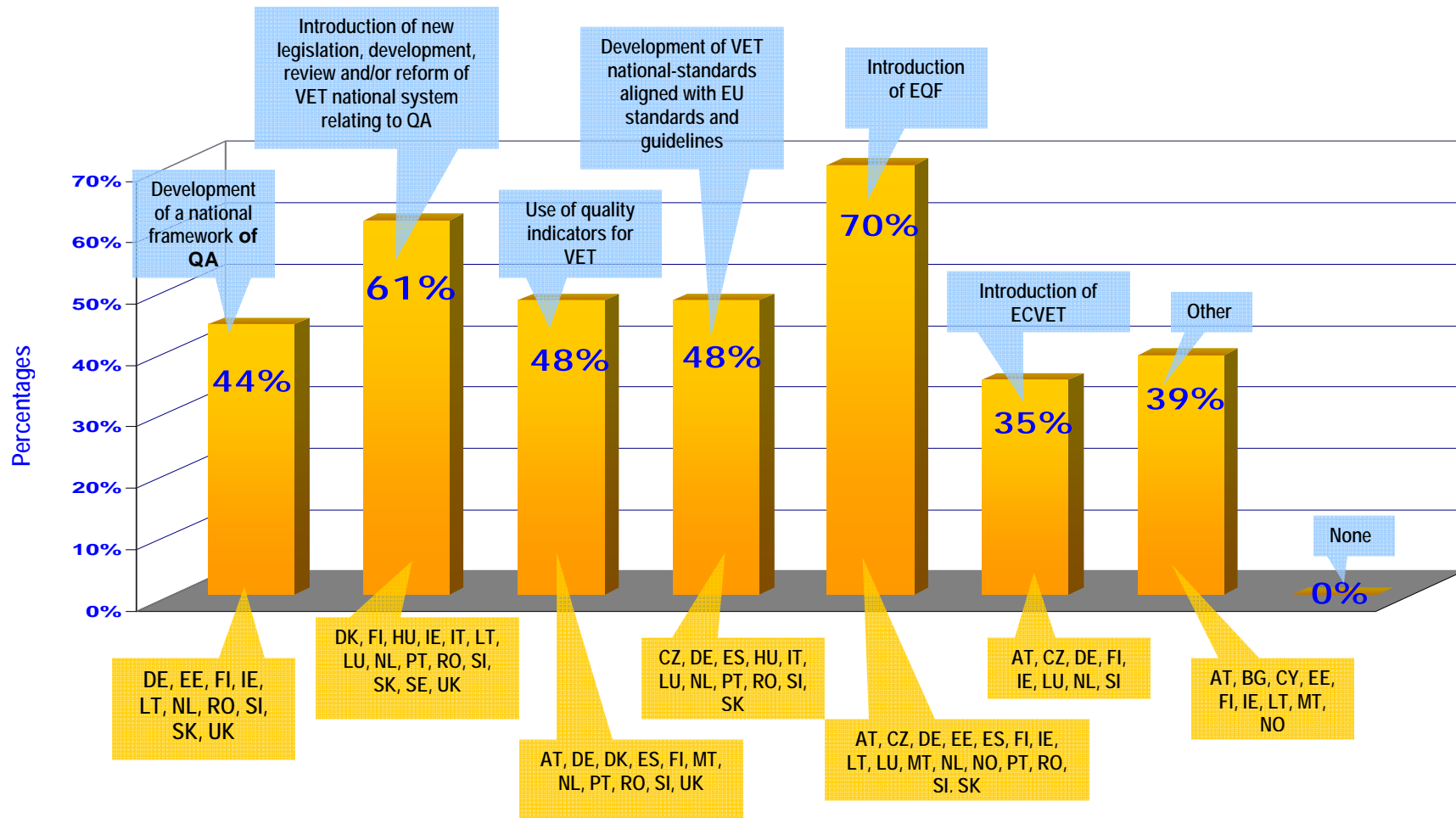


POLICY DEVELOPMENTS ON QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR VET SINCE 2008



Country example: institutional reforms

EE: Standard for vocational education and training is in force since 2006. In 2009 it was amended to reflect the learning outcomes methodology of the national qualifications framework and EQF. Between 2008 and 2009 44 national curricula were approved according to educational standards in VET. A new national qualification framework was set up by a new legislative act: the old 5-level qualifications framework has been replaced with a new 8-level framework in line with the EQF-

The category specified under "other" includes

CY: System for Assessment and Certification of Training Providers (2008-2009): The system involves stakeholders and it has been designed by the Human Resource Development Authority. The system defines the criteria and the procedures for the assessment and certification of training providers and trainers, which aims to improve quality assurance and effectiveness of the training provision

FI: The recommendations for quality assurance in VET has been signed by the Minister for Education in 2008 and the development of a strategy for Quality management in VET is about to start

LT: A programme for the improvement of resources for practical training was approved and its implementation has started. The programme foresees further development of VET quality assurance system at national and provider levels

All countries have made considerable progress in national policy developments concerning quality assurance since 2008:

- Almost 50% (44%) of reporting countries have developed a national framework for quality assurance*
- More than 60% of countries reported having introduced new legislation and new developments and/or reviewed/amended/reformed the existing legislation in relation to quality assurance of their national VET systems
- Almost 50% of countries have used quality indicators for VET*
- 70% of institutions responding have introduced the European Framework of Qualification (EQF) or designed a National Framework of Qualification aligned to the former
- 11 out of 23 countries, i.e. almost 50% of participating countries, have developed VET national standards in line with European standards and guidelines
- 35 per cent (i.e. 8 countries out of 23) have reported that they have already introduced the European Credit system for VET (ECVET)
- No country participating reported no action taken since 2008

*Malta will do it at the end of 2009

*EE uses indicators before 2008

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