



CAP Strategic Plans

Eco-schemes' overview

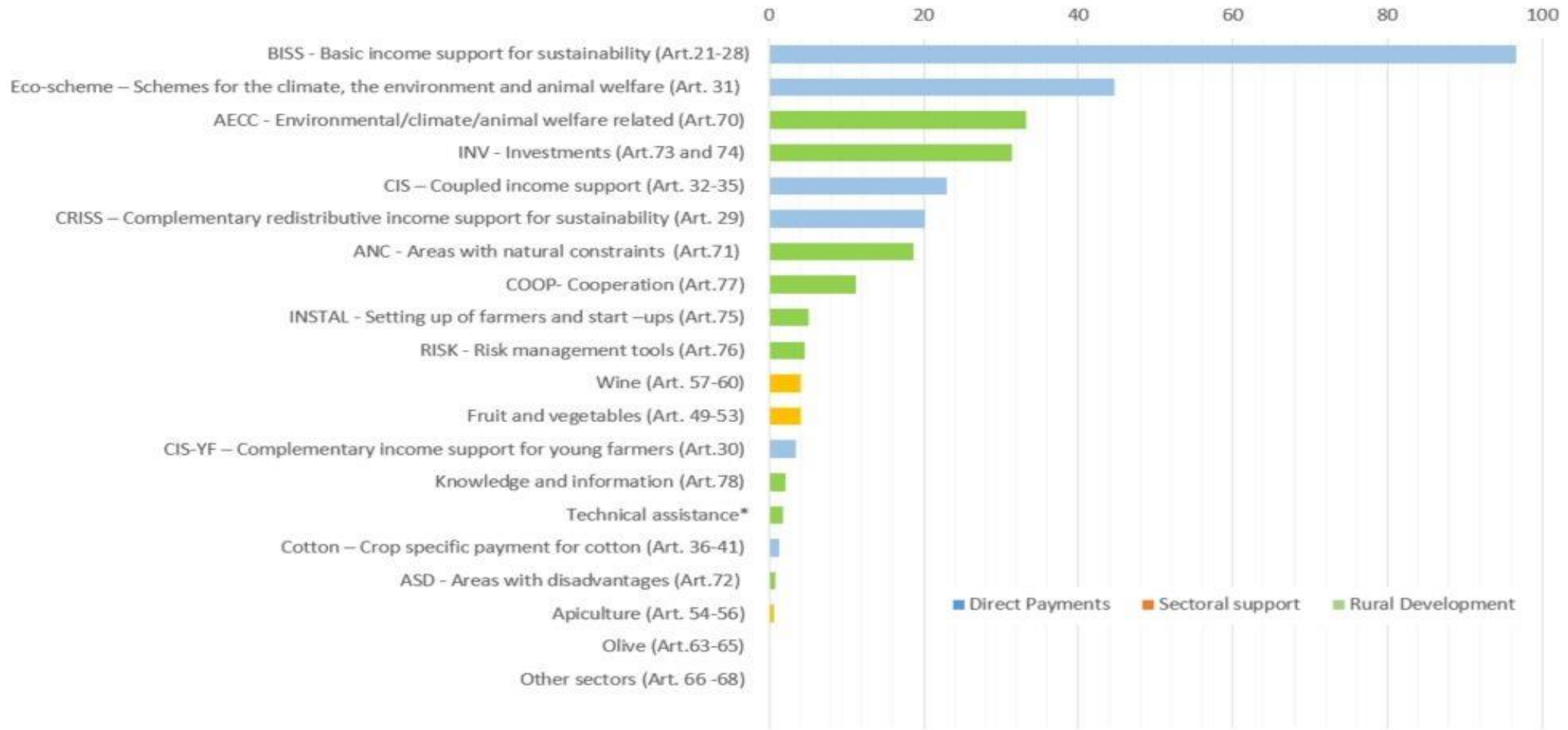
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Thematic group on eco-schemes, 25 October 2023

Content

- Overview of eco-schemes design and practices
- Some elements of implementation in 2023

Distribution of support - type of interventions (total public expenditure)

