



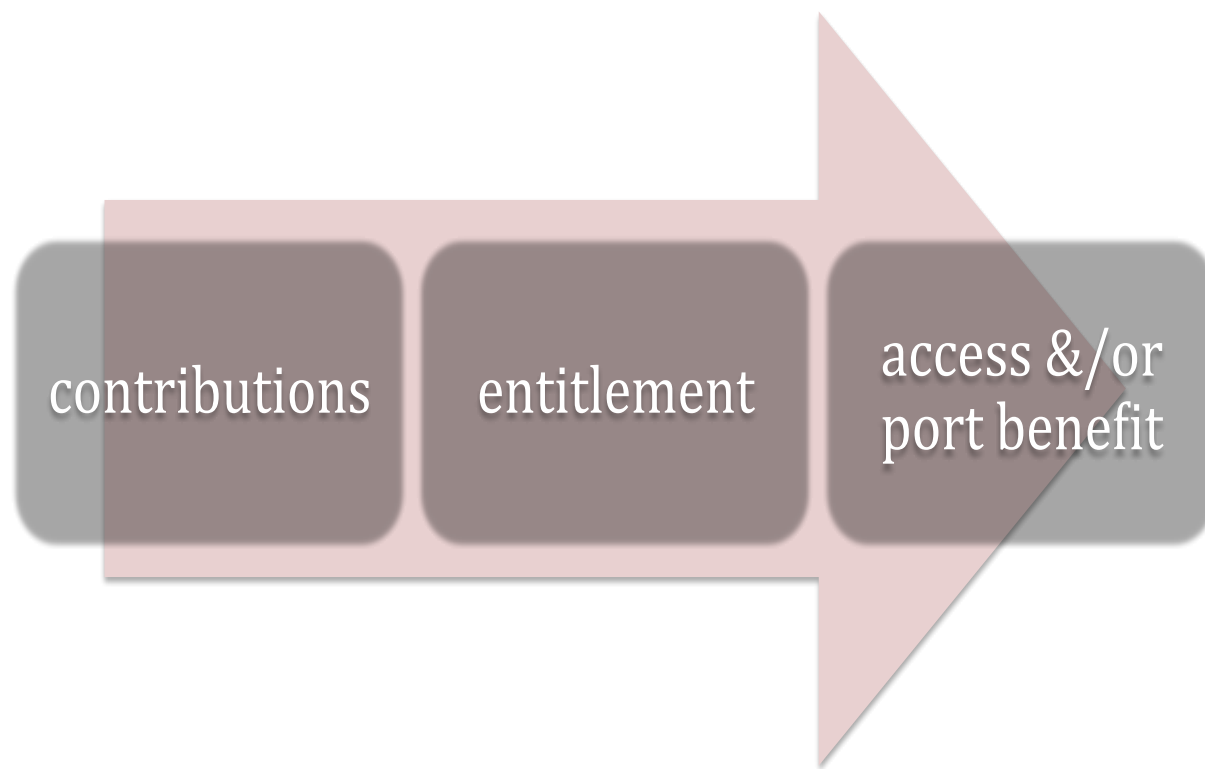
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Mobile Welfare in Transnational Europe:
portability regimes of social security rights

