



Set of questions on indicators Summary of the MS answers

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Introduction

- Before GREXE in November we received around 150 questions/comments from MS. Thanks!
- Thanks for spotting mistakes => fiches are modified.
- A new set of indicator fiches will only be circulated at the end of the trilogues (which started in January)
- Some of your questions/remarks were addressed at GREXE in November and simpler questions were answered directly through e-mail
- A full compilation of the questions and answers was circulated on 20.01

Outline

There remain 4 open issues relating to RI:

1. Potential new Result Indicator on Apiculture
2. R.35 - Promoting social inclusion
3. R.1 - Enhancing performance through knowledge and innovation
4. R.10 - Better supply chain organisation

1. Potential new Result Indicator on Apiculture

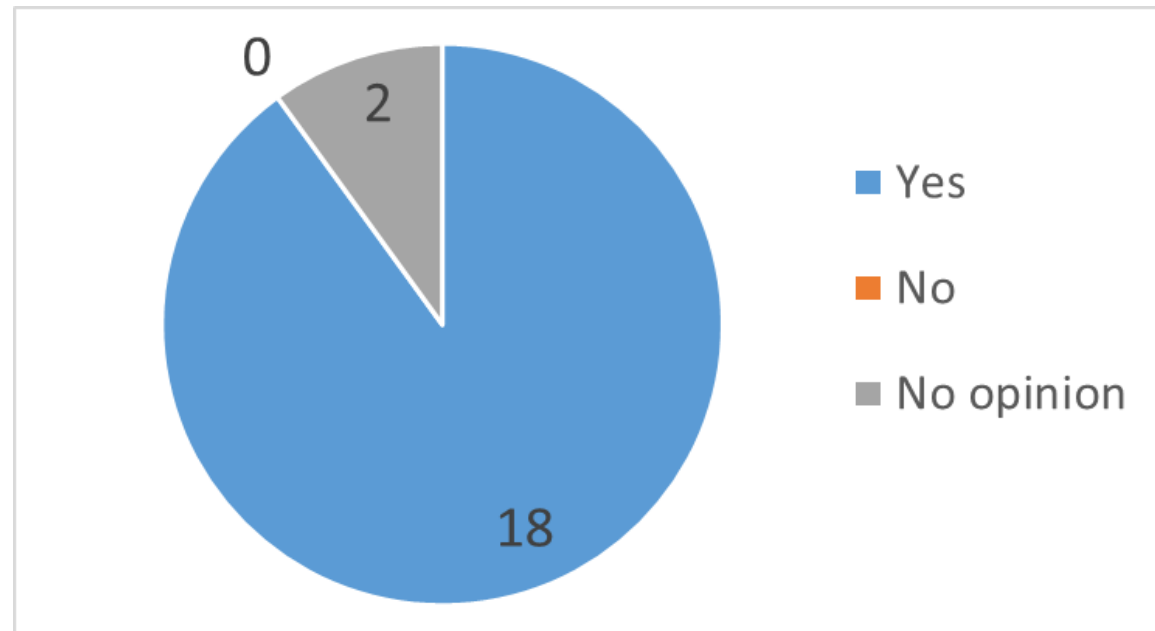
Background:

- In some MS the number of beekeepers directly/indirectly benefiting from sectoral interventions in apiculture may generate some issues
- If the beekeepers are added to the number of farmers-beneficiaries (numerator in different indicators i.e. R.5, R.9 and R.10) it is difficult to measure the progress in implementing other measures than apiculture.
- For this reason, it could be considered to remove apiculture from all the RIs concerned and add a specific RI on apiculture.

1. Potential new Result Indicator on Apiculture

Question 1:

- Would you agree to create a separate Result Indicator on apiculture?

