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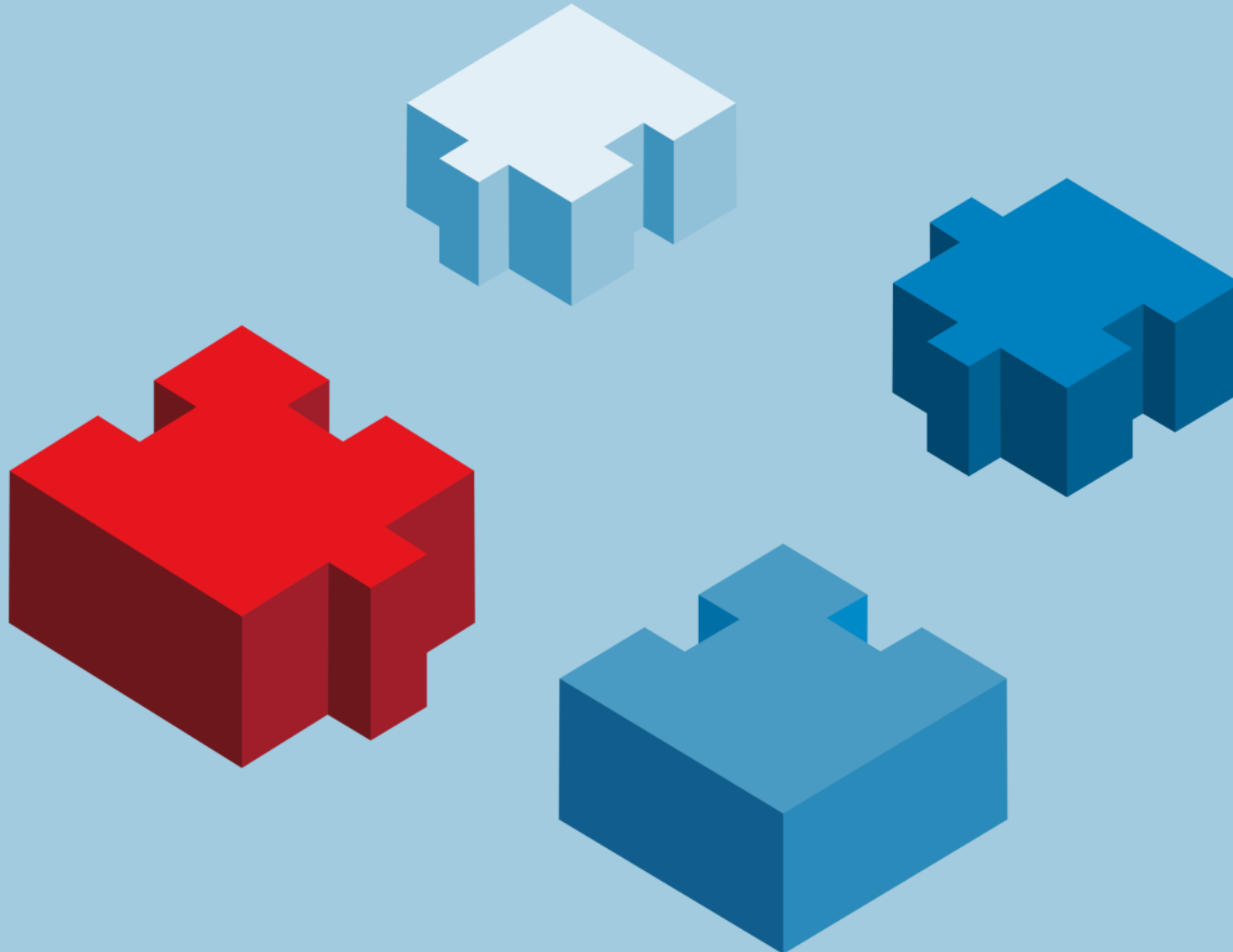
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BUILDING STRUCTURES

- German Rectors' Conference (HRK)
- Federal level: Länder input / **cooperative** federalism
- Universities' input
- German Association for University Continuing and Distance Education (DGWF)

