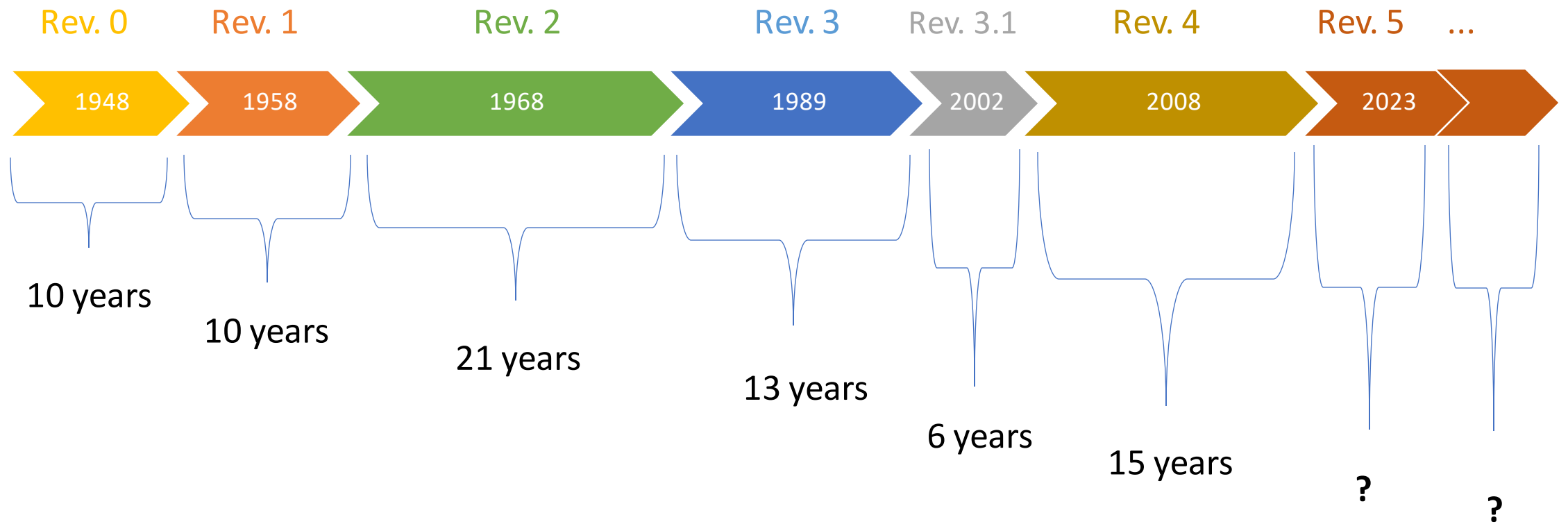# 2023 Revision Cycle Survey:
Industrial Activity Classifications

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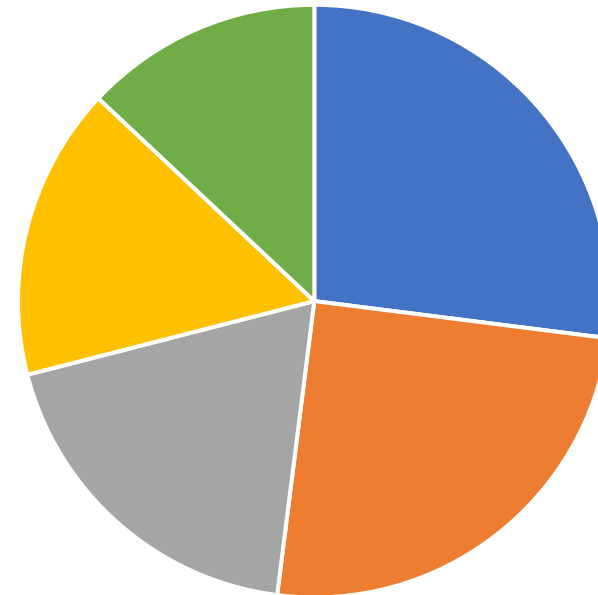
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Responses

- 96 responses

  - 97% from NSOs
  - 3% from regional organizations

- Regional breakdown

  - Western Europe & Other: 28%
  - Asia-Pacific: 26%
  - Eastern Europe: 19%
  - Africa: 15%
  - Latin American & Caribbean: 13%

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Part A. Industrial Activity Classification

Q1. What classification of industrial activity is used in your country?