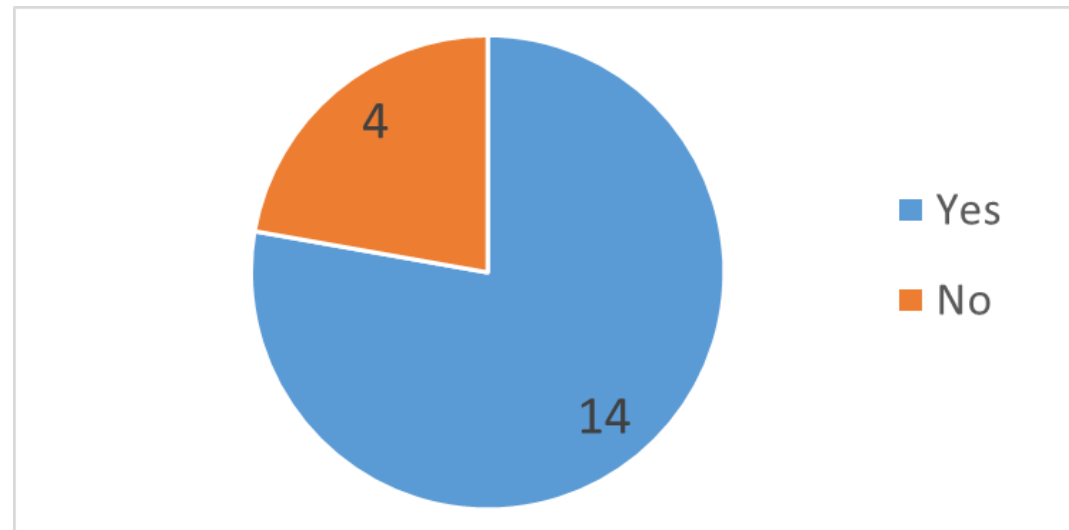


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1. Potential new Result Indicator on Apiculture

Question 1a:

- If YES: Do you agree with the label proposed by the Commission “Share of beehives supported with the CAP”?



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1. Potential new Result Indicator on Apiculture

Question 1b:

- If NO: Could you provide an alternative wording?
 - AT: "Number of beehives supported with the CAP"
Reason: share difficult to determine, the overall nr. of beehives is volatile
 - DE: "Share of beekeepers, organisations and systems supported with the CAP"
Reason: the reference to beehives only is not comprehensive enough
 - FI: "Share of beekeepers benefiting from sectoral interventions"
Reason: support granted (advisory services) only indirectly, difficult to allocate by beehives
 - DK: "Share of beehives involved in CAP supported interventions in the apiculture sector"
Reason: how are beehives to be quantified for research projects, advisers, communication activities or marketing for example? apiculture would be exclusively reflected in this new indicator?

2. R.35 - Promoting social inclusion

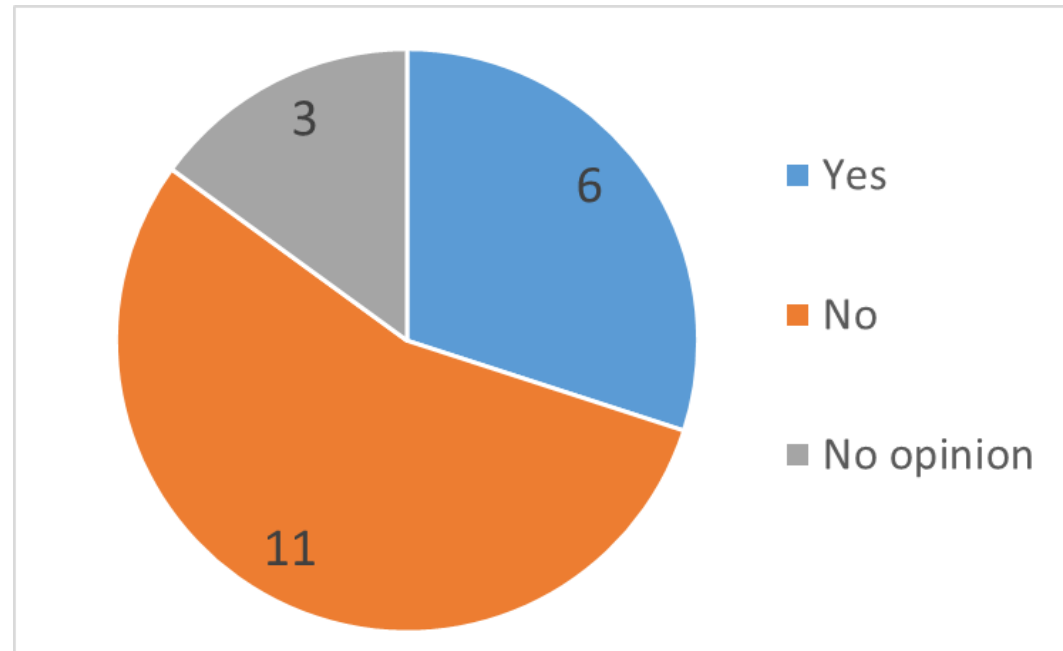
Background:

- R.35 was removed from Annex I by the PCY arguing computation issues linked to data protection.
- The Commission has proposed workable solutions (no personal data needed, possibility of double counting).
- The Commission proposes to cover the new support to small farm development under this indicator (not possible to use R.9, as it is not an investment).
- Proposal to modify further the indicator (relative vs. absolute value)

2. R.35 - Promoting social inclusion

Question 1:

- In view of the current indicator fiche, would you still face difficulties to compute the indicator R.35?



