



The legislative initiative on a framework for a Union sustainable food system

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Framework law for a Union sustainable food system

1. Flagship initiative of the F2F
2. Co-led by SANTE, AGRI, ENV and MARE
3. Proposal to be published by **Q3-2023**

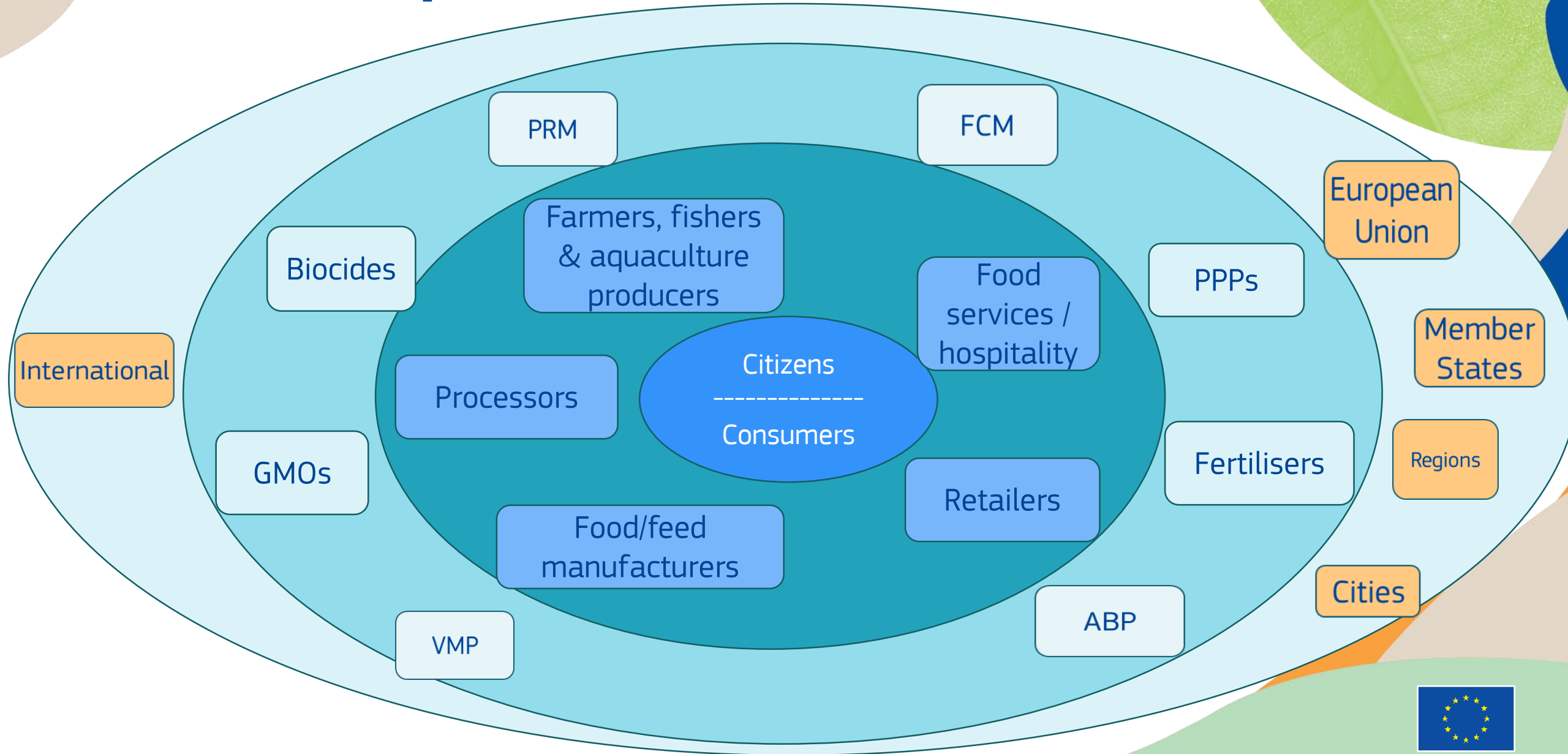
Objectives of the Framework Law

1. Promote **policy coherence** at EU and MS level
2. **Mainstream sustainability** in all food-related policies
3. **Strengthen the resilience** of the food system (food security)
4. Ensure a **food environment** where choosing healthy and sustainable diets is easier for consumers and at an affordable price;
5. **Avoid externalisation** of unsustainable practices;

