



The EU Protein Plan

Expert Workshop No1

Research and Innovation

Brussels, 24 April 2018



Political context

- 1. Council:** recent discussions on plant proteins at Council level eg mid-2017 on "Soya Declaration" + February 2018 about work programme for the EU protein plan – **broad support from Member States for EU protein plan**
- 2. European Parliament:** April 2018 adoption of initiative report (MEP Denanot) on a "**European strategy for the promotion of protein crops**"
- 3. European Commission:** preparation of a "**Protein Plan for Europe**" to be published as Commission Report end 2018



Timelines Overview

- 1. Q1+Q2-2018: fact-finding phase through**
 1. Stakeholders survey
 2. Market Study
 3. Thematic workshops
 4. Bilateral meetings
- 2. Q3-2018: preparation of draft Commission report**
- 3. Q4-2018: publication of Commission report on a “Protein Plan for Europe”** incl. high-level EU conference on plant proteins in Austria on 22-23 November 2018



Actions - Thematic Workshops

1. Research and Innovation

- 24/25 April in Brussels, Belgium

2. Agronomic practices and environmental benefits

- 11/12 June in Bucharest, Romania

3. Supply chains

- Early July in France - details t.b.c.

4. Market Segments

- Mid-September in the Netherlands - details t.b.c.



Preliminary results - Stakeholder Survey

- Launched on same day as Council meeting (19th February)
- Total of 15 questions on plant proteins addressing scope, policy, markets, research
- Communicated through e-mail notification to 300 stakeholders and announced on DG Agri website
- In total 444 responses

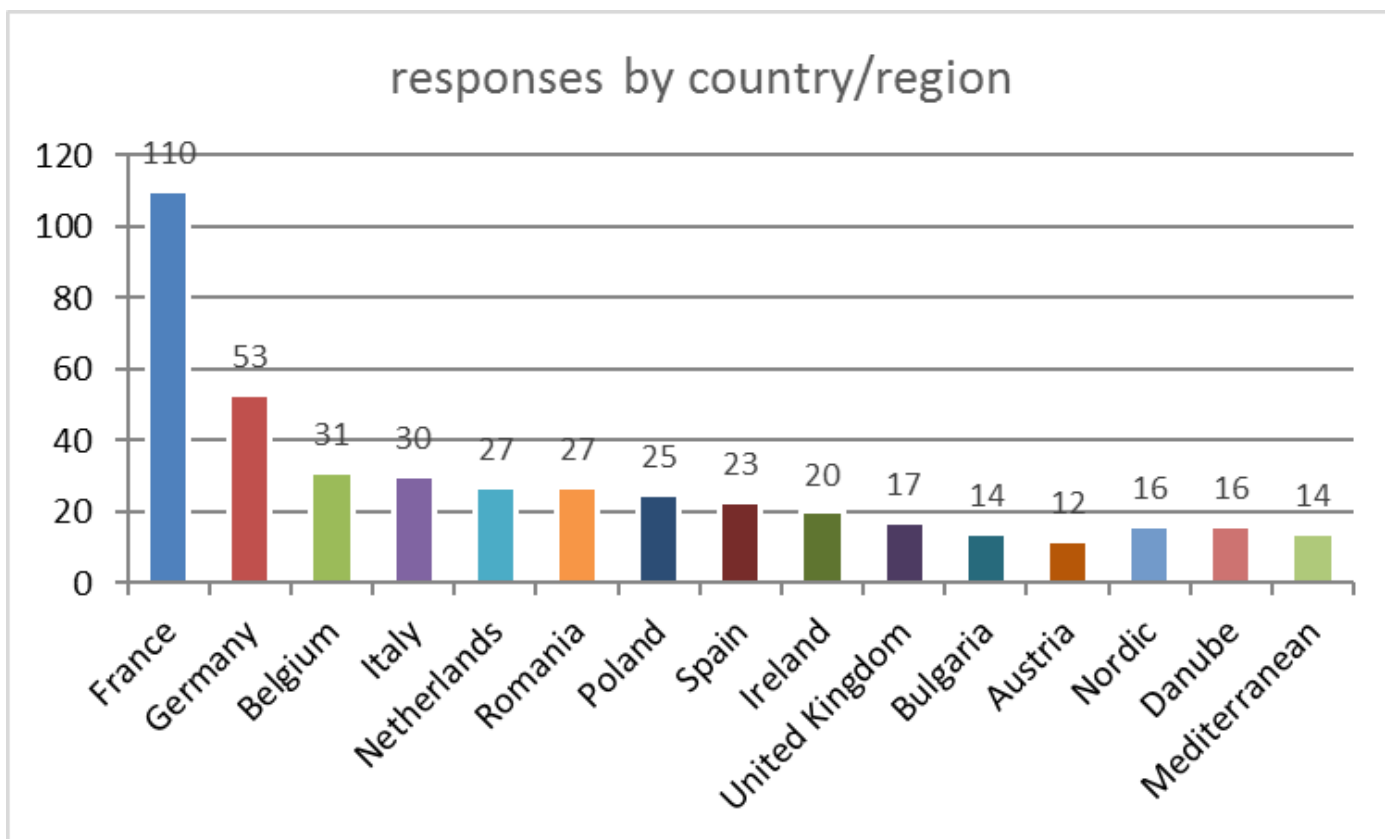


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Responses by Geographical Origin