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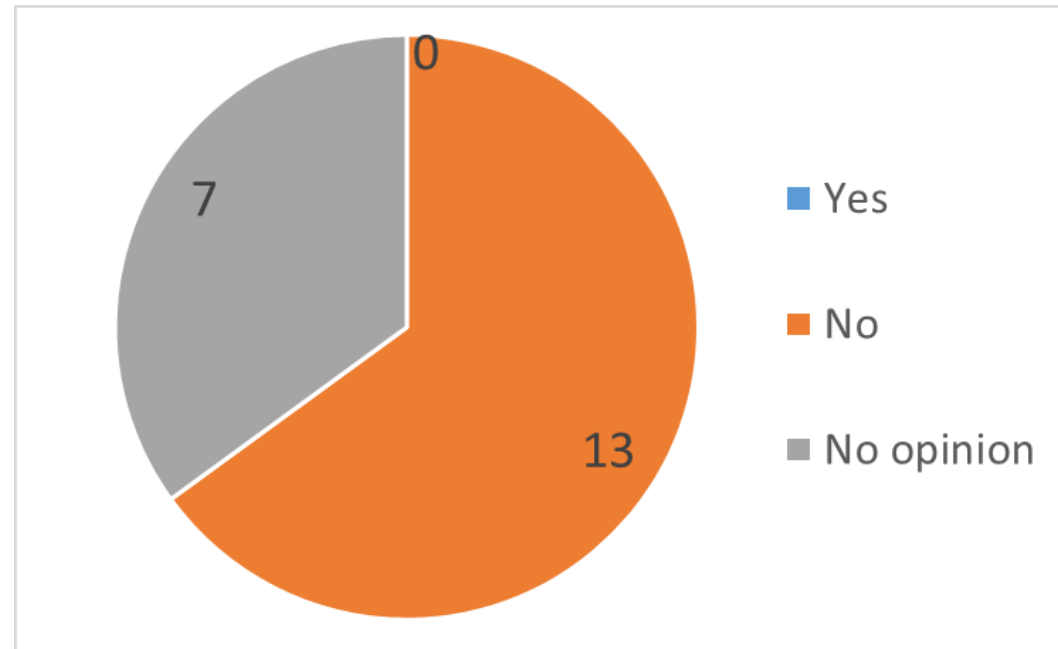
Main difficulties:

- DE: In contrast to the ESF, there is usually no participant-related funding in the EAFRD. What is now planned is the identification of projects that address social inclusion and the number of participants.
- BE: the number of participants would be an estimate.
- LT: a) still computational issues; b) not clear when and how to calculate result of the project and c) how to avoid possible double counting at project level.
- IE: a) the indicator should to be collected at project completion stage; b) a common definition for 'minority and/or vulnerable groups' should be provided.
- LV: a) interventions with different methodology for obtaining data; b) definitions of social inclusion is too wide.
- MT: defining vulnerable groups

2. R.35 - Promoting social inclusion

Question 2:

- Would you agree to include the support to small farm development (Art. 69.2) under R.35?

