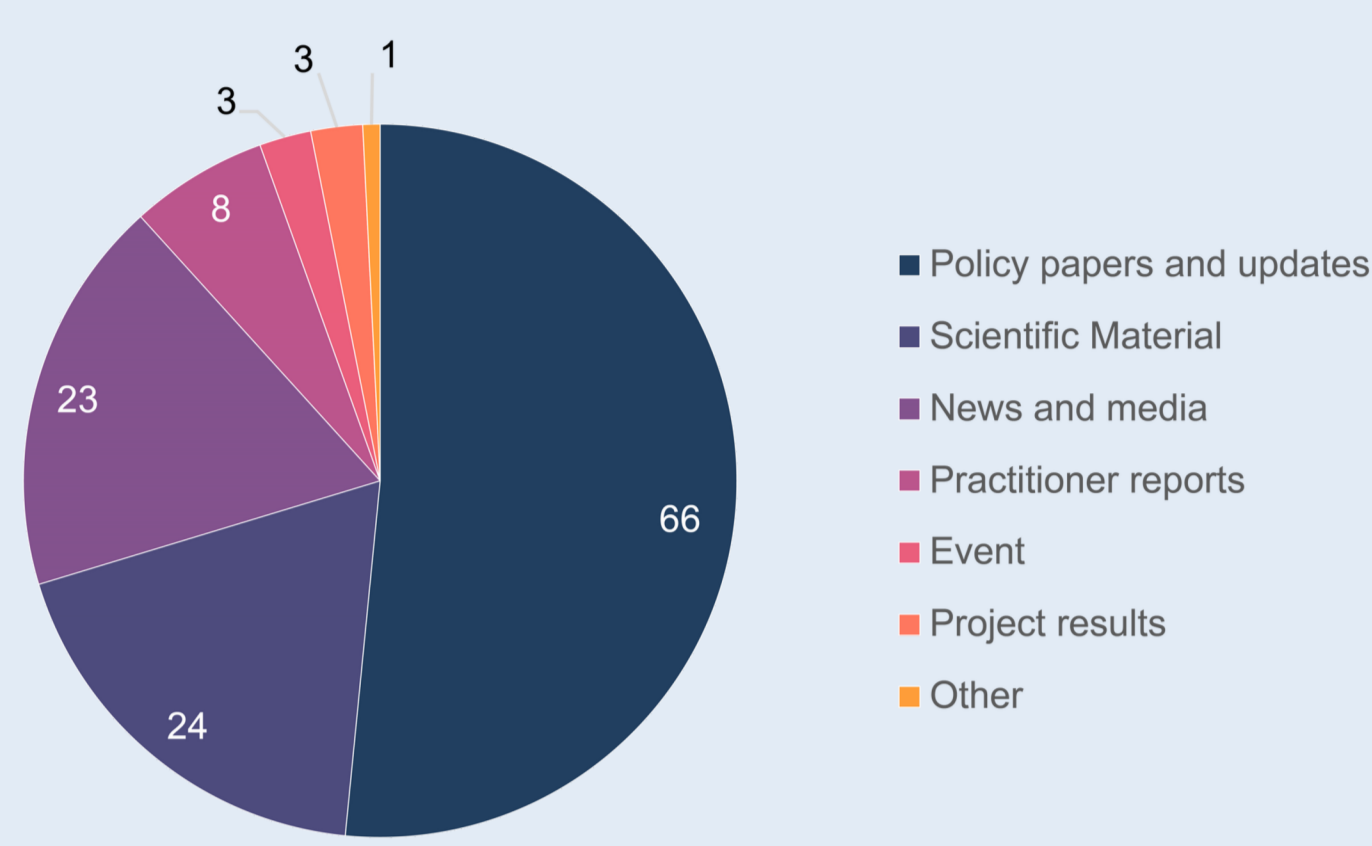


## Ethical, Legal and Societal Observatory

The Ethical, Legal and Societal Observatory documents the constraints and safeguards necessary for the FCT R&I community.

Distribution of sources of observations with **high-relevance** to the ELS observatory.



