



Report on bovine EID

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Introduction

- Electronic systems for identification of animals have been introduced in the European Union, through legislation which is in force for already more than 20 years. These include voluntary systems for bovine animals introduced by Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 , as amended by Regulation (EU) No 653/2014
- Article 23a of Reg (EC) No 1760/2000
 - the Commission shall submit to the European Parliament and the Council the corresponding reports (...) on the technical and economic feasibility of introducing mandatory electronic identification throughout the Union.

Background

- Electronic identification can contribute to improvements in existing systems for identification of bovine animals
- “making bovine eID mandatory throughout the Union could have economically adverse effects on certain operators”
- the voluntary introduction of eID in the bovine sector on the basis of harmonised standards would be the preferred option
- However, individual Member States should have the possibility to opt for an obligatory (or compulsory) regime at national level

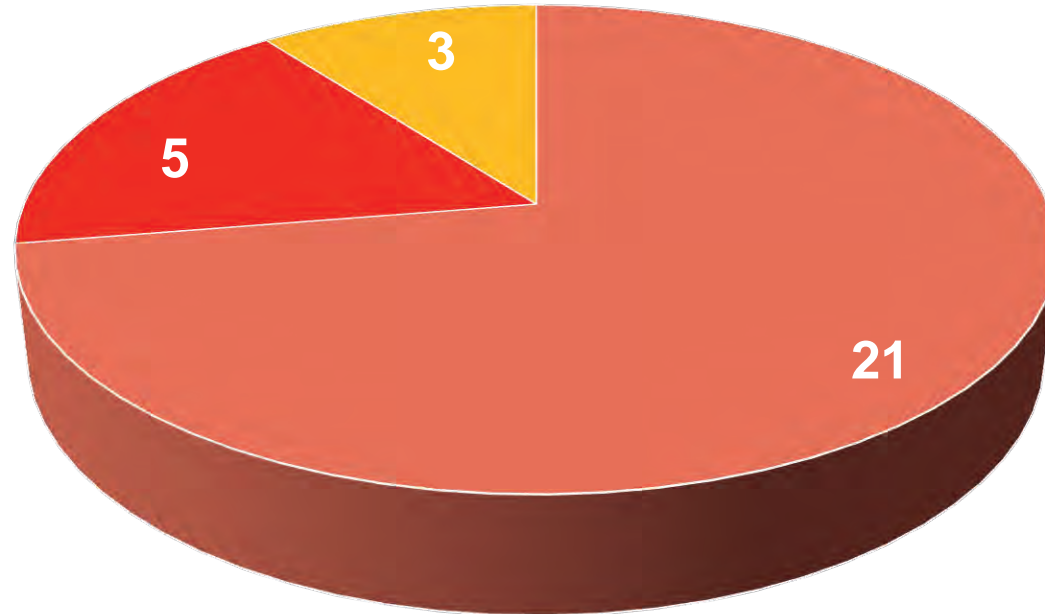
Current legal framework on bovine ID

- Regulation (EU) 2016/429 Article 112(a)
 - Operators keeping animals of the bovine species shall: (a) ensure that those kept animals are identified individually by a physical means of identification
- Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 Article 38
 - Operators keeping bovine animals shall ensure that bovine animals are individually identified by means of a conventional ear tag as referred to in point (a) of Annex III (...)
- Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 Article 41
 - provides the opportunity for Member States to authorise that one of the conventional ear tags may be replaced by an electronic identifier. If a Member State authorises such replacement, the operators may apply voluntary bovine eID
- Regulation (EU) 2016/429 Article 269
 - Member States may adopt national measures in addition to, or more stringent than, those laid down under that Regulation on traceability

