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Implementation of EU Institution Building Instruments in Azerbaijan

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26 years of EU-Azerbaijan Partnership: from assistance to cooperation

- First contacts date back to **1991** in the framework of the technical assistance programme to the Commonwealth of Independent States – **TACIS**
- The foundation of subsequent relations - the **Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA)**, which was signed in **1996** and entered into force in **1999**
- The EU is the largest foreign grant donor to Azerbaijan - over **600 million EURO** of bilateral EU external assistance (grants and in kind)

Programme Administration Office (PAO)



Established within the Ministry of Economy in **2006**

PAO **ensures** an optimal coordination
of **all EU assistance**



starting from 2007



starting from 2008



starting from 2009



starting from 2016

TA, Budget support, etc.



Role of PAO



Implementation of Institution Building Instruments in Azerbaijan

- 45 projects at various stages of the project cycle, covering different areas

Twinning



- 280 events implemented in different areas (of which 84 events have more than one beneficiary)

TAIEX



- 15 projects implemented in different areas (also, 6 projects with more than one beneficiary)

SIGMA



- 2 projects started in 2016

SOCIEUX





Implementation of Twinning in Azerbaijan



Twinning in Azerbaijan: **History**

2006

Introduction of
Twinning in
Azerbaijan

2008

Start of the first
generation of
Twinning
projects

Twinning in Azerbaijan is considered

Transfer of transitional
experience

Development
of cooperation

As a tool for

Fostering bilateral
cooperation

Promotion of
international sectorial
cooperation

Twining Instrument rests upon the central role played by PAO

in supporting Beneficiary Institutions

From programming to identification

From project formulation to contracting

From project start to completion

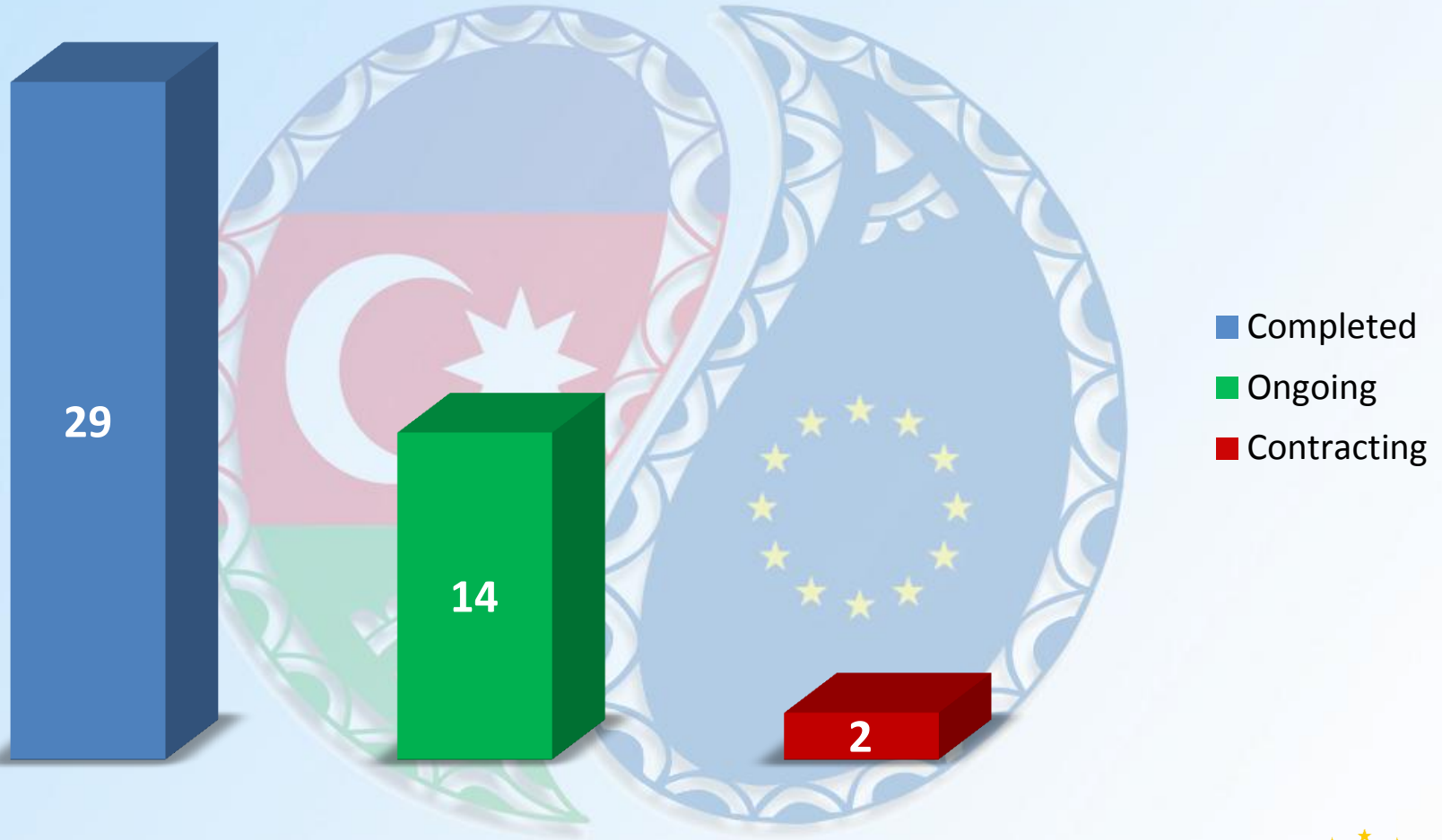
Twinning sustainability

- ✓ Long-term purposes and irreversible changes
- ✓ Documents and practices, delivered by the project, adopted and practically implemented by Azerbaijani Public Administrations
- ✓ Continuation of the activities after twinning completion
- ✓ Integrated into a country's reform process or in a sectoral strategy approach

To what extent are Twinning projects successful in Azerbaijan

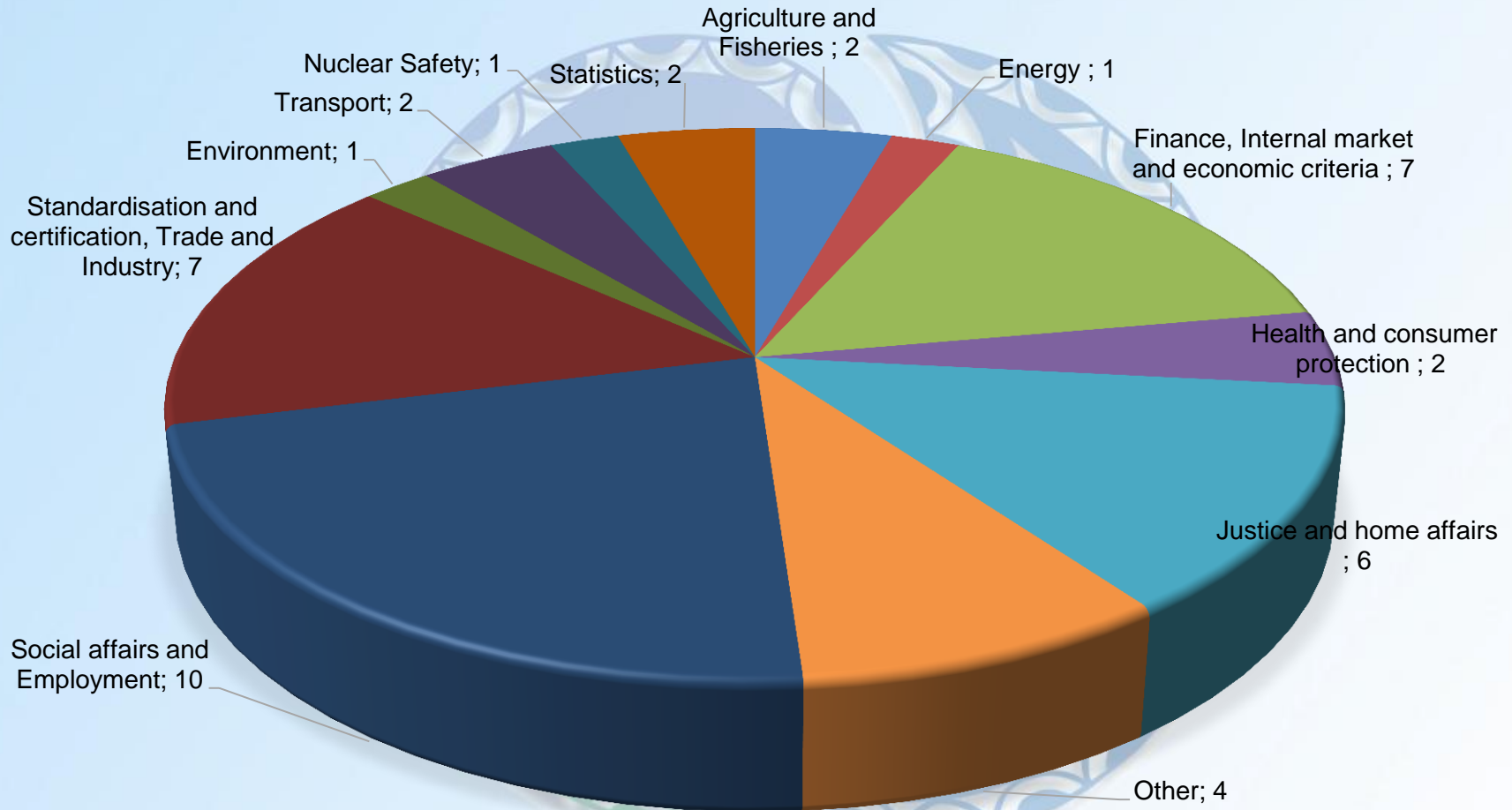
- ✓ To respond to a Beneficiary institution's needs
- ✓ Alignment with state policies and beneficiary institutions' strategies
- ✓ Planned results need to be achievable and feasible
- ✓ Sufficient absorption capacity of the Beneficiary
- ✓ Cooperation - performance of the all twinning partners involved
- ✓ Effectiveness of engagement and involvement of all key internal and external stakeholders
- ✓ Transparency
- ✓ High quality of EU MS expertise

