



SDG Indicator 6.5.2

Enhancing Compatibility of Results among Countries Sharing the Same Basin or that are Party to the Same Arrangement

**Workshop on Supporting the monitoring and implementation of the SDGs in the Arab region:
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Why enhance compatibility?

- Important to recognise that reporting is done at a **national level**
- National reports therefore provide a national **perspective on transboundary water cooperation and implementation cooperation**
- For questions related to the national level (Section III of revised reporting template), analysis of results is relatively straightforward
- At transboundary level, countries sharing the same basin may disagree over degree of implementation of basin/ sub-basin arrangement
- However, where there is **inconsistency in responses**
 - Can anything meaningful be said at the **basin level**?



Countries perspectives on co-ordination with other countries

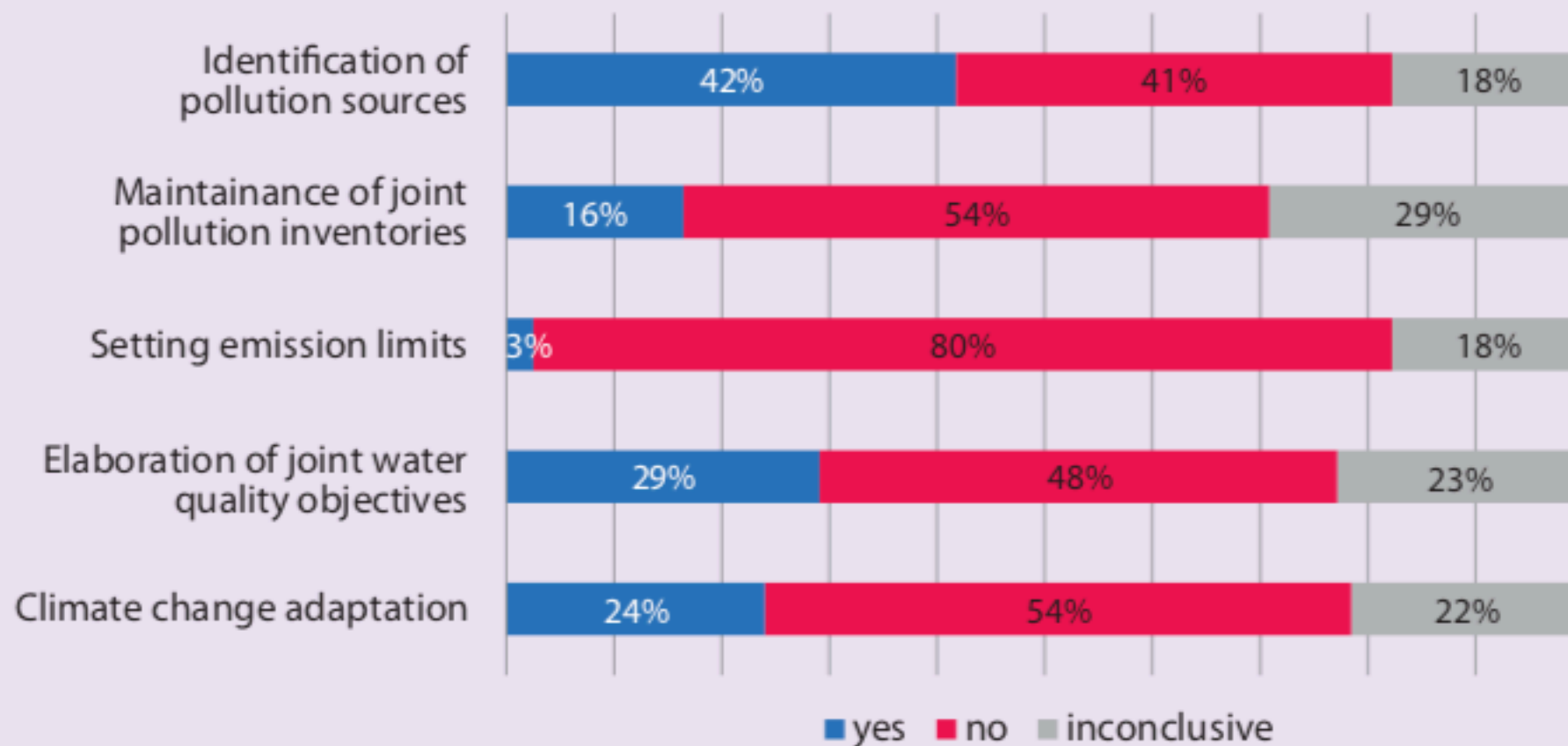
- “Different views have been solved by **sharing of the draft reporting templates between concerned parties** what was very **helpful to agree on common views** about the existing agreements and to streamline reporting, was also a support to the other countries (especially concerning multilateral agreements); however due to the exchange between the parties the exercise was considerably more time-consuming than initially anticipated.”
- “consult with the neighboring country, but it also had some limitations. We agreed with the neighboring countries that the **majority of the information should be harmonized, but there could be differences as well.**”