Survey on the current situation in the MSs

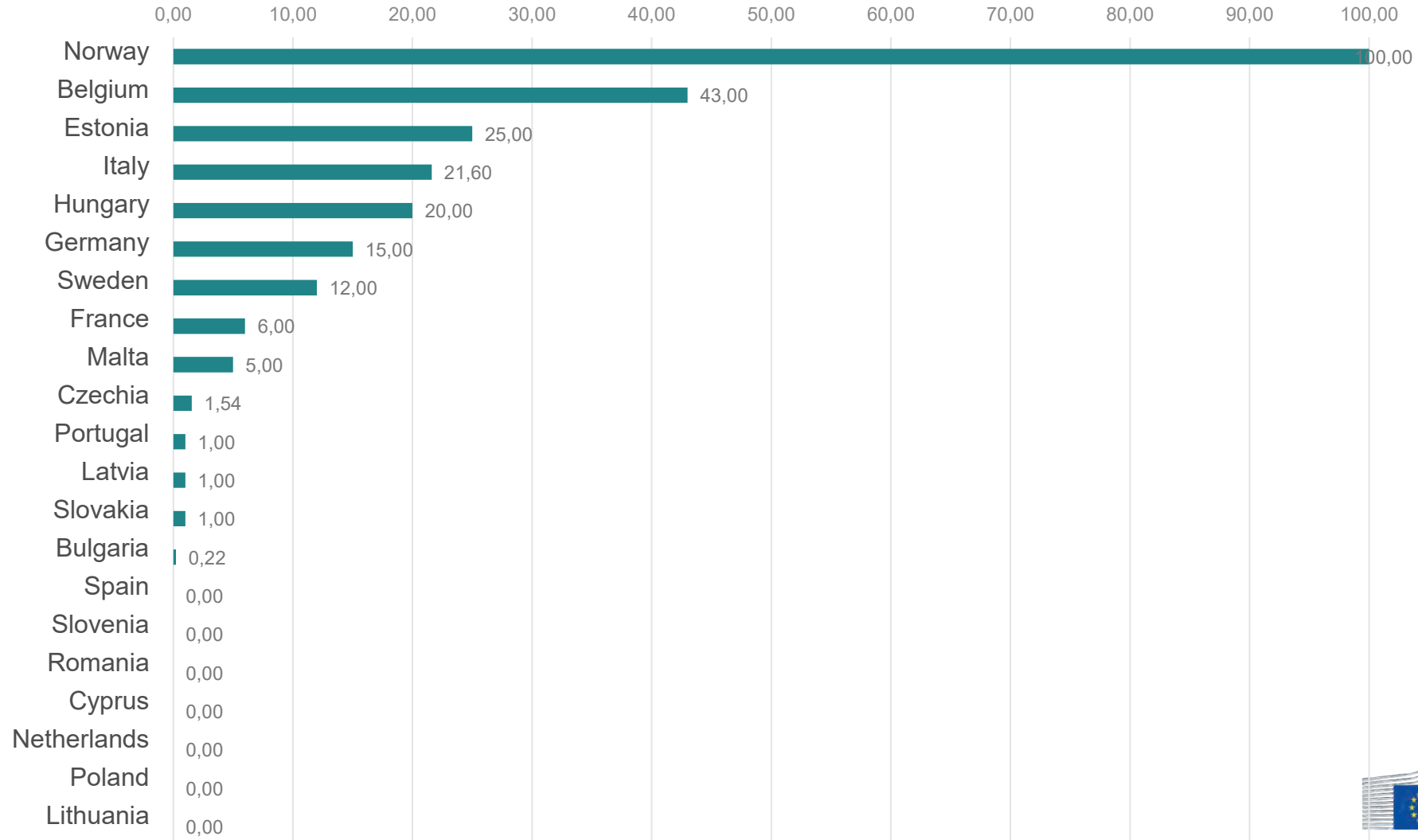
- Questions
 - Is bovine EID compulsory in your MS?
 - Do you allow voluntary bovine EID in your MS?
 - How many operators apply voluntary bovine EID in your MS?
 - If bovine eID is compulsory or voluntary in your MS, which method(s) is/are authorised?
 - Do you find the current rules on bovine EID satisfactory?

