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ANIMAL WELFARE - AN INTEGRAL PART OF SUSTAINABLE ANIMAL PRODUCTION

6th Meeting of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare

7th October, 2019

INTRODUCTION

- Council conclusions on animal welfare
 - Attaché meeting in October
 - Working party of the Chief Veterinary Officers (CVO) in November
 - December Council
- Questionnaire was sent to CVOs
 - The Austrian delegate prepared questions concerning transport
 - In total, 25 answers were received
 - Please note:
 - Not all the respondents provided answers to all of the questions

DEVELOPING EU ANIMAL WELFARE LEGISLATION

- A majority of the respondents (88%, 22/24) considered the existing EU animal welfare legislation is not comprehensive enough
- There is a need for additional legislation where no detailed legislation currently exists (87%, 20/23)
- Most of the respondents supported the idea of a single EU animal welfare law (63%, 15/24)



WHICH PIECES OF LEGISLATION DO YOU FEEL NEED TO BE AMENDED?

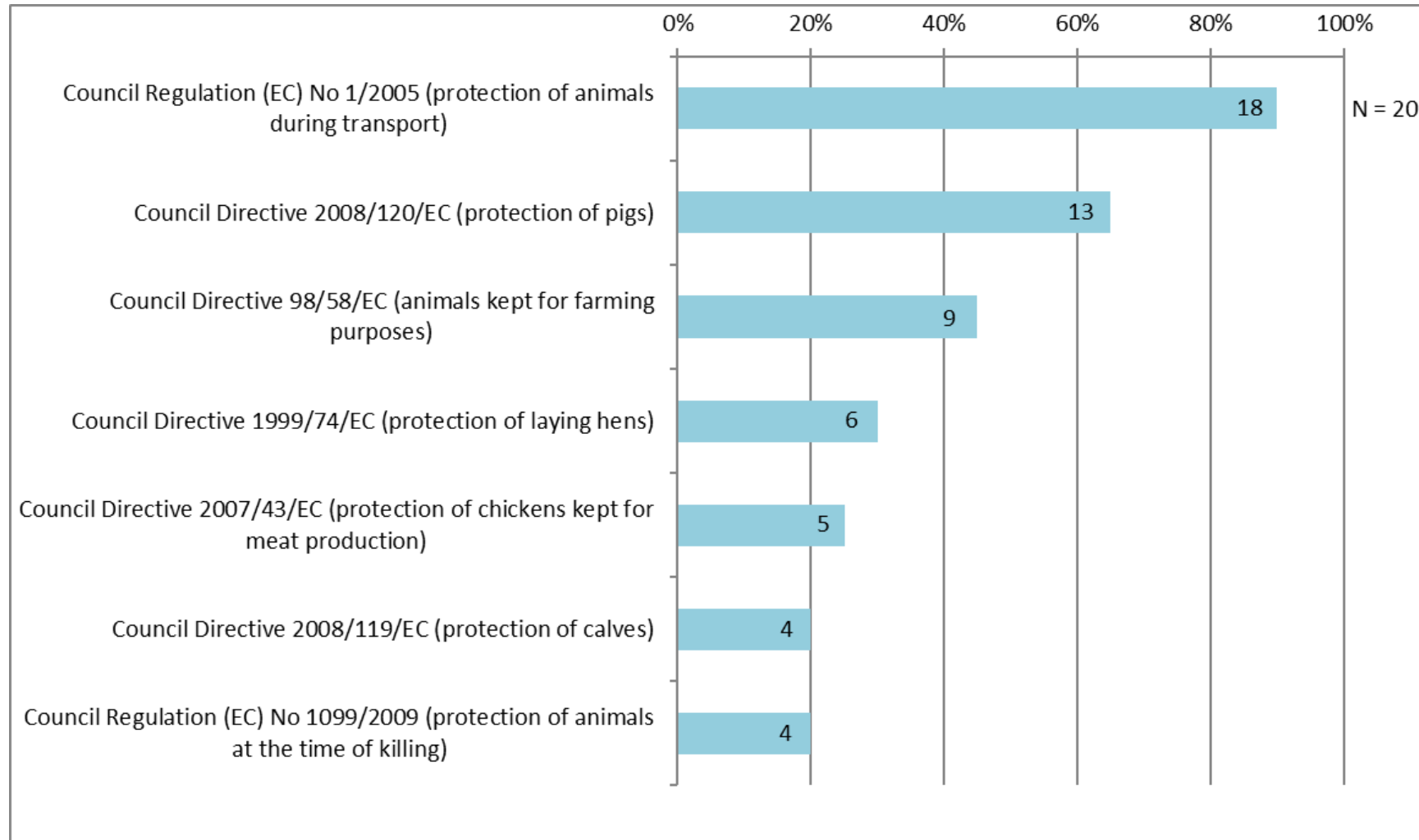
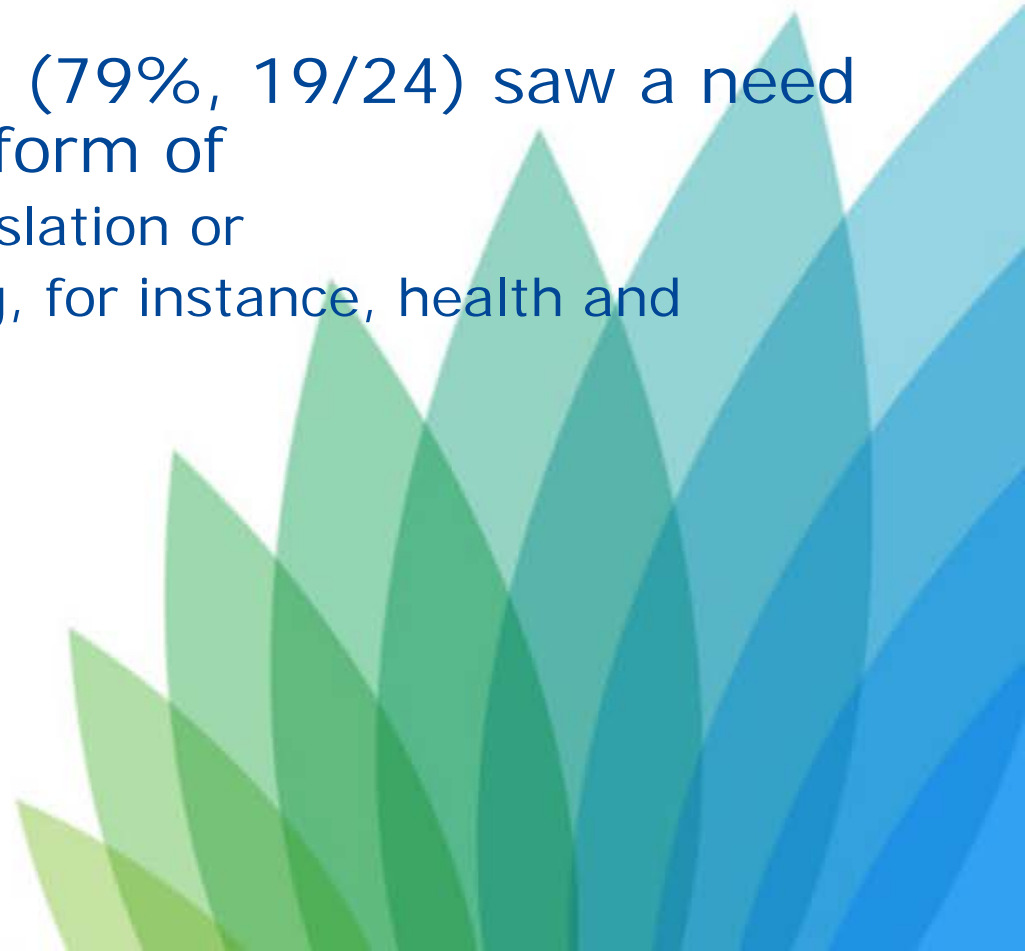