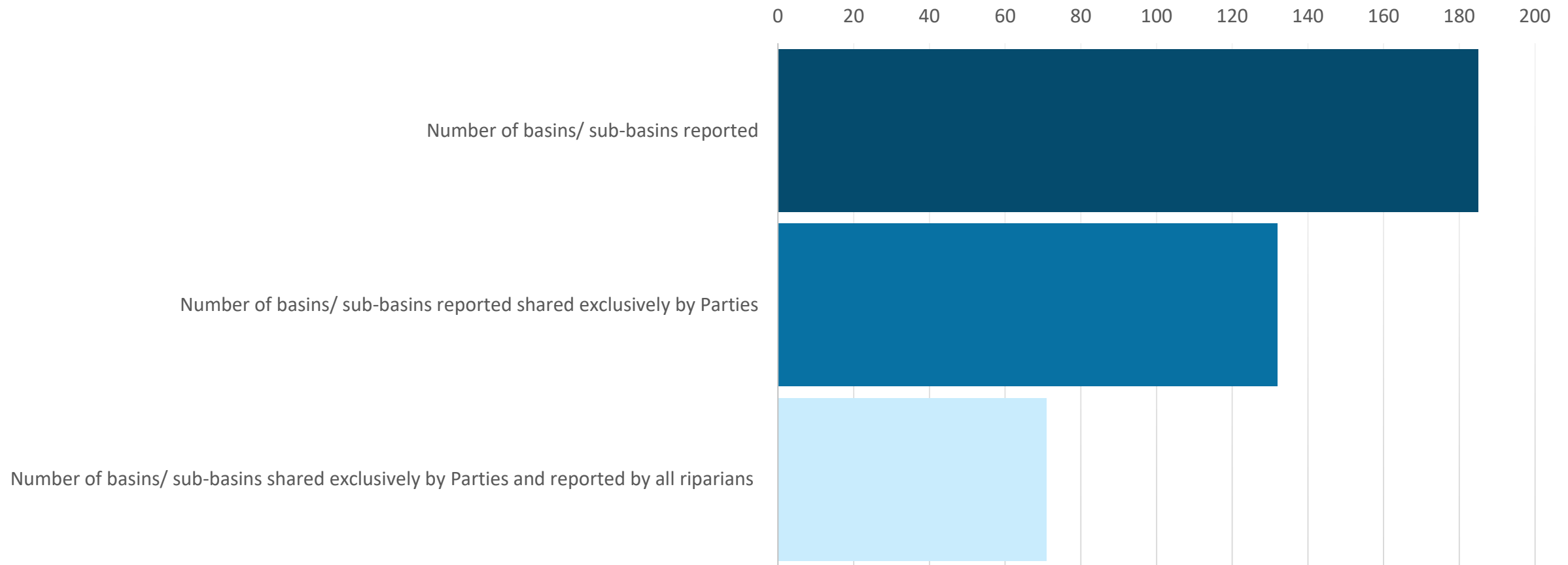
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- “Draft reports could not be discussed between countries participating in the same agreements **due to time constraints**”
- “We have cooperated with some neighboring countries when filling out the questionnaire and we have find out that in some of question **we have to keep a different answers due to different national processes or different understanding of the question.**”
- “Time constraint – **it was not easy to bring together different actors or gather data from those actors within the provided time frame of reporting.**”

