

The EU agencies' response to the climate and energy crises and their reporting on their climate and energy performance

Annual report on EU Agencies for the 2022 financial year

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“horizontal topics” in ECA annual report on EU agencies

- cross-cutting topic
- on top of the annual financial and compliance audit
- can be governance or performance-related
- more review than audit

Last year’s topic: revolving doors

Next year’s topic: agencies’ own revenue

2022 horizontal topic

This year's topic:

- how EU agencies responded to the climate and energy crises

and

- how they reported on their climate and energy performance

2022 horizontal topic

Why this topic for the 2022 report:

- topicality of the energy crisis in the wake of the Russian invasion of Ukraine
- climate always high on the agenda
- EU agencies represent the EU in member states and can serve as role models:
 - in their host countries
 - for their sectors

2022 horizontal topic

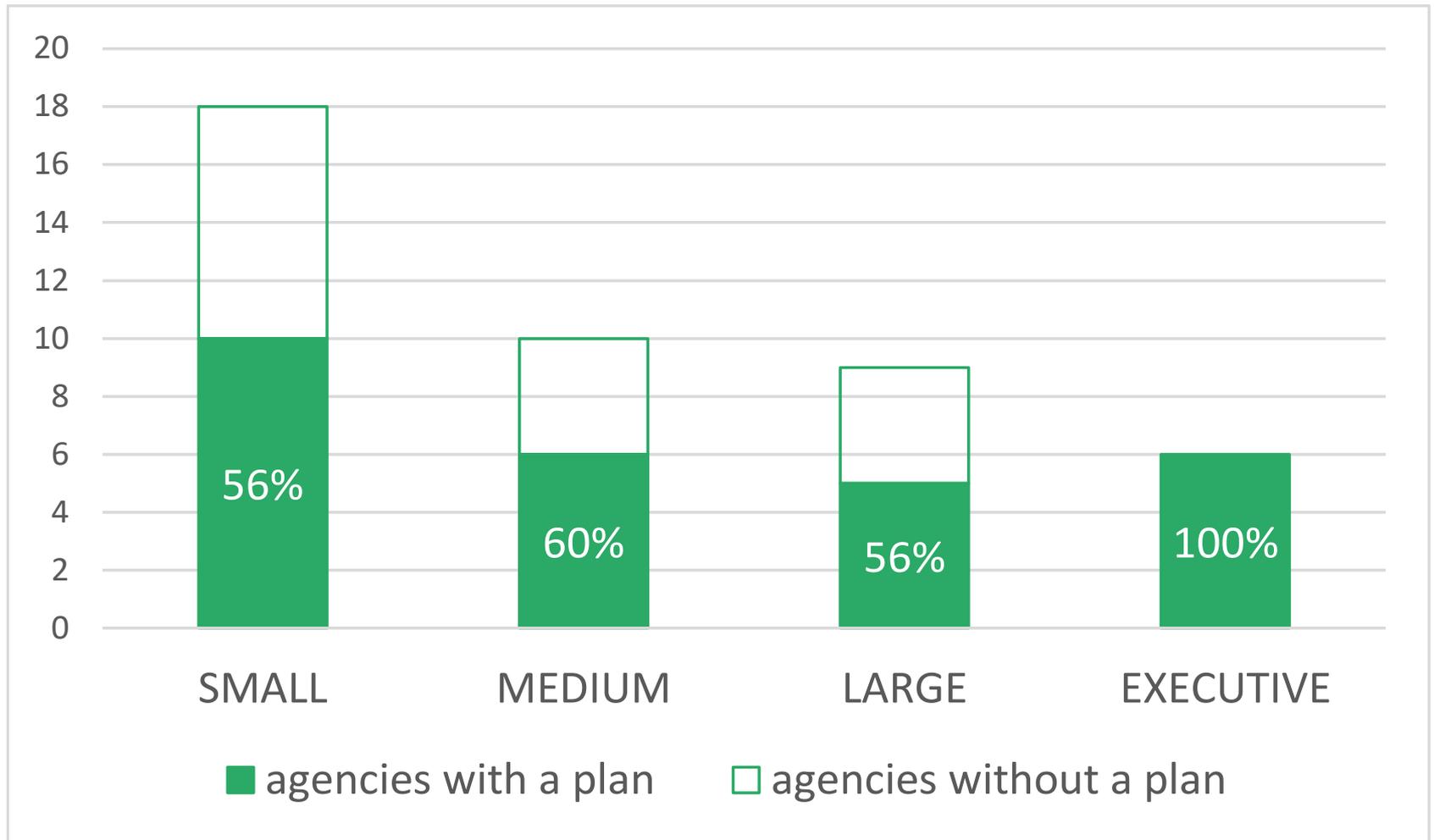
We checked whether EU agencies:

- undertook or planned measures to improve their energy efficiency and to reduce their carbon footprint.
- implemented sustainability reporting or issued environmental statements.
- introduced the EU Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS)

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Agencies with a plan to respond to the climate or energy crises

Decentralised agencies and other bodies, grouped by size

Executive agencies

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(less than 200 staff)

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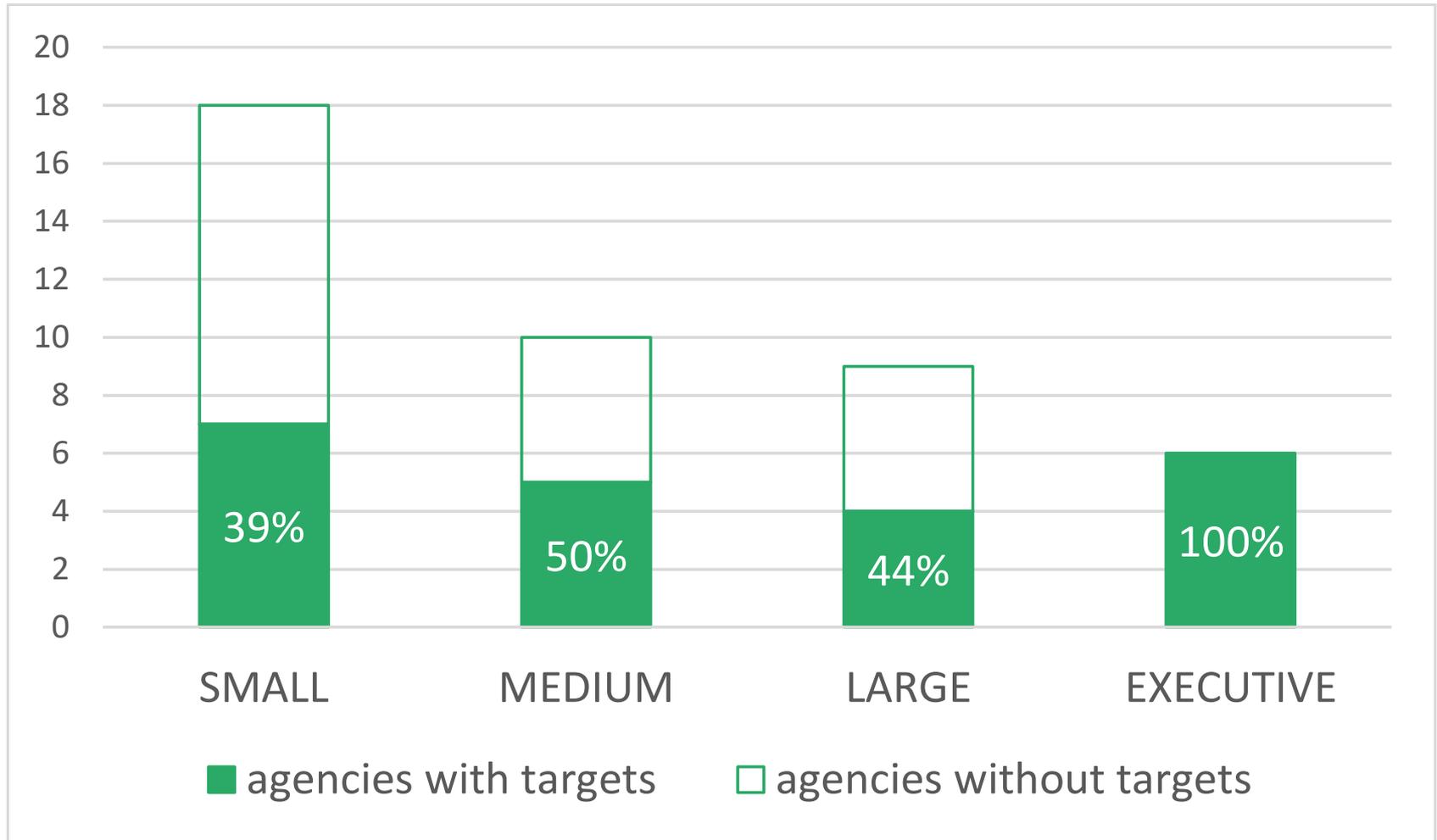
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Agencies with quantified targets for greenhouse gas emissions, electricity, gas, heating

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Measures taken by EU agencies to reduce energy consumption during the 2022-2023 winter

- shifting heating schedules / lowering office temperatures / decreasing setpoint temperatures on thermostats.
- installing LED lights.
- switching energy supply fully to renewable energy sources.
- energy saving awareness campaign for staff.
- close monitoring of energy consumption.
- closure of buildings during the end of year holiday period

Measures taken by EU agencies to contribute to climate action by reducing their carbon footprint.