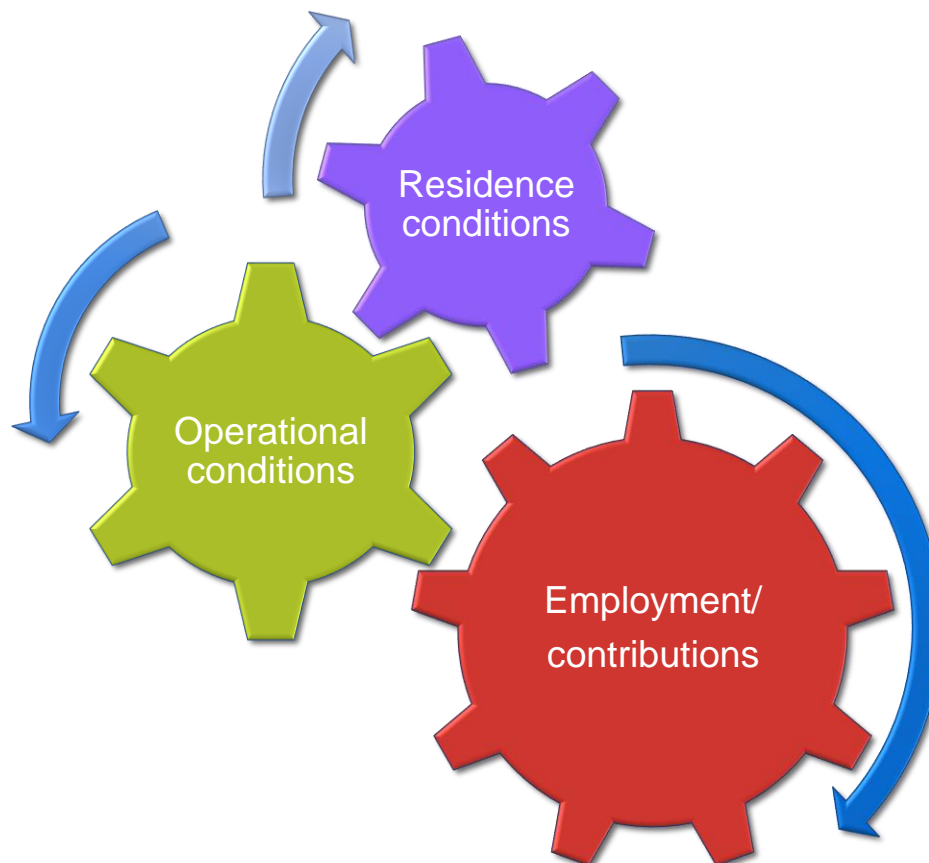
TRANSWEL project overview

- Investigates
 - regulations, practices and experiences
 - social security portability
 - between 4 pairs of EU member states
 - **Bulgaria-Germany, Estonia-Sweden, Hungary-Austria, Poland-UK**
- Generates new qualitative and quantitative comparative data on social security portability for mobile EU **worker**
- Runs from February 2015-January 2018
- Is funded by NORFACE *Welfare State Futures* programme

Regulating social security portability I: *the classic concept*



Regulating social security portability II: *the TRANSWEL results*



Social security portability regulation: barriers and blockages



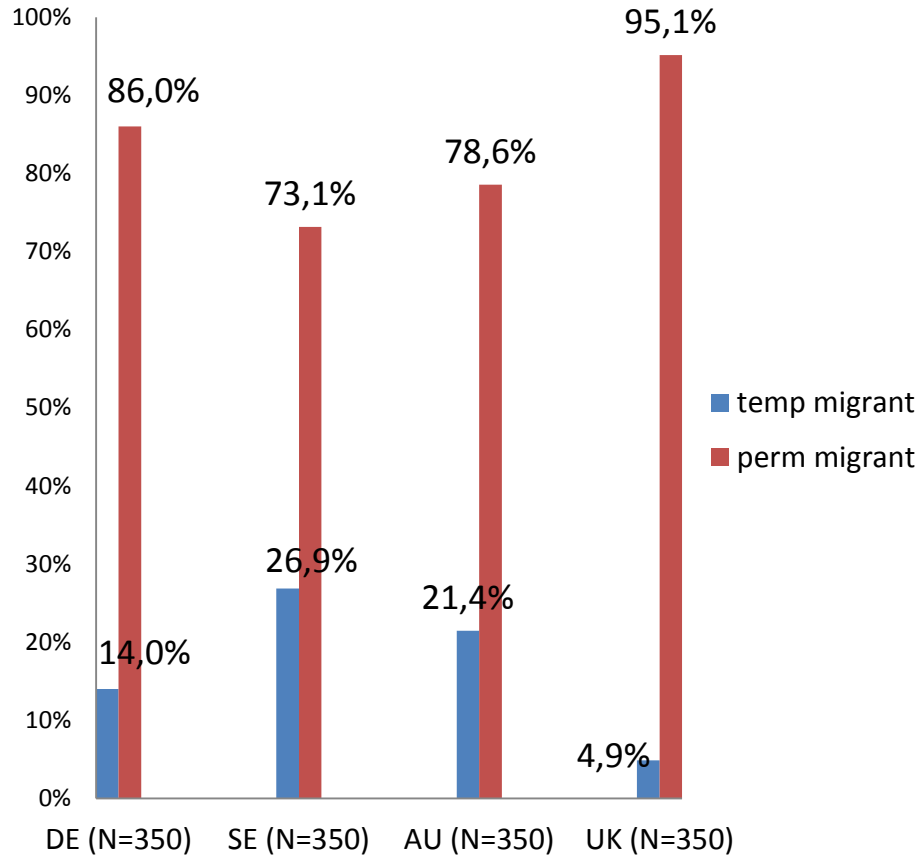
Regulatory and institutional complexity hides barriers to access and portability of social security, especially for more frequent movers and those in more precarious work

