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UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme

Annual meeting of UNESCO Chairs in the Russian Federation

20 May 2025

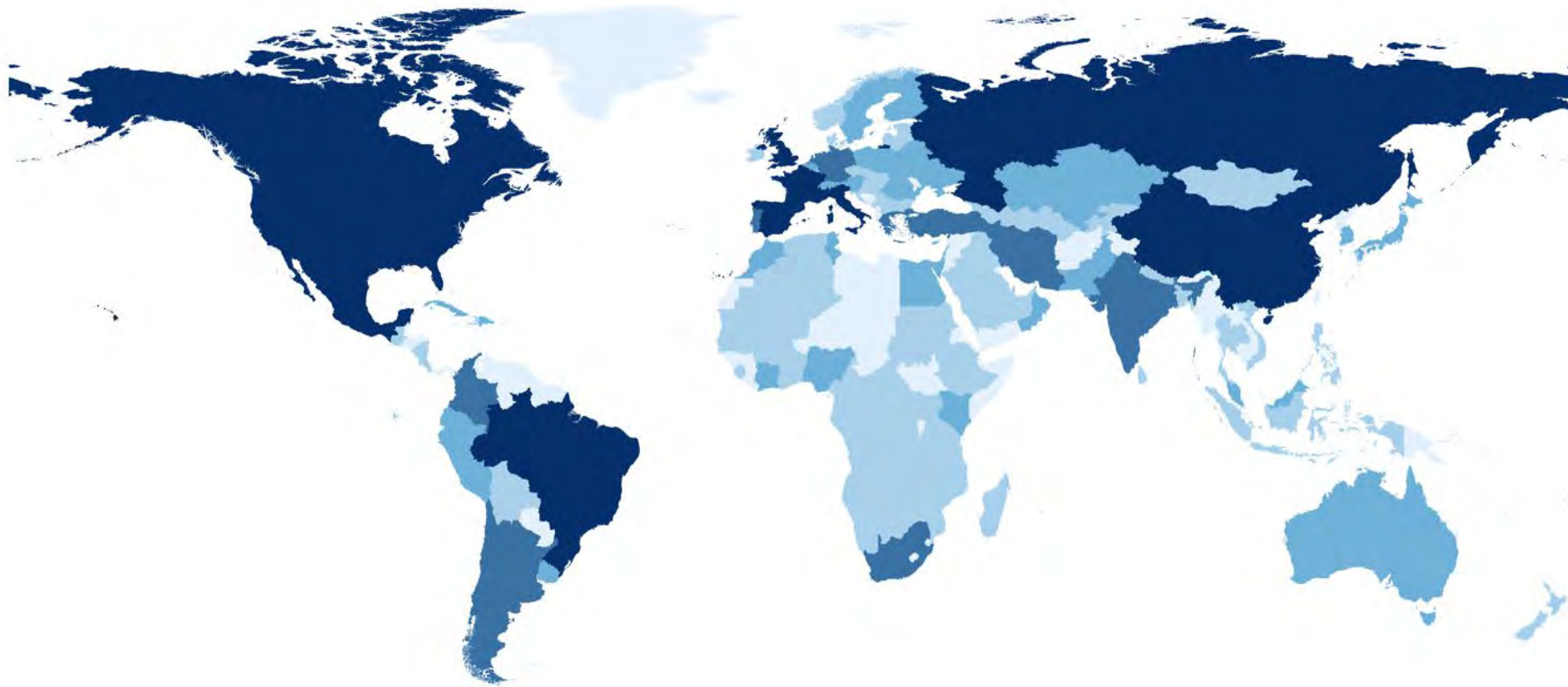


AGENDA

- **NETWORK AT A GLANCE**
- **REORIENTING THE WORK OF UNESCO CHAIRS AND UNITWIN NETWORKS**
 - Opportunities for engagement
 - Results from the global survey of UNESCO Chairs (Dec 2024)
- **COMMUNICATION**



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1100+

UNESCO CHAIRS &
NETWORKS

130+

COUNTRIES

No chairs Less than 5 chairs Between 6 and 15 chairs Between 16 and 29 chairs 30 or more chairs

NETWORK OF UNESCO CHAIRS IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

- **3rd largest network worldwide**
2 Networks and 54 Chairs, across 51 higher education institutions
- **33% of UNESCO Chairs led by a woman**
- **Covering all UNESCO sectors**
- **Two new UNESCO Chairs to join the network**

