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Preliminary Findings from the euroCRIS/OCLC Research Survey of Research Information Practices

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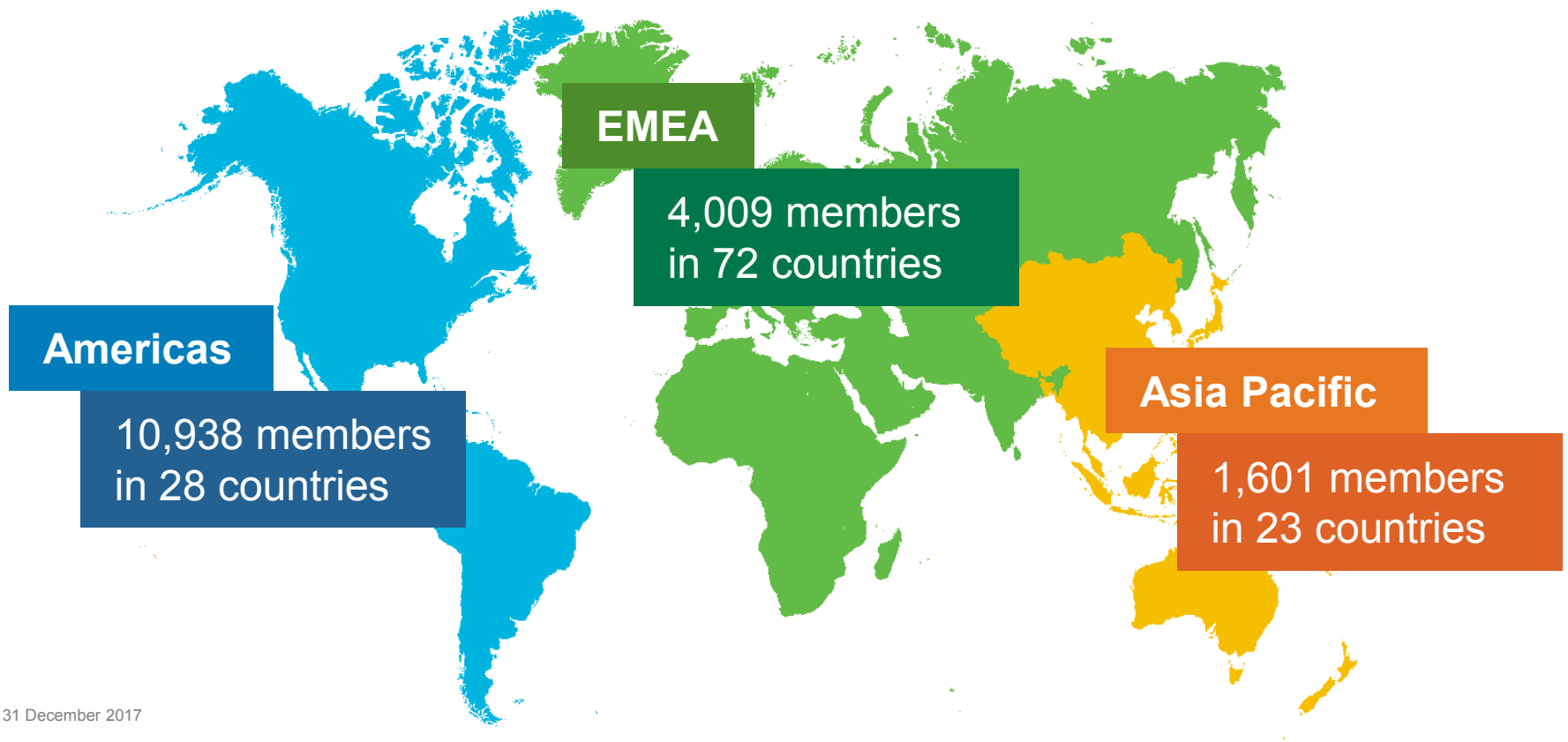
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Today's talk

- Introducing OCLC Research, euroCRIS and their collaboration
- Discuss joint Survey of Research Information Management Practice: goals, scope, aims
- Share and discuss preliminary survey results and findings

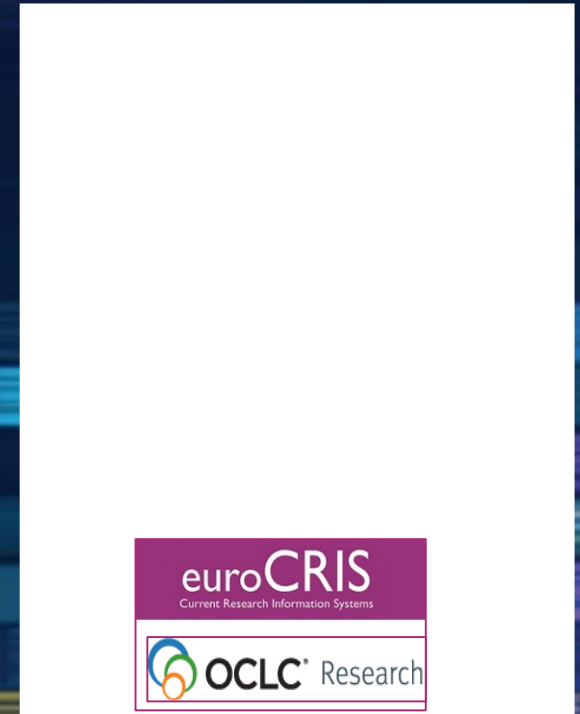
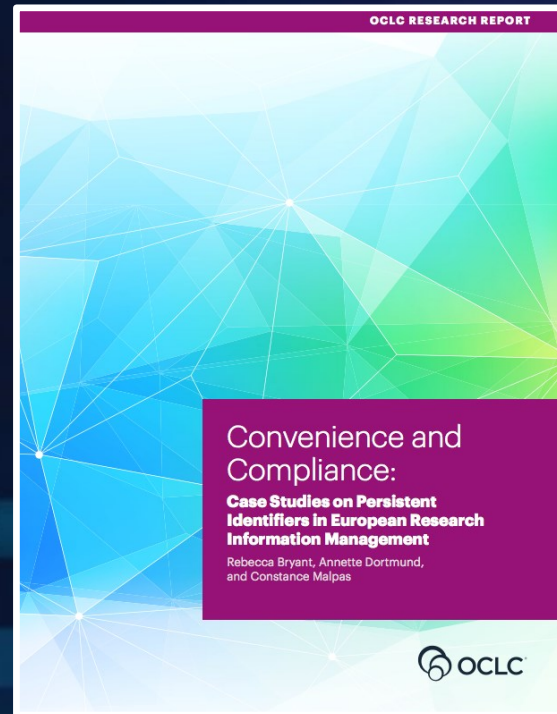
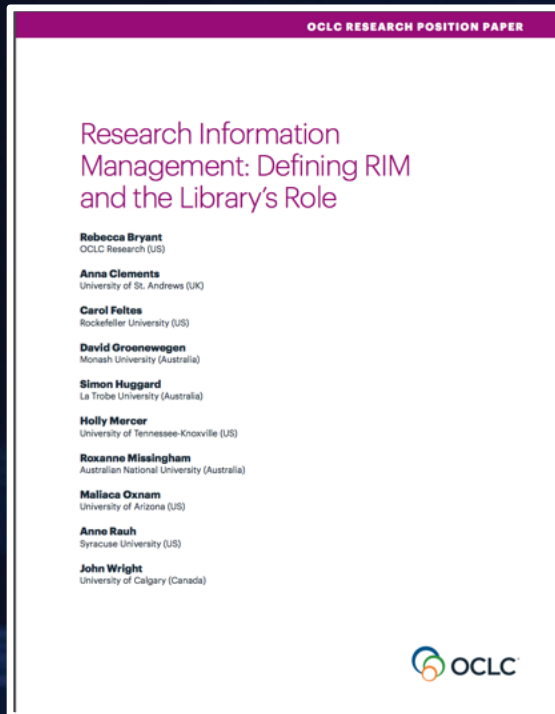
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Research Information Management




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What is Research Information Management (RIM)?