- Social security system differences
- Co-existence of residency rules
- Procedural requirements
- Administrative discretion

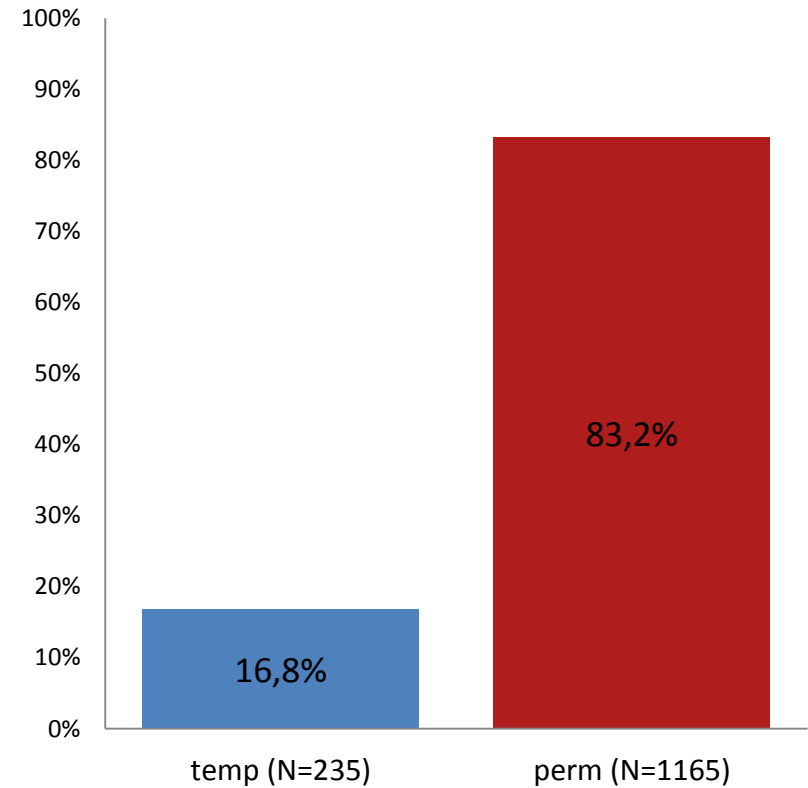
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Type of migration: country-pairs