Figure 24: Percentage of basins where certain tasks and activities of joint bodies are included (Art. 9, para. 2 (f)) – based on consolidated basin level responses for section II, question 3(e)



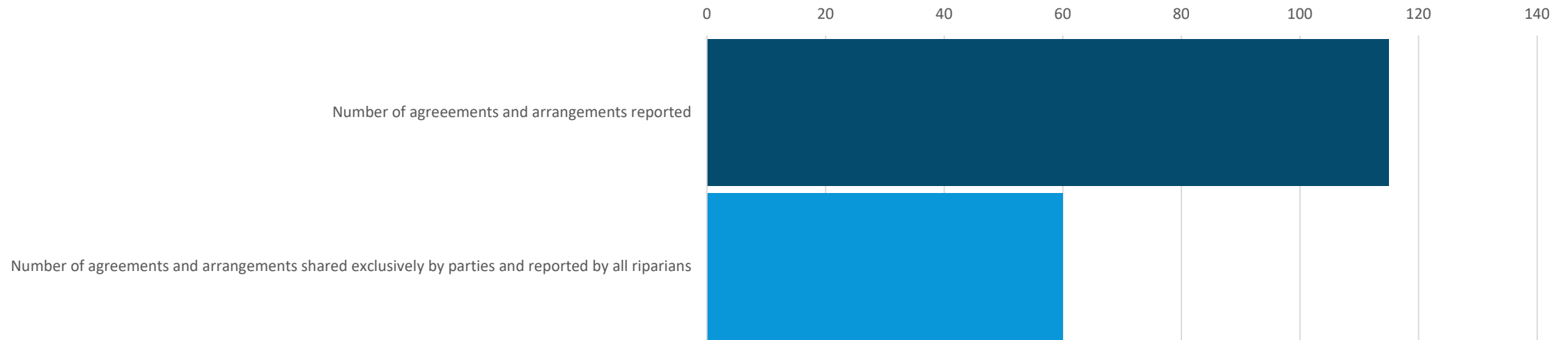
Consistency in the reporting of basins and sub-basins



46% of basins and sub-basins shared exclusively by Parties were not reported by all riparians

For further details Annex II – Table of reported transboundary and river lake basins and sub-basins, UNECE, *Progress on Transboundary Cooperation under the Water Convention*, UN Doc. ECE/MP.WAT/51, 2018