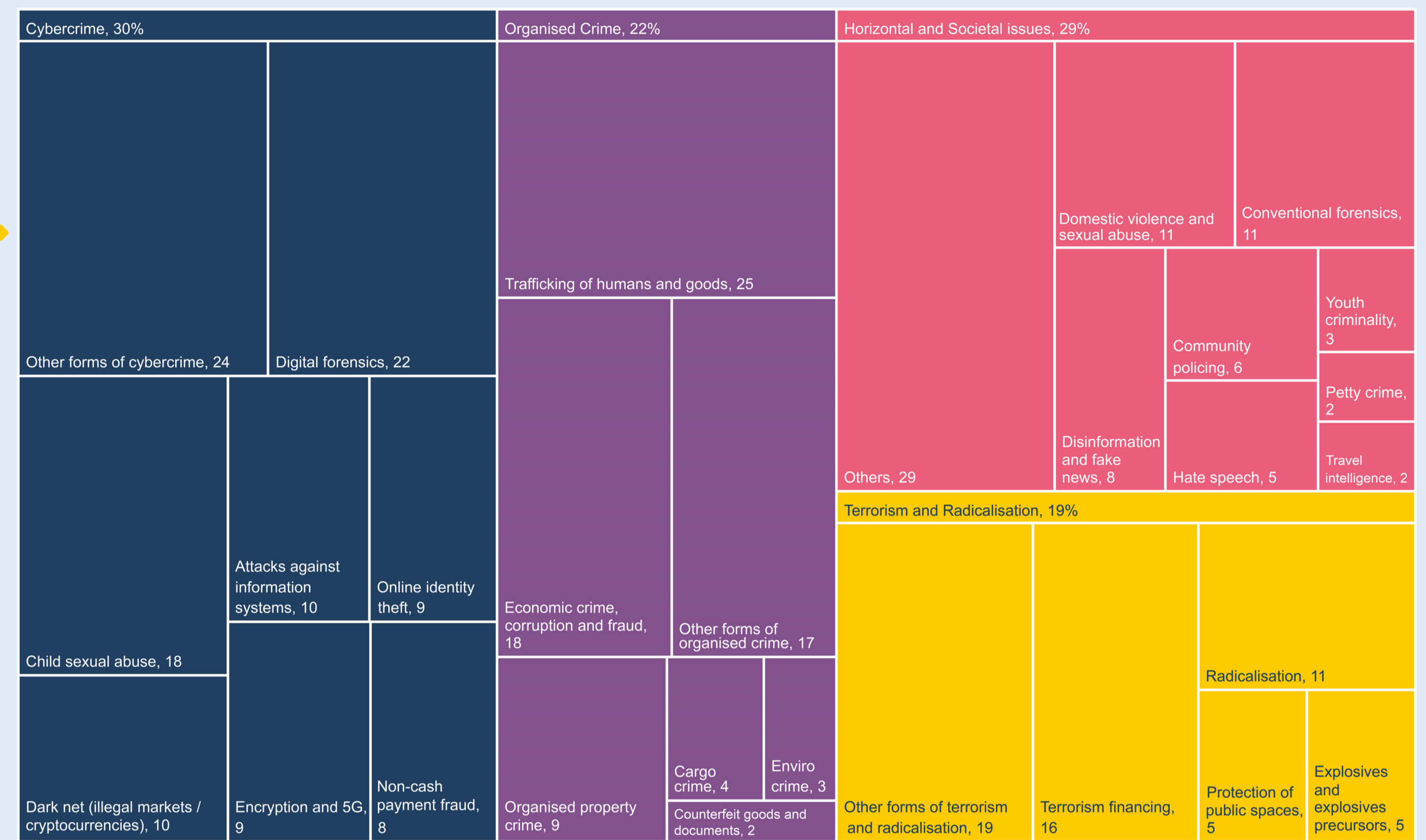
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of observations from policy papers and updates