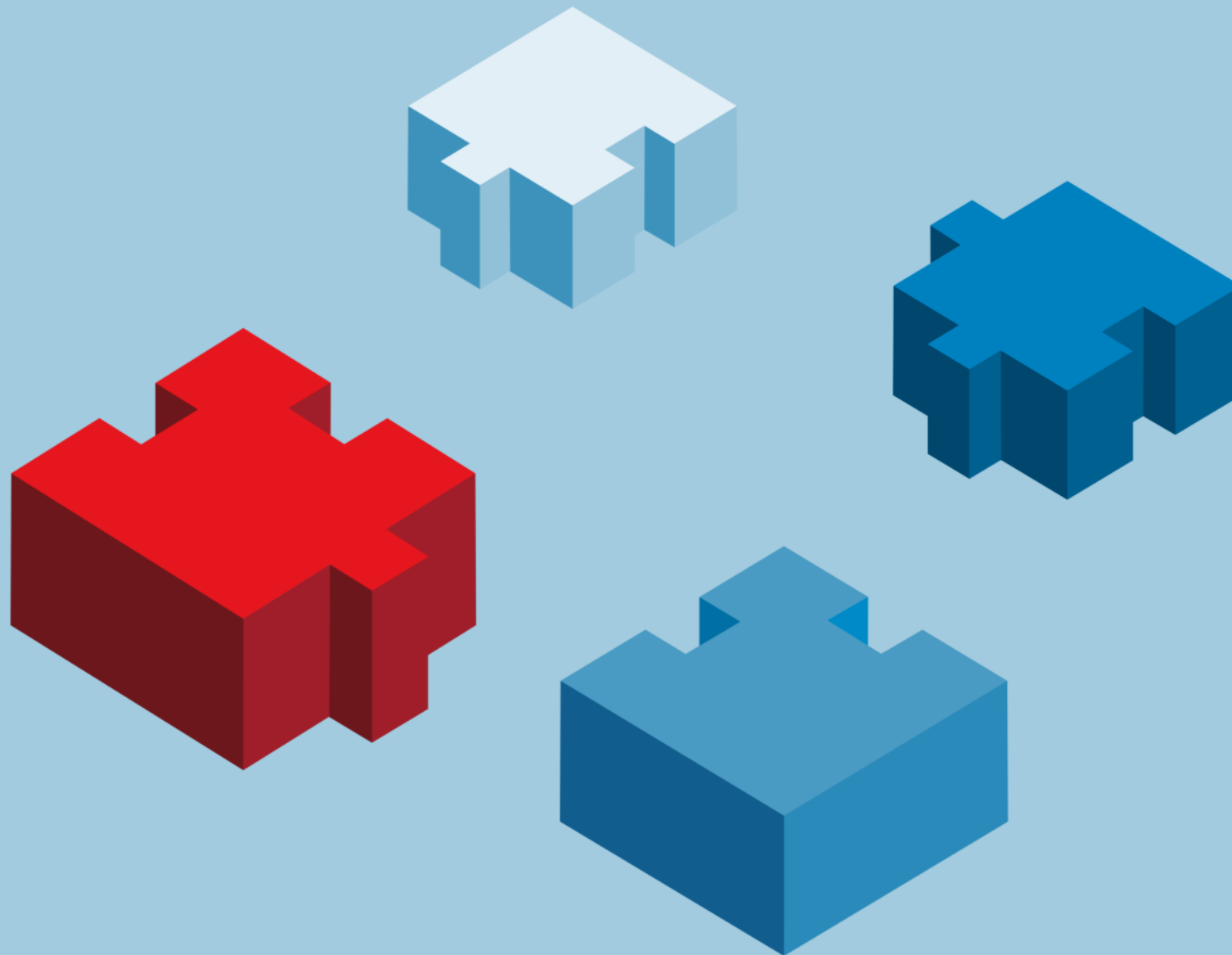
DGWF: RECOMMENDATIONS

Degree	Format of continuing education	ECTS	
Master	Continuing education master's programme	60-120 CP*	
Bachelor	Continuing education bachelor's programme	180-240 CP	
Certificate	Adult education studies	Diploma of Advanced Studies (DAS)	≥30 CP
		Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS)	≥10 CP
