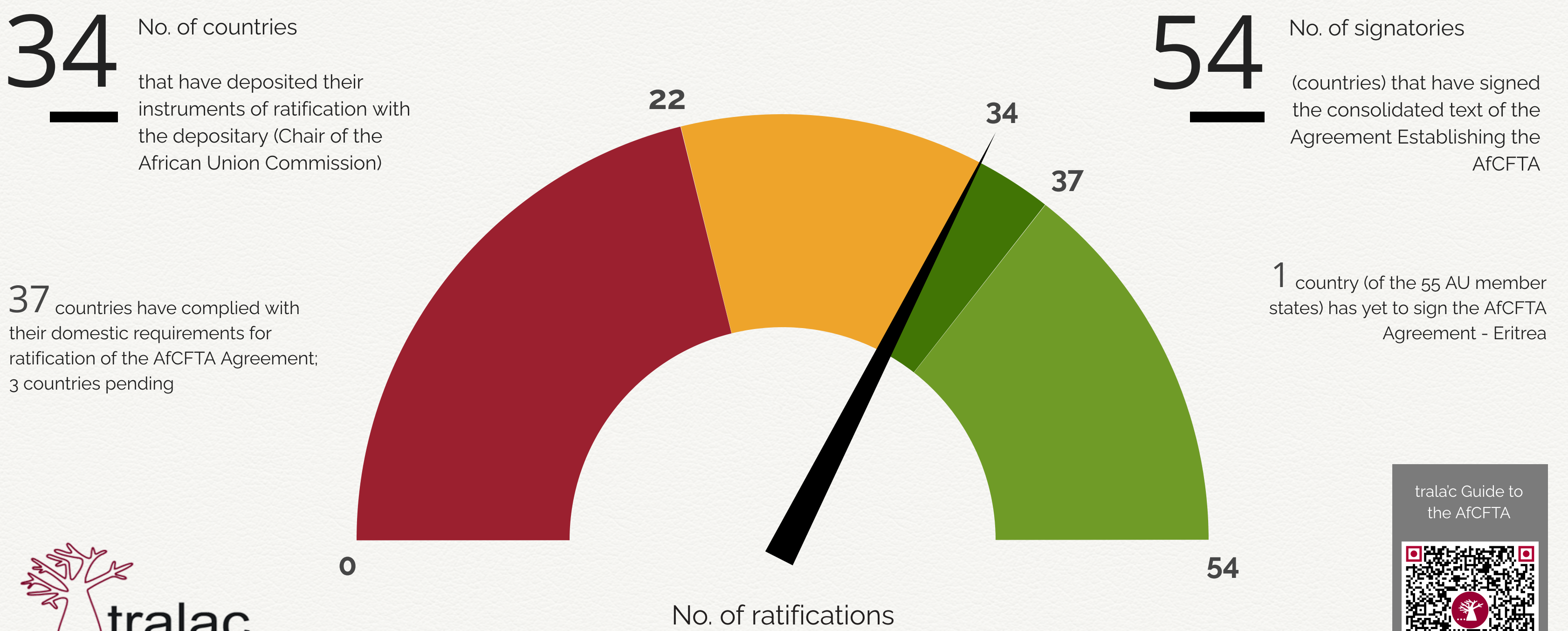


## Countdown to the start of trading

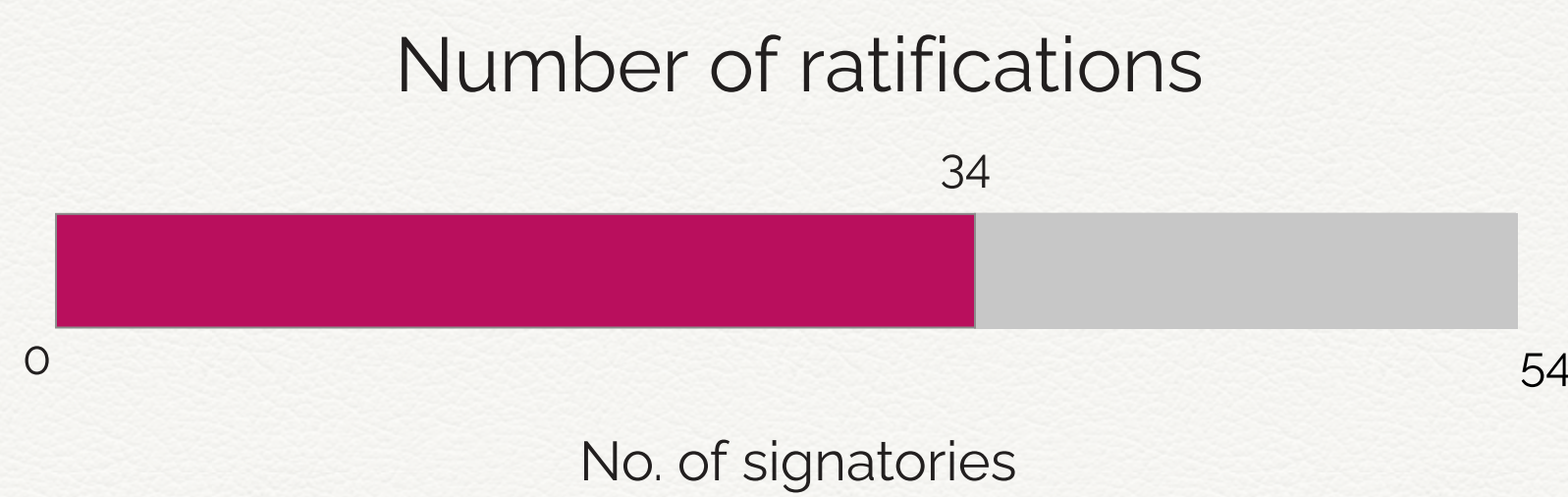
The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Agreement entered into force on 30 May 2019 for the 24 countries that had deposited their instruments of ratification with the African Union Commission (AUC) Chairperson. This date marked 30 days after the 22nd instrument of ratification was deposited, as stipulated in Article 23 of the AfCFTA Agreement.

At an Extraordinary Summit of the African Union on 7 July 2019, the operational phase of the AfCFTA Agreement was officially launched. It was subsequently announced, during an Extraordinary Summit of the Assembly of the Union on 5 December 2020, that start of trading under the AfCFTA will begin on 1 January 2021.