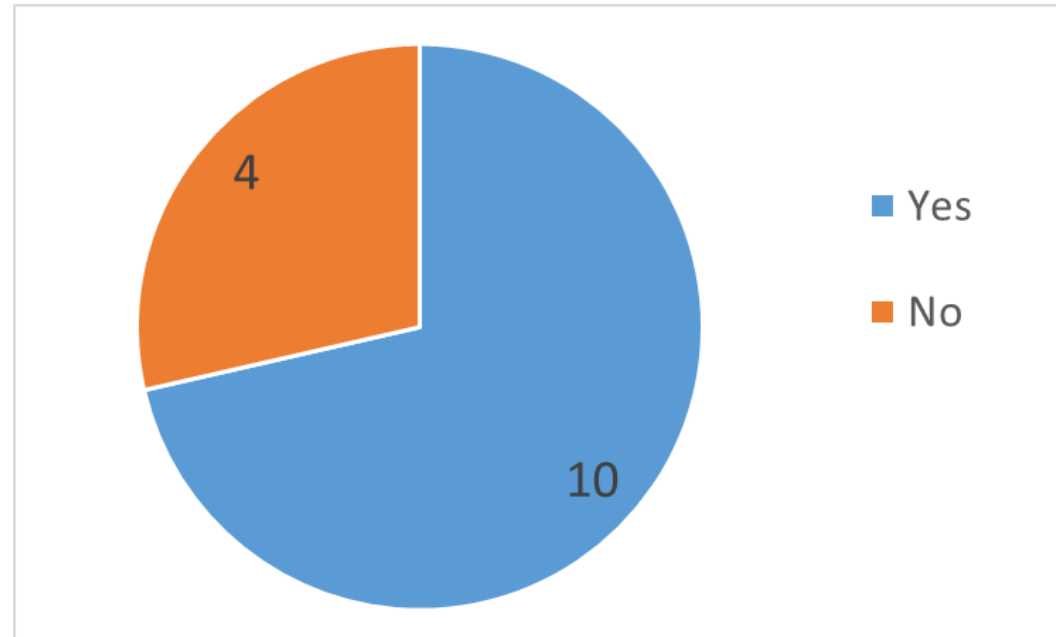


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2. R.35 - Promoting social inclusion

Question 2a:

- If NO, would you support the creation of a dedicated common result indicator specific to this support?

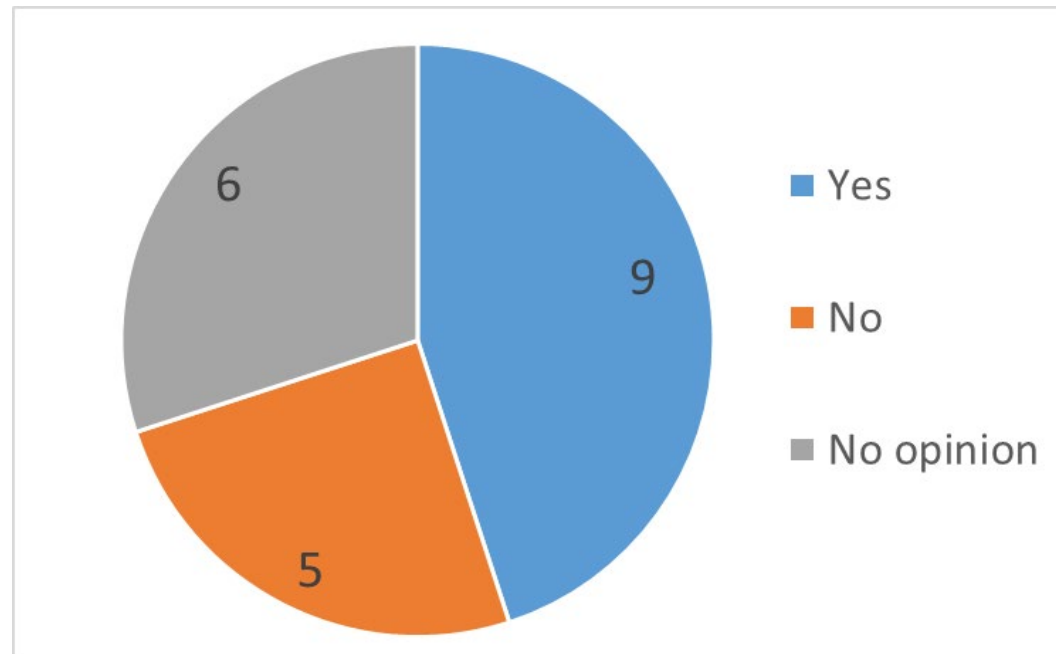


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2. R.35 - Promoting social inclusion

Question 3:

- Would you agree to modify R.35 to account for the absolute number of people in situations of vulnerability only?



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3. R.1 Enhancing performance through K&I