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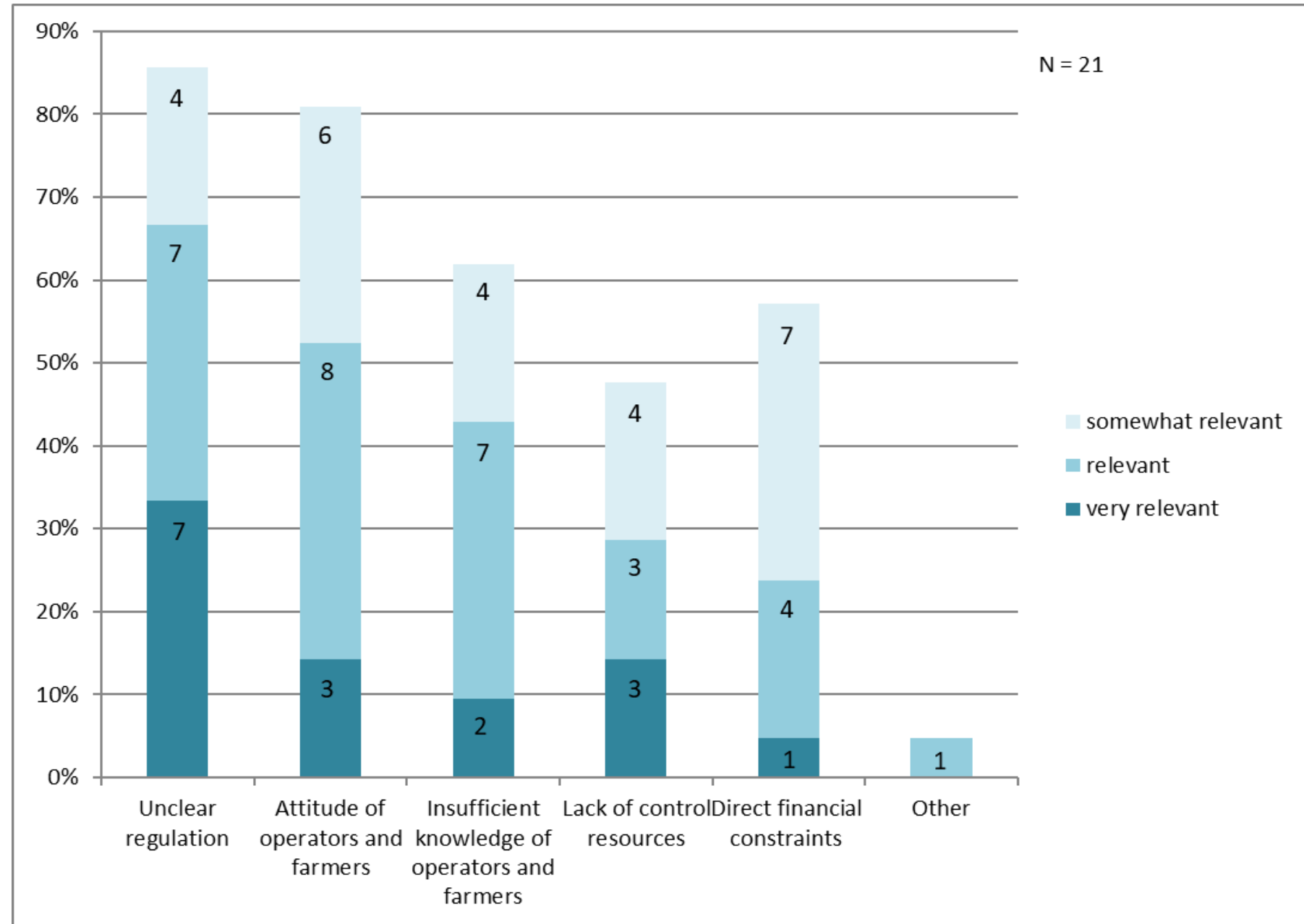
THE WELFARE OF DOGS AND CATS INVOLVED IN COMMERCIAL PRACTICES



- A majority of the respondents (79%, 19/24) saw a need for EU-level regulation in the form of
 - Independent animal welfare legislation or
 - Part of wider legislation covering, for instance, health and identification



