Main Policy Developments and Cooperation in Education, Training and Youth

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European Education Area – School education

Early leavers from education and training (age 18-24)

TARGET: <9%

- Men: 11.8%
- Women: 8.0%

NOW: 9.9%

- Foreign-born: 22.4%
- Native-born: 8.7%

Source: Eurostat (EU-LFS, 2020)
Extracted on 10/2021
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15-years-olds' underachievement in

- reading: 22.5%
- maths: 22.9%
- science: 22.3%

Target below 15%

Source: OECD (PISA 2018)

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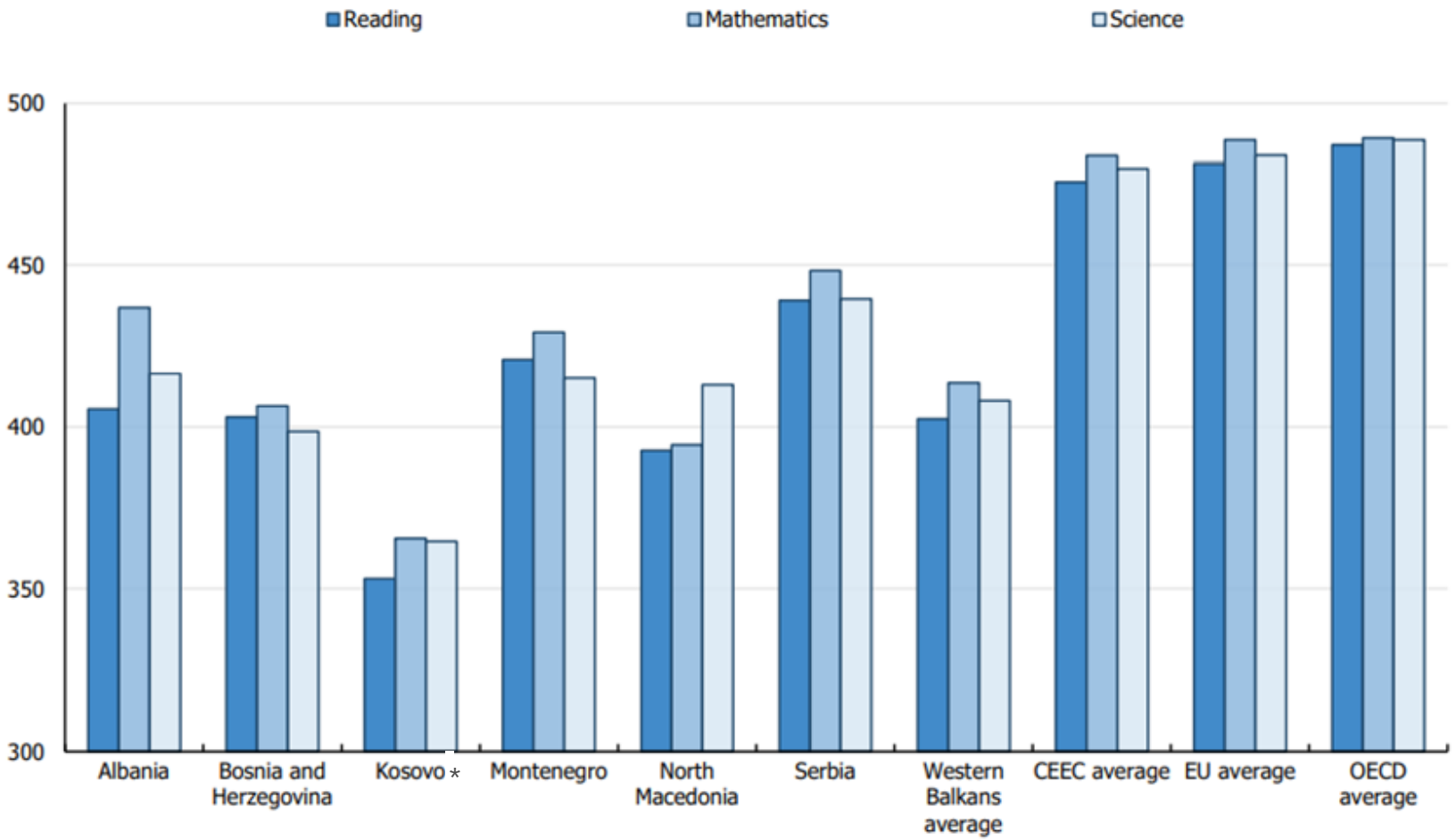
Figure 1.1. Performance in reading, mathematics and science in Western Balkan education systems, 2018