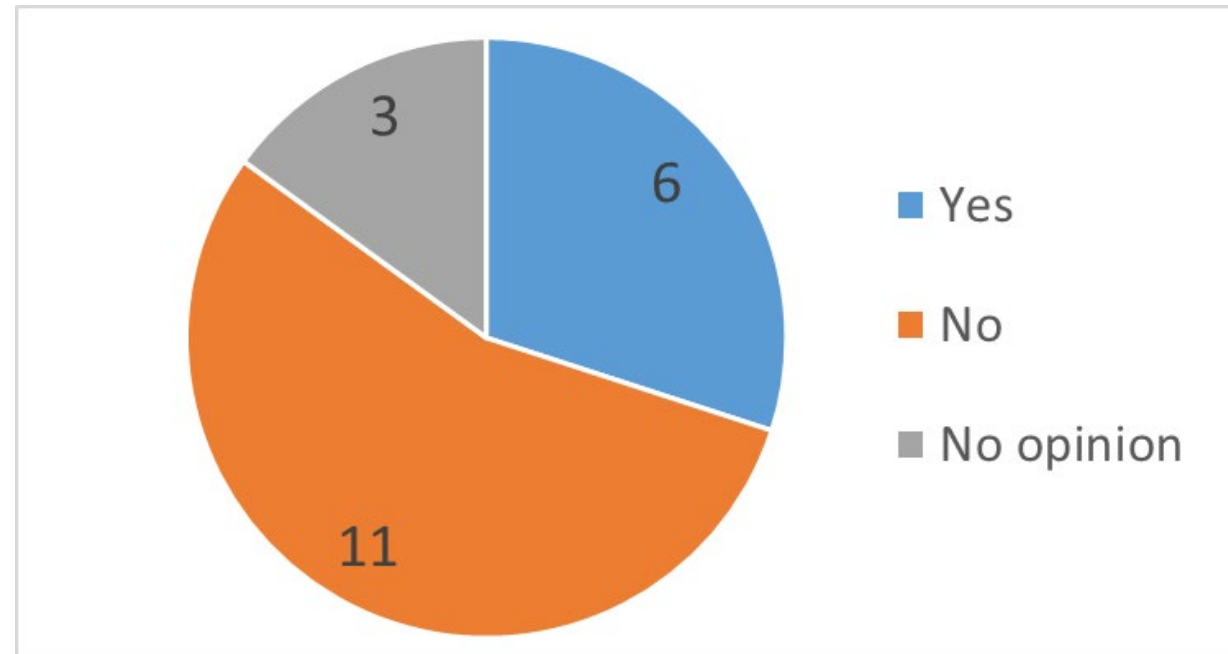
Background:

- Several MS raised the question related to the meaning of “other cooperation groups/actions” besides the European Innovation Partnership (EIP).
- The Commission agrees that the term "other cooperation groups/actions" is confusing and would propose to remove it.
- All types of interventions within Article 71 are included within R.1 no need to have the "other cooperation groups/actions" mentioned in the label of the indicator, **as long as they provide innovative solutions.**

3. R.1 Enhancing performance through K&I

Question 1:

- Would you agree to remove the reference to “other cooperation groups/actions” under the indicator R.1?



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4. R.10 - Better supply chain organisation

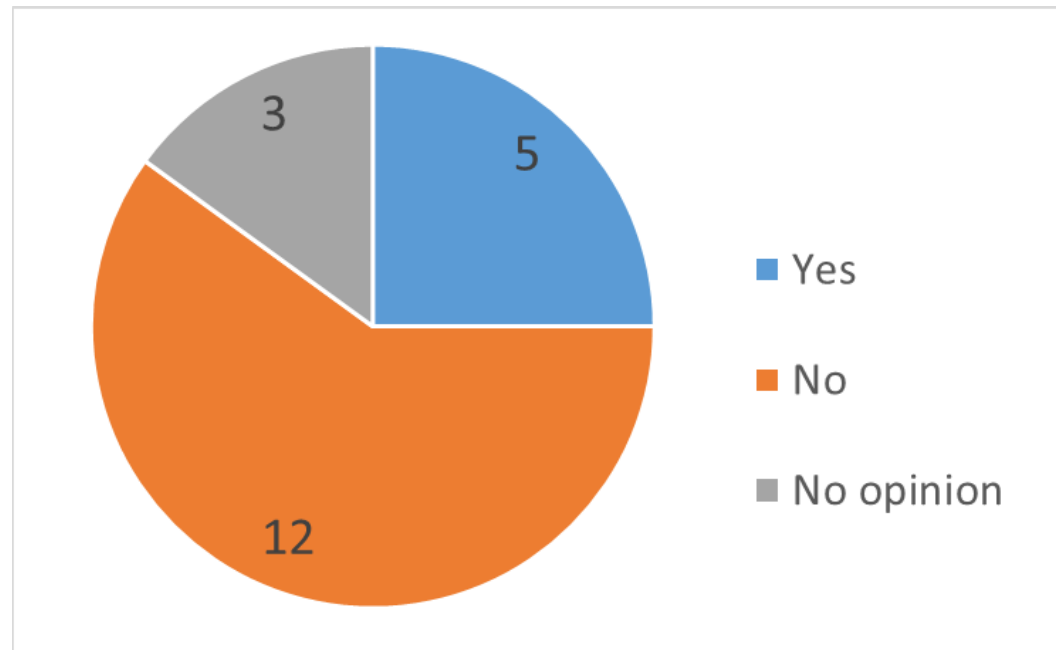
Background:

- The Presidency removed local markets and short supply chains from the scope of the indicator (due to computational issues).
- The Commission has proposed to focus on direct participants to the projects and to allow for double counting. (COM alternative label: “R.10 Better supply chain organisation: Share of farms participating in supported Producer Organisations, Producer Groups, Cooperatives and other forms of cooperation, local markets, short supply chain circuits and quality schemes”).

4. R.10 - Better supply chain organisation

Question 1:

- Do you see any further impediment to the calculation of this indicator?



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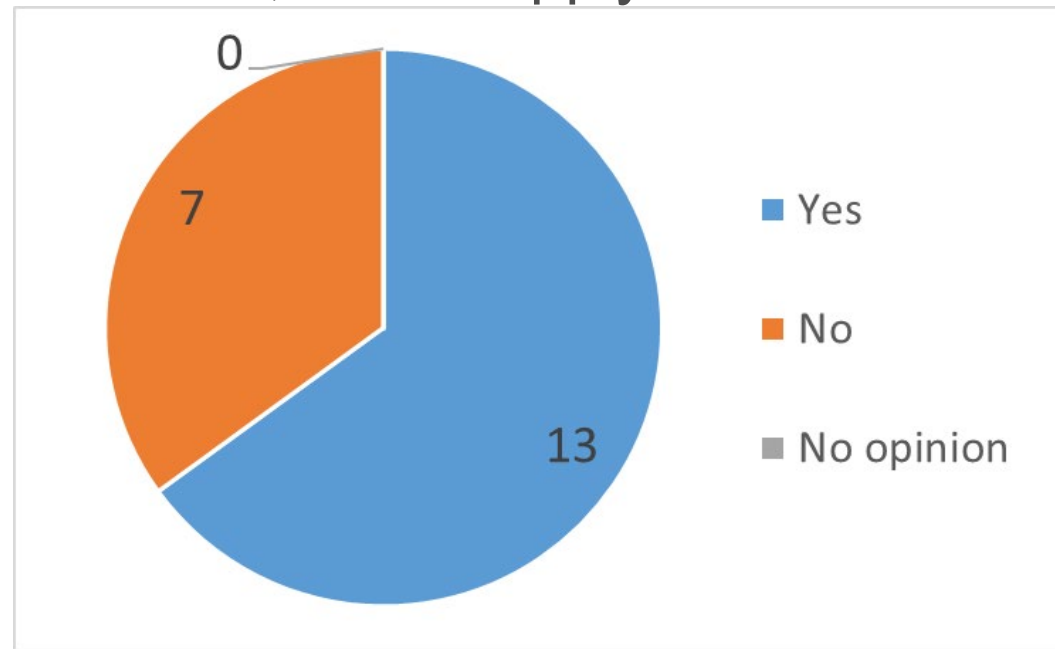
Further impediments:

- CZ: 2 completely different activities are evaluated under the same indicator (“cooperation” → strong rules that bind farmers for several years; “marketing on local markets or short supply chains” more freedom)
- DE: The indicator label covers all the areas mentioned in Art.71. Local markets and short supply chains are not mentioned in Art.71.
- ES: Double counting and POs’ impact on better supply organisation is lost by including local markets and short supply chain circuits in the same indicator
- DK: potentially very complicated indicator to calculate. Are local markets and short supply chains only relevant for the calculation if supported by MS in their CAP-plan?

4. R.10 - Better supply chain organisation

Question 2:

- Would you agree to the alternative label proposed by the Commission “R.10 Better supply chain organisation: Share of farms participating in supported Producer Organisations, Producer Groups, Cooperatives and other forms of cooperation, local markets, short supply chain circuits and quality schemes?”



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4. R.10 - Better supply chain organisation

Question 2a:

- If NO: Which alternative label would be suitable for your needs?
- CZ: We propose to introduce a separate indicator for OP and for cooperation in the form of short chain or to introduce records of two subgroups within indicator R.10.
- ES: Share of farms participating in supported Producer Groups, Producer Organisations, and quality schemes supported by the CAP
- IE and DK: prefer the Presidency general approach label
- RO: Share of farms participating in supported Producer Organisations, Producer Groups, cooperation and quality schemes



Thank you



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