

# **STUDY SUPPORTING THE EVALUATION OF DIRECTIVE 2009/128/EC ON THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF PESTICIDES AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF ITS POSSIBLE REVISION**

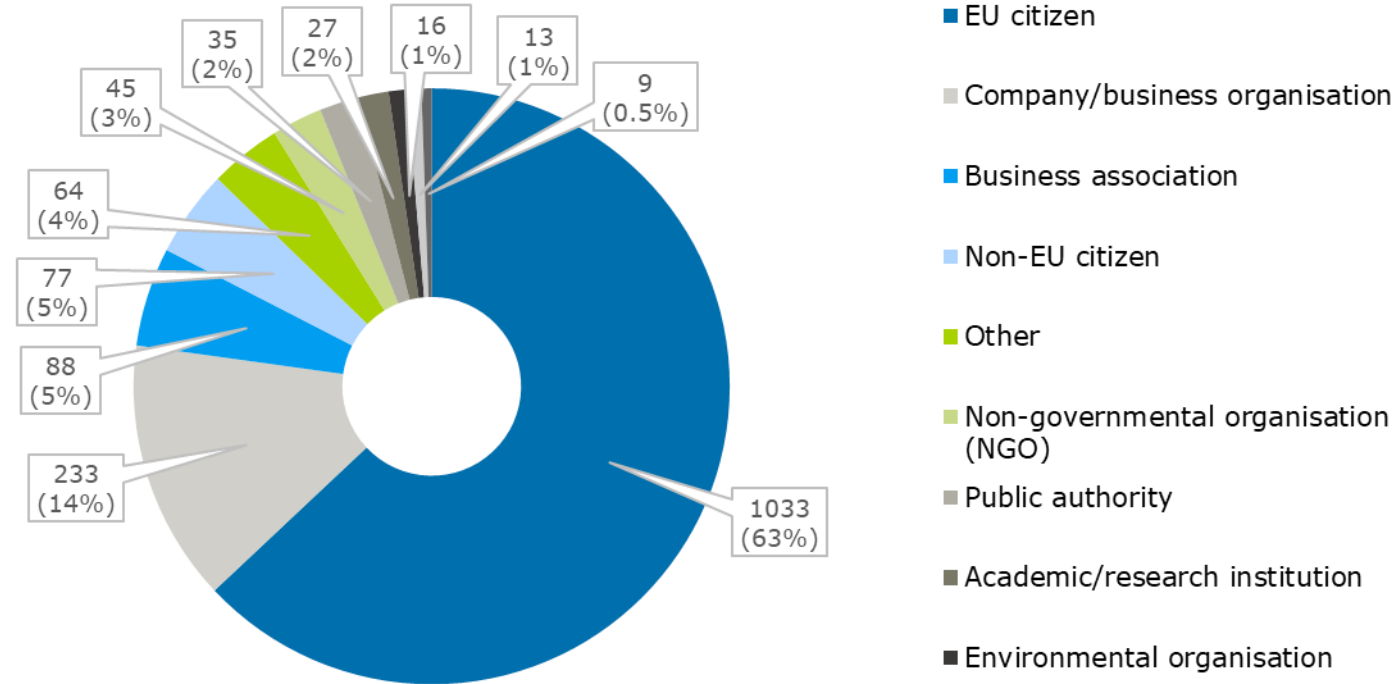
## **ONLINE PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