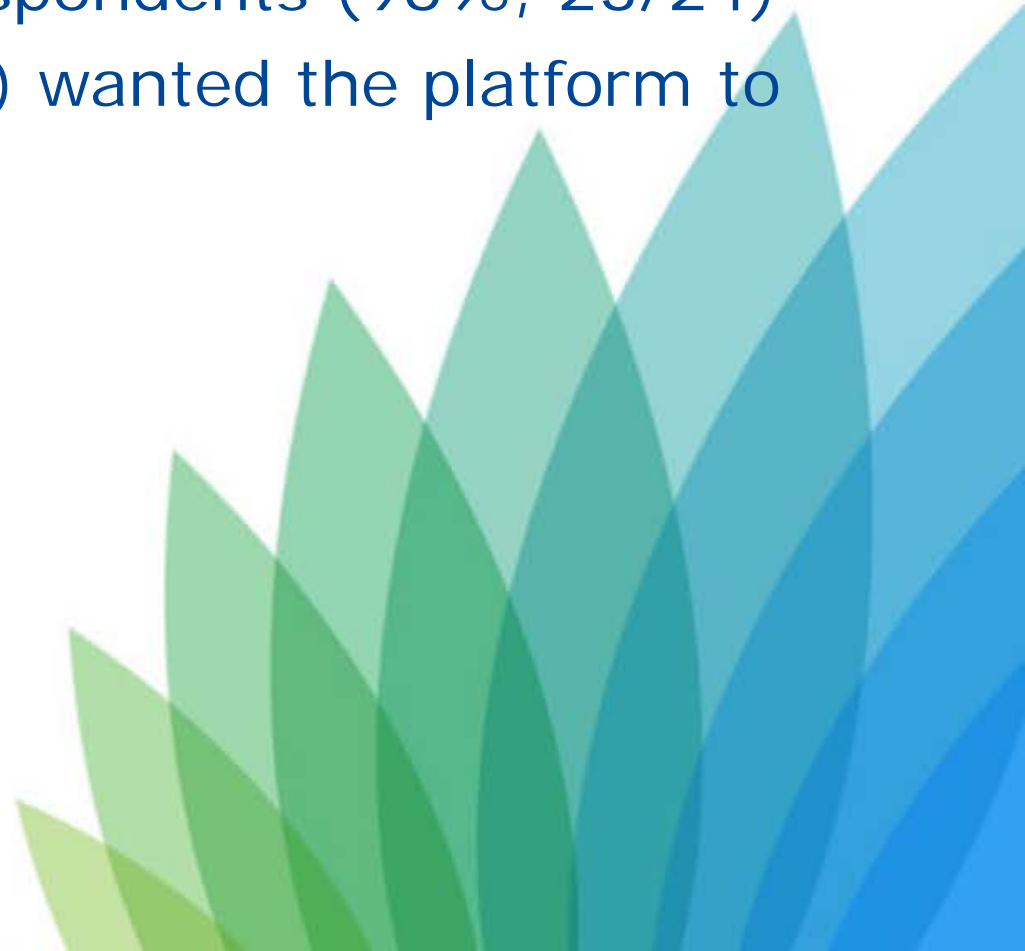
WHAT ARE THE MAIN REASONS FOR THE LACK OF COMPLIANCE IN YOUR COUNTRY?



EU PLATFORM ON ANIMAL WELFARE

- Useful according to a majority of the respondents (96%, 23/24)
- A majority of respondents (91%, 21/23) wanted the platform to continue in the future

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IN THE CONTEXT OF EU AND THIRD COUNTRY TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, ANIMAL WELFARE SHOULD HAVE A MORE CENTRAL ROLE