The aggregation, curation, & utilization of metadata about research activities

Overlapping terms:

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- CRIS (Current Research Information System)
 - RIS (Research Information System)
 - RNS (Research Networking System) RPS (Research Profiling System)
 - FAR (Faculty Activity Reporting)



An international not-for-profit association founded in 2002 to bring together experts on research information in general and research information systems (CRIS) in particular



RIM Survey: building on previous work



<http://www.eunis.org/blog/2016/03/01/crisir-survey-report/>

<http://www.eunis.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/cris-report-ED.pdf>

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Survey of Research Information Management Practices

- Joint project between



- Report expected in November 2018

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Plus a number of valuable collaborators at OCLC

Methodology & promotion

- Online survey data collection: Oct 2017 – Jan 2018
 - English and Spanish versions
- Survey promotion through:
 - OCLC and euroCRIS communications channels and events worldwide
 - Communications by CRIS vendors and user communities
 - Listservs, social media, and announcements to research & library organizations

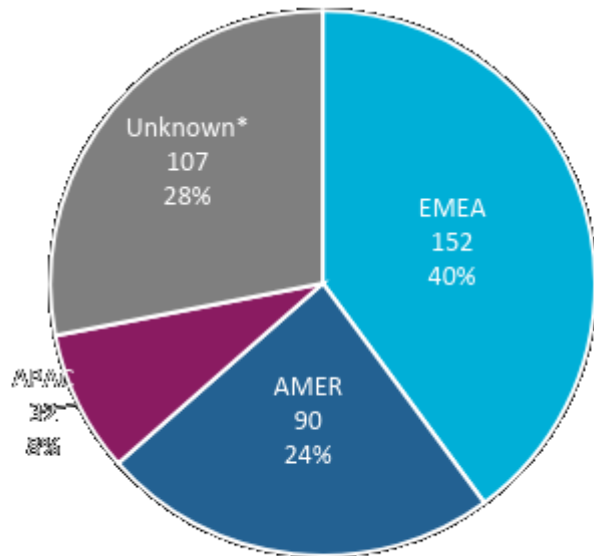
Known limitations

- Inherent difficulties of evaluating RIM practices internationally—with differences in practices, terminology, maturity, and local or national scope
 - This may have inadvertently limited the response of national/regional CRIS or funder systems
 - Absence of libraries in national/regional CRISs—in part because of our outreach and interest in library engagement
- Large, but fairly heterogeneous sample
 - Resulting sub-samples may be too small for significance
- Specific advocacy bias inevitably skews results (e.g., in favour of specific vendors and countries)
- Survey fatigue

RIM Survey responses: geographic overview

381 survey respondents from 44 countries

Respondents by Region
(n=381)



Country	# Resp.	Country	# Resp.
United Kingdom	39 (10%)	Canada	4 (1%)
United States	39 (10%)	South Africa	4 (1%)
Peru	39 (10%)	Andorra	3 (1%)
Italy	28 (7%)	Colombia	3 (1%)
Australia	24 (6%)	Finland	3 (1%)
Germany	14 (4%)	India	3 (1%)
Netherlands	10 (3%)	Japan	3 (1%)
Portugal	7 (2%)	Austria	2 (0.5%)
Poland	6 (2%)	Bahrain	2 (0.5%)
Spain	6 (2%)	China	2 (0.5%)
Belgium	5 (2%)	Denmark	2 (0.5%)
Ireland	5 (2%)	New Zealand	2 (0.5%)

1 respondent from each of the following countries: Afghanistan, Albania, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Belize, Brazil, Hungary, Lebanon, Mexico, Namibia, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates and Uruguay



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Geographic distribution of responses: some findings

- Widest insight ever on the degree of RIM practice implementation
- RIM is practised worldwide, with European representation by far the strongest
- Slightly biased results arising from specific advocacy patterns
- Remarkable differences with previous EUNIS/euroCRIS survey results
 - Particularly the absence of Norwegian responses

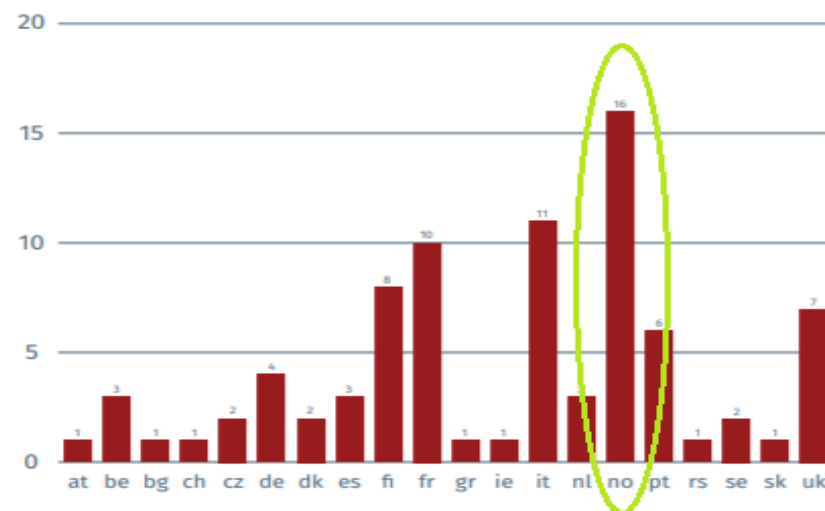
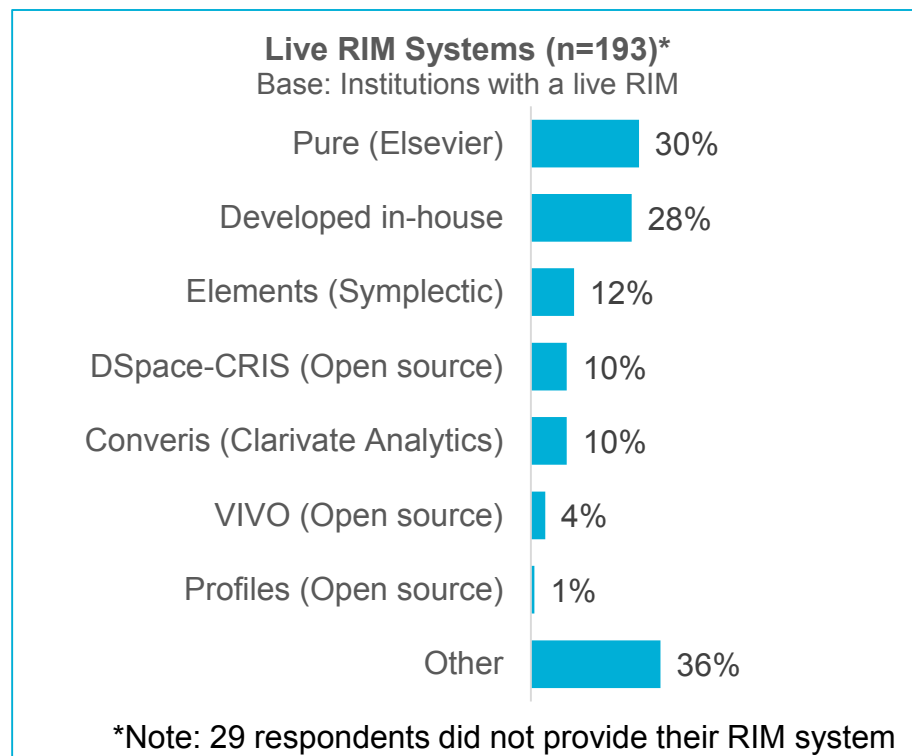
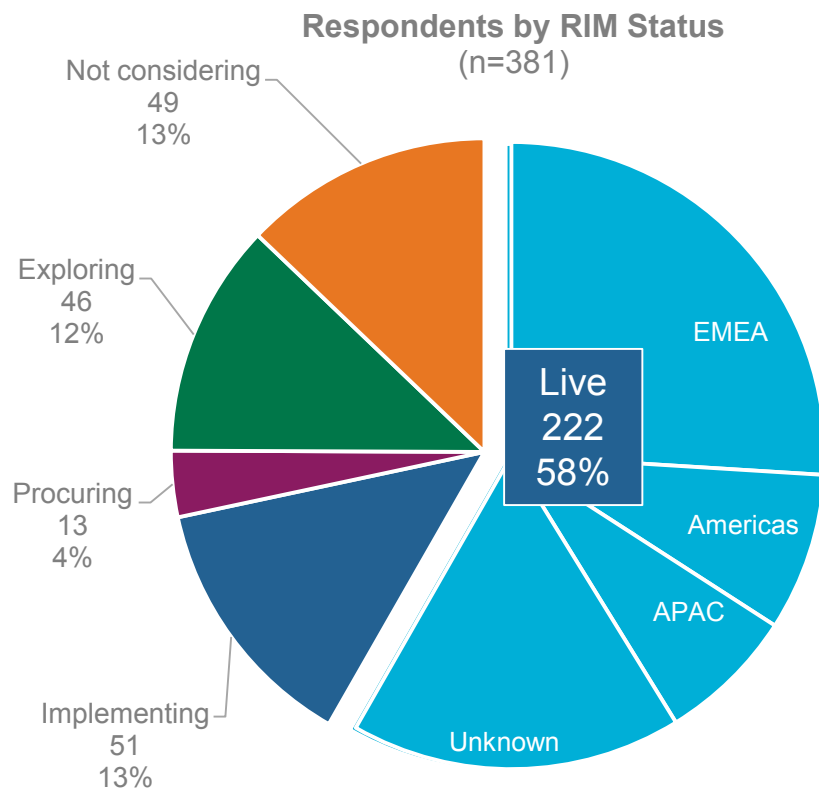


TABLE1: GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONDENTS

Research Information Management Systems

Well over half (58%) have a live RIM System



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RIM System Distribution: findings