*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

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- Council Recommendation on **Pathways to School Success, adopted in November 2022**

Pathways to School Success' key objective is to promote **better educational outcomes for all young Europeans,** irrespective of their personal characteristics, family, socio-economic and cultural background. Pathways inscribes itself in these definitions while proposing at the same time **a broad vision of education,** in which 'success at school' or 'successful education' is about reaching one's full potential, whatever the learner's personal story, situation and background. The initiative sets out a systemic approach addressing learners, teachers, and different levels of governance, from local to national.

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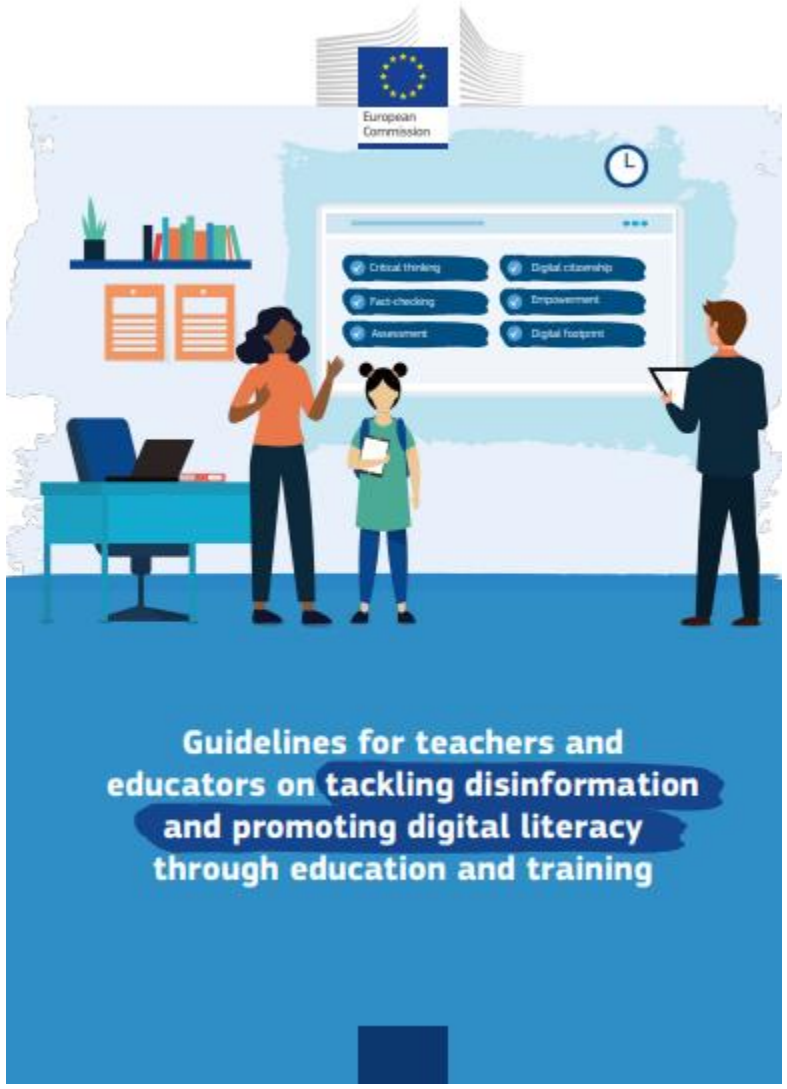