		Diploma of Basic Studies (DBS)	≥30 CP
		Certificate of Basic Studies (CBS)	≥10 CP
		Microcredential (MC)	1-9 CP
		Continuing education course with examination	No CP
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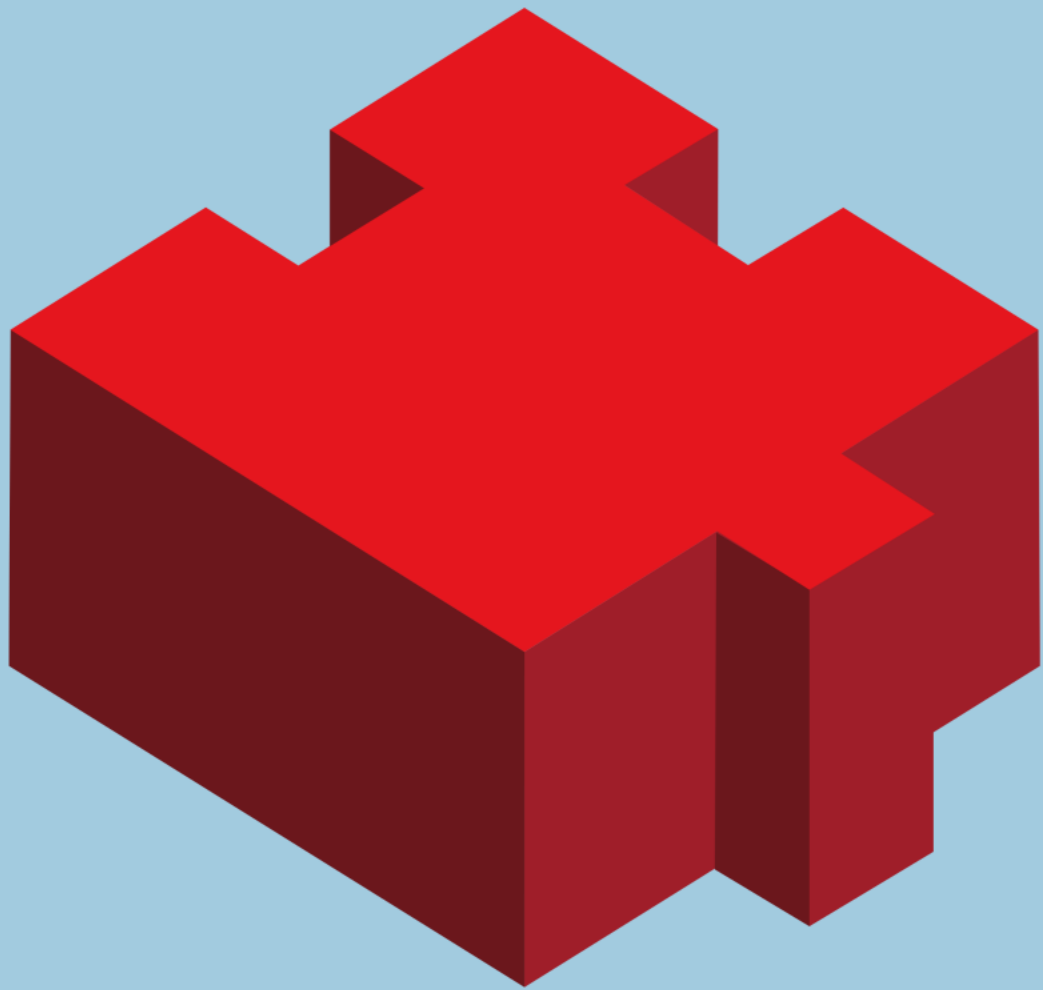


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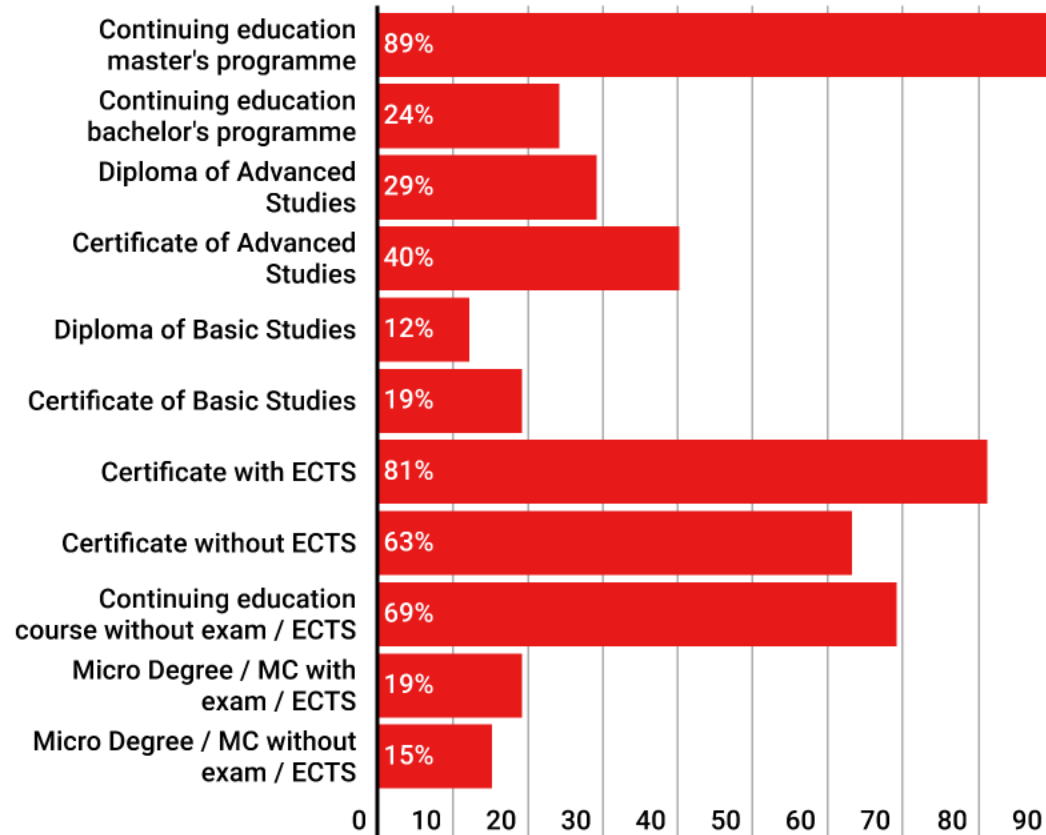