Bovine EID in Member states

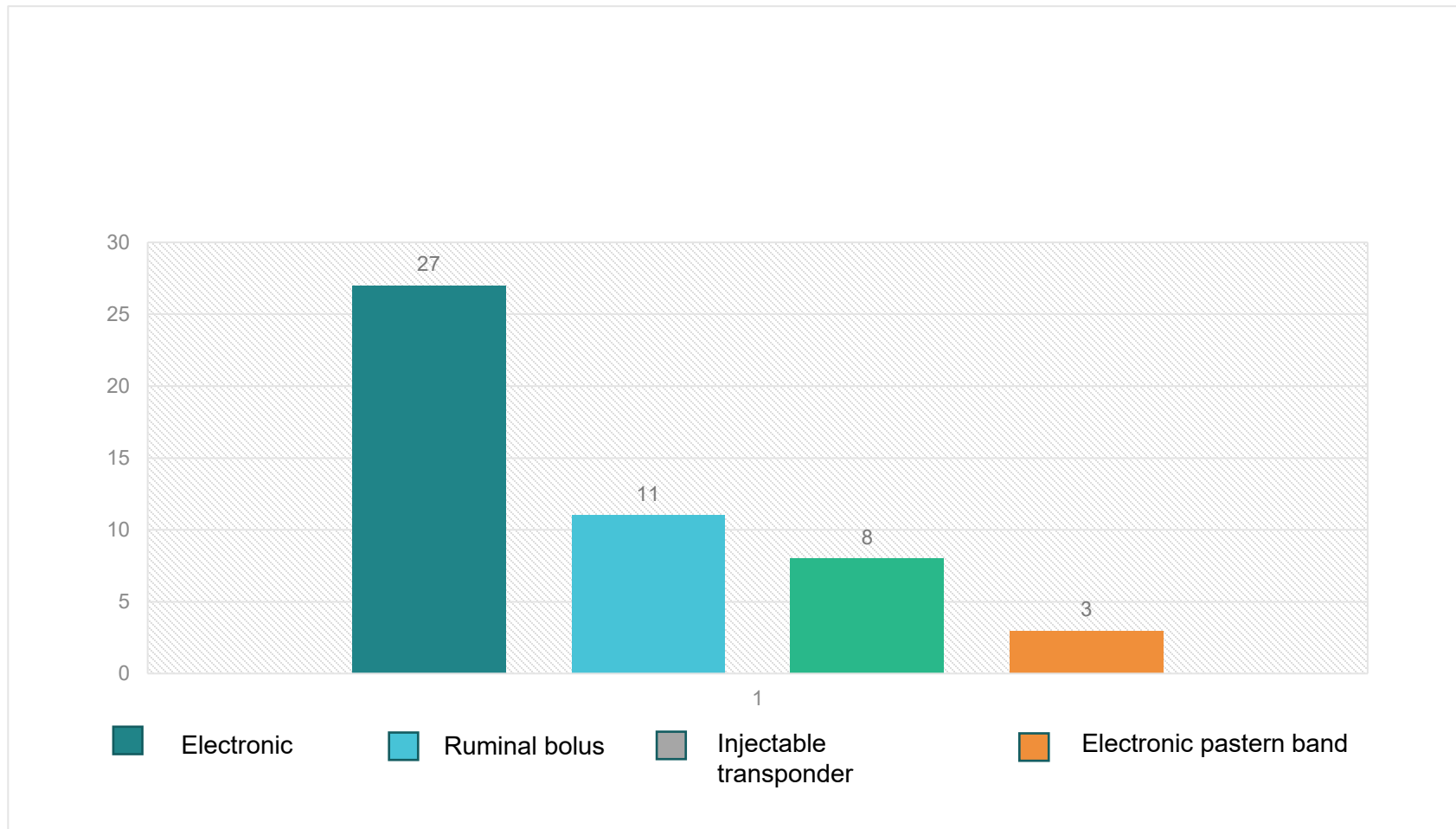


■ Voluntary ■ Compulsory ■ Neither compulsory nor voluntary

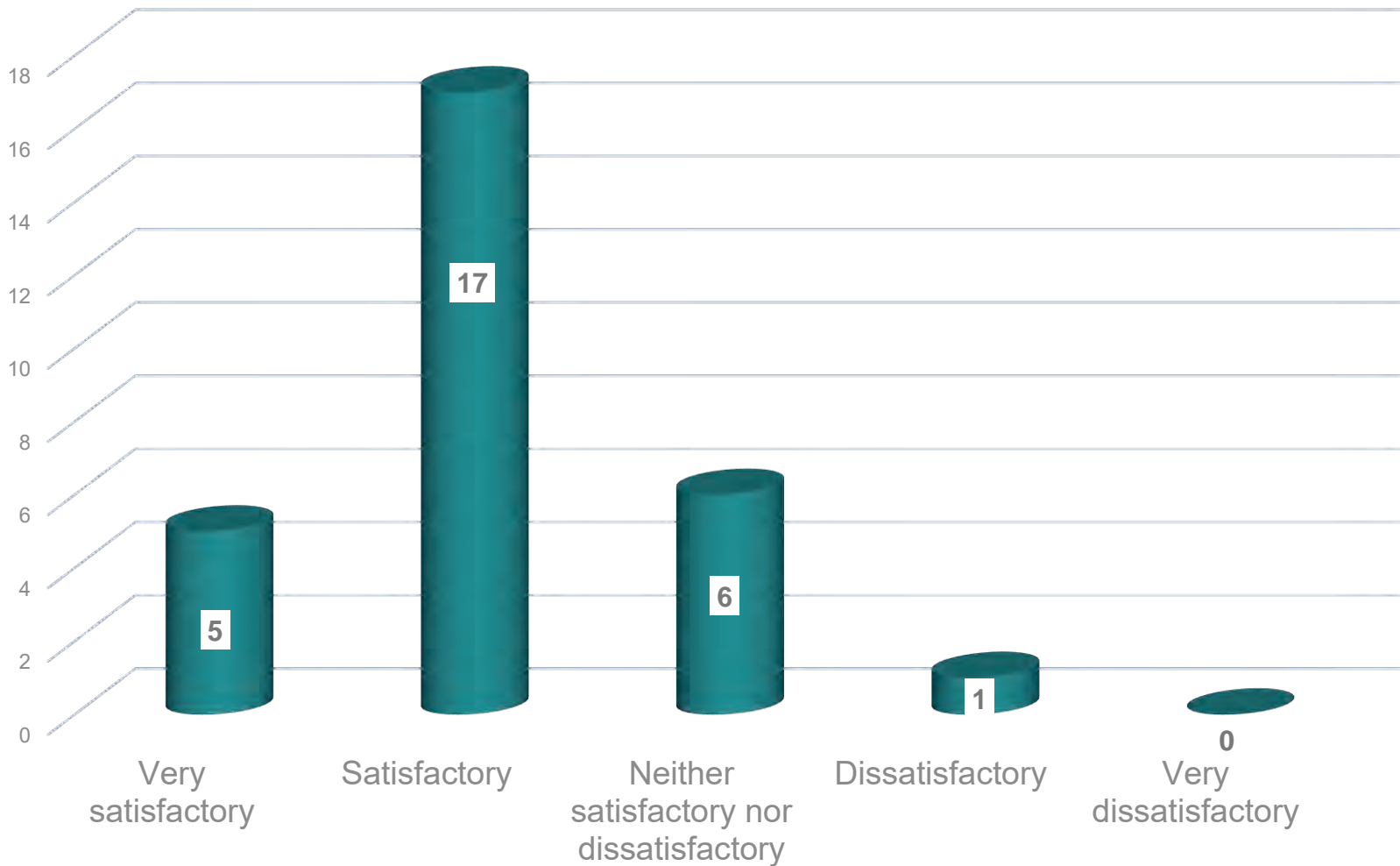
How many operators (%) apply voluntary bovine EID in your Member State?



If bovine EID is compulsory/voluntary in your MS, which method(s) is/are authorized?



Do you find the current rules on bovine EID satisfactory?



Conclusions

- The Member States are finding the current rules satisfactory
- Flexibility for the operators and the Member States, the competent authority of each Member State may authorise the use of bovine eID on a voluntary basis or lay down national rules on mandatory use of bovine eID within their territories
- Applied successfully since 2014, and current rules were discussed and agreed in 2019
- Evaluation of the AHL by 2026
- Based on the outcome of the survey, the Commission will not propose any legislative proposals at this stage.

Thank you



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