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# Evolution of EMAS in Estonia from the perspective of the Competent Body



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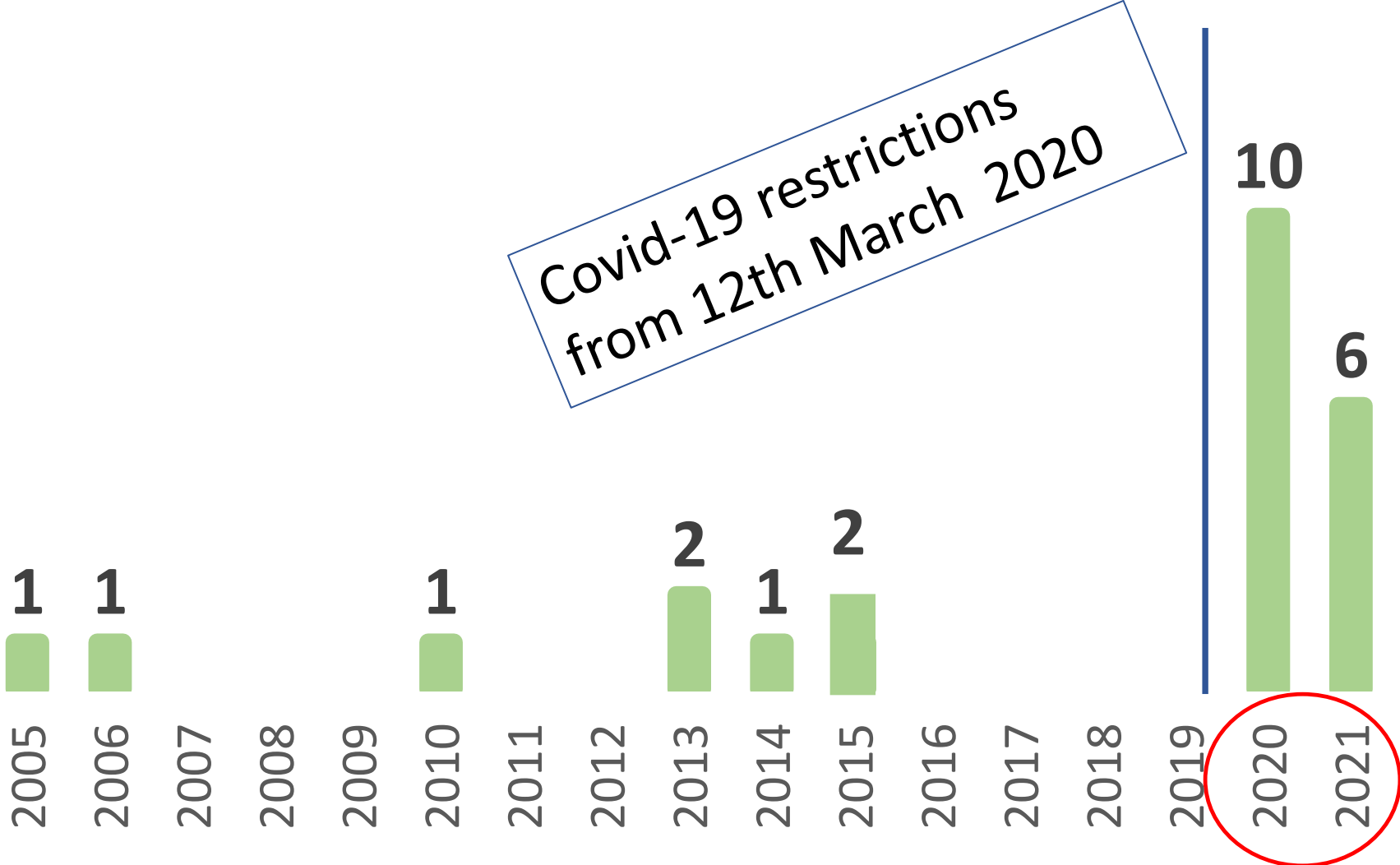
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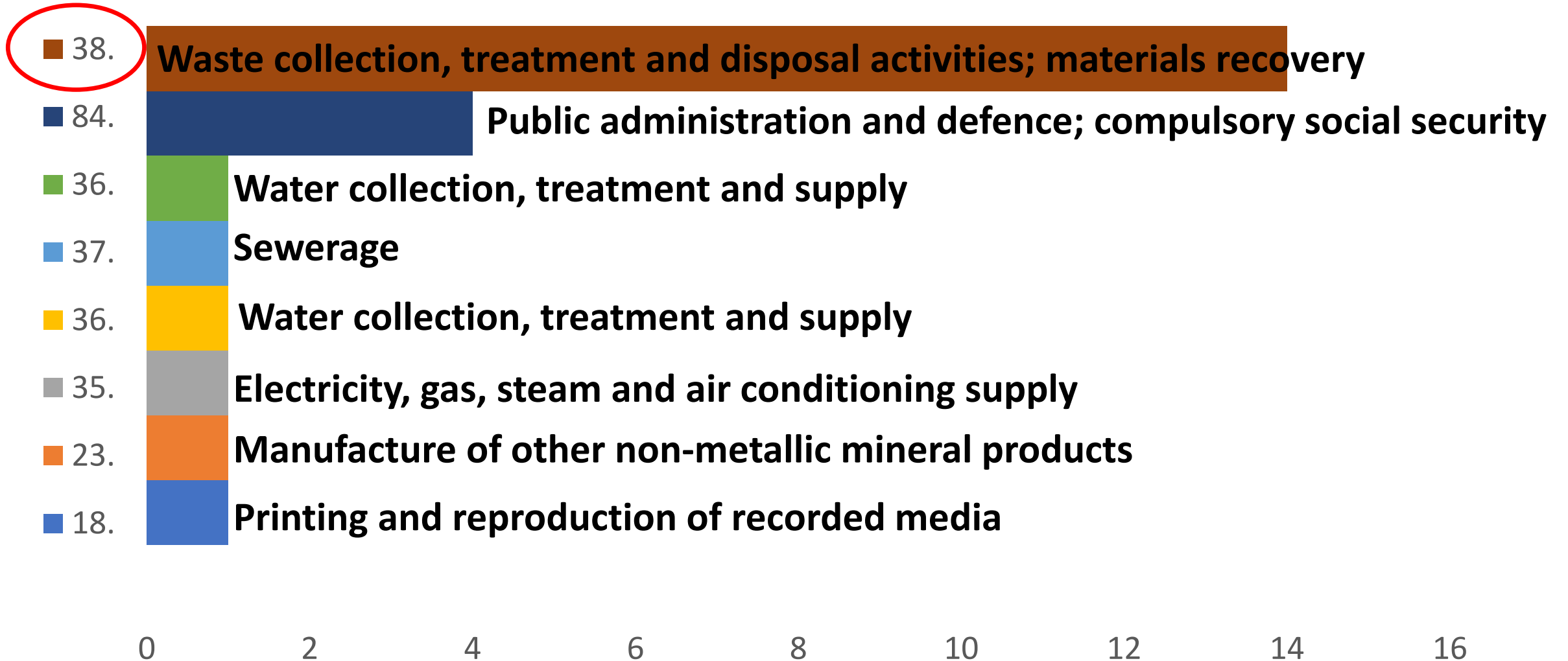
# Interest in EMAS registration



