BLUEING THE BLACK SEA PROGRAM

A REGIONAL INITIATIVE TO TACKLE MARINE POLLUTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE

in support of the Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea

Monday, 22 March 2021, 14.00-16.00 pm (GMT+2)











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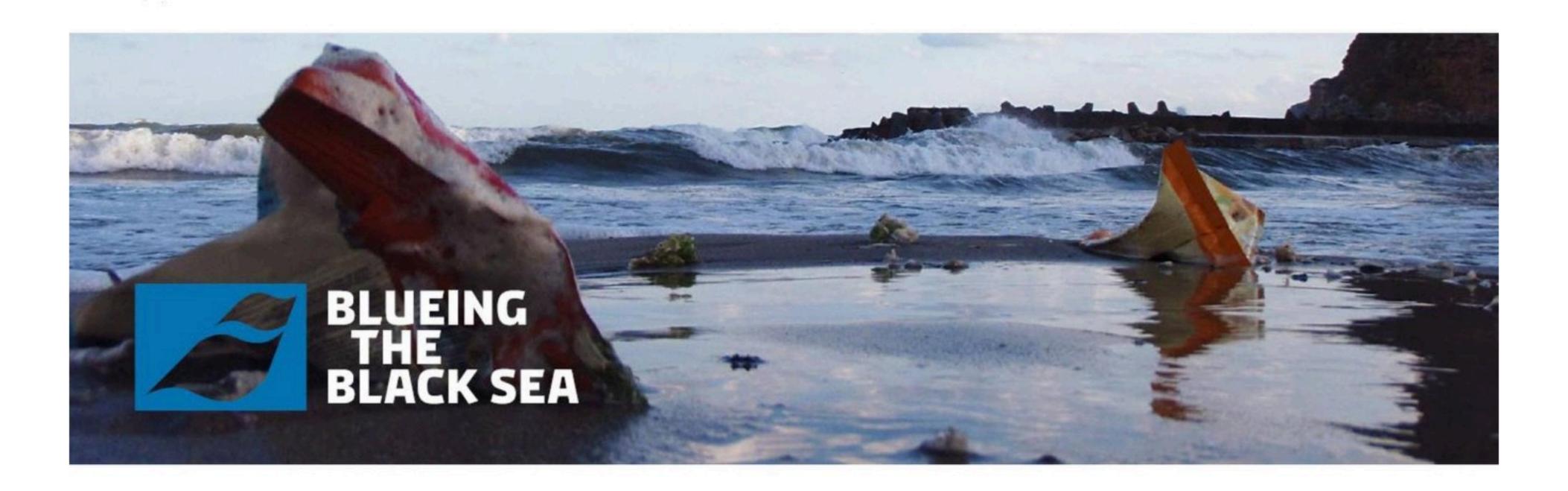












SETTING THE SCENE

The Global Environmental Facility-funded 'Blueing the Black Sea Programme' (BBSEA-GEF)

WHAT DOES "BLUEING" MEAN?



"Blueing" of oceanic sectors is achieved by supporting more sustainable development of maritime activities such as shipping, ports, tourism, offshore wind or desalination.

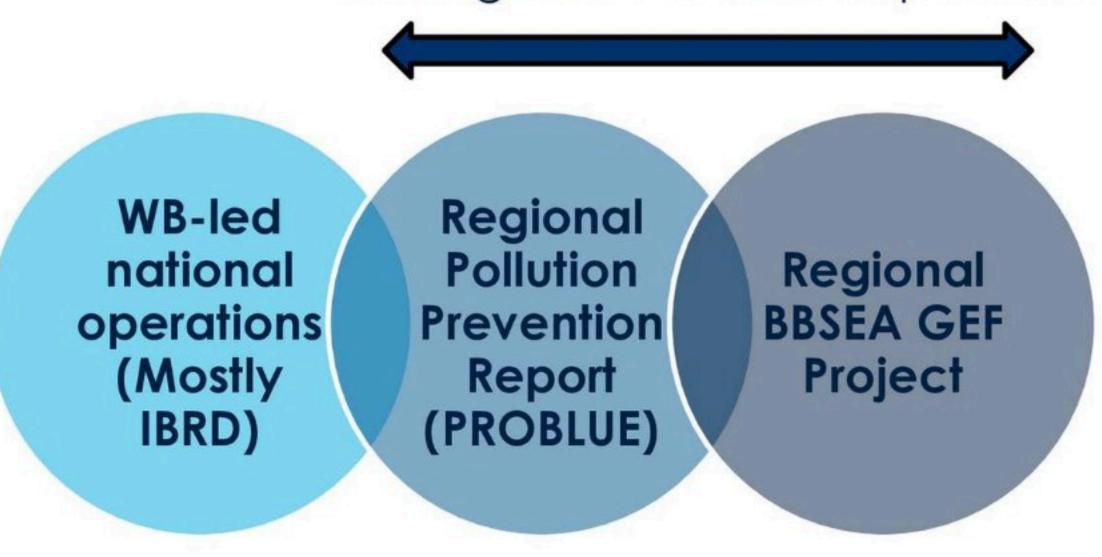
"Blueing" is the equivalent of greening applied to the marine environment.

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BBSEA PROGRAM: VERY FIRST BUILDING BLOCKS

Starting with the issue of pollution



Special focus on:

- 1.Policy support on Blue governance to countries
- 2. Tackling Marine pollution
- 3. Enhancing governments' capacity for integrated coastal zone management



BBSEA PROGRAM: SNAPSHOT OF RELEVANT PROJECTS AND STATUS

Moldova Agriculture Competitiveness Project (P118518) On going until 2024

Moldova Water Security and Sanitation Project (P173076)

In preparation

Regional BBSEA incl. national activities

Romania Nutrient Pollution Project (P093775, Investment)

On going until 2022

Regional BBSEA

Bulgaria Blue Economy (P171701, Report)

Completed

Regional BBSEA

Ukraine Assessment of Climate Impacts, Opportunities and Priorities (P171986, Report) On going

Kherson Sea Commercial Port (IFC) On going

Regional BBSEA incl. national activity

Russia Blue Economy for Krasnodar Krai (P171509, Report) Completed

Regional BBSEA

Turkey Integrated Landscapes
Management Project
(P172562, Investment)

Regional BBSEA incl. national activity

In preparation

Georgia Coastal Climate
Adapting Action Plan
(P165927, Report)
Completed

Regional BBSEA incl. national activity

A multi-sectorial effort by nature





Working session 1 Turning the Tide of Pollution in the Black Sea

Component 1: The PROBLUE DIAGNOSTIC

TURNING THE TIDE OF POLLUTION IN THE BLACK SEA



<u>Program Development Objective (PDO):</u> The development objective is to improve national and regional knowledge on sources, prevention and mitigation of key marine pollutants in the Black Sea and strengthen the case for improved regional collaboration.

Activity 1: Blueing the Black Sea – Analysis and Diagnostics

1.1: National and Regional Legal and Institutional Analysis

1.2: National and Regional Pollution Diagnostics

Activity 2: Consultations, Dissemination and Outreach

2.1: Consultations and Workshops

2.2: Dissemination and Outreach





LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL ANALYSIS



I. General Protection of the Marine Environment

- I. International Marine Environmental Law
- II. Regional Marine Environmental Law
- III. International Environmental Law
- IV. EU Environmental Law
- V. National Environmental Law

II. Marine Pollution from Land-Based Sources

- I. International Marine Environmental Law
- II. Regional Marine Environmental Law
- III. International Watercourses Law
- IV. Relevant EU Law
- V. National Environmental Law

III. Marine Pollution from Dumping at Sea

- International Marine Environmental Law
- II. International Environmental Law
- III. Regional Marine Environmental Law
- IV. Relevant EU Law
- V. National Environmental Law

IV. Vessel Source Marine Pollution

- International Marine Environmental Law
- II. Regional Marine Environmental Law
- III. National Environmental Law

V. Marine Pollution from Atmospheric Sources

- International Marine Environmental Law
- II. International Environmental Law
- III. Regional Marine Environmental Law
- IV. EU Environmental Law
- V. National Environmental Law

IV. Implementation and Enforcement of Relevant Legal Frameworks

- International Marine Environmental Law
- II. International Environmental Law
- III. Relevant Marine Environmental Law
- IV. EU Environmental Law
- V. National Environmental Law





POLLUTION DIAGNOSTIC



I. Sources of Pollution

- I. Land Base (e.g. Agriculture, wastewater incl. industry, ports, etc.)
- II. Maritime Pollution (e.g. shipping, oil spills etc.)
- III. Atmospheric Deposition
- IV. International waterways and transboundary

II. Differentiated Diagnostic of Marine Pollution

- 1. Key pollution categories differentiated in each country
- II. Hotspots Mapping

III. Business as Usual Scenarios

- . Economic and social sectors impacted by pollution (e.g. Public health, fisheries, tourism, industry, biodiversity, etc.).
- II. Scenarios at the national level
- III. Scenarios at the regional level, including cooperation

IV. Benefits of Addressing Pollution Issues in the Black Sea

- I. Socio-economic potential
- II. Role of the private sector
- III. Role of the public sector
- IV. Analysis of the incremental benefits of regional vs national





OVERALL BLACK SEA POLLUTION DIAGNOSTIC THE BLACK SEA

Introduction

- Black Sea quick facts
- Economic contribution of the Black Sea, natural capital
- 3. Pollution: Local and Regional Perspective
- 4. Regional Cooperation the SRIA and CMA
- 5. Alignment with the future European Green Deal (EGD) 6.
- 6. Blue Economy Concept and it role in post-COVID recovery

2. Methodology

- Scope of the Diagnostic Pollution
- Building on existing activities (ie. Development partner activities, etc)
- 3. Data collection (building on existing activities from ESA)
- National and Regional Analysis
- 5. Consultations, communication

