



Evaluation of the impact of the CAP on biodiversity, soil and water (natural resources)

Factual summary of the public consultation

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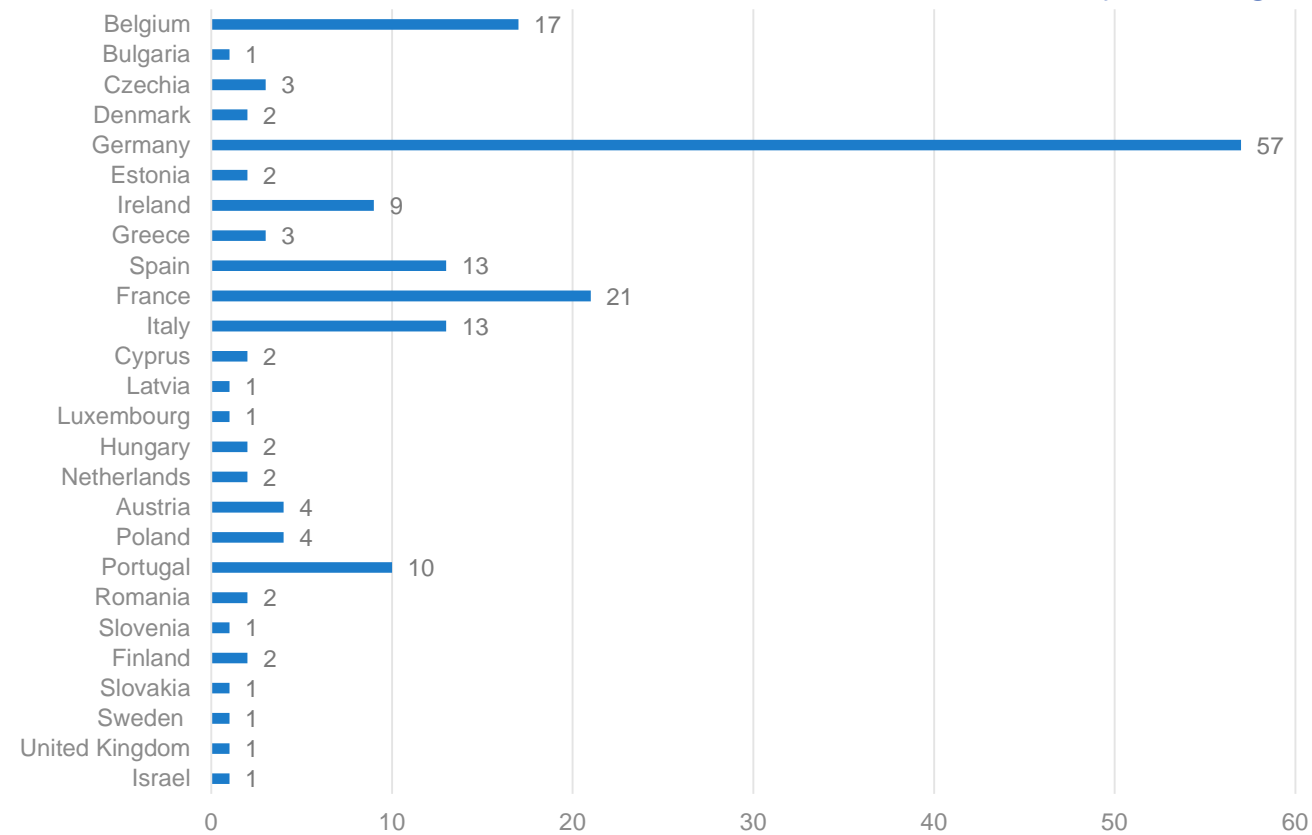
Introduction

- Feedback period: 9 July - 22 October 2020
- Contributes to an upcoming Commission staff working document on the evaluation of the impact of the CAP with respect to natural resources
- Single questionnaire covering (and complementing the findings of) the evaluation support studies on the
 - impact of the CAP on habitats, landscapes, biodiversity (27 March 2020)
 - impact of the CAP on water (27 March 2020)
 - impact of the CAP on sustainable management of the soil (4 February 2021)

Overview of the respondents

- 183 total respondents, mostly EU citizens (47%), followed by NGOs (11%)
- Sector represented the most: agriculture (farming), 36%; then Environmental protection sector, 18%

