



Drinking Water Expert Group Meeting 18 December 2014



Agenda Item 4

Update recent activities

European Commission
DG Environment
Unit C.2 - Marine Environment & Water Industry



1. Public consultation
2. Benchmarking
3. Evaluation Study
4. WHO – Annex I Parameters



1. Public consultation

European Citizens Initiative 'Right2water'

<http://ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative>

Commission response COM(2014) 177 final, 19 March 2014

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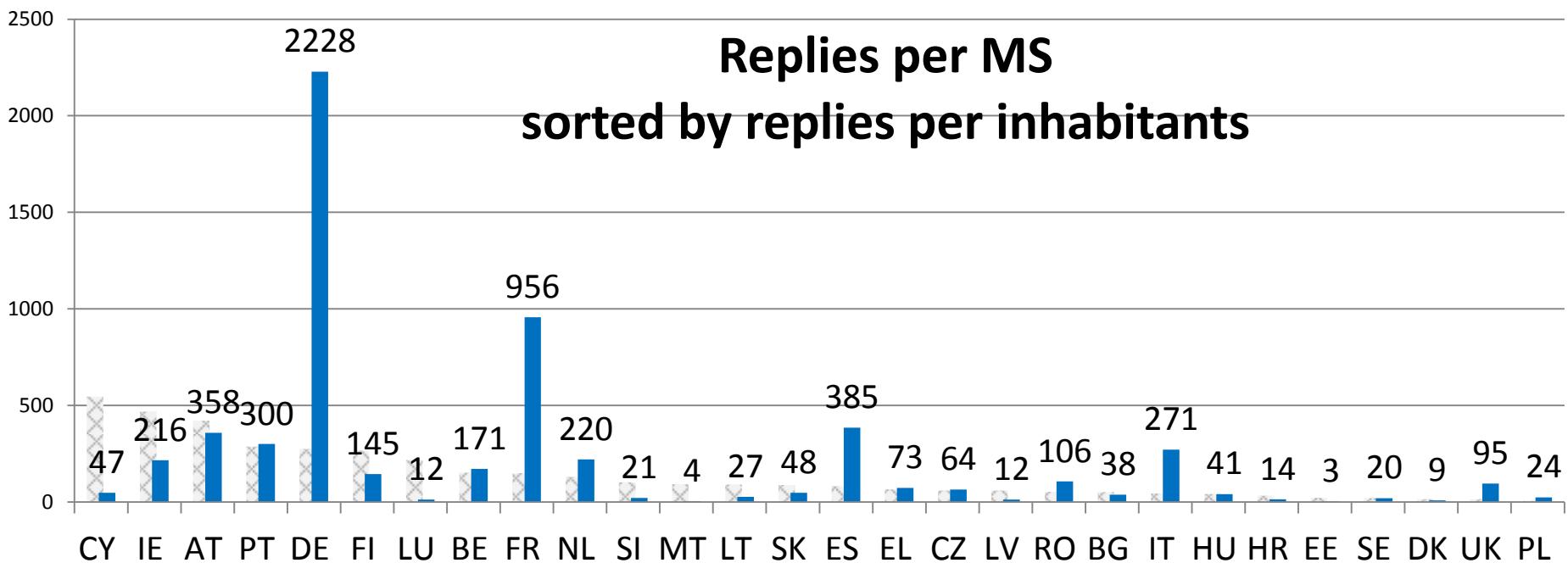
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The Commission committed itself inter alia to:

