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REVIEW OF THE LFA SCHEME

Results of the Consultation

December 2008

DG AGRI G.1 'Consistency of Rural Development'



Consultation



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- Full public consultation
- Commenced April 08
- Closed June 08
- Total hits on the website xx



Response Rate



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121 Responses to Public Consultation from 20 different Member States and Pan European Authorities

Farming oriented organisations:	52
Regional or Local Authorities:	14
Member State Governments:	13
Associate Bodies, Landowner Organisations:	11
Regional Organisations:	8
NGOs:	7
Private Individuals:	11
Academic Institutions:	3
Local Action Group:	1
Political Party:	1



Returns coverage

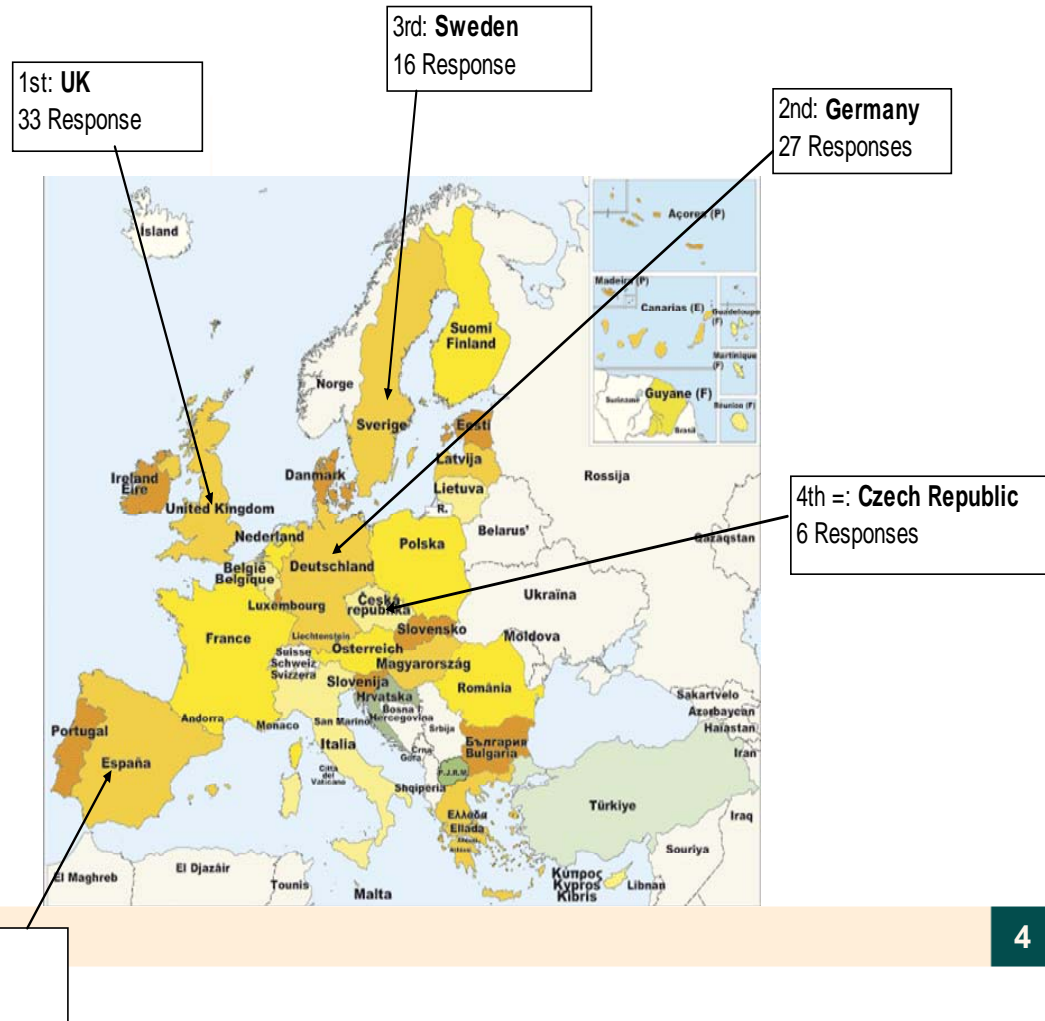


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No. of
responses

3	Austria
3	Belgium
1	Cyprus
6	Czech Republic
1	Estonia
3	Finland
5	France
27	Germany
3	Hungary
2	Ireland
1	Italy
1	Lithuania
5	Netherlands
3	Poland
1	Romania
1	Slovenia
6	Spain
16	Sweden
33	UK

121





Options for review



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Four directions are considered for reviewing the LFA scheme,

1. *'Improved Status Quo'*, empowering the Member States to delimit LFAs according to national criteria
2. *'Common Criteria'* focused on a targeted delimitation of the areas
3. *'Eligibility Rules'*, placing special emphasis on the eligibility rules to be applied at farm level
4. *'High Nature Value'*, joining the support to agriculture in areas affected by natural handicaps and the preservation of high nature value farming systems



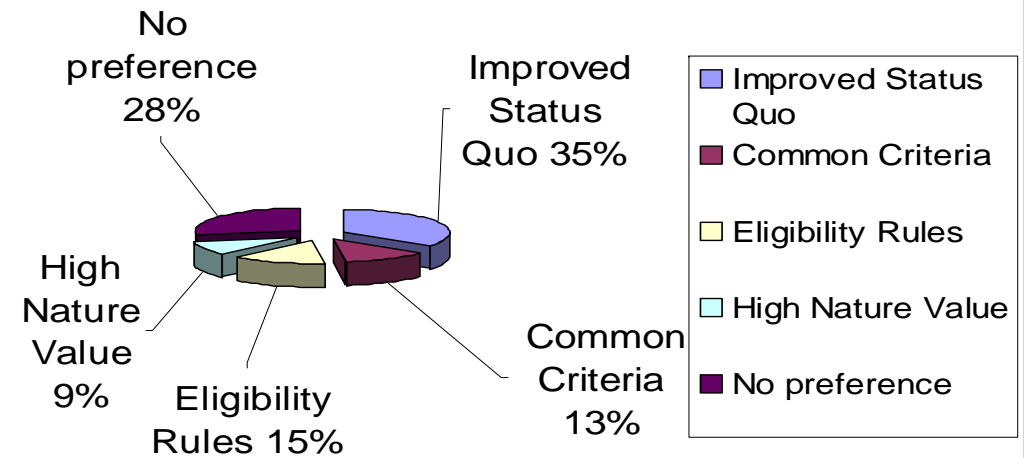
Options chosen



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Option selection	No. of responses	
	Number	%
Improved Status Quo	42	35%
Common Criteria	16	13%
Eligibility Rules	18	15%
High Nature Value	11	9%
No preference	34	28%
Total	121	100%

Break down of response by preferred Option





Results



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- Various responses
- No favoured Option standing out
- Many additional comments provided, Extensive farming, Long term future/direction of LFA support, amongst them.
- General direction of the review is accepted
- Appreciative of the process