Chart 1. Number of responses per country of origin

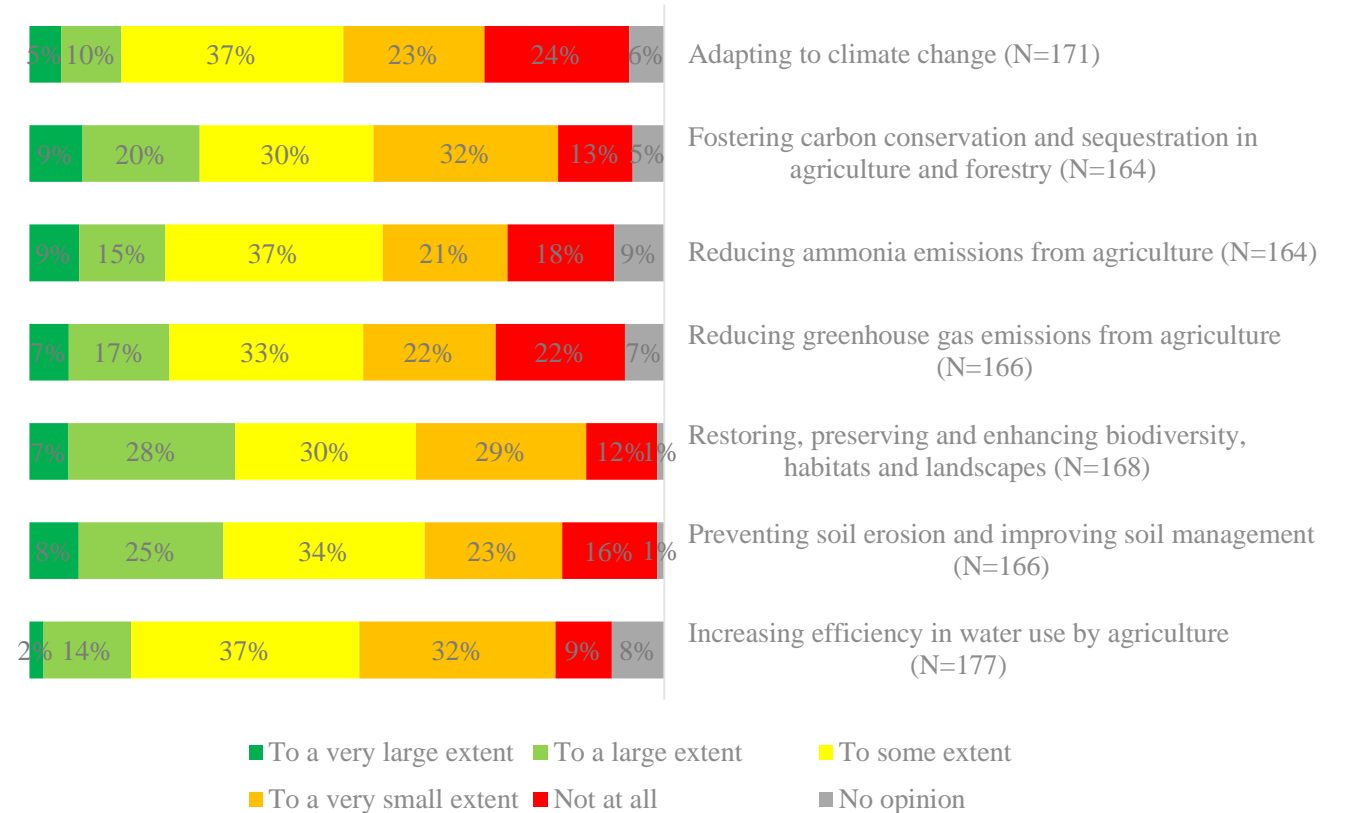


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Analysis of the results

- Uneven distribution of answers **does not allow** for a general assessment
- Main driver of success in the implementation of the CAP have been 'voluntary commitments (AECM, organic farming)'
- Main factor limiting the contribution of the CAP towards the objective is the insufficient level of financial incentives

Chart 2. CAP contribution to environmental objectives of the EU



Source: Own elaboration

Effectiveness

Towards soil:

- Most efficient: The support to organic farming (47%) and AECM (39%)
- Least efficient: Investment support on farms (35%) and cooperation (33%)



Towards biodiversity:

- Most efficient: The support to organic farming (47%)
- Least efficient: Investment support on farms (35%)

Towards water quantity:

- Most efficient: investment support on farms and Natura 2000 and WFD payments (33% both)
- Least efficient: mandatory practices without financial support compliance with non-CAP provisions (SMR) (35% both)