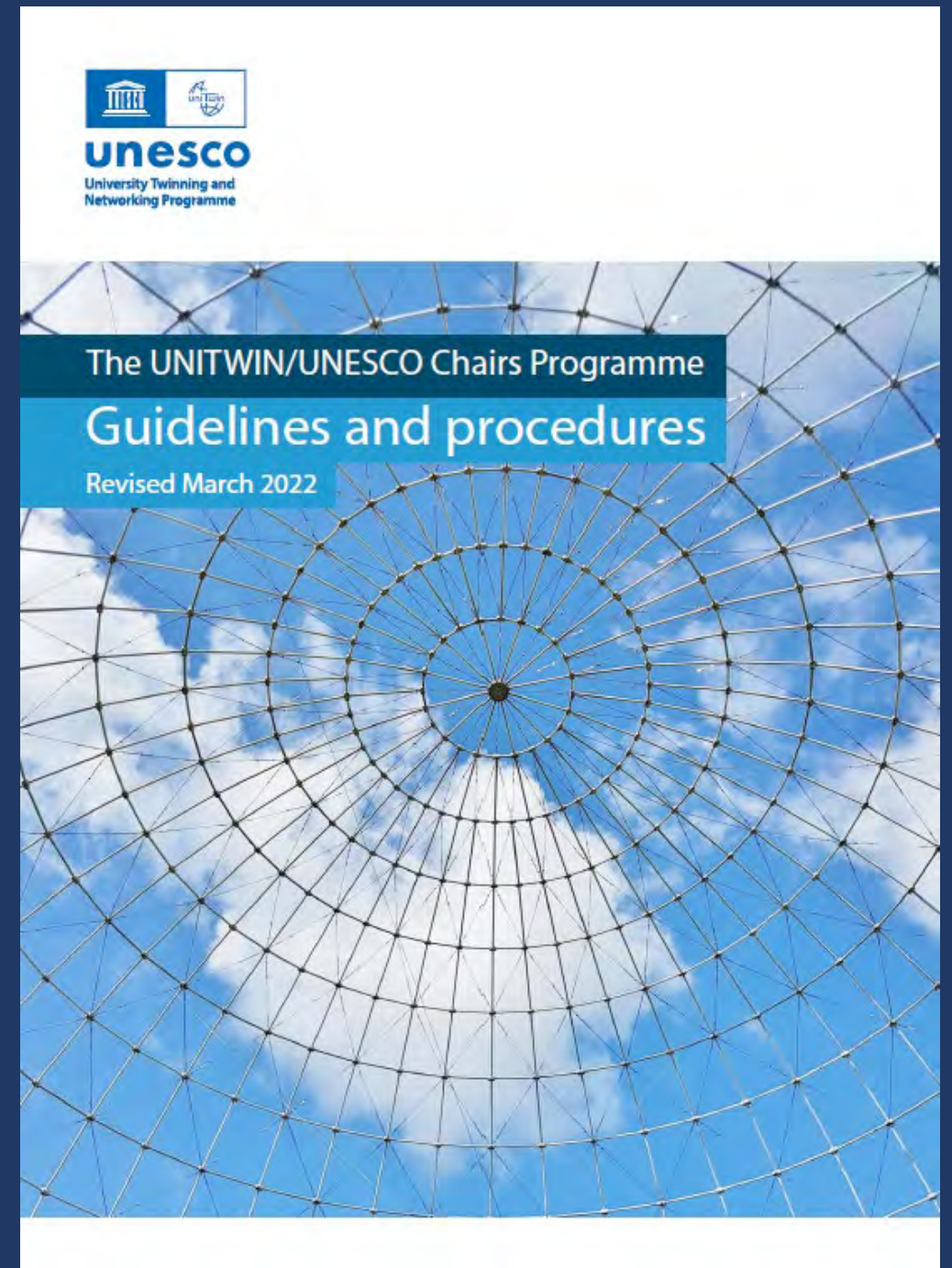
UNESCO Chair on Socio-Economic Models of the Biosphere Reserve,
Plekhanov Russian University of Economics (PRUE)

UNESCO Chair on Geoparks – Territories of Sustainable Development, Federal
State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Education "Ufa University of
Science and Technologies"