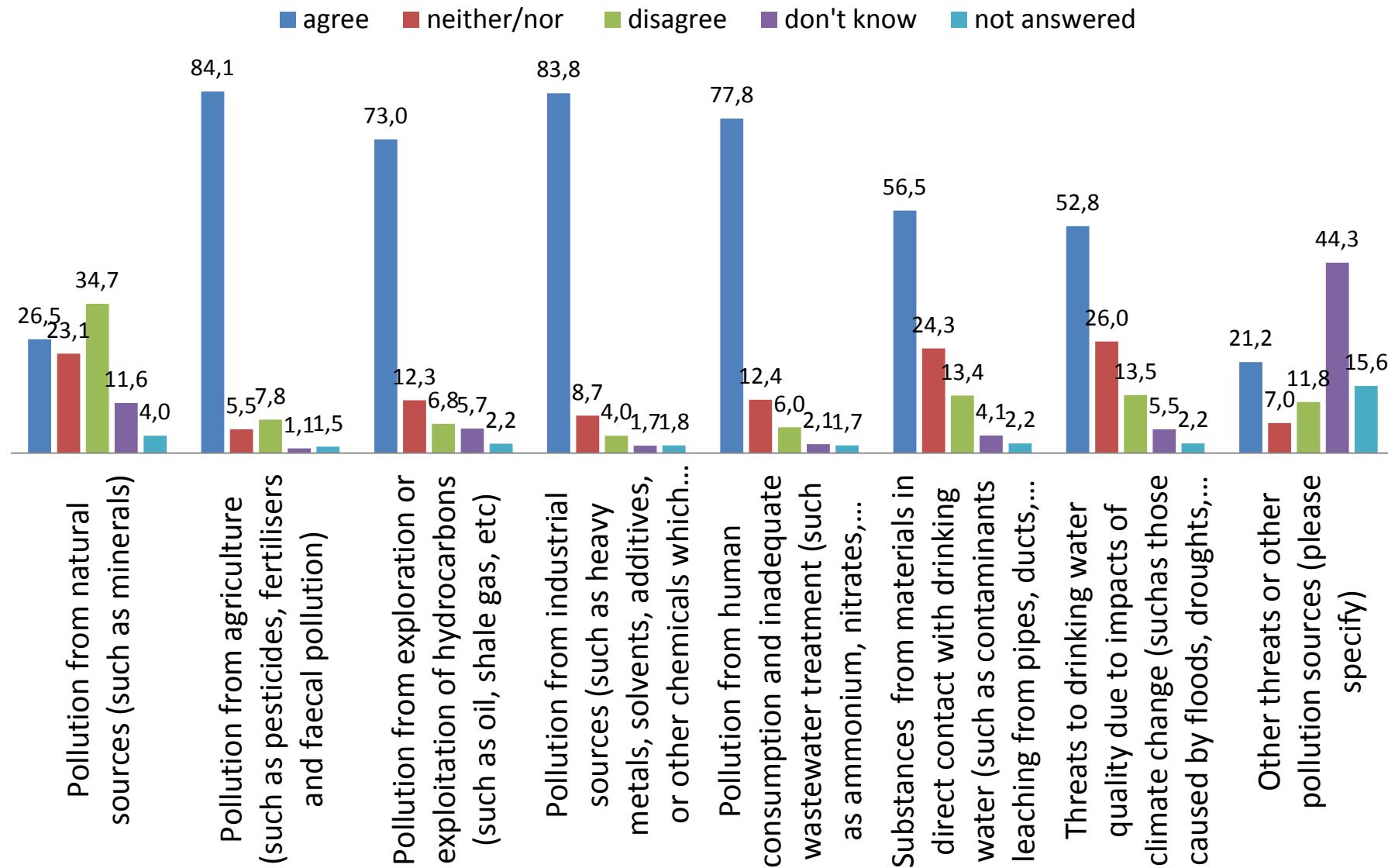
- **launch an EU-wide public consultation on the Drinking Water Directive**
 - **Survey performed: 23 June to 23 Sep 2014**
 - **Statistical Results: See separate presentation**



Evaluated replies: 5908
of these: Stakeholders/Experts: 670 (11%)

