

2020

Annual Report





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The ETA – a vital tool for the construction industry

The ETA route is a vital tool to give non-standard products access to the entire European market and foster innovation.

One priority for EOTA in 2020 has been to improve times-to-market for manufacturers, especially with regard to timely citation of EADs in the OJEU. Despite difficult framework conditions after the James Elliott judgment of the European Court of Justice, 44 EADs were successfully cited in the Official Journal in 2020. EOTA is committed to continuing this good performance in 2021.

To ensure this, the organisation has adopted a three-fold approach: an internal quality management system was established at the EOTA secretariat in late 2019. This initiative is supported by regular discussions with the European Commission services as well as a common commitment to high-quality specifications from all the Technical Assessment Bodies.

Concerning the ongoing review of the Construction Products Regulation, EOTA supports all initiatives that will strengthen and revive harmonised standardisation in the construction sector and be of service to the construction industry. With regard to non-standard products, EOTA would like to stress the importance of ensuring that the European Single Market remains open to all construction products. This will help create a level playing field for construction product manufacturers, foster innovation and support the Green Deal objectives. The ETA must remain effective as a fast track to CE marking for non-standard products.

Furthermore, it is crucial to ensure the consistency of the common technical language. The competence, know-how and experience of the TABs working in EOTA has been instrumental in achieving this in the past. This expertise combined with well-honed procedures developed over 30 years and modern IT makes EOTA an effective complement to CEN standardisation.

The reliability of construction products has a huge impact on the safety and wellbeing of people and the environment. Given these important safety objectives and the need of designers, specifiers, contractors and other users for reliable product performance information, EOTA will keep on working to provide reliable, independent and high-quality technical assessment to serve the industry's needs.