Twinning in Azerbaijan: **Projects by stages**

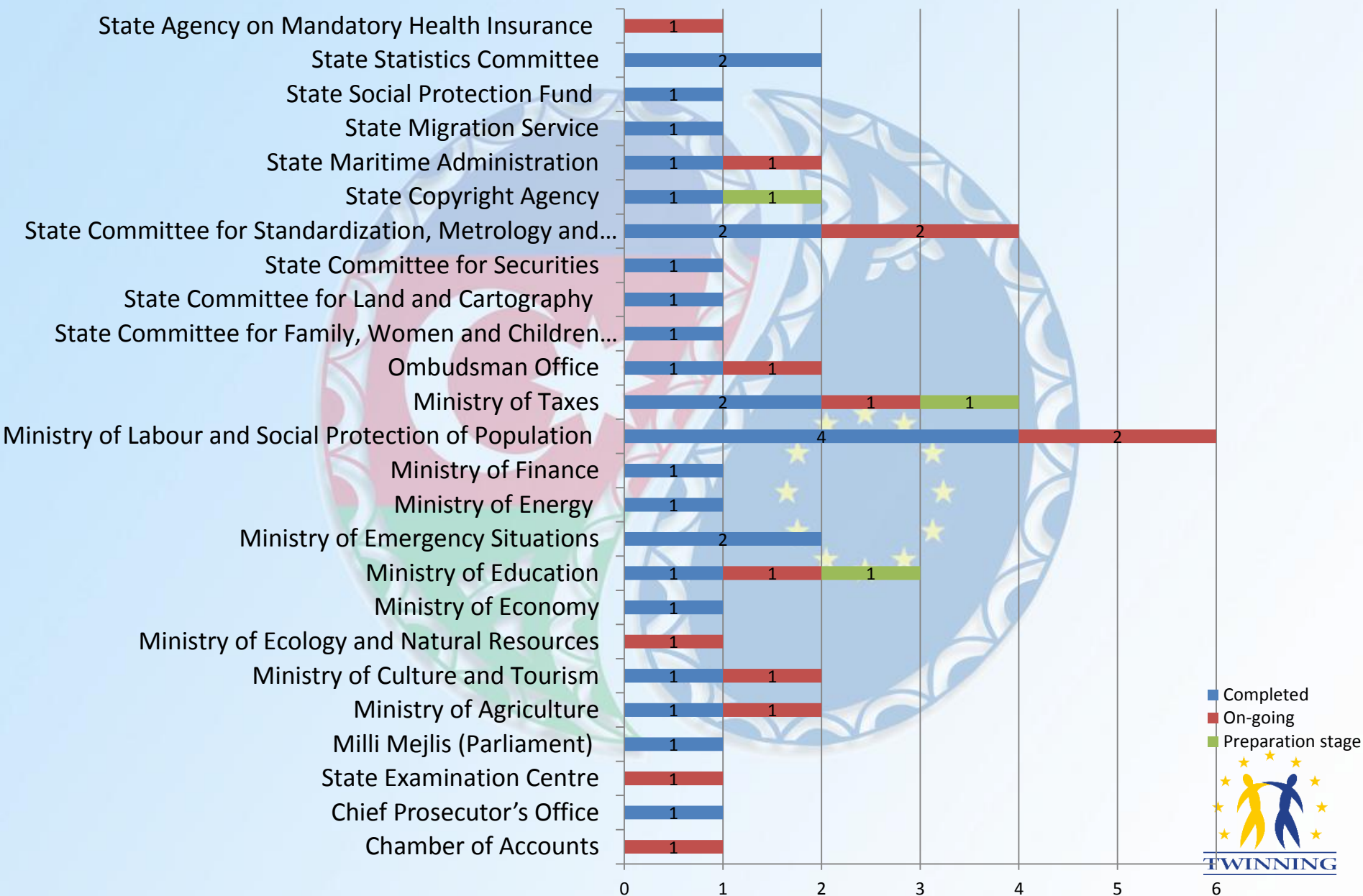


Total 45 projects

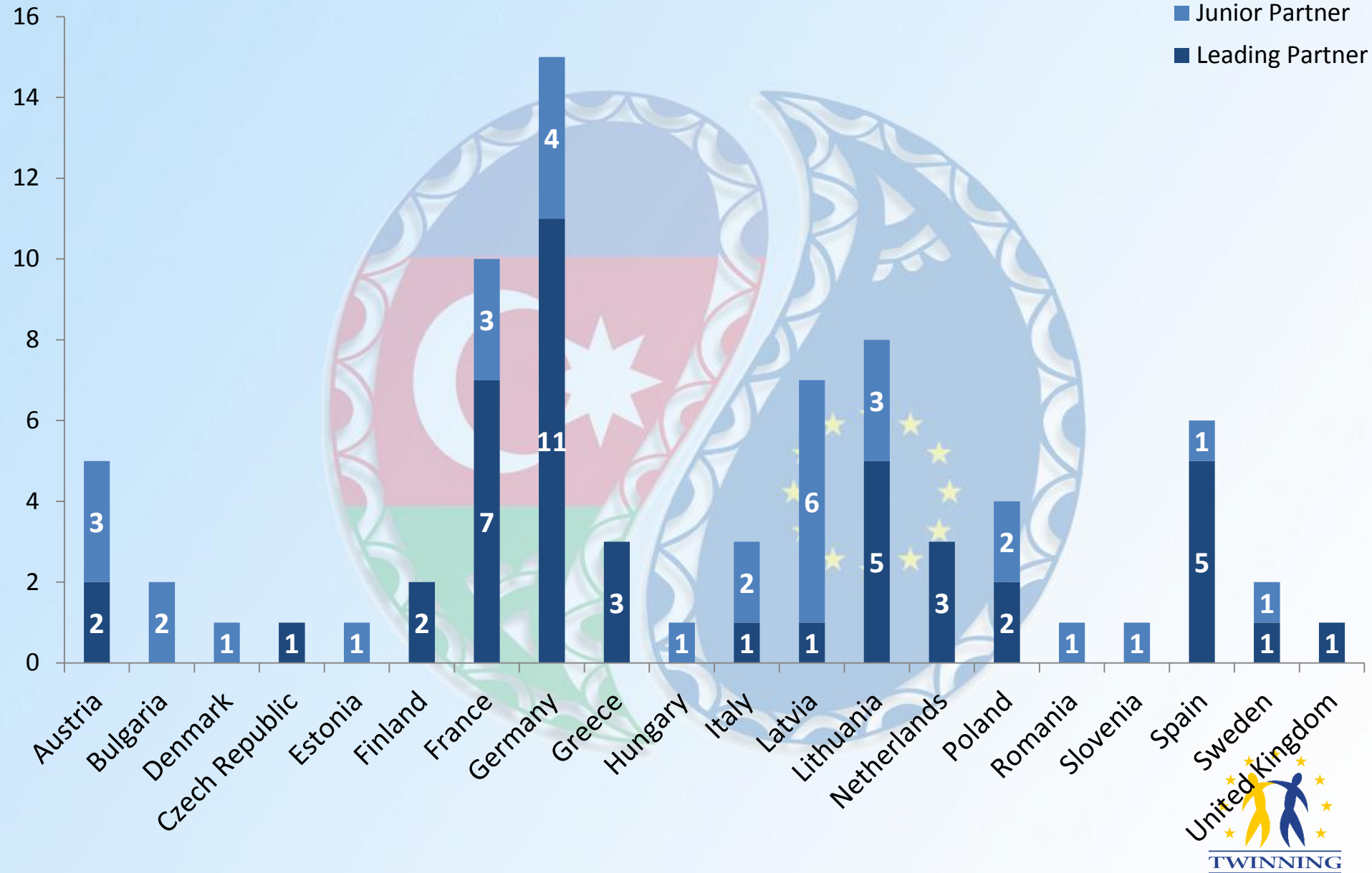
Twinning in Azerbaijan: Projects by sectors



Twinning in Azerbaijan: Projects by BAs



Twinning in Azerbaijan: Member States



Twinning Success Stories

2009

Support to the Improvement of Legal and Technical Aspects of Food Quality and Safety Assurance and Certification Requirements of Azerbaijani Fishery Products

- **Budget:** 1,000 000 euro **Duration:** 24 months
- **Beneficiary:** Ministry of Economy
- **MS partner institution:** Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority in consortium with Food and Veterinary Service of the Republic of Latvia