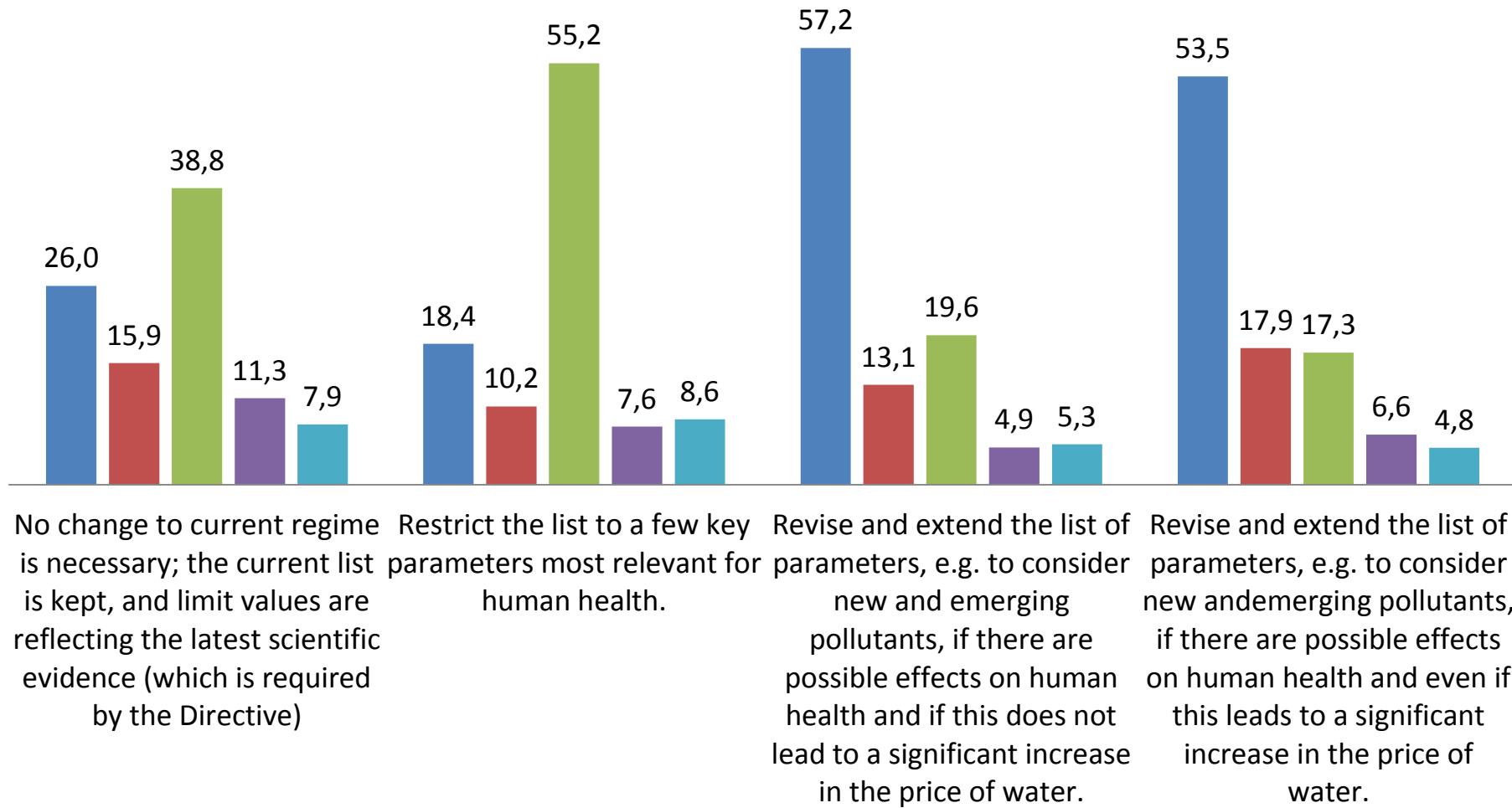


Threats to drinking water (%)



