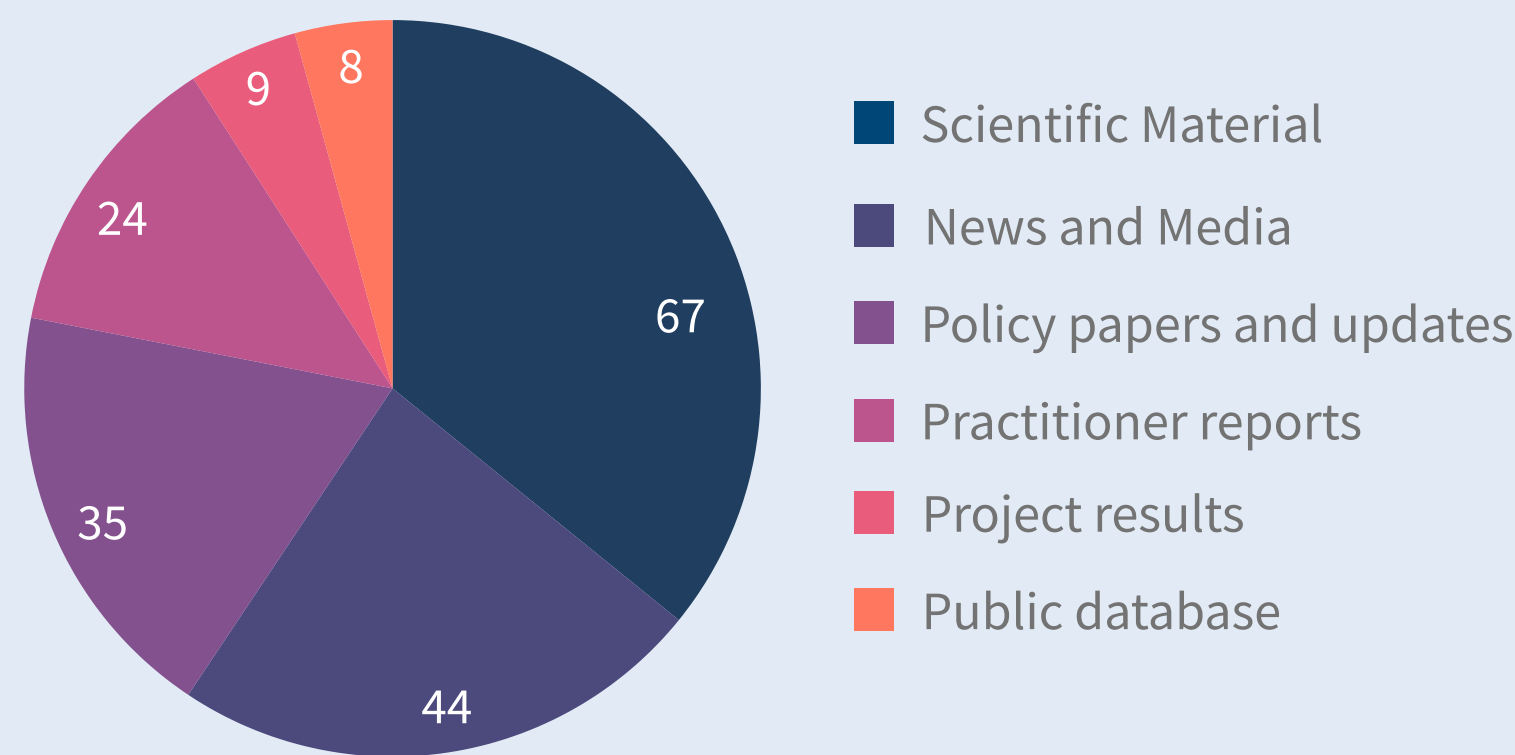


Ethical, Legal and Societal Observatory

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.



