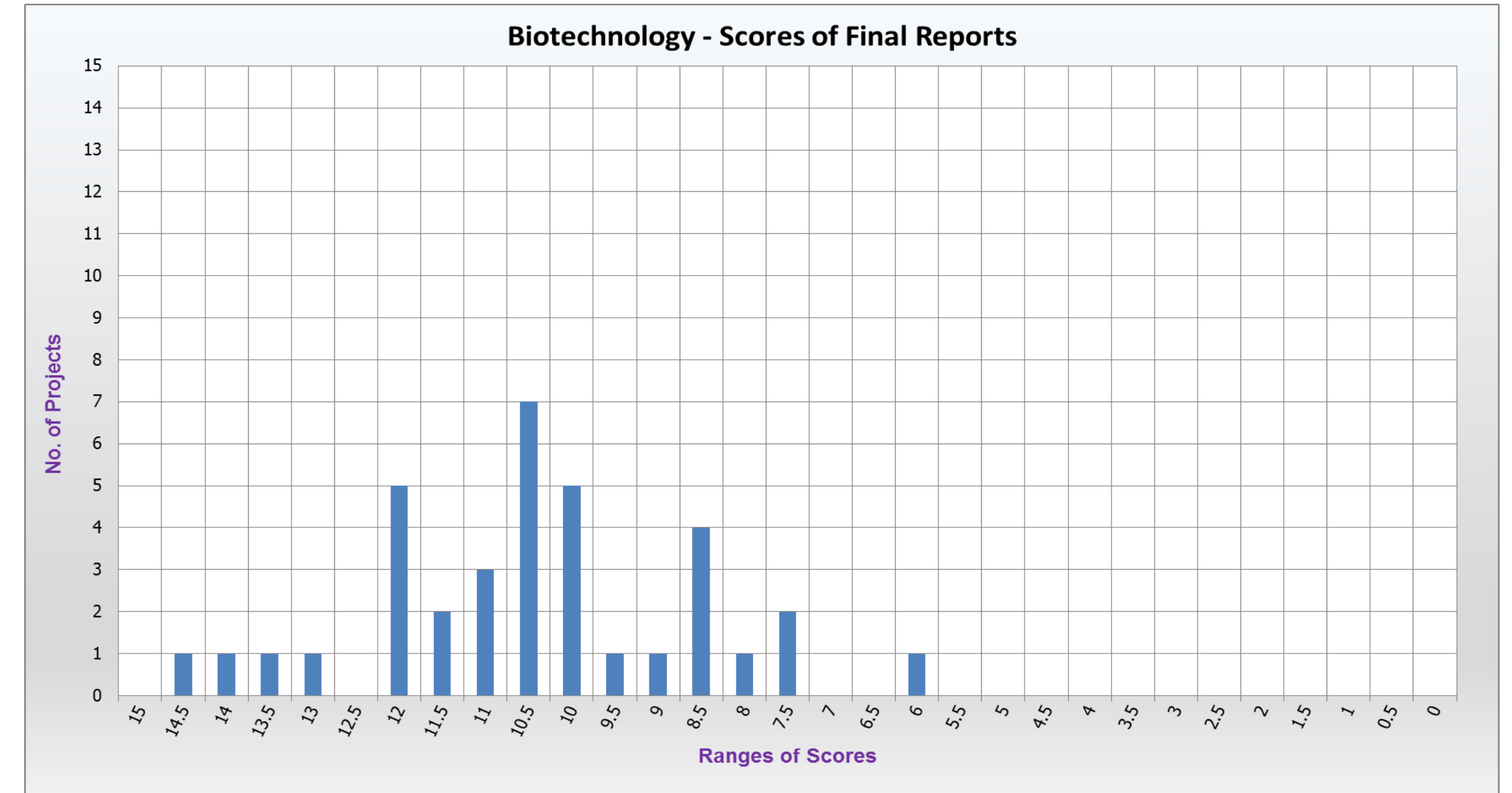
Number of evaluated proposals: 36

Number of international experts: 44

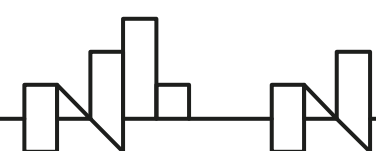
Number of rapporteurs: 22, out of which 21 from EU



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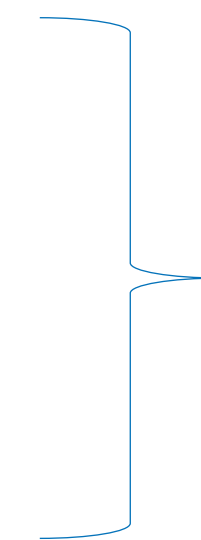


# Thematic Area: Biotechnology

*Estimated number of funded project: 1*

## Conclusions of the panel meeting:

- 33 proposals with the score unmodified
- 3 proposals with modified score:
  - One increased score
  - 2 decreased score



- **27 proposals on the List of proposals passing all thresholds**
- **9 proposals on the List of proposals having failed one or more thresholds**

- ✓ **1 proposal scored 14,50 points**
- ✓ **1 proposal scored 14,00 points**