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Marine Pollution Institutional Legal, Policy Gap Analysis and Compliance

- 1. Institutional gap analysis
- 2. Legal gap analysis
- 3. Policy gap analysis

3. Recommendations

- 1. Policy / Legal / Institutional
- 2. Finance and innovative instruments
- 3. Knowledge
- Applicable technologies

Action Plan (TIMEFRAME)





IMPLEMENTATION



Consulting Firm

Government Focal Points (BBSEA)

National Technical Committee

World Bank & Black Sea Commission













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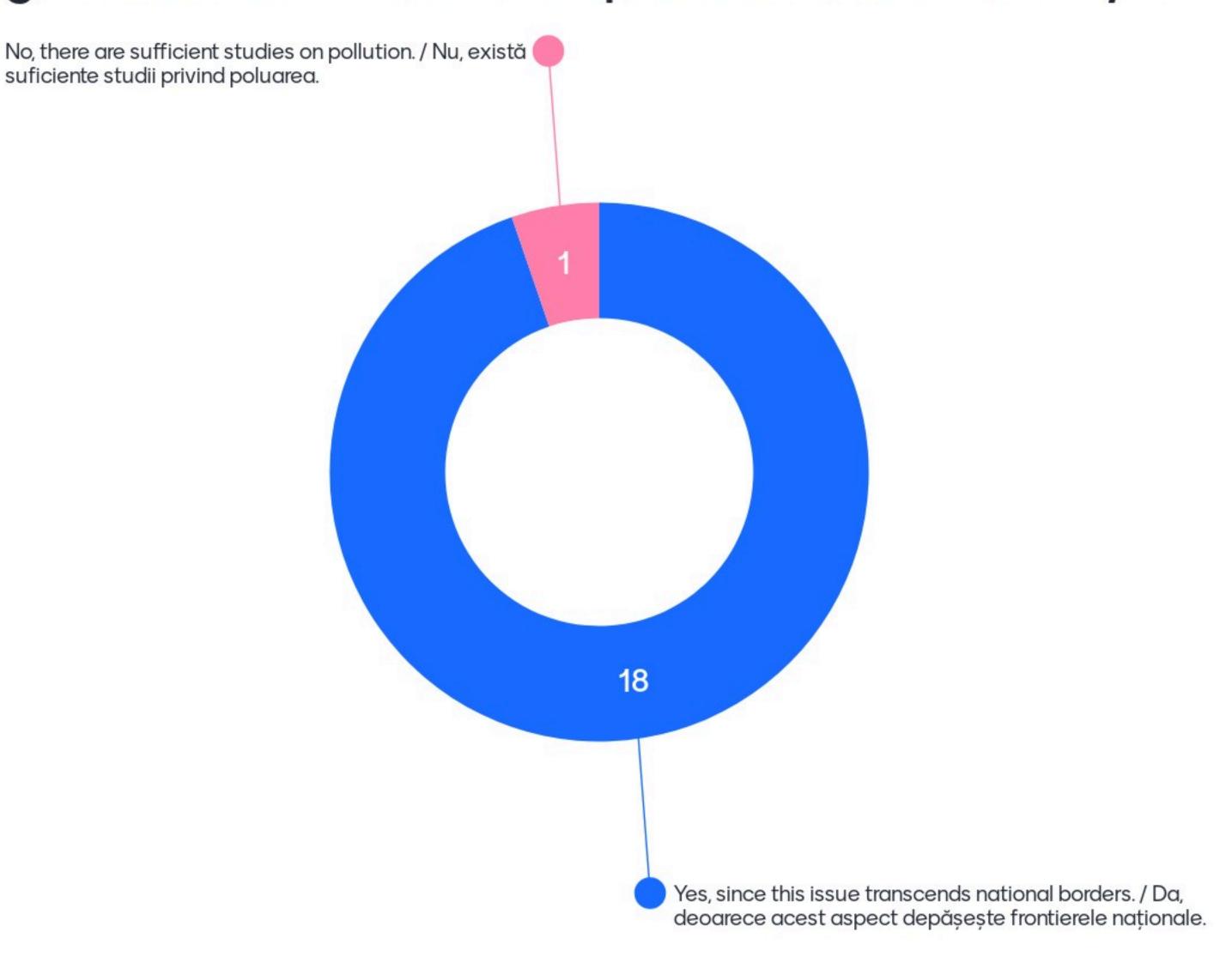






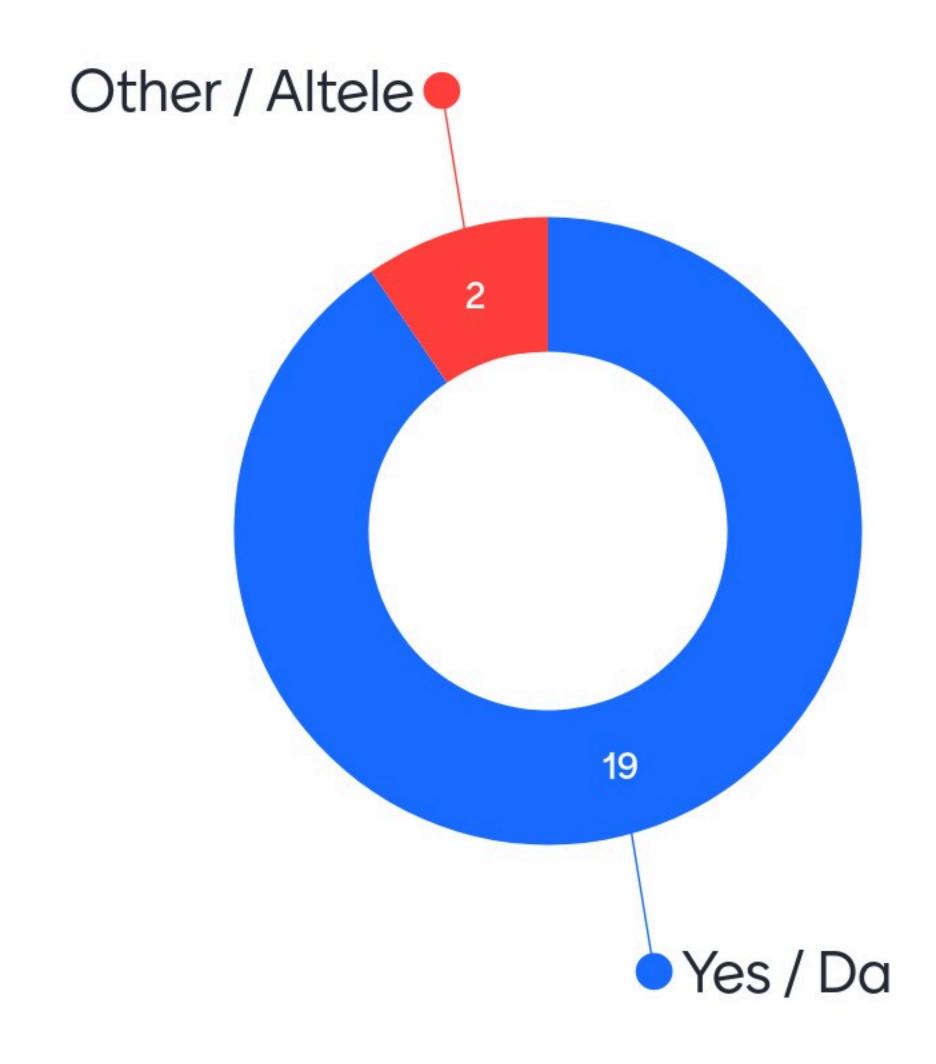
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1. Will the legal and institutional analysis & the regional pollution diagnostic contribute to the regional efforts to address pollution in waterways?





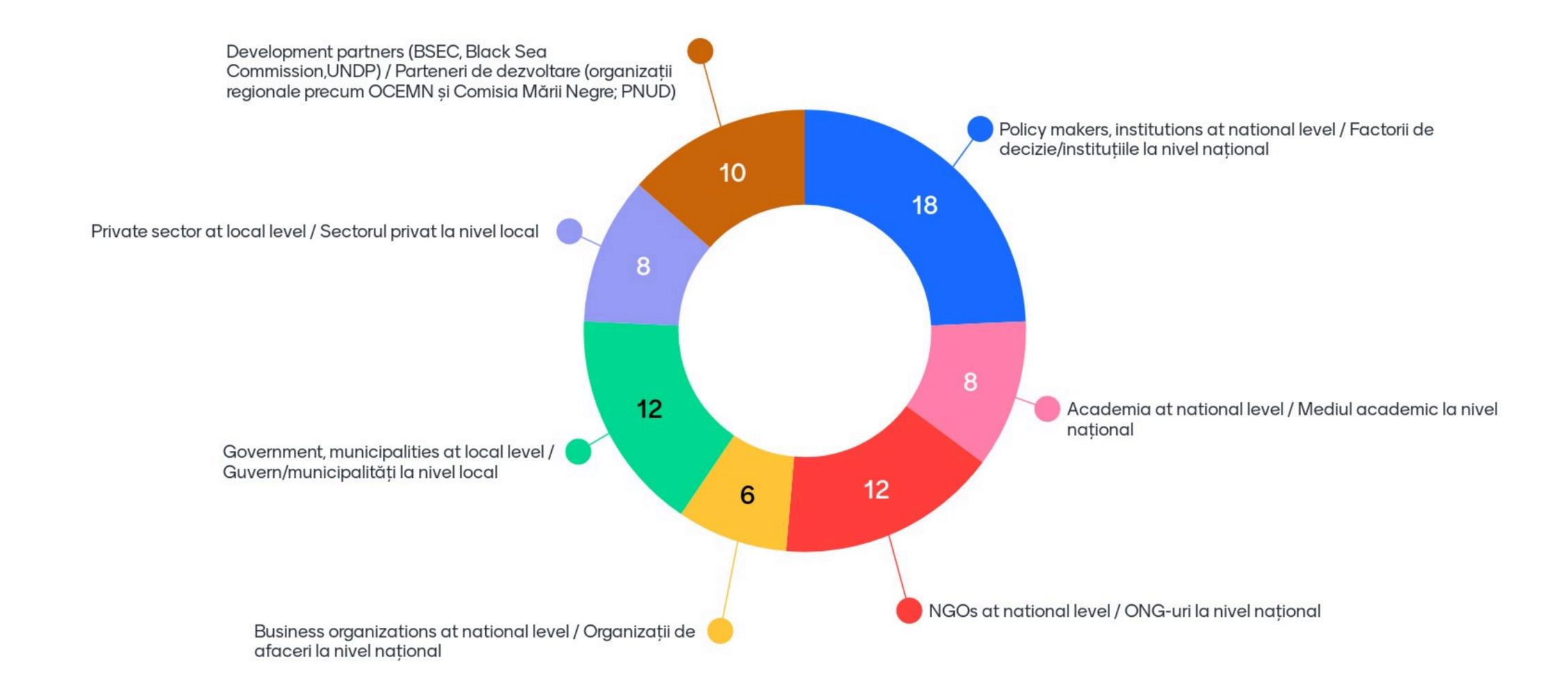
2. Does the scope of the diagnostic activities reflect on the main gaps that need to be addressed?