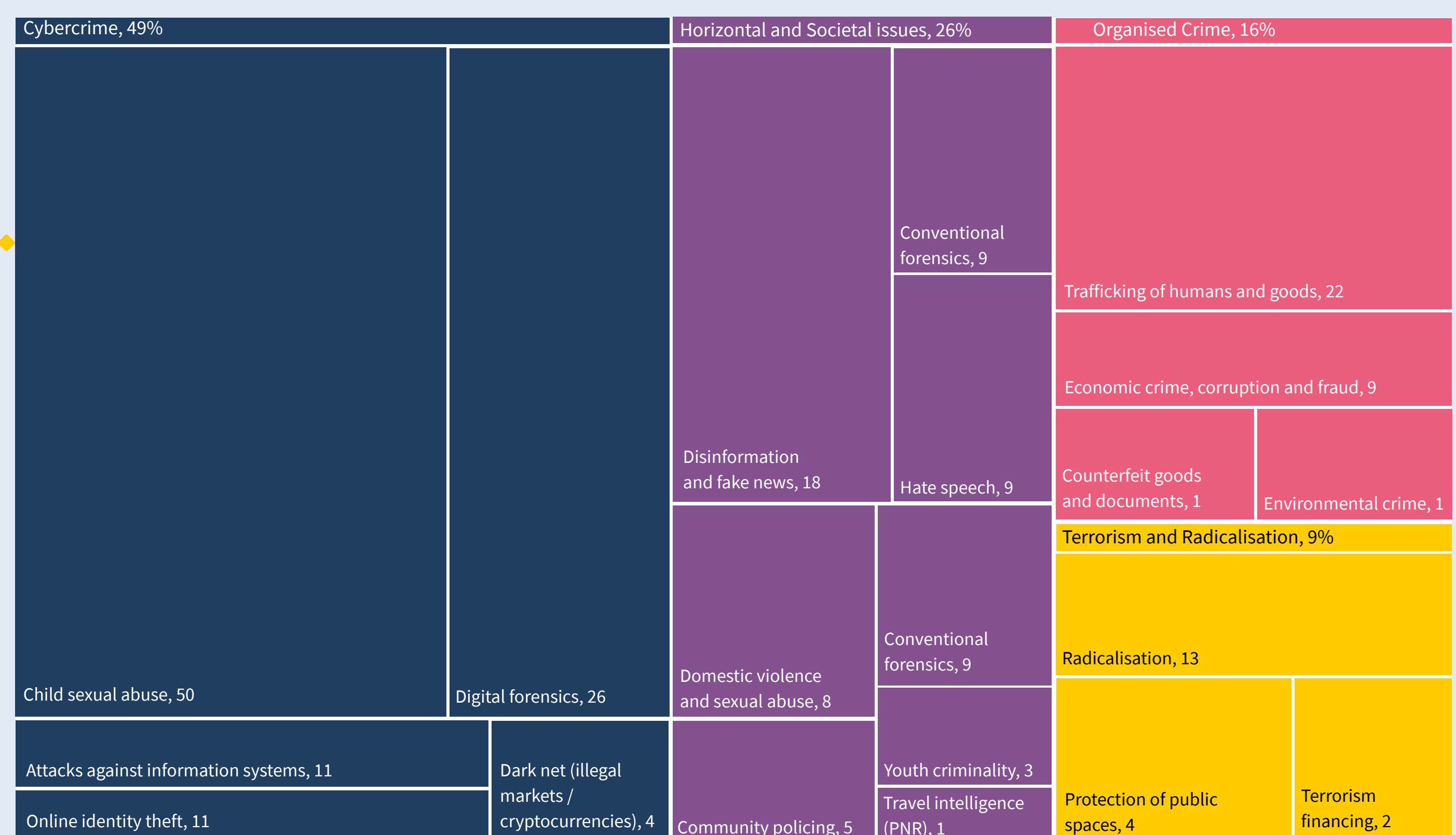
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of observations from Scientific material and news and media