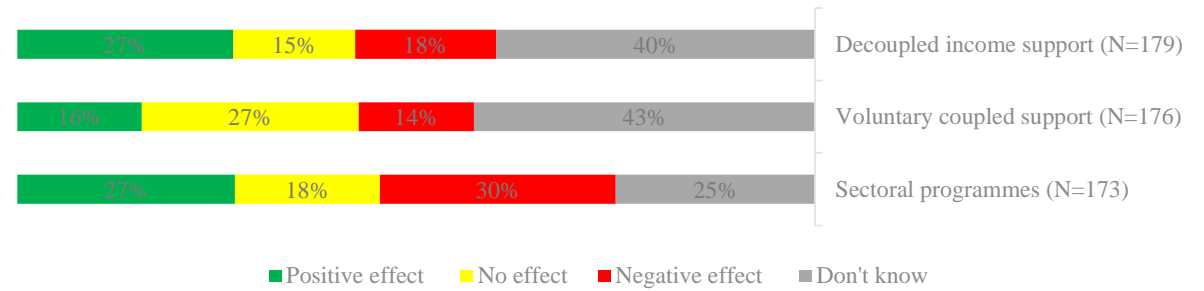
Towards water quality:

- Most efficient: The support to organic farming (41%) and Natura 2000 and WFD payments (39%)
- Least efficient: Investment support on farms (35%)

Effectiveness

- A large share of respondents could not determine the effect of the decoupled income support and the voluntary coupled support on natural resources
- For sectoral programmes effect, responses were mixed, but the highest share of responses was given to “negative effects”

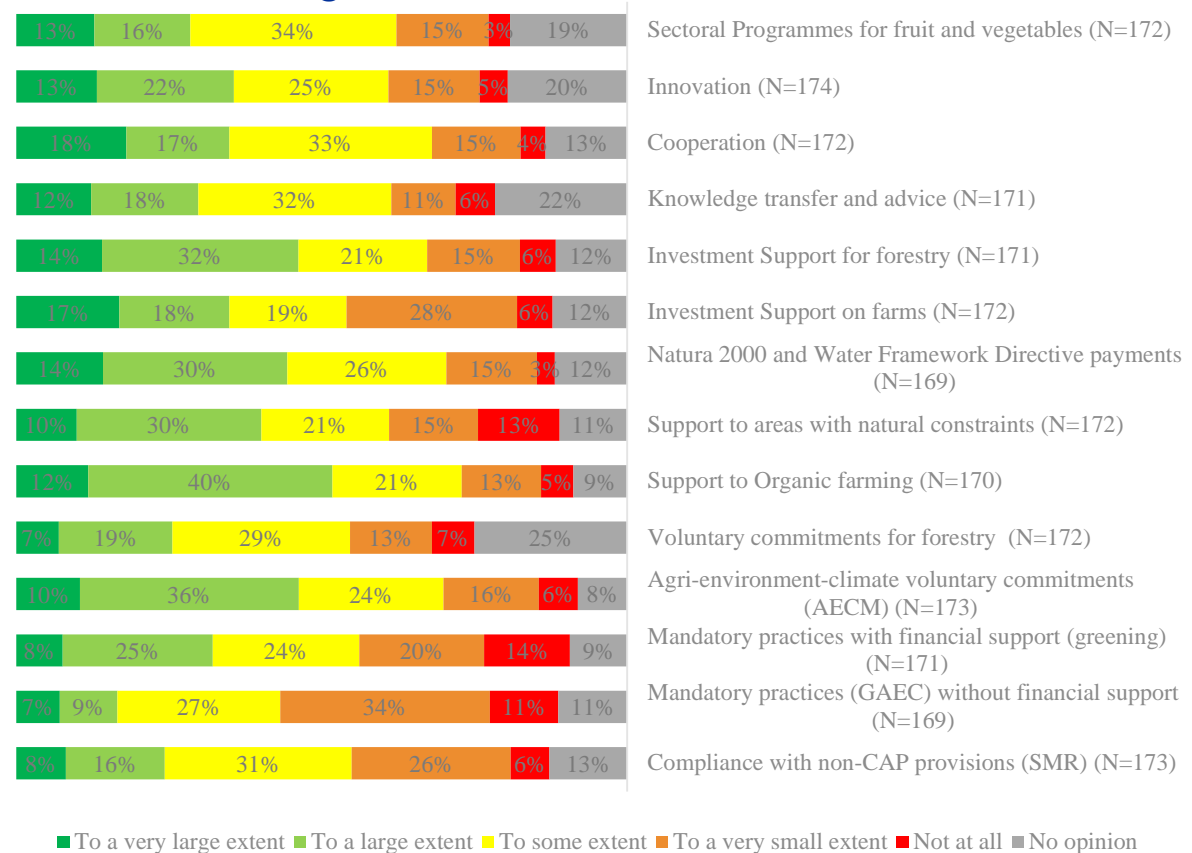
Chart 3. CAP contribution to environmental objectives of the EU