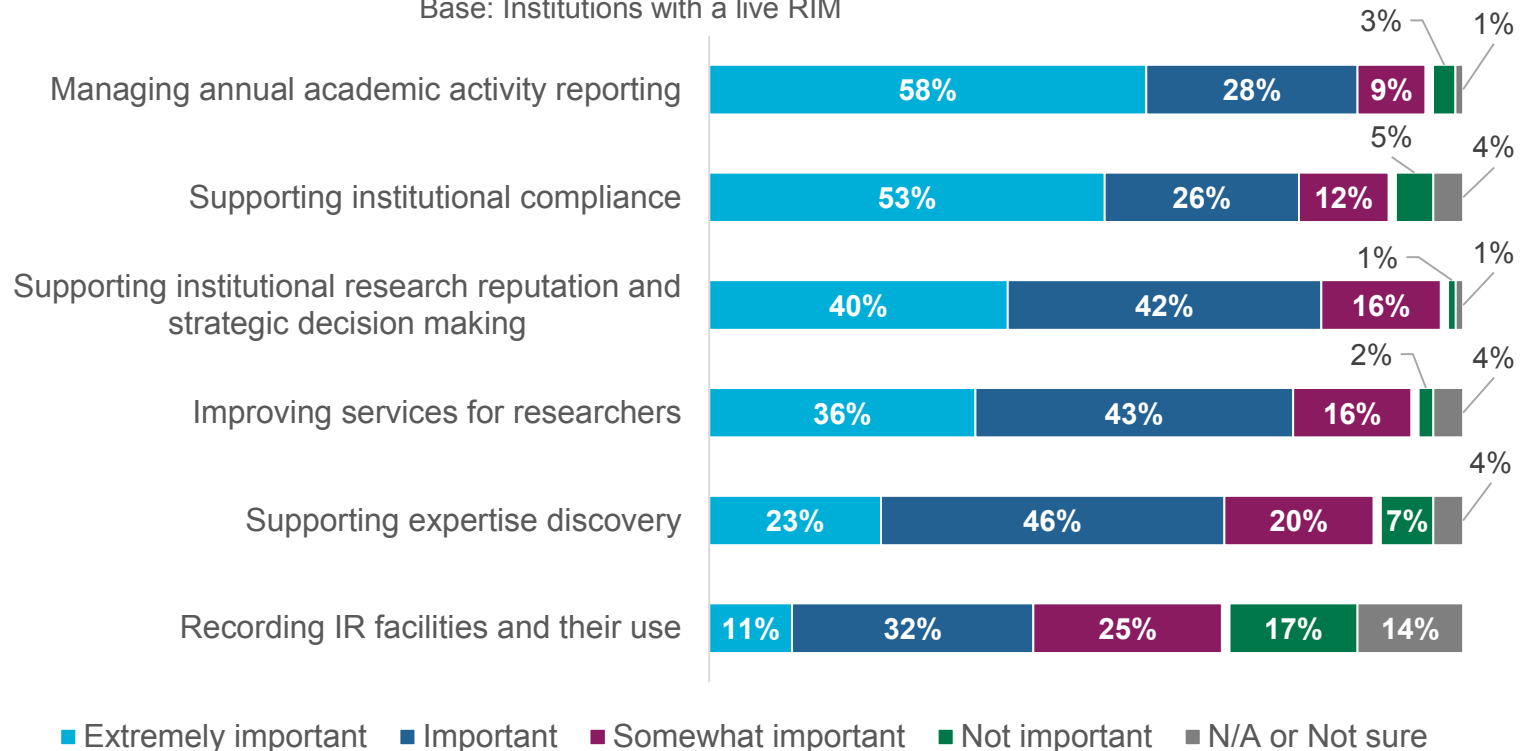
- Note that we invited research institutions at any stage of RIM adoption to participate
 - Reveals a quickly shifting landscape, with many institutions currently exploring RIM
 - > 200 institutions with an active RIM provides a significant sample
 - More synthesis may reveal regional differences
- Diversity of RIM systems in use
 - Elsevier Pure and locally-developed systems have highest adoption
 - The “Other” category is also significant, featuring entries like IRIS (Italy), ResearchMaster (Aus/NZ), OMEGA-PSIR (Poland), InfoEd

DRIVERS—WHY RIM?

Reporting and compliance drive RIM adoption

Importance of Reasons for Pursuing RIM Activities (n=222)

Base: Institutions with a live RIM

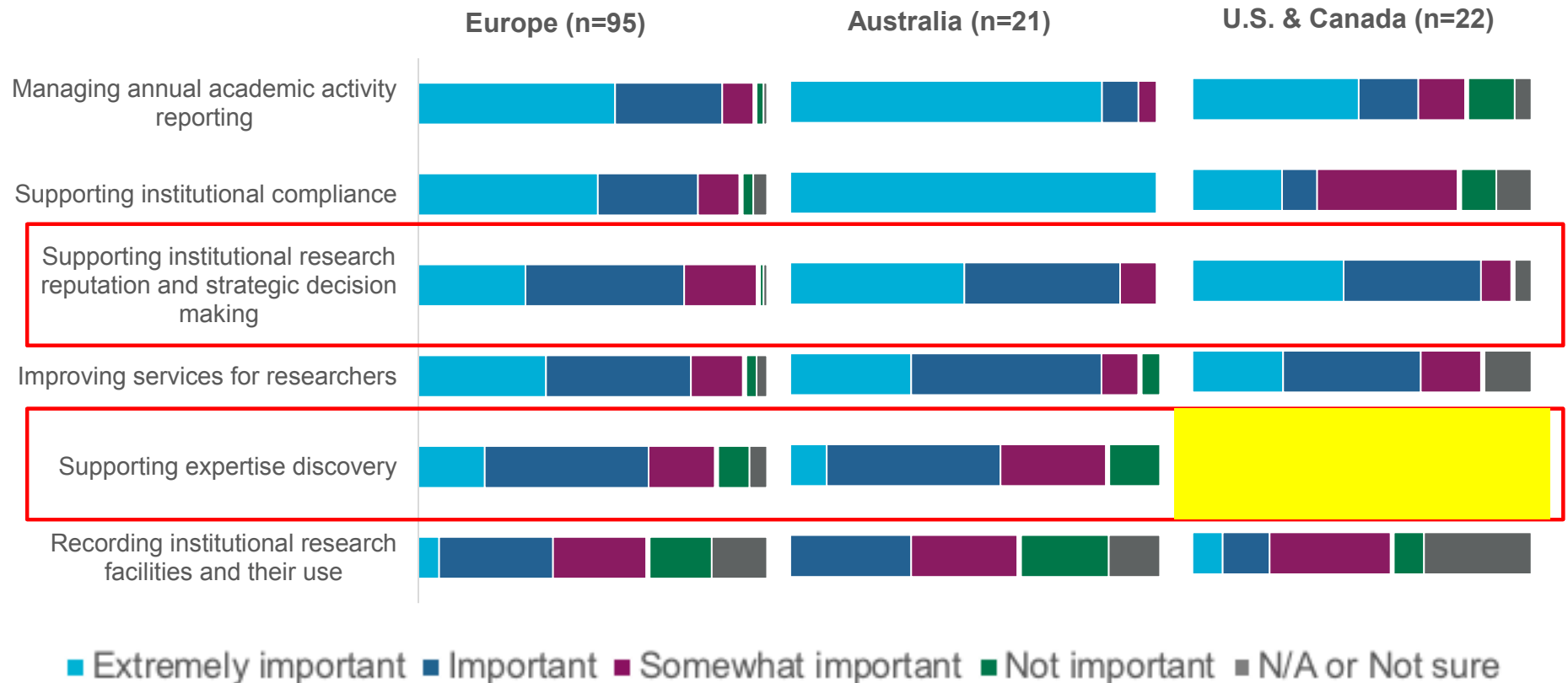


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... But this varies by geographic region

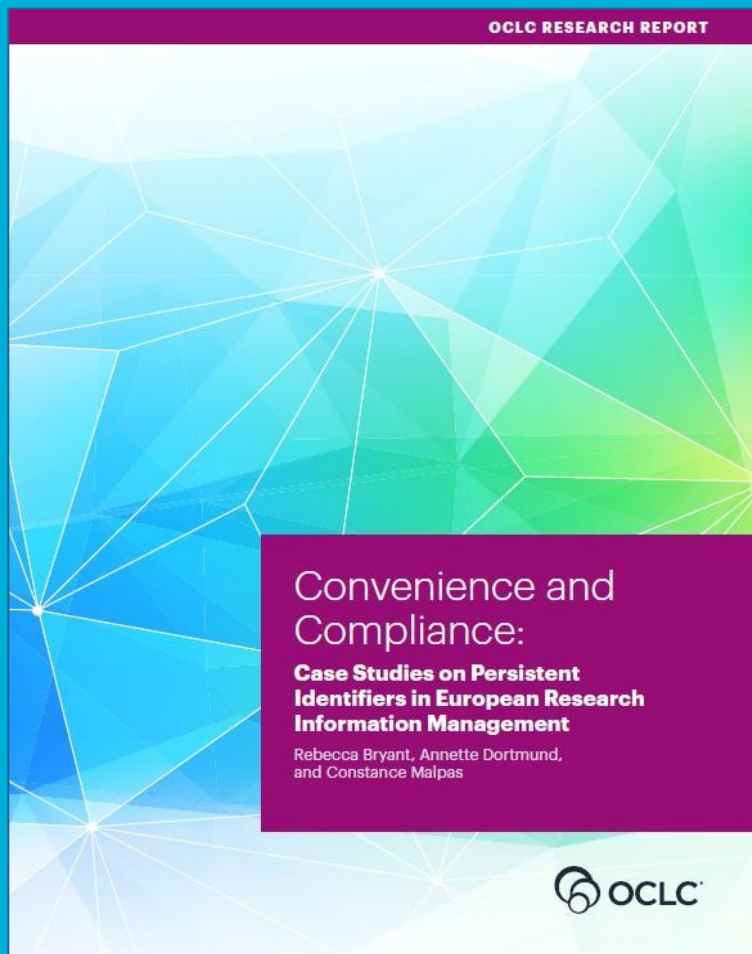
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Convenience and Compliance