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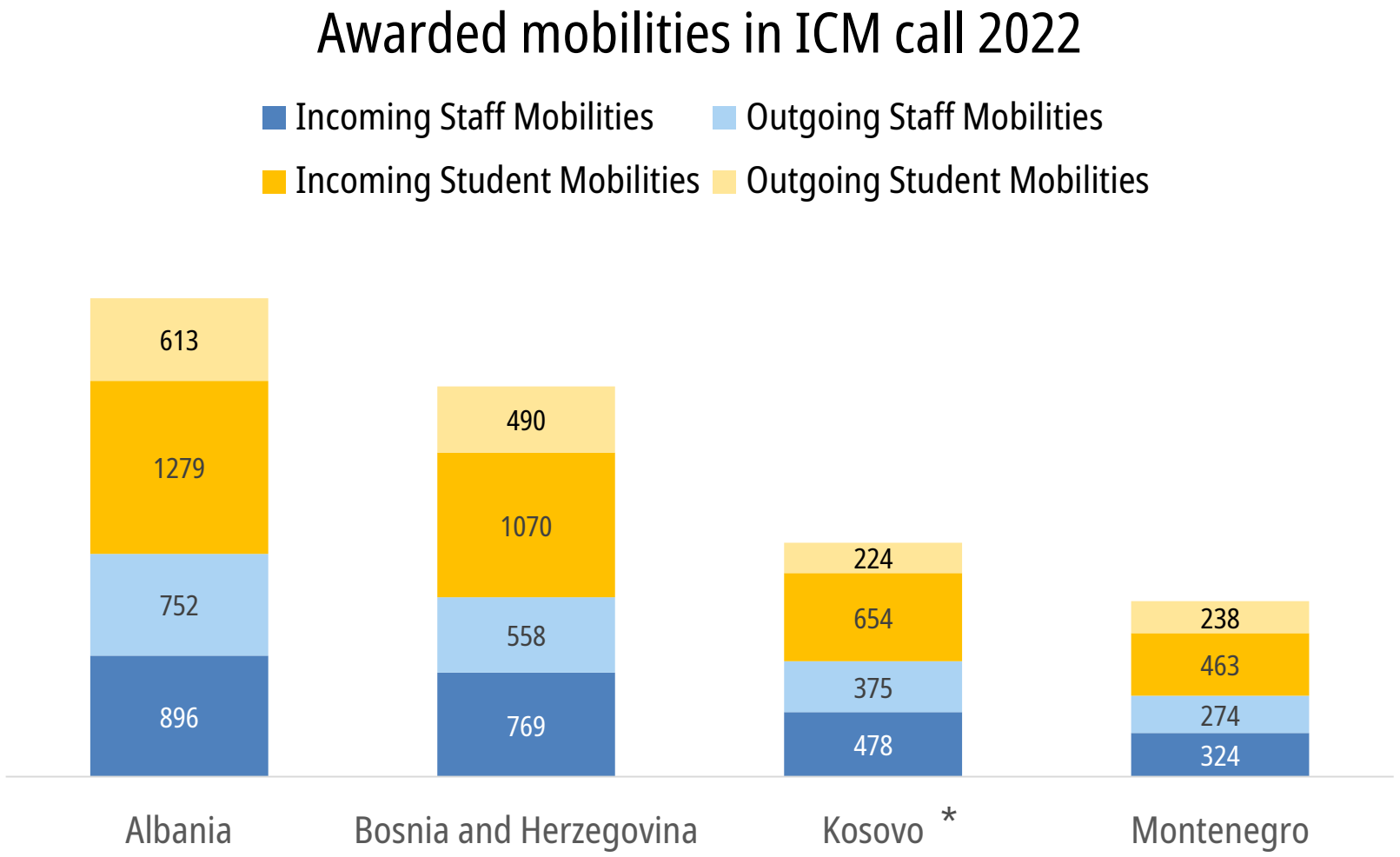
Priority Area of the DEAP	Actions
Fostering the development of a high performing digital education ecosystem	**Enabling factors for successful digital education => proposal for Council Recommendation (Q2)**
	Online and Distance Learning for Primary and Secondary Education
	European Digital Education Content Framework and European Exchange Platform
	Support for connectivity and digital equipment for education
	Digital transformation plans and digital pedagogy and expertise
	Ethical guidelines on AI for educators
Enhancing digital skills and competences for the digital transformation	Tackling disinformation and promoting digital literacy through education and training
	Digital Competence Framework update
	European Digital Skills Certificate
	Improving the provision of digital skills in education and training => proposal for Council Recommendation (Q2)
	Digital competence benchmark
	Digital Opportunity Traineeship
	Women's participation in STEM