Efficiency

- General positive perception of the efficiency of the CAP instruments
- Main costs and burdens fall on beneficiaries (61%), according to respondents, and the main issue 'the complexity to submit an aid application'

Chart 4. Efficiency perception of the measures with available budget

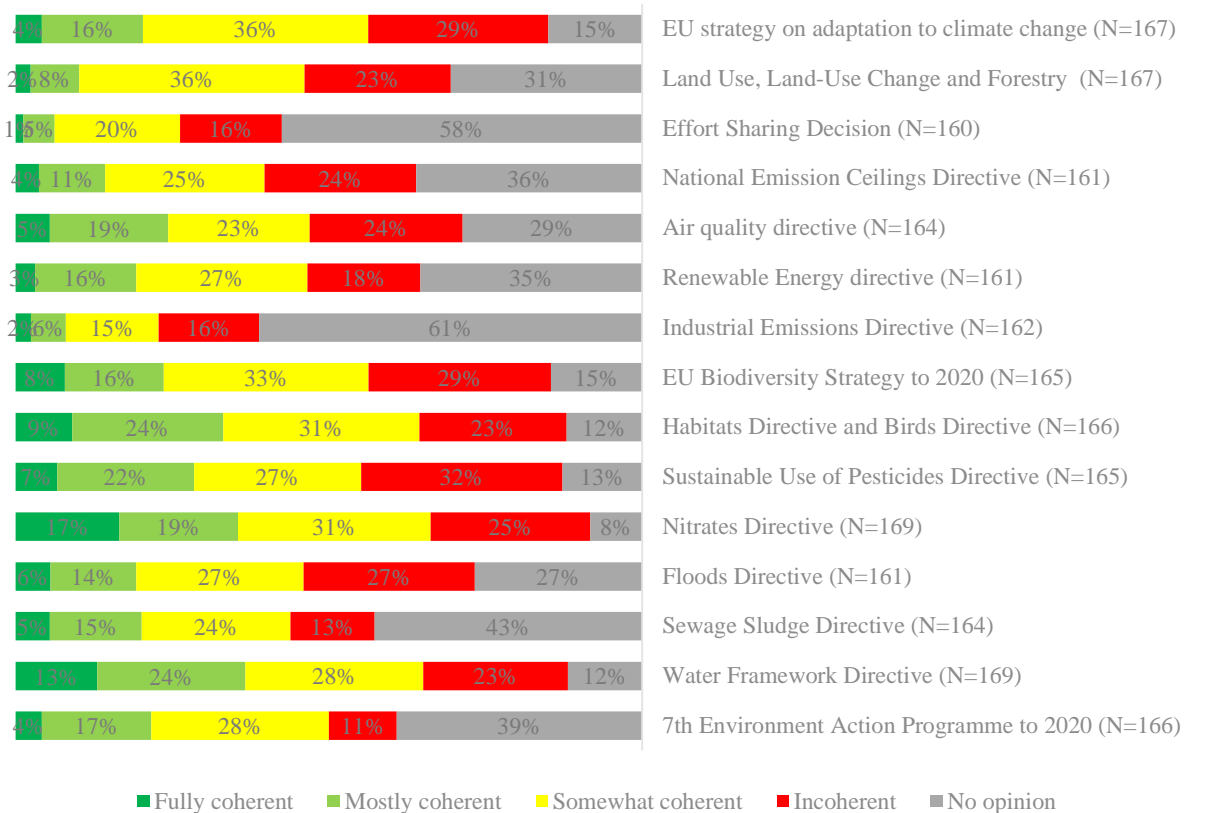


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Coherence

- CAP instruments and measures found **coherent to some extent** with the overall EU environmental and climate change legislation and strategies with the overall EU environmental and climate change legislation and strategies
- Coherence of the CAP with overall EU environmental and climate change legislation and strategies, **mostly positive**