# STAKEHOLDER CATEGORIES

## LARGE SHARE OF CITIZEN RESPONSES

- 1699 responses in total

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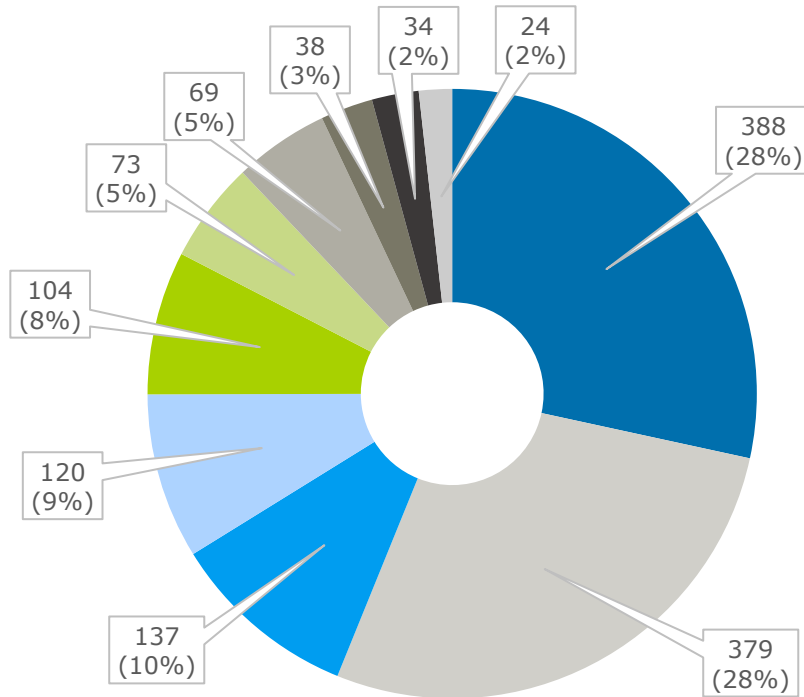


# SPECIFIC STAKEHOLDER CATEGORIES

## EQUAL SHARES OF USERS AND NON-USERS

WHICH SPECIFIC STAKEHOLDER GROUP DO YOU REPRESENT?  
ONLY GROUPS >1% SHOWN

n=1431



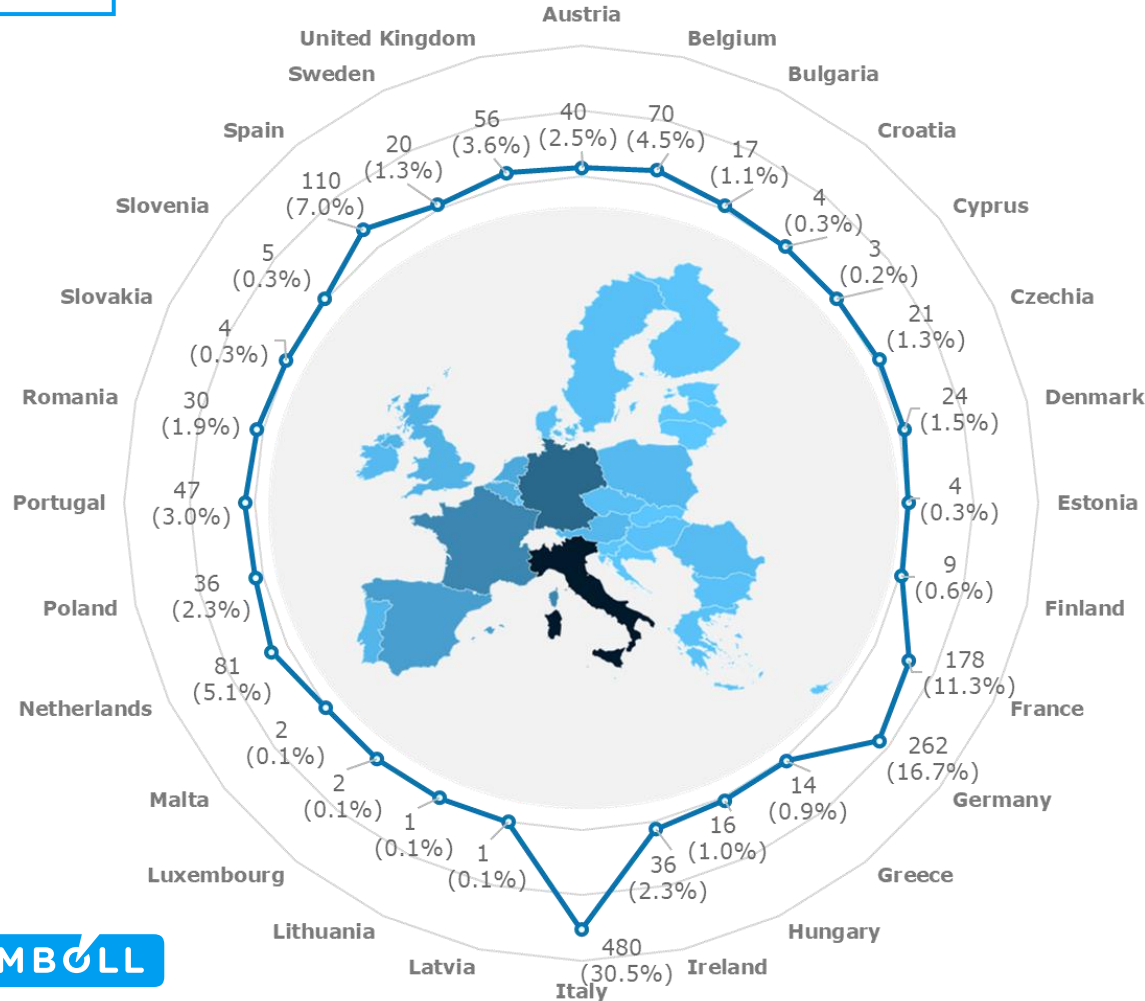
- An EU resident who does not use pesticides and does not belong to any of the groups listed
- Professional user of pesticides in agricultural setting, forestry or horticulture
- Pesticides manufacturer
- Advisor on pesticide use or farm advisory service
- non-professional user of pesticides e.g. in my garden
- Other
- Seed industry
- Food processor or manufacturer
- Beekeeper or honey industry
- A non-EU resident who does not use pesticides and does not belong to any of the groups listed