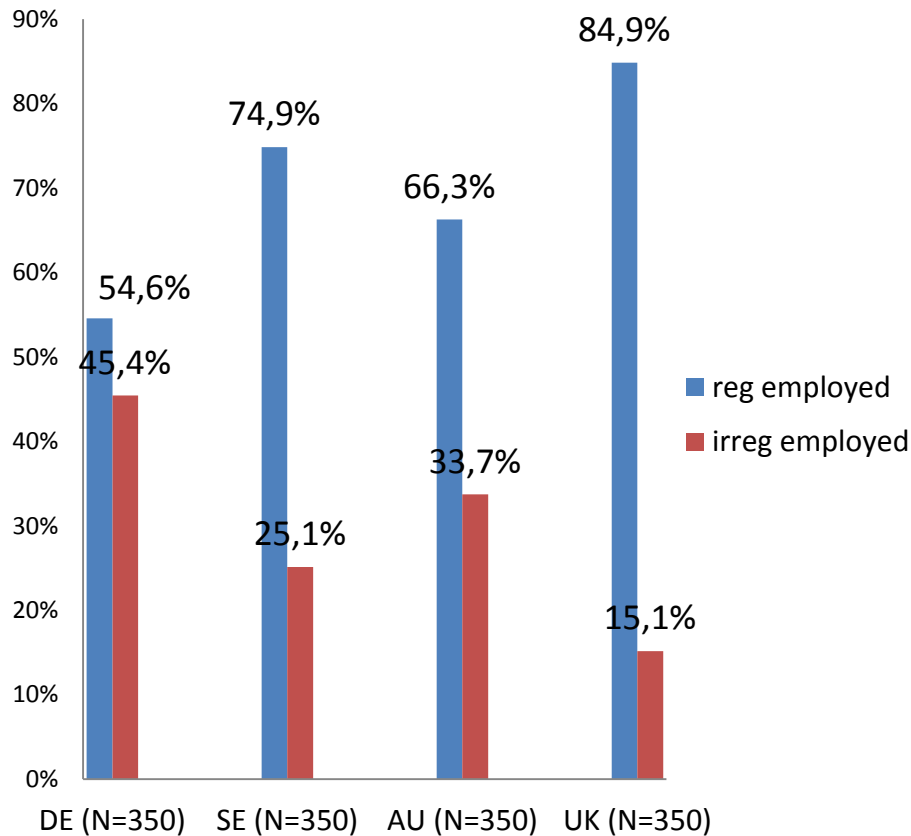
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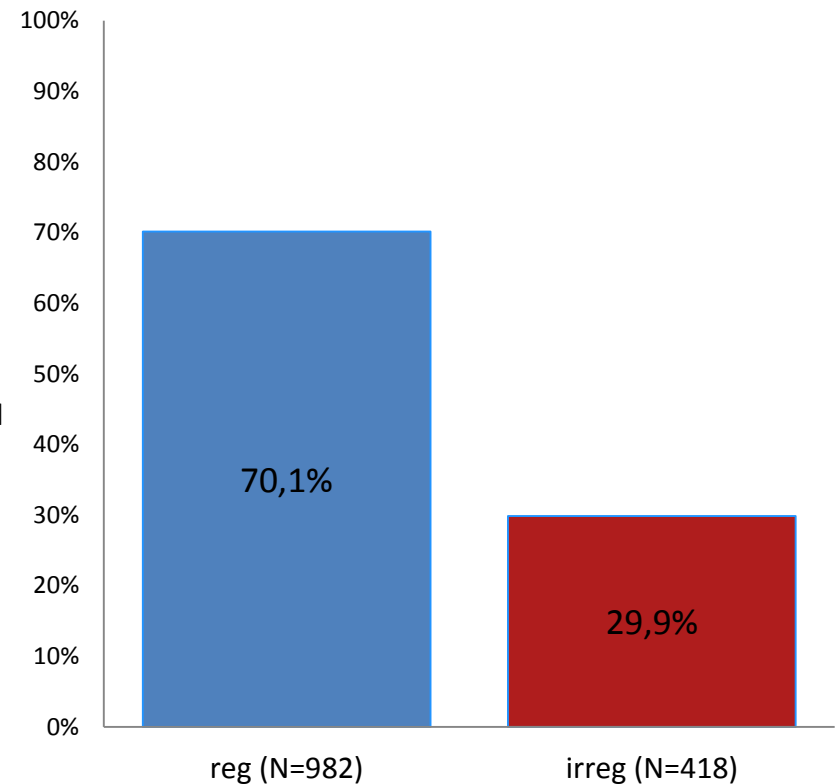
