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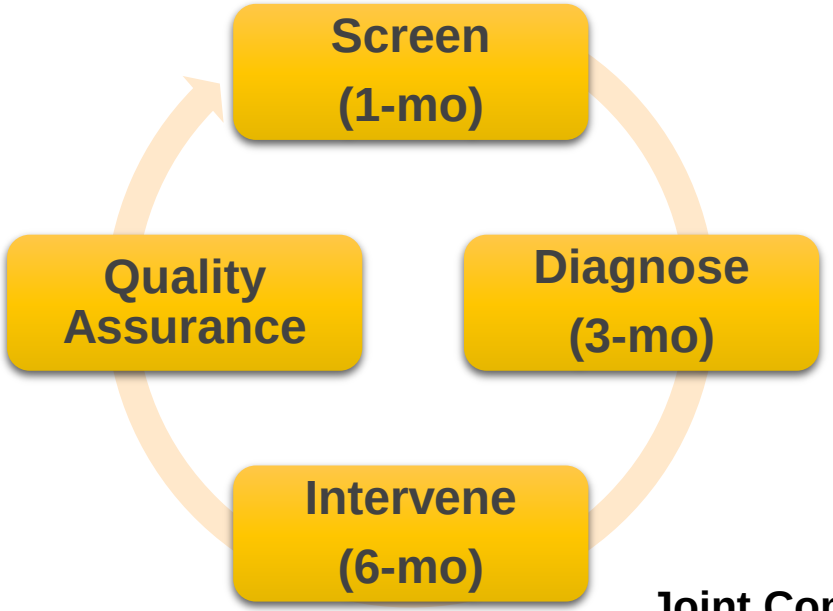
GOAL:

BEST POSSIBLE OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN WITH HEARING LOSS

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK:

EARLY HEARING LOSS DETECTION & INTERVENTION



Joint Committee on Infant Hearing (2007)

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QUALITY ASSURANCE & BENCHMARK INDICATORS of INFANT HEARING SCREENING

QUALITY ASSURANCE

“Quality assurance issues in particular are vital to successful newborn and infant hearing screening and related interventions” (WHO, 2009).

“Timely and accurate monitoring of relevant quality measures is essential.” (JCIH, 2007)

Joint committe of infant hearing screening – JCIH – first statement 1971

American Academy of Ofthalmology and Otolaryngology, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Speech and Hearing

First statement 1971

"About the need to identify hearing impairment as early in life as possible."

BENCHMARKS indicators (JCIH, 2007)

1. Percentage of infants who complete screening by 1-month of age: >95%
2. Percentage of infants who fail screening and are referred for audiological assessment: <4%
3. Identification of HI < 1 month of age
4. Audiological and medical evaluation < 3 months of age
5. Intervention services < 6 months of age

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IS THERE A <u>NATIONAL OR REGIONAL GUIDELINE</u> FOR NEONATAL HEARING SCREENING (NHS)?