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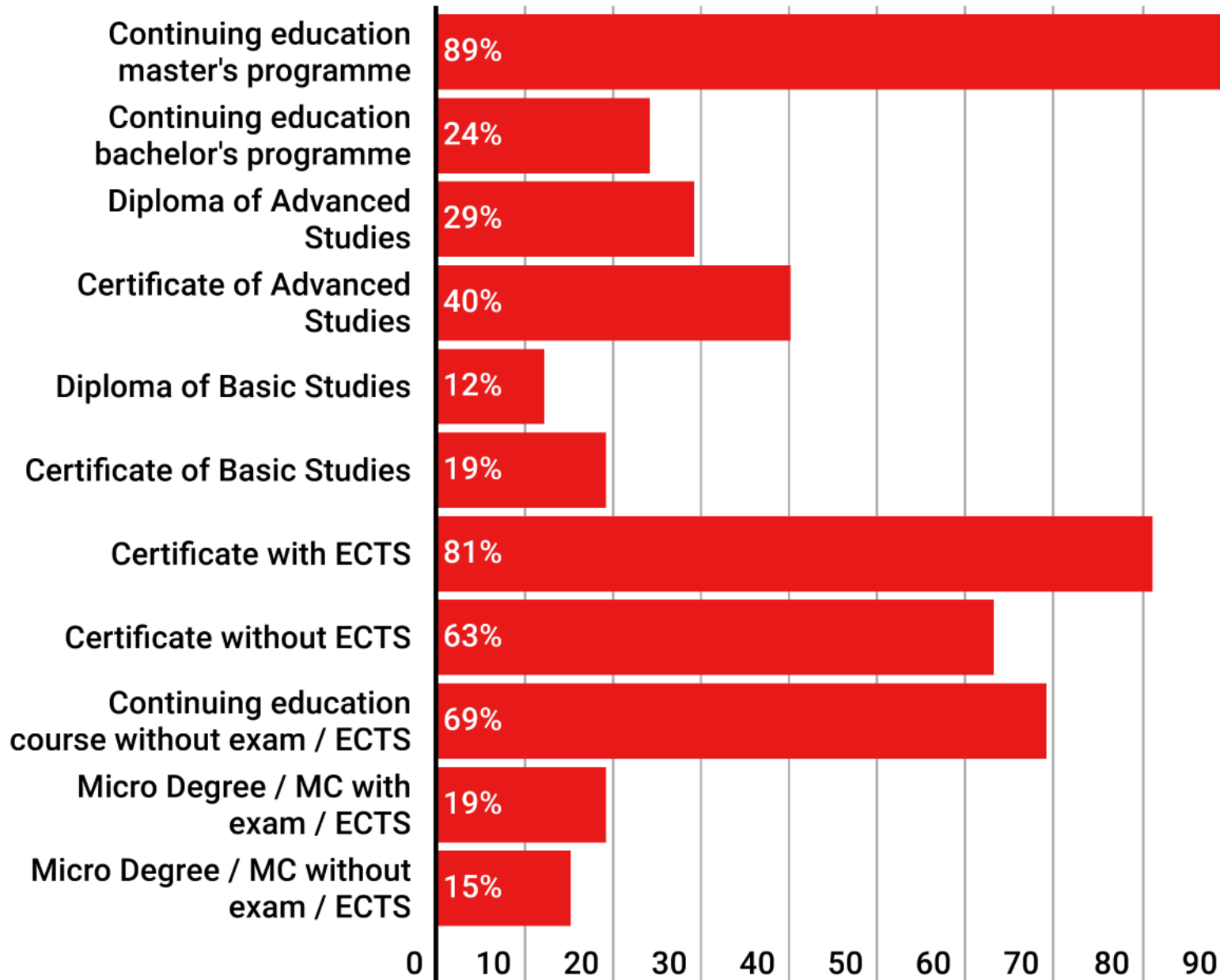
- Recipients: occupied with Life Long Learning topics
- Questionnaires sent: 395
- Feedback: 75