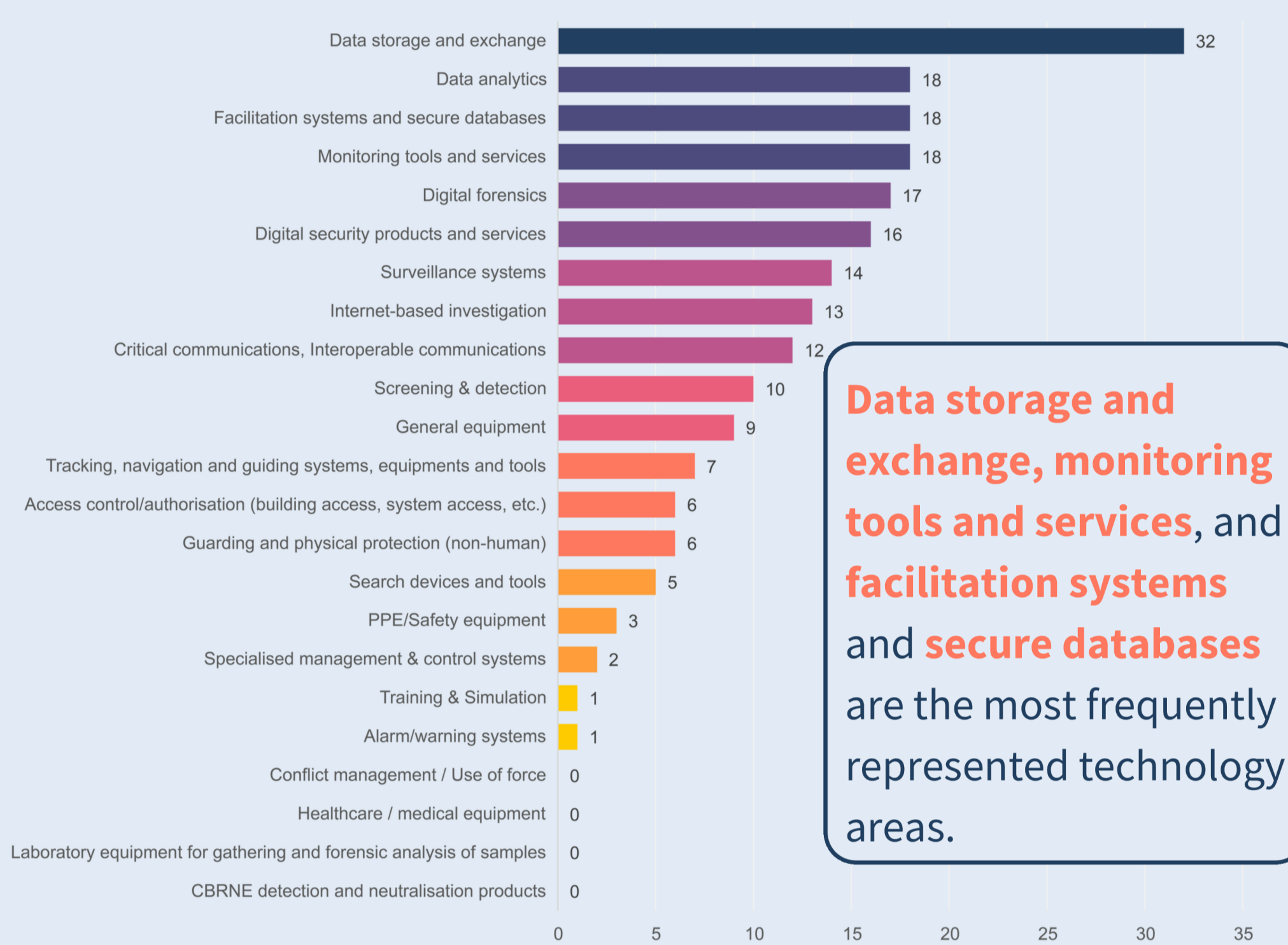
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observations related to cybercrime and horizontal issues policy areas

Distribution of observations according to the EUCS Taxonomy **Policy Areas** in FCT