- YES
- NO
- NO NHS PROGRAMME
- UNKNOWN

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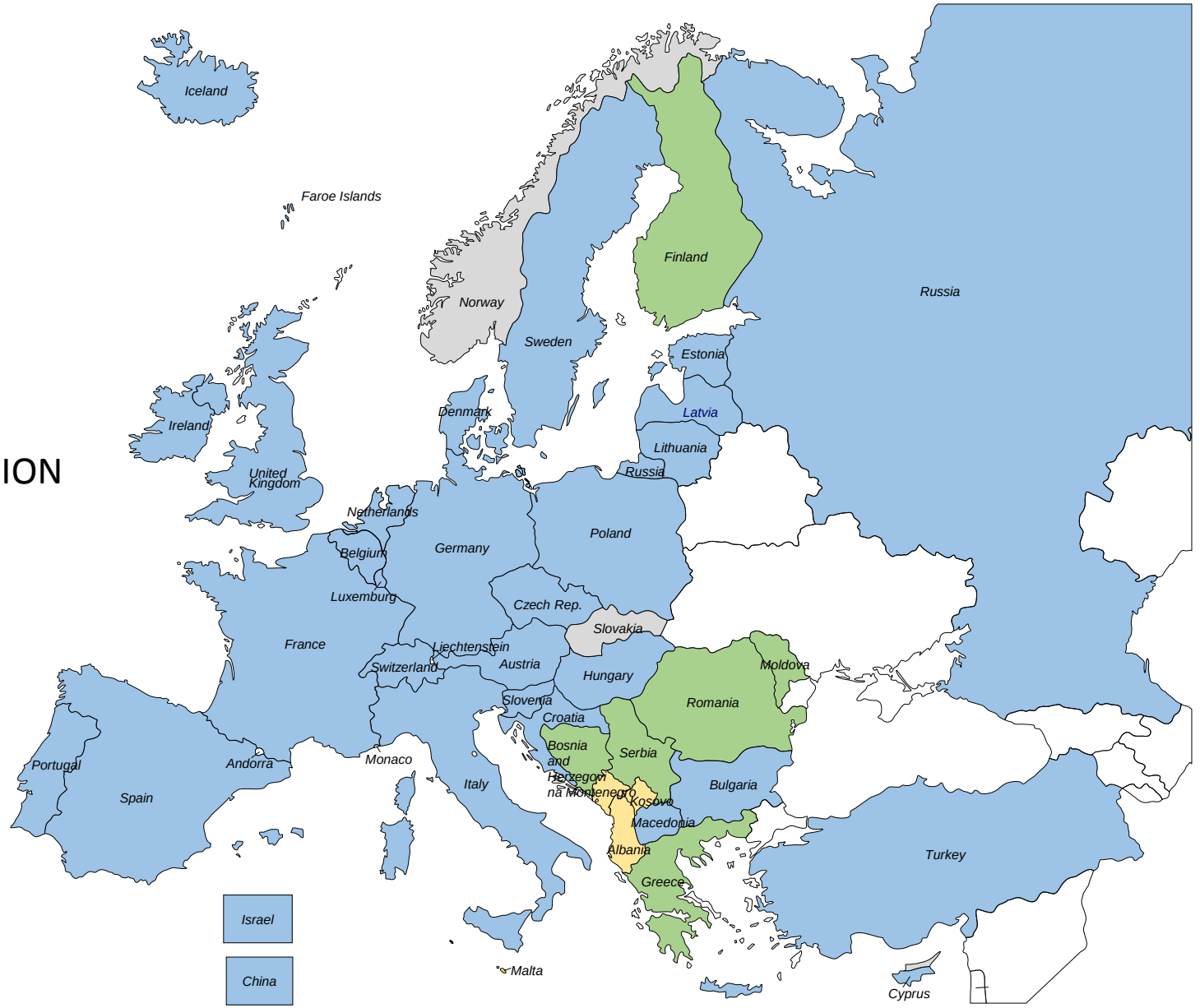
IS THE *SAME PROTOCOL* FOR NHS IS PERFORMED…

- ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTRY / REGION
- ONLY LOCALLY
- NO NHS PROGRAMME
- UNKNOWN



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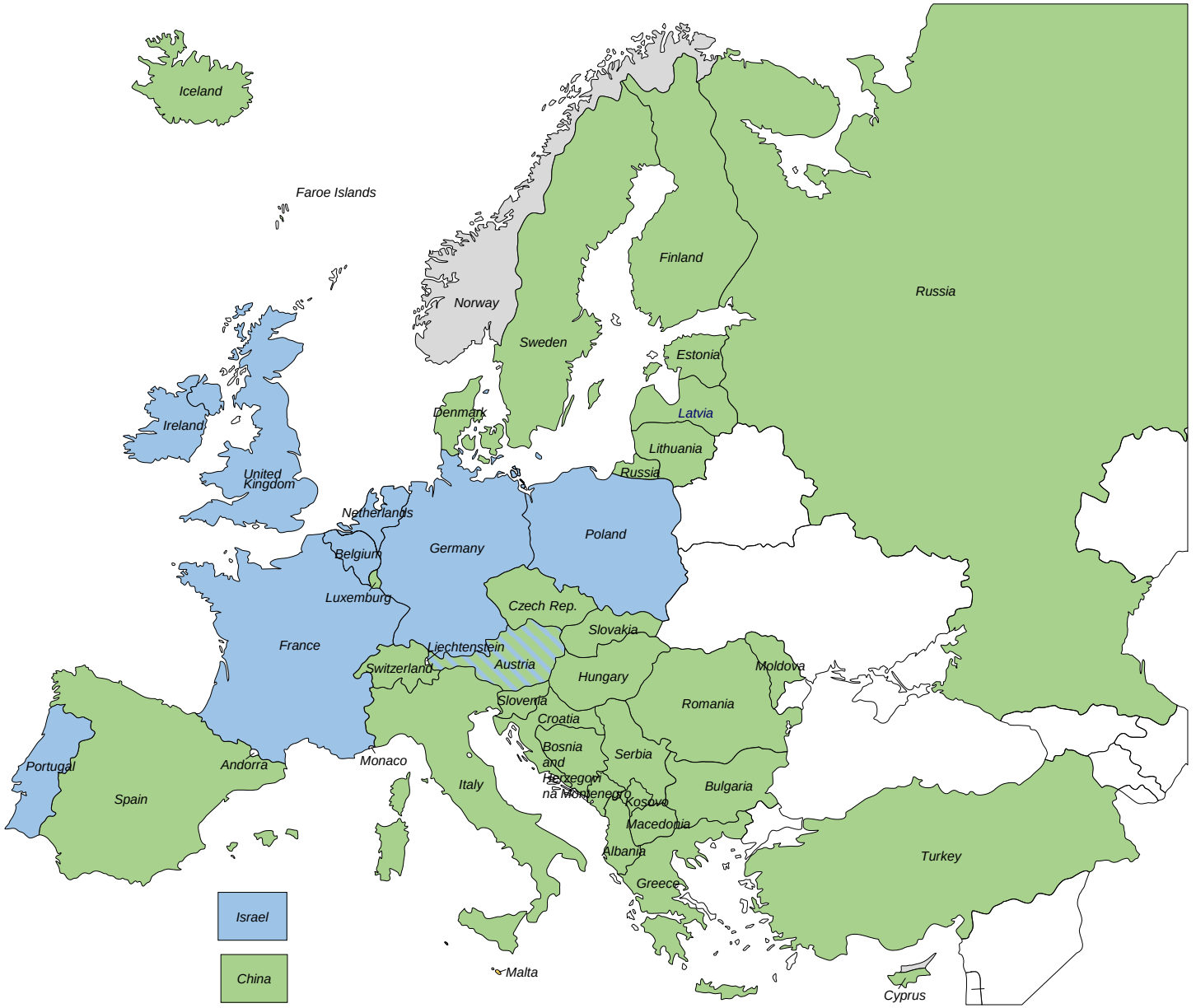
IS QUALITY ASSURANCE IMPOSED FOR NHS?

