

Stakeholders' requirements and expectations with respect to multi-functionality of grasslands in Europe

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Today

- Multi-functionality of grasslands
- Project MultiSward and stakeholder consultation
- International stakeholder meeting
- First results national stakeholder consultation (web-based questionnaire)
- Conclusions



Multifunctional grasslands / services from grassland

- 'Provisioning' services: food, fibre and fuel production
- 'Regulating' services, e.g. carbon sequestration
- 'Supporting' services, e.g. soil formation and protection, nutrient cycling
- 'Cultural' services, e.g. recreation, the aesthetic value of the landscape

MultiSward (2010-2014)

- MultiSward aims to support developments and innovations in grassland use and management in different European farming systems, pedoclimatic and socio-economic conditions
- 15 partners in 11 countries
- MultiSward uses stakeholder participation to improve the scope for anchoring new developments in grasslands use

Aim

- To determine stakeholder requirements and expectations with respect to multi-functionality of grasslands within Europe



Who are these stakeholders?

■ Stakeholder analysis

- Primary producer, policy maker, research and advice most important stakeholders
- Followed by NGO's (nature, environment), industry, education and consumers

International stakeholder meeting

- Kiel, 2010 (following EGF)
- Six stakeholder groups: advice, education, farming, industry, policy and research
- Five European regions: Atlantic, Continental, Mediterranean, Mountainous and Nordic



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Appreciation of the current and future functions of grasslands in Europe

- Economic functions are most important
 - Feed for herbivores to produce meat, milk, wool
 - Plant fibre, raw material for bio-energy production
- Environmental functions place second
 - Water quality and quantity
 - Adaptation, mitigation
 - Biodiversity
- Social services (local culture, recreation)

