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EIC Accelerator and EIC Transition Horizon Europe Seals - Update

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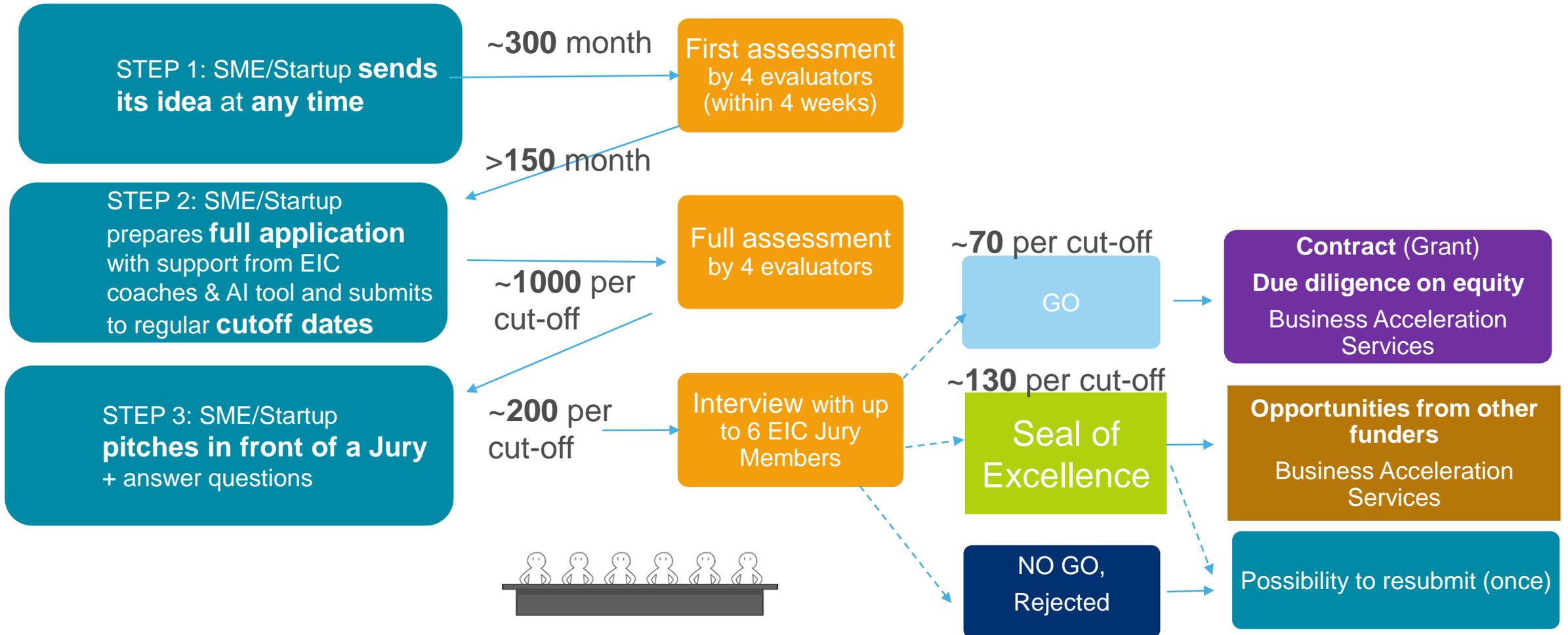
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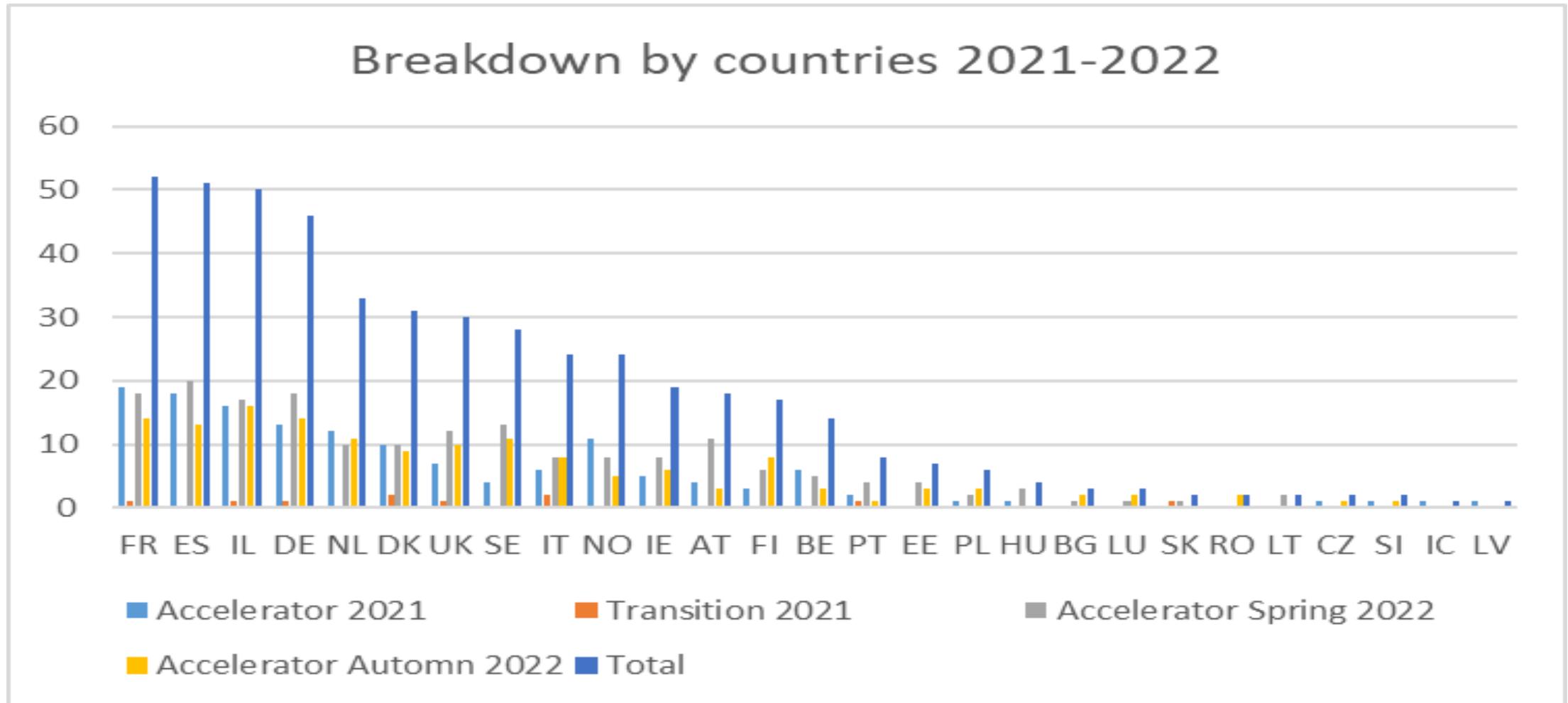
EIC Seals of Excellence: some specific features