YES

NO

UNKNOWN

10 countries / regions have quality assurance <u>imposed</u>



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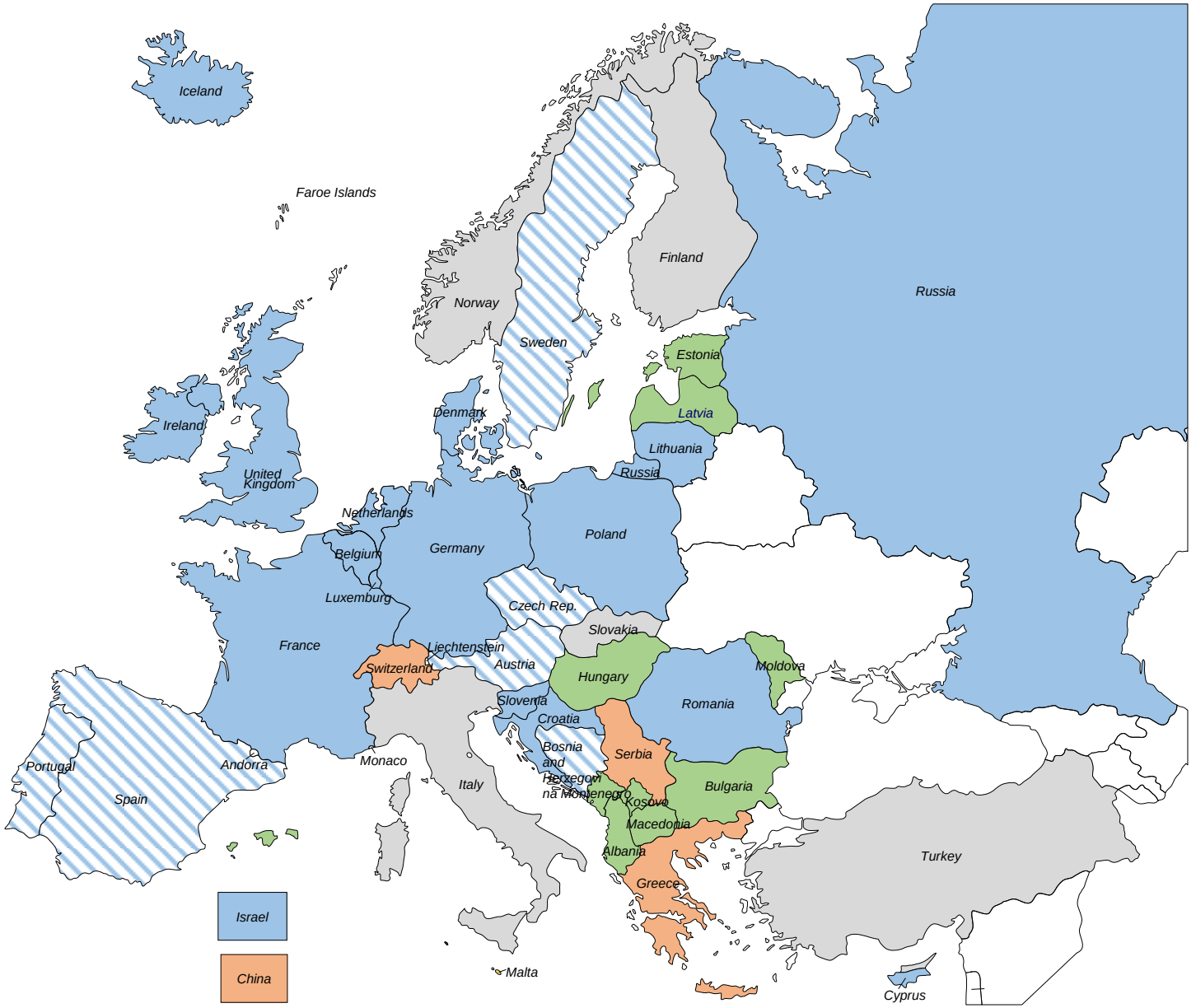
ARE OUTCOME MEASURES COLLECTED FOR NHS?

- YES (COUNTRY)
- YES (REGION)
- ONLY LOCALLY (SOME HOSPITALS)
- NO
- UNKNOWN



- **26 countries / regions report collecting outcome data to evaluate their NHS**
- **4 countries collect data only locally**
- **5 countries with NHS do not collect data**