- NACE or national adaptation: 42%
- National classification: 28%
- ISIC: 23%
- NAICS or national adaptation: 3%
- ANZSIC: 2%
- NAEMA (AFRISTAT):   1%
- PACSIC   1%

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Part A. Industrial Activity Classification

Q2. **Is the industry classification in your country a national or regional adaptation of any of these industry classifications?** (can select more than one)

- ISIC: 59%
- NACE: 45%
- NAICS: 3%
- ANZSIC: 1%
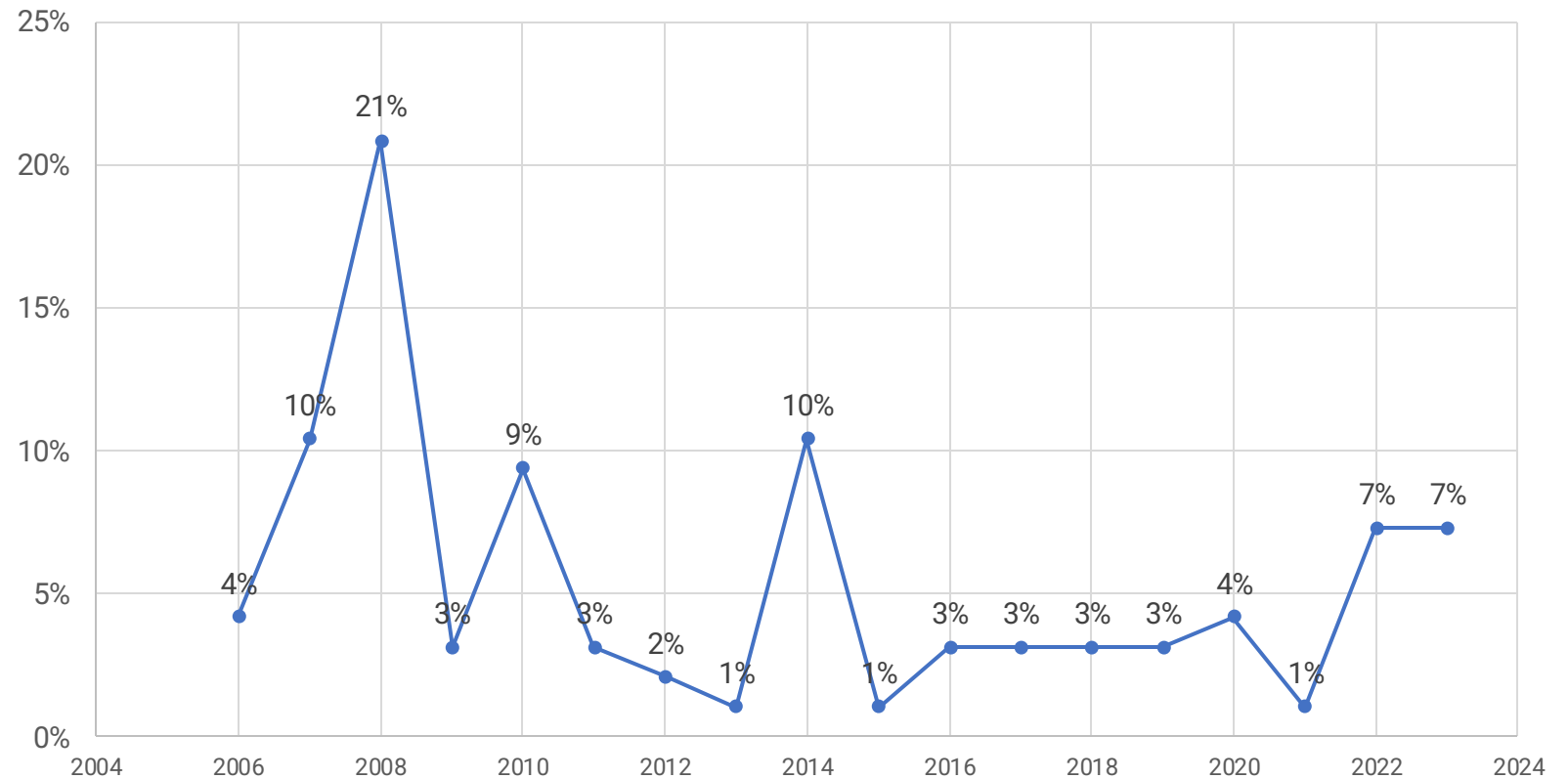- Other: 3% (NAEMA, PACSIC, etc.)