# ORIGIN OF RESPONDENTS

## CLEAR SPIKE IN ITALY

n=1570

EU + UK



n=67

Non-EU

Country	Number	Country	Number
Switzerland	20	Guatemala	1
United States	12	Iceland	1
Australia	3	India	1
Canada	3	Jordan	1
Turkey	3	Nepal	1
Argentina	2	Nicaragua	1
Brazil	2	Russia	1
Colombia	2	South Korea	1
South Africa	2	Trinidad and Tobago	1
China	1	Ukraine	1
Ecuador	1	Vatican City	1
Egypt	1	Zimbabwe	1
Ghana	1		

# CAMPAIGNS AND CLUSTERS

## Campaigns:

- 30 respondents following a template published on the “shaketonpolitique” website
  - EU citizens not using pesticides, mainly from France and Belgium
- 29 respondents submitting coordinated responses
  - Professional users of pesticides from Italy

## Clusters:

- 101 responses connected to Syngenta, all different responses
- 15 responses connected to Slowfood, all different responses

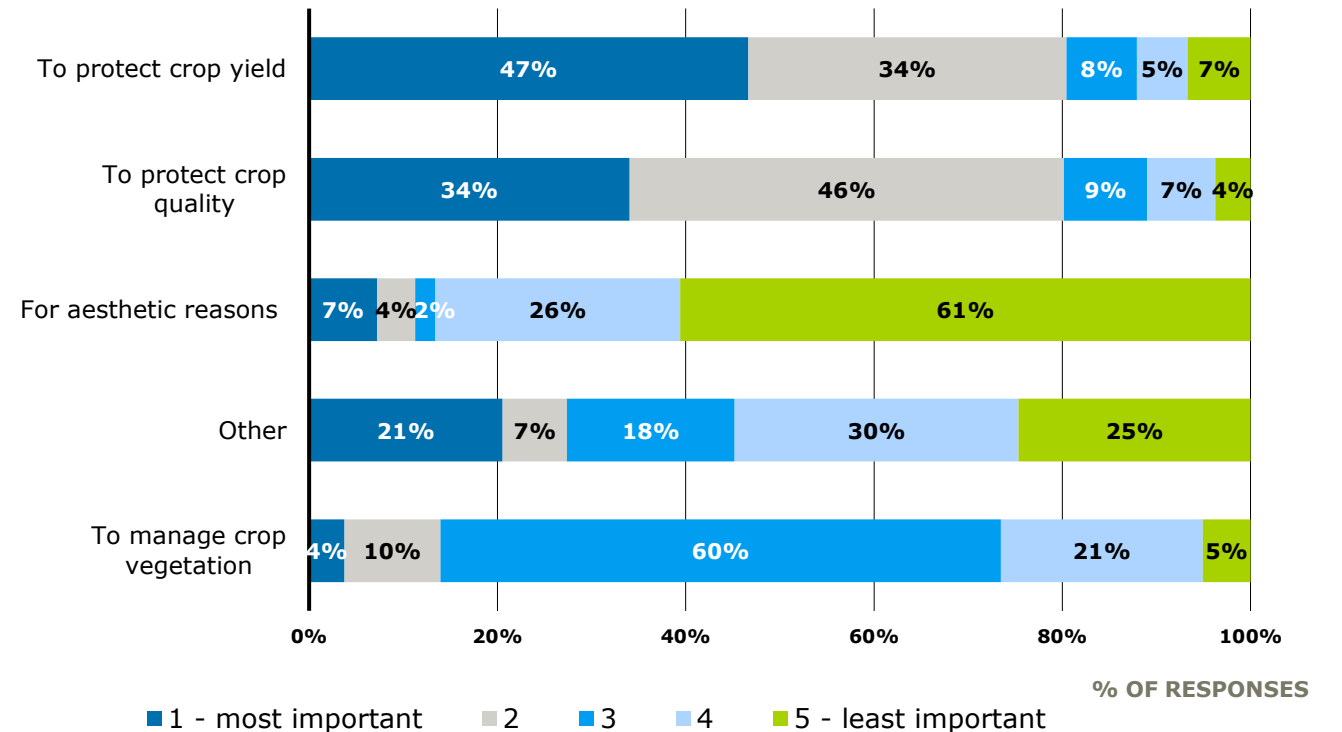
# REASONS FOR PESTICIDE USE

## EFFECTIVE CROP PROTECTION

n=373

- Professional users use pesticides for yield and quality protection
- Pesticides are used because they are most effective and because alternative methods may have in turn disadvantages such as higher (labour) costs and GHG emissions
- Non-professional users give similar responses