Chart 5. Coherence perception of the CAP instruments and measures

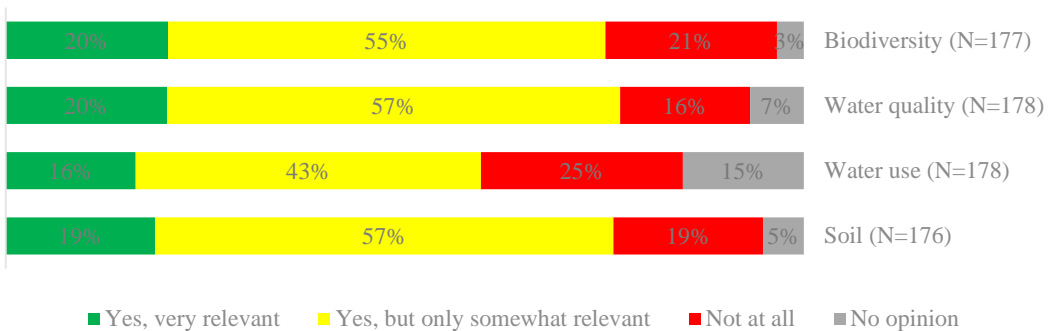


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Relevance

- Overwhelming positive perception of the relevance of the CAP instruments for soil, biodiversity and water quality. No clear perception on relevance of water quantity measures.

Chart 6. Relevance perception of the CAP instruments and measures to address natural resources' needs



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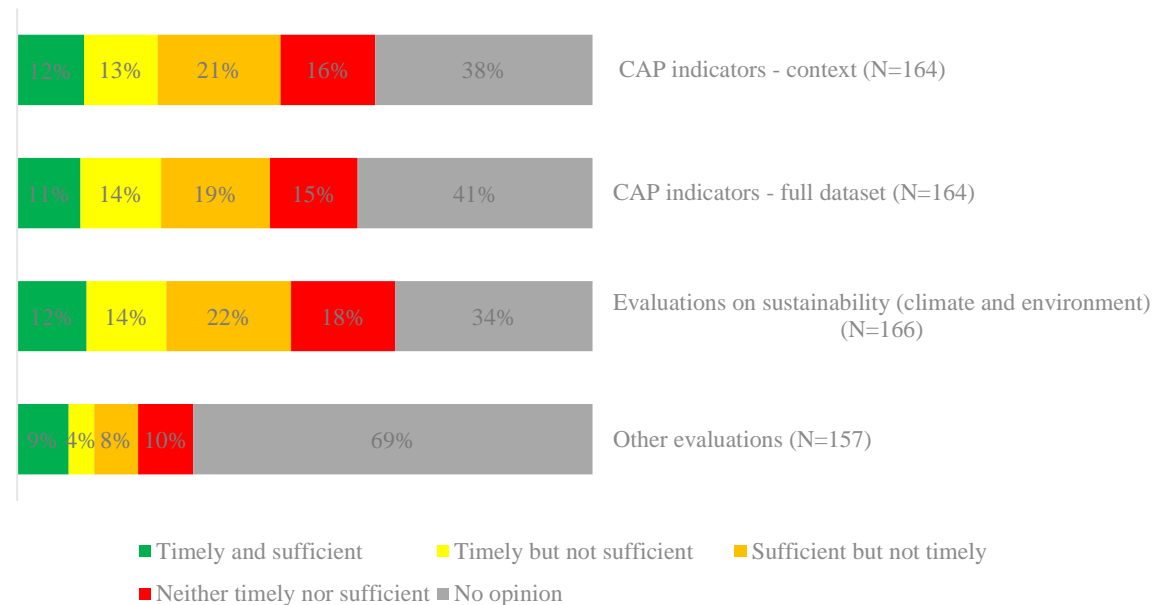
EU added value

- Significant share of respondents that the instruments and measures created EU added value with respect to sustainable management of natural resources

Final words

- A clear majority of the respondents did not have an established opinion on whether the data sources and evaluations were timely and/or sufficient on the sustainable management of natural resources

Chart 7. Data sources and evaluations for monitoring and/or assessing the impact of the CAP on sustainable management of natural resources.