ICM selection 2022 – mobility for around 50 000 students and staff worldwide
WB: ~ 9 500 mobilities of students and staff awarded



Over 3 700 participants forecasted for mobility activities in **North Macedonia** under calls 2021 and 2022,

Over 4 500 participants forecasted for mobility activities in **Serbia** under calls 2021 and 2022.

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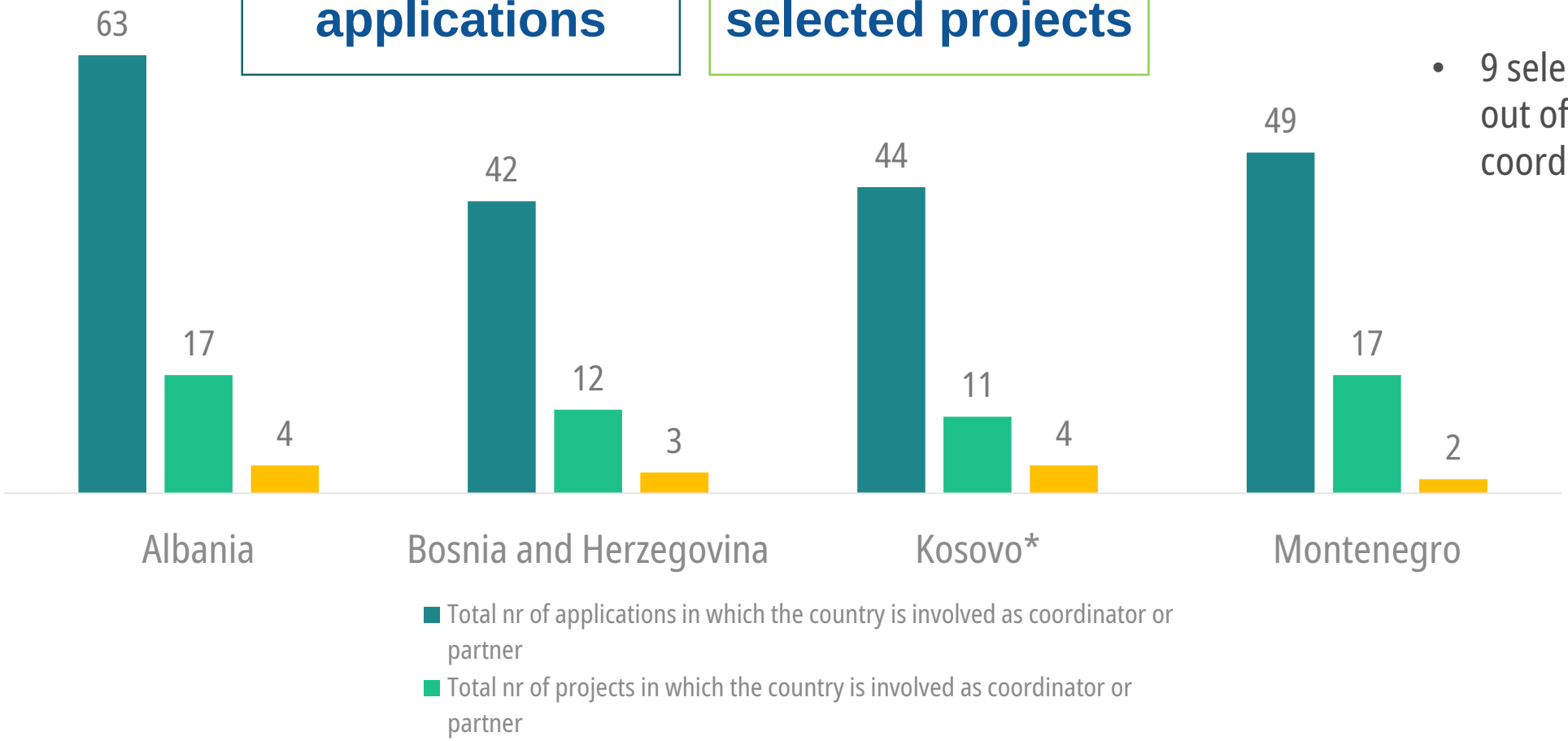
CB in Higher education 2022 selection