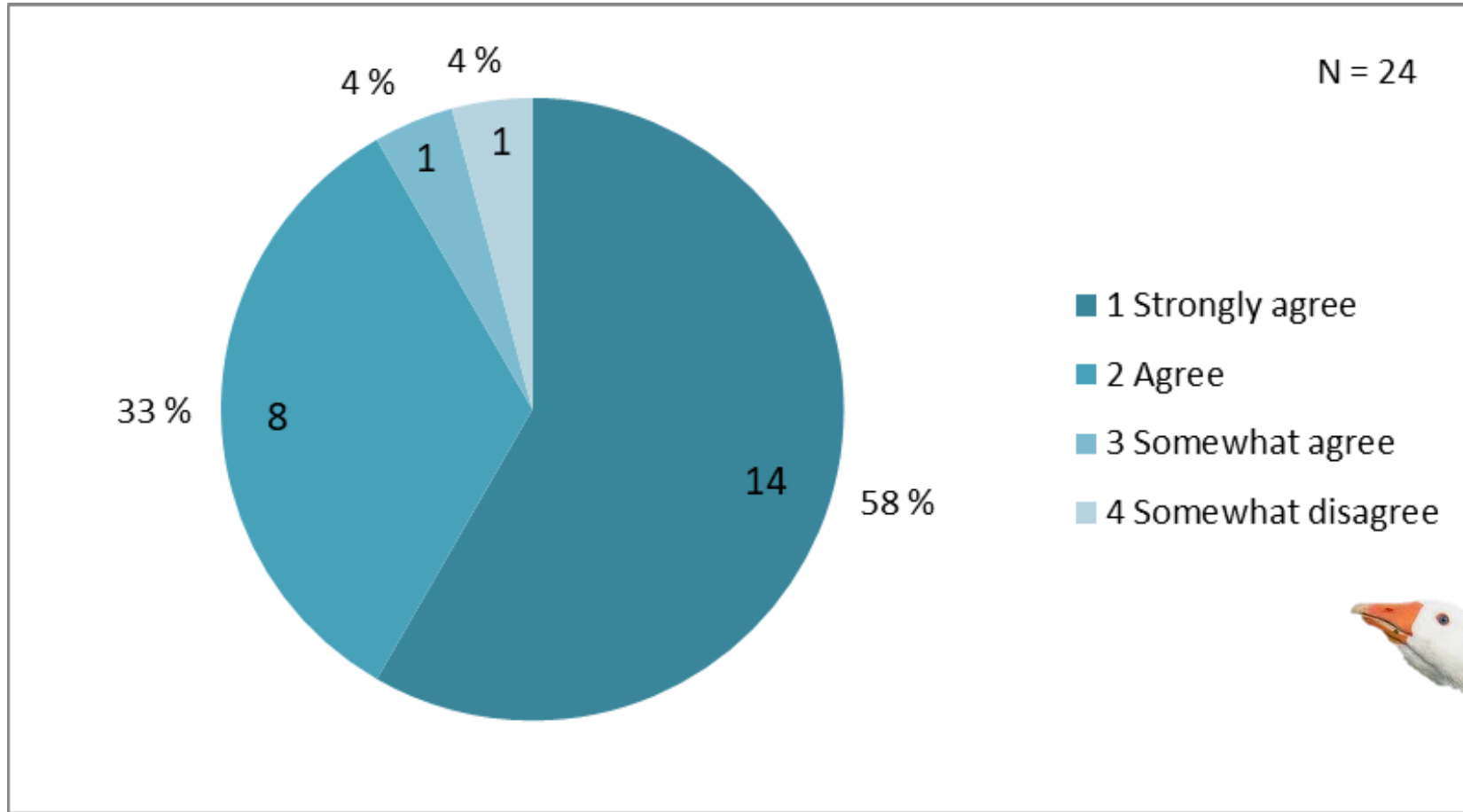


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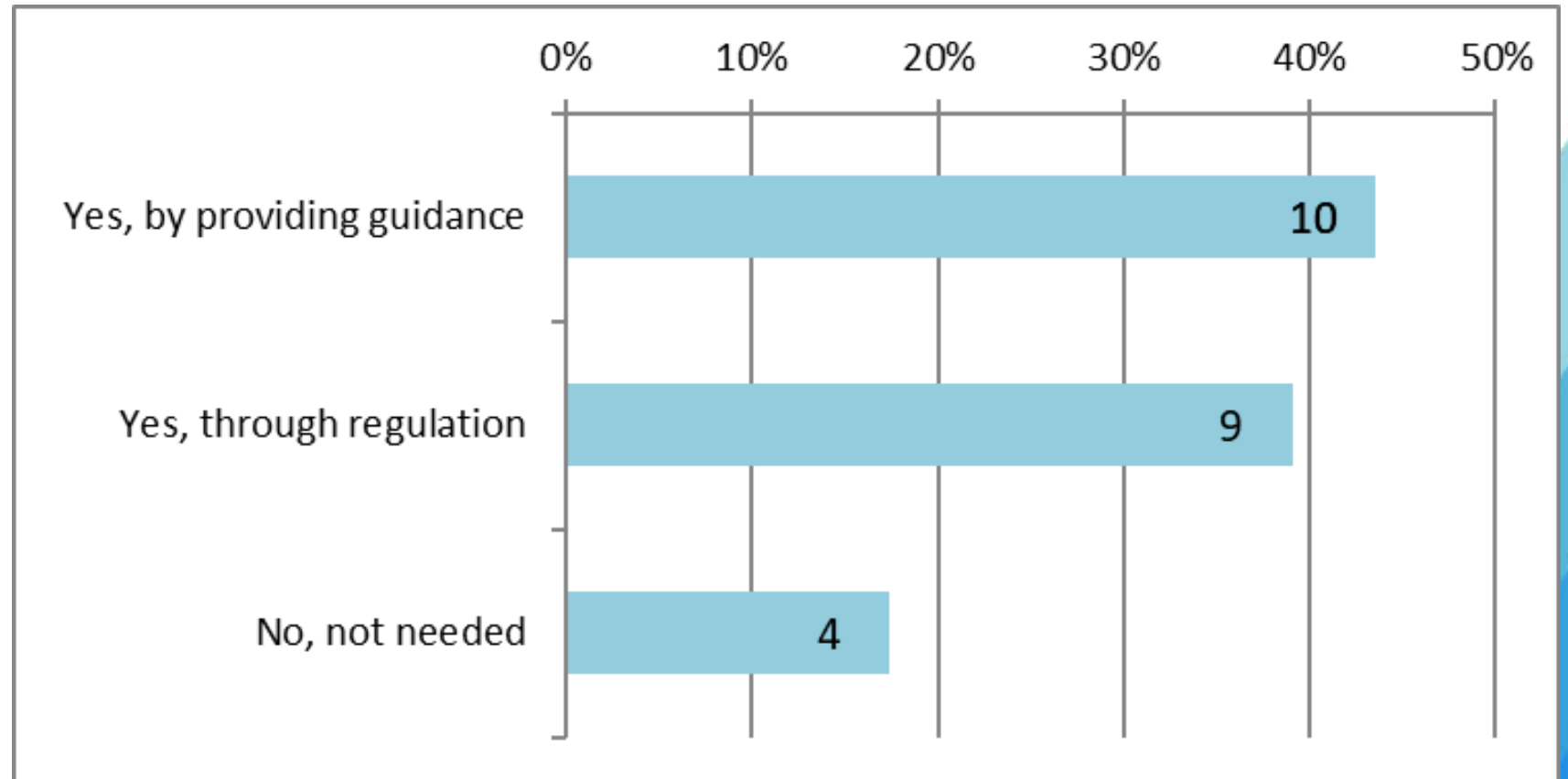
NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS (NCP)

- Essential role in the rapid exchange of information during long distance transport
- A good network of contacts
- Informal communication
- However
 - No 24-hour service
 - Communication doesn't always work
 - Only 1 meeting per year