REORIENTING THE WORK OF UNESCO CHAIRS & UNITWIN NETWORKS

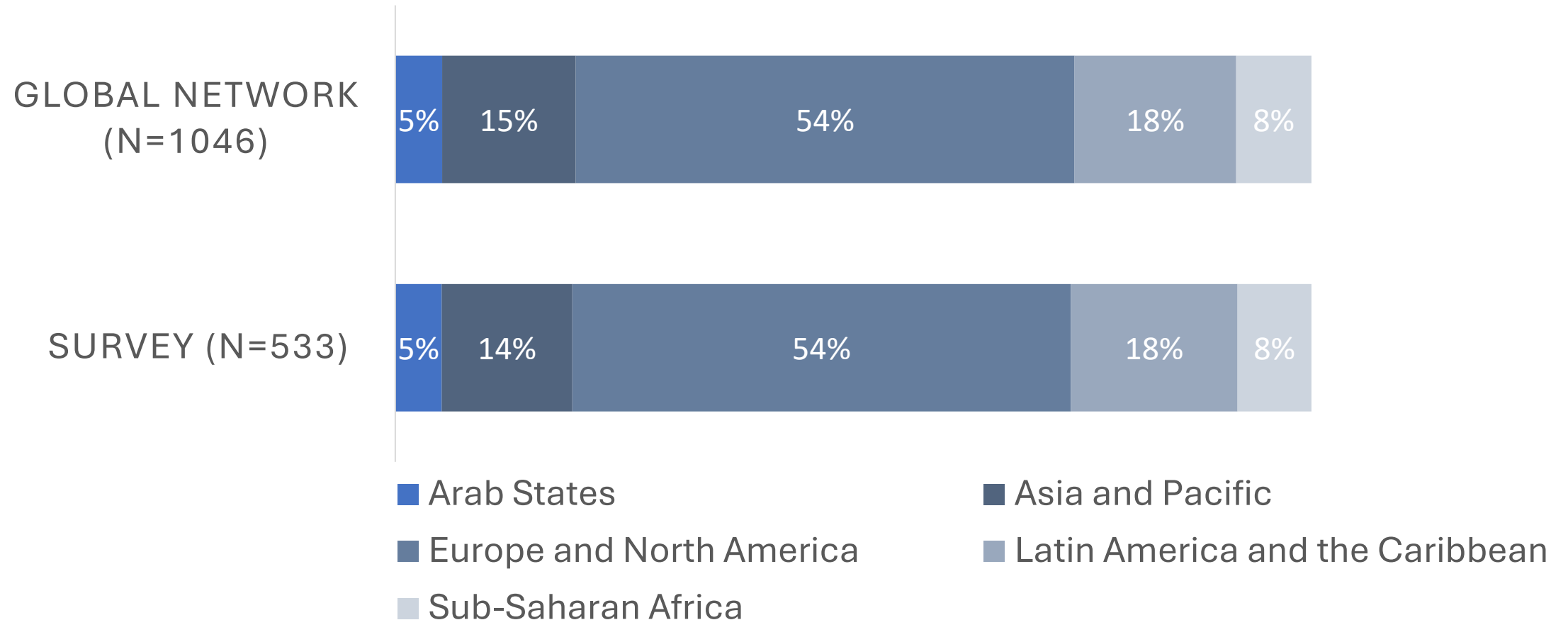
NEW CRITERIA IN ANNEX B

To be applied to all renewals



SURVEY ON THE ACTIVITIES OF UNESCO CHAIRS AND UNITWIN NETWORKS

December 2024 – January 2025



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DIGITAL LEARNING WEEK

AI and the future of education: Disruptions, dilemmas and directions

Paris, 2-5 September 2025



MONDIACULT

**Paving the way towards the recognition of culture
as a standalone goal in the post-2030 Agenda**

Barcelona, 29 September – 1 October 2025



MONTHLY ONLINE SEMINARS, WITH UNESCO CHAIRS



WORKING SESSION ON UNESCO PRIORITY AFRICA PROGRAMMES

Flagship Programme 5 (part 2) : 4 June 2025

Ocean Sciences, resilience and climate change, management of water resources in Africa



FUTURES DIALOGUES

From September 2025

Artificial Intelligence, scientific diplomacy, international cooperation, foresight and anticipation, and others



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GLOBAL OBSERVATORY ON THE FUTURES OF EDUCATION

- Foresight / futures and longer-term thinking
- Emerging issues
- World Futures Day – 2 December 2025 (UNESCO Headquarters, France)

