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Regulating Health +
Social Care Professionals

The future of the Professional Qualifications Framework

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Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005

Current registers:

- Dietitians;
- Occupational Therapists;
- Physiotherapists;
- Radiographers and Radiation Therapists;
- Social Workers;
- Speech and Language Therapists;
- Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians

Registers to come (known):

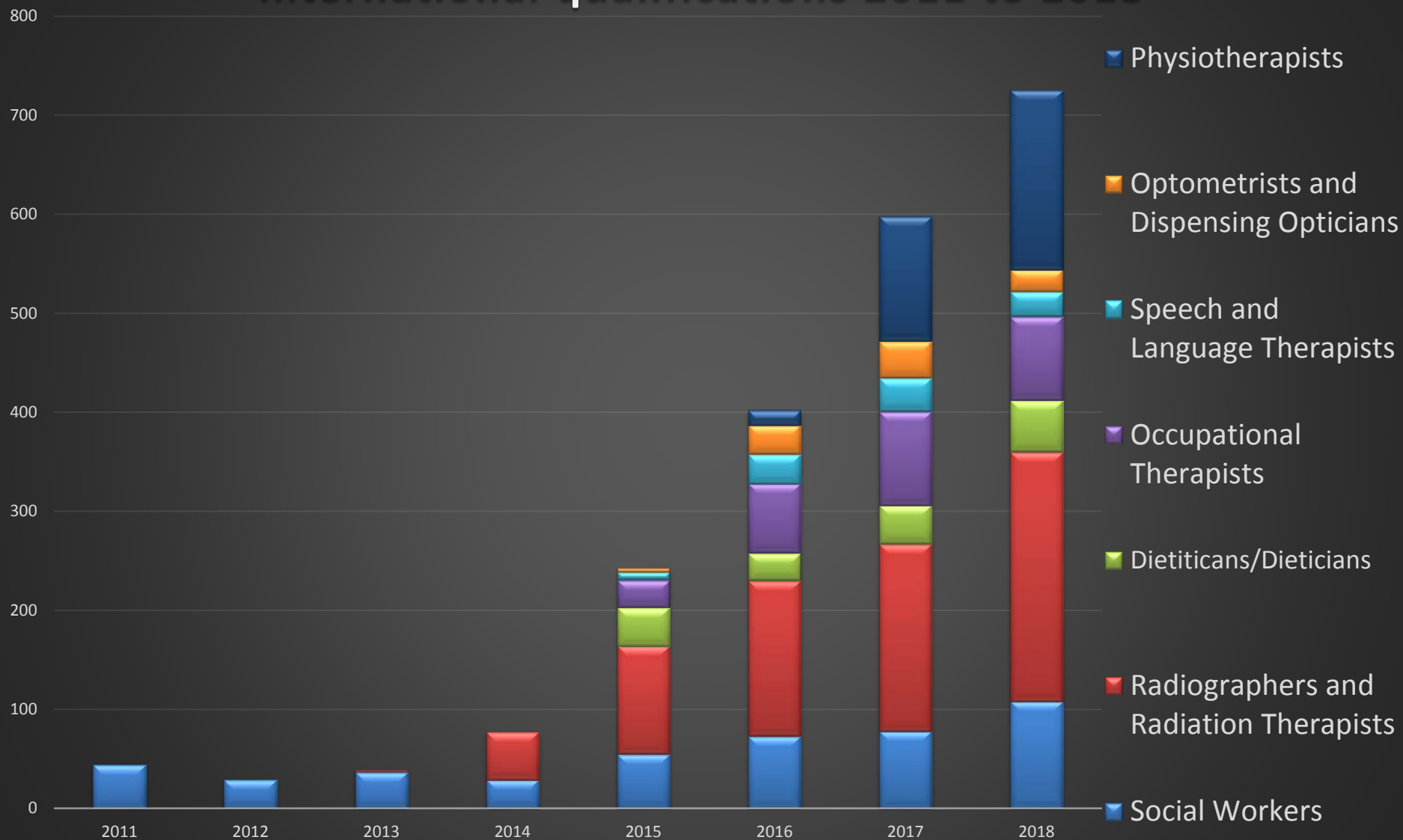
- Clinical Biochemists;
- Counsellors and Psychotherapists;
- Medical Scientists;
- Orthoptists;
- Podiatrists;
- Psychologists;
- Social Care Workers