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Thank you



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Annex I. Effectiveness

Chart 8. Soil

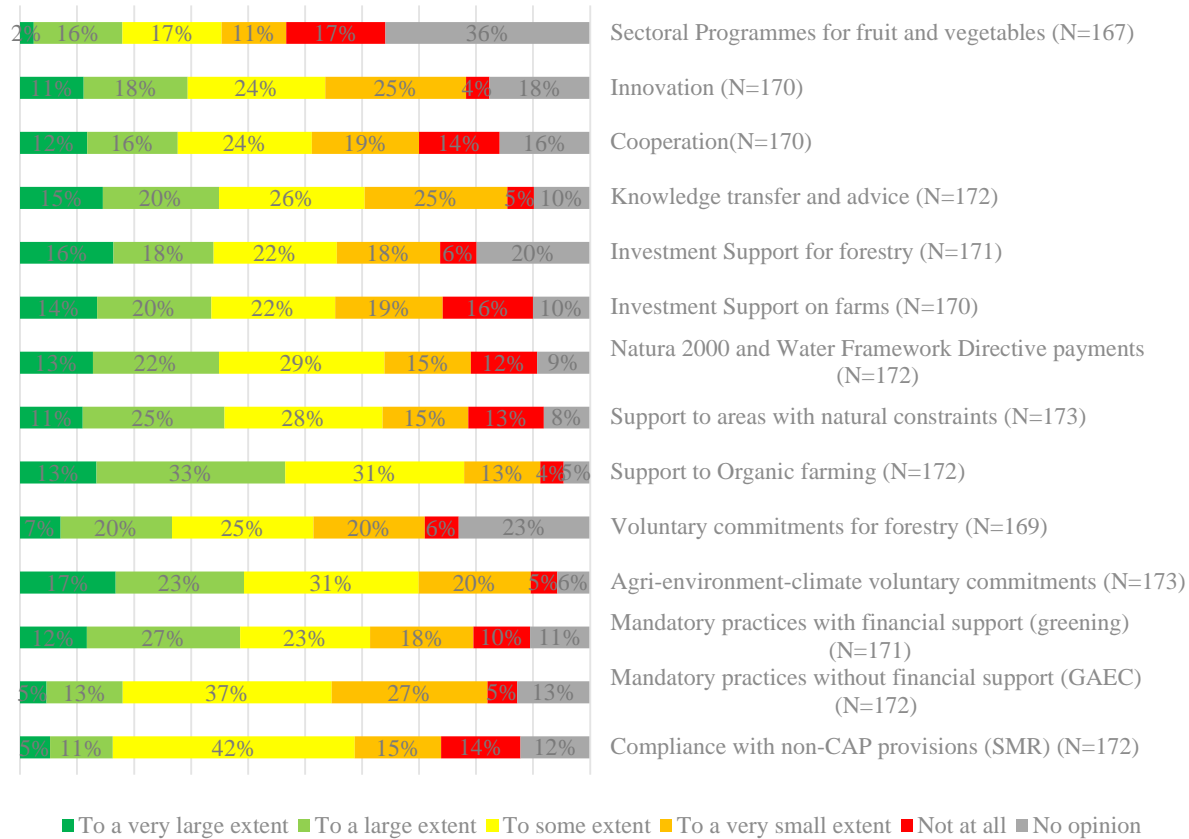
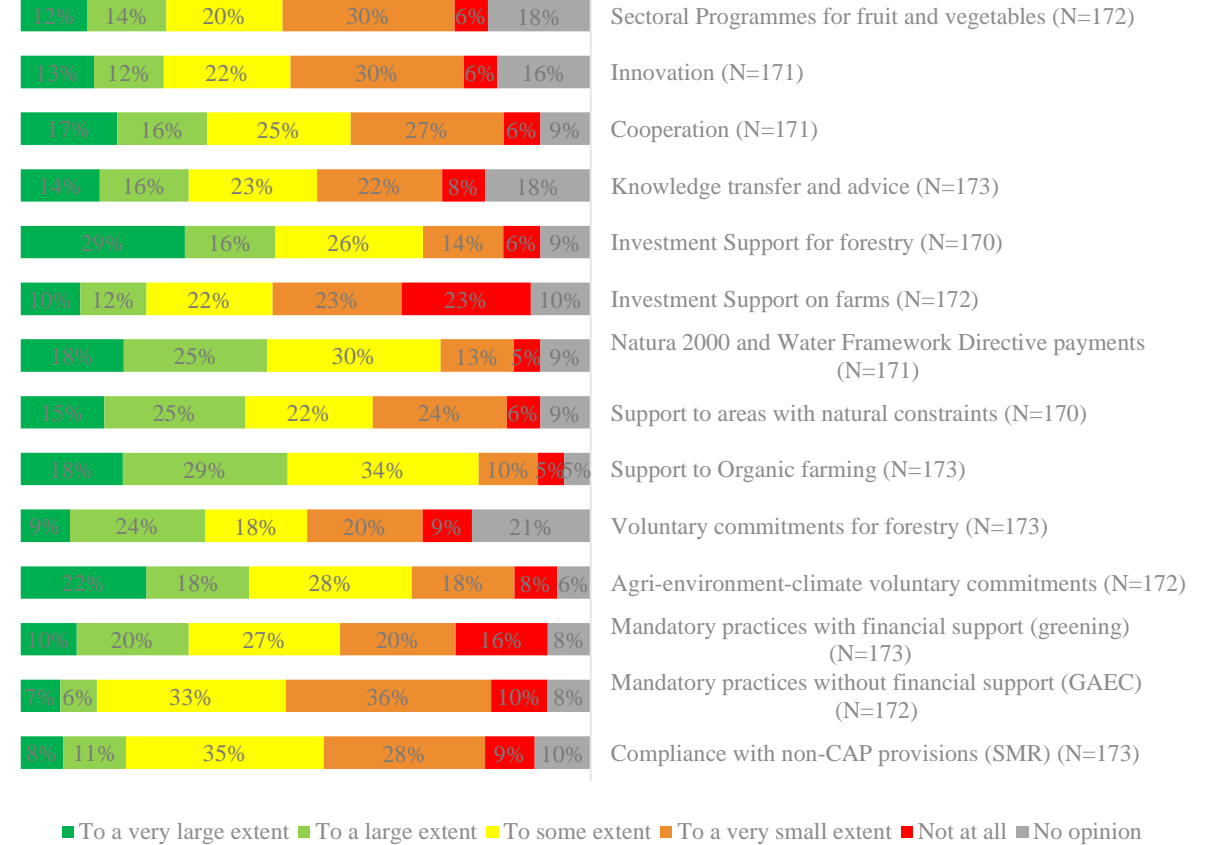