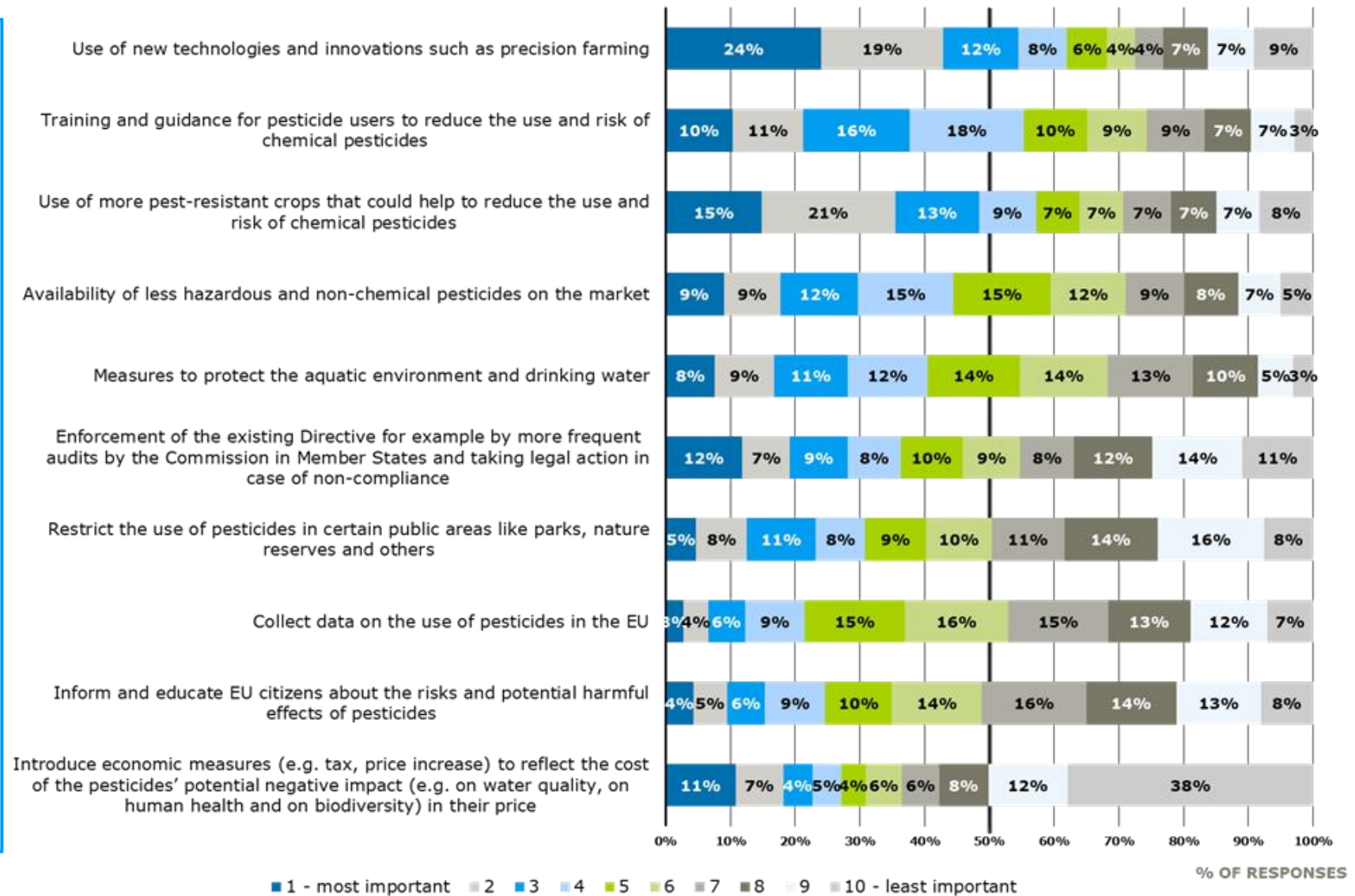
### AS A PROFESSIONAL USER, WHY DO YOU USE PESTICIDES?