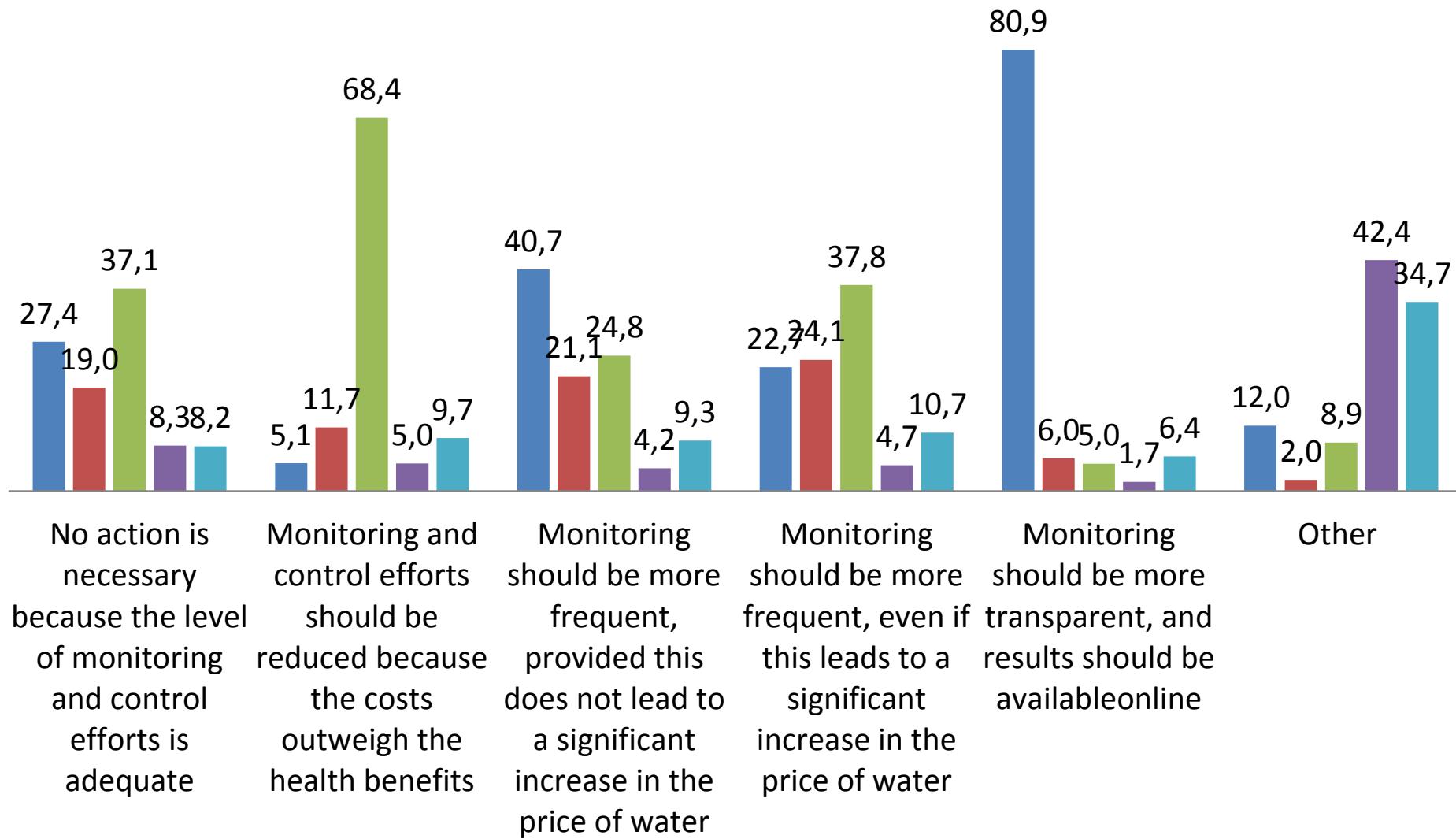
Quality standards in the Drinking Water Directive (%)