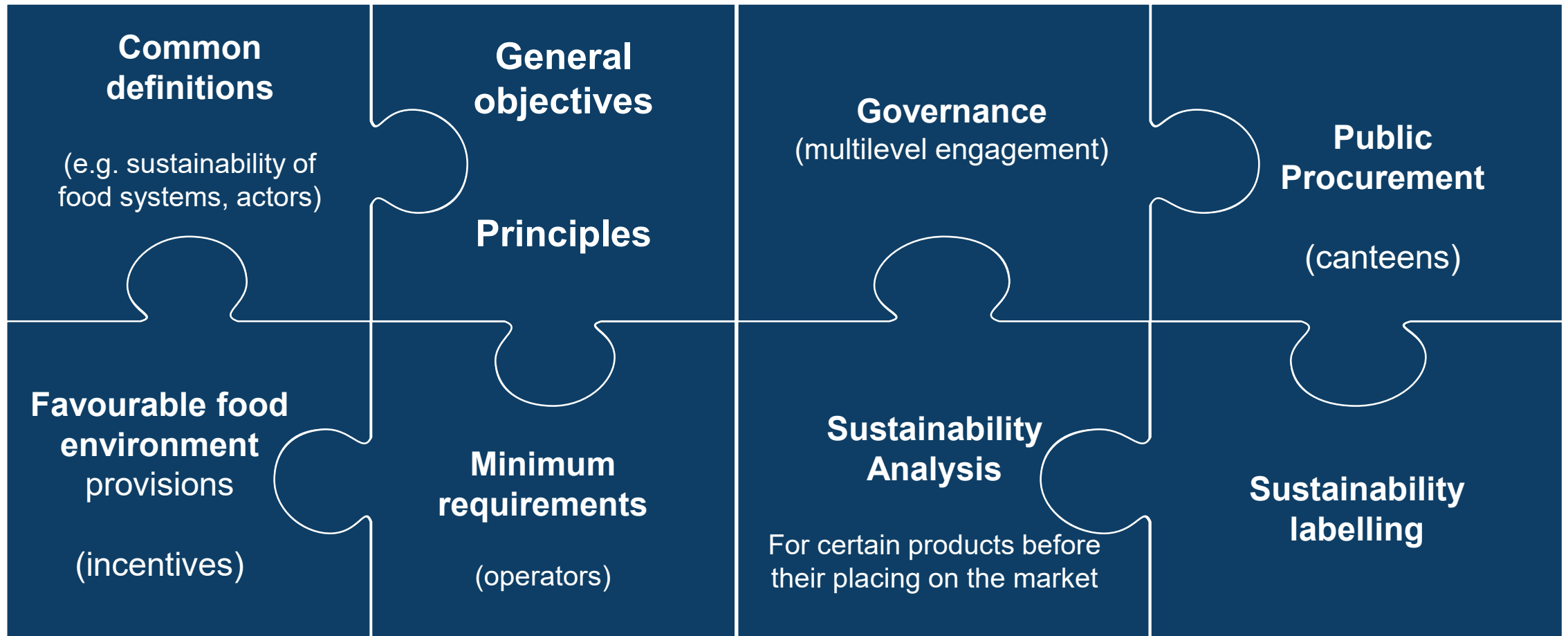
Contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals



Broad scope



Building blocks



Policy options for push measures

Option 0	Option 1	Requirements in sectorial legislation	Requirements within FSFS			
		Option 2	Option 3	Option 4		Option 5
Do nothing	Voluntary	Review and alignment of sectoral legislation through requirements, in line with FSFS objectives/principles	Increasing compliance with sustainability standards by explicitly establishing the primary responsibility of business operators (strengthened due diligence) for sustainability purposes	Elimination from the Union market of the least sustainable food systems operations by setting minimum sustainability requirements based on the 'do no harm principle'		A combination of options 2, 3 (primary responsibility) and 4 (sustainability requirement) The options are not mutually exclusive
				4A – Only products produced in the EU	4B – Products produced and placed in the EU (imports are covered in the scope)	

Pull measures: sustainability labelling

Option 0	Option 1	Regulatory options				
		Option 2	Option 3		Option 4	
			New EU framework for sustainability labelling			
Do nothing	Voluntary	Sustainability labelling provisions developed in sector specific legislation	General framework for sustainability related information to consumers for all foods + voluntary harmonised EU sustainability label		General framework for sustainability related information to consumers for all foods + mandatory harmonised EU sustainability label	
			3a: only for food products of higher sustainability performance.	3b: all food products	4a: for all EU food products	4b: for all EU and imported food products

Pull measures: sustainable public procurement

Option 0	Option 1	Regulatory options	
		Option 2	Option 3
Do nothing	Voluntary	General provisions and requirements aiming to raise awareness and improve skills and knowledge of SPP, capacity building and support authorities in using public procurement strategically	Mandatory general and specific requirements

Governance

Provide a frame for a multi-level cooperation of food system actors

- Laying down appropriate processes and arrangements to enhance, and frame multi-level cooperation, engagement and public participation both at EU, MS and regional or local levels