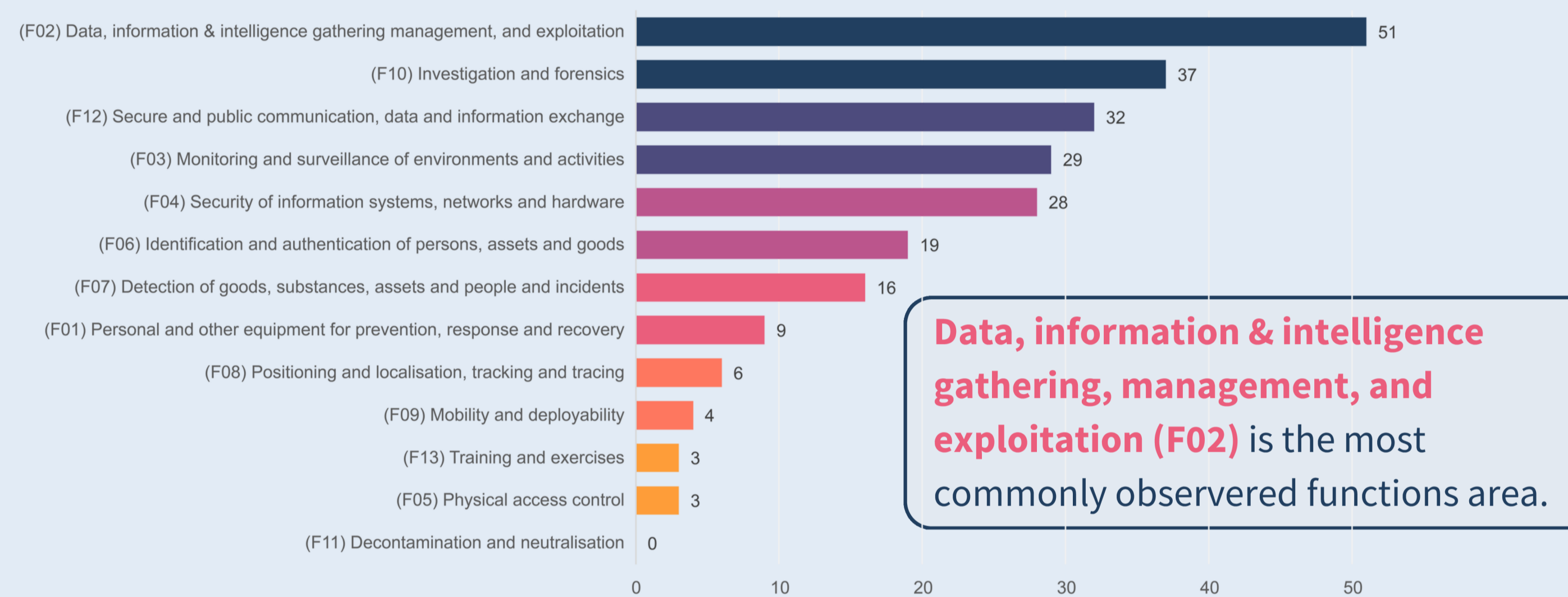


Distribution of observations according to the EUCS Taxonomy **Technology Areas** in FCT



**Data storage and exchange, monitoring tools and services, and facilitation systems and secure databases** are the most frequently represented technology areas.

Distribution of observations according to the EUCS Taxonomy **Functions Areas** in FCT



**Data, information & intelligence gathering, management, and exploitation (F02)** is the most commonly observed functions area.

## Trends in the Ethical, Legal and Societal Observatory

### News

Media follows new **uses of technology** in law enforcement context and shares **international contexts** to combat crime.

Highly prominent topics relate to **child sexual abuse**; **digital forensics**; and **trafficking of humans and goods**.

EU has **stronger rules** to combat **trafficking of human and goods**, with international partnerships.

EU is exploring the use of **AI technologies** in investigating and combating **child sexual abuse**.

Use of technologies in law enforcement should walk hand-in-hand with **rules regarding safe use of e-evidence**.

### Technology

Lots of **new technologies** and forms of **data exchange** are being explored, while **fundamental rights** are enforced via **civil society and policies**.

Technology relating to **data, information & intelligence gathering, management, and exploitation**; **surveillance systems**; and **security of information systems, networks and hardware** are prevalent in ELS topics.

The relation between **international data exchange**, involving **biometric information** – especially in borders is often explored in ELS topics.

ELS topics explore **facial and behaviour recognition in public spaces** – and the challenges of their application.

### Science

The most common policy areas in the sciences focus on **trafficking of humans and goods**; **terrorism financing**; **conventional forensics**; and **organised property crime**.

Research on **drug trafficking** focuses on understanding how it **impacts society**.

Scientific material explores EU policy on **countertrafficking** with preventing forms of **radicalisation, hate speech online** and financing – including via **cryptocurrencies**.

**International contexts and agreements** are a common focus of research activities.