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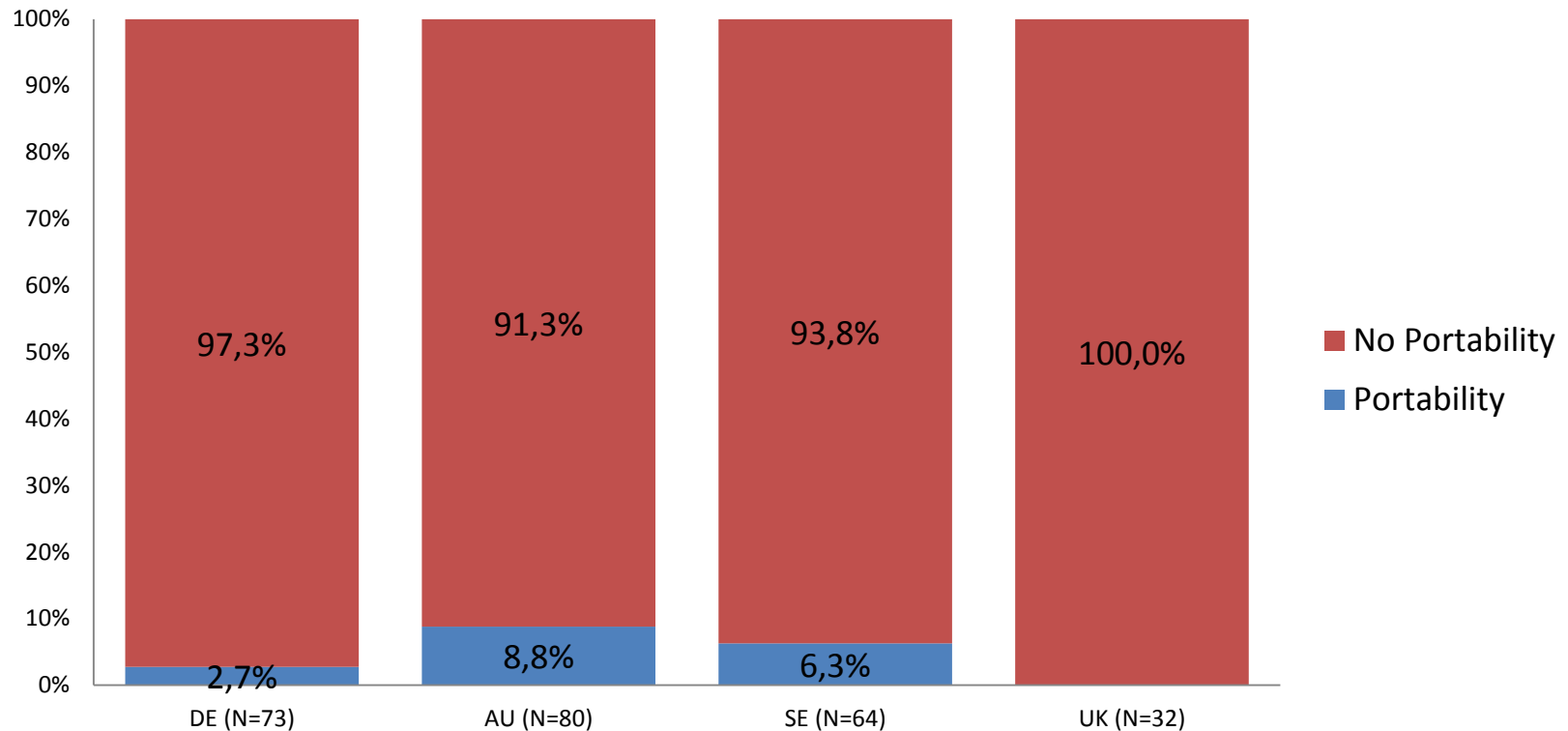


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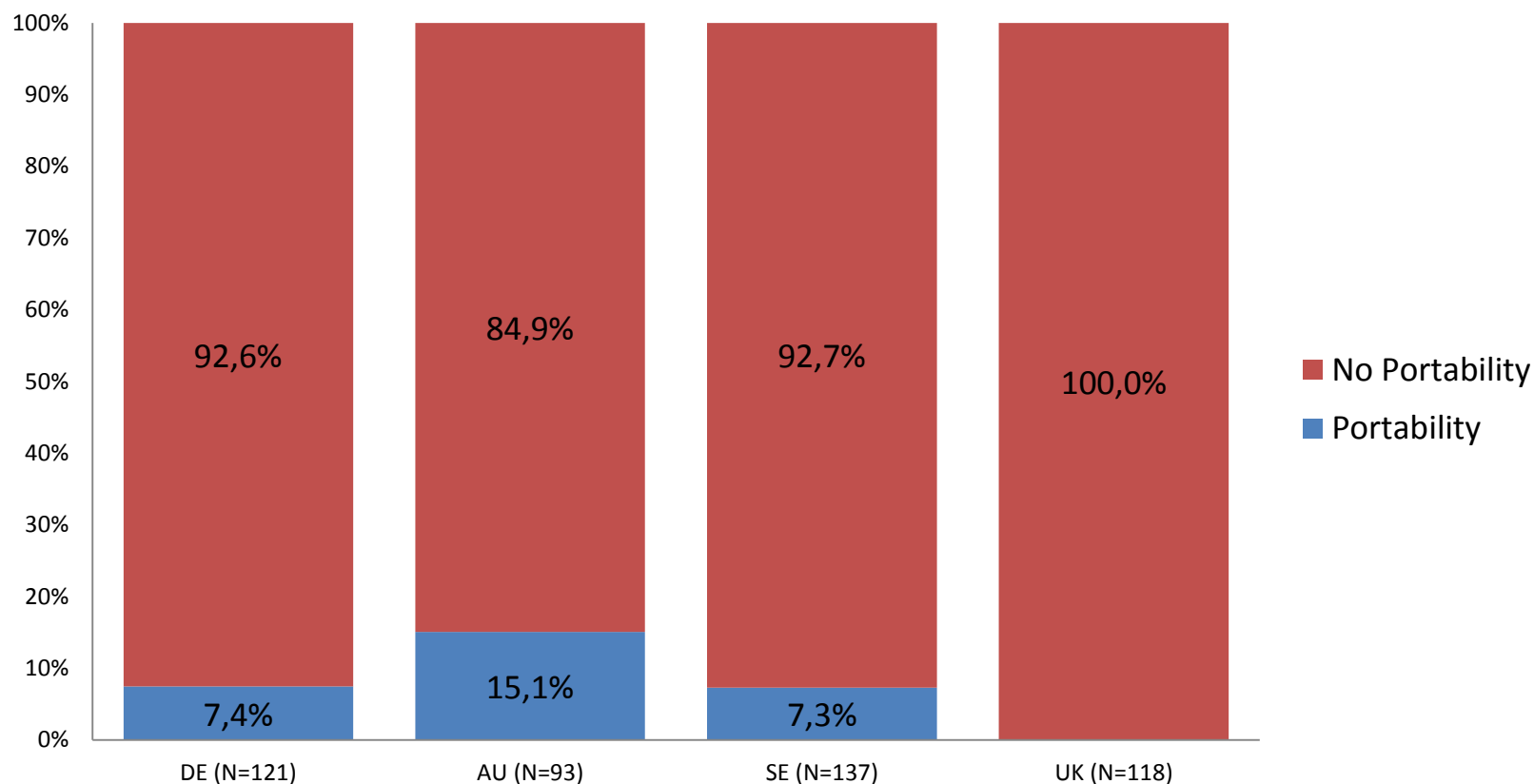
Portability of unemployment benefits

Application for transfer of unemployment benefits as % of all those who claimed unemployment benefits in either country in the last 5 years



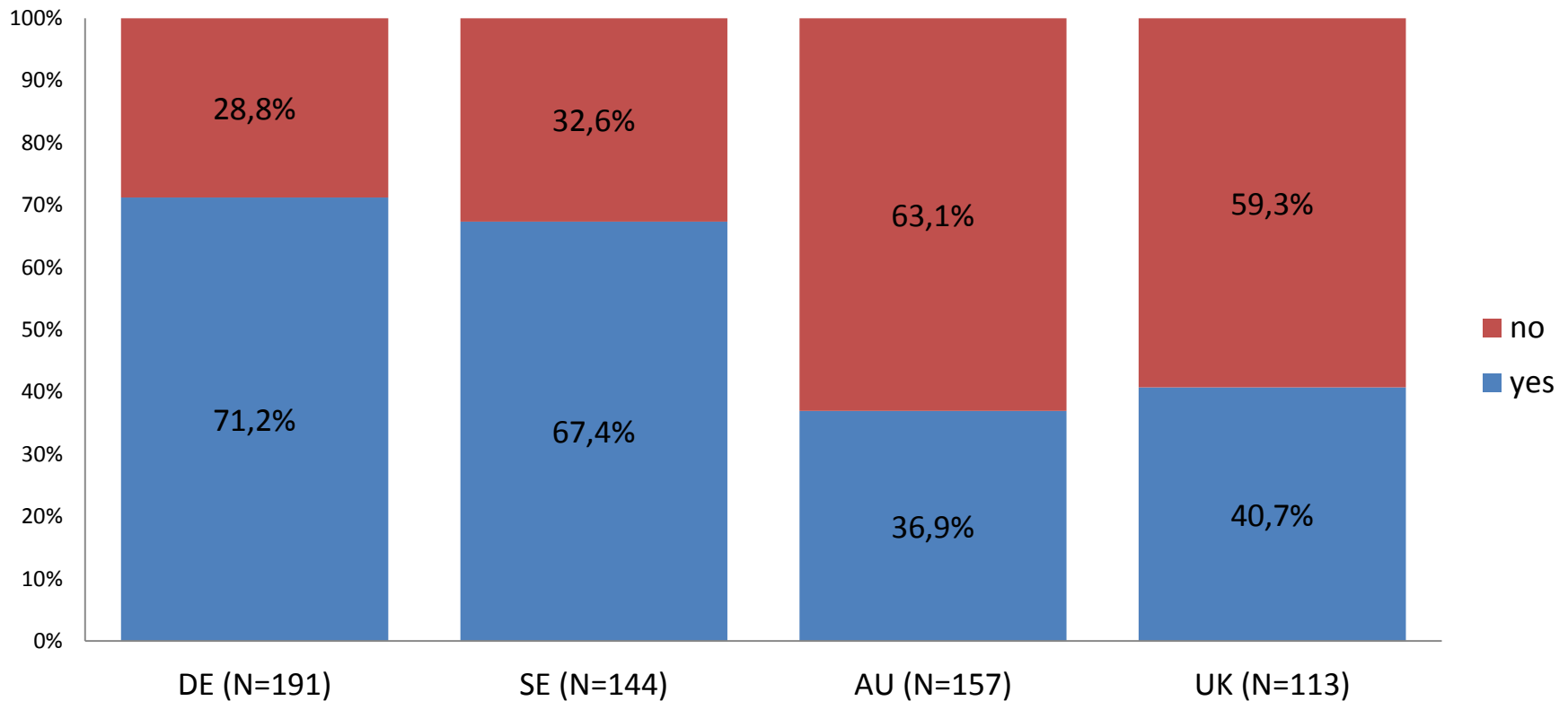
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Healthcare

Application for EHIC in the country of origin



TRANSWEL results so far

Findings from our regulatory analysis and survey are mutually supportive

- Application of EU law *in and between* member states can restrict workers' ability to
 - generate entitlements
 - access and port benefits
- Social security of mobile EU workers and their families is marked by inequalities and contingency as much as “rights”
- More mobile and more precarious are most vulnerable and least likely to access these rights.



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