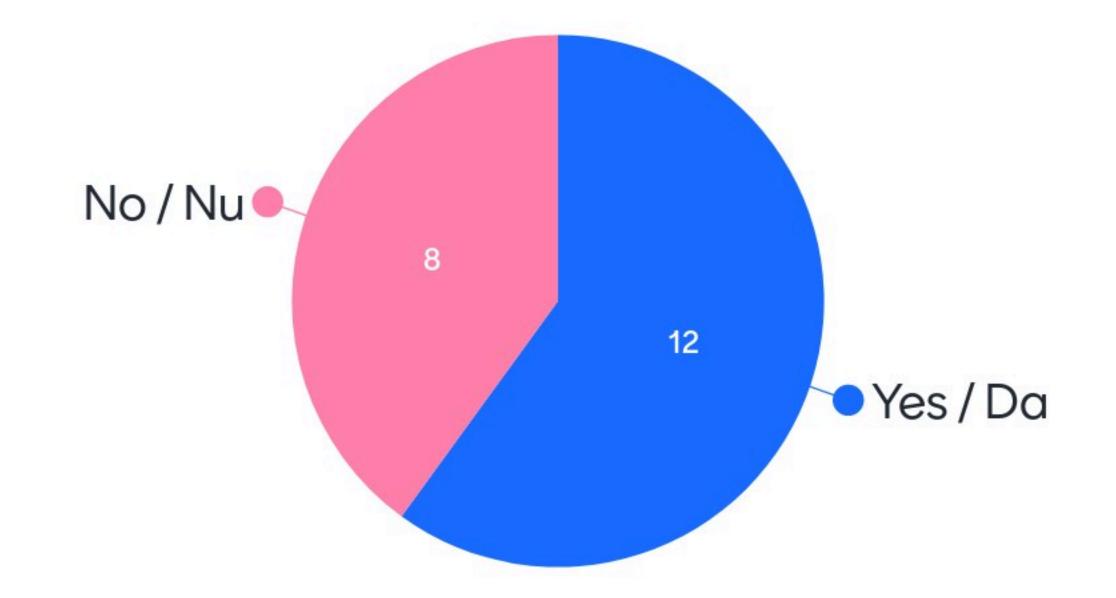
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3. Which are the stakeholders that have the most important role in addressing pollution in waterways & should be involved in the technical committee?





4. Are there any other similar or relevant existing projects and initiatives at national and regional levels that we should consider?





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4a. If yes, what are the projects that overlap in your view?

EUWI Plus

https://www.monitox.ugal.ro/

EU-funded SEIS

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regional project EU4Environmentregional project EU4Climate

Moldova is part to the Black See Basin Program, It is not about overlap, but they also tackle this issue through their projects

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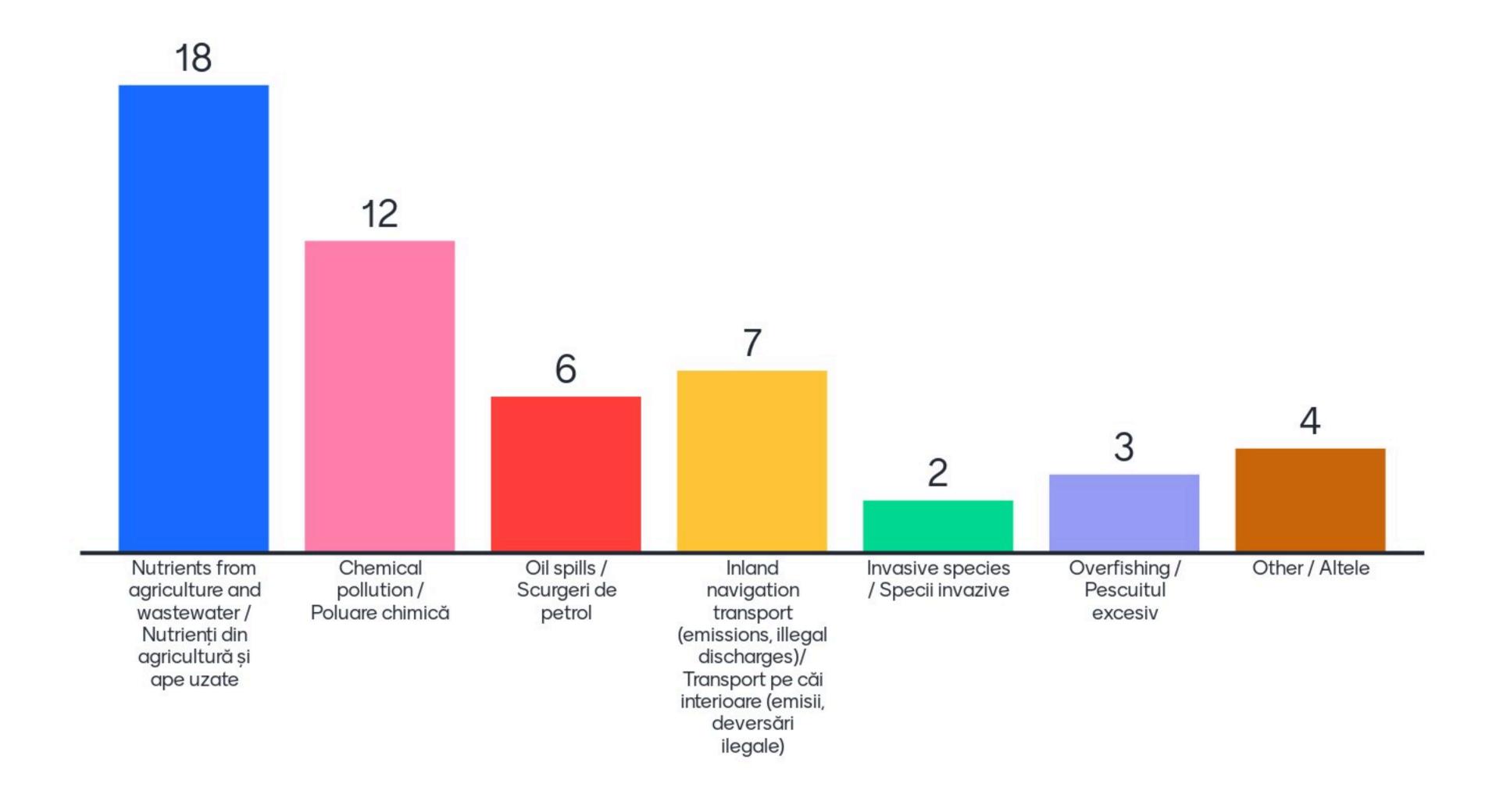
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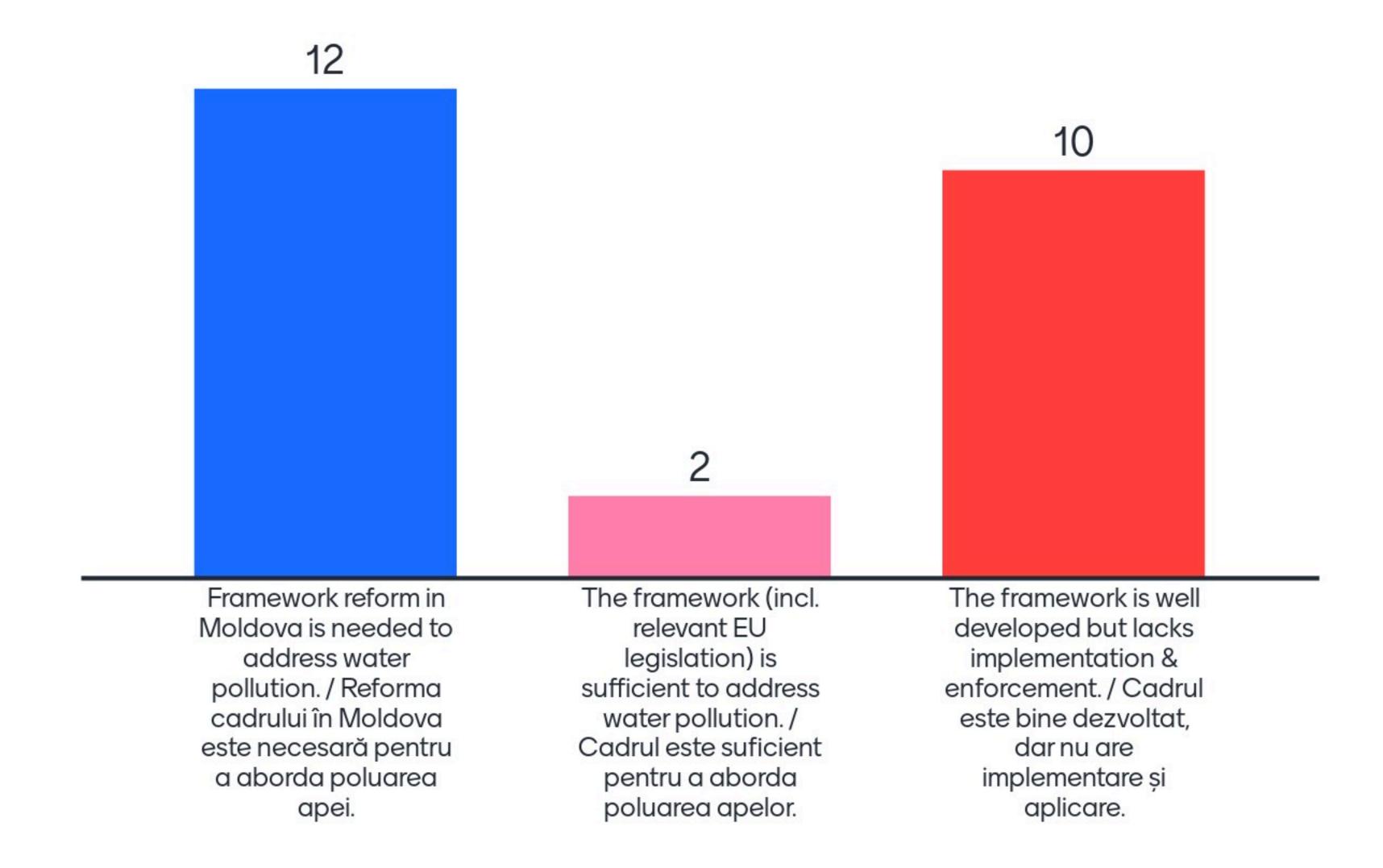