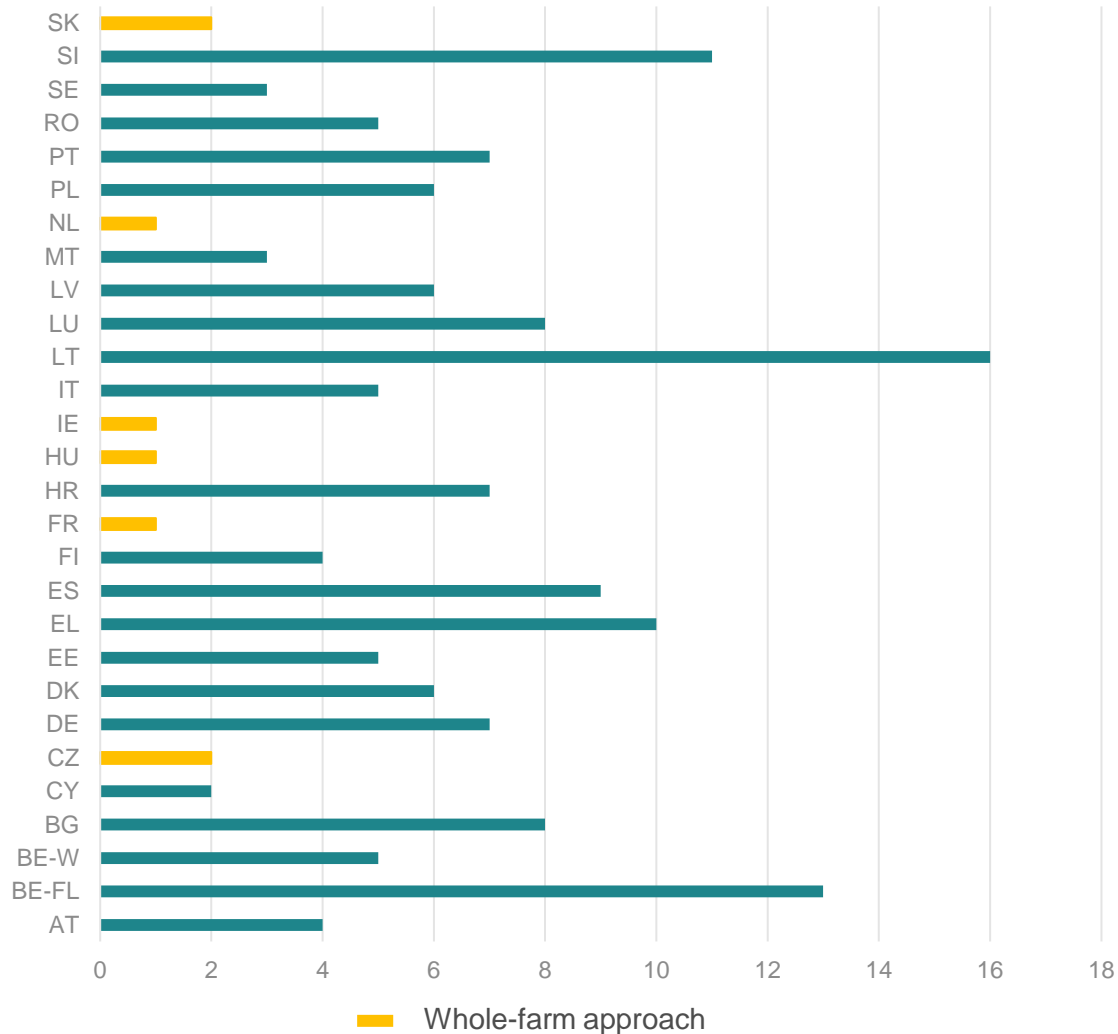


Eco-schemes' allocations (ring-fencing)