Directive 2005/36

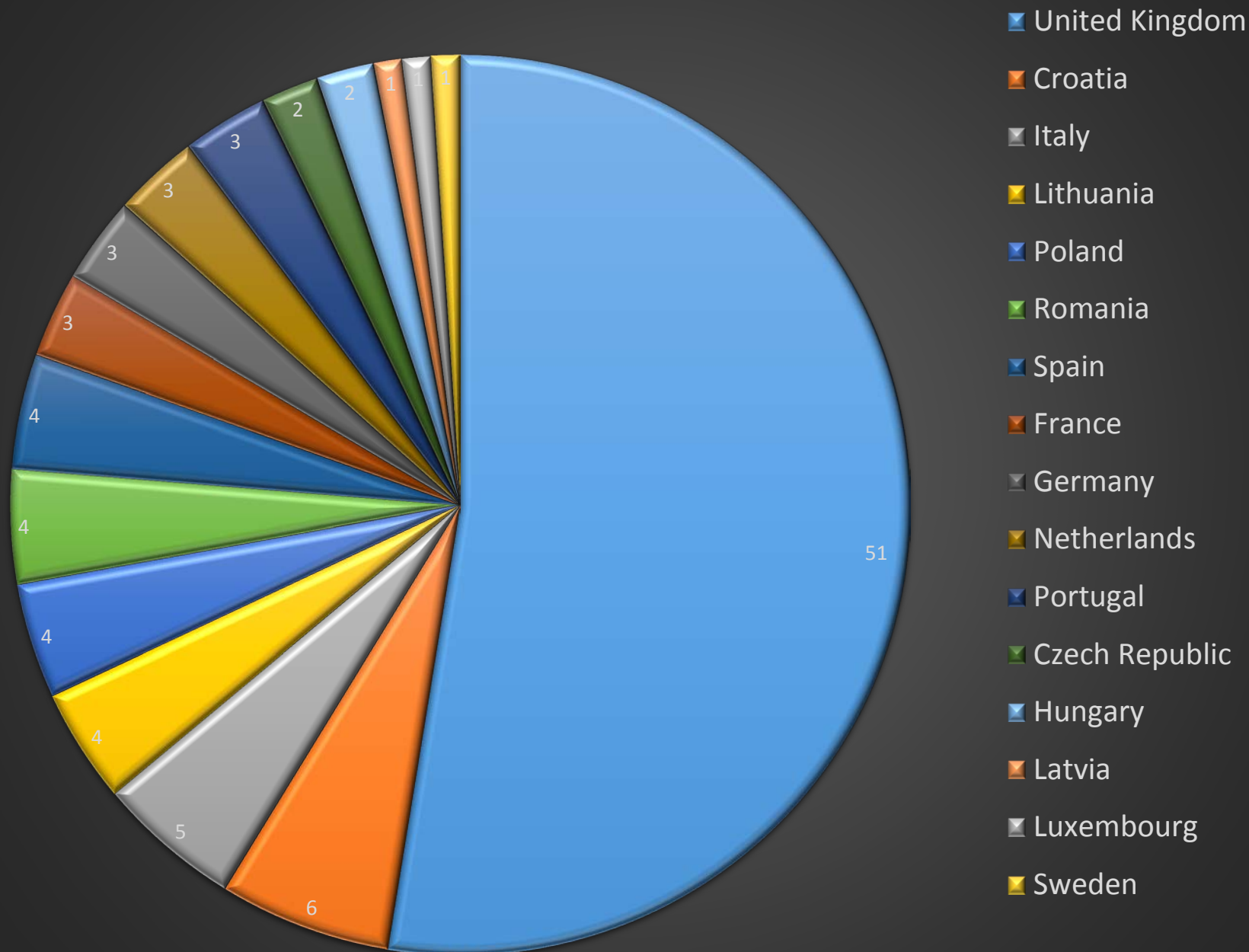


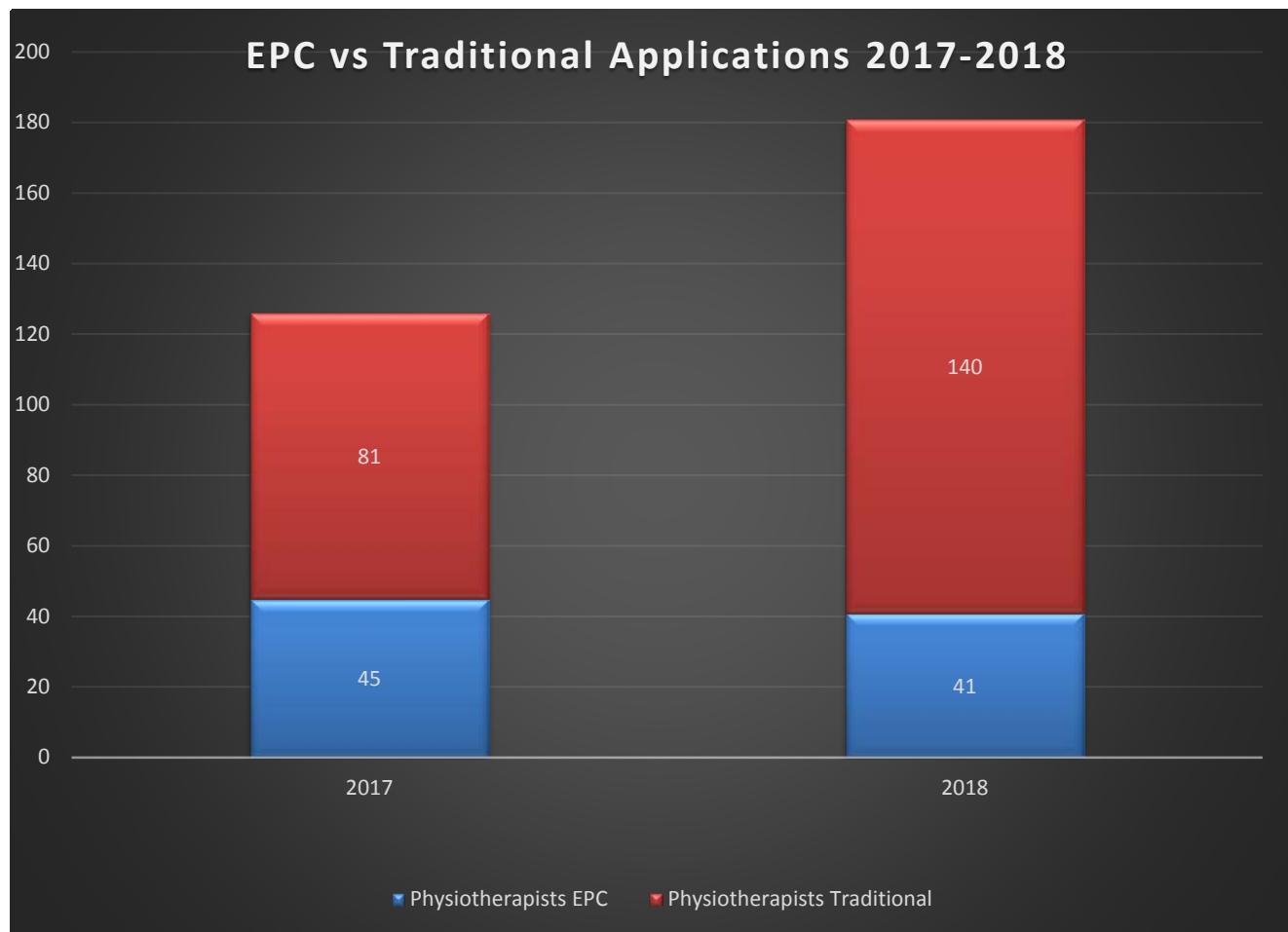
- All CORU professions currently within the 'General System'
- One profession currently using the EPC
- National equality legislation = apply the Directive to all applicants

Applications to CORU for recognition of international qualifications 2011 to 2018



Home State of EPC applications 2016 to 2018





Note: the 'traditional' application page gives information on applying via EPC. Ireland was fourth most selected 'host' Member State after UK, France and Spain in 9.4.18 Commission SWD



Useful tools

- IMI: Alerts, verifications, clarifications, information, contacts, and secure information exchange
- Regulated professions database
- Guidance and events, opportunities to engage
- SOLVIT



Benefits

- Common system
- Clarity in relation to requirements (evolving) and obligations
- Information on cognate & other relevant authorities
- GDPR compliance
- Growing understanding and trust



Future needs - general?

- Continue & enhance reliable and swift information exchange
- Further clarity re standards and requirements for professions
- Public protection through clear and efficient mechanisms
- Related – Enhanced engagement between Competent Authorities
- Greater feedback from Competent Authorities

Development areas?



- Common Training Frameworks
- Common Training Tests
- Further support and encourage information provision by authorities/ information gathering by applicants prior to move



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Thank you

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