# IMPORTANCE OF ISSUES FOR FUTURE POLICIES

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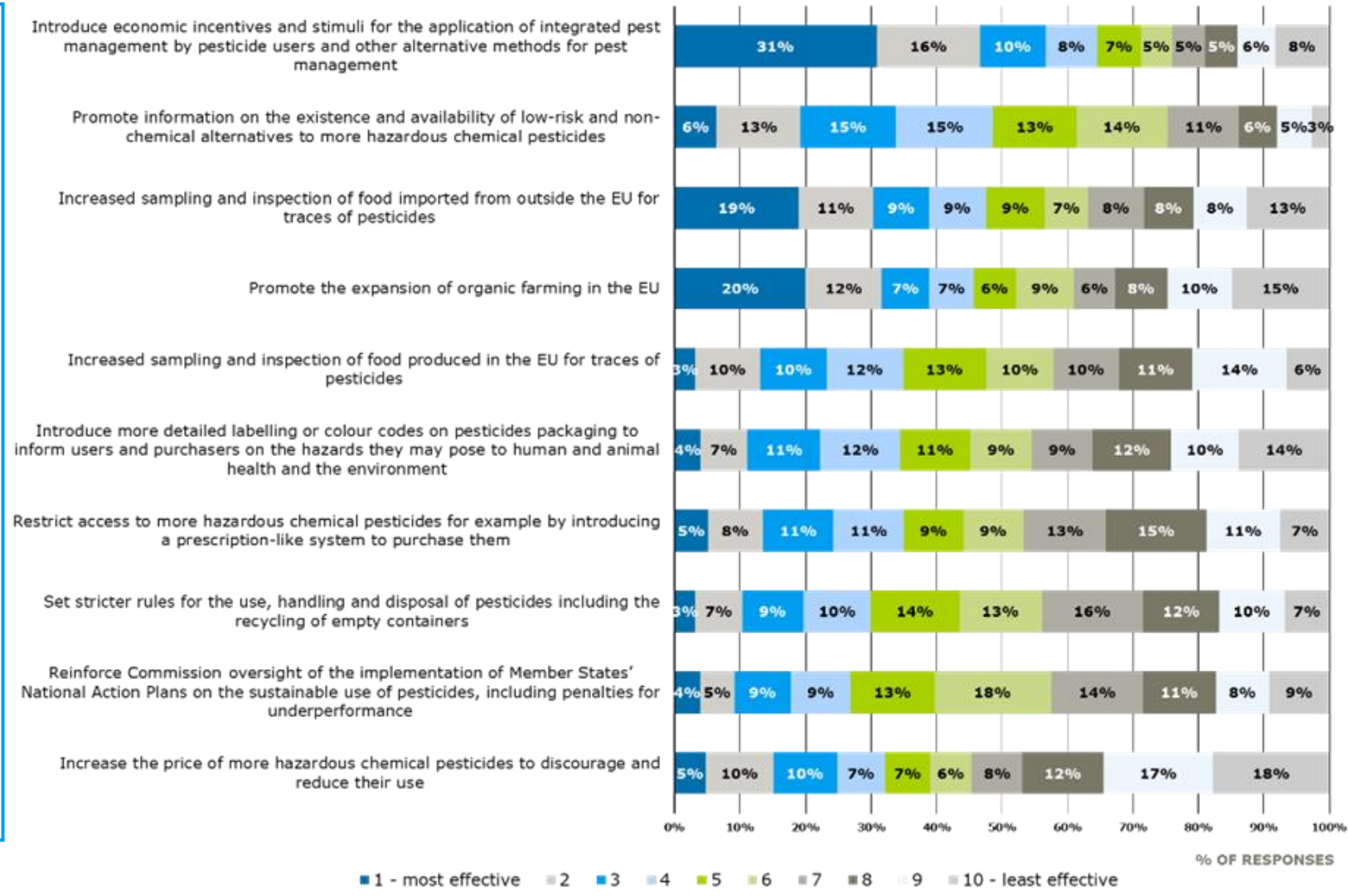
- Overall, relatively even distribution with variations between stakeholder categories
- Technological developments and resistant crops receive high importance
- Education and data collection of less importance to respondents
- Strongly diverging views on economic measures to reflect external effects in pesticide prices. Low ranking from pesticide industry and professional users



# EXPECTED EFFECTIVENESS OF POLICY OPTIONS

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- Variation between stakeholder categories
- Economic incentives score high among all stakeholder groups
- EU citizens who do not use pesticides and NGOs consider effectiveness of the promotion of organic farming as high
- Many professional pesticide users (EU citizens and businesses) rank increased sampling for imports as most effective option
- Effectiveness of sampling of EU products and waste treatment ranked low by most stakeholders