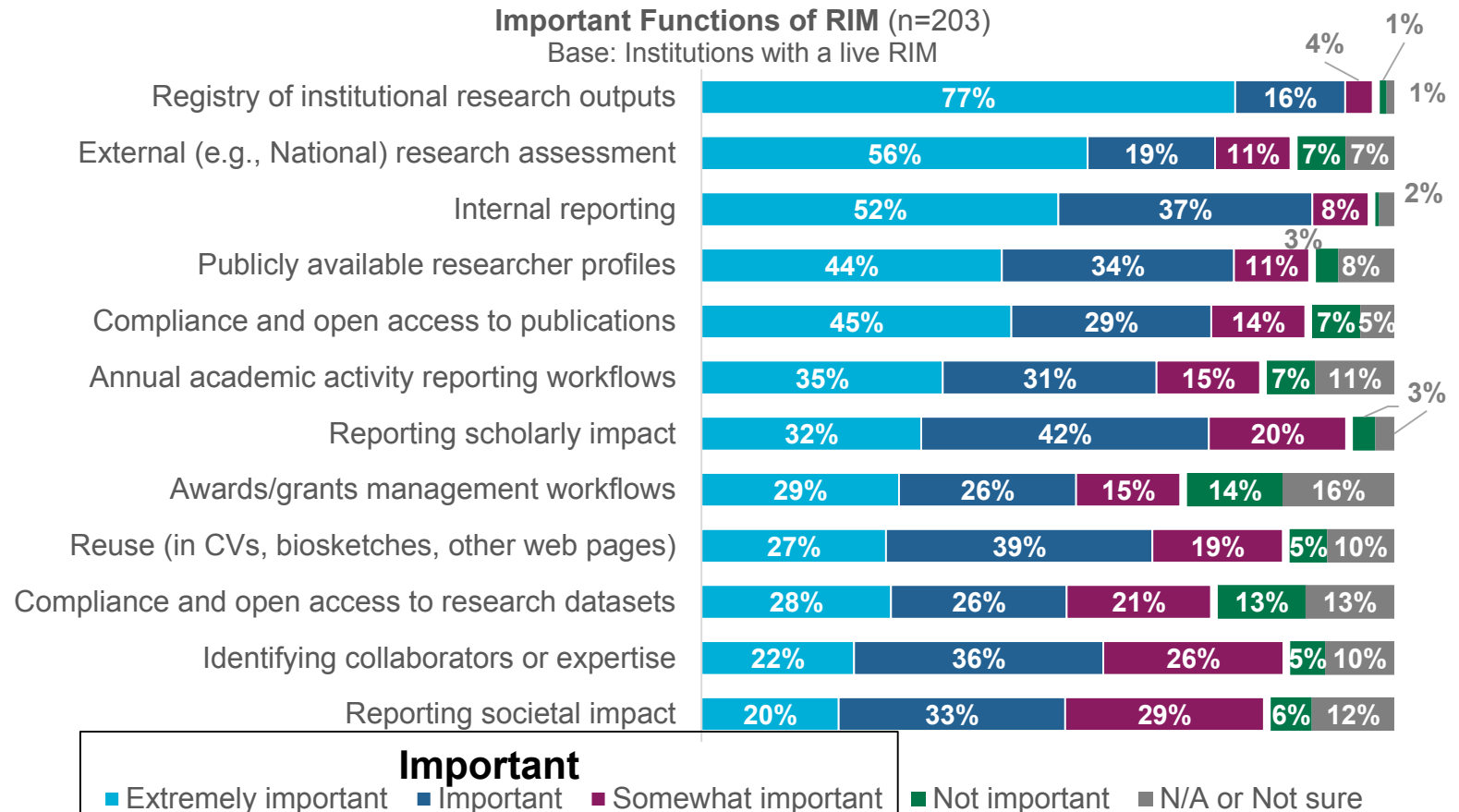
- Collaborative project between



- Case studies on adoption of persistent identifiers in RIM infrastructures
 - Finland
 - Germany
 - The Netherlands

RIM uses

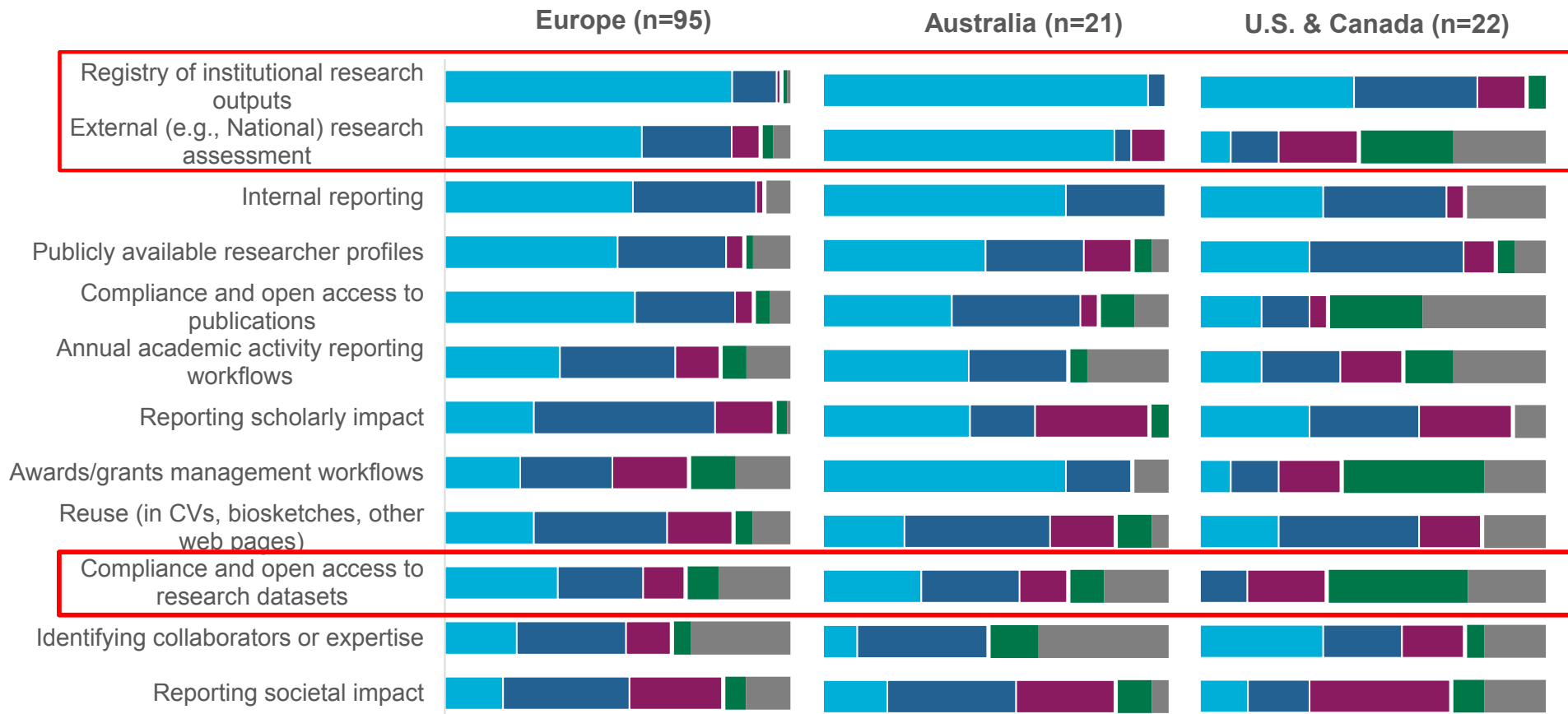
Most important RIM functions



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... These again vary by region



■ Extremely important ■ Important ■ Somewhat important ■ Not important ■ N/A or Not sure