86 applications

23 selected projects



- 5 selected projects in **North Macedonia**
- 9 selected projects in **Serbia,** out of which Serbia is coordinating 3

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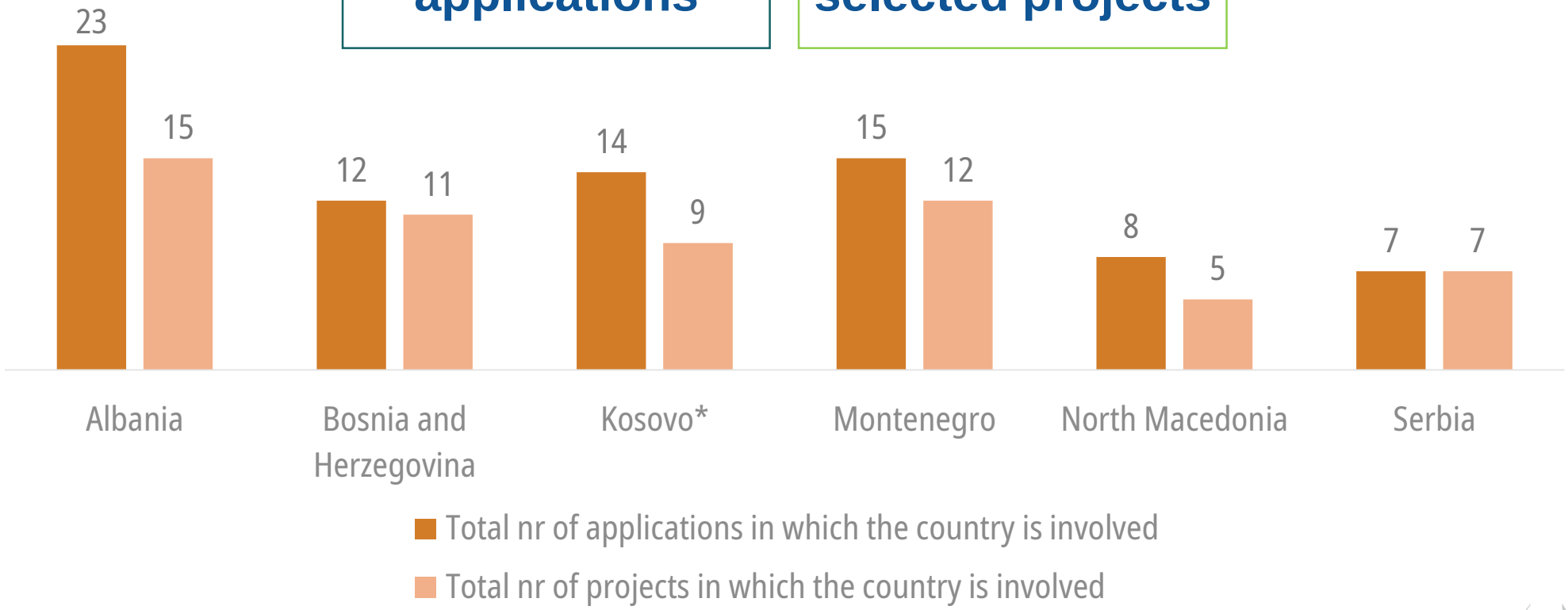
CB in VET 2022 selection

NEW

29 applications

20 selected projects



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