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## FCT Periodic Maps

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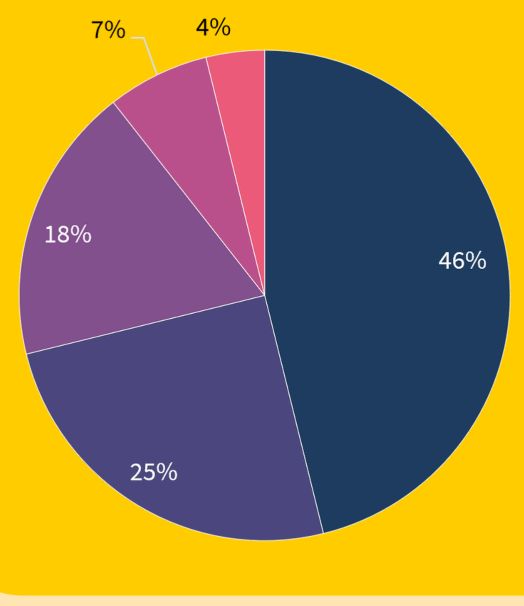
# Market and Standards Observatory

The Market and Standards Observatory monitors the scope of the demand and supply, funding and standardization opportunities in the FCT area.

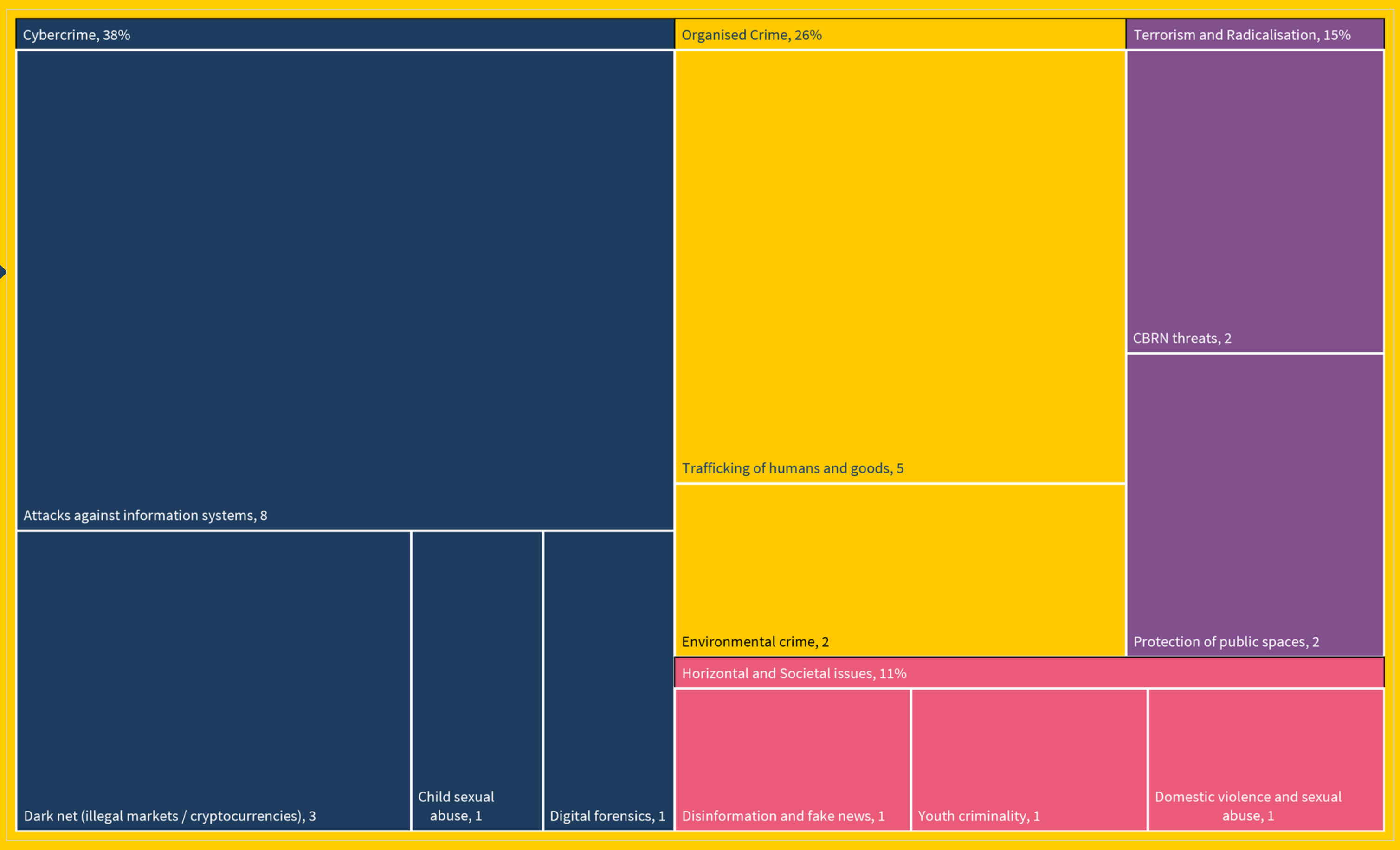
*Distribution of sources of observations with **high-relevance** to the markets and standards observatory.*