EOTA'S ACHIEVEMENTS



In 2020

1210



60



44



5
newly developed or
revised

Total as of
31 December
2020

8929

**EUROPEAN
TECHNICAL
ASSESSMENTS
ISSUED BY EOTA
TABS**

514

**EUROPEAN
ASSESSMENT
DOCUMENTS
ADOPTED BY EOTA**

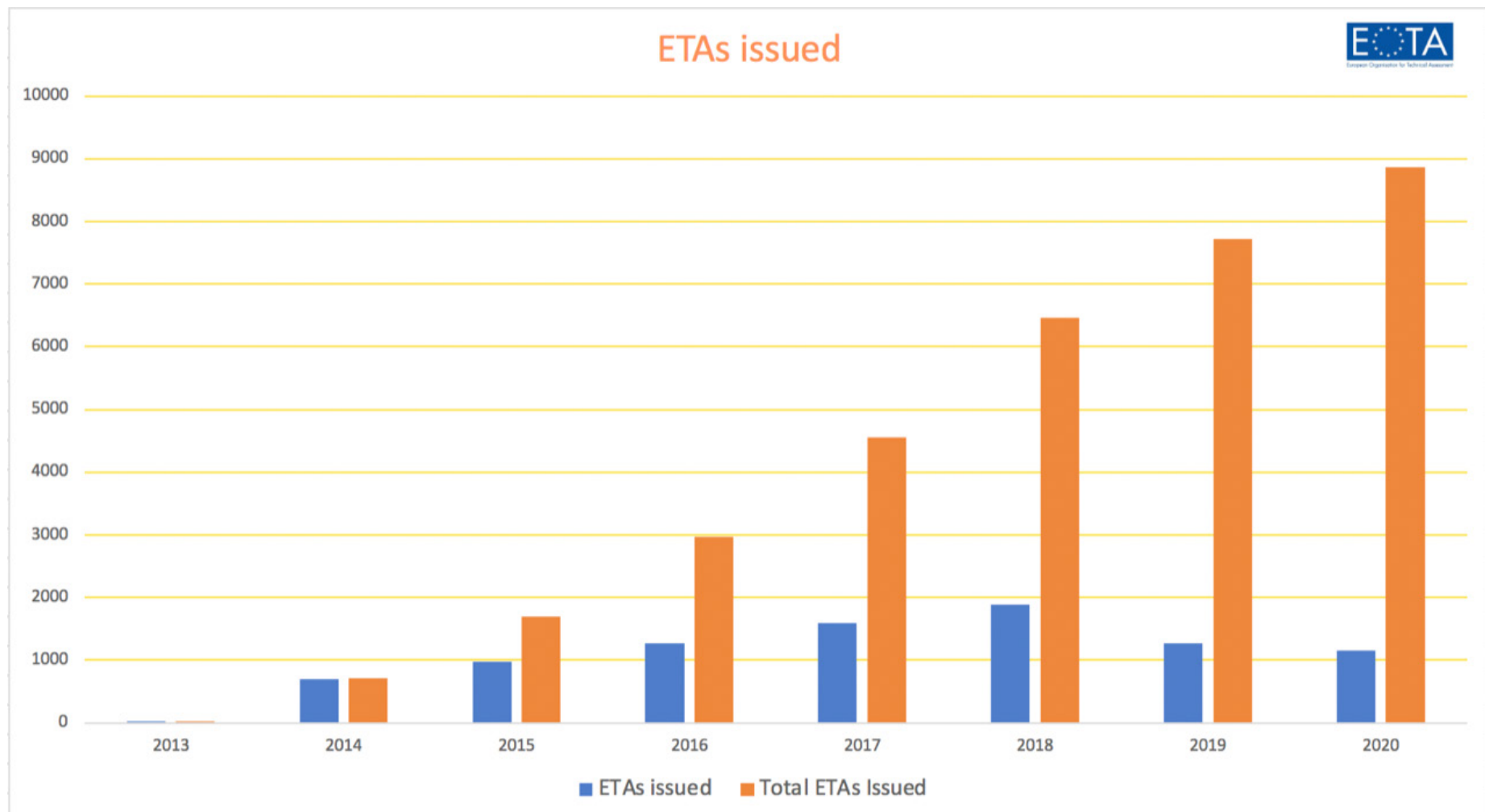
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**EUROPEAN
ASSESSMENT
DOCUMENTS CITED
IN OJEU**