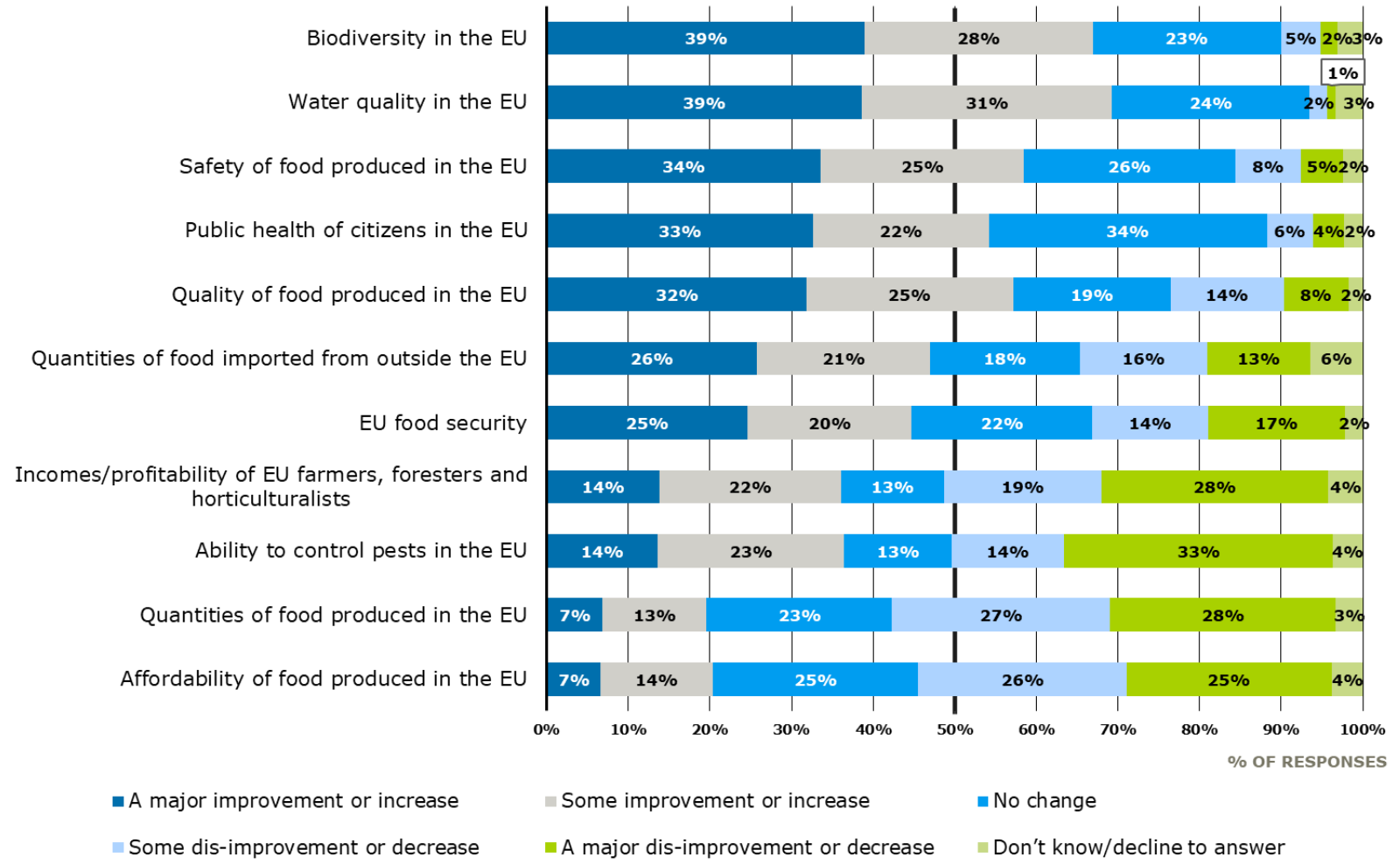




# IMPACT OF ACHIEVING THE FARM-TO-FORK OBJECTIVES

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- Variation between stakeholder categories
- NGOs and EU citizens not using pesticides professionally see high benefits for environmental quality, food safety and public health
- Professional users and agricultural value chain industries (businesses, trade unions and EU citizens) see risks for food production in the EU and farmers' incomes
- Affordability of food expected to develop negatively



# OVERVIEW OF RESPONSES FROM POSITION PAPERS

## Key themes:

- The importance of IPM
- The need for low-risk alternatives to chemical pesticides
- Concerns around environmental and human health impacts of pesticide use
- Indicators based on the use of pesticides

## Views on policy options:

- Taxation – support from stakeholders with environmental background (e.g. env. authorities, NGOs); opposition from professional users
- Targets – also, support and opposition along similar lines



163 respondents  
submitted  
position papers

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