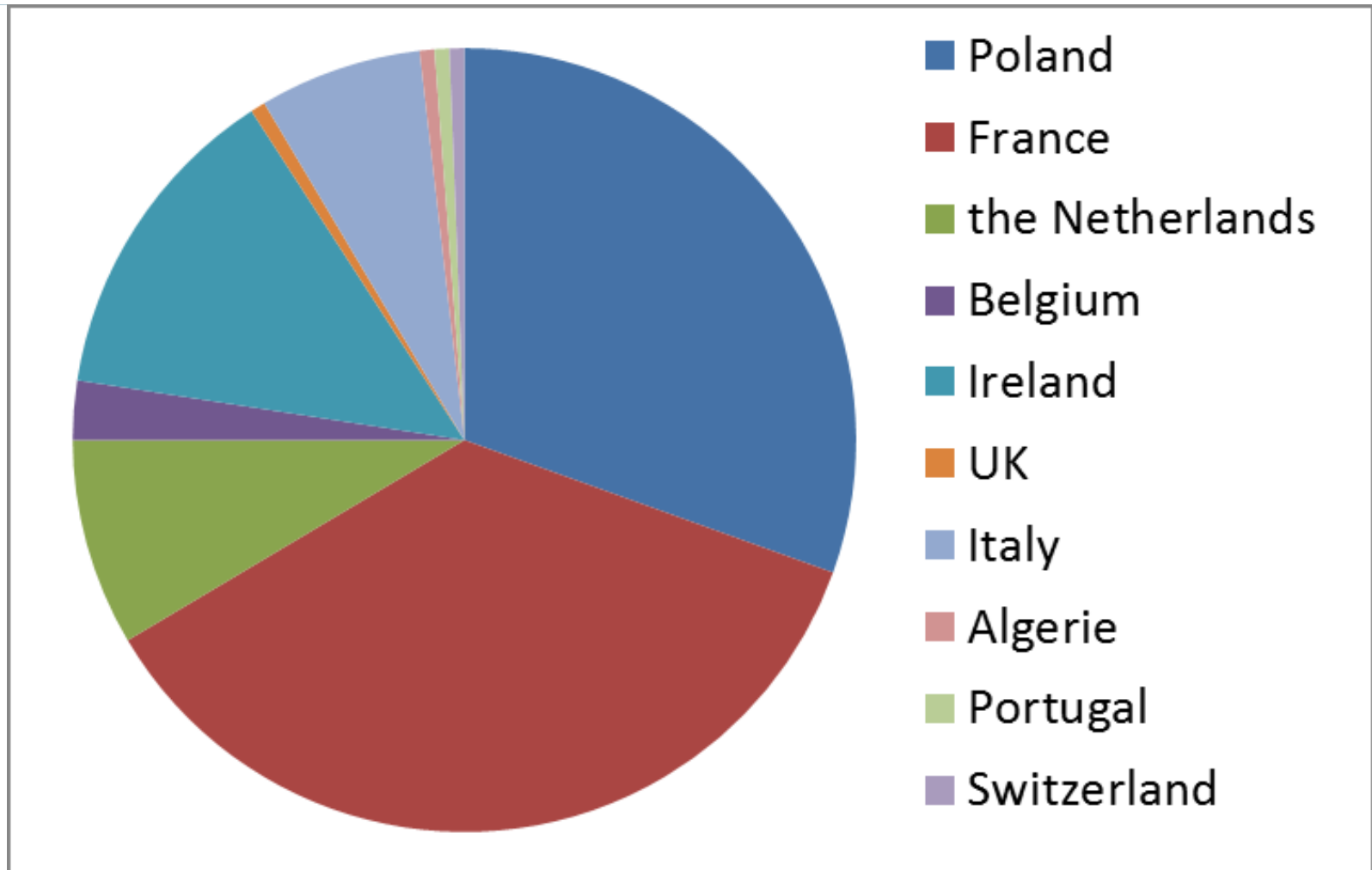
Questionnaire

- To determine stakeholder requirements and expectations with respect to multi-functionality of grasslands within Europe
- Web-based (and on paper)
- Interaction stakeholders - Multisward vv
- Polish, Dutch, Italian, French, English