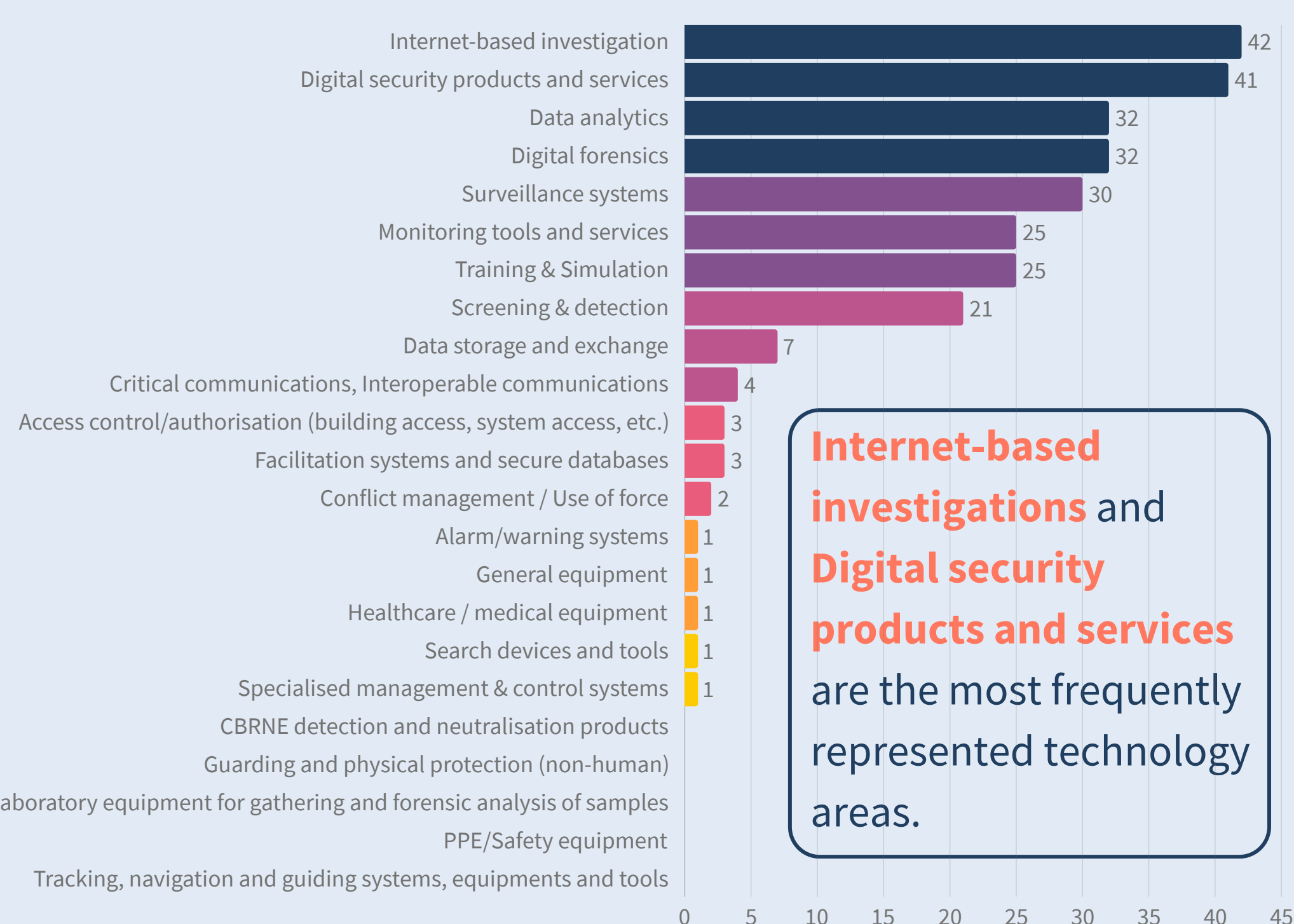
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observations related to cybercrime and horizontal issues policy areas