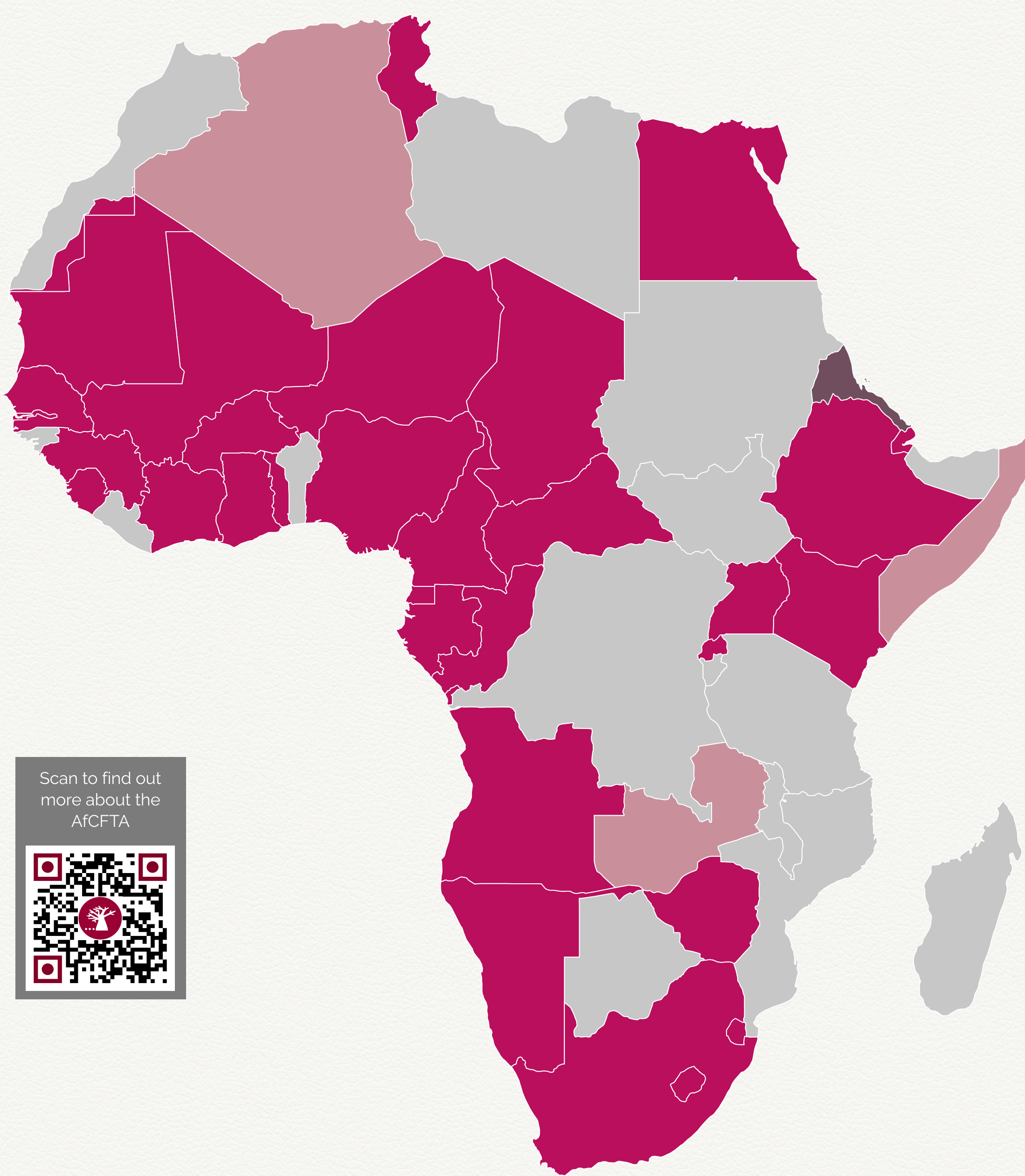
### AfCFTA Ratification Barometer



Total number of instruments of ratification approved/deposited



### Which countries have ratified the AfCFTA Agreement?



Listed by date on which the AfCFTA instrument of ratification was deposited with the AUC Chairperson

Country	Date
Ghana	10/05/2018
Kenya	10/05/2018
Rwanda	26/05/2018
Niger	19/06/2018
Chad	02/07/2018
Eswatini	02/07/2018
Guinea	16/10/2018
Côte d'Ivoire	23/11/2018
Mali	01/02/2019
Namibia	01/02/2019
South Africa	10/02/2019
Congo, Rep.	10/02/2019
Djibouti	11/02/2019
Mauritania	11/02/2019
Uganda	09/02/2019
Senegal	02/04/2019
Togo	02/04/2019
Egypt	08/04/2019
Ethiopia	10/04/2019
Gambia	16/04/2019
Sahrawi Arab Democratic Rep.	30/04/2019
Sierra Leone	30/04/2019
Zimbabwe	24/05/2019
Burkina Faso	29/05/2019
São Tomé & Príncipe	27/06/2019
Equatorial Guinea	02/07/2019
Gabon	07/07/2019
Mauritius	07/10/2019
Central African Rep.	22/09/2020
Angola	04/11/2020
Lesotho	27/11/2020
Tunisia	27/11/2020
Cameroon	01/12/2020
Nigeria	05/12/2020

- Instrument of ratification deposited
- Confirmation of parliamentary approval pending
- AfCFTA Agreement signed
- AfCFTA Agreement not signed

Last updated: 30 December 2020