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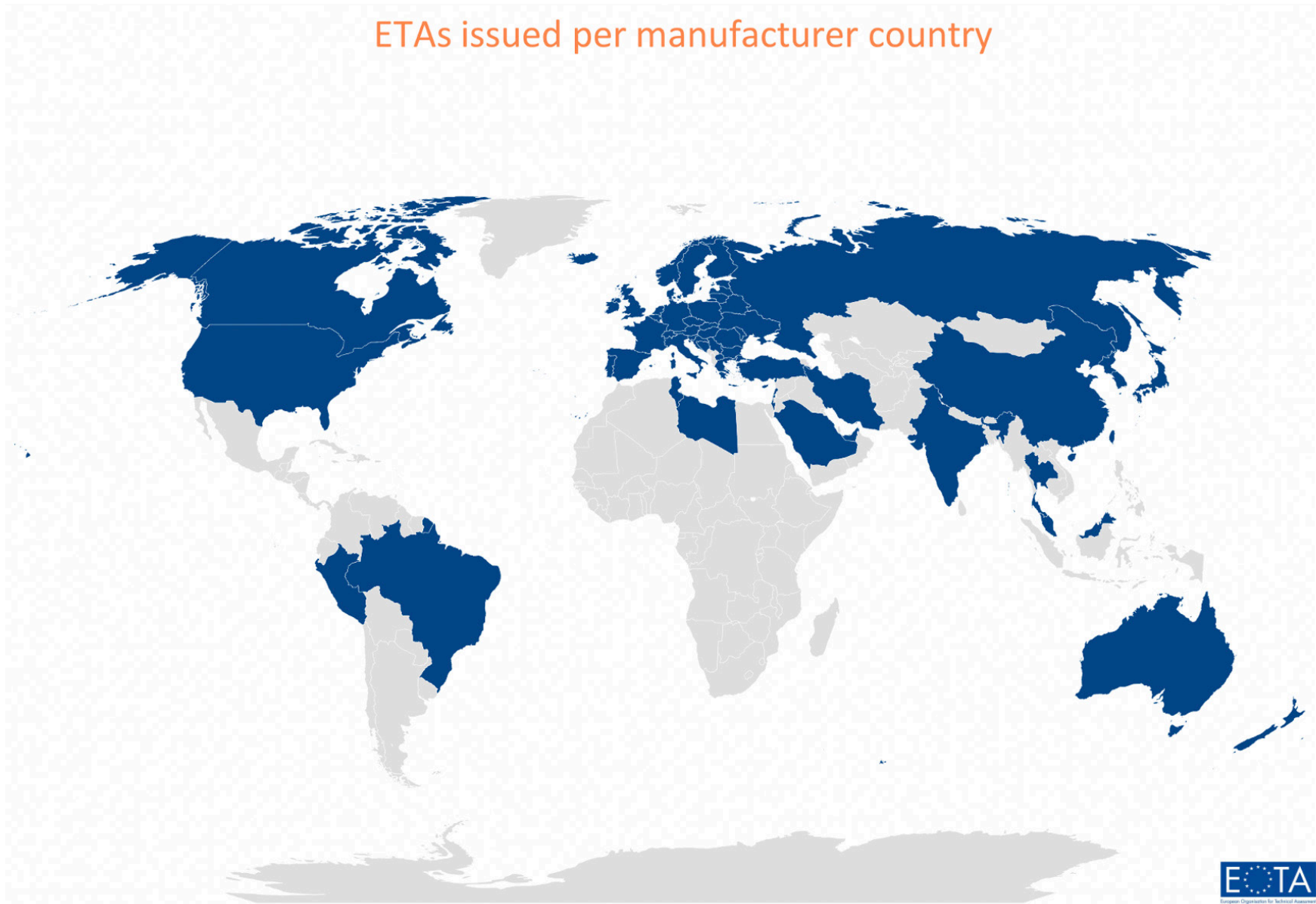
**TECHNICAL
REPORTS**

As of 31 December 2020, EOTA's Technical Assessment Bodies had **issued 8869 European Technical Assessments (ETAs)** for manufacturers **from 72 countries** around the globe.