Provide a basis for the development of food sustainability strategies by MS

- Introduction of provisions requiring or recommending MS to develop strategies to meet certain identified goals/objectives set out in the FSFS or nationally set (quantified) goals in specific areas
- National Strategies should be regularly reviewed
- MS performance would be monitored via a monitoring framework with key indicators for the food system, the main features of which could be laid down in the FSFS

Consultation activities for the FSFS

➤ OPEN PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

- 12 weeks of consultation in all EU languages from 28 April 2022 to 21 July 2022
- Total of 2670 responses
- Summary report published: [Sustainable EU food system –new initiative \(europa.eu\)](https://european-council.europa.eu/media/1000000/1/related_content/1000000_1_en.pdf)

➤ WORKSHOPS with EP, EESC, CoR, relevant EU agencies:

- End of May/June and October 2022

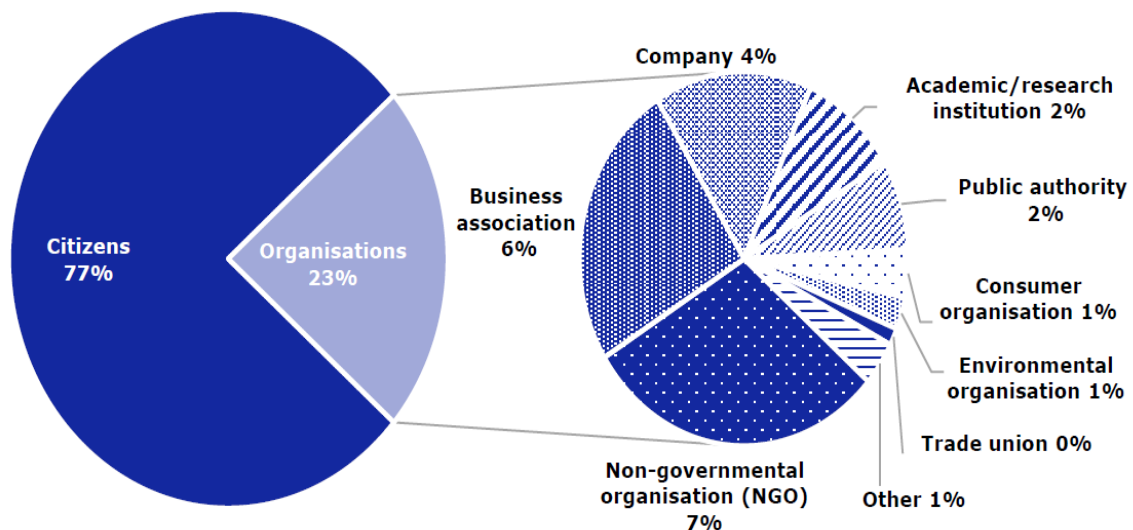
➤ TARGETED STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS:

- Organized by SANTE external contractor (Ecorys):
 - Interviews – July/August/September 2022
 - Targeted surveys – July/August/September 2022
 - Stakeholder workshops – September/October 2022
- SME survey running from 31 August to 30 October 2022