Main features

Number of eco-schemes set out by MS

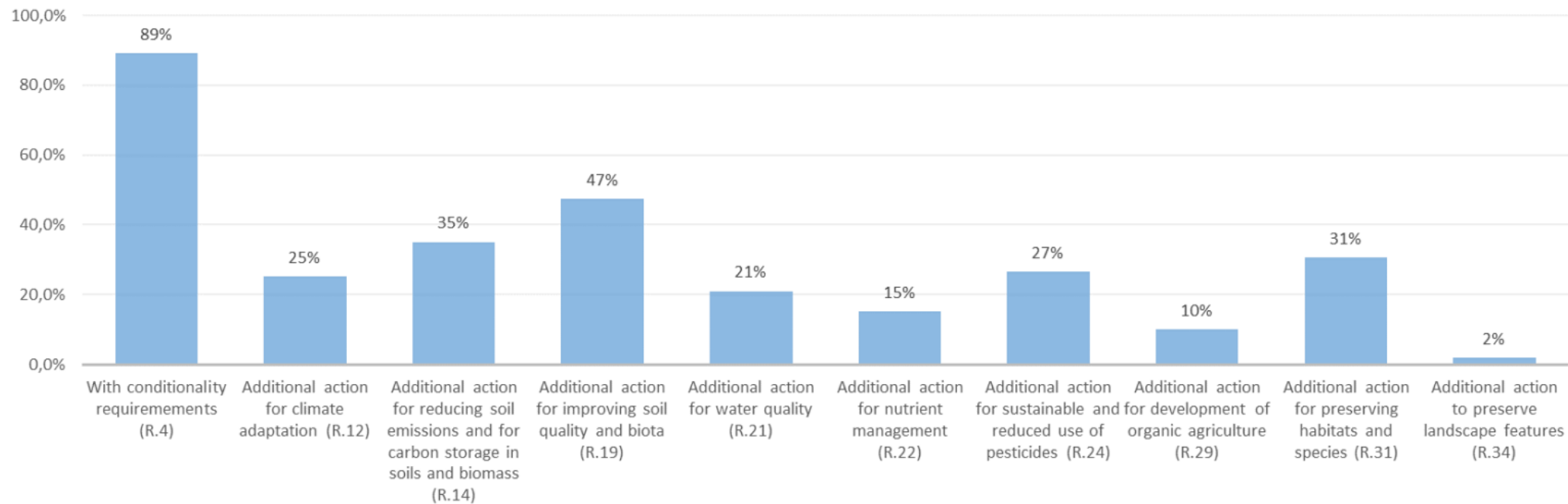


- The 28 CSPs have set out **158 eco-schemes**
- Most CSP propose **several eco-schemes**, each of which is **relatively specific** to a given objective
- 6 CSP « whole-farm-approach » (CZ, SK also planned a more specific one)
- **Variability of design** and environmental **ambition** – overall framework, individual practices
- **Payments**: only 18% are based on payments additional to the BISS and the rest are “compensatory” (limiting WTO rules)
- Most are **annual**, with few exceptions
- Usually defined per main land use (arable, grassland, PC), **not sector-specific**