■ agree ■ neither/nor ■ disagree ■ don't know ■ not answered



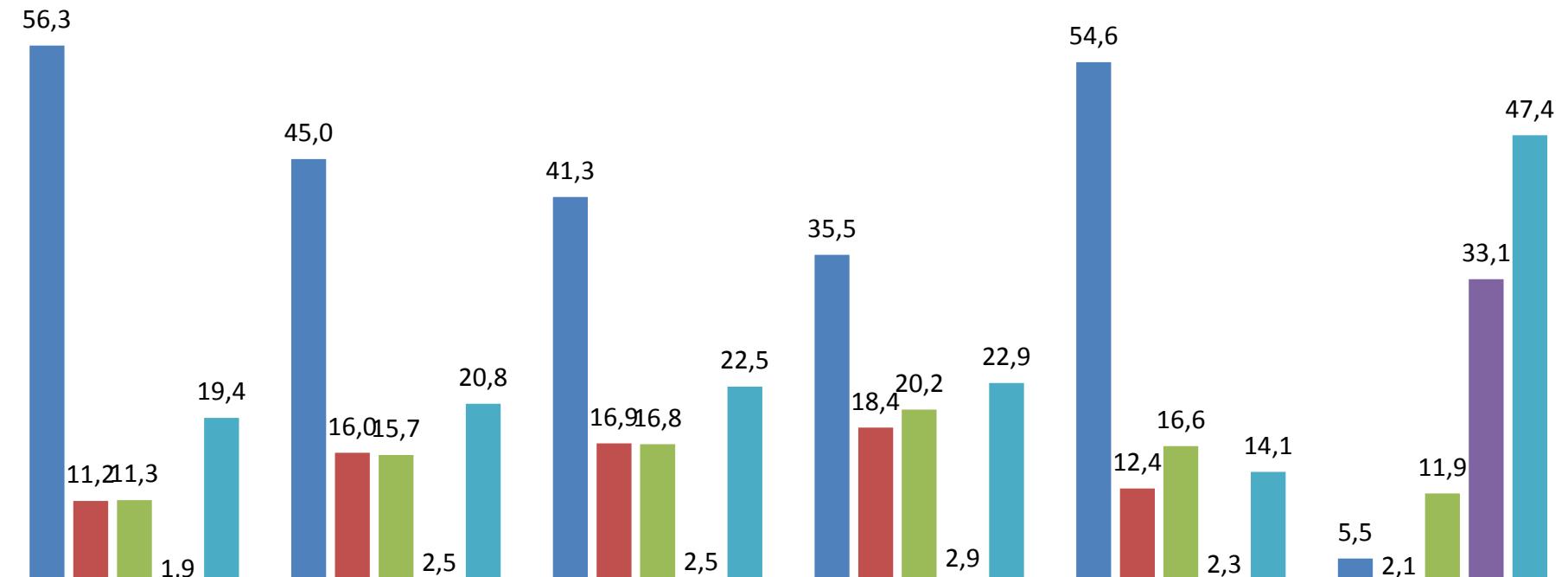
Monitoring and Control of Drinking Water (%)

█ agree █ neither/nor █ disagree █ don't know █ not answered



Content of consumer information (%)

█ agree █ neither/nor █ disagree █ don't know █ not answered



Easily understandable information to all that drinking water quality is compliant (water quality ok)

Simplified information intelligible to all summarising water quality aspects (a label with colours, a flag, an index, etc.)