5. What are the most important pollution sources & human activities impacting the health of freshwater ecosystems in Moldova that we should consider?





6. Can institutional, legal and policy framework reform in Moldova help to address pollution issues in waterways?







7. What further support would you need from the World Bank to accompany the pollution-free development of the waterways that flow into the Black sea?

Investment support

Funding

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Funding and continuous support.

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INSTITUTIONAL; LABORATORY SUPPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS





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capacity building

FORESTRESION

Development or helping inforcement of the legisation regulating the businesses water treatment

funding for technical equipment

financial; and best practices sharing

Capacity building

Legal Aspects

More direct funding





Working session 2 BBSEA GEF Project, Focus on Moldova

BBSEA GEF-funded Regional project preparatory phase "Strengthen public private partnership and innovative financing"

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BBSEA GEF Project: key facts

- Instrument: Investment Project Financing
- Financing: \$6.6 million from The Global Environment Facility International Water Window
- Execution: Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation
- Long-term objective: Improve environmental health of the Black Sea and increase social and economic benefits for the population
- Timeline: Q3 2021 Q1 2024.

BBSEA GEF Project: Indicative Activities BLEKSEA



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Activities (primarily) at national level

- A. The Cost of Pollution on the Economy
- Cross-sectoral Coordination Mechanism for the Economy
- C. National investment Plans for Pollution Prevention and Circular Economy (including financing targets monitoring)
- D. Eco-Business Competition and Grants to reduce pollution and improve water quality run-off to the Black Sea
- Preparation and fund-raising for investment to reduce pollution and improve water quality run off to the Black Sea.

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BBSEA GEF Project: Indicative Activities BLEKSEA



Activities (primarily) at regional level

- Sustainable Business Standards and Guidelines in key sectors (agriculture, aquaculture, tourism, shipping and water management)
- G. Capacity building in banking for green finance and innovation
- H. Awareness raising on the issue of pollution in the Black Sea

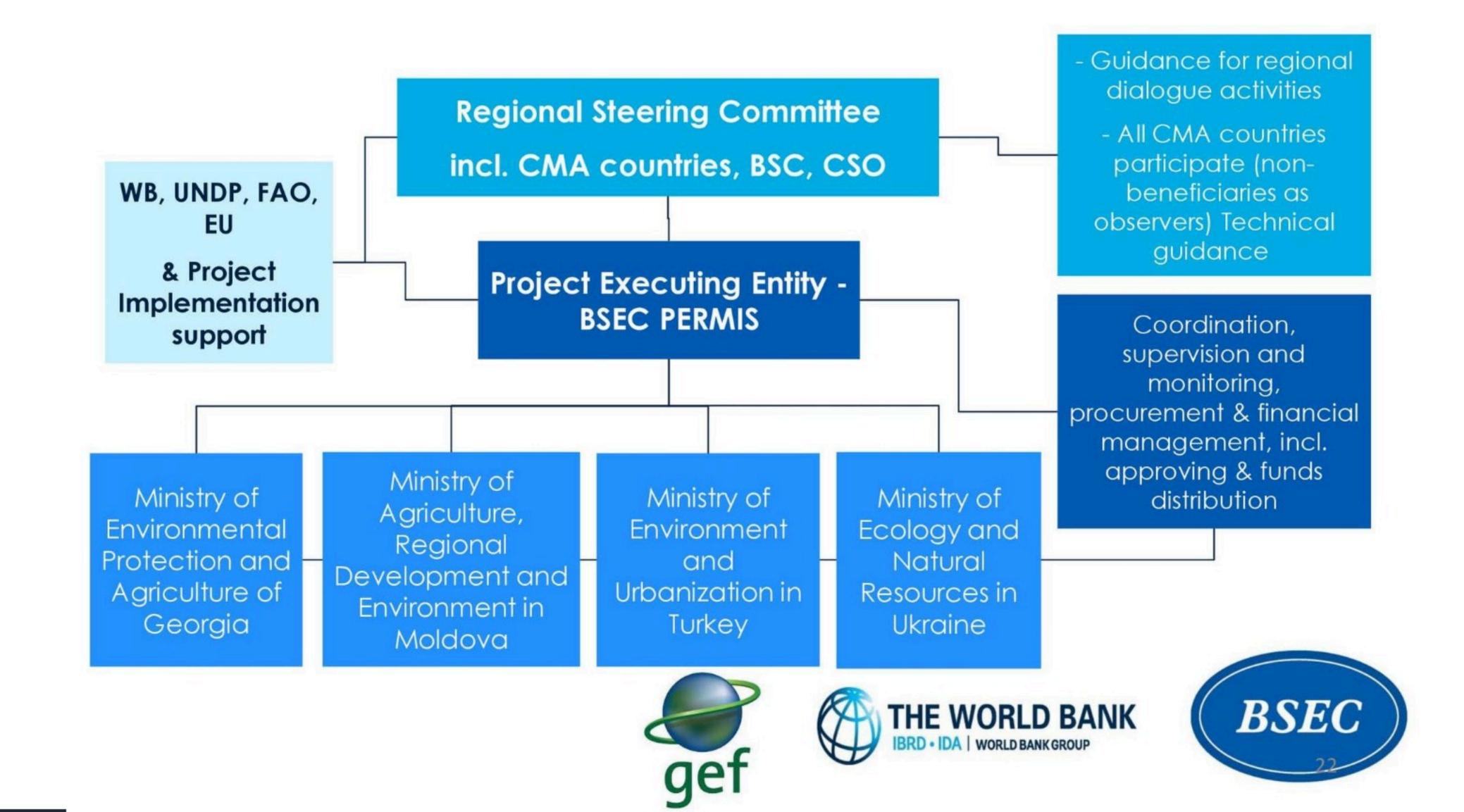






BBSEA GEF Project: Possible implementation arrangements Plack SEA





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Project Preparation Grant for BSEC (Jan 2021)

Implementation starts (Sept 2021)

BBSEA GEF Project **Timeline**

Country consultation by VC (Feb-April 2021)

Ukraine: March 2021

Board date

(July, 2021)

Decision meeting (April 2020)

Appraisal (June 2021)