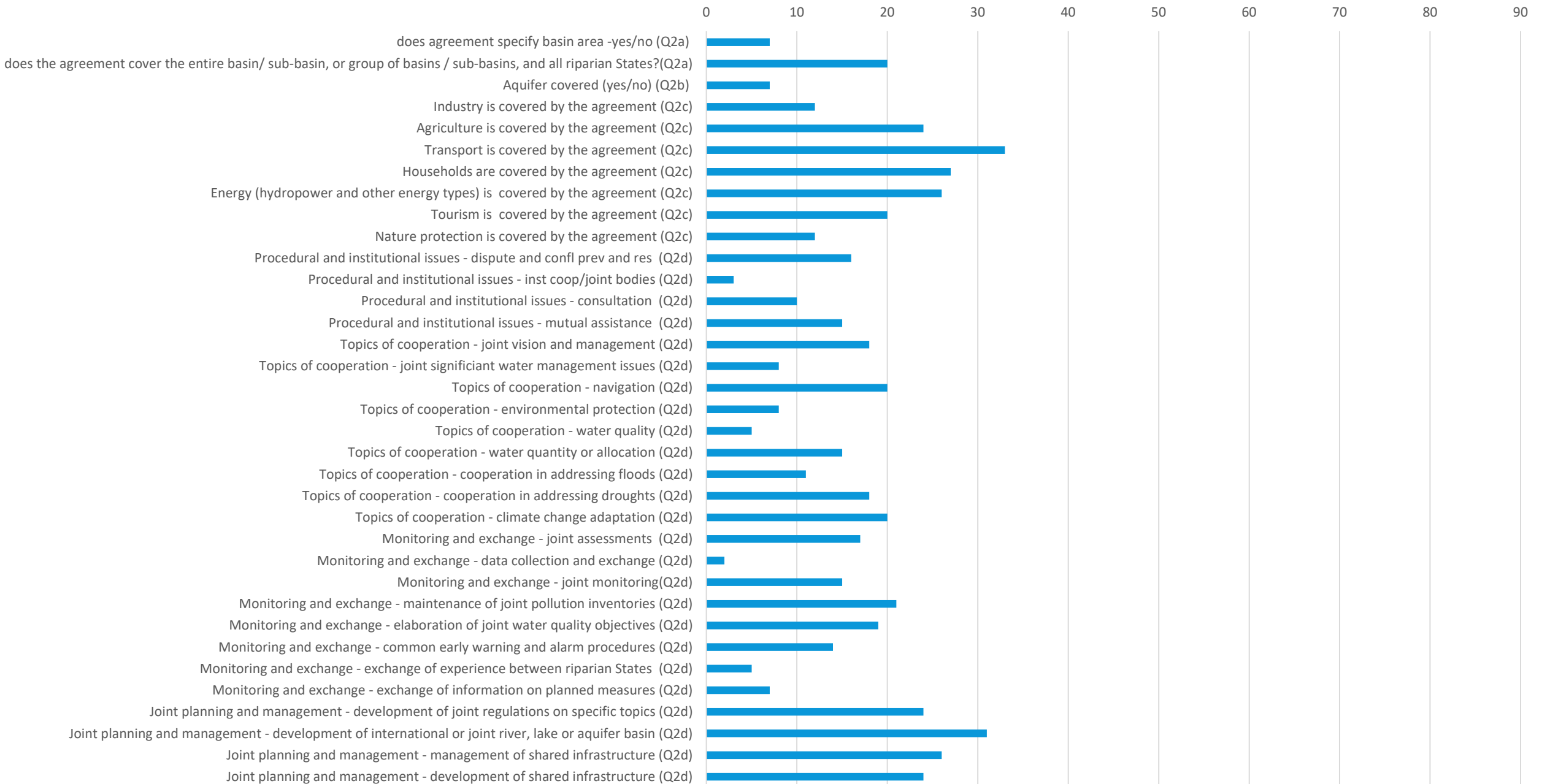
Consistency in the reporting of arrangements



49% of arrangements for basins and sub-basins shared exclusively by parties were not reported by all riparians