- At least one of above: 100%
- Both ISIC & NACE: 9%

Part A. Industrial Activity Classification

Q3. **When was the industry classification in your country last revised?**

Between:

- 2006-08:   35%

- 2009-11:   16%
- 2012-14:   14%
- 2015-17:   7%
- 2018-20:   10%
- 2021-23:   16%
  (N/A: 2%)

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Part A. Industrial Activity Classification

Q4. **Does your country have a regular revision cycle for the national industry classification?**

- Yes: 32%
- No: 68%

If no, what are the main factors that prompt a revision of your classification?

- Revision of int'l standards: 64%
- Own reasons (changes in economy; GDP rebasing):   17%
- Revision of int'l standards + own reasons: 12%
- N/A; no classification or never revised: 7%

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Part A. Industrial Activity Classification

Q5. **Please indicate the revision cycle of the industry classification in your country:**

- On a regular cycle: 58%
- On continuous basis: 42%

If on a regular cycle:

- Every 1-2 years: 36%
- Every 5 years: 36%
- Every 10 years: 14%
- Every 10 years (to be continuous):   7%
- When GDP is rebased: 7%

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Part A. Industrial Activity Classification

Q6. **Is the revision cycle of the national industry classification in your country linked to the revision cycle of any regional or international classification?**

- Yes: 80%
- No: 20%

If yes, what is it linked to?

o Revision of ISIC/NACE: 76%
o Revision of ISIC/NACE/other + national circumstances: 16%
o Revision of other regional/national classification: 8%

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Part A. Industrial Activity Classification

Q7. Is there a formal system at the national level (e.g. committee, working groups) to maintain the classification including organizing the consultation with users and discussion with experts to revise the classification?

- Yes: 76%
- No: 24%

Q8. If yes, please describe the consultation process for revising the industry classification in your country (Can select more than one)

- Institutional and governmental stakeholders outside institution are consulted: 63%
- User feedback collected continuously between revisions: 32%
- User feedback collected only during specified periods prior to revision: 30%
- Other (consult with other countries in region; allow any individual to request change): 13%

Part A. Industrial Activity Classification

Q9. **Once the industry classification revision process has started, how long does it generally take to complete the revision?**

- Less than one year: 16%
- *1 to 5 years: 72%
- More than 5 years: 5%
- Other: 7%

   *(Generally 1-3 years, where specified)

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Part A. Industrial Activity Classification

Conclusions

• The **vast majority** of respondents are using **ISIC, NACE or a national/regional adaptation**

• **All** respondents note that their **classification is based on at least one other classification**; **most** note that their revision cycle is aligned with an international standard classification

• **Most** respondents note having a **formal system** at the national level to **maintain the classification**

• **Nearly 2/3** of respondents note their classification has **been updated since 2008**

• **Most** respondents with a **regular revision cycle** note a **1-5 year cycle**

• **Once revision has started,** most respondents note **1-3 years for completion**

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Thank You!

Questions/comments

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