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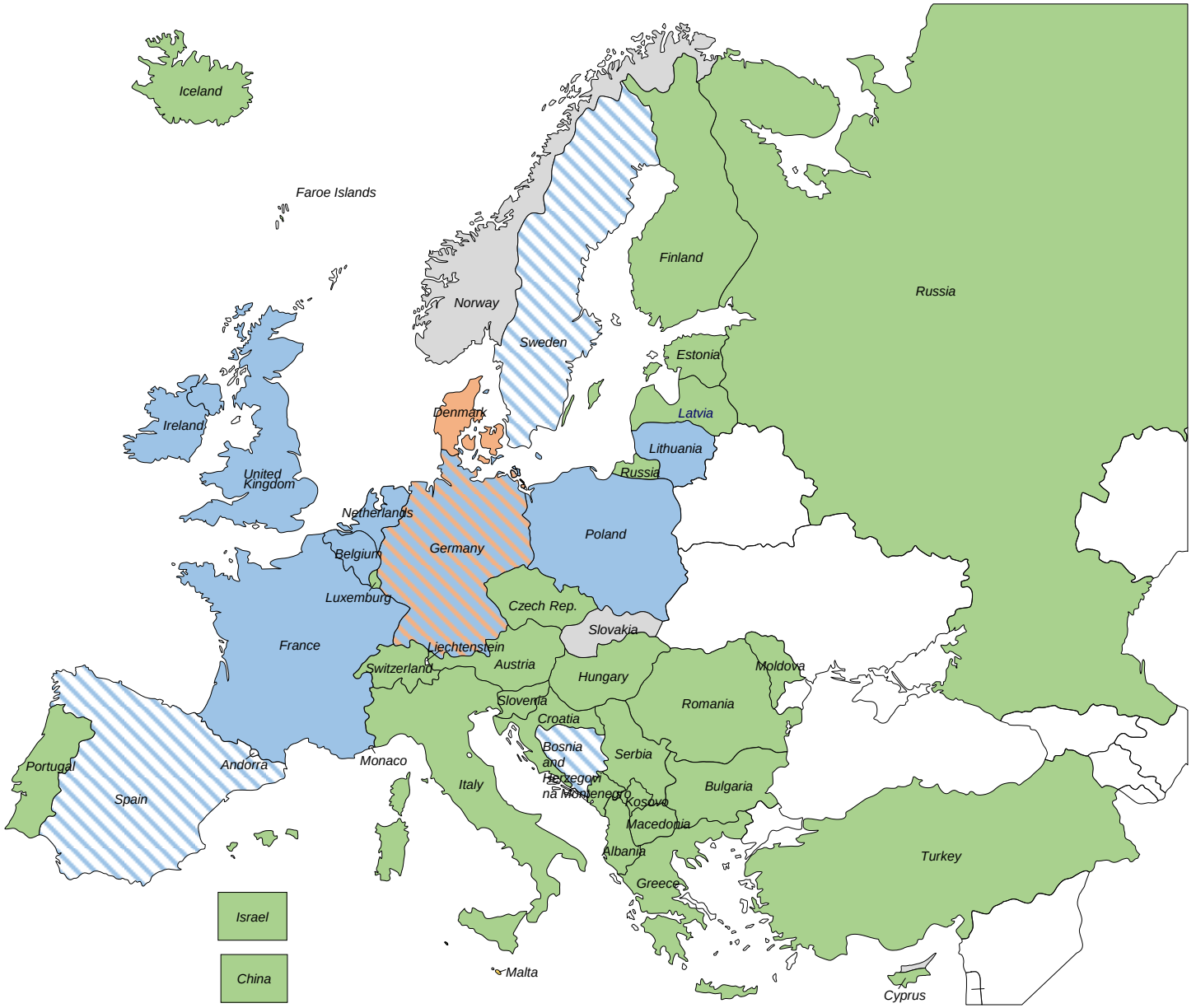
REPORTING PERFORMED?

