



# INTERNATIONAL REGULATORY COOPERATION: THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

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# OECD work on better regulation



- 20 years of experience in dealing with regulatory policy/better regulation
- The Regulatory Policy Committee was created by the Council in 2009 to assist countries in implementing government-wide policies to promote regulatory quality and improvement.
- In 2012, international legal instrument: *Recommendation on Regulatory Policy and Governance*



# Regulatory cooperation: a good governance and an economic imperative

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Our world grows increasingly interconnected requiring more concerted regulatory action.

- Efficiency gains for regulators
- Lower burden on economic activities, incl. trade facilitation & border administration
- Increase effectiveness of regulation, through peer learning

=> **Principle 12** of the Recommendation of the OECD Council on Regulatory Policy and Governance (2012)

=> OECD report (2013) highlights the proliferation of IRC initiatives and proposes a typology to structure information and help policy makers navigate across possible options.



# Countries can cooperate in more than one way to ensure regulatory consistency

**Integration, i.e.  
regulatory  
harmonisation  
through supra  
national  
institutions**

**Specific  
negotiated  
agreements**

**Regulatory  
provisions in  
trade agreements**

**Regulatory co-  
operation  
partnerships**

**Joint rule-making  
through inter  
governmental  
organisations**

**Trans-  
governmental  
networks of  
regulators**

**Joint standard  
setting by  
international  
standard setting  
bodies**

**Mutual  
recognition**

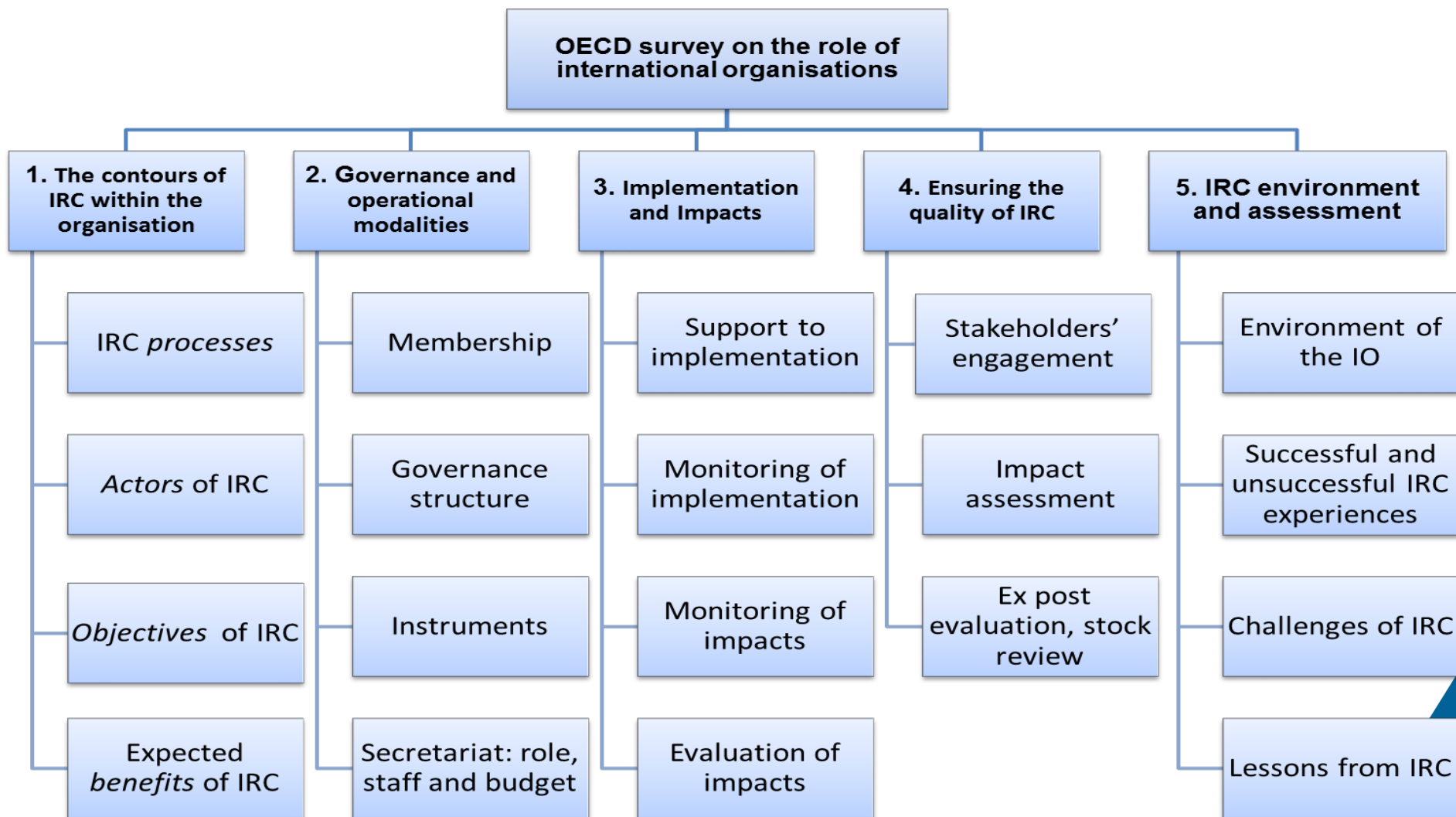
**Recognition of  
international and  
foreign regulation  
and standards**

**Adoption of good  
regulatory  
practice**

**Dialogue /  
Exchange of  
information**

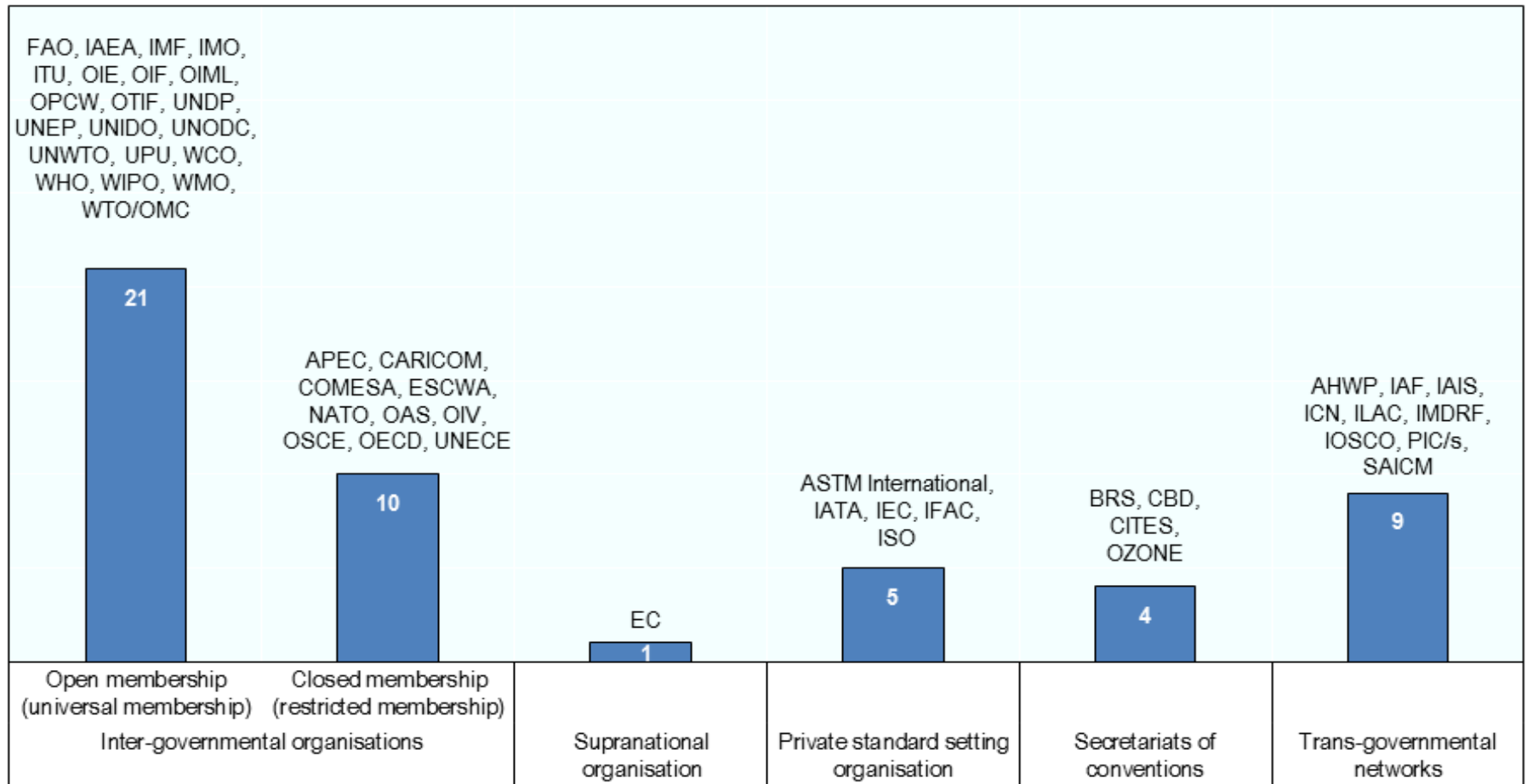


# OECD survey of 50 international organisations





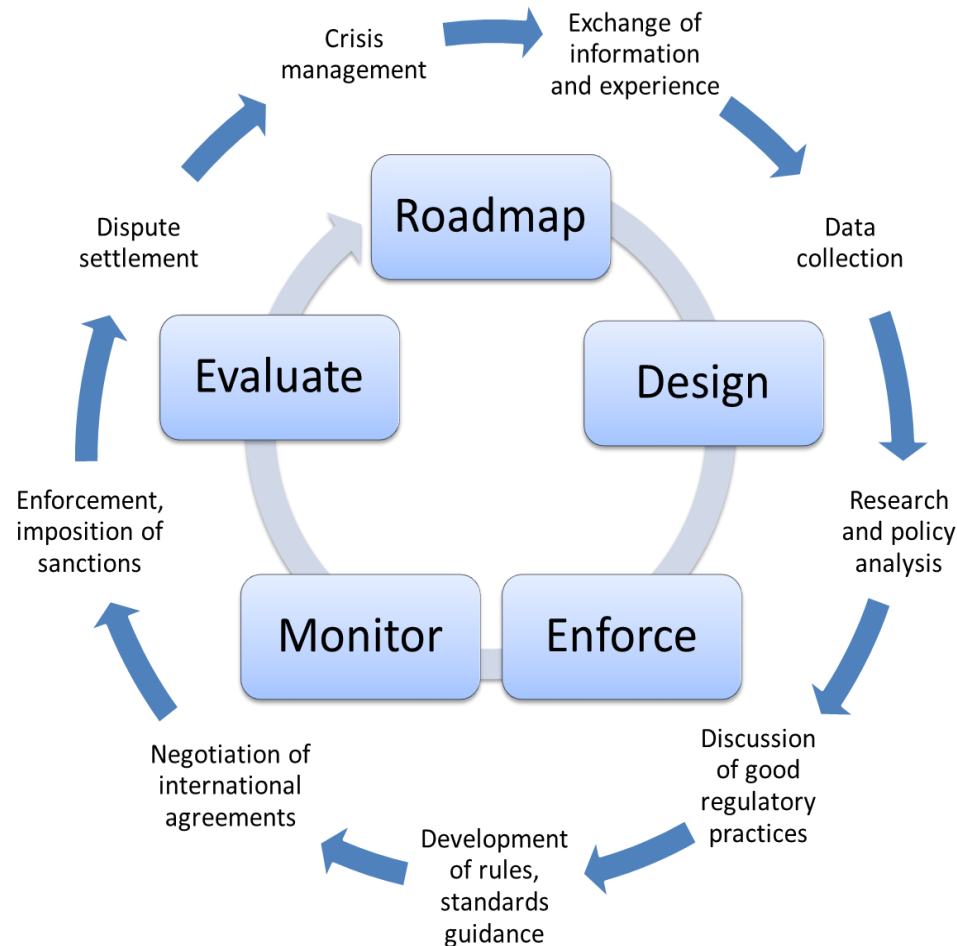
# The diversity of the world of IOs



Source: OECD (2016), *International Regulatory Co-operation: The Role of International Organisations in Fostering the Rules of Globalisation*.



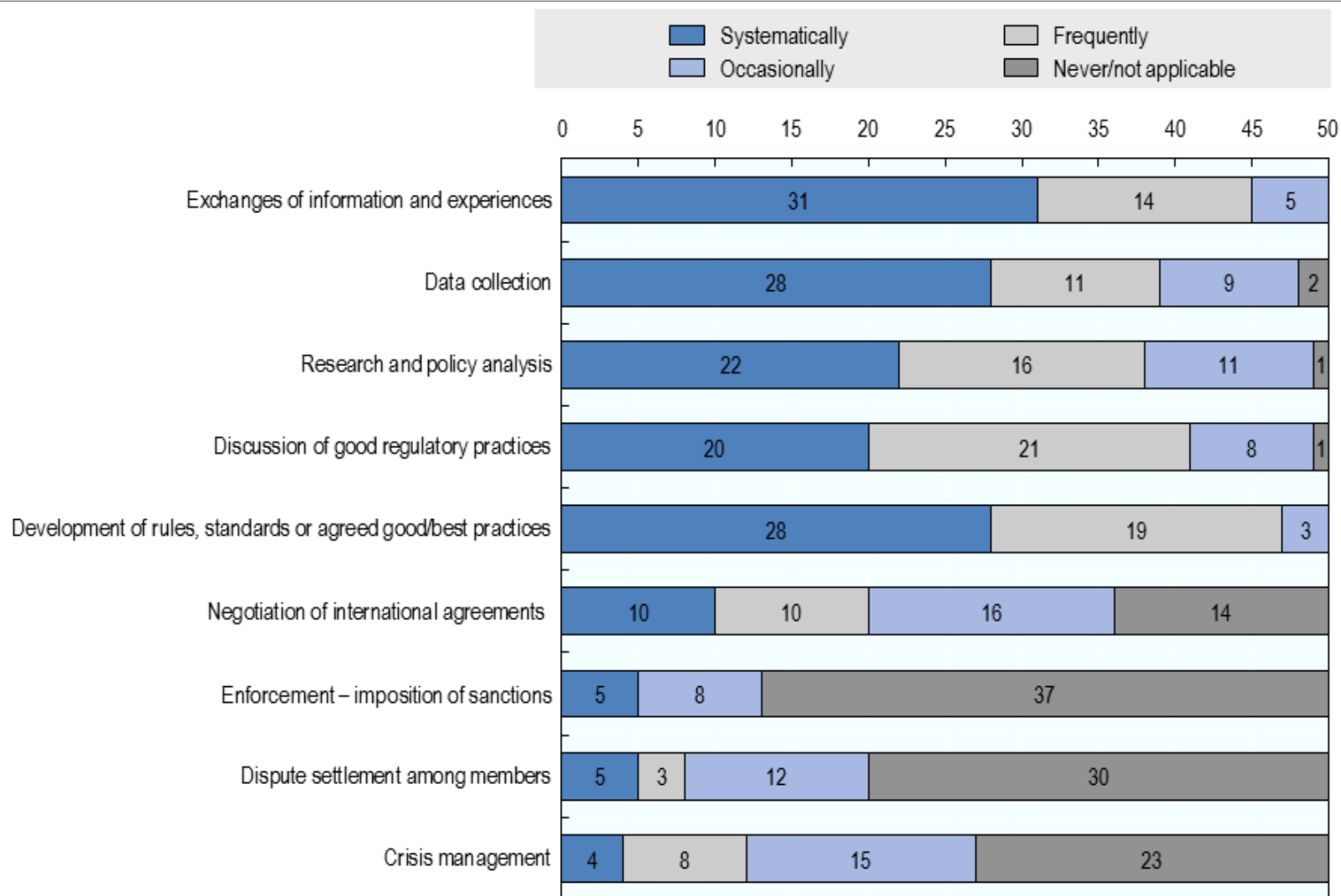
# Co-operation throughout international policy-making cycle



Source: OECD. (2013), *International Regulatory Co-operation: Addressing Global Challenges*, OECD Publishing, Paris.



# IOs active in upstream phase of international policy cycle

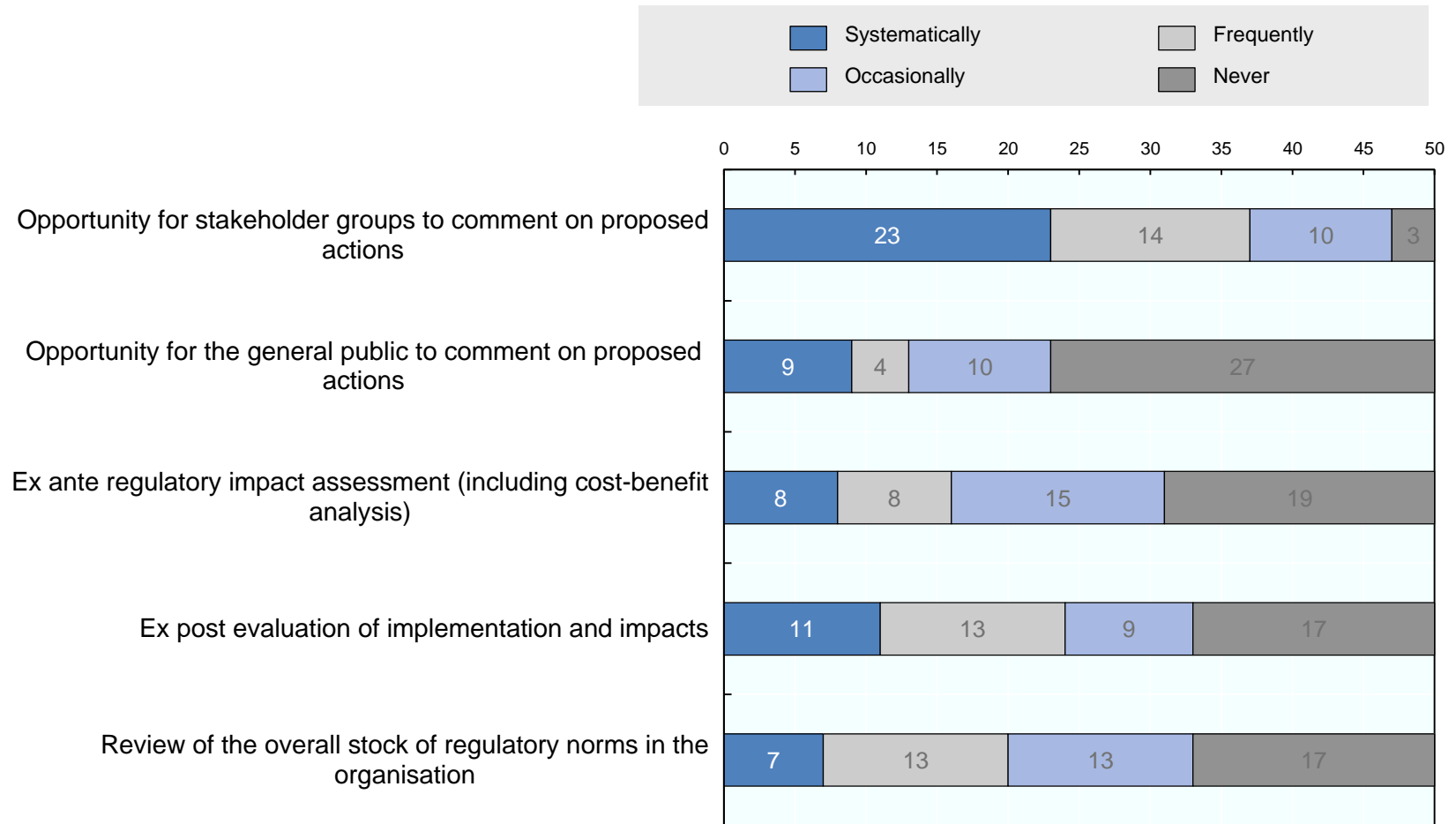


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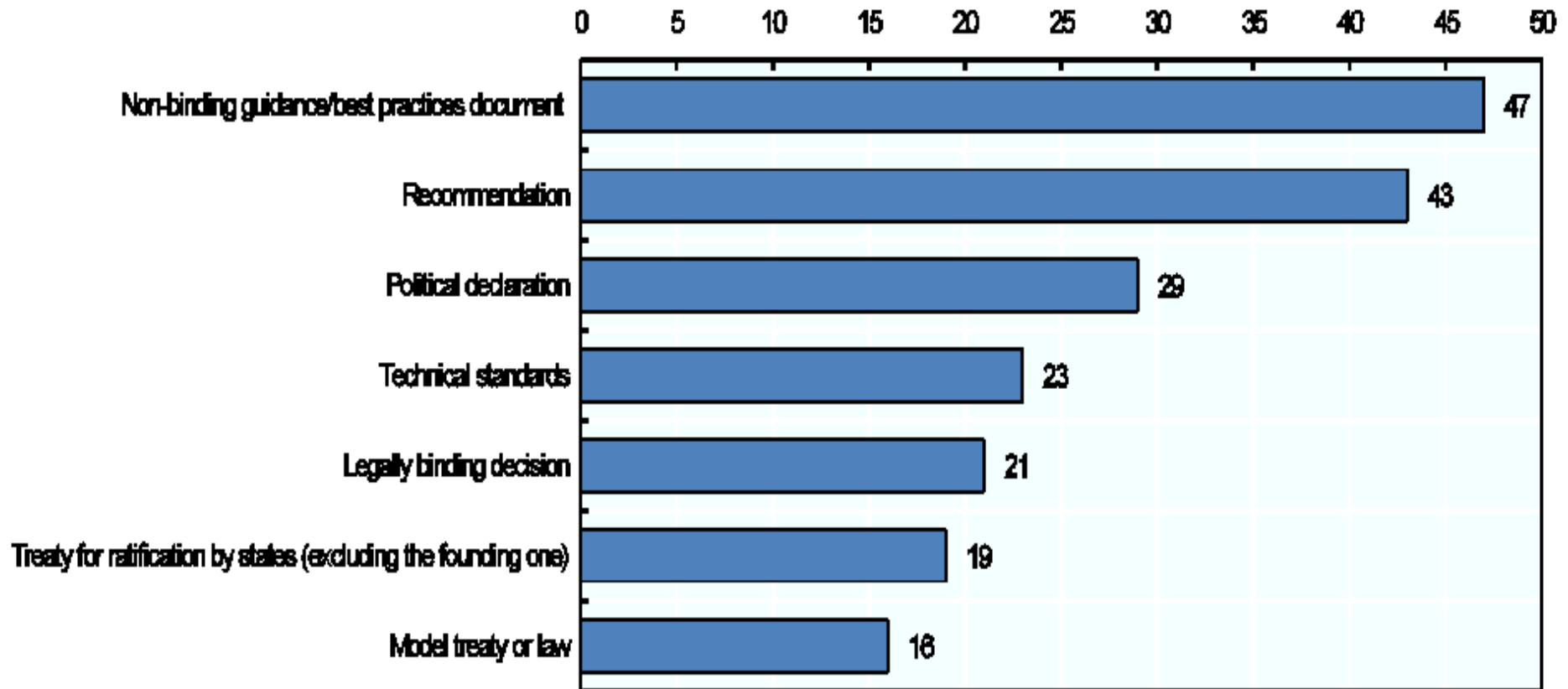
# IOs increasingly pursue the quality of their instruments



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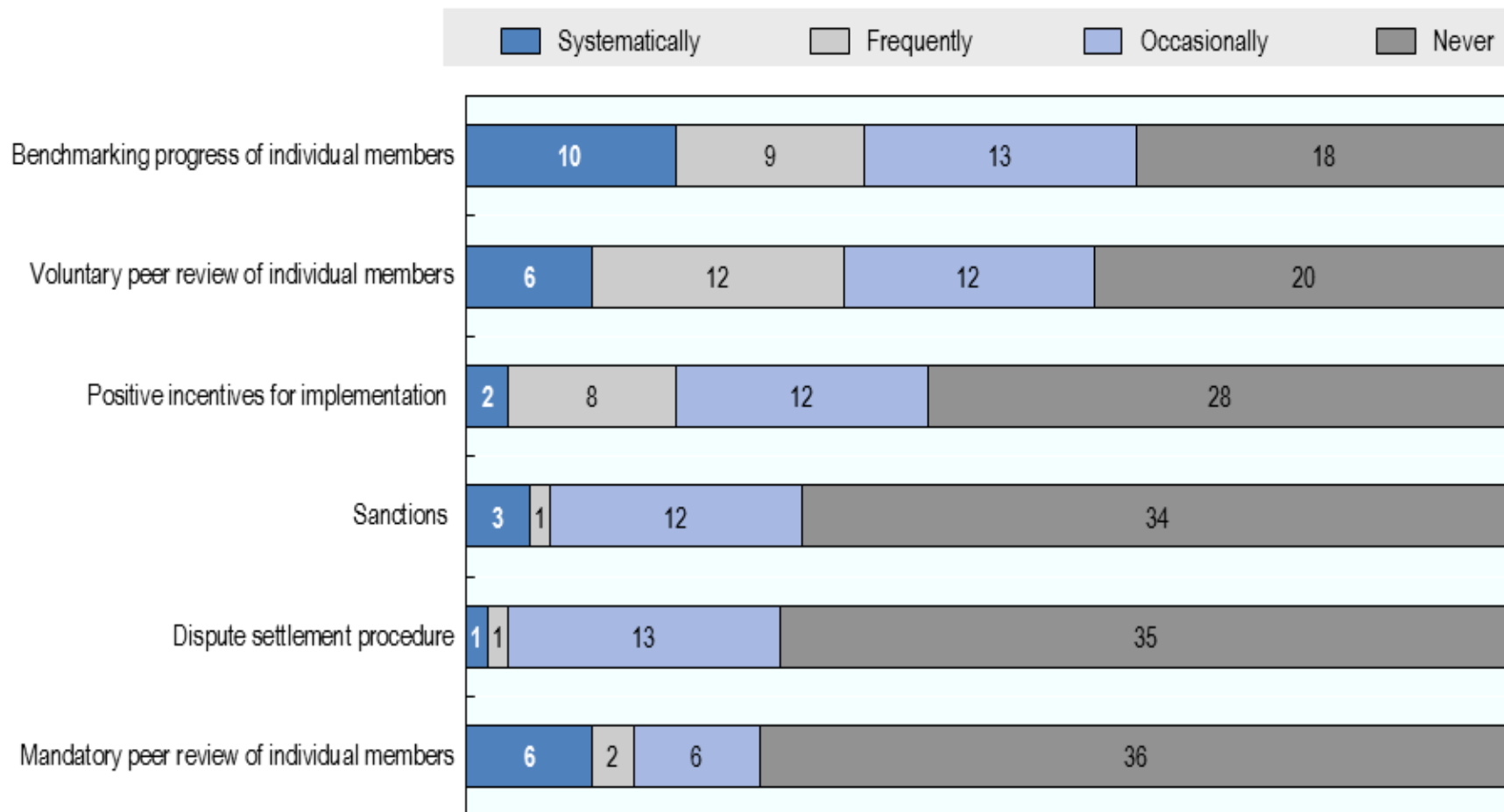
# The tools of IOs: soft law rather than binding agreements