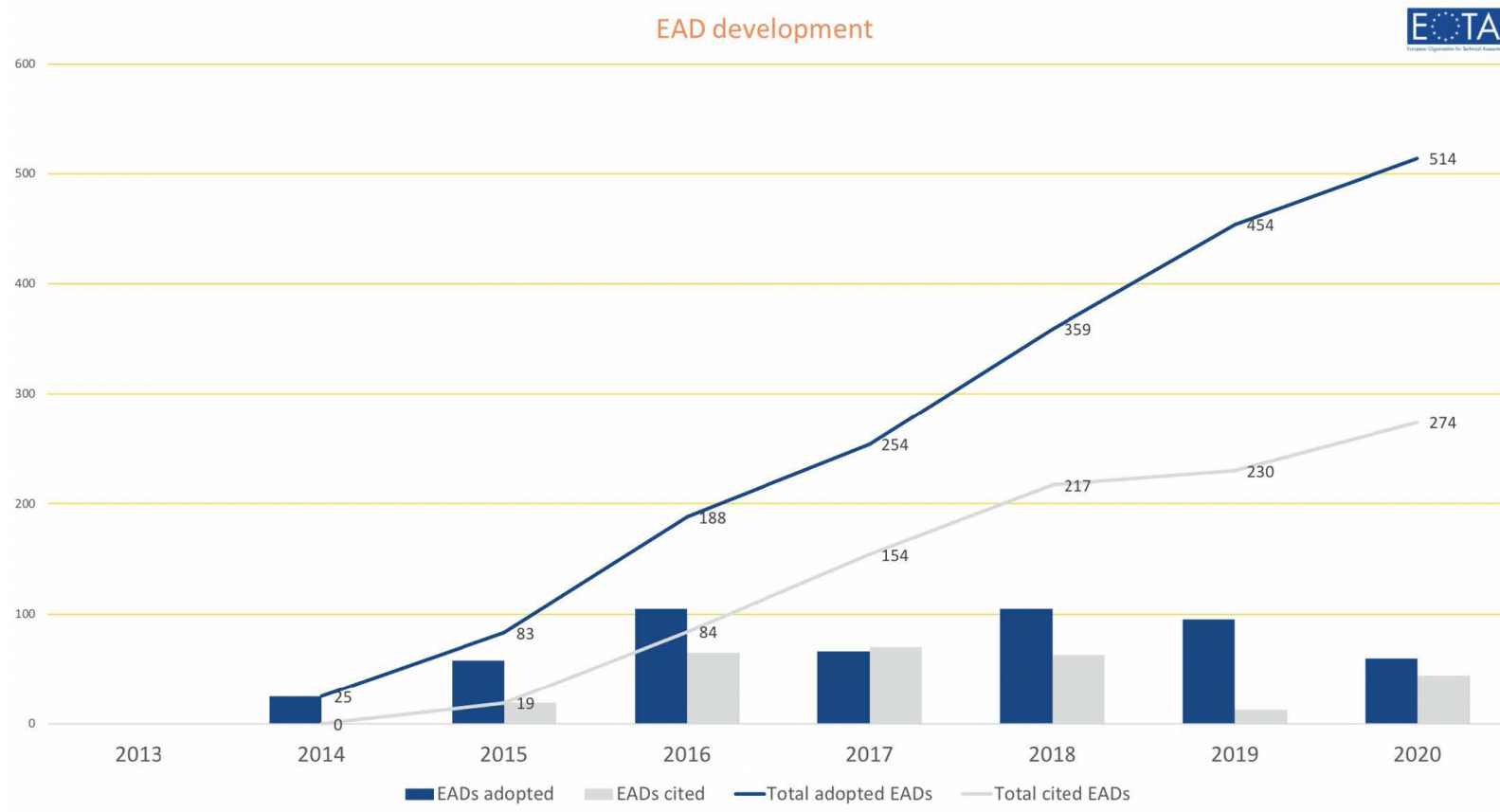
KEY DATA – ETAs

ETAs issued per manufacturer country

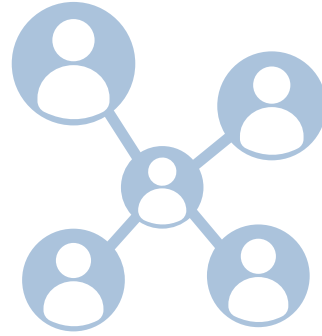


A total of 514 European Assessment Documents (EADs) had been developed and adopted by the EOTA network as of 31 December 2020, of which **274** were **cited** in the Official Journal of the European Union.

The number of citations per year has increased significantly with 44 EADs cited in 2020 due to a new internal quality management system installed at the EOTA secretariat. EOTA expects to see many further citations in 2021.