- reducing GHG emissions from commuting and purchases.
- designing greener / more sustainable office buildings / working spaces
- optimising energy consumption
- reducing business travel emissions /adoption of a travel emissions reduction policy
- prioritising greener modes of transport
- further reduction of paper use in the office through introduction of electronic paperless systems

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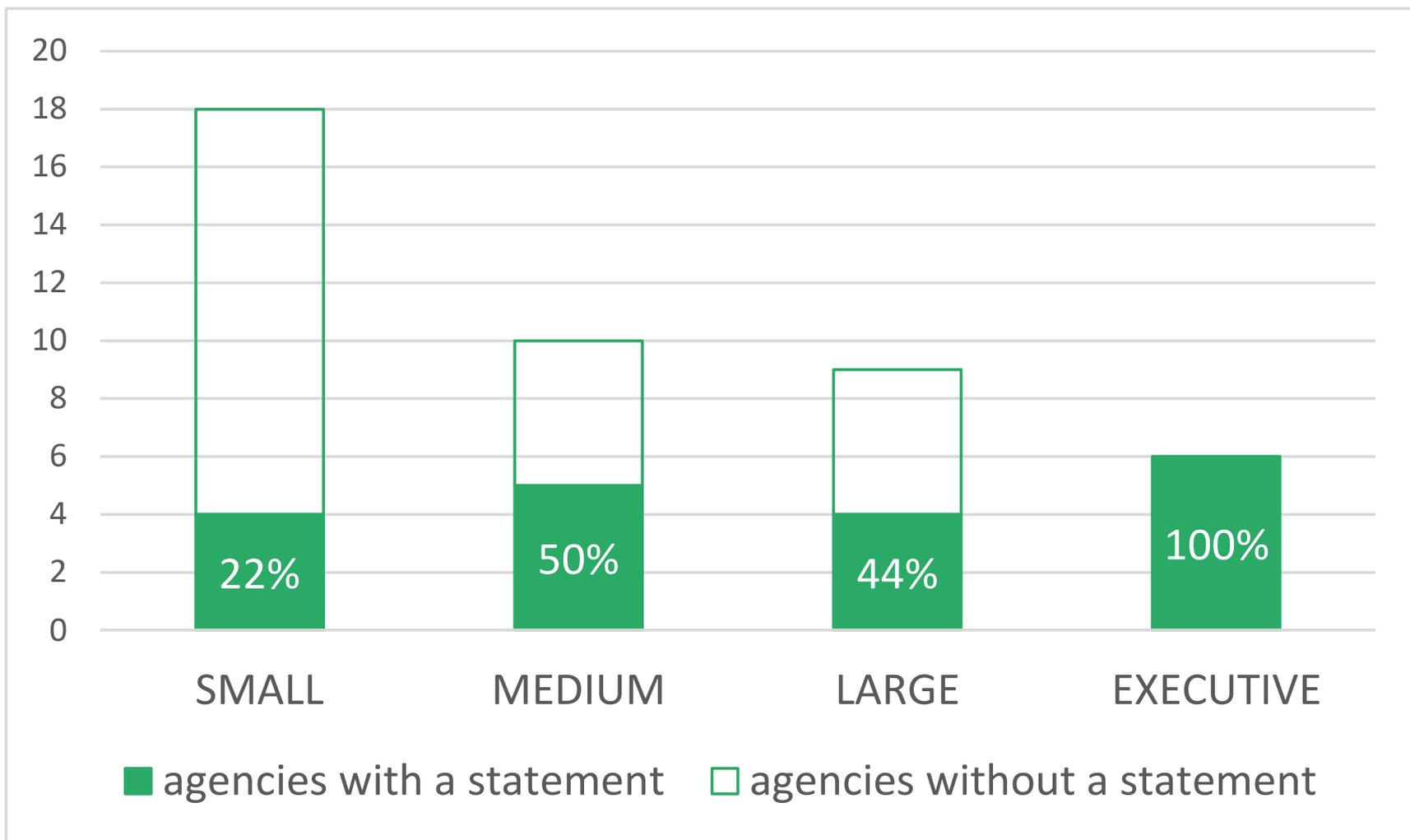
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EU agencies reporting on their climate and energy performance

We looked at:

- **Sustainability reports**
 - **Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive**
 - does not apply to EU institutions and bodies
 - Only one agency has it
 - Three other agencies planned to have it by 2024
 - EUAN set up a working group to promote the introduction of sustainability reporting
- **Environmental statements**

EU Agencies reporting on their climate and energy performance



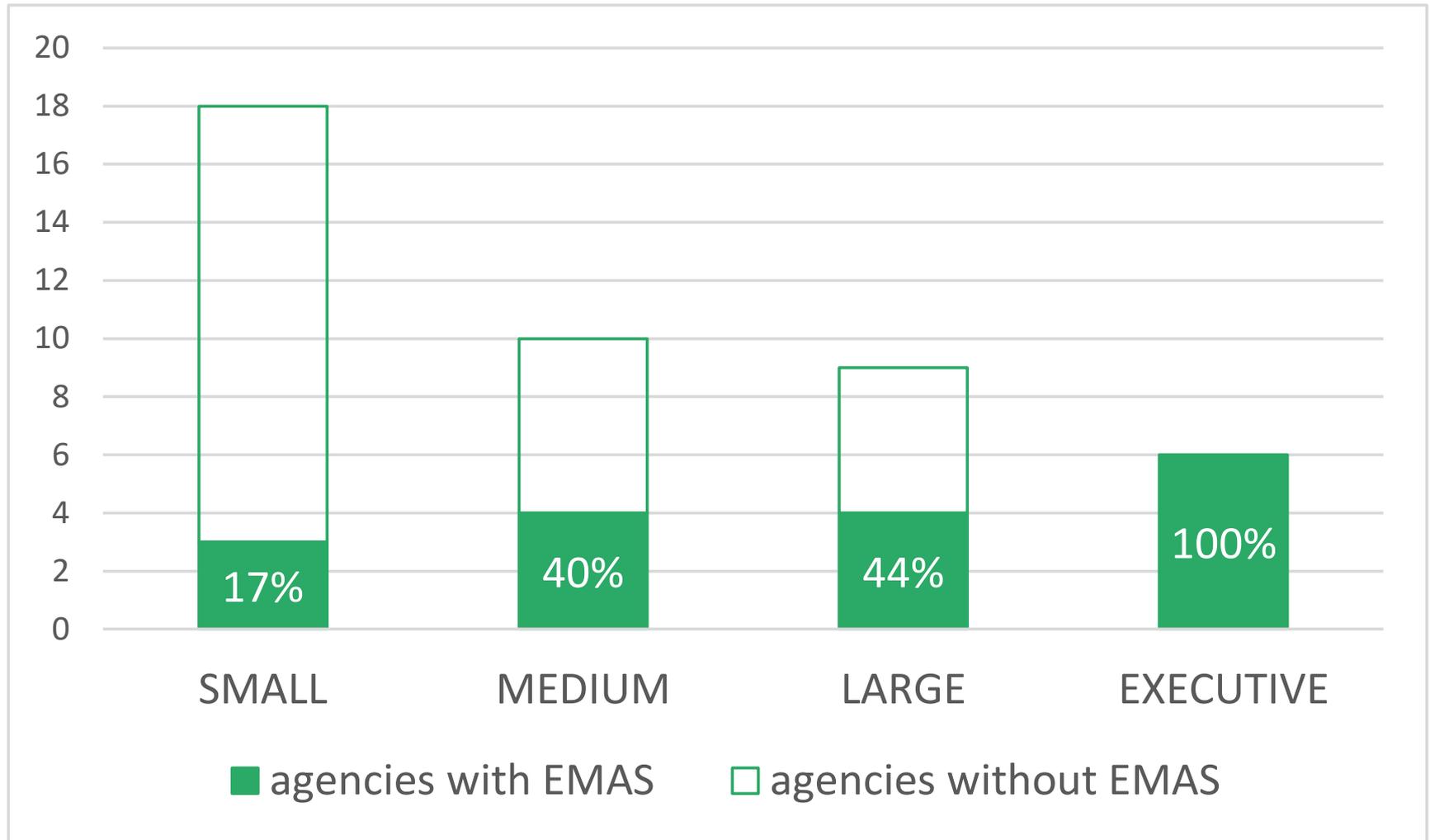
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Action to be taken

EU agencies should:

- prepare up-to-date corporate plans to improve their climate neutrality and energy efficiency, including clearly defined, quantified baselines and targets, for example for reducing carbon footprint and energy consumption.
- report on their climate, energy and environmental performance, for example by issuing sustainability reports or environmental statements.
- implement EMAS.

The **European Union Agencies Network** should play an important role in promoting the implementation of EMAS and sustainability or environmental reporting, by issuing guidance and facilitating the sharing of experience and good practices.

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