- ANNUALLY
- ANNUALLY (REGION)
- NOT ANNUALLY
- NO
- UNKNOWN

14 countries / regions report on the outcomes of their NHS programme

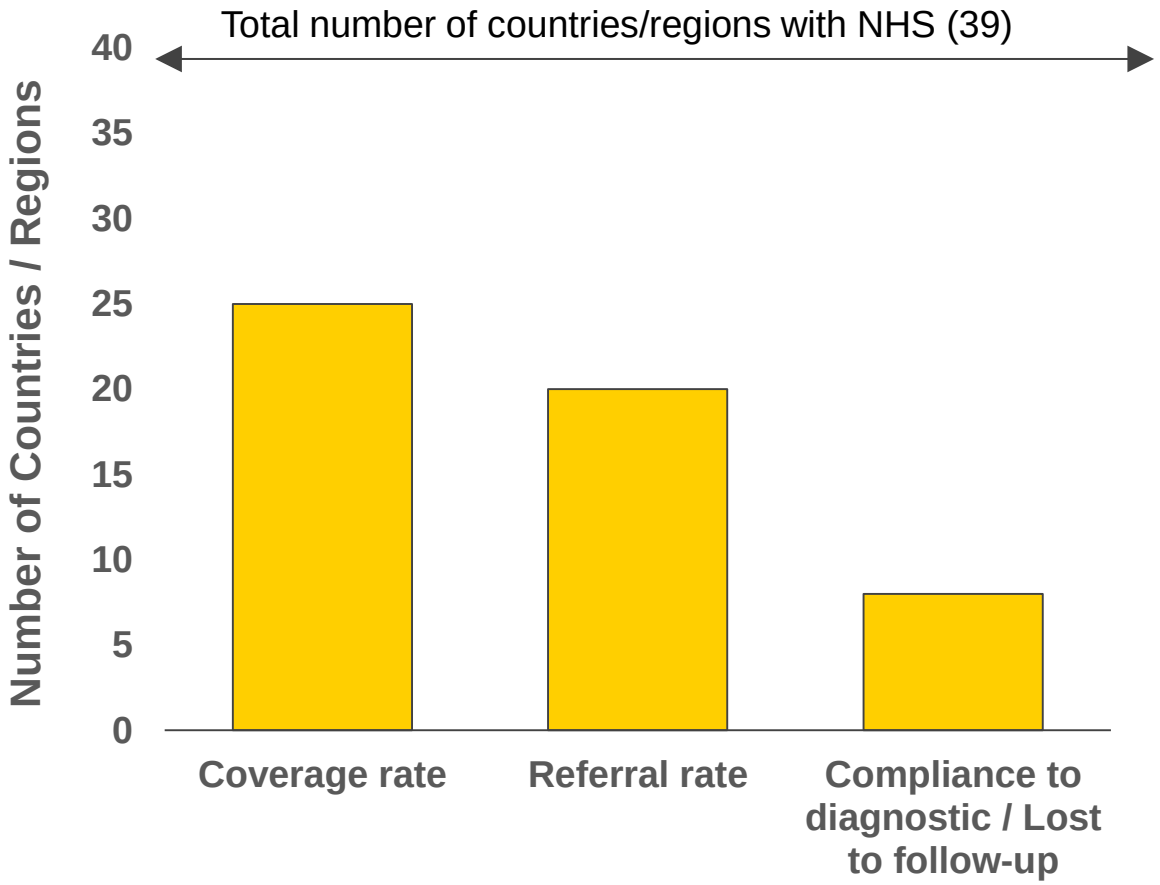


BENCHMARK INDICATORS IN QUESTIONNAIRE

- coverage rates
- referral rates
- compliance rates
- Answers included:
  - *From real data / calculations*
  - *Collected from NHS programme*
  - *Large sample size*

26 / 39 countries or regions could provide at least one benchmark indicator

7 / 39 countries or regions could provide all 3 benchmark indicators



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BENCHMARK INDICATORS

Definition of COMPLIANCE RATE	# of countries or regions
# of infants that attend the diagnostic assessment out of the # of infants referred	**8**
Total	**8**

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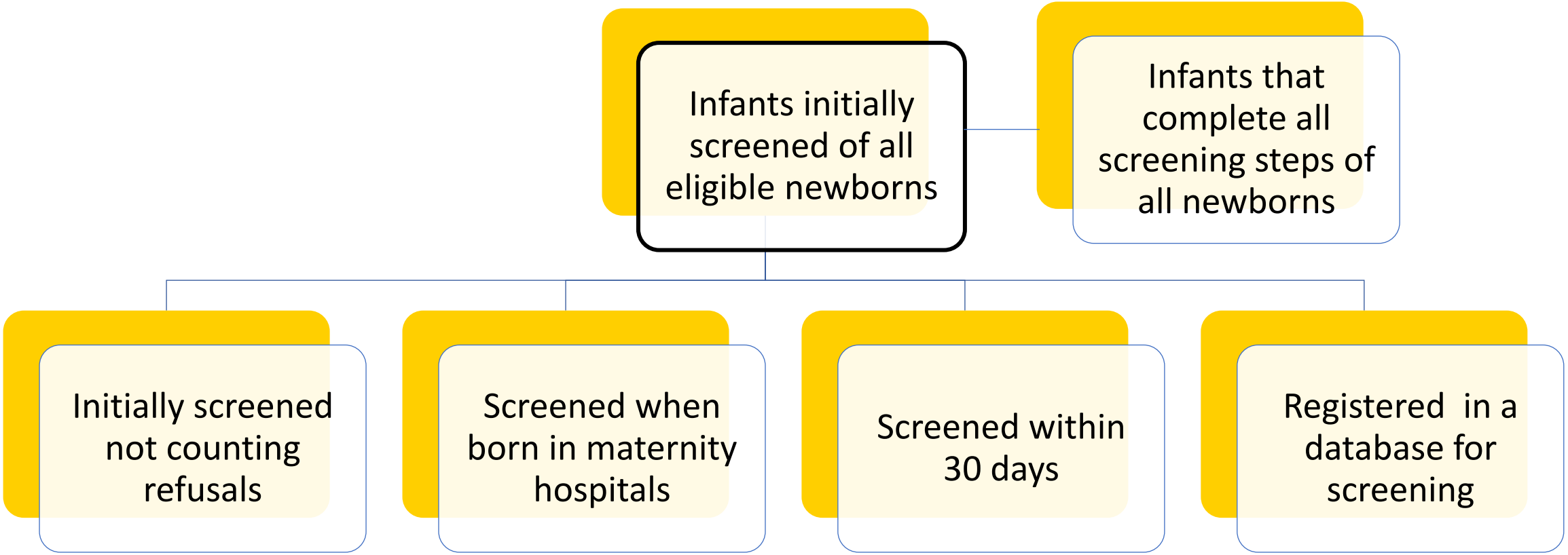
BENCHMARK INDICATORS – COVERAGE RATE