THE EOTA NETWORK



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MEMBERS FROM

26

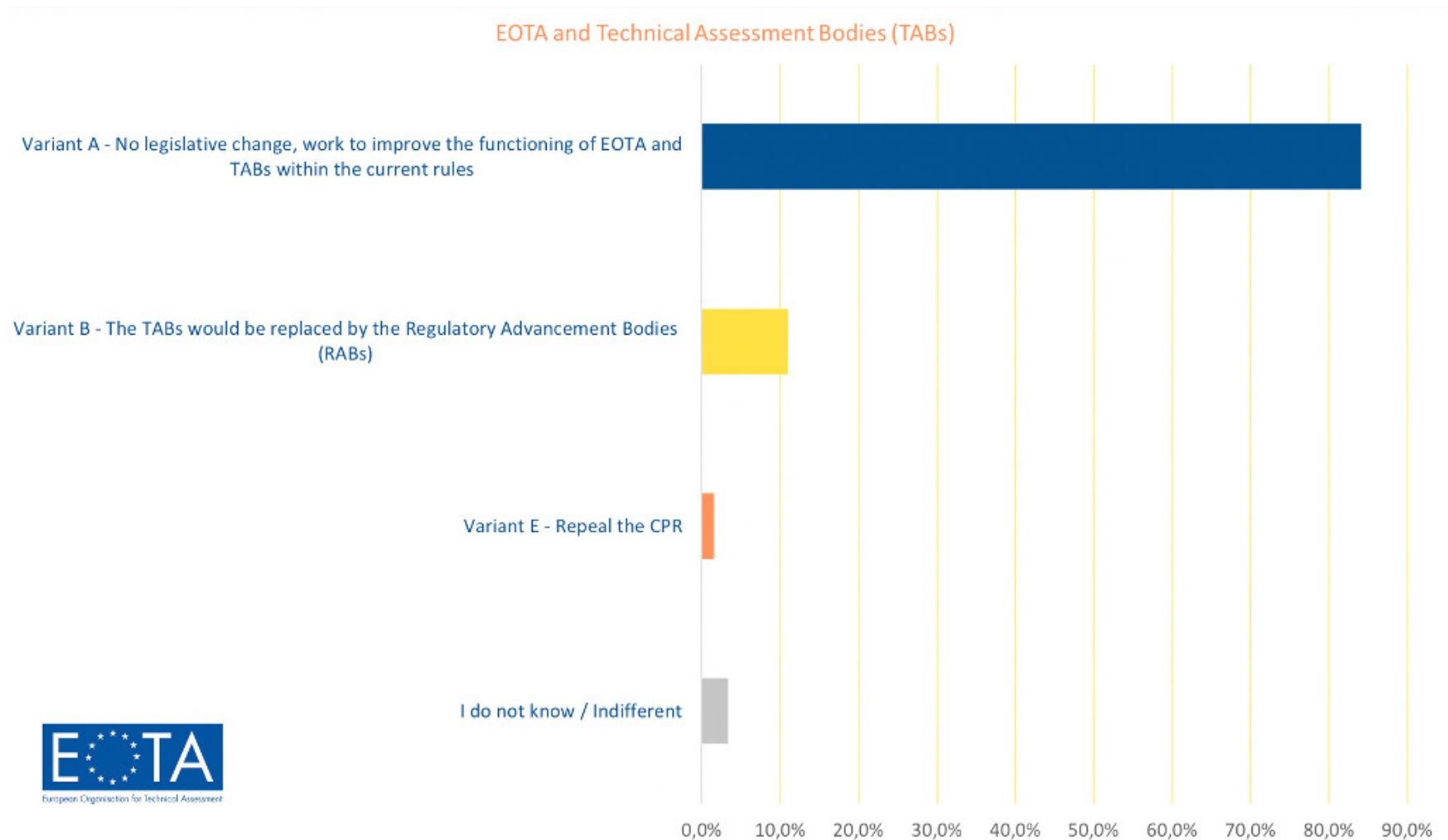
COUNTRIES

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FURTHER FACTS AND FIGURES ON THE ETA ROUTE

In 2020, the European Commission held a public consultation on the review of the Construction Products Regulation. An important result concerning the ETA route is that 84% of the respondents considered the route, as it stands today, as the best option.



FURTHER FACTS AND FIGURES ON THE ETA ROUTE

According to data from a 2020 study on the added value of the ETA route to CE marking, 86% of the manufacturers and associations questioned believe that the ETA route provides added value to the *entire* construction sector. 72 % of the manufacturers saw clear immediate benefits for their companies from the ETA route. Taking into account the enterprises that saw partial benefits for their own companies, this overall percentage rises to 85%.

WHAT MANUFACTURERS SAY

69%

ETA improves
reputation

79%

ETA increases
market share

79%

ETA increases
sales levels

87%

ETA is a recognised
brand



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