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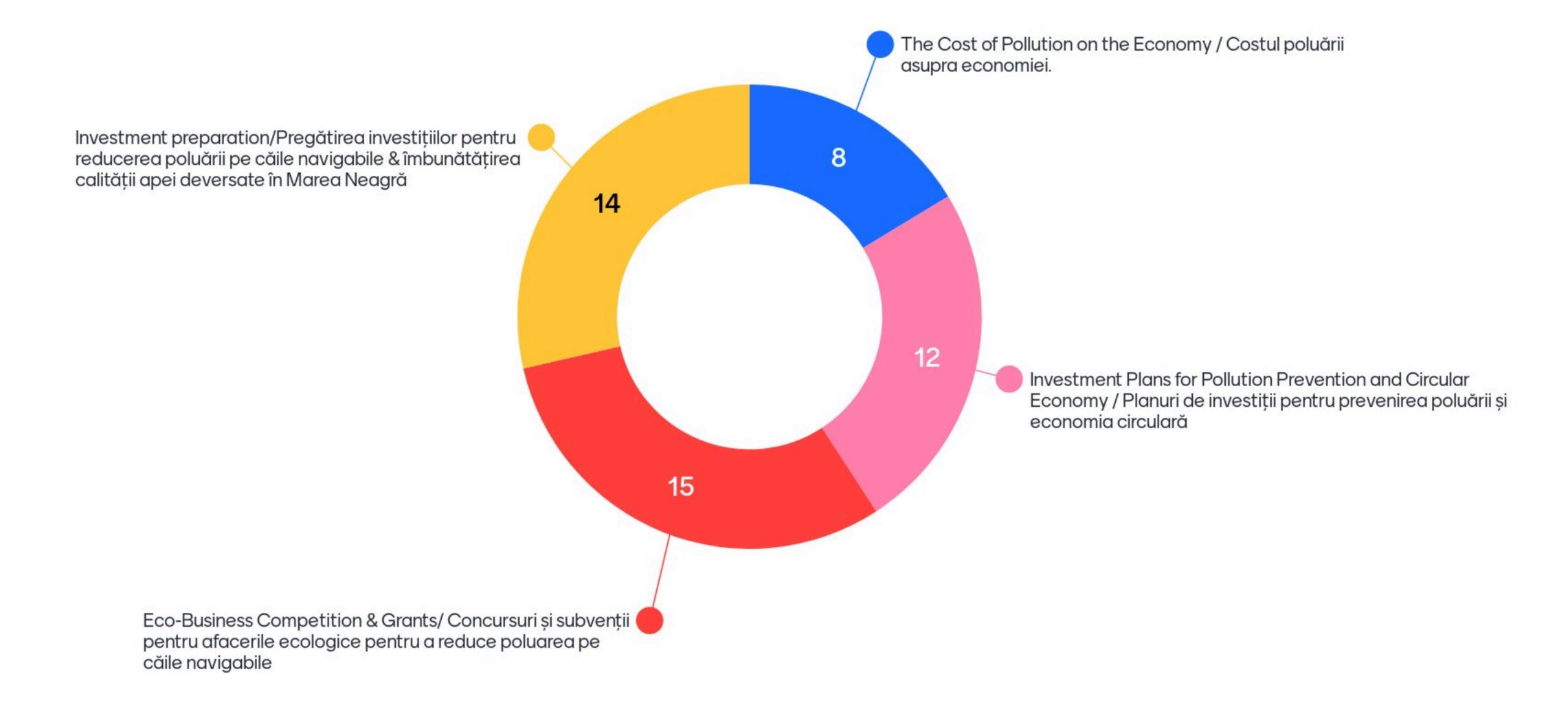