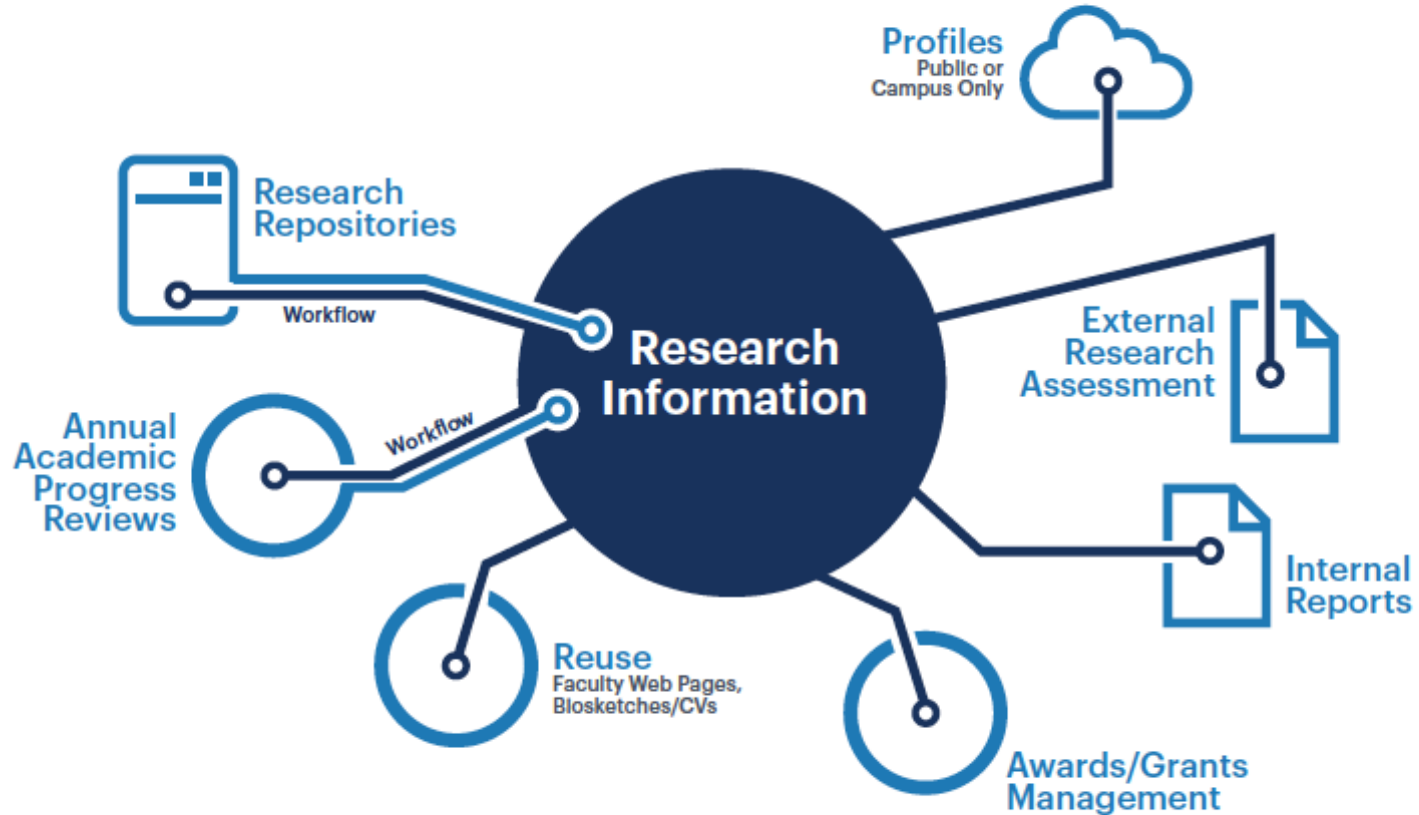
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Findings: RIM uses

- The majority of respondents report that their RIM is valuable as a registry of the institution's research outputs
- We can also see that institutions are using their RIM for *multiple* uses
 - External & internal assessment are among the most important (and unsurprising)
 - Managing OA compliance is also important
 - Supporting the discovery of potential research collaborators is less important
- We can also see how some of these differences vary by region

RIM Uses



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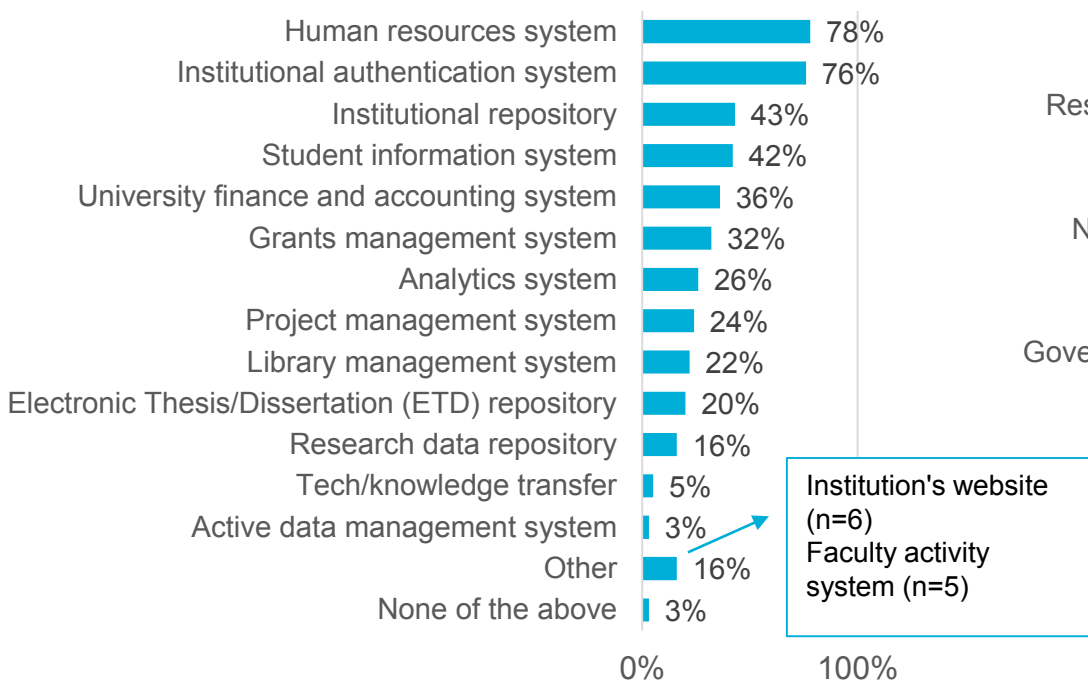
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RIM interoperates with multiple internal and external systems

Internal Systems that Interoperate with your RIM (n=184)

Base: Institutions with a live RIM

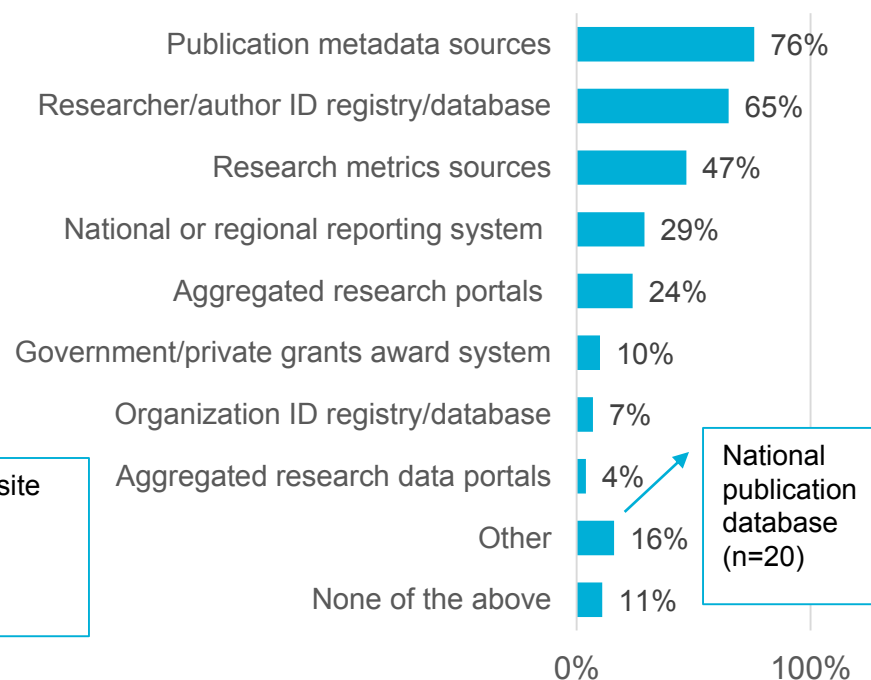
Note: Respondents could select more than one answer



External Systems that Interoperate with your RIM (n=178)

Base: Institutions with a live RIM

Note: Respondents could select more than one answer

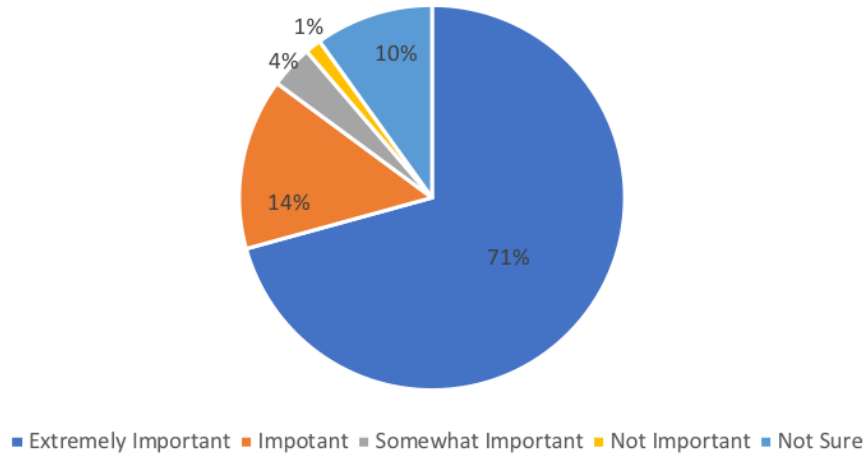


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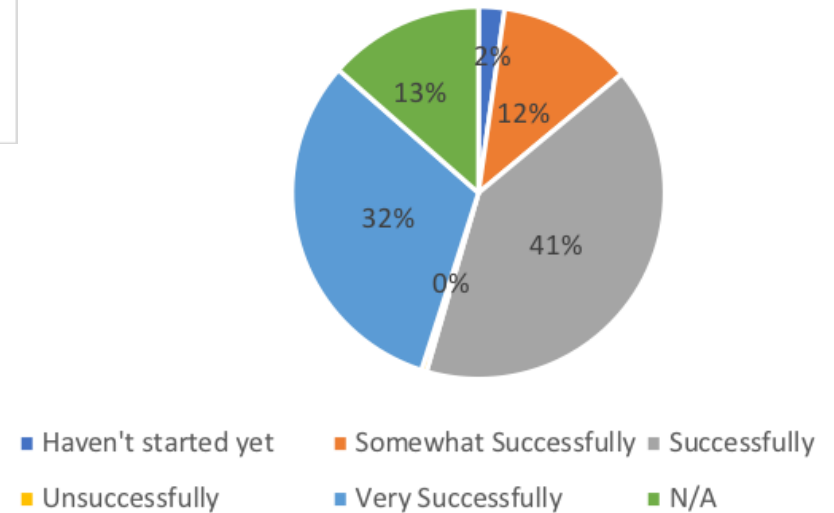
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A very important functionality