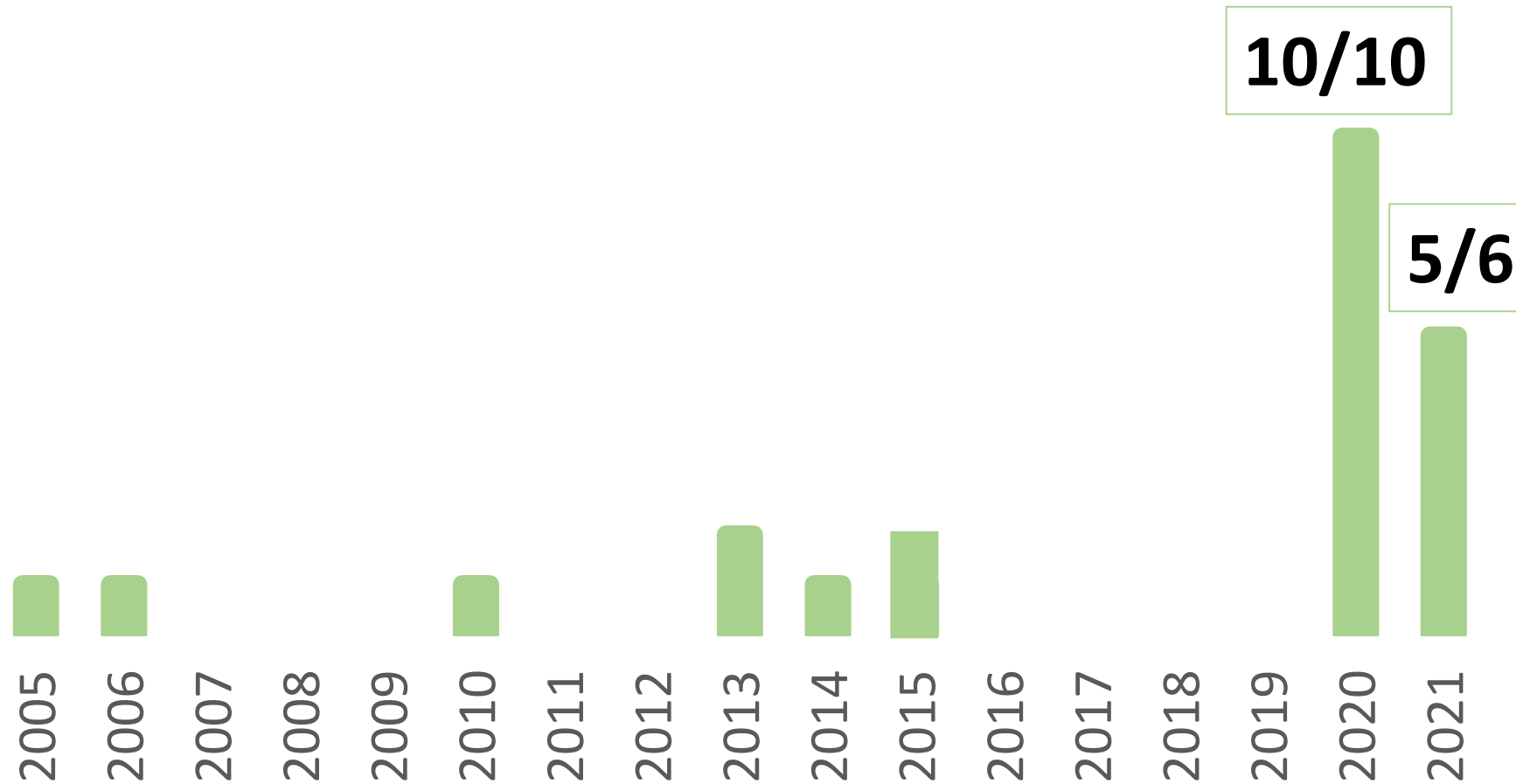
# New applications per year



# Sectors in new applications



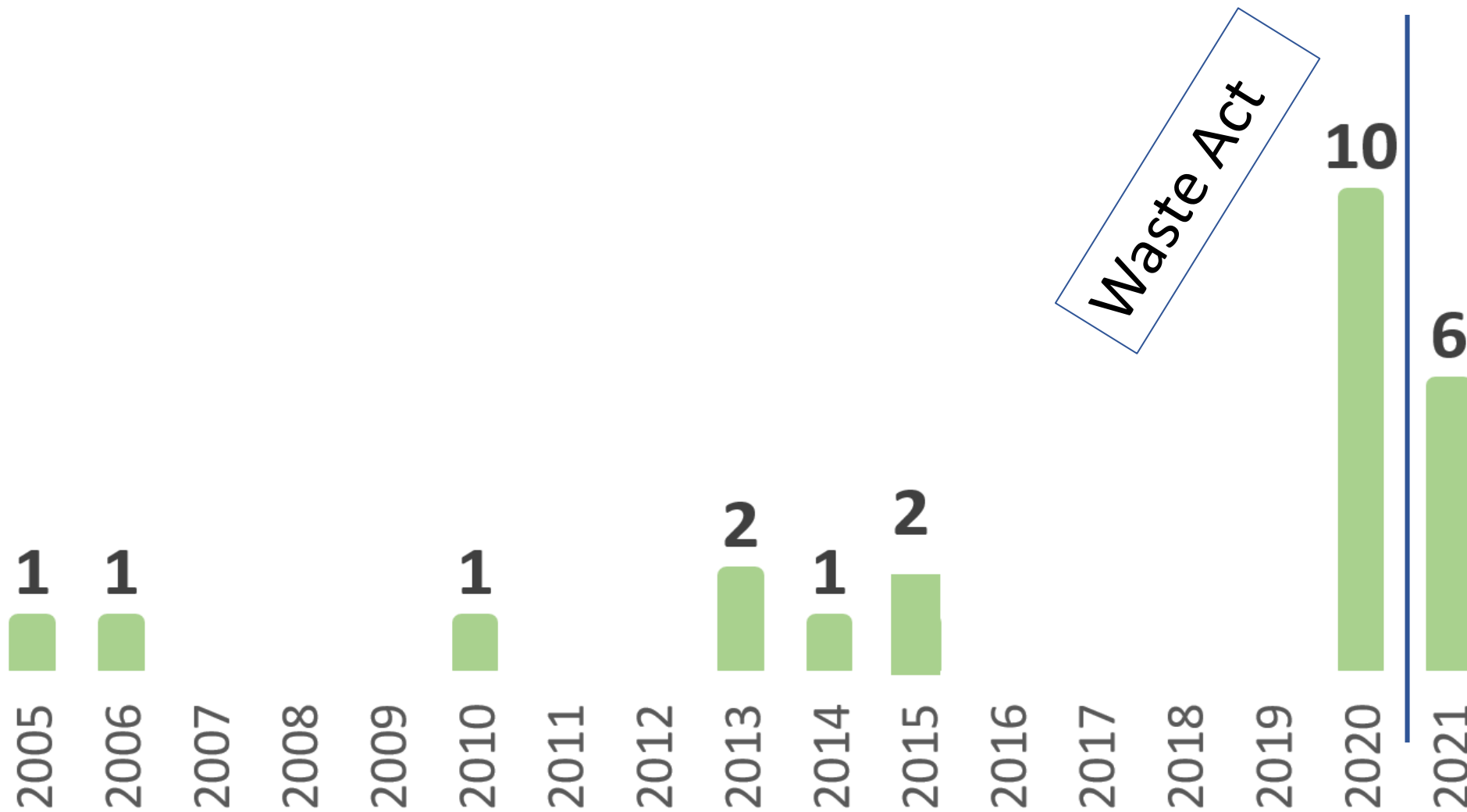
# Leading sector's applications per year



# Possible incentives behind EMAS uptake trends



# Policy



# Policy

- Grants from the Circular economy programme to help implement EMAS

**At least 3 organisations have utilized this**

- In 2016/2017 Energy Sector Organization Act entered into force

*EMAS, ISO 14001 or ISO 50001 certified organisation is exempt from energy audit requirement.*

**There has been no effect**

- Position that most if not all government agencies which operate within the area of the Ministry of Environment should be EMAS certified.

**Future perspective**



# Scheme itself

- International companies see an advantage on the international stage
- Tool to communicate organisations' environmental efforts

# Limitations and benefits of the incentives



# Limitations/benefits due to policy

- Lack of verifiers
  - Lack of capacity of competent body
  - The quality of implementation if the driver is benefits from legal acts
- Increased visibility
  - Chance for the organisations to see the benefits



Affects credibility of EMAS

# Limitations due to the scheme

- Lack of identifying the benefits of EMAS → EMAS vs ISO
- Lack of EMAS knowledge in Estonian society
- Lack of visibility

**Thank you for listening!**



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