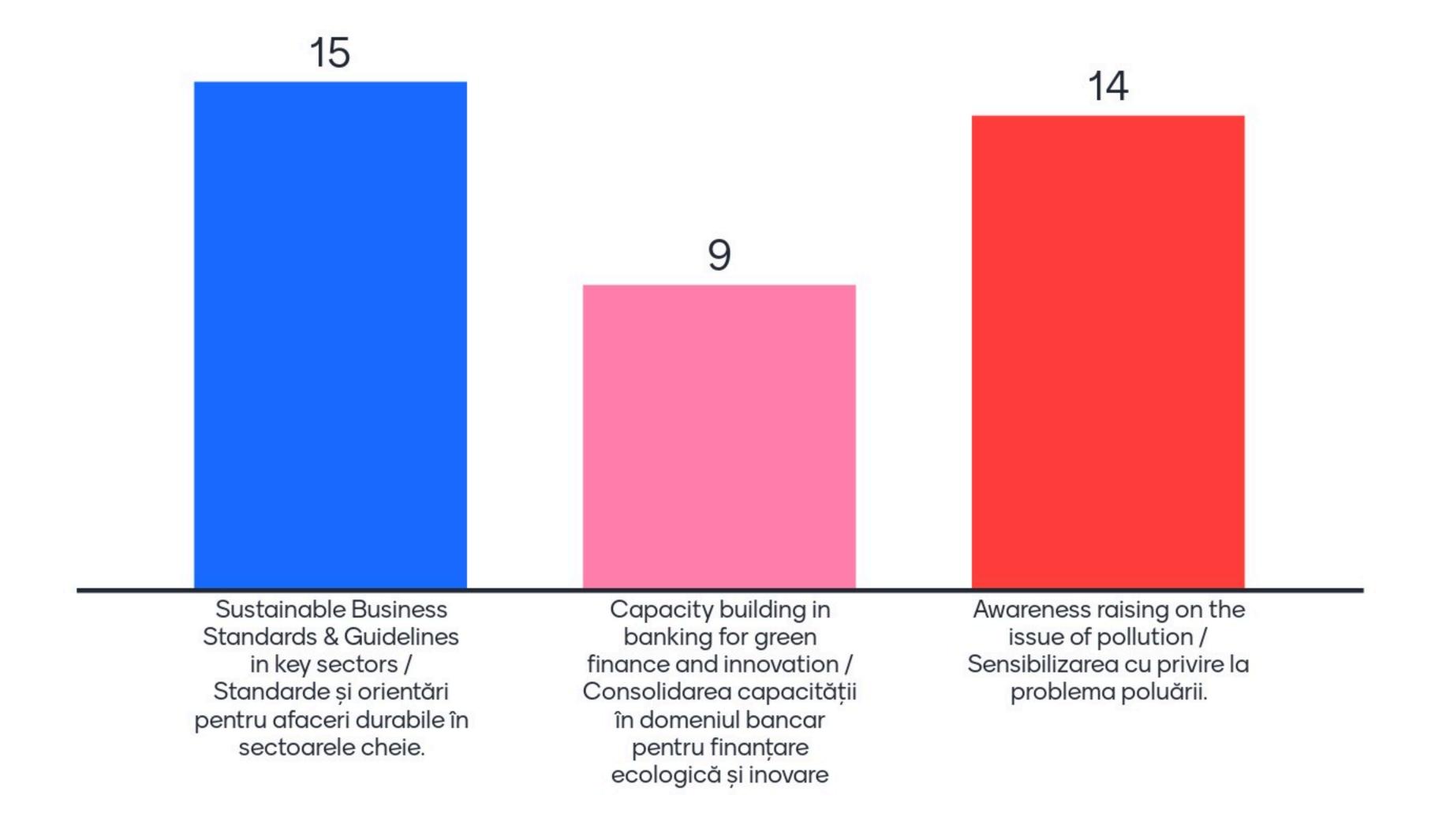


1. Select the topmost important national level activities for Moldova.

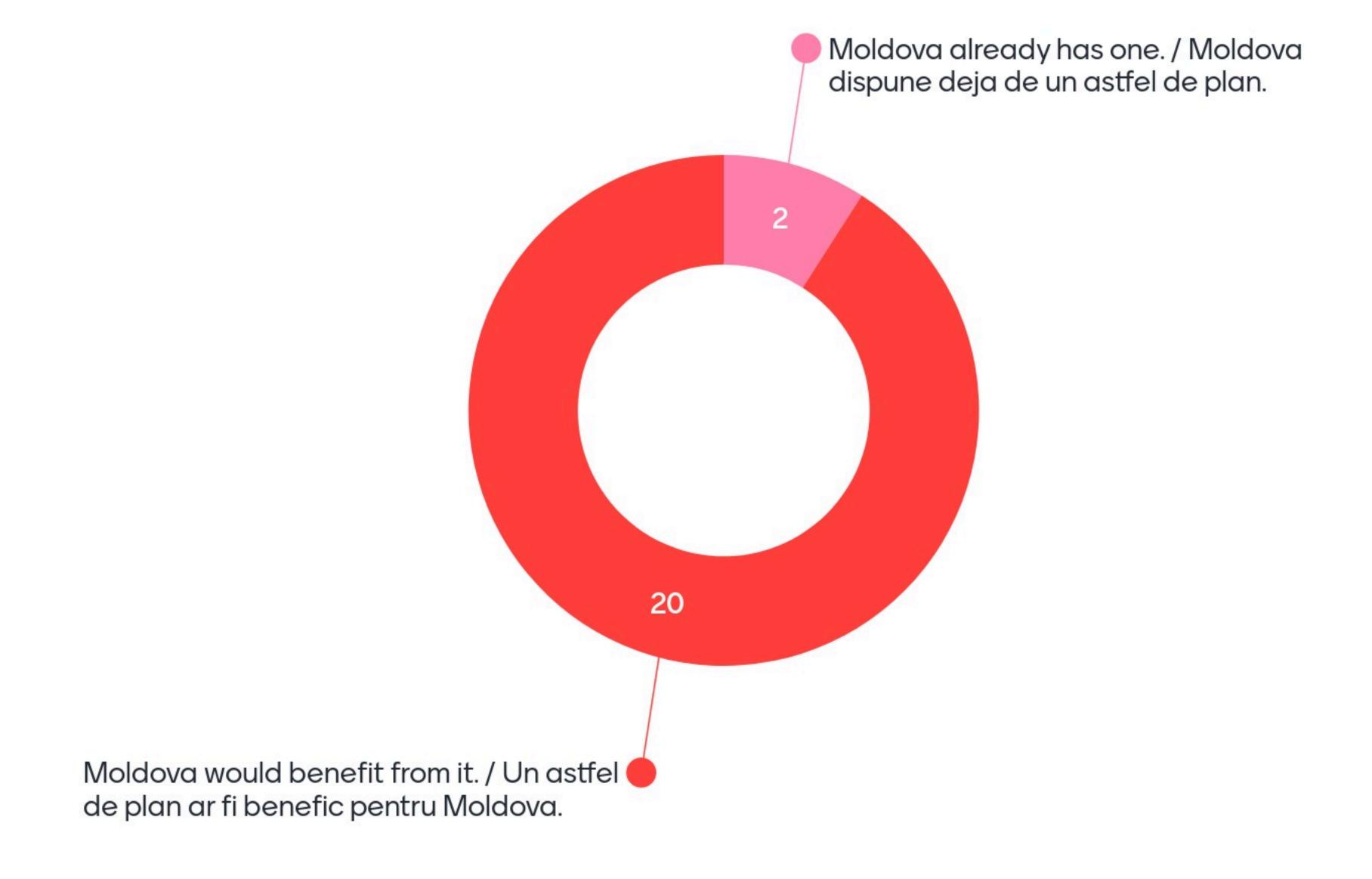






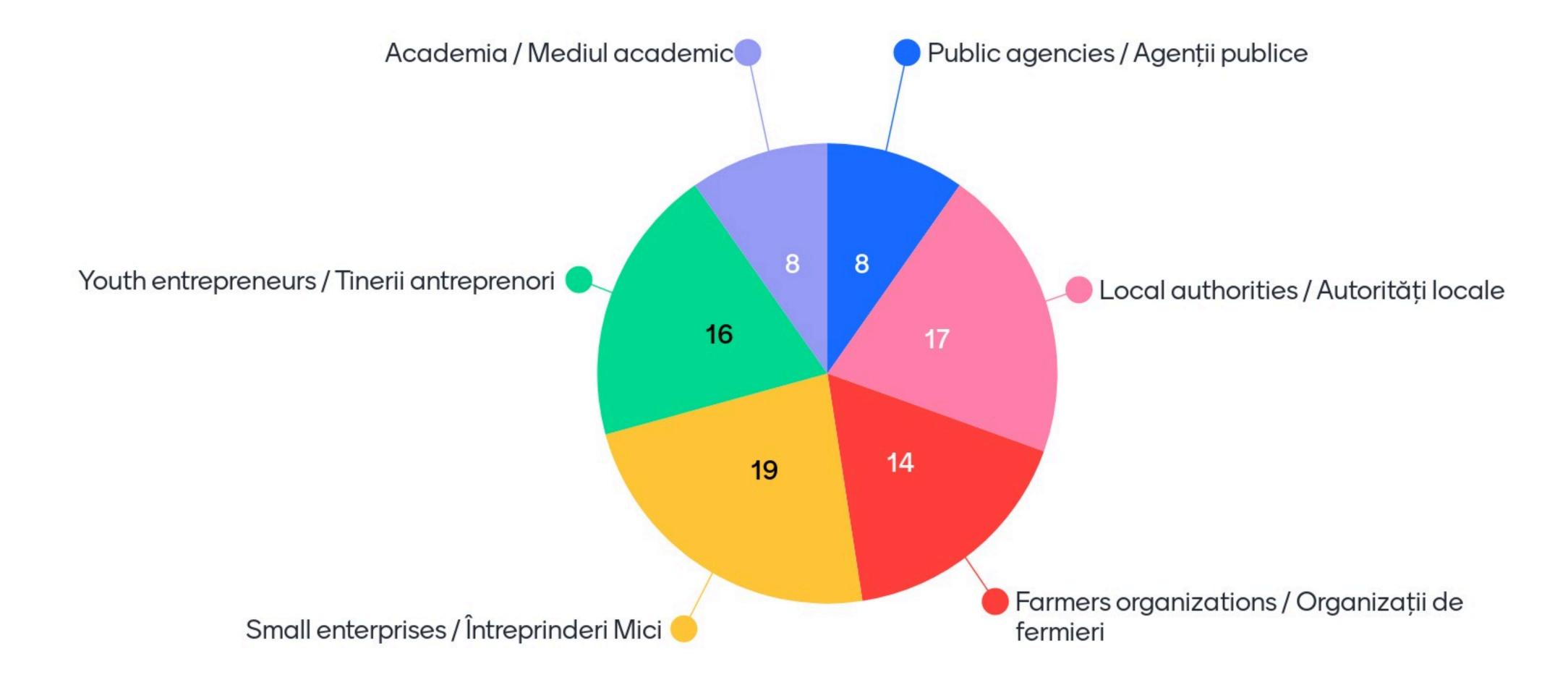








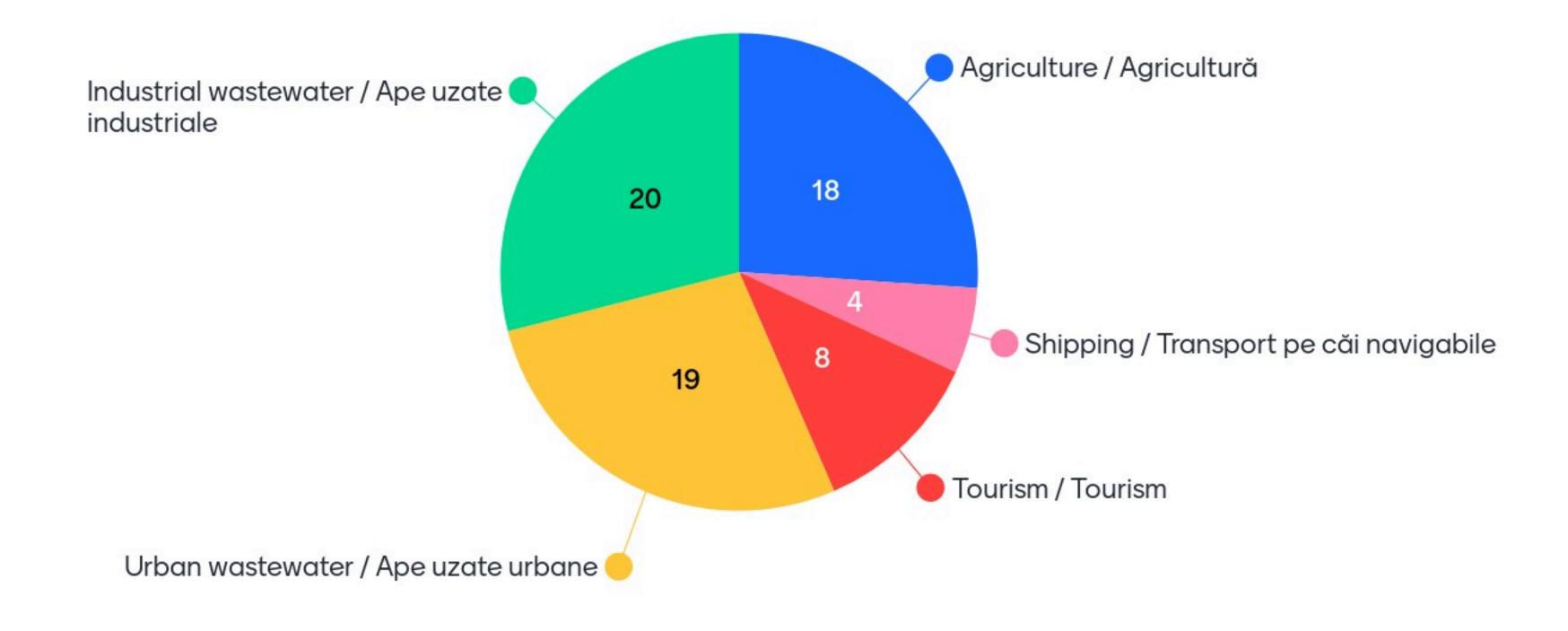
4. Select suitable competitors for an eco-business grant competition to reduce pollution in waterways & improve water quality run-off to the Black Sea





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5. What are the priority sectors for the eco-business grant competition to reduce pollution in waterways & improve quality run-off to the Black Sea?







6. Do you know other eco-business grant competition programs dedicated to reducing pollution? If yes, which one do you have in mind?

NO	EU4Environment	no
No	no	Nu cunosc
Black See Basin Program	Nu	GIZ, Canada Fund for Local Iniciatives