2010

Support to the Milli Mejlis (Parliament) of the Republic of Azerbaijan

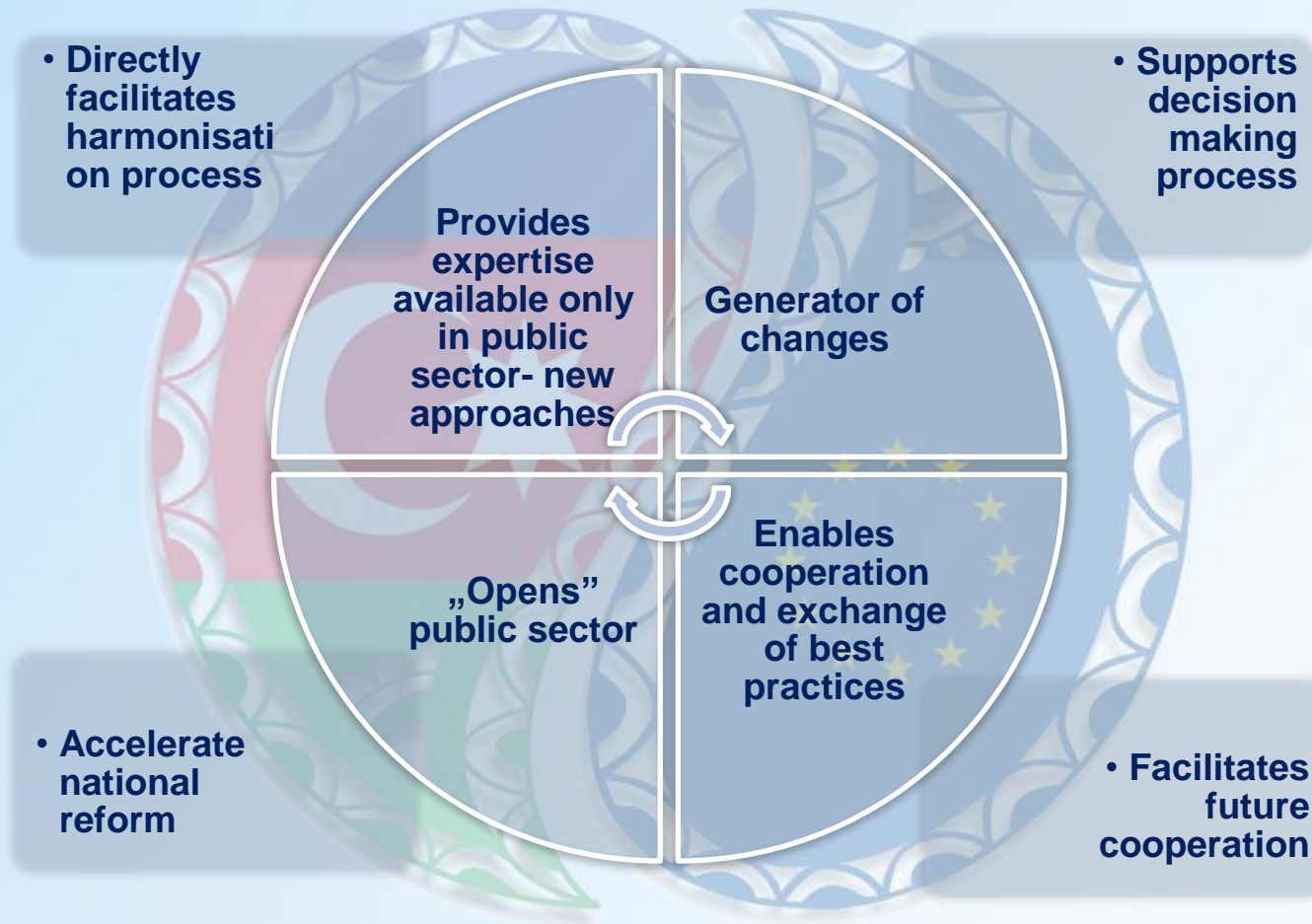
- **Budget:** 950 000 euro **Duration:** 24 months
- **Beneficiary:** Milli Mejlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- **MS partner institution:** Office of the Seimas (Parliament) of the Republic of Lithuania

2014

Strengthening the capacity of the Department of Tourism in the Ministry of Culture and Tourism

- **Budget:** 900 000 euro **Duration:** 16 months
- **Beneficiary:** Ministry of Culture and Tourism
- **MS partner institution:** Austrian Federal Procurement Agency and Austrian Environment Agency, in cooperation with the Department to Tourism of the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Lithuania