Chart 9. Biodiversity



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Chart 10. Water quantity

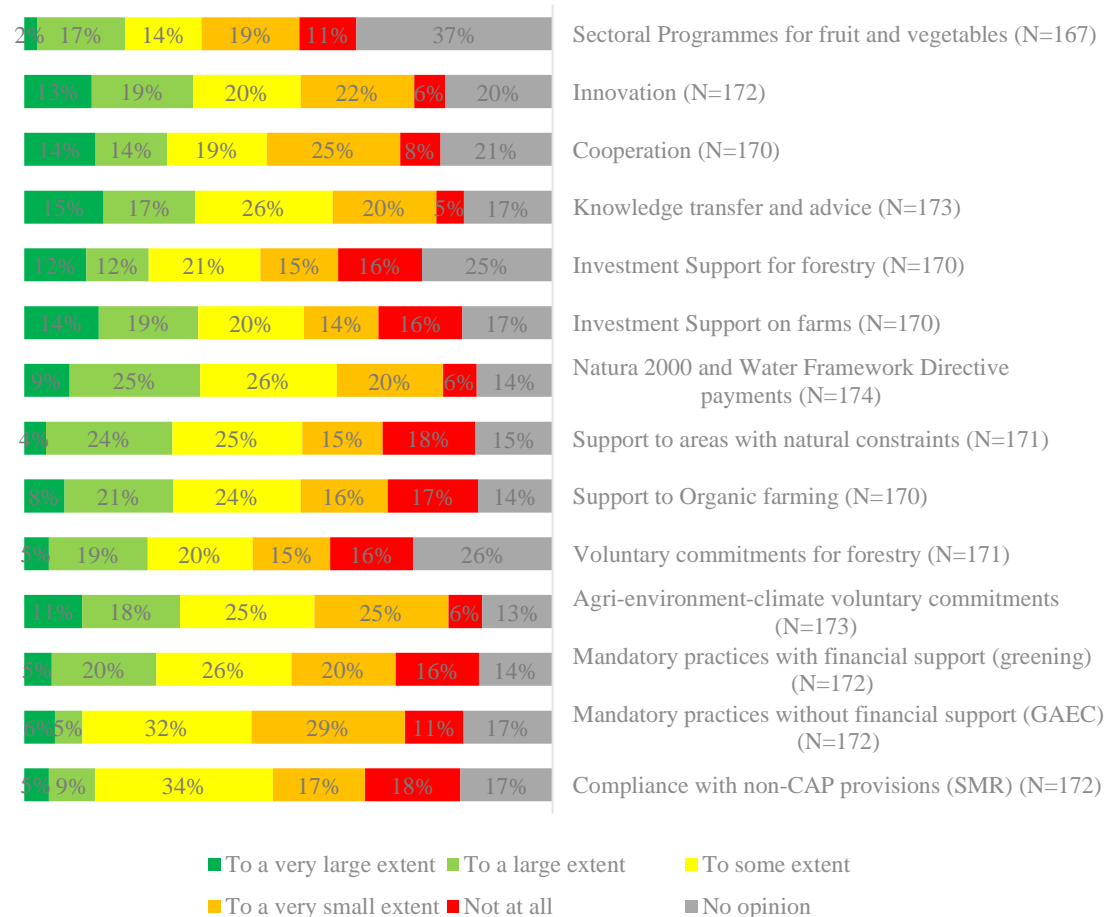