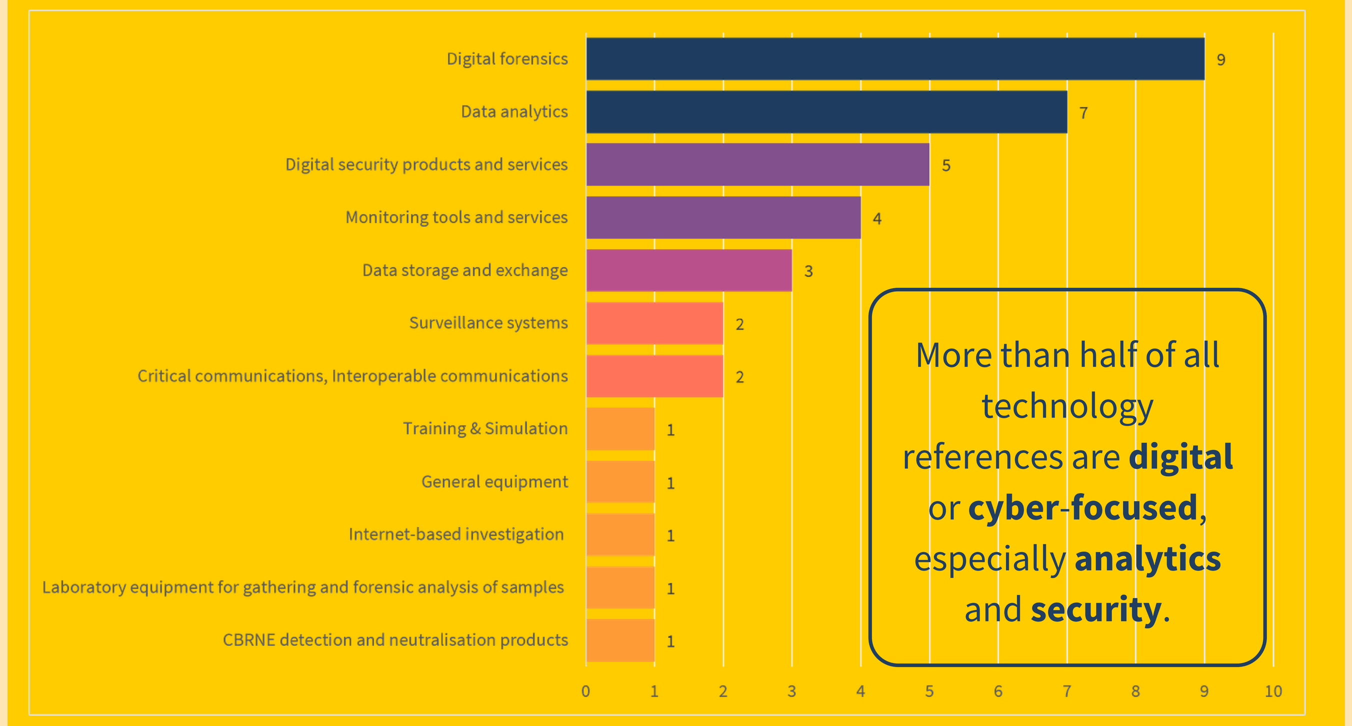

**89%** of observations from scientific material, news and media and practitioner reports

**64%** observations related to organised crime or cybercrime policy areas

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

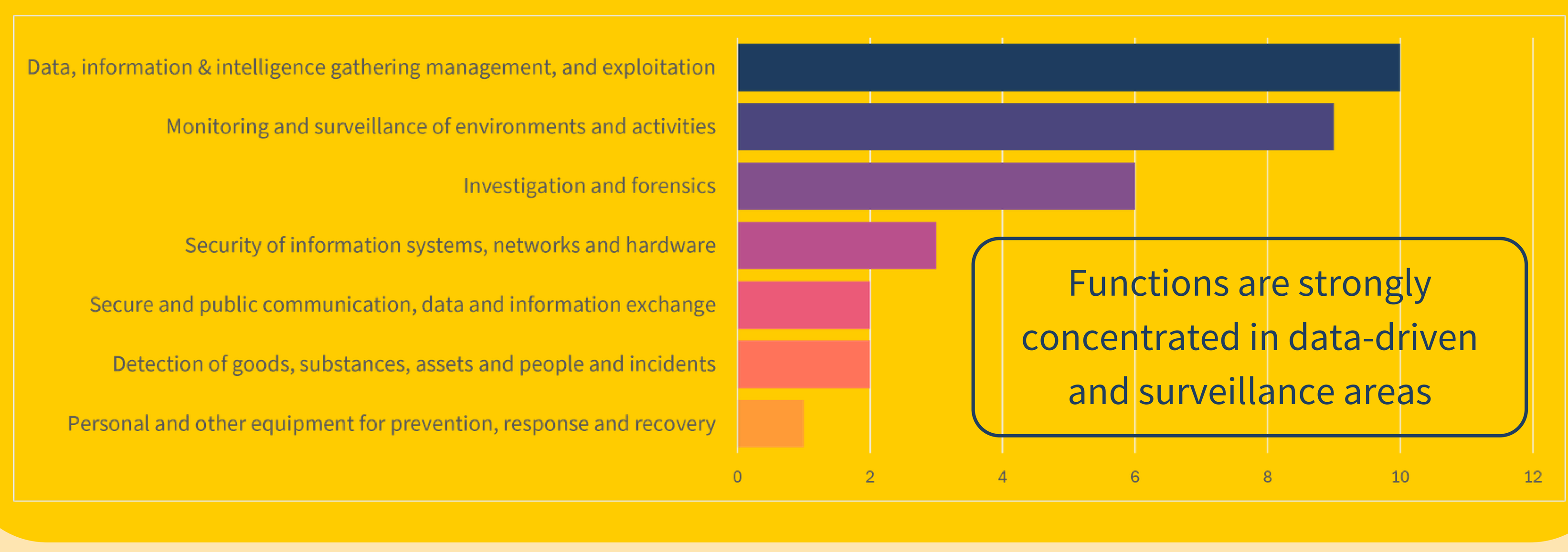



*Distribution of observations according to the EUCS Taxonomy **Technology Areas** in FCT*




More than half of all technology references are **digital** or **cyber**-**focused**, especially **analytics** and **security**.

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




Functions are strongly concentrated in data-driven and surveillance areas

# Trends in the Markets and Standards Observatory

## News

News coverage skews toward **AI governance** and **cyber threat resilience,** with the enforcement of the EU AI Act and new EU Cybersecurity & AI Action Plans dominating headlines.

The main recurring themes are **regulatory compliance**, mitigation of automated **cyberattacks**, and **international cooperation**

## Technology

Tech observations are led by **Agentic AI, Post-Quantum Cryptography**, and **Zero-Trust Cybersecurity** frameworks.

The recurring theme is **advanced connectivity, cyber resilience, and secure AI adoption**, with strong industry focus on securing **supply chains** and **critical infrastructure**.

## Science

Research focuses on **AI-driven vulnerability discovery**, **quantum-resistant encryption**, and **counter-surveillance** technologies.

Key research strands include **synthetic content detection (deepfakes)** and **privacy-preserving data analytics**, with recurring applications in **digital forensics** and **trade security.**

## Market & Standards Evolution

In the security market, competitiveness relies on **technical novelty, resilience, trustworthy operation**, and **readiness for regulations and standards**.

Suppliers seeking to move innovations from research settings into **procurement and operational deployment** need to consider all market barriers and enablers.

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