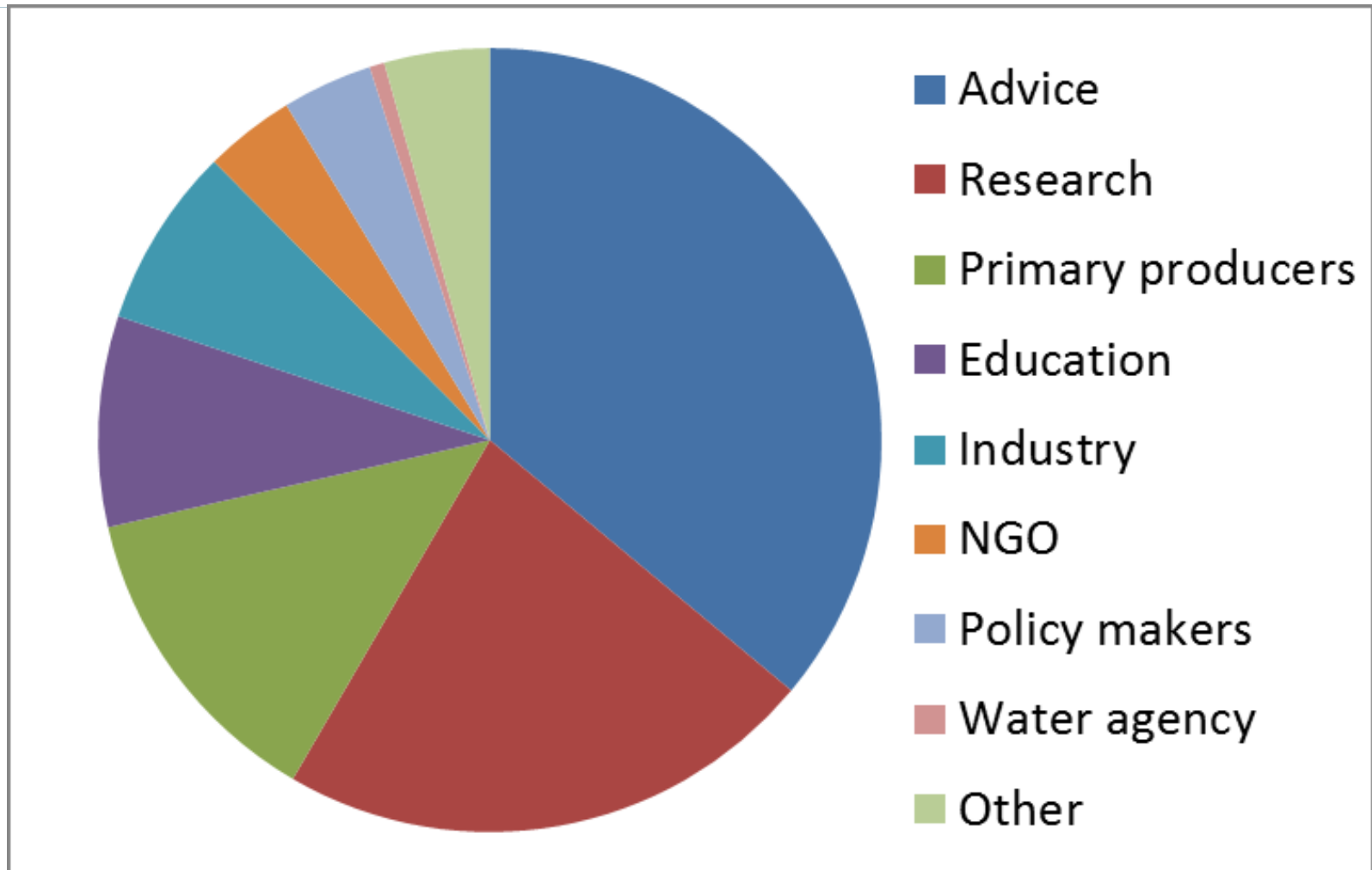
Preliminary results questionnaire

- Number of responses is 163
 - Please note that these are first results
 - Be careful when interpreting !!
 - Watch trends
 - Each response is valuable in itself