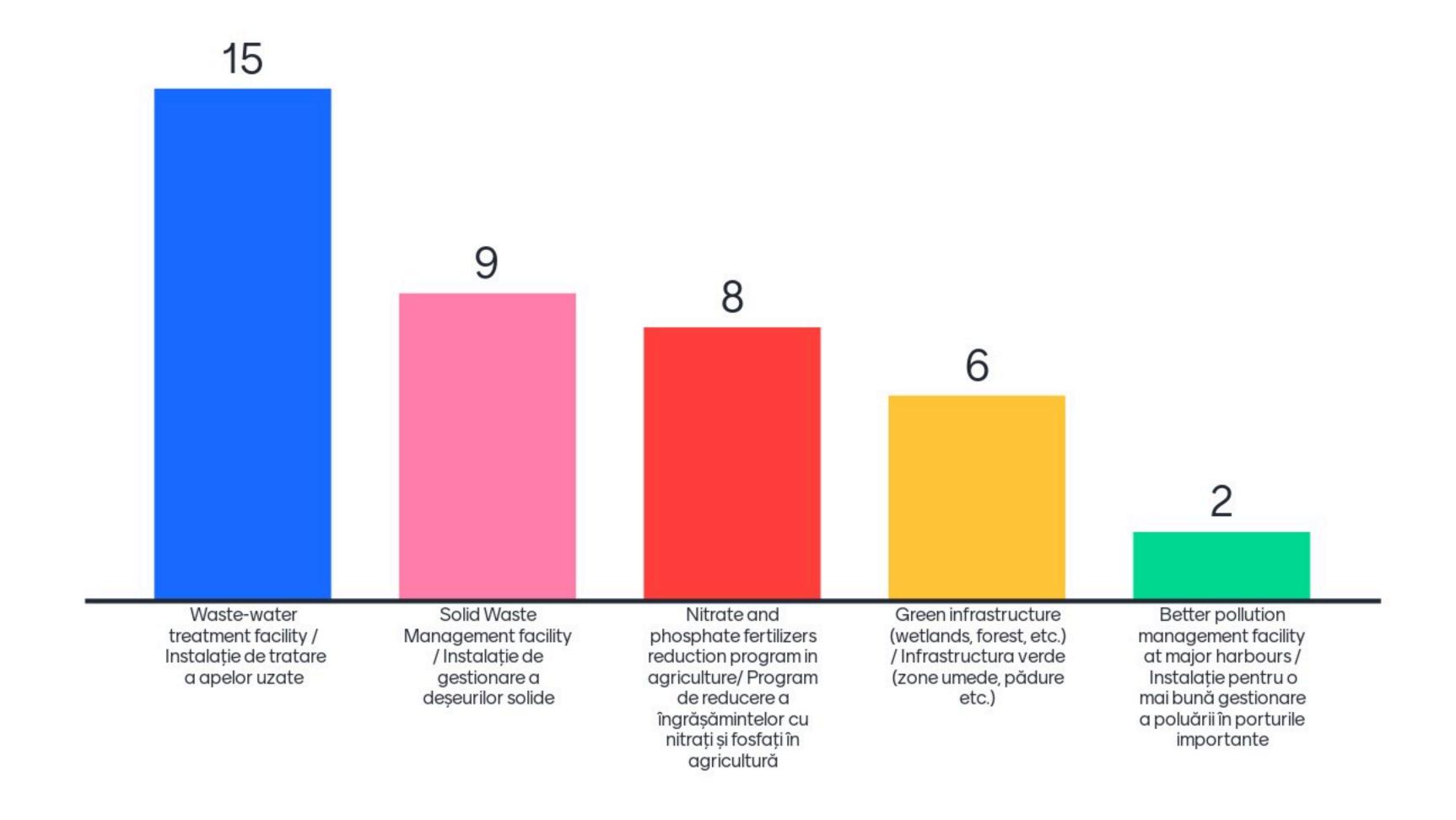




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7. What investment would be the most effective to reduce pollution in waterways and improve water quality run-off in Ukraine? Moldova?

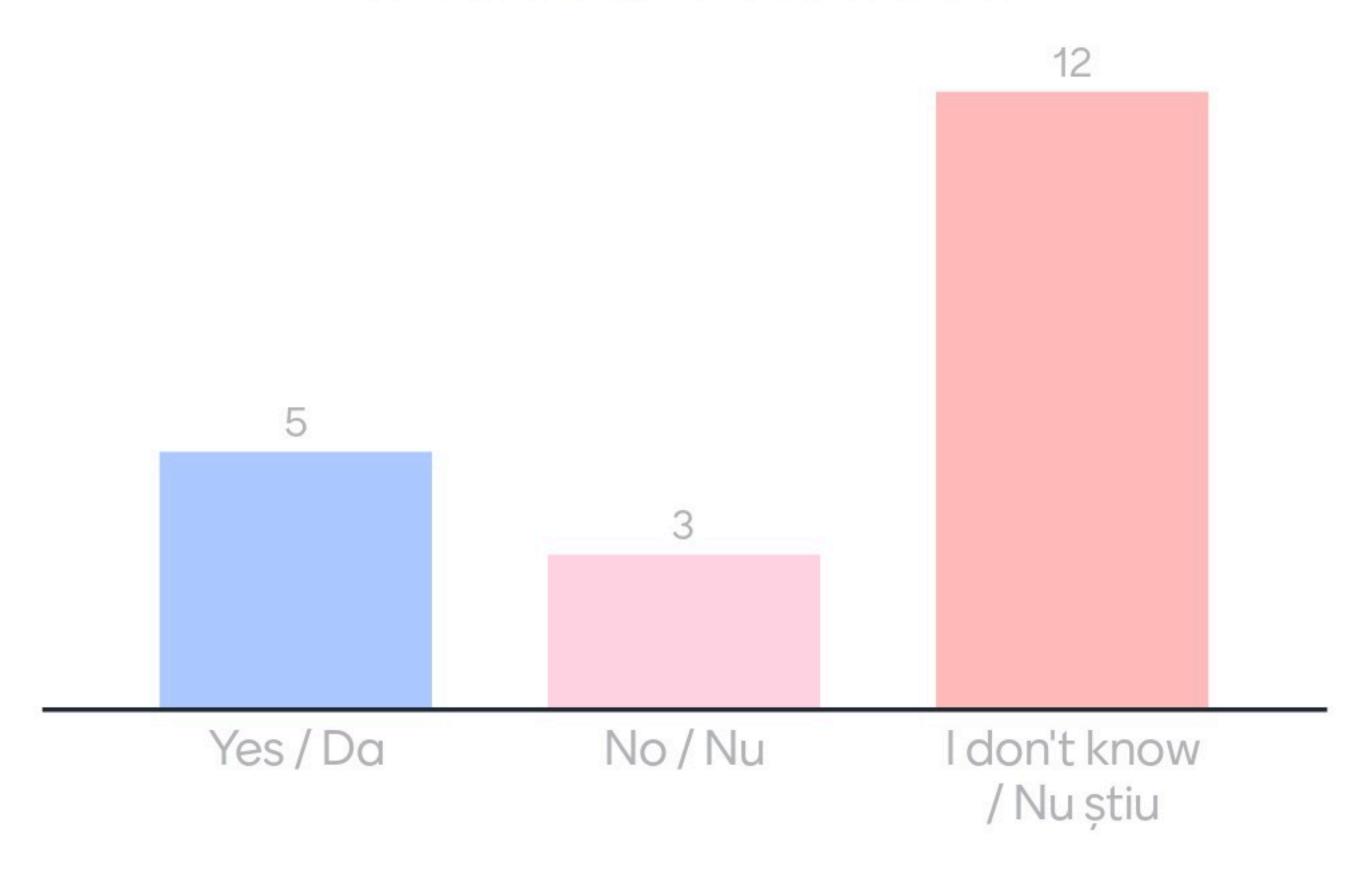




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8. Are there any particular standards and/or procurement rules for sustainable business operations and investments in Moldova?

None of the options are correct!





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8a. If there are such standards and/or procurement rules, which ones do you have in mind?

Ele exista, dar nu sunt respectate

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the green internal procedures of Banks (Procredit Bank) and EU4 Business establish the green standards for procurements for the banks from EBRD projects

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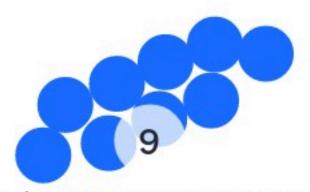
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Legislation

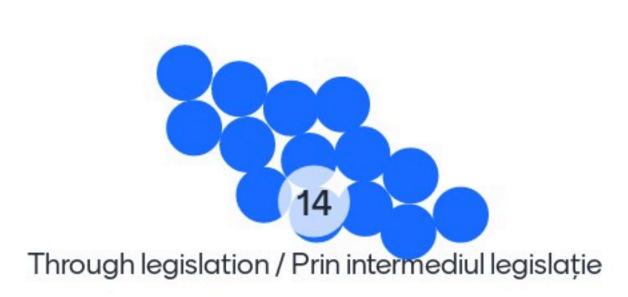


9. What do you consider a good way to support/promote sustainable business practices and innovation towards pollution reduction in waterways?

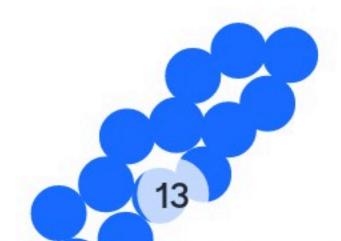




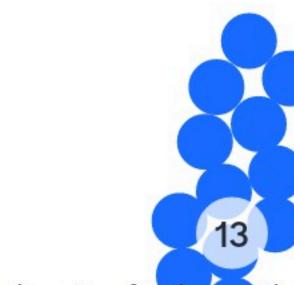
More and dedicated communication campaigns / Mai multe campanii de comunicare dedicate







More financing by banks and development institutions/ Mai multă finanțare din partea băncilor și instituțiilor de dezvoltare



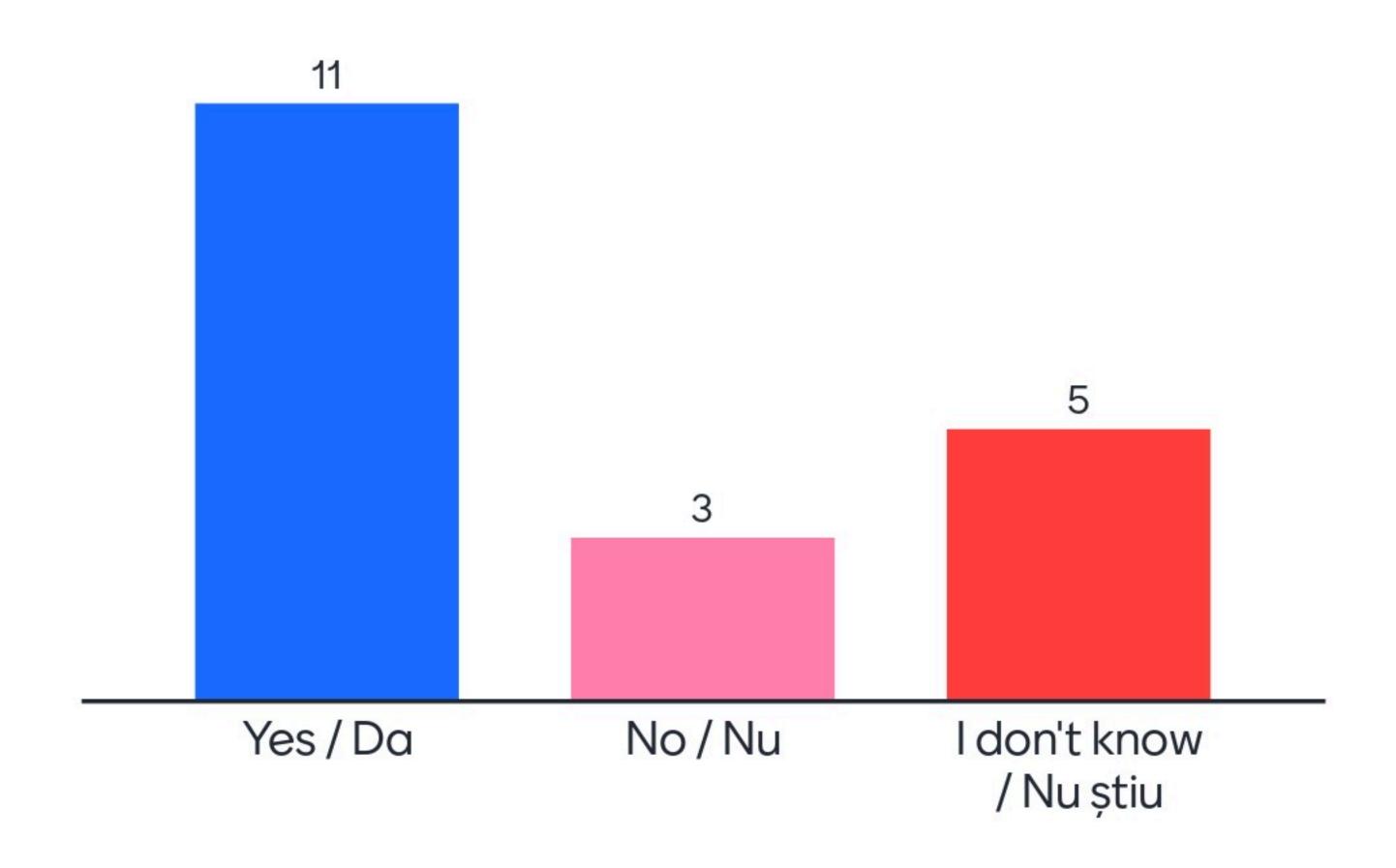
Through education for the youth / Prin educarea tinerilor