Twinning impact





Implementation of TAIEX in Azerbaijan

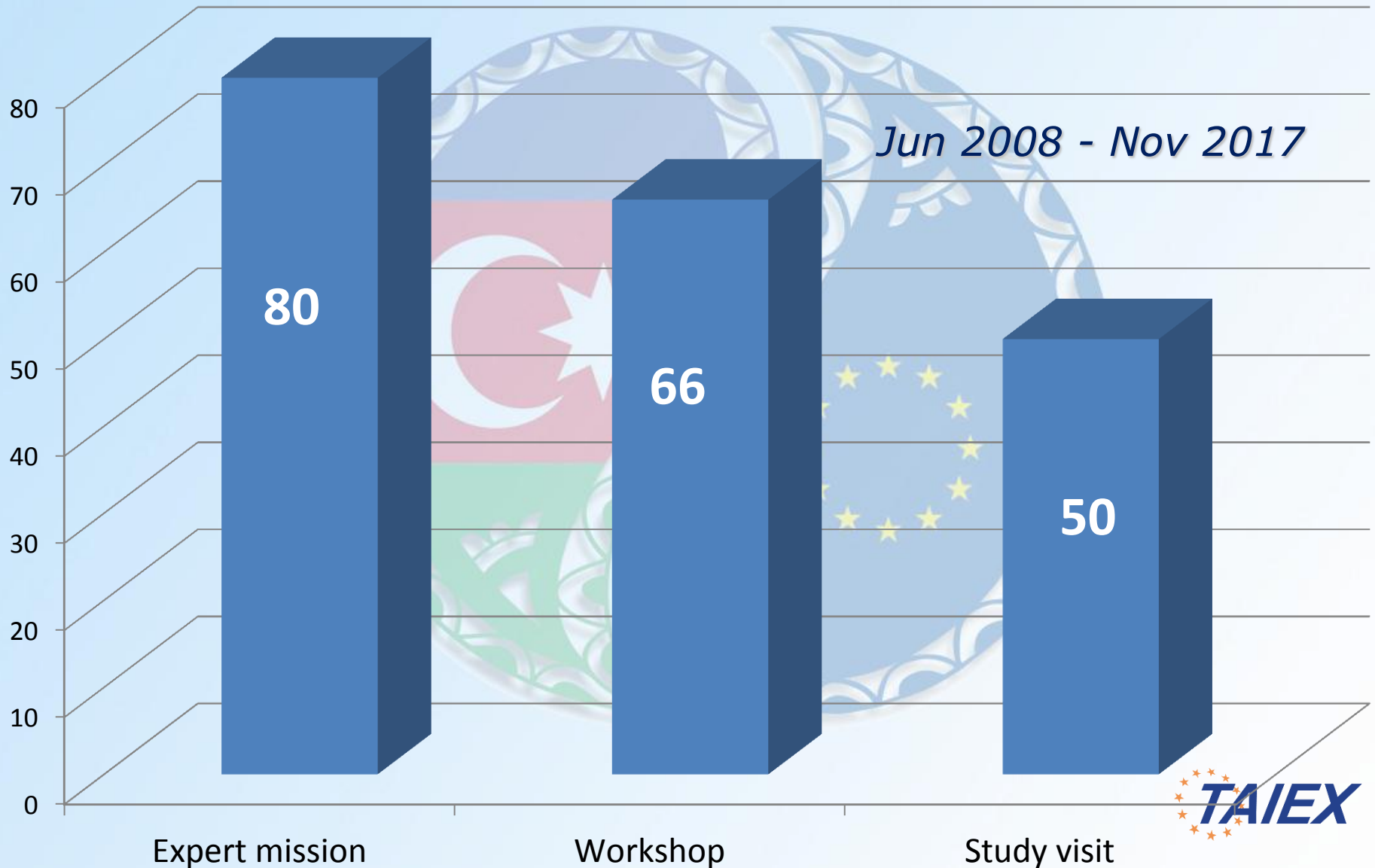


TAIEX in Azerbaijan: implemented actions (Jun 2006 – Nov 2017)