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

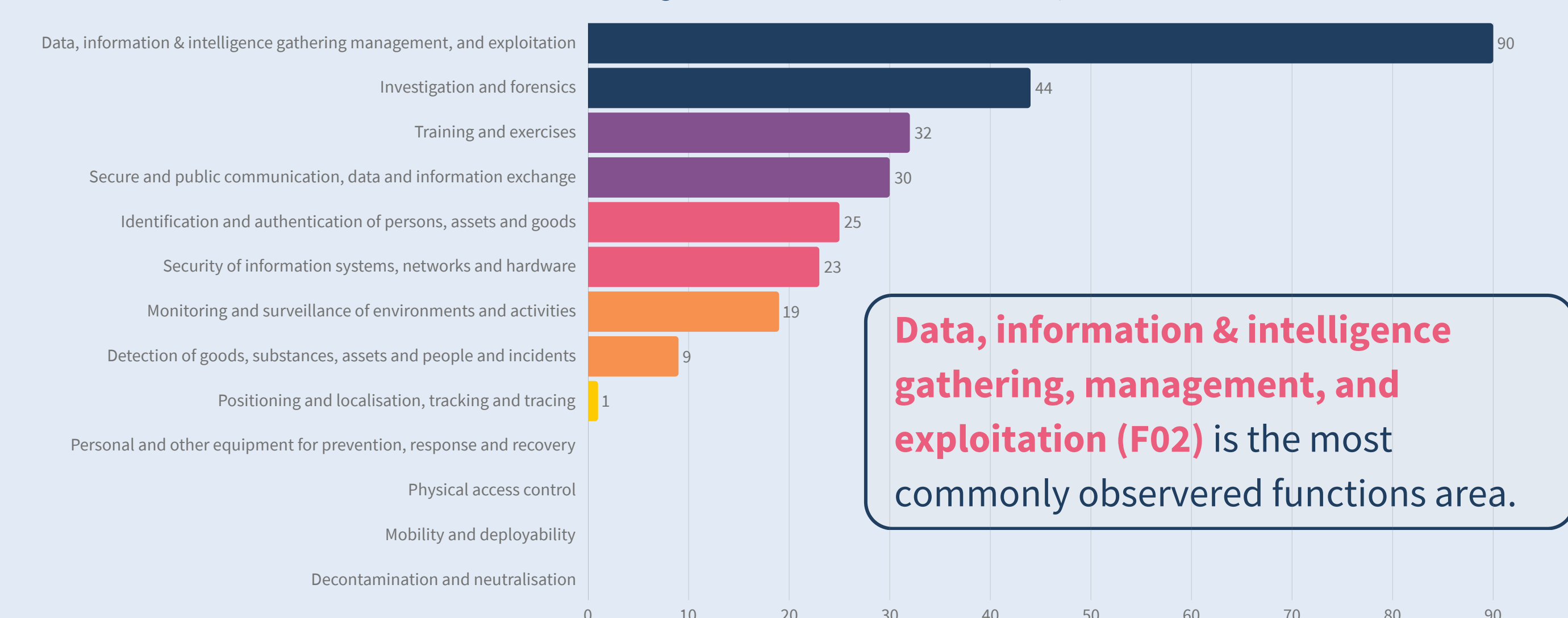


Distribution of observations according to the EUCS Taxonomy **Technology Areas** in FCT



Internet-based investigations and Digital security products and services 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

The **AI Act**, **fundamental rights** and the **protection of children** were common subjects in observations retrieved from the media.

Disinformation and **fake news** are also highly prominent topics.

Topics related to **child sexual abuse** remain a significant focus, highlighted by new protection initiatives in Spain and ongoing allegations against platforms like TikTok.

Technology

Surveillance and **security** are the main trend on the observations around technologies in the Ethical, Legal and Societal Observatory.

Technology relating to **data**, **information** and **intelligence gathering management, exploitation**, **Data analytics** are prevalent in ELS topics. As well as the topics of **Investigation and forensics**, **digital forensics** and **internet-based investigation**.

Secure and public communication, **data and information exchange** are also trending technology topics.

Science

Child sexual abuse remains a key concern, driven by parents' fears for online safety and trends in financial sextortion.

Relevant observations were primarily drawn from **scientific materials** and **practitioner reports**.

Disinformation and **fake news** highlight the challenge of digital connectivity leading to social disconnection.

Various reports on **missing persons** highlight ongoing challenges in human and goods trafficking.