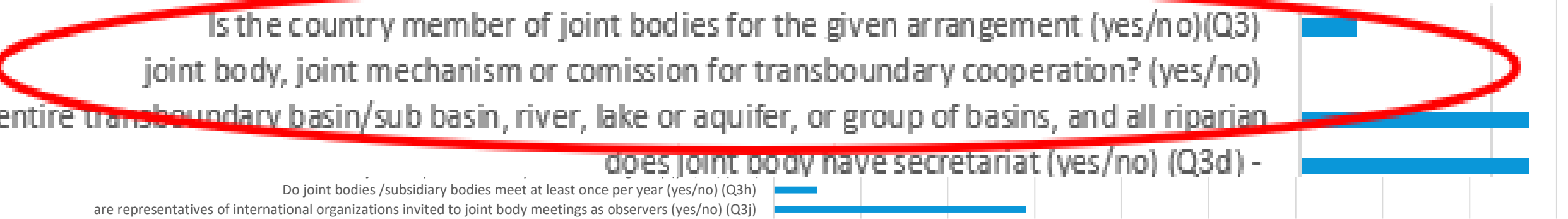
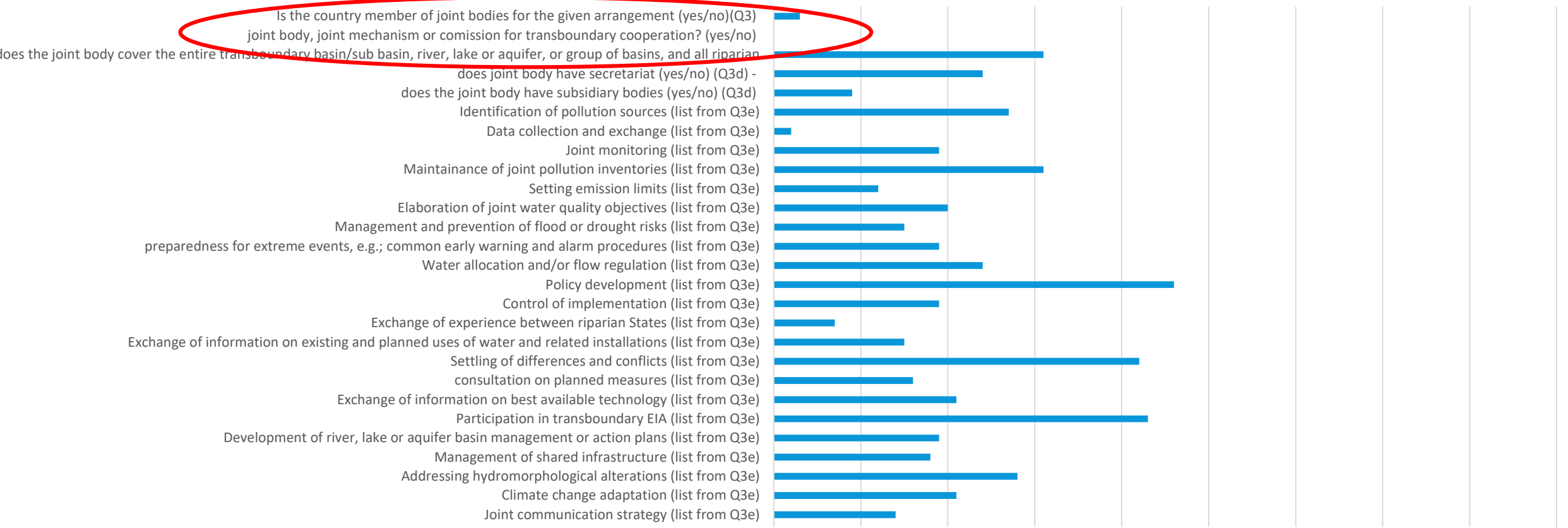
For further details Annex III – Table of reported agreements and arrangements, UNECE, *Progress on Transboundary Cooperation under the Water Convention*, UN Doc. ECE/MP.WAT/51, 2018

Number of inconsistent responses for each question based on 92 instances where two or more countries reported on same arrangement and same basin/ sub-basin/ part of basin (Question 2 - arrangements)