Registry of institutional research outputs



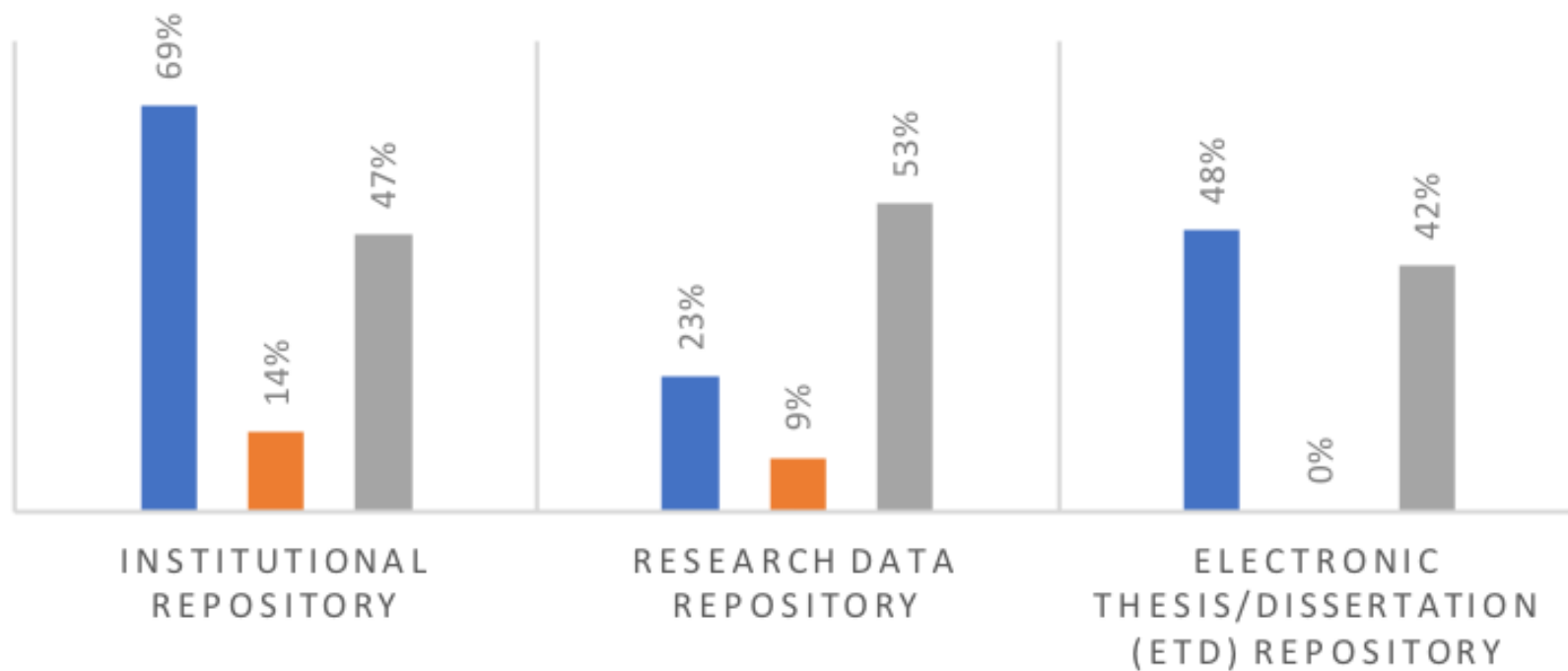
Function Perform Registry of institutional research outputs



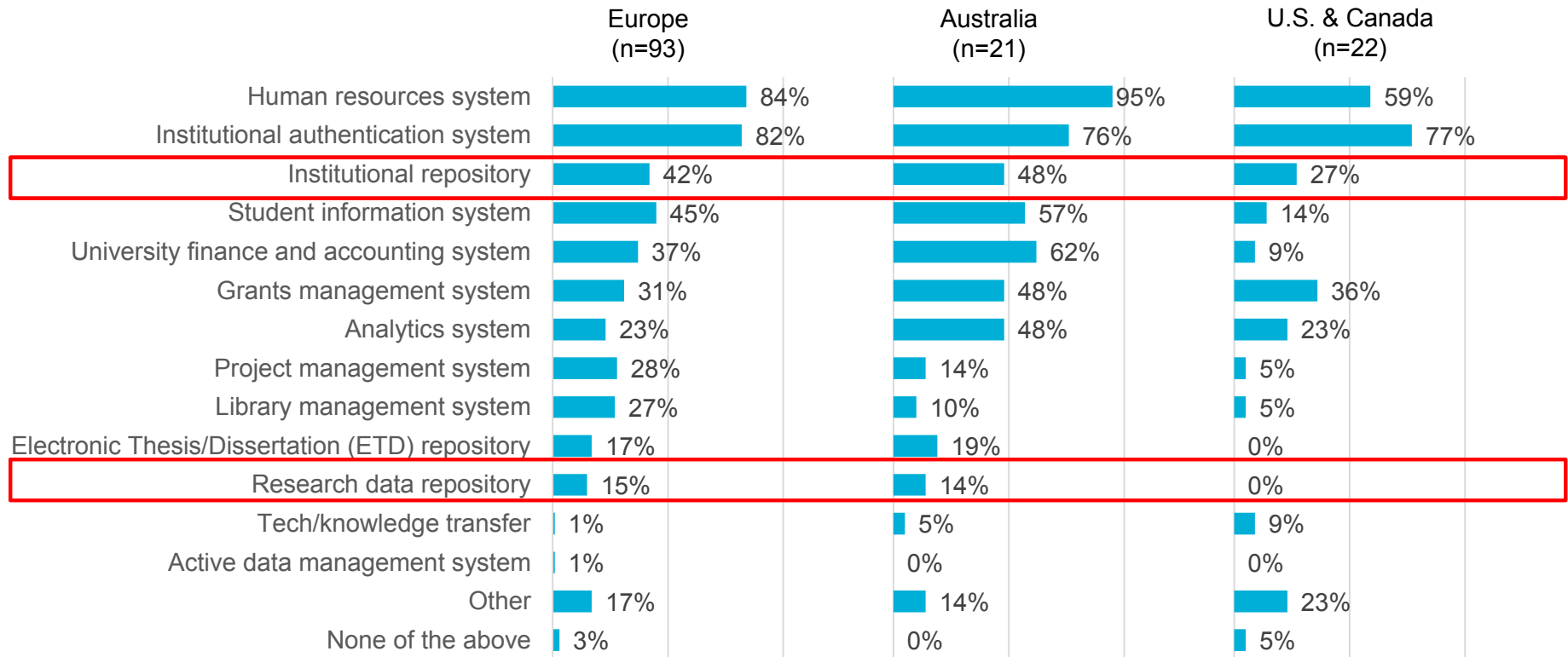
RIM and repositories

RIM AS A DEFAULT..