CURRENT FORMATS



Multiple answers possible

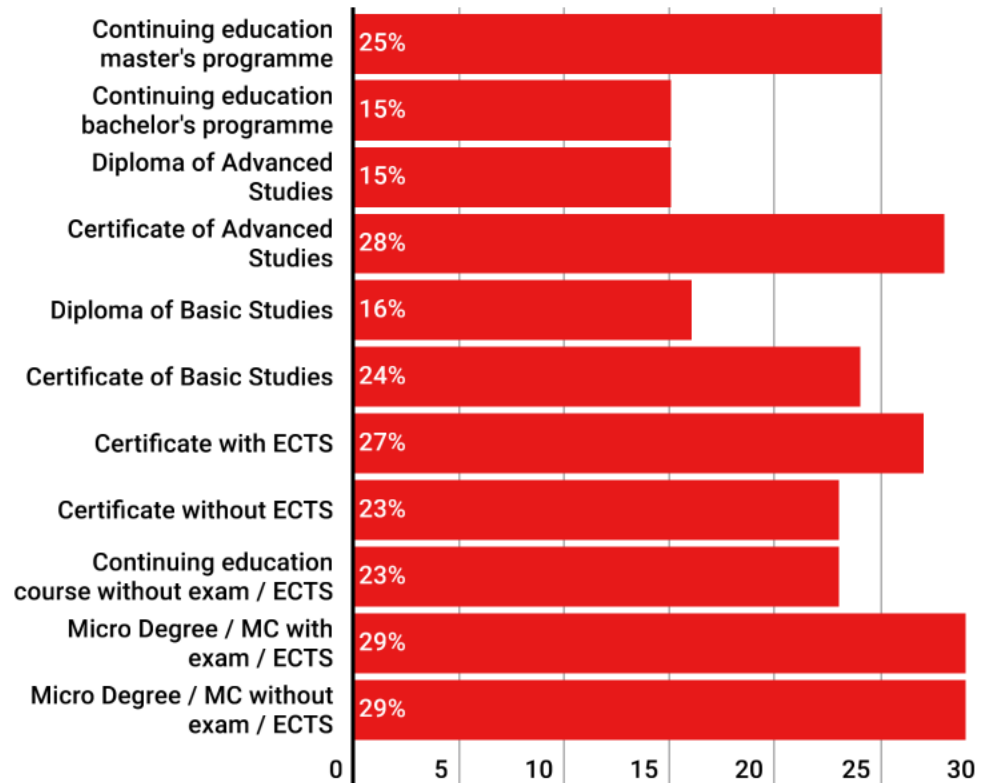
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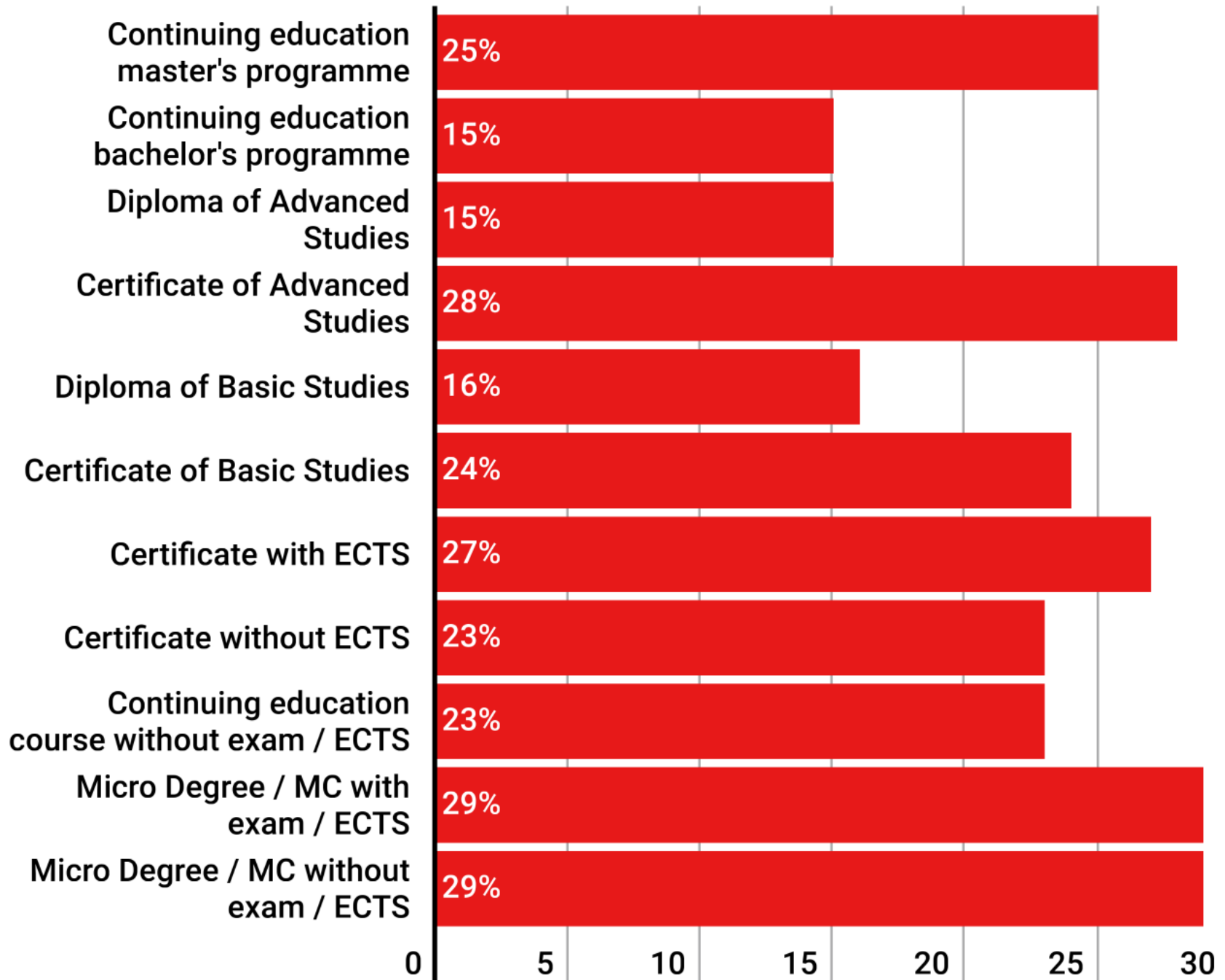
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PLANNED FORMATS