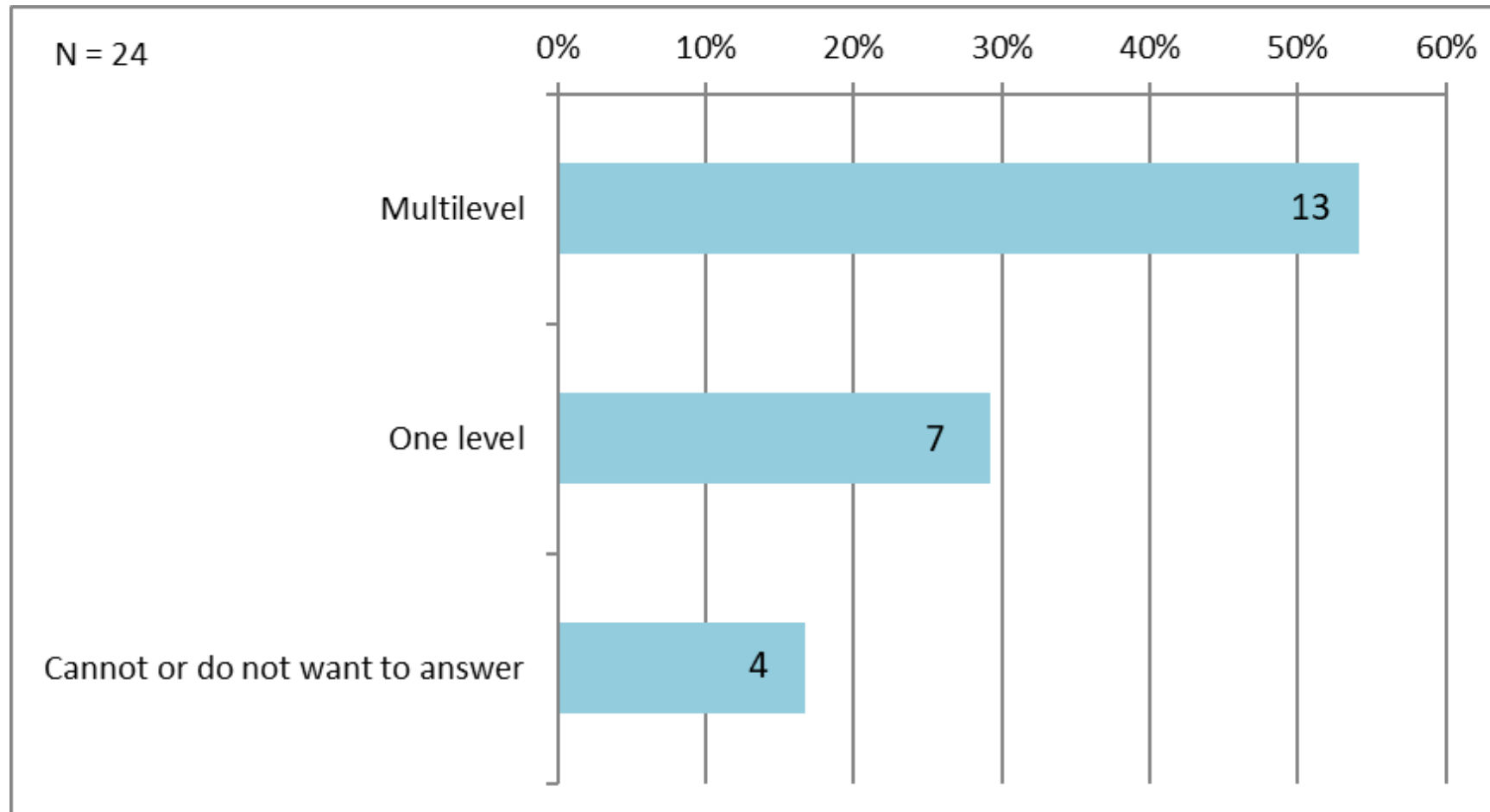


SHOULD THE EU CREATE A COMMON ANIMAL WELFARE LABELLING SCHEME FOR ANIMAL PRODUCTS TO INFORM CONSUMERS OR OTHERWISE REGULATE LABELLING?