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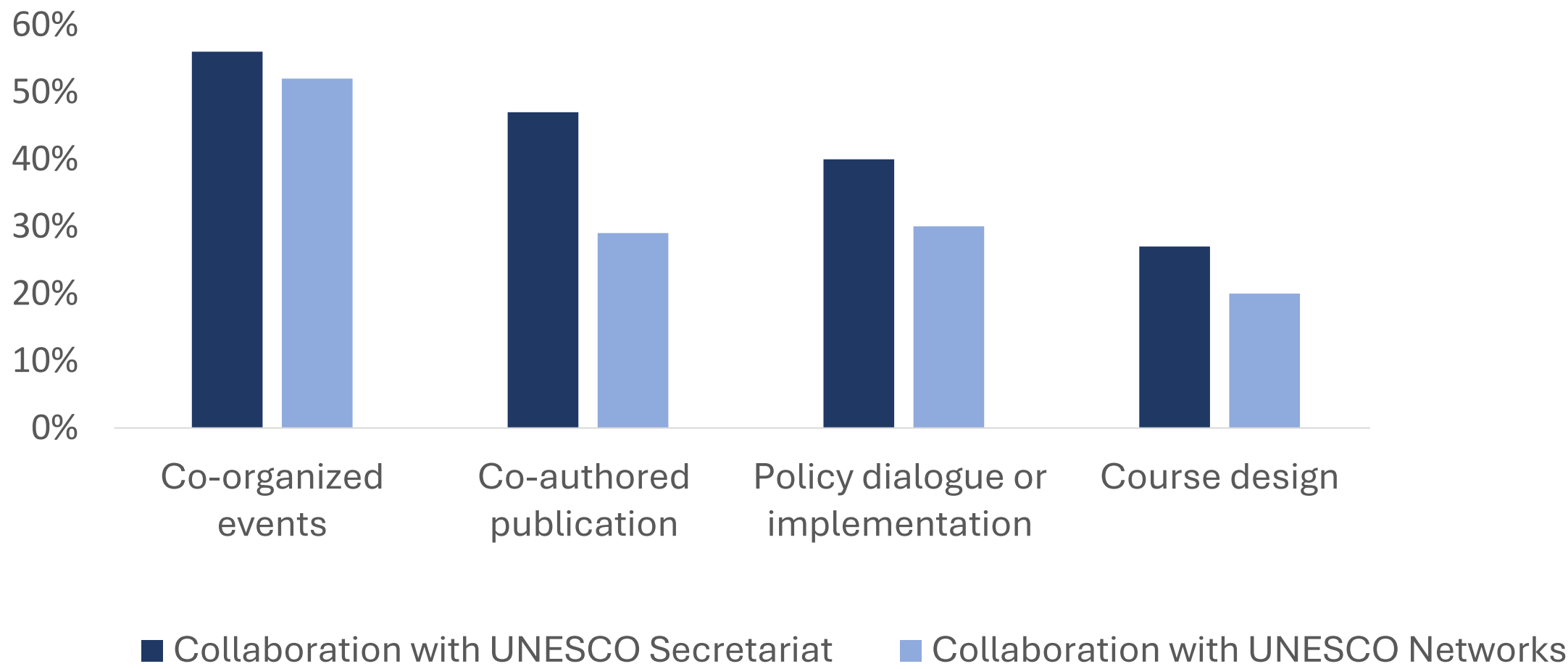
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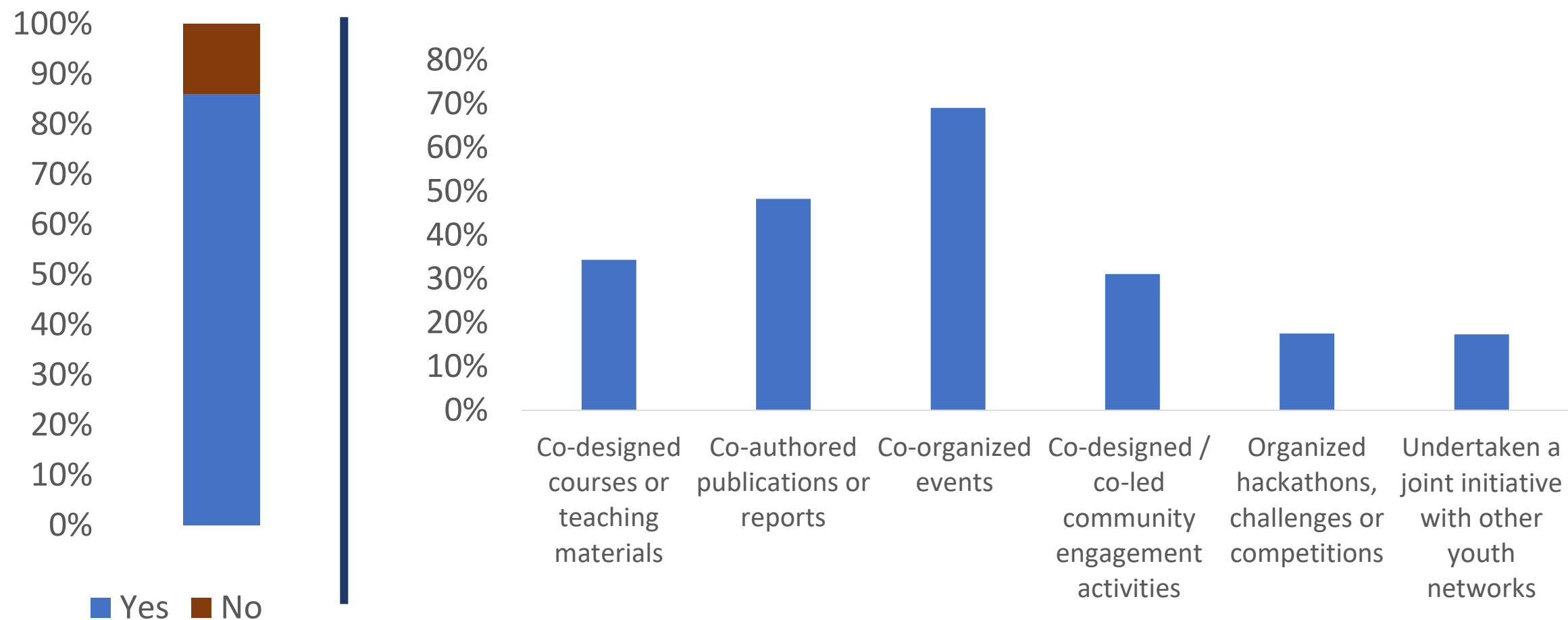
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ADVANCE UNESCO PRIORITIES: COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO AND ITS NETWORKS

