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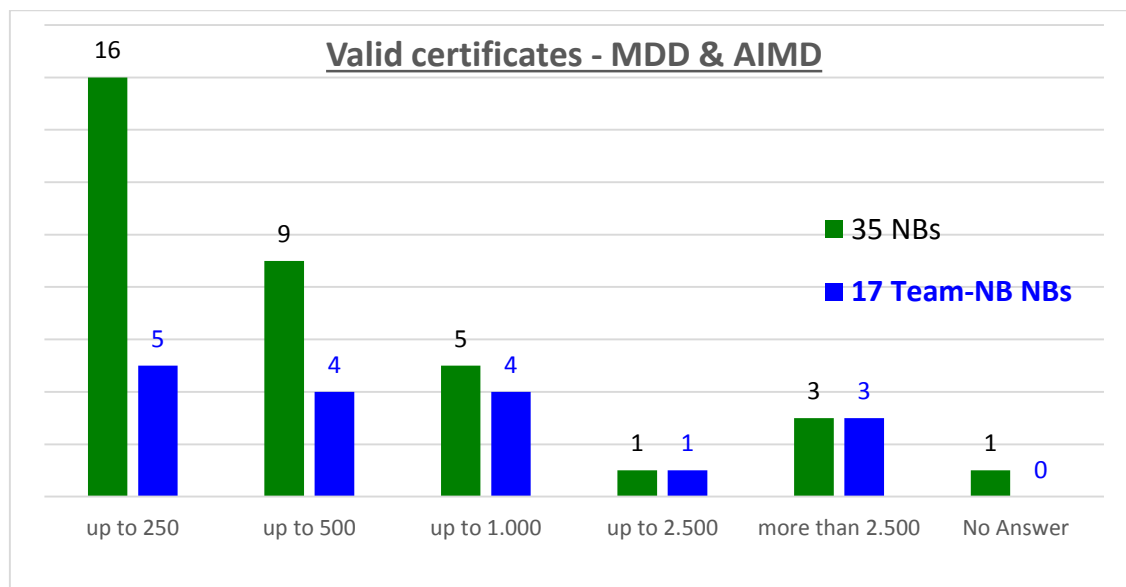
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PRESS RELEASE
July surveys : NBs comparison of capacities

To make as much transparency as possible in relation to the designation process and the capacities of notified bodies, we have a further analysis of the 17th July NB-Med survey on the status of the application process for the MDR. The analysis allows us to communicate more information on both the staff resource and certificates issued by the 35 notified bodies which participated in the survey and compares with the 17 notified bodies members of Team-NB.

Below you will find below some commented graphs.

In answer to the question “**How many certificates (MDD + AIMD) are currently valid?**”, the below graph shows the result of the answers from the 2 groups of participants.



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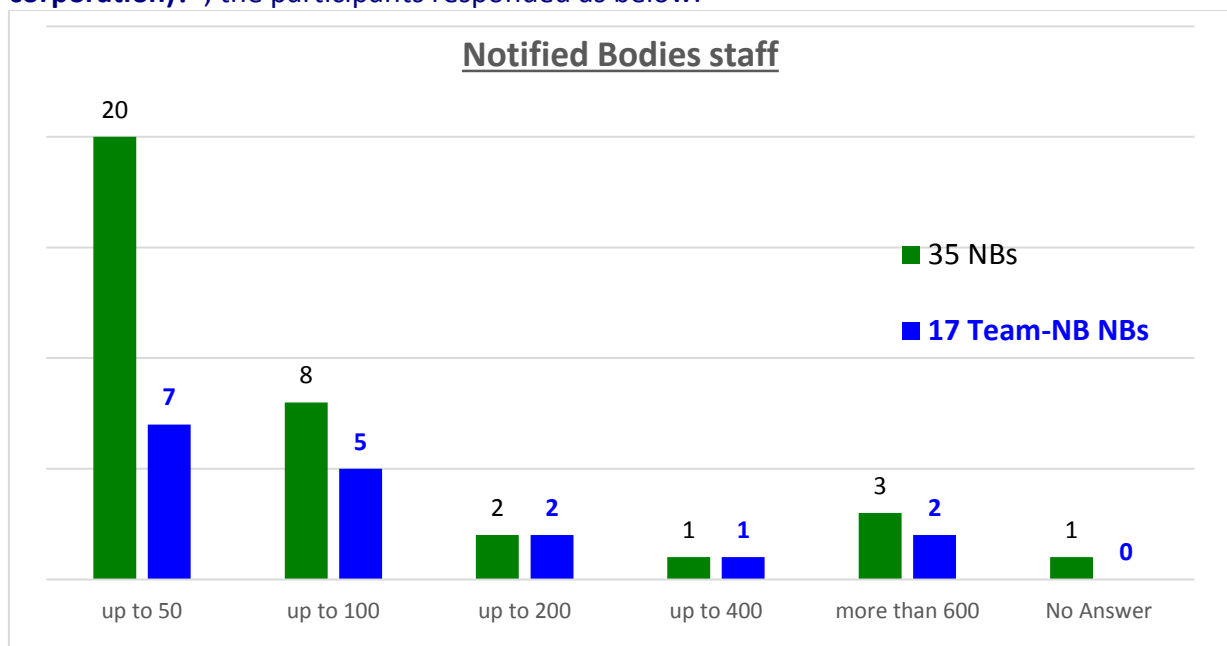
As a rough estimate in taking the average number of certificates issued, we come to a respective figure of