- ✓ 196 TAIEX events
- ✓ 84 multi-country TAIEX

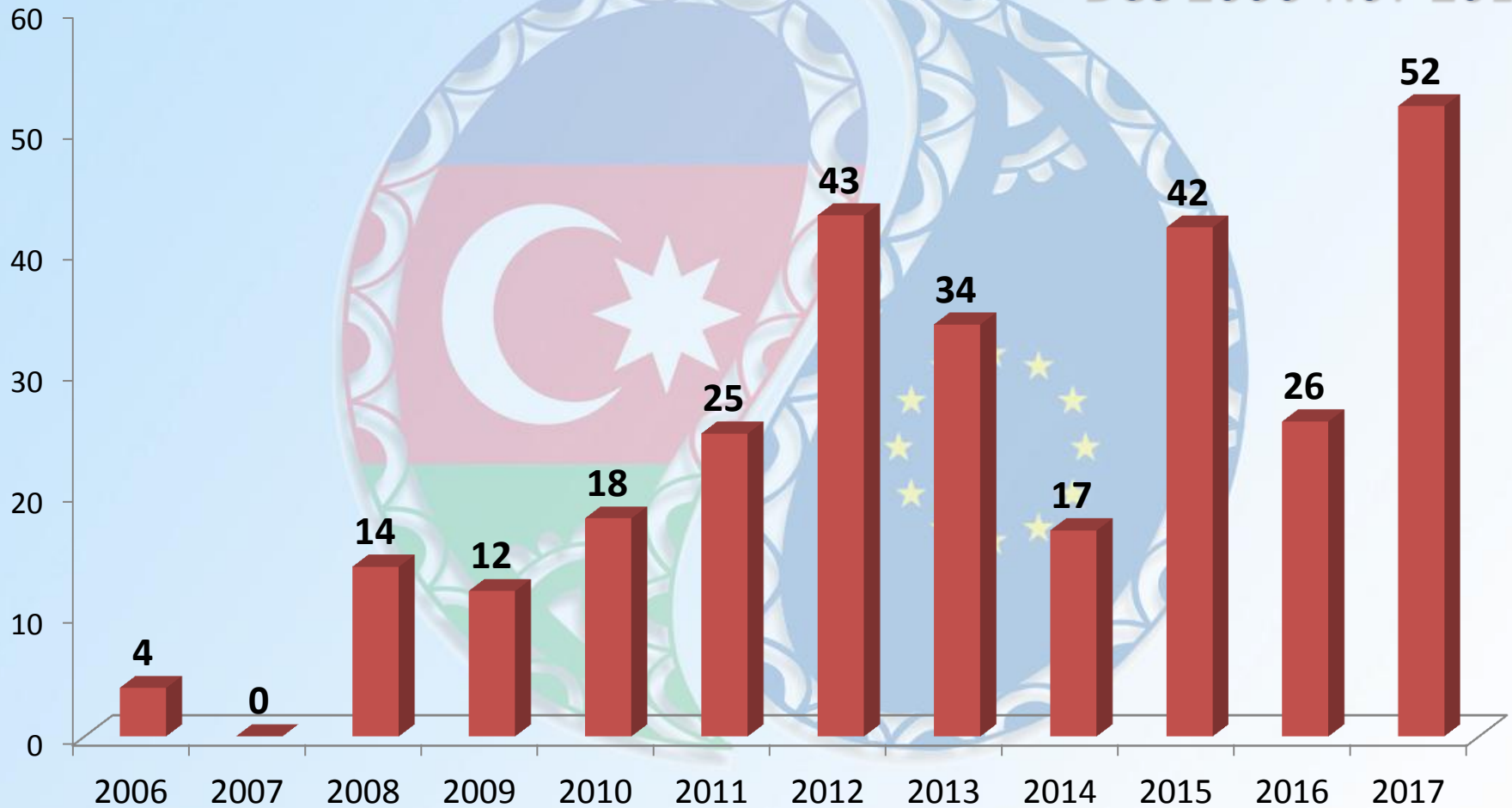


TAIEX in Azerbaijan: **Implemented actions**

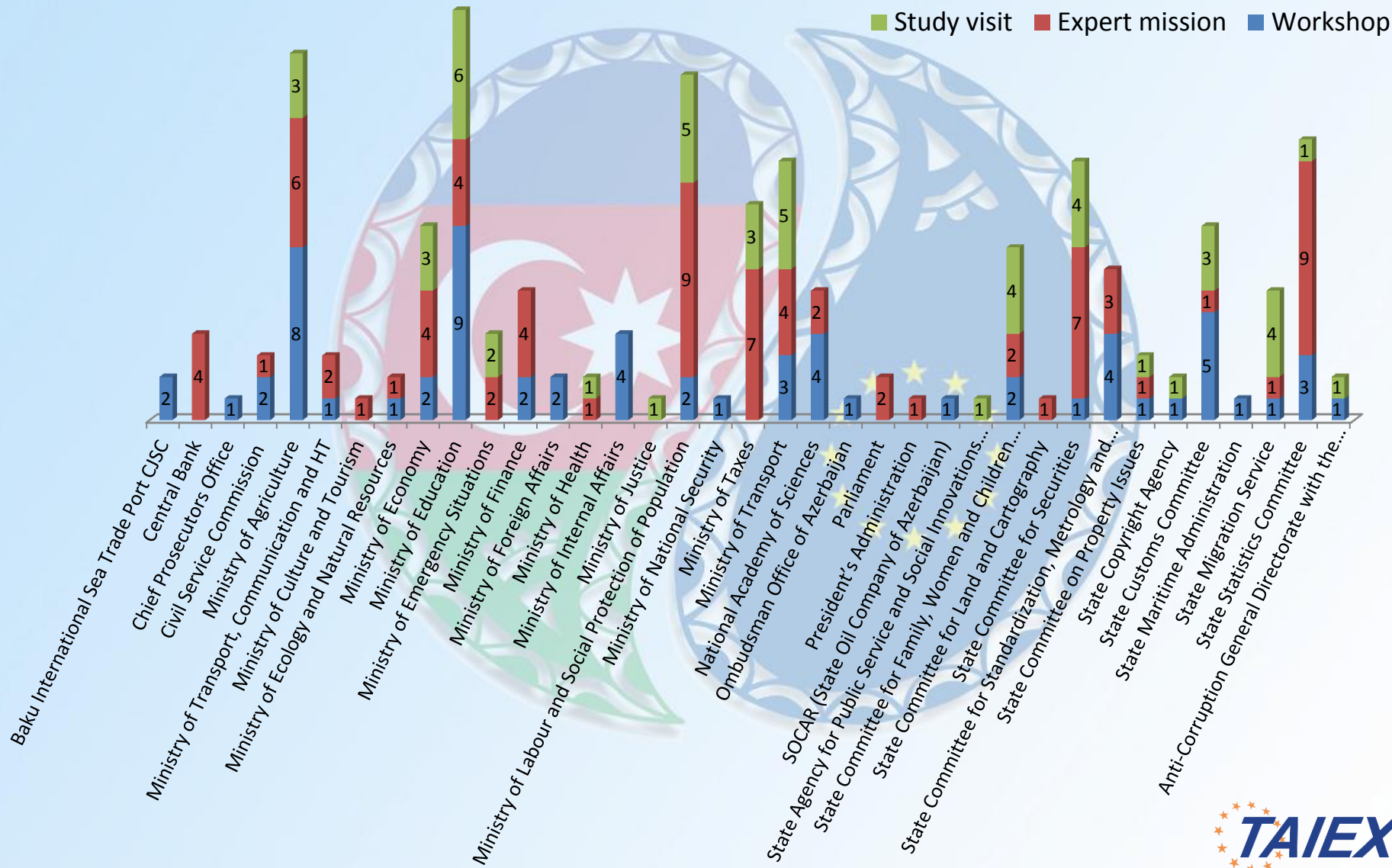


TAIEX in Azerbaijan: **events by years**

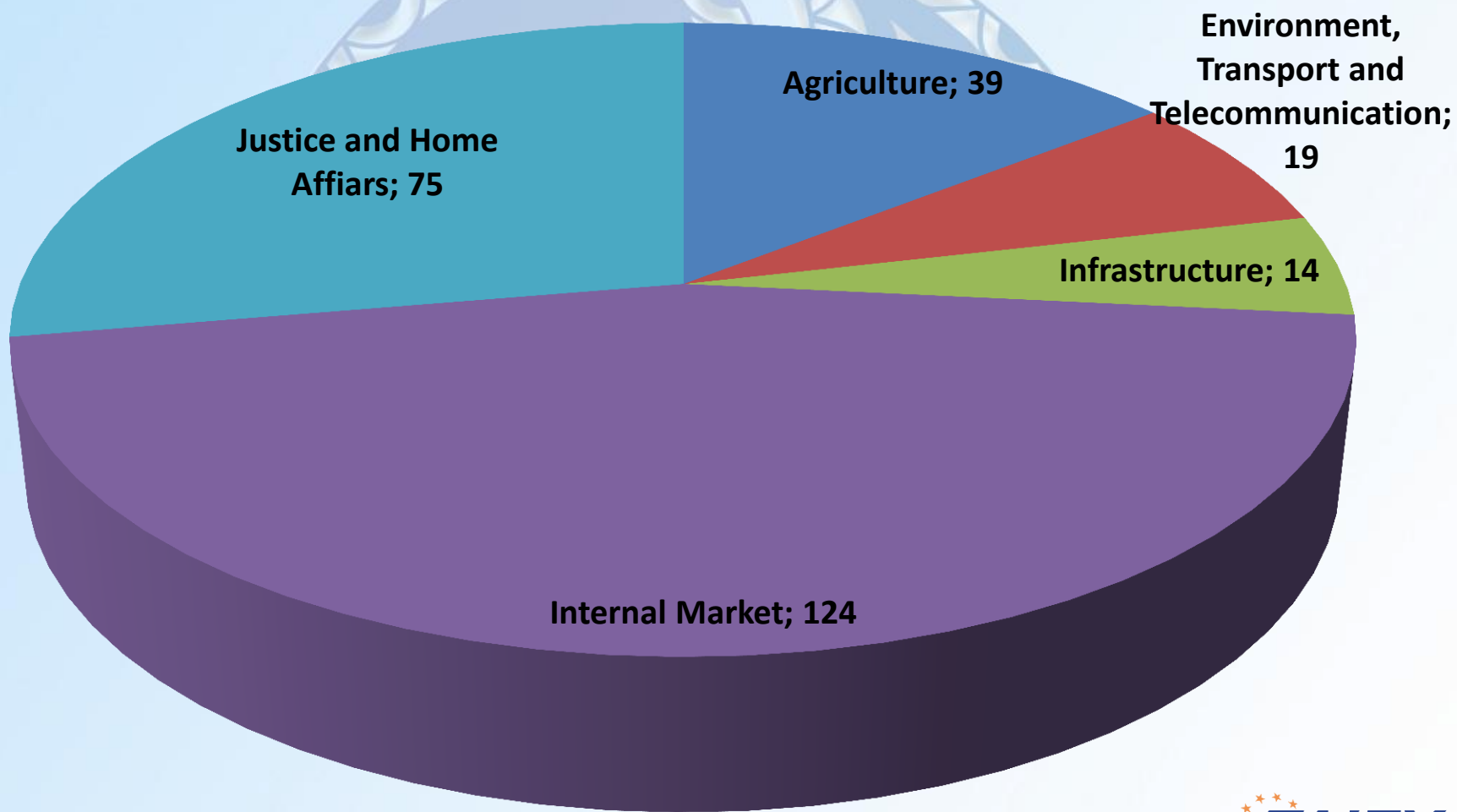
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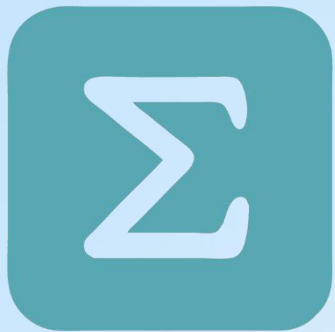


TAIEX in Azerbaijan: events by beneficiaries



TAIEX in Azerbaijan: **events by sectors**





SIGMA



Implementation of SIGMA in Azerbaijan



SIGMA

SIGMA in Azerbaijan: **History**

- First classical SIGMA in Azerbaijan: ‘Civil service reforms’ – 2009, March
- **15 SIGMA projects** in 2009-2016 in Azerbaijan
- Azerbaijan participated in 6 **multi-SIGMA projects**
- Main areas of intervention: civil service, procurement, securities



Implementation of **SOCIEUX** in Azerbaijan



SOCIEUX: areas of support



SOCIEUX in Azerbaijan

2 SOCIEUX projects ongoing:

- ✓Support to the Scientific Research and Training Centre on Labour and Social Problems in capacity building;
- ✓Support the Government of Azerbaijan in implementation of health financing reform and introduction of mandatory health insurance based on best European practices.



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