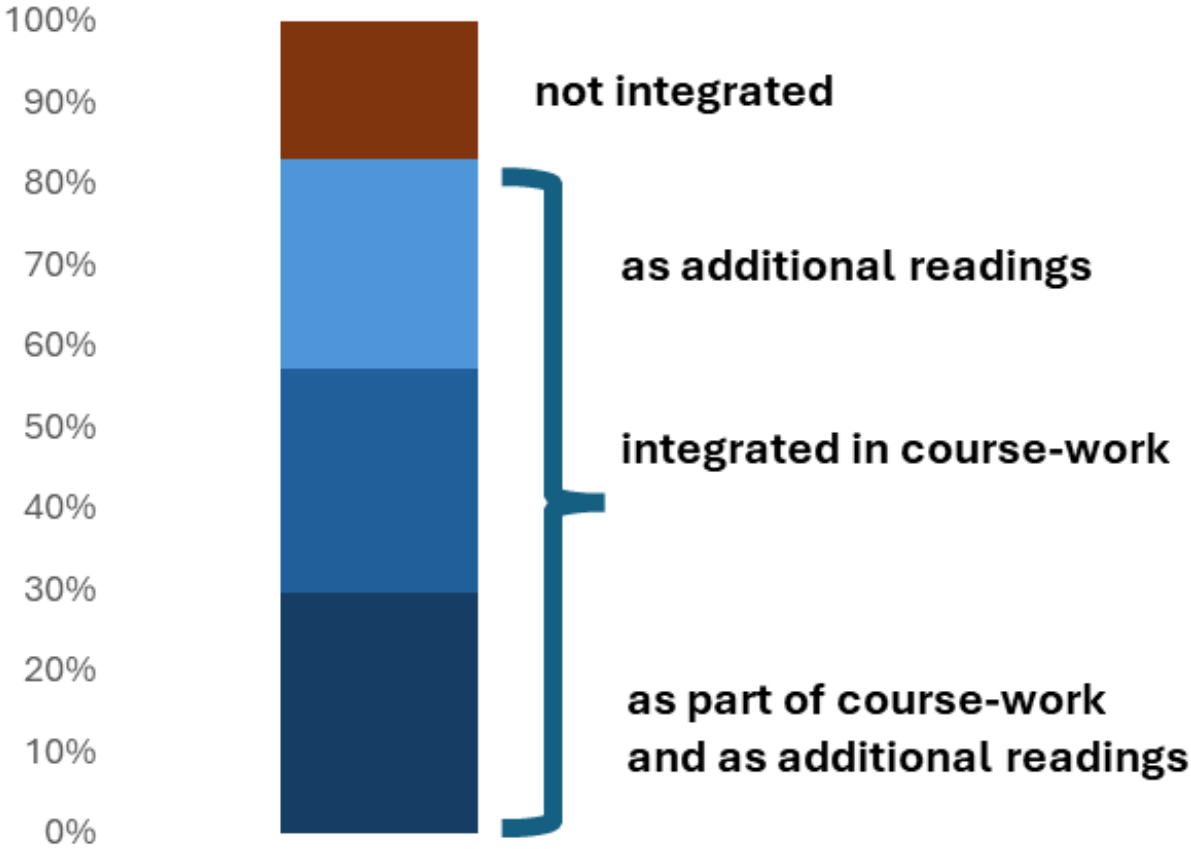


ADVANCE UNESCO PRIORITIES: CO-CREATION WITH STUDENTS & YOUTH



ADVANCE UNESCO PRIORITIES: INTEGRATE UNESCO MATERIALS IN COURSE-WORK

Share of UNESCO Chairs who integrate
UNESCO materials in course-work



ADVANCE UNESCO PRIORITIES: CONNECT WITH OTHER UNESCO DESIGNATIONS



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World Heritage Sites

Heritage is our legacy from the past, what we live with today, and what we pass on to future generations.



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Cultural practices and expressions of intangible heritage

Safeguarding our living heritage



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UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks

UNESCO's university cooperation programme



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Memory of the World International Register



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Biosphere reserves

The MAB programme aims to establish a scientific basis for enhancing the relationship between people and their environments.



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International Geoscience and Geoparks Programme

Preserving our Earth's resources for future generations

but also...