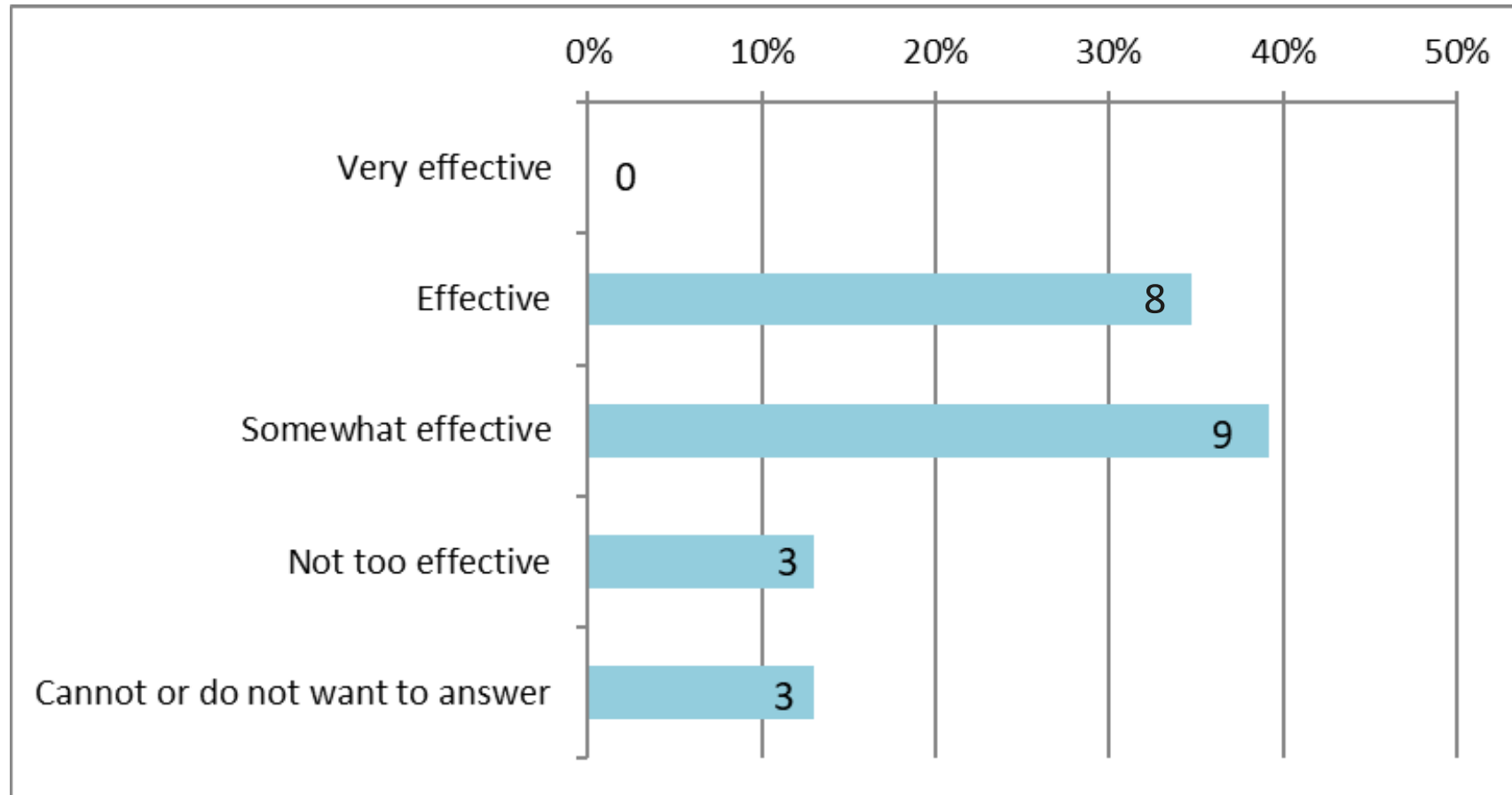
Respondents supported an animal welfare labelling scheme (83%, 19/23)



SHOULD THERE BE ONLY ONE LEVEL OF AN EU ANIMAL WELFARE LABELLING SCHEME OR SHOULD THE SYSTEM BE MULTILEVEL?



DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE ANIMAL WELFARE MEASURES (IN THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES) YOU HAVE INDICATED HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE IN PROMOTING ANIMAL WELFARE?



STRATEGIC WAY FORWARD

- The EU Animal Welfare Strategy 2012-2015 generally considered to be sufficiently ambitious
- A majority of the respondents (88%, 22/25) considered that a new welfare strategy is needed



Thank you!

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