- EIC SoEs only awarded after **highly rigorous, multi-step evaluation** to highly innovative companies with potential to scale up.
- Companies **must give consent** to share data to be eligible for EIC SoE (for limited set of data, e.g. contact details, abstract of the proposal, the amount of financial support requested).
- EIC SoEs receive **access to EIC Business Acceleration Services** (coaching, events, partnering, etc)
- **NEW**: role of **Enterprise Europe Network (EEN)** to support SoEs to secure other sources of funding

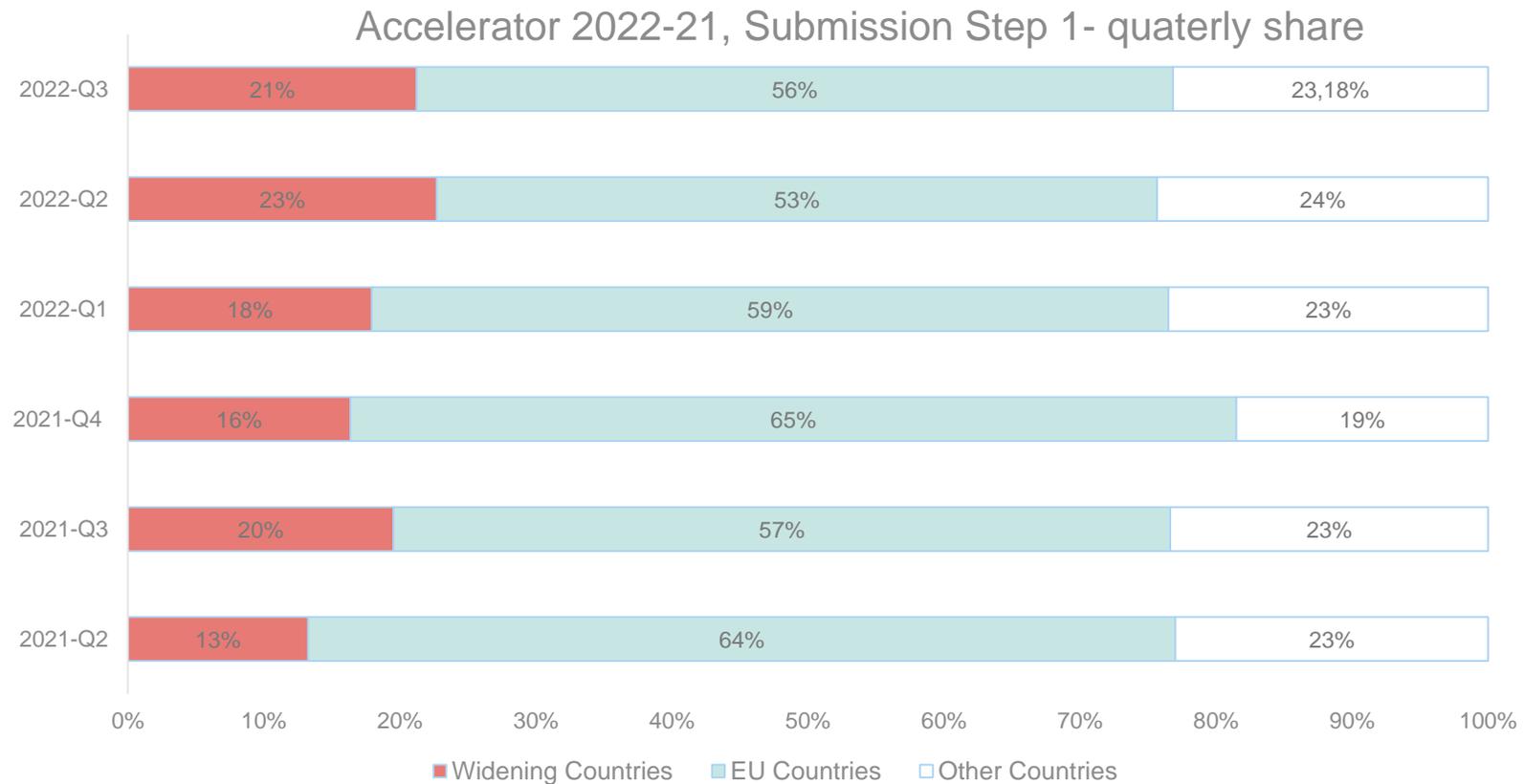
EIC Accelerator: rigorous, multi-step application process



Around 480 EIC Seals of Excellence already awarded under Horizon Europe



Growing share of applications from “widening countries”



Awarding EIC Seals of Excellence to excellent companies

- ❑ Over 300 companies already awarded a EIC Seal of Excellence in 2022 (two cut-offs). Increasing number, but quality (excellence) maintained.
- ❑ More EIC Seals of Excellence to be in 2022 (last Accelerator cut-off 2022 was on 5 October)
- ❑ 4 Accelerator cut-off planned in 2023 (Jan, March, June, Oct)
- ❑ SoEs also awarded to single SMEs from EIC Transition (earlier stage, TRL 4-6)

Promoting EIC in widening countries

- ❑ Working Group of EIC Board providing advice, recommendations.
- ❑ Capacity building and networking across EIC National Contact Points
- ❑ New role of EEN to identify and support SMEs to apply to EIC from widening countries
- ❑ EISMEA ready to support EIC info days (e.g. Czechia *July*, Croatia *December*, Bulgaria, etc.)
- ❑ Important **opportunity to promote SoE schemes** to potential applicants

NEW : SoE data exchange

Need for a **more systematic transfer of information**, beyond manually sent Excel sheets, and for a **better monitoring**, beyond the voluntary reporting, addressing both information flows on the Seal of Excellence:

- From the Commission services to the managing authorities on the Seal of excellence proposals in their MS/region and
- From the managing authorities to the Commission on national/regional Seal support schemes and on nationally/regionally financed Seal of Excellence projects with the Seal of Excellence.

IT developments under way, need for volunteers for user testing!



Thank you!

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