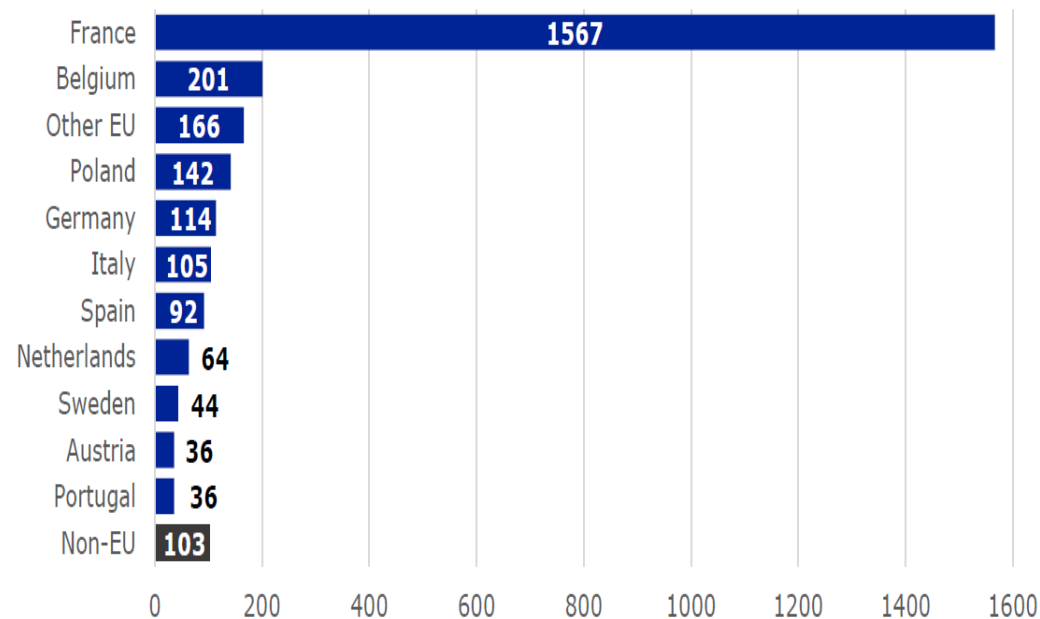


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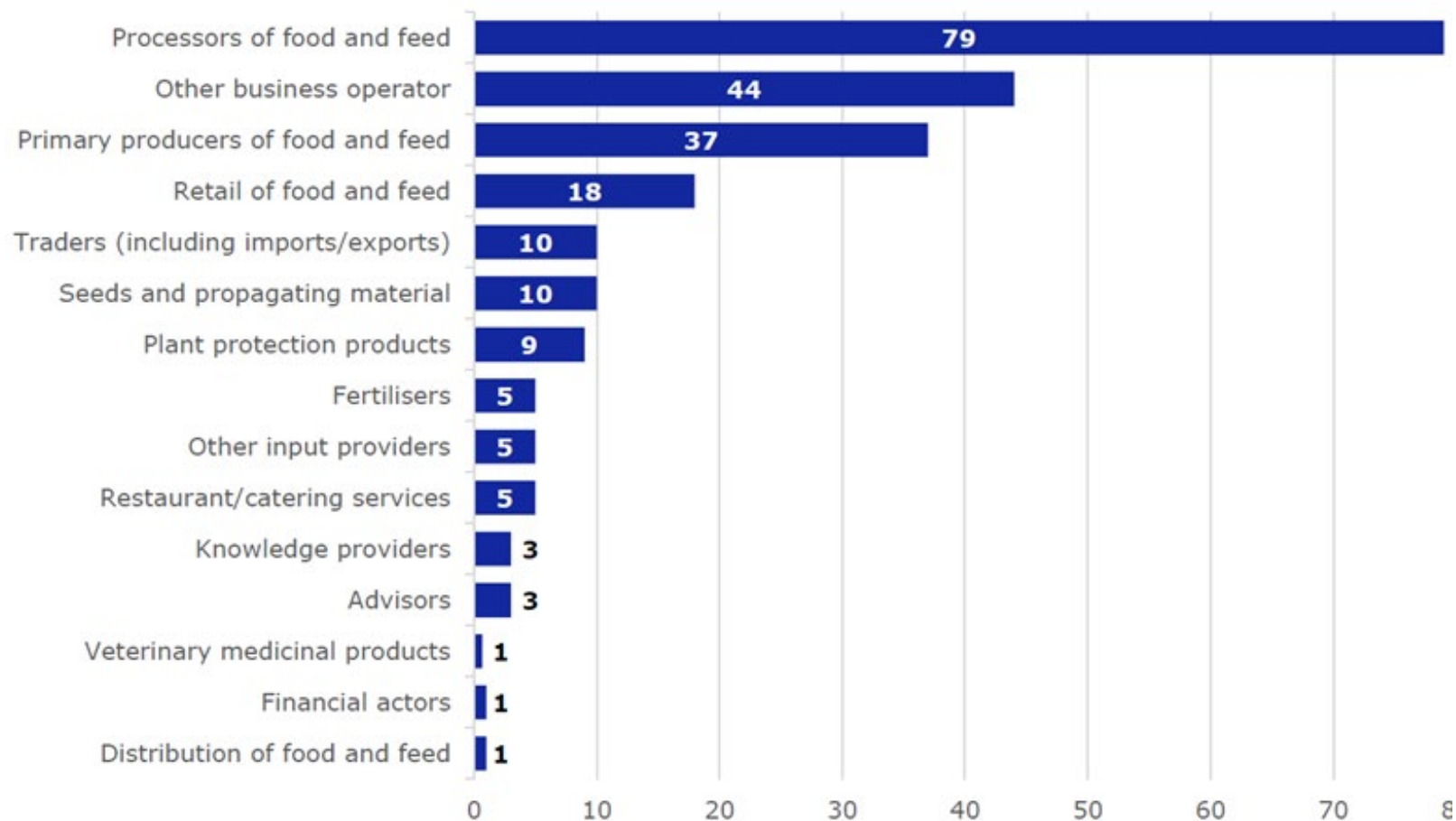
Breakdown of responses received by stakeholder group (n=2,670)



Breakdown of responses by country of origin (n=2,670)



OPC : preliminary results (2)



Thank you