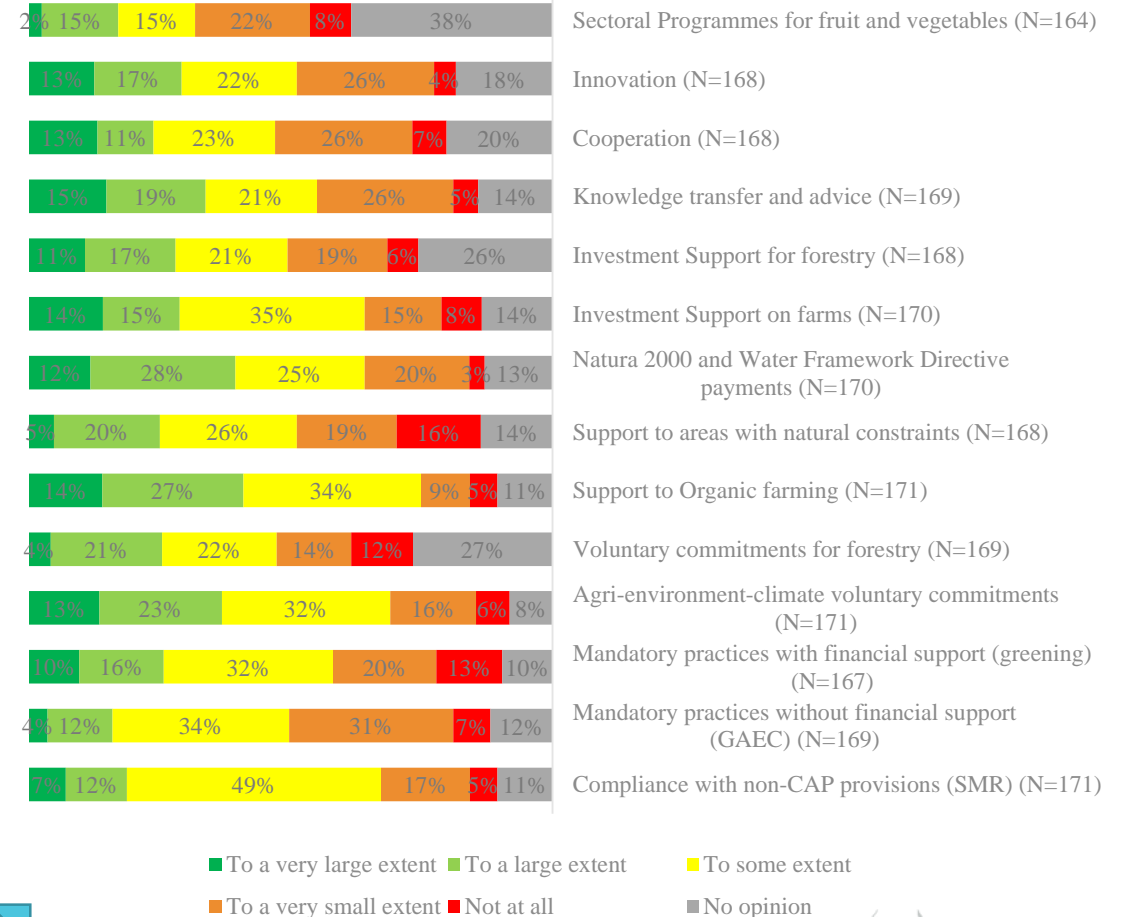


Chart 11. Water quality



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