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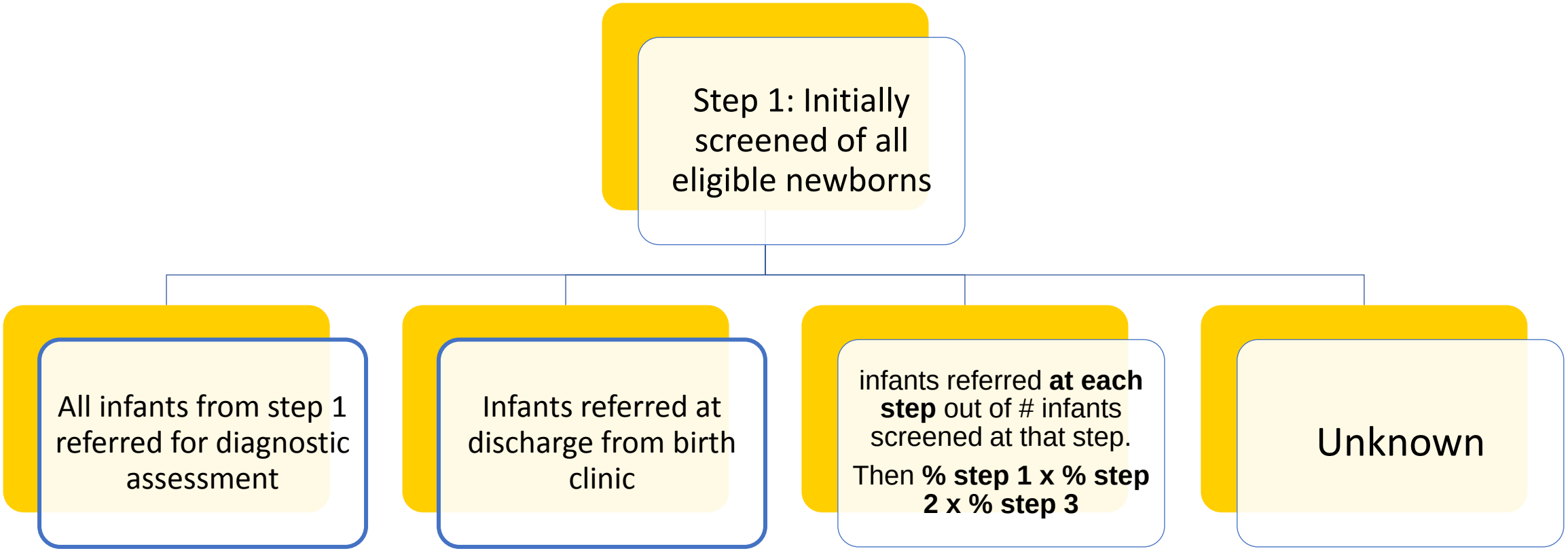
BENCHMARK INDICATORS – REFERRAL RATE



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QUALITY ASSURANCE & BENCHMARK INDICATORS IN SCREENING PROGRAMS IS ESSENTIAL to ASSIST HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AND POLICY MAKERS TO INCREASE EFFECTIVENESS; EFFICIENCY AND EQUITY OF CHILD HEALTHCARE