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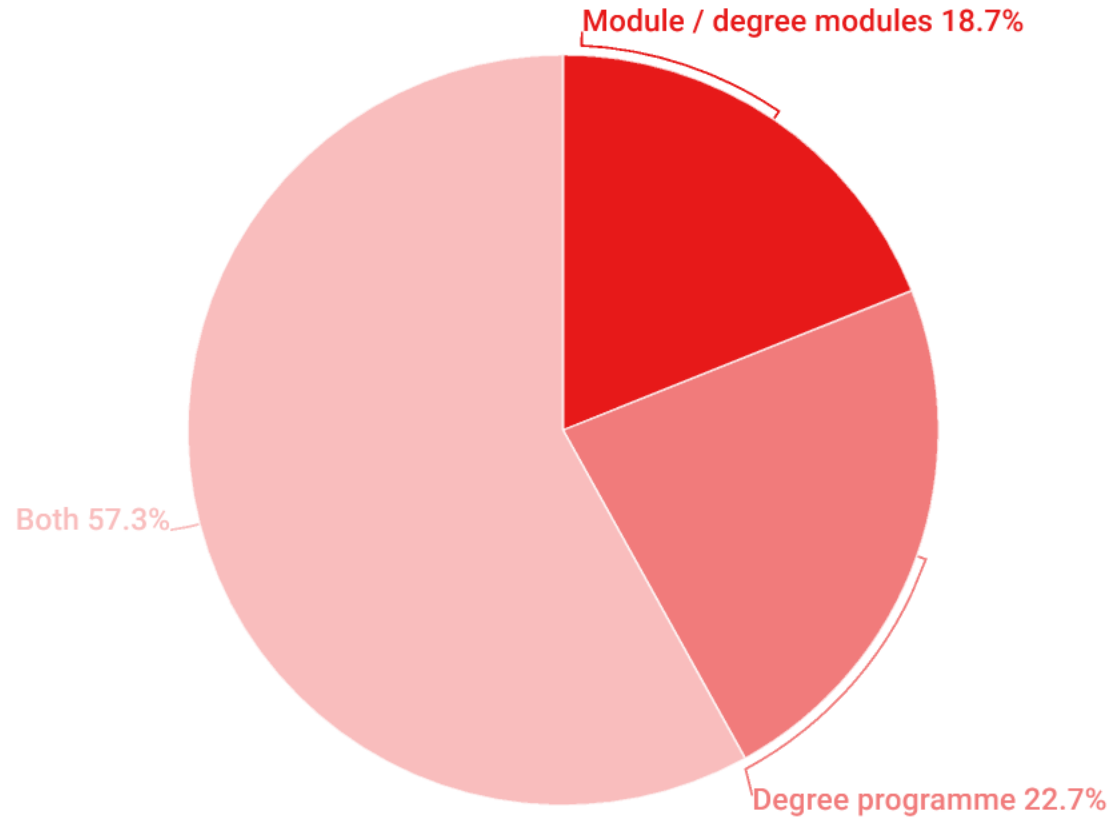