ASPNET School

Creative cities

Learning cities

TVET Training Centers

Category II Institutes



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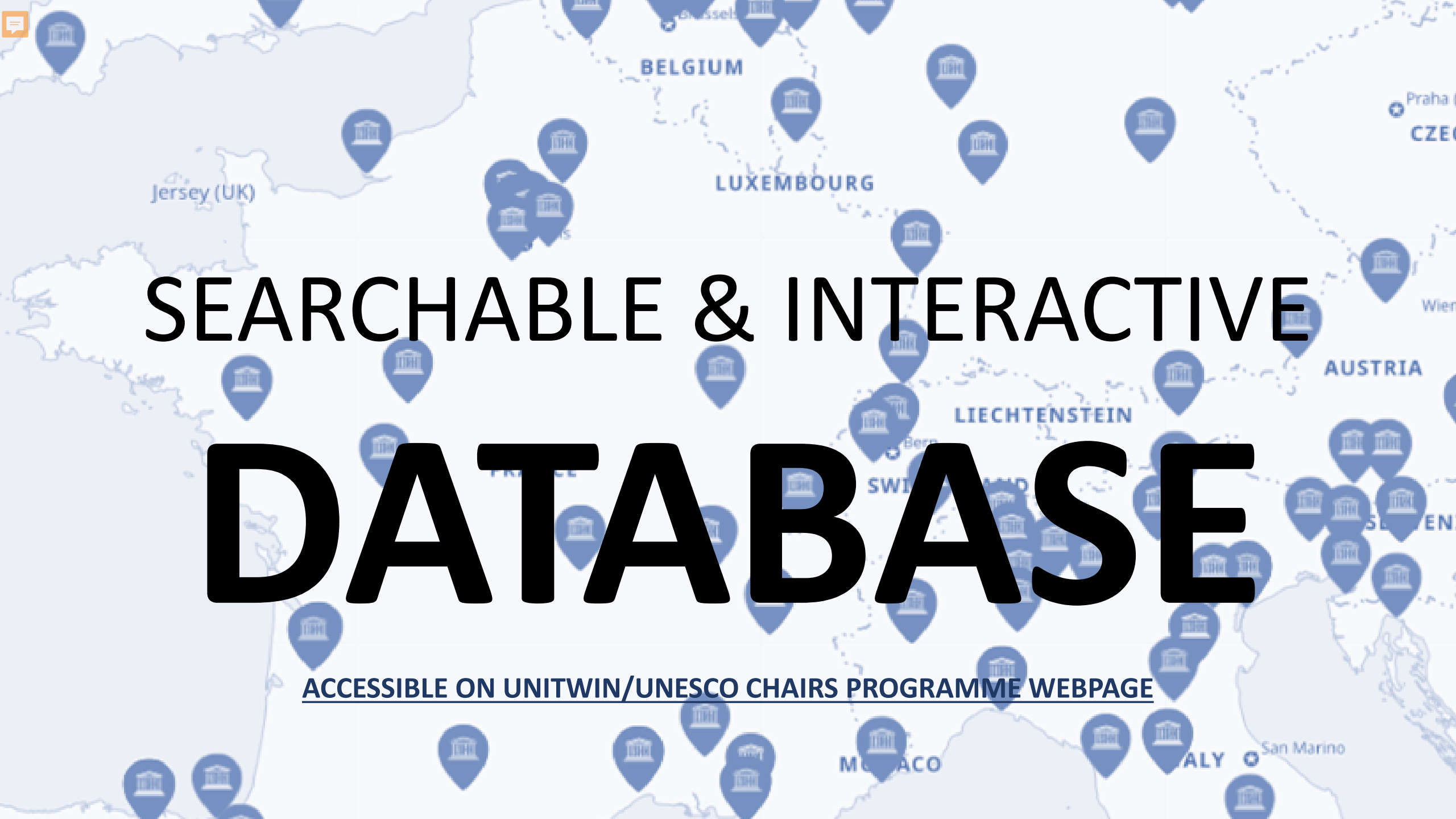
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A light blue map of Europe serves as the background. Numerous blue teardrop-shaped icons, each containing a white silhouette of a classical building with columns, are scattered across the map, representing various universities. Labels for several European countries are visible in a light blue font: BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, AUSTRIA, LIECHTENSTEIN, SWITZERLAND, FRANCE, ITALY, and San Marino. Other labels include Jersey (UK), Praha, and Wier.

SEARCHABLE & INTERACTIVE DATABASE

[ACCESSIBLE ON UNITWIN/UNESCO CHAIRS PROGRAMME WEBPAGE](#)

INTERNATIONAL FORUM OF UNESCO CHAIRS AND PARTNERS

TRANSFORMING KNOWLEDGE FOR AFRICA'S FUTURE

Addis Ababa (30 September – 2 October 2024)