Eco-schemes contributing to various result indicators

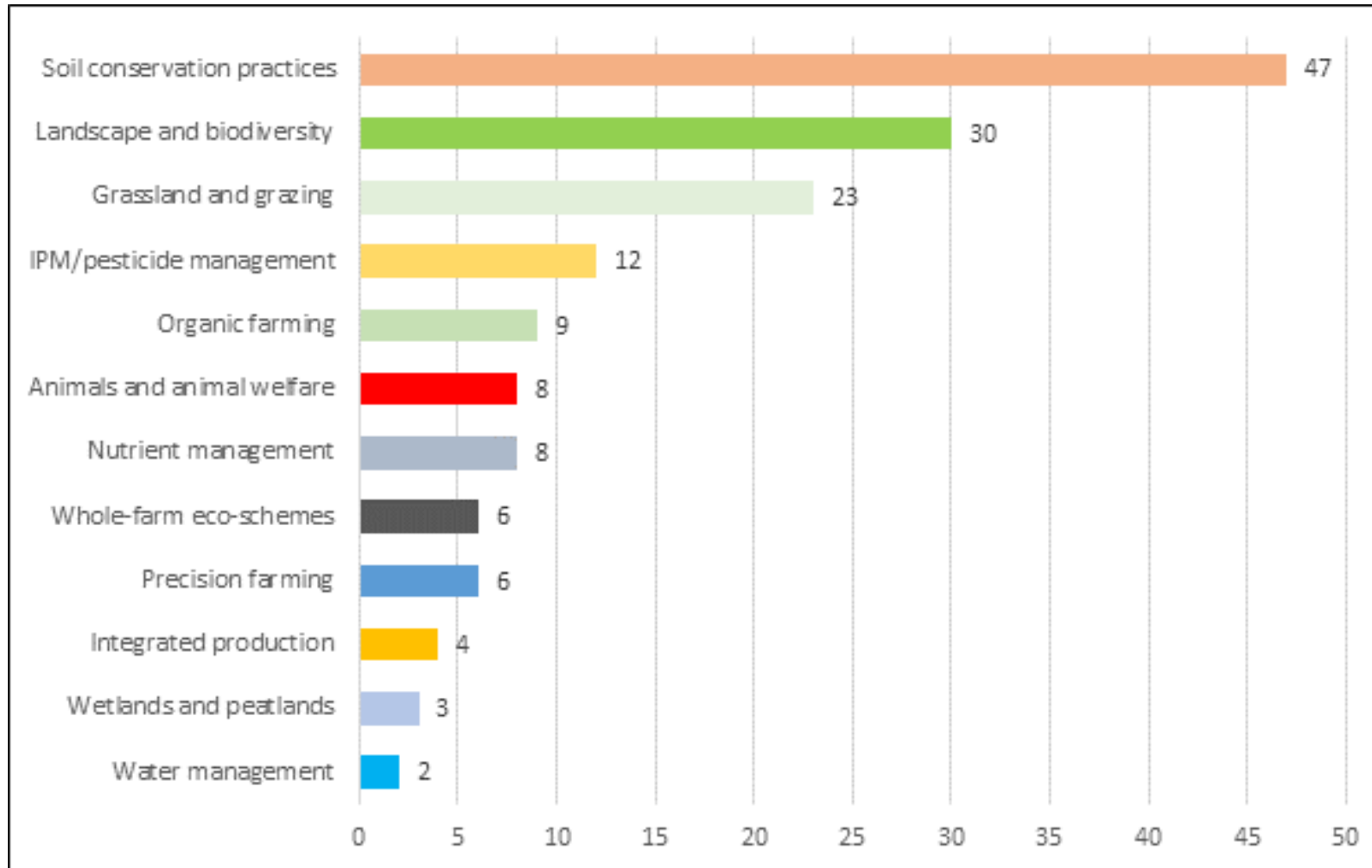
- In combination with AECC

Figure 4: Share of the EU's utilised agricultural area (UAA) under mandatory and additional actions related to climate and environment¹² (Source: Approved CAP plans)



