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How did we choose counterparts

- The request to participate was only a formality.
- The selection criteria were:
  - Willingness to participate
  - The institution covers most of the referrals in a given region
  - The institution is a single entity and the volume of referrals for CT is more than 75/day on average.
  - The institution operates the most CT (>50%) machines, even if not on a single site
  - The institutions should not be located in the same region in order to be representative of different economic and geological locations
- Local (unpublished studies) shown 20…25% inappropriate exams.

Who participated?

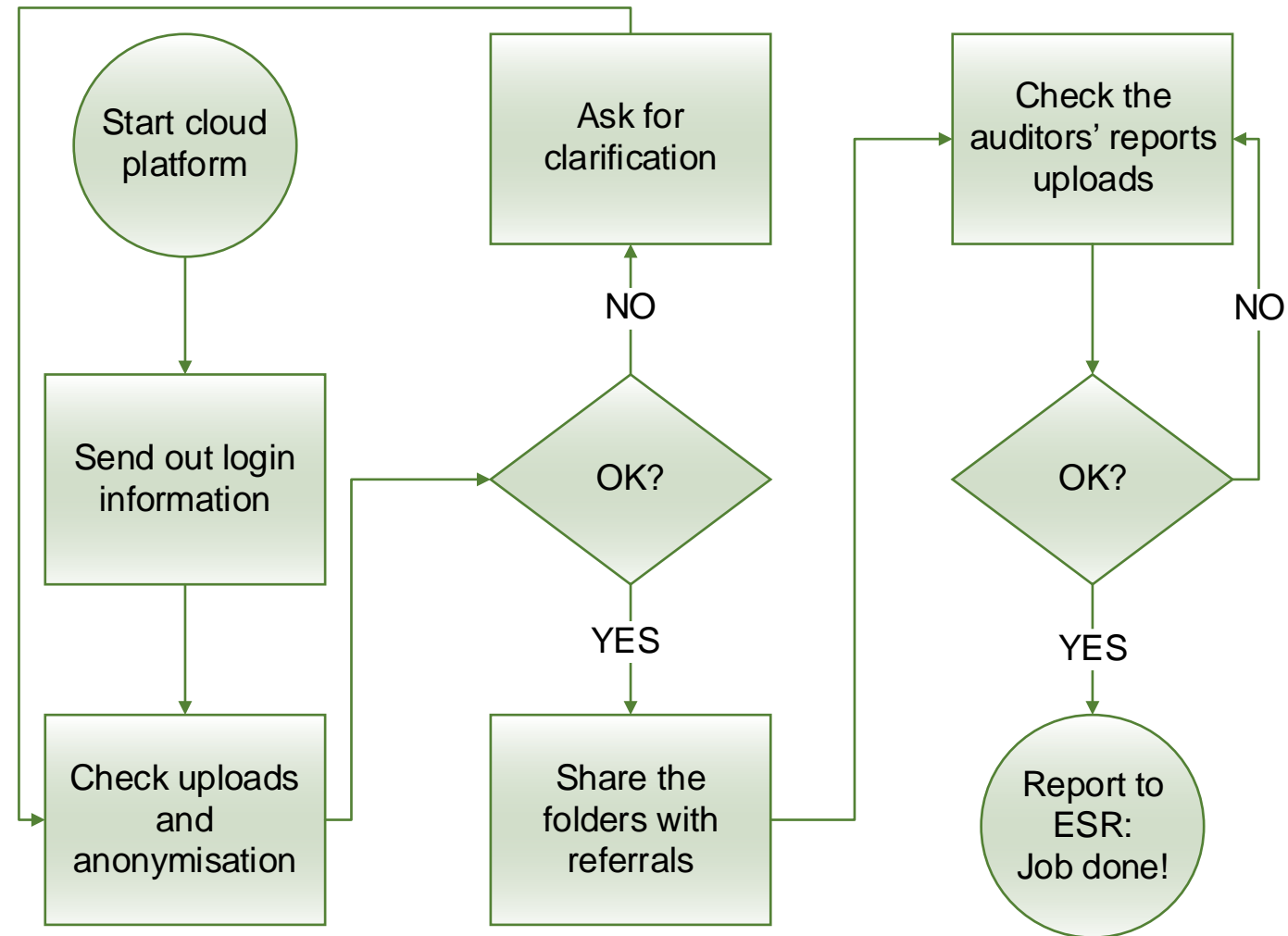| County name	TOTAL CTs	Selected	Ratio	Region*
Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén	10	7	70%	Northern Hungary
Hajdú-Bihar (Debrecen)	5	5	100%	Northern Great Plains
Csongrád (Szeged)	6	4	66,7%	Southern Great Plains
Baranya (Pécs)	7	5	71,4%	Southern Transdanubia

All centers are public healthcare institutions

Regions are based on the NUTS-1 classification

How did we conduct the study?

- An official letter was sent by the Chief Medical Officer (after the already informal approach).

- A collaboration server was setup (with passwords, rights etc.)

- The auditors made correspondence on a regular basis.

Thank you for your attention!