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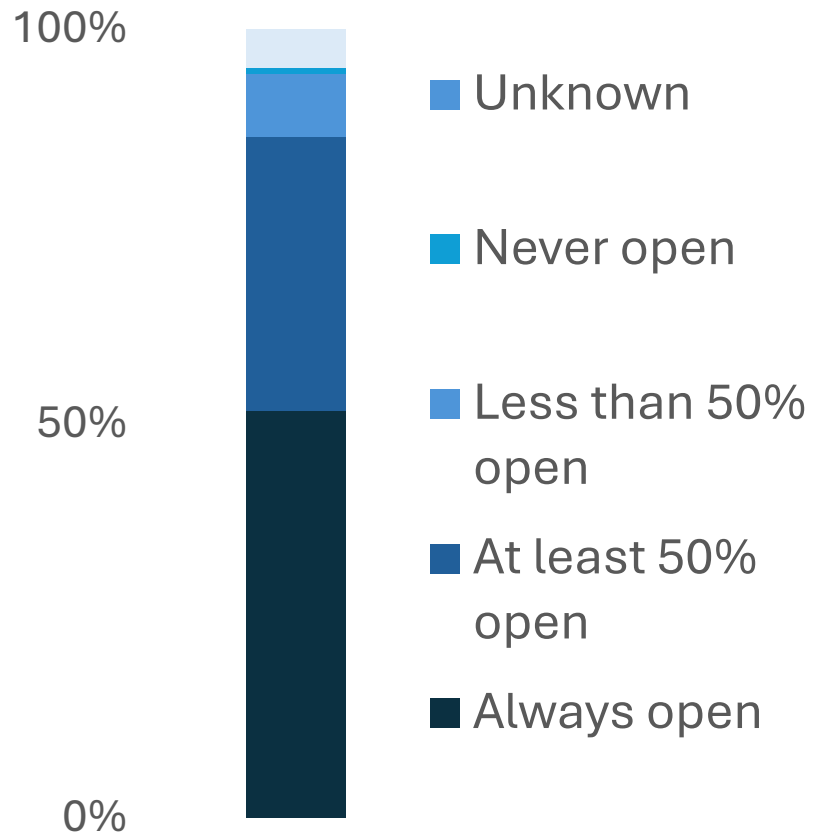
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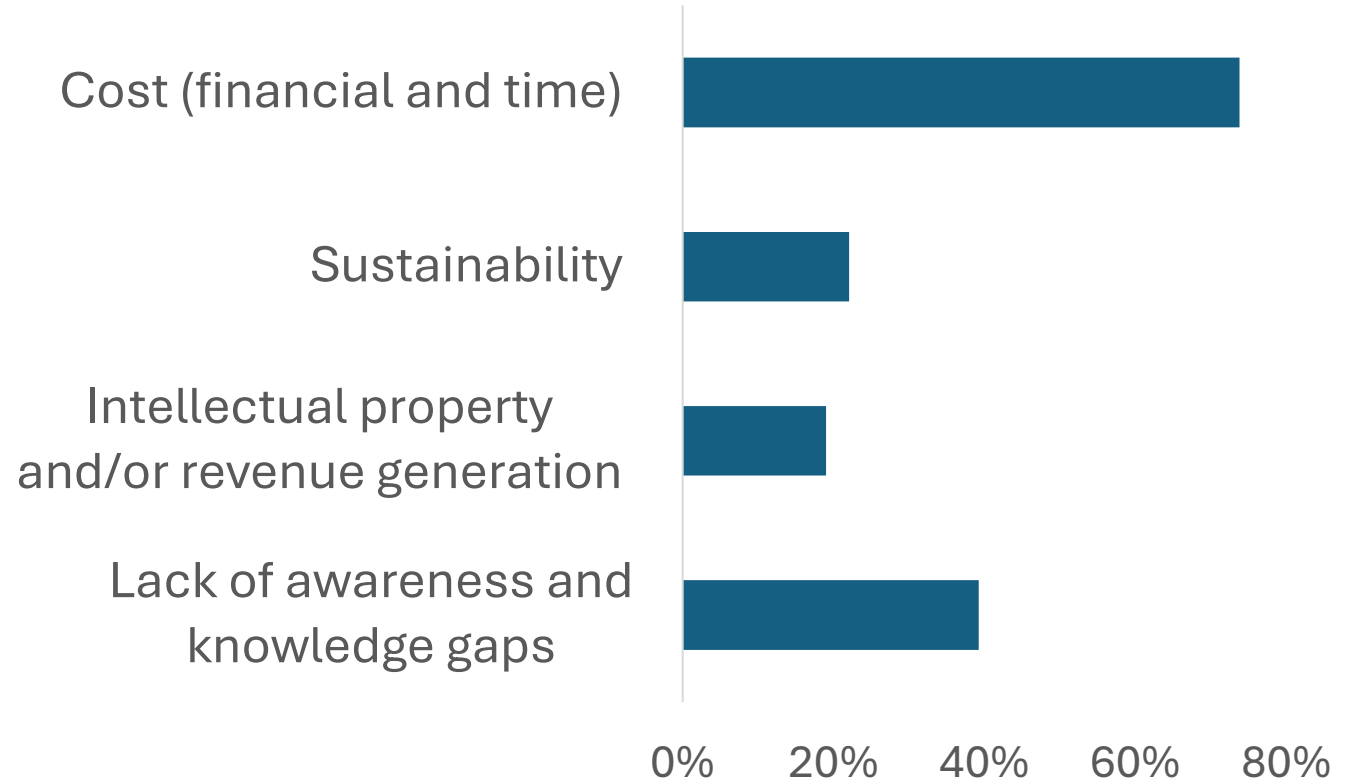
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FOSTER A CULTURE OF OPENNESS