	Total certificates issued	Certificates per NB
By 35 NBs	19 125	546
By 17 Team-NB NBs	15 625	919

The answers show a larger number of certificates issued by the Team-NB members. Following the result of the comparison, in mean notified bodies Team-NB members issued 68% more certificates.

As a check of the results of this survey, we compared the information related to the Team-NB members to the sector survey made in 2017. In 2017, there were 24 members responding but at the beginning 2018 there have been 2 merges within the members. Than if we divide the 19,775 certificates by 22 members that leads to 899 certificates per member. This makes the July survey data comparable in terms of issued certificates with the 919 certificates issued per notified bodies members.

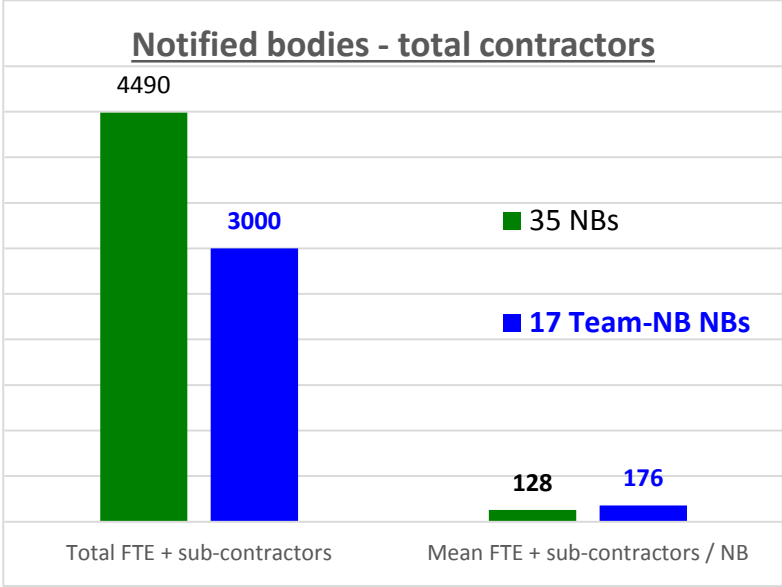
In answer to the question “**How many FTE – Full Time Employee - do you employ (including corporation)?**”, the participants responded as below.



This shows a larger number of bigger organisations within the Team-NB membership. This is particularly significant among the organisations with up to 50 full time employees with 3 times more organisations in the group of 35 NBs who are not members of Team-NB, although they are only twice the number who responded to the survey.

The number of staff comparison of the results of this survey to the 2017 Team-NB survey, again if we use the same rough estimates in taking the average of each interval as the number of FTE, we come to an increase of FTE of 27% which is likely to be close to reality as we know the willingness of Team-NB members to increase their capacities.

Moreover, thanks to the compilation of the results of the numbers of **FTE – Full Time Employee** and the numbers of **sub-contractors**, we find the overall number of contractors as well as the average figure per organization for the 2 groups of notified bodies.



The estimation is made using the same rough estimate in taking the middle of each interval.

That allow us to come to the conclusion that **Team-NB organisations** are in average **37% bigger** than the mean of the group of all notified bodies .

Moreover, if we compare the results of this survey to the 2017 Team-NB survey, we can come to the conclusion that in these first 6 months of 2018, the Team-NB members have hired new capacities.

According to this data, the efforts made by the Team-NB members to meet the needs of the sector are clear. The Team-NB members are doing their best to be designated as quickly as possible and to increase their capacities in order to respond and meet as much as possible the needs of the sector, are clear.

In case of any further clarification needed, please contact secretary@team-nb.org.