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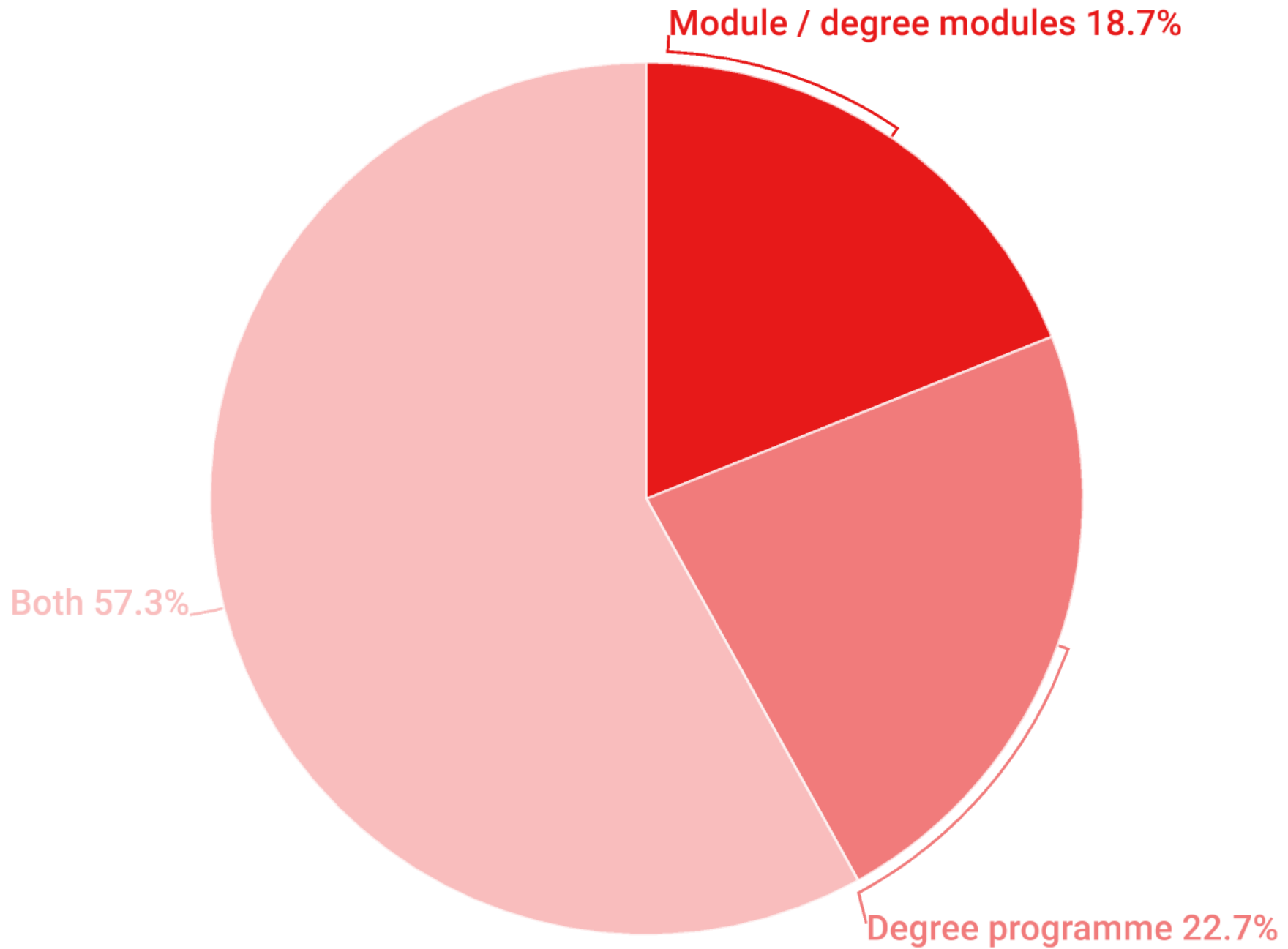