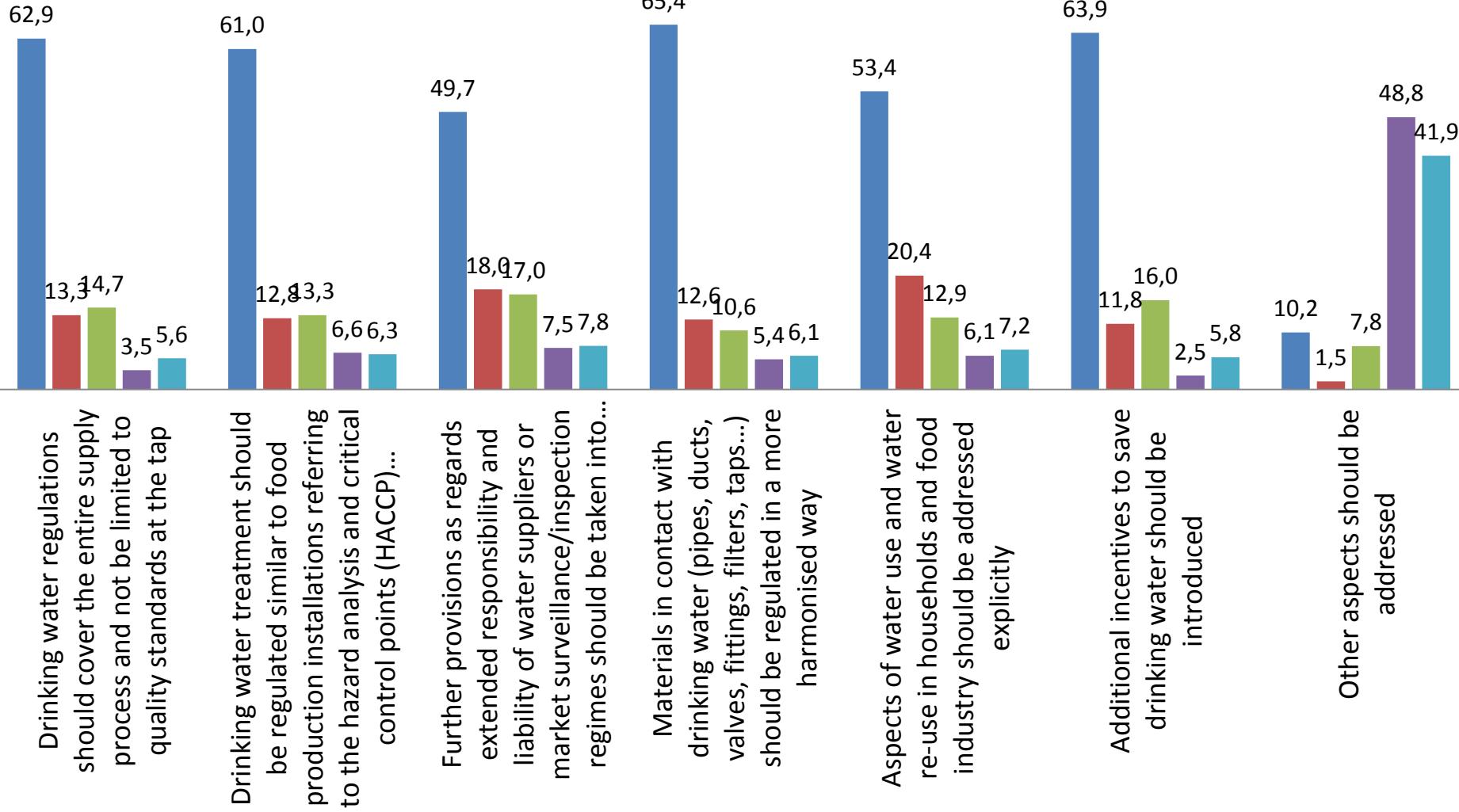
Basic quality aspects (some parameters as for bottled water/mineralwater)

All detailed information from each analysis and all parameters that are being monitored should be made available

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Further aspects (%)

█ agree █ neither/nor █ disagree █ don't know █ not answered





57 position papers:

A) Authorities (12 contributors)

*1 National Parliament (France), 6 National (central) authorities
(5 MS: BE, CZ, FR, NL, UK, plus NO), 5 other authorities.*

B) Stakeholder Contributions (45)

12 important EU associations: ANEