



Modernisation of the TCP Legal Mechanisms

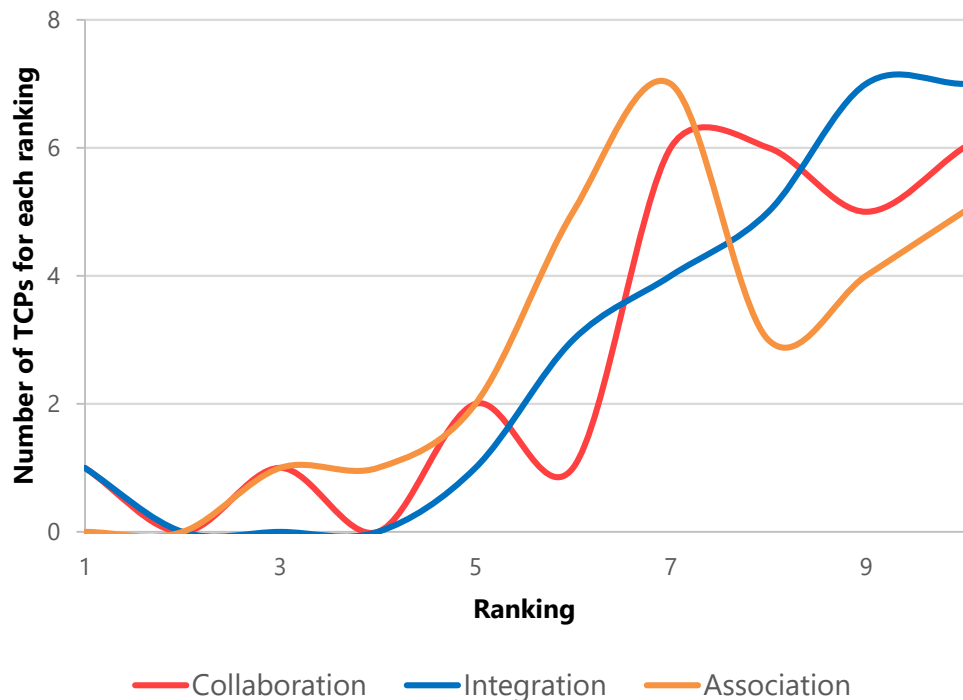
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Consultative session

- **Your experience and creativity are our best resources**
 - Seeking to maximise opportunities for TCPs to share experiences
- **Updating legal mechanisms can build on these ideas**
 - Catalyse creative approaches that go beyond existing structures
 - Reduce the administrative burden that can hold back TCPs from adapting

What should the updates focus on?



TCPs ranking of priorities for legal modernisation:

- Increase collaboration with external partners - **Avg: 8.1**
- Deepen integration of TCP inputs into IEA work - **Avg: 7.7**
- Deepen engagement with emerging economies - **Avg: 7.1**

Fourth priority topic: streamline administrative processes and procedures

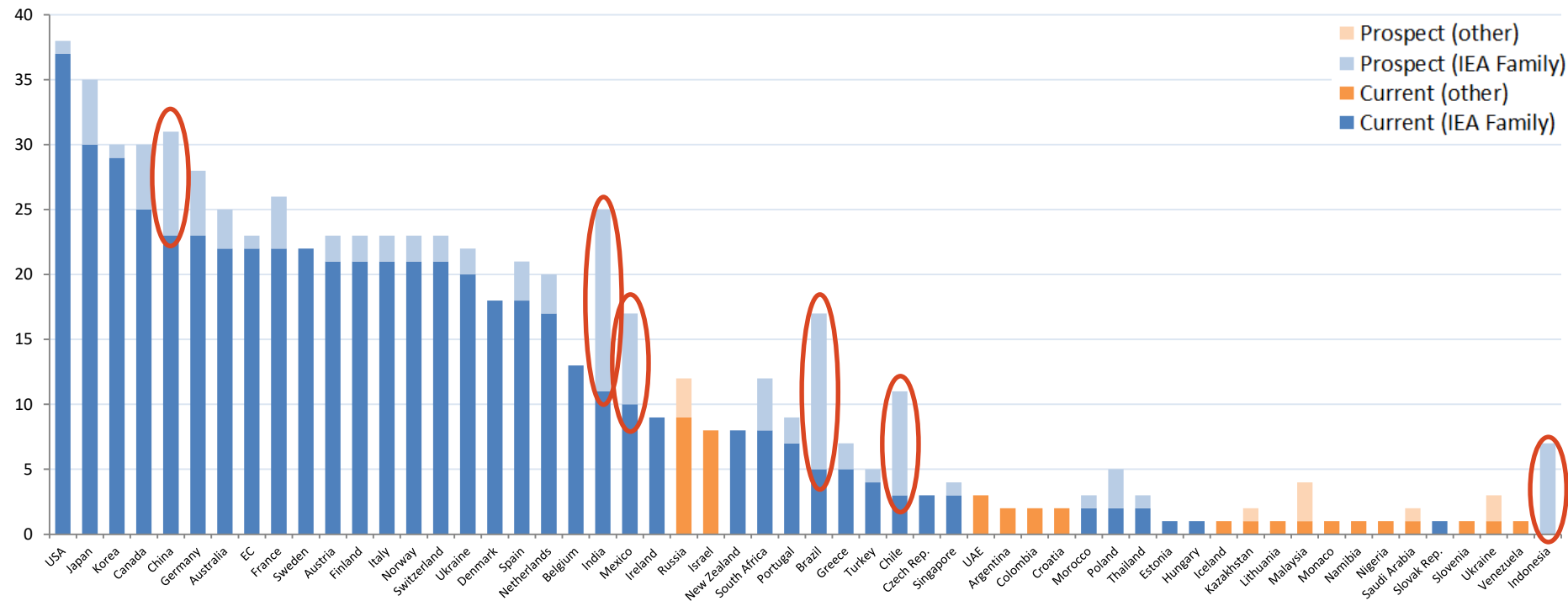
Increase collaboration with external partners

- **Increasing need to collaborate across technologies**
 - TCPs have great potential due to the breadth of experience among the network
- **Short-term participation by external partners**
 - Possibility for ExCo to invite partners to participate in a single time-limited task
- **Detailed guidance on collaborative projects**
 - Consolidating existing TCP experience in addressing common problems

Deepen integration of TCP inputs into IEA work

- **Untapped opportunities for synergies between IEA and TCPs**
 - Highest rating among TCPs among the priorities
- **Possibility for IEA to act as Coordinator for TCP task**
 - New structure allowing IEA to lead a TCP task while avoiding legal issues
- **Streamlined process for TCP access to relevant IEA publications**
 - Currently an ad hoc process in response to specific requests by TCPs

Deepen engagement with emerging economies



Focus will be on retaining these countries and deepening engagement

Streamline administrative processes

- **TCPs, WPs, and CERT have identified as a priority**
 - Some legal and governance processes are necessary, but simplify where possible
- **Near unanimous support for simplification proposals**
 - Universal Annex structure with IP, confidentiality, and funding terms
 - Reduce need for formal letters for TCP representative changes
 - Improvements to request for extension forms (Questionnaire, WP Feedback Form)
 - Clarify confusing terminology (particularly for financial and contracting procedures)

Other considerations

- **TCP work should inform policy**
- **No one-size-fits-all approach**
 - Amendments should maintain the diversity among the TCPs
- **Preserve what works**
 - New structures and tools should be optional where possible
- **TCPs should be fully engaged in the process**

Next Steps

- **Focus group of TCPs and CERT delegates**
 - Series of discussions focusing on concrete improvements
- **Phase one: Updated TCP Framework**
 - Proposed amendments for CERT consideration in November
 - If approved, CERT to recommend to IEA Governing Board for approval
- **Phase two: TCP Implementing Agreements**
 - Secretariat will work with each TCP individually

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