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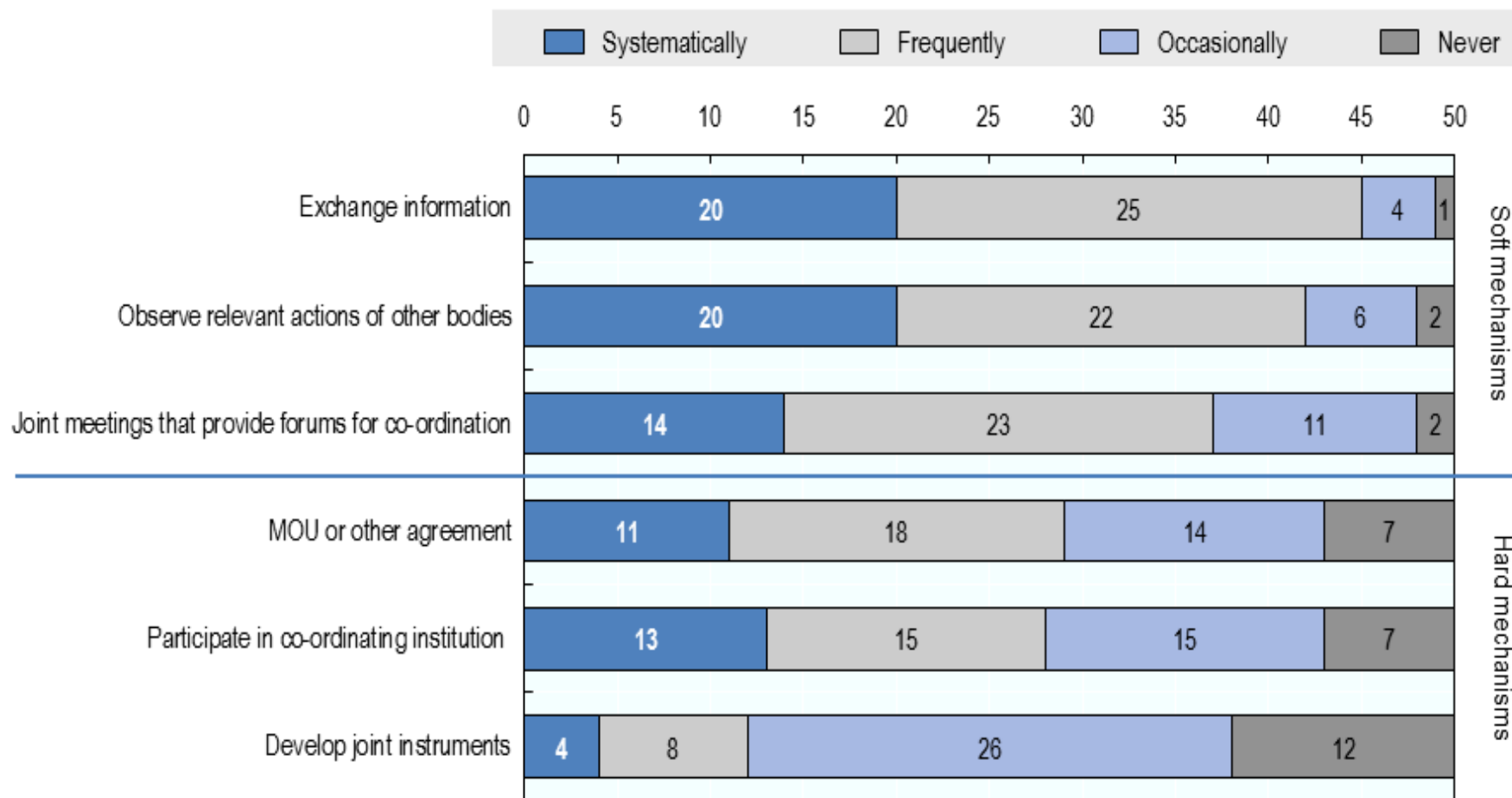
# Mechanisms to track implementation: mostly voluntary



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# Overlapping mandates: room for further coordination



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## Conclusion

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- International organisations serve as **multilateral platforms for regulatory co-operation**;
- Untapped potentials of international organisations: by improving their **quality, impact and relevance**, international organisations can help coordinate domestic approaches more effectively.

# Thank you

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## **Background information:**

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