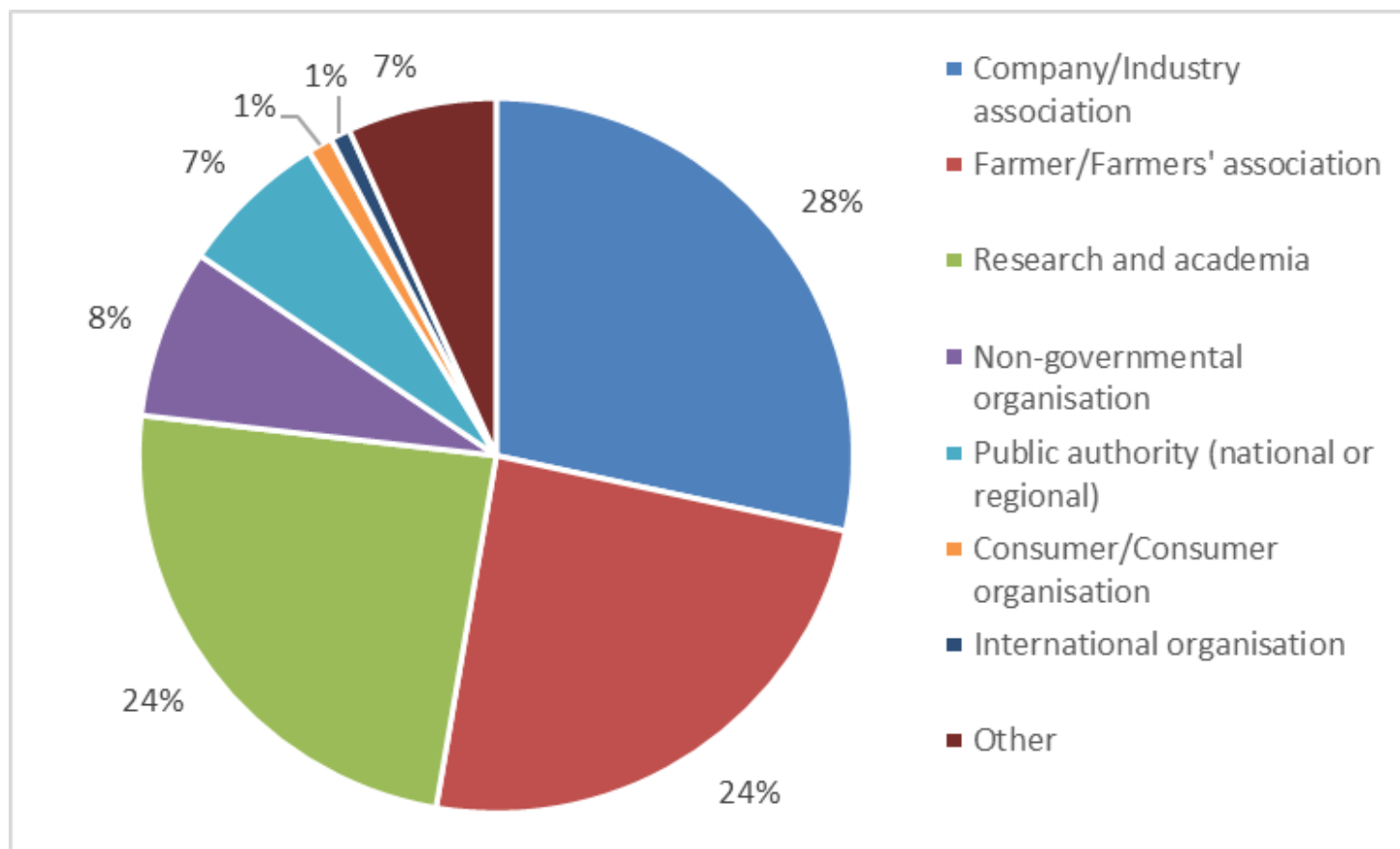
Responses from 26 MS

Most responses from France and Germany



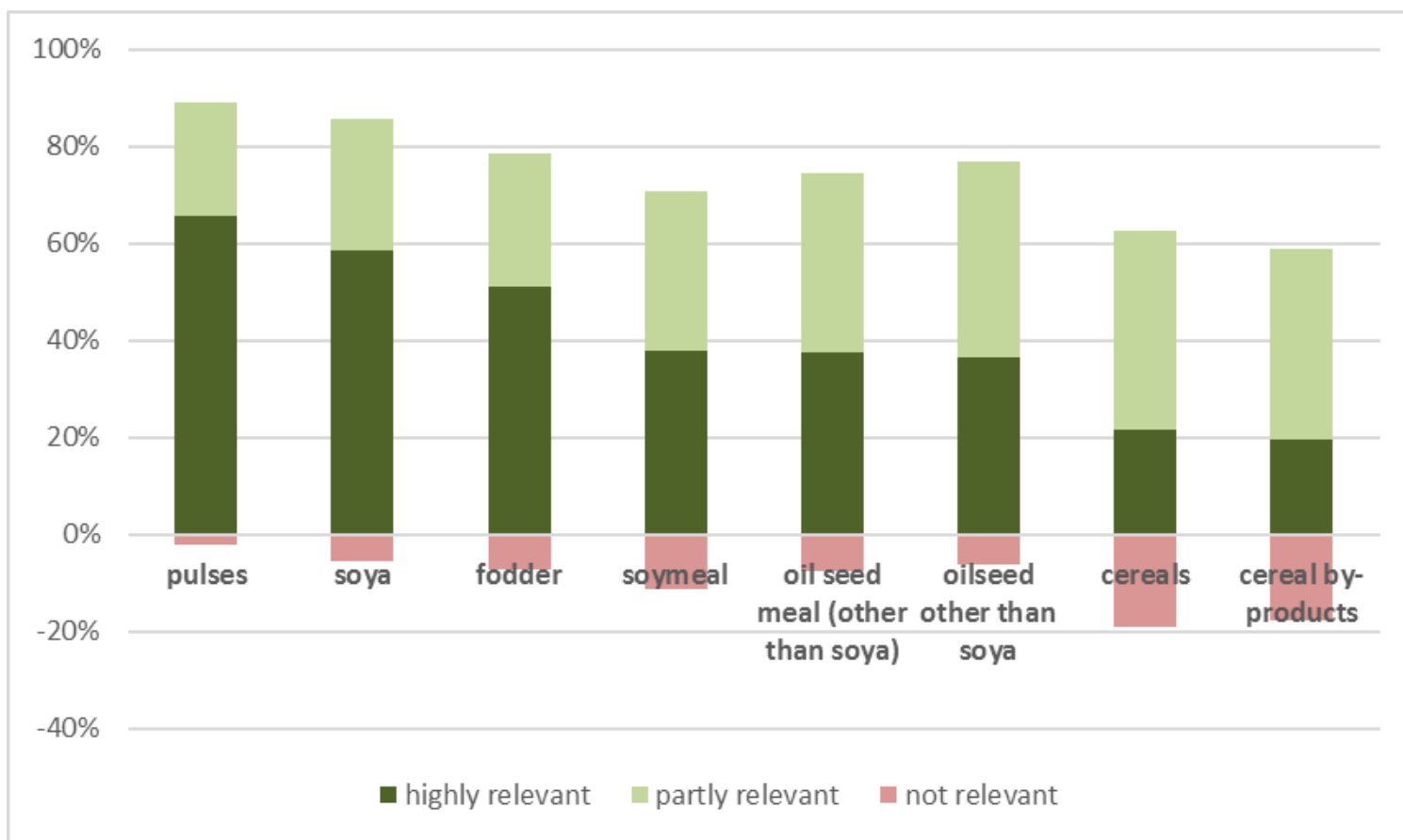
Responses by type of organisation

75% by companies, farmers and research



Sources of plant proteins

Soya, pulses and fodder most relevant



Priorities for protein plan

Highest priority: research and innovation

	Company/ Industry association	Farmer/ Farmers' association	Research & academia	NGO & Consumer Organisation	national or regional authority	Other	Total
Research and innovation	67%	69%	85%	51%	77%	67%	71%
Yield improvement	60%	67%	46%	58%	67%	47%	58%
Protein quality	64%	45%	52%	53%	57%	63%	55%
Profitability/price	59%	68%	37%	23%	43%	67%	52%
Agricultural practices	40%	57%	59%	63%	60%	63%	54%
Environmental benefits	41%	64%	56%	70%	53%	53%	55%
Food supply chain	25%	29%	42%	33%	40%	40%	33%
Feed supply chain	57%	32%	36%	49%	43%	30%	43%
Food market demand	16%	19%	21%	21%	7%	13%	18%
Feed market demand	25%	22%	12%	14%	13%	17%	19%



Research priorities

Breeding and sustainability first priorities

Research priorities

- Breeding (yield improvement)
- Breeding (nutrition)
- Environmental benefits
- Sustainable cropping (rotation)
- Use of pesticides / nutrients
- Breeding (better harvesting)
- Breeding (value chain)