Main practices – EU level

Number of schemes by main practice

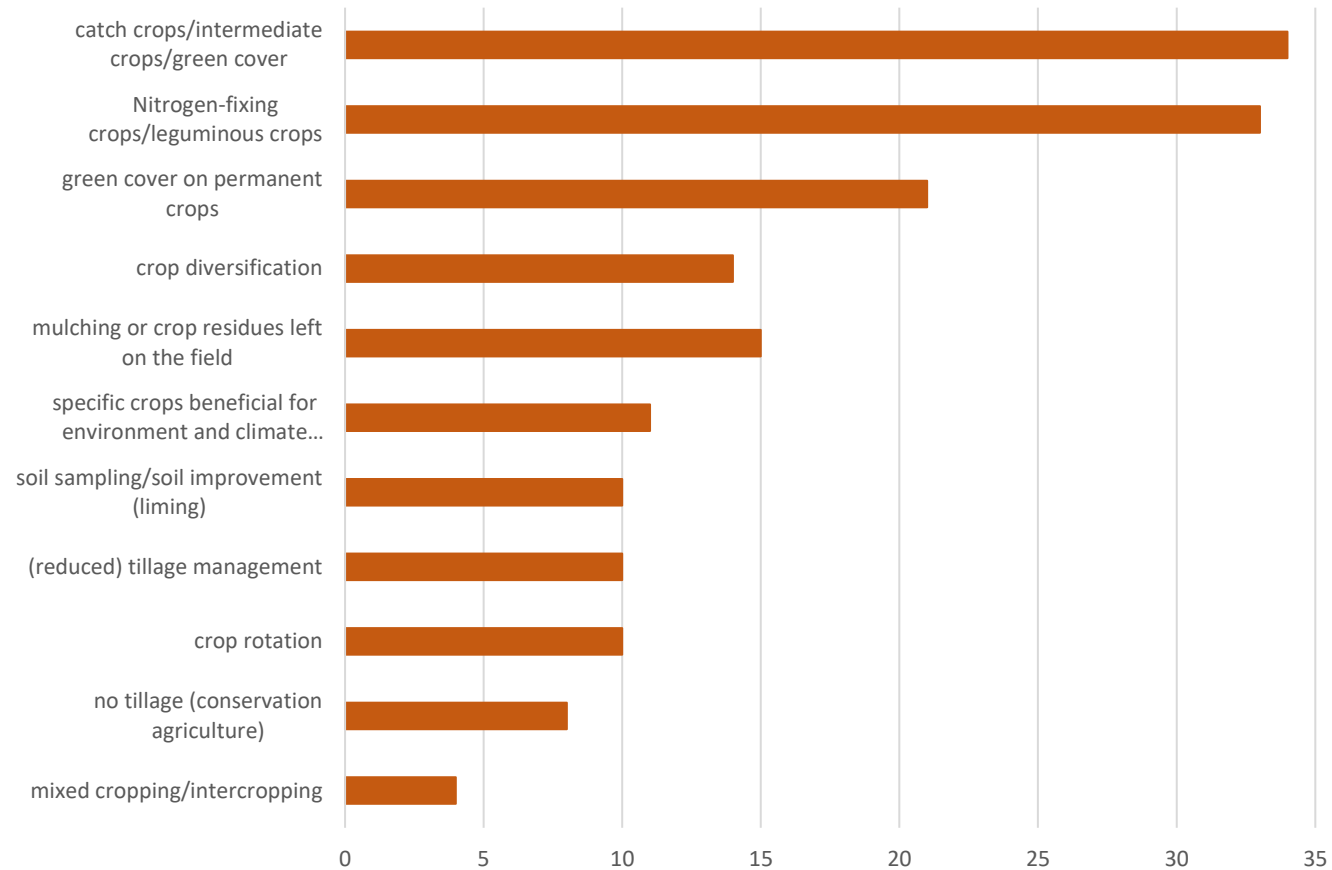


Main practices - MS

	AT	BE-FL	BE-W	BG	CY	CZ	DE	DK	EE	EL	ES	FI	FR	HR	HU	IE	IT	LT	LU	LV	MT	NL	PL	PT	RO	SE	SI	SK	
Integrated production/High environmental value													HEV																
IPM/pesticide management																													
Fertilisation																													
Soil conservation practices																													
Organic farming																													
Landscape and biodiversity																													
Wetlands and peatlands																													
Grassland and grazing																													
Animals and animal welfare																													
Precision agriculture																													
Water management																													