Origin of responses / 5 regional groups

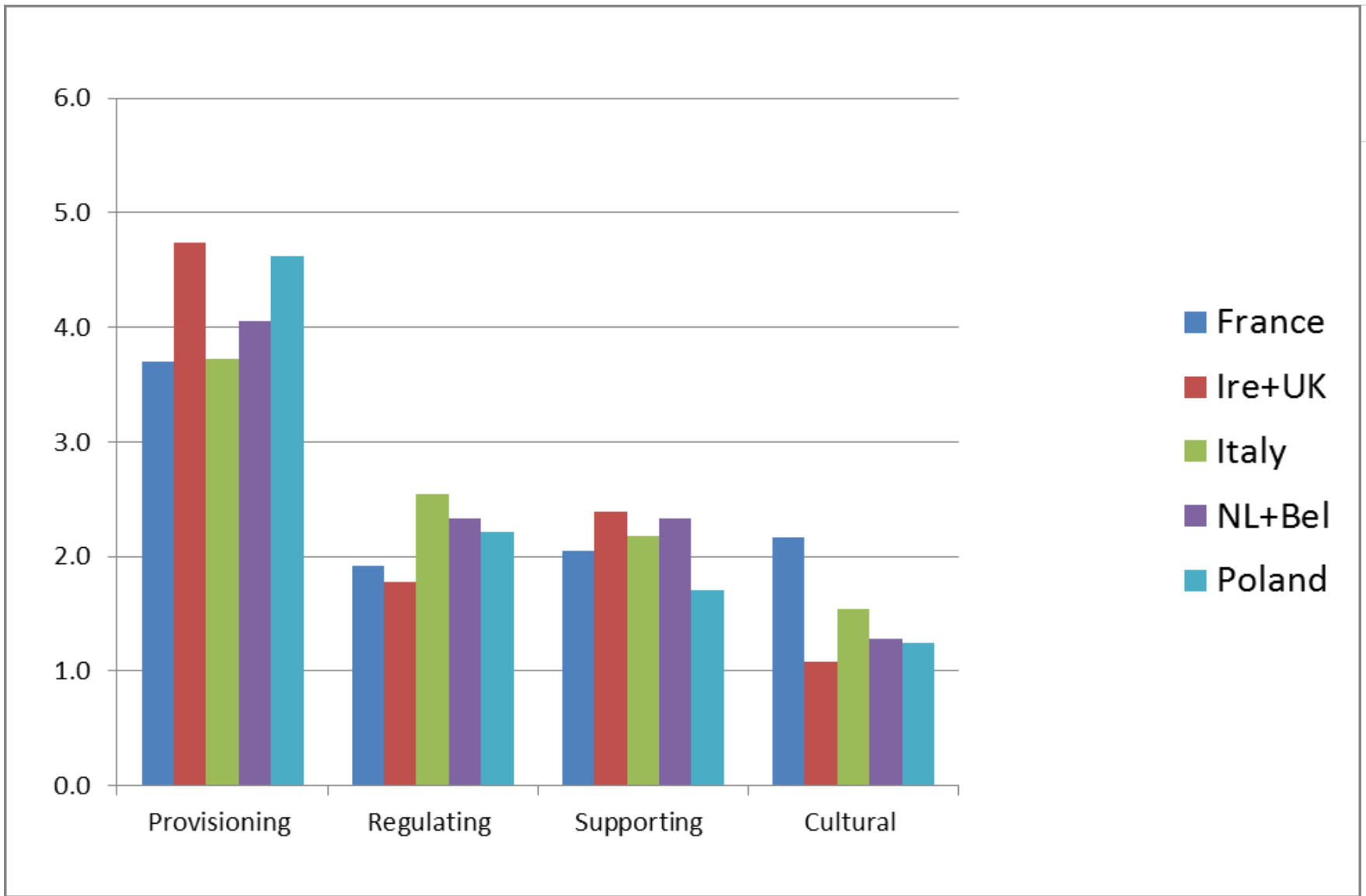


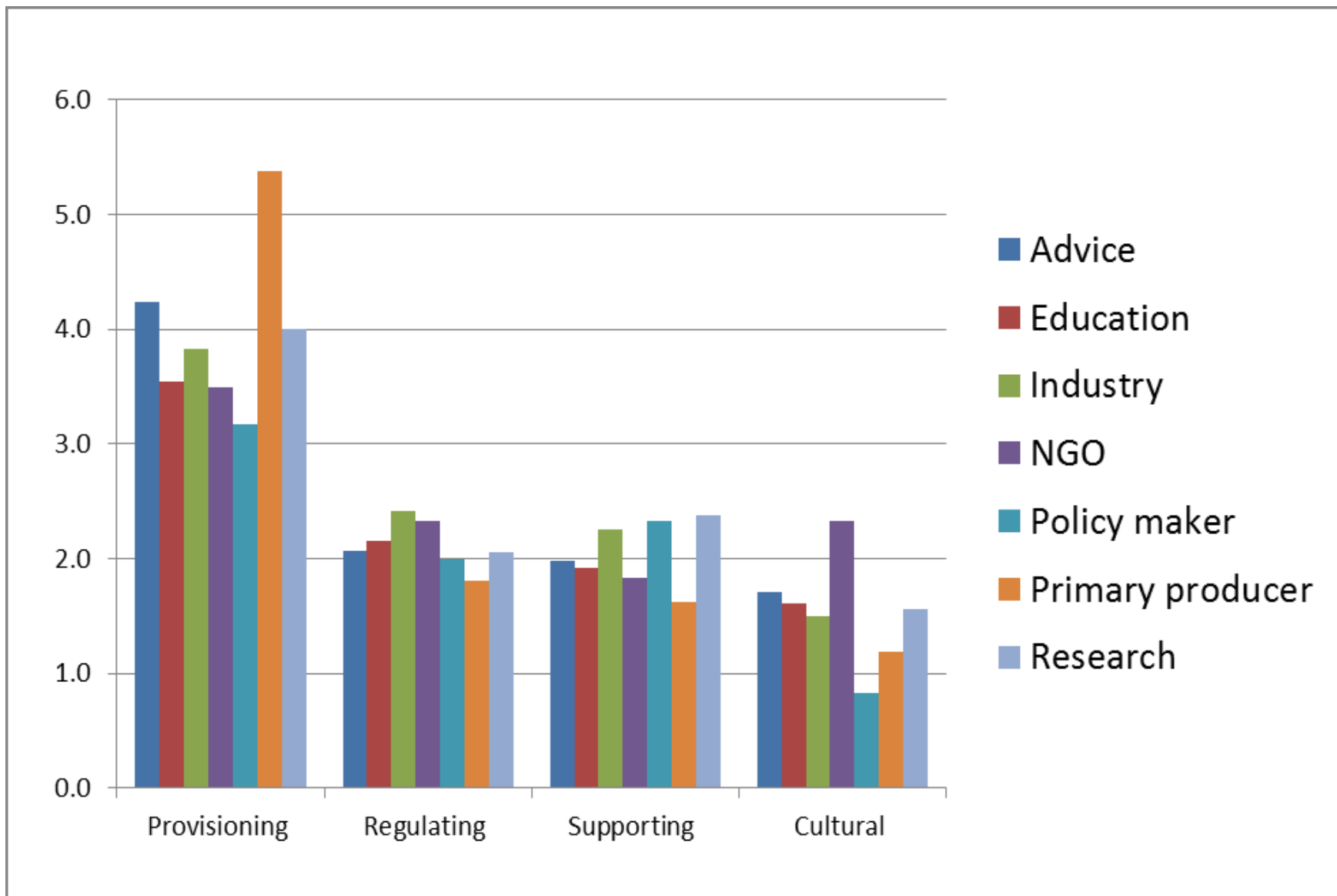
Origin of responses / 7 stakeholder groups



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- People were asked to divide 10 points





Conclusions

- Stakeholders appreciate the different functions of grasslands
- Economic functions are considered the most important by all stakeholders
- Grassland – a valuable resource !

Finally

- Questionnaire is available in different languages:
 - Polish
 - Dutch
 - Italian
 - French
 - English
 - Coming soon: German
- Available on-line (www.multisward.eu)

Thank you

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