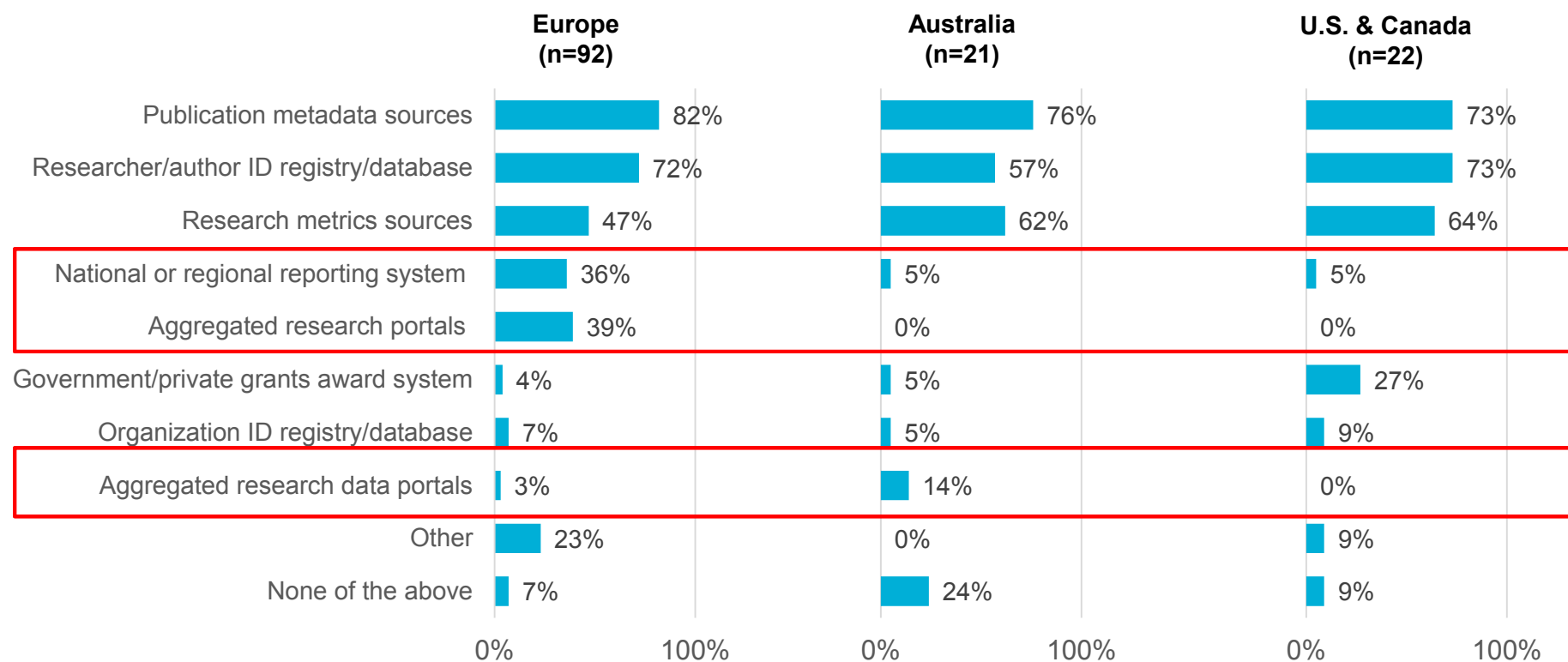
■ Europe (n=95) ■ U S & Canada (n=22) ■ Other Countries (n=19)



Internal Systems that Interoperate with RIM



External Systems that Interoperate with RIM

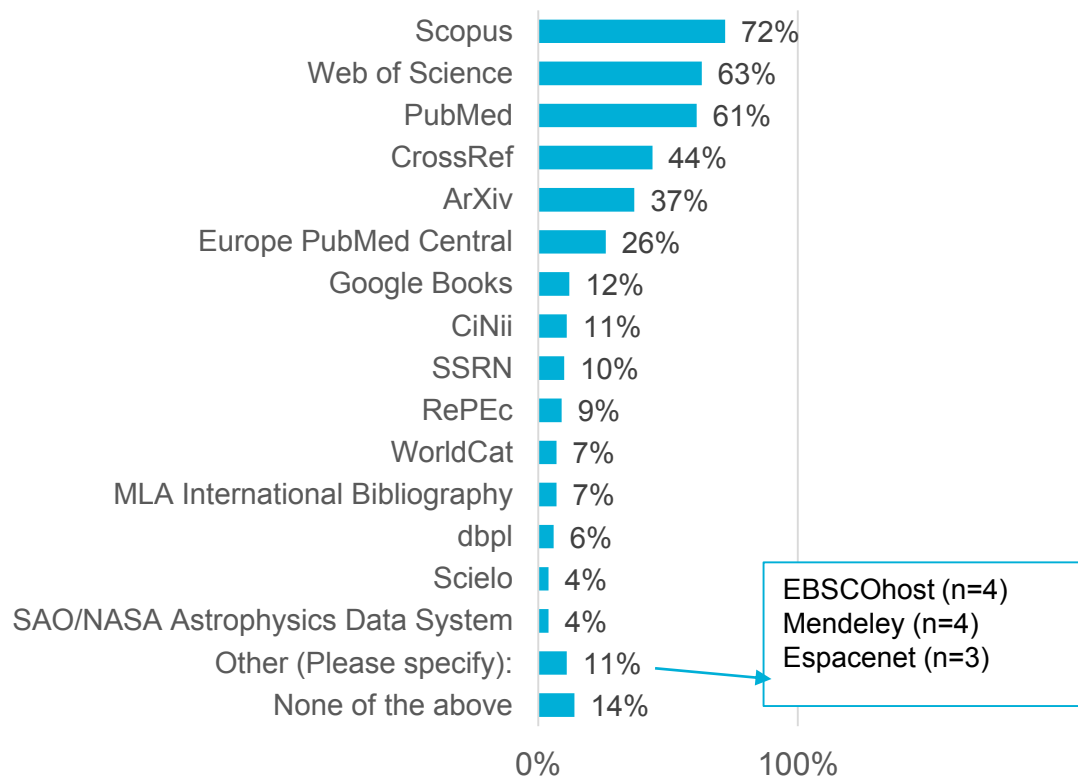


Top Bibliographic Metadata Sources for RIM

Publication Metadata Sources that Populate your RIM (n=185)

Base: Institutions with a live RIM

Note: Respondents could select more than one answer



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Protocols/Standards/Vocabularies that RIM Relies On

Protocols/Standards/Vocabularies RIM Relies On (n=169)

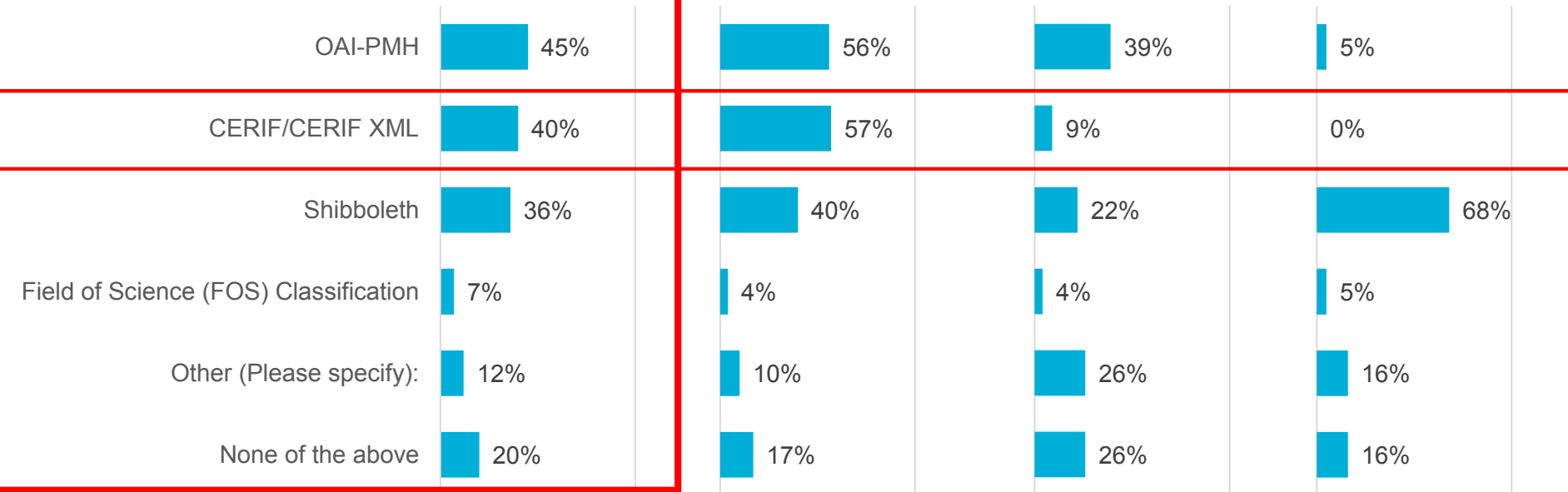
Base: Institutions with a live RIM

Note: Respondents could select more than one answer

Europe
(n=89)

Australia
(n=23)