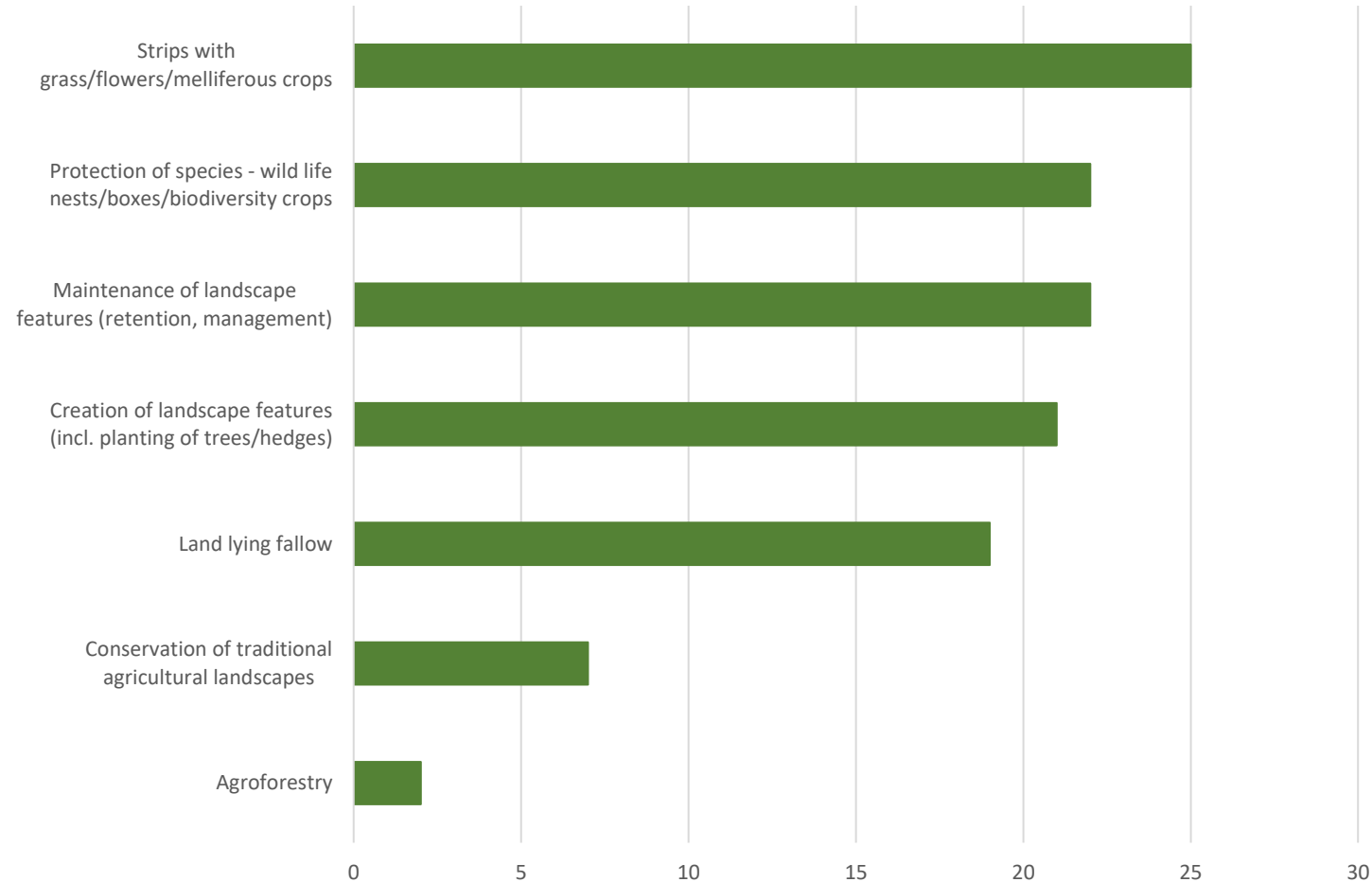
Practices - soils

Number of practices relevant for soils



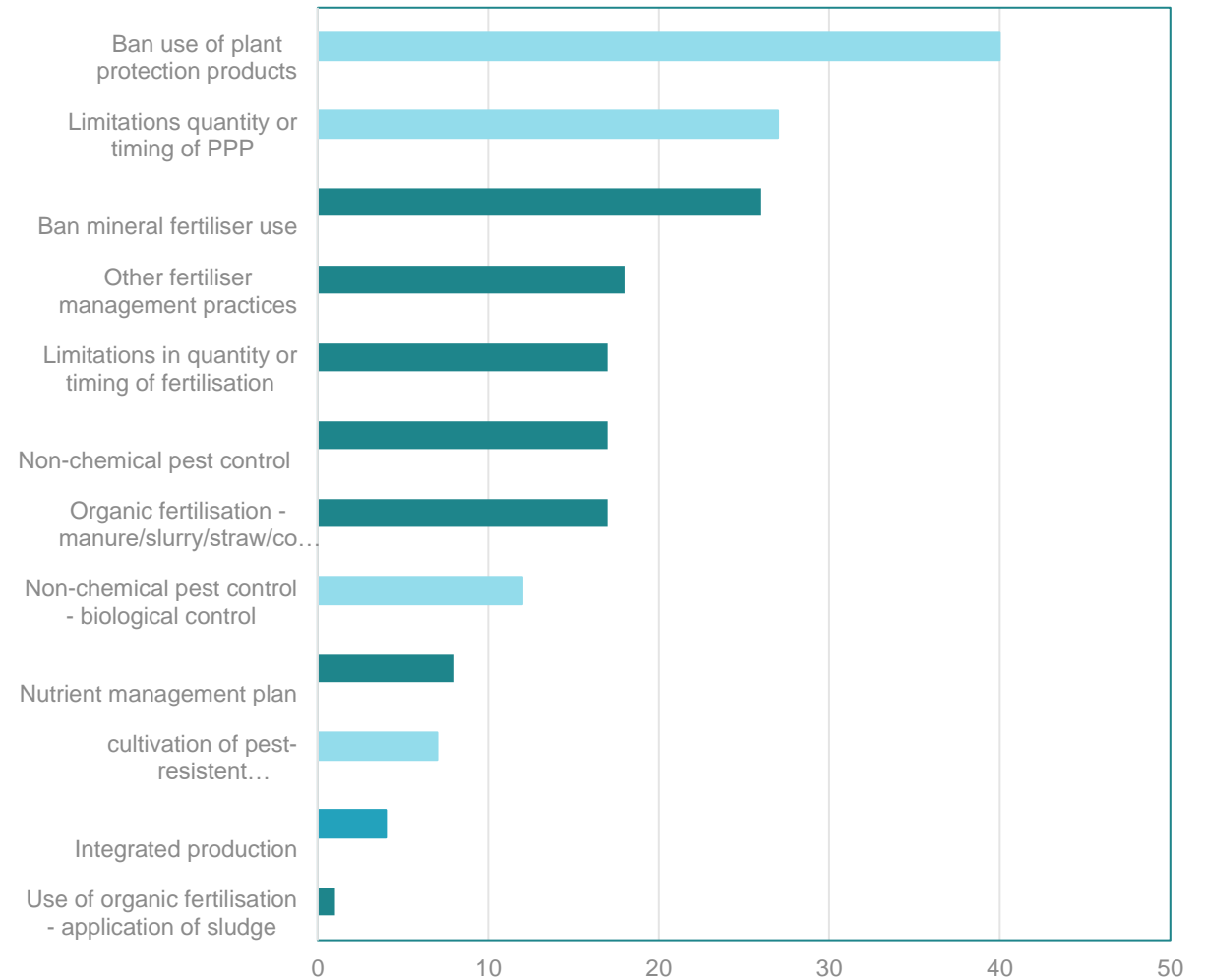
Practices – landscape and biodiversity

Number of practices relevant for landscape features and biodiversity

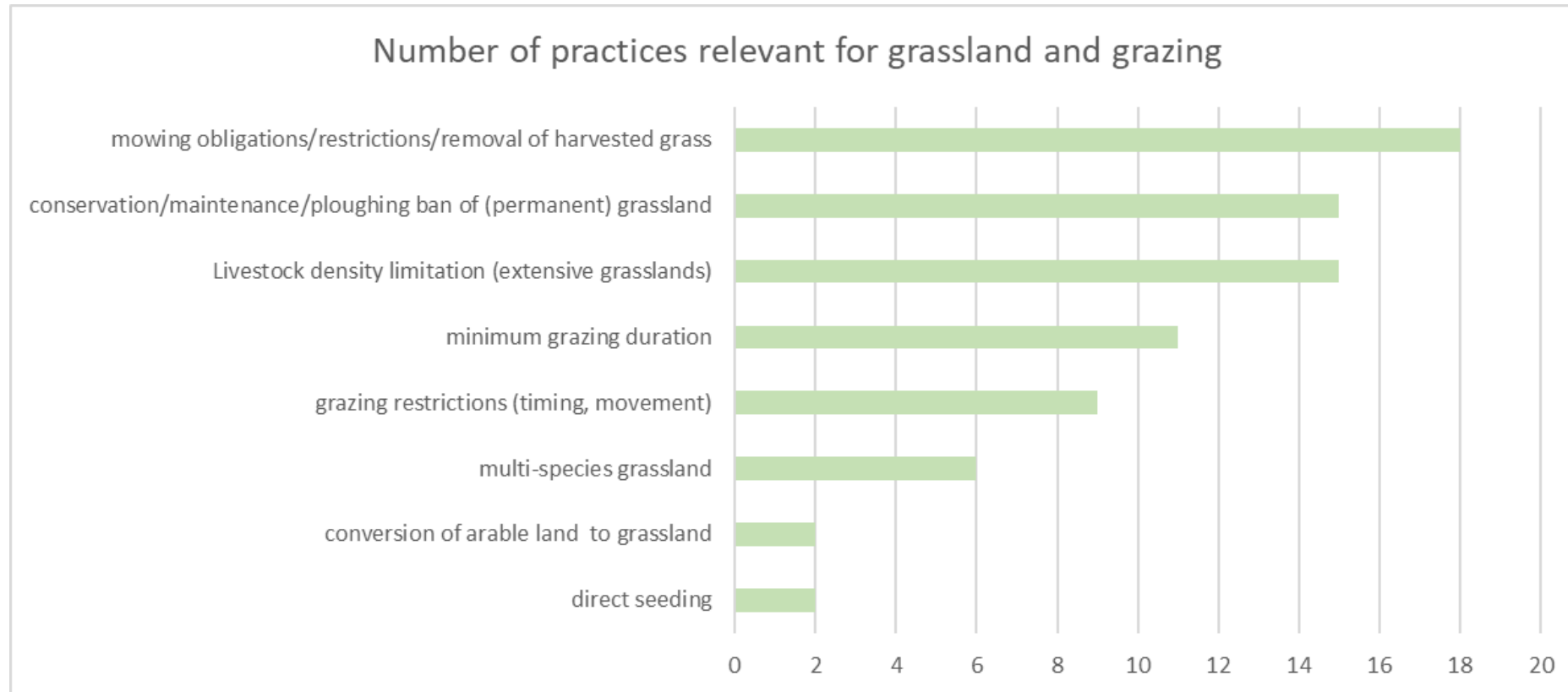


Practices – pesticide and fertilisation

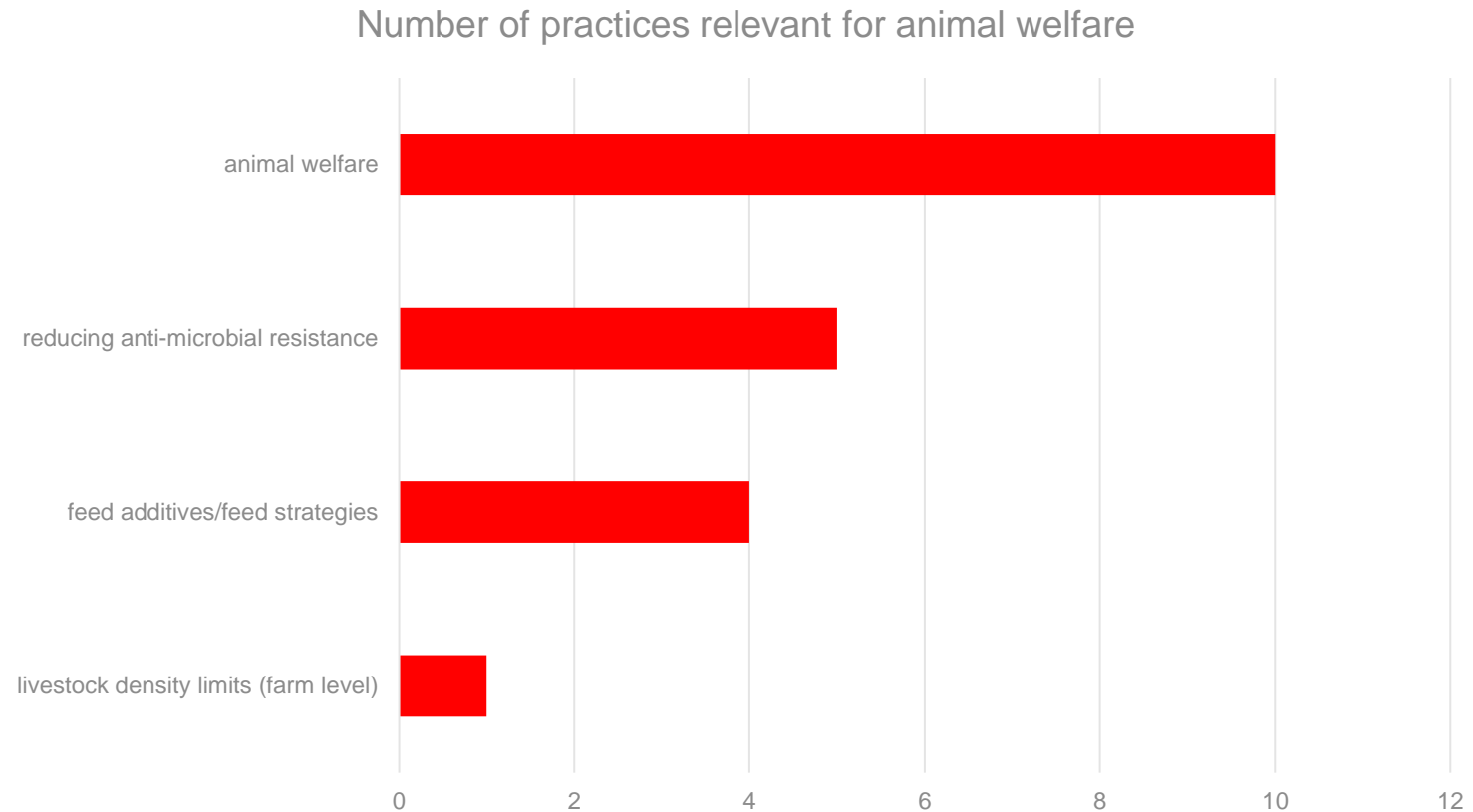
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Practices – grassland and grazing



Practices – animals and animal welfare



Implementation in 2023 - summary

- Overall **good level of uptake**, despite the context (inflation, high prices)
- Few MS had **low uptake** resulting in difficulties for executing the budget: flexibility mechanism under the learning period
- **Exceptional** solution proposed only for 2023:
 - retroactive **increase of Maximum PUA of BISS** (and CRISS in DE) to absorb underspending- ensure equal treatment of farmers
 - **Compensation** of the amounts planned for ES that will be used for BISS thanks to the retroactive increase of MUA, on top of the “compensations” laid down in Art. 97
 - Commitment to increase ES’ allocations after 2025 stated in CSP amendment
- **Amendments :**
 - **22 CSP** introduced amendments including ES: mostly fine tuning of commitments, simplifications, new practices, increasing UA and its variability,
 - Only 5 CSP did not amend ES in 2023 (AT, EE, FI, IE, FR)
 - 1 CSP with ES amendments planned for end of the year (IT)

Thanks

Overview of the 28 CSP available at: [CAP Strategic Plans \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/cap-strategic-plans/)