By involving popular faces / Prin implicarea personalităților cunoscute

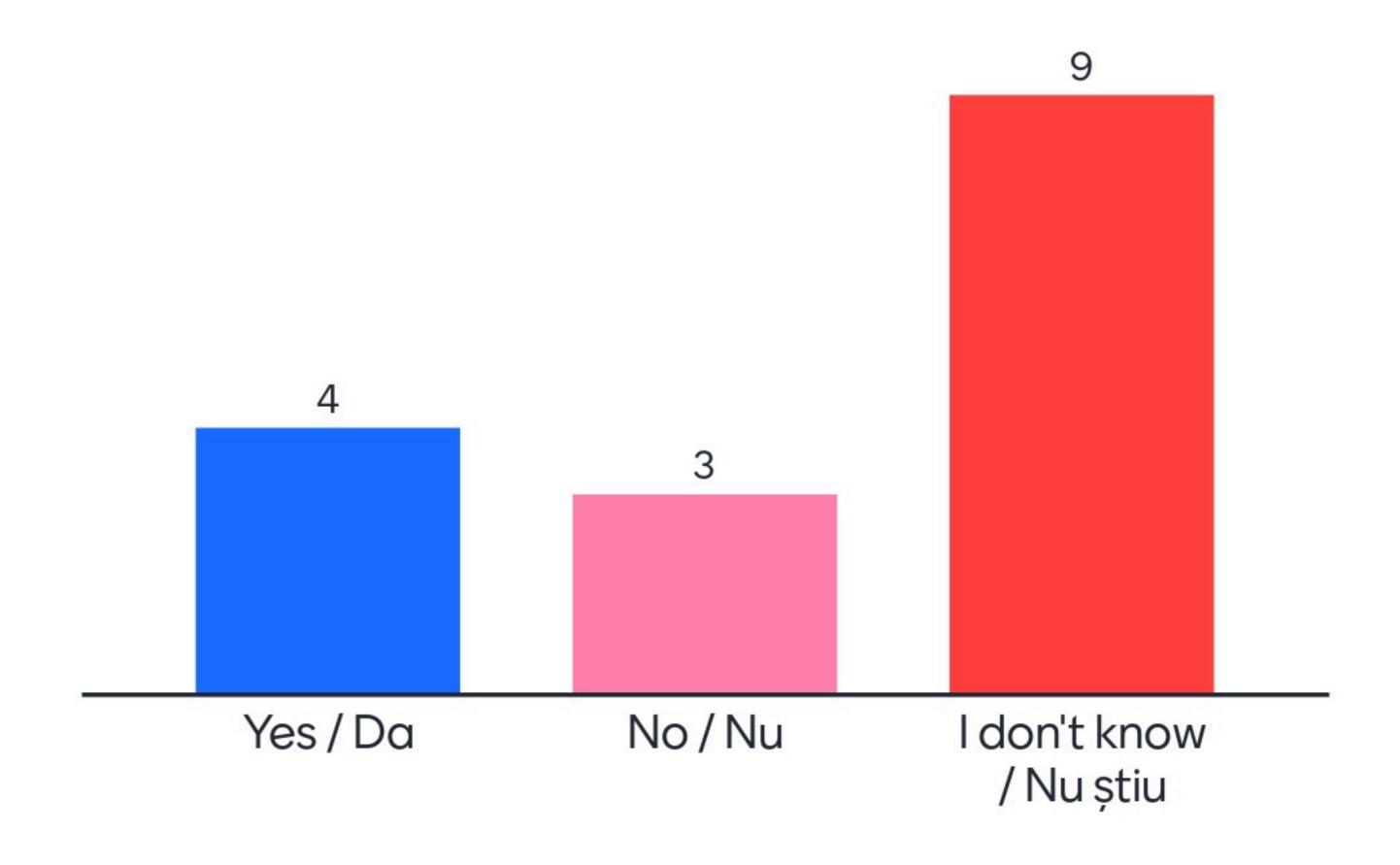


10. Are there any institutions, at national or regional levels, that promote investments in green tech or circular economy models?





11. Are there any financial institutions/equity funds in Moldova that target & support companies that develop solutions for pollution problem?

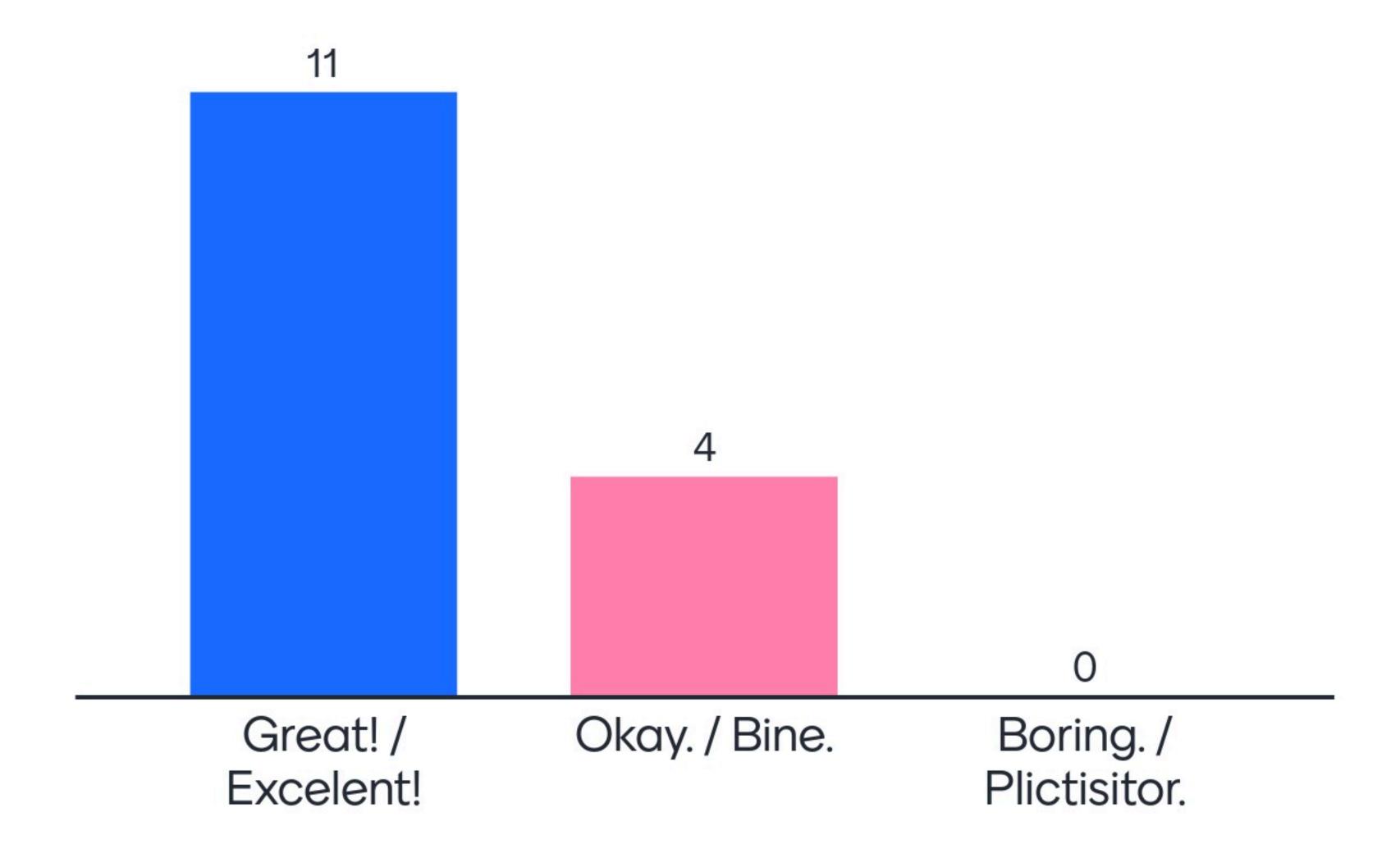




11a. If there are such institutions or funds, please specify which you have in mind.			
BSTDB	EBRD, WB	EBRD/EIB	
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