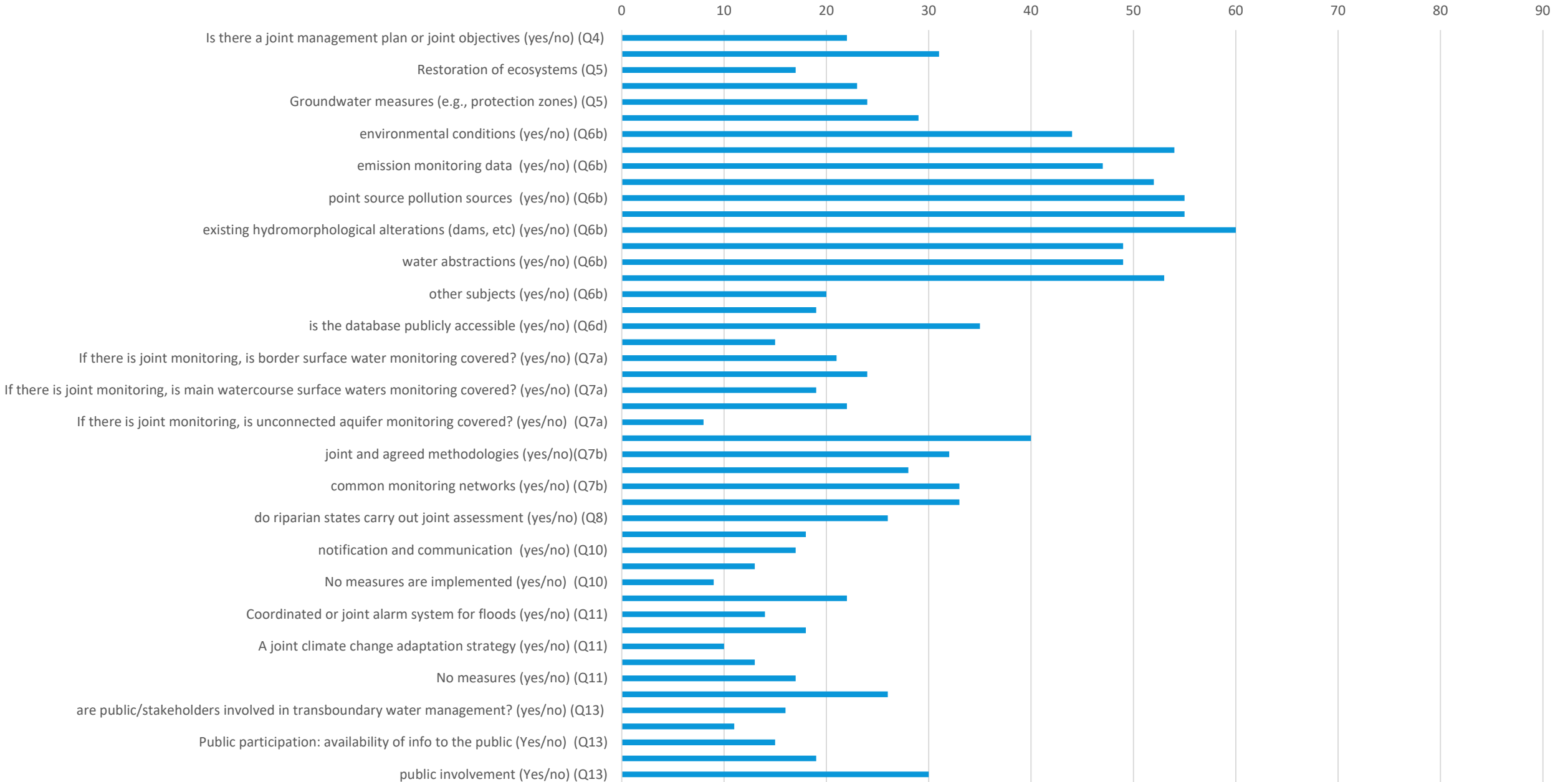


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Questions for consideration:

lessons learnt from the 1st reporting exercise (2017) and plans for the 2nd reporting exercise (2020)

- Which institutions were (and will be) consulted during the completion of the questionnaire?
- What was (and will be) the role of the 6.5.2 and 6.5.1 contact persons and focal points in the reporting?

To enhance coordination or make possible an eventual analysis at basin level:

- Are you considering exchanging with your neighbouring countries for the 2nd reporting exercise?
- When relevant, will basin/aquifer organisations be involved in the elaboration of the report? (i.e. for data)



Thanks for listening!

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