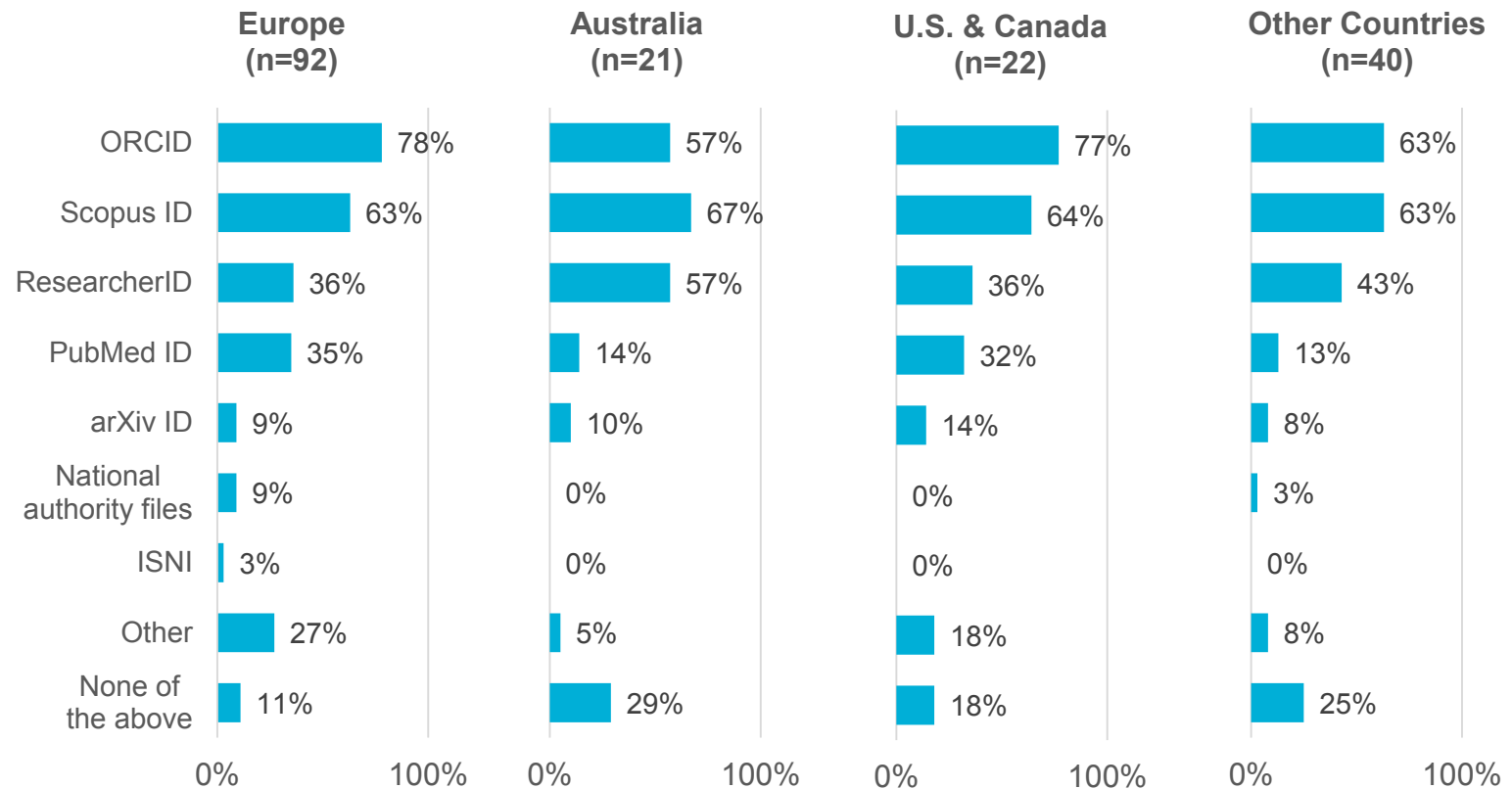
U.S. & Canada
(n=19)



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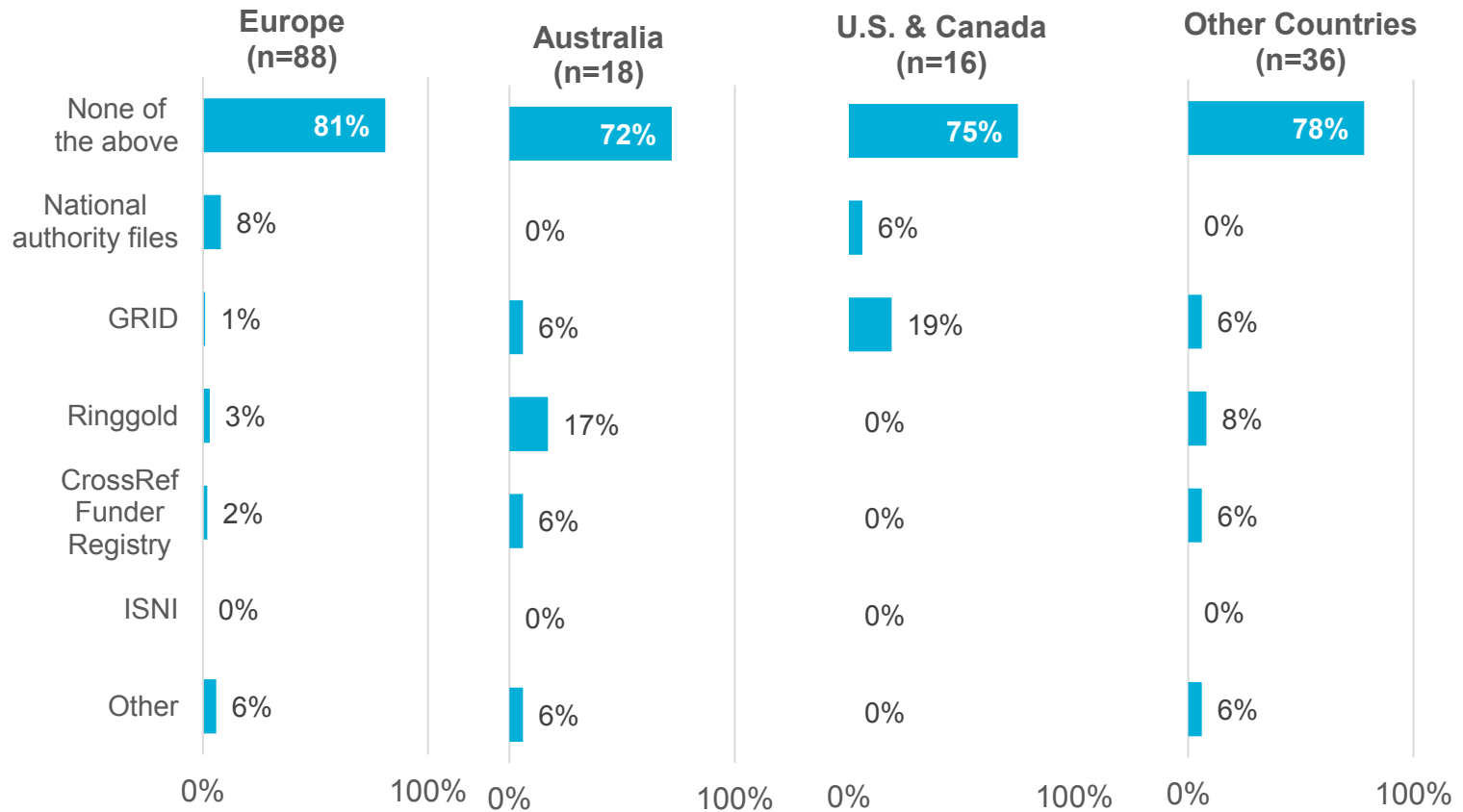
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Researcher Identifiers in Use



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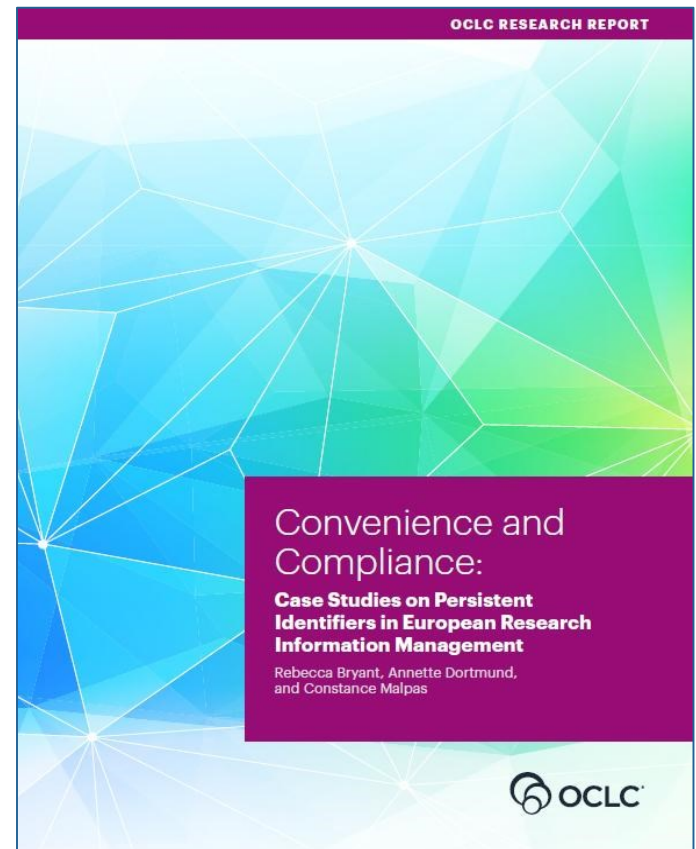
Organization Identifiers in Use



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Some summary findings

- Congruent with our qualitative *Convenience and Compliance* findings
- Strong adoption of person identifiers
 - **ORCID becoming a *de facto* standard** in scholarly literature, but other identifiers also needed and used
 - **Organizational identifiers largely unused**



Some summary findings

- Fairly high degree of RIM system interoperability with other institutional systems – including IRs
- Significant workflows for funding information exchange both internally and externally
- Institutions leverage **publications metadata harvesting**
- Extensive integration of **person identifiers like ORCID** into RIM systems
- OrgID implementation remains very low (but worth a follow-up sometime in the near future)
- Nearly 50% now include externally-sourced bibliometrics

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Discussion

- Survey results and data to be published as an OCLC Research Report in 2018
- Follow us at hangingtogether.org
- More information at oc.lc/rim

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