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Formal Integration of Certificates / Micro Degrees / Microcredentials



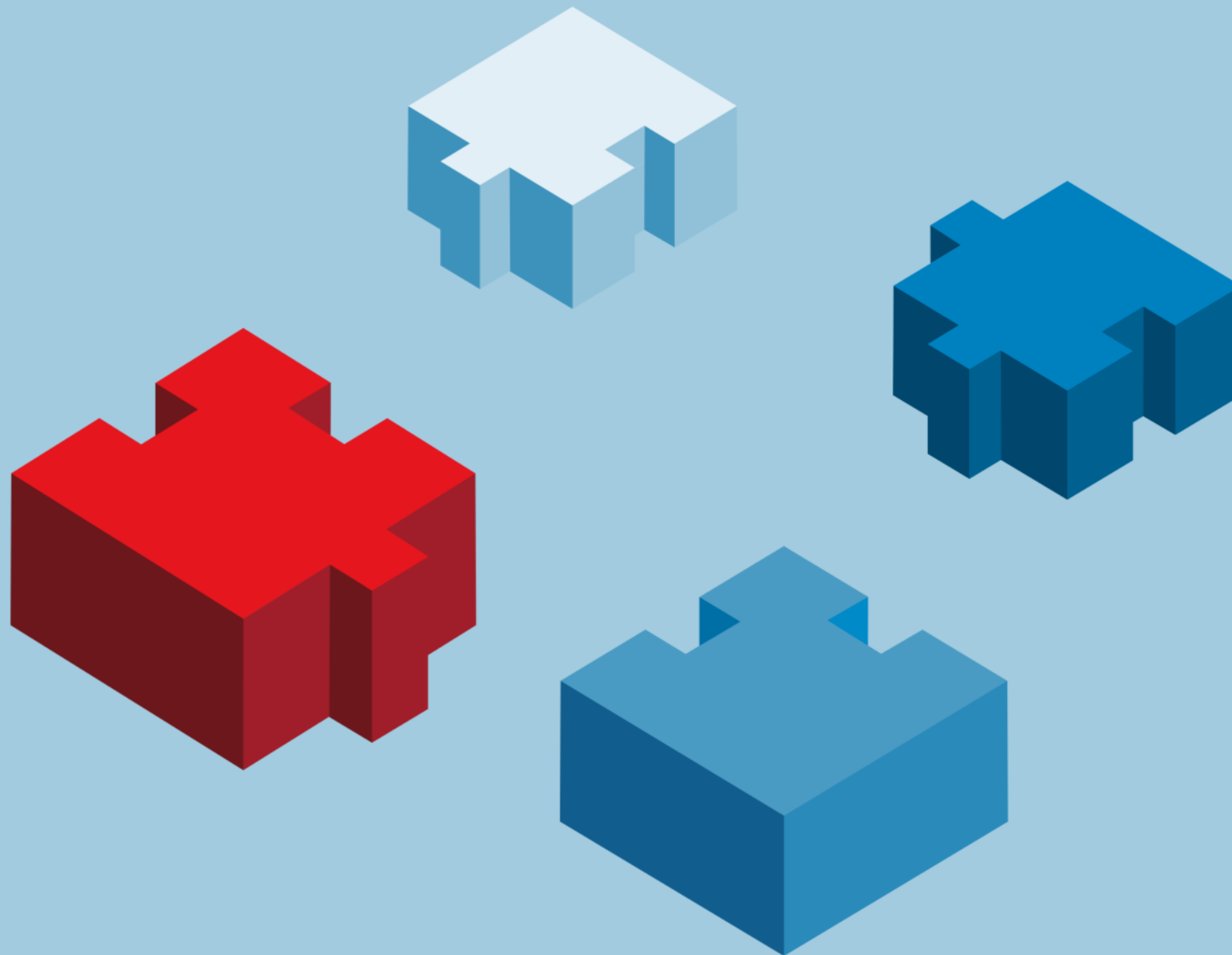




CURRENT OBSERVATIONS

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- More short formats & building block models in the context of Microcredentials
- Systematisation & formalisation
- Quality assurance as an inherent & constitutive factor



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- Typological categorisation
- Usecase typology

USECASE I: MICROCREDENTIALS BY ACCIDENT ...

	Module / format design		Legal basis	Formal QA	Credit-bearing (ECTS)	Enrollment status			Financing
	Degree programme module(s)	Stand alone module / programme				Enrolled in own degree programmes	Enrolled at other institutions	Not enrolled	
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USECASE II: MICROCREDENTIALS ON THE WAY ...

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Orientation studies	X		?					X	?
Extracurriculars for degree students	X	?	?			X			?

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Orientation studies	X		?					X	?
Extracurriculars for degree students	X	?	?			X			?



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