Share of works published openly



Barriers to open educational practices



OPEN SCIENCE

FOSTER A CULTURE OF OPENNESS: UNESCO ACTIONS

- Agreements
- Guidelines
- Capacity development and awareness building workshops



**The 2019 UNESCO Recommendation
on Open Educational Resources (OER)**

Supporting universal access to information
through quality open learning materials



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ALL CHAIRS & NETWORKS SHOULD CONSIDER DEVELOPING A DEDICATED WEBPAGE

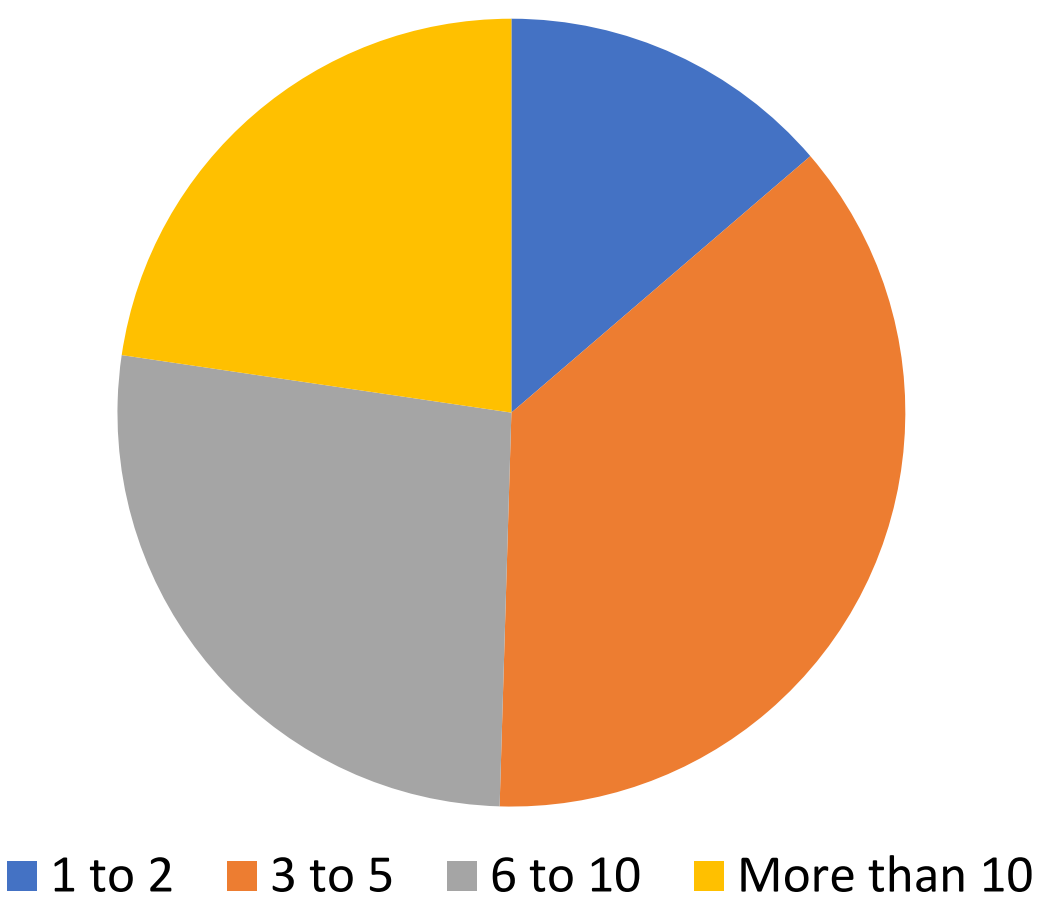
- Present the team members
- Publications
- News / Impact Stories / Events
[can be cross posted on UNESCO website]
- Promote of UNESCO activities
- Continually updated





UNESCO CHAIR TEAM COMPOSITION

(by number of persons)





JOIN_{the}
Linkedⁱⁿ group
where more than
8000 individuals
are associated with a
UNESCO Chair or UNITWIN Network

OLD LOGO – to be replaced



CORRECT LOGO



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Chair

OR



unesco
Network Member

ABOUT UNESCO CHAIRS & UNITWIN NETWORKS

VIDEO – TO USE AND DIFFUSE 😊



[UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme: Connecting minds in a network of hope - YouTube](#)



Q&A



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