Figure 1. Participation diagram

**Guidelines International Network institutions**  
**National Guideline Clearinghouse institutions**  
**Expert Committee**

Institutions selected (n = 114)  
G-I-N (n = 70), NGC (n = 37), EC (n = 7)

Unable to contact (n = 8)*

Questionnaires sent (n = 106)  
G-I-N (n = 69), NGC (n = 30), EC (n = 7)

No reply (n = 62)

Questionnaires received (n = 44)  
G-I-N (n = 32), NGC (n = 9), EC (n = 3)

Excluded (n = 5)b

Questionnaires analysed (n = 39)  
G-I-N (n = 27), NGC (n = 9), EC (n = 3)

*aemail not delivered (n = 2), letter requesting email not answered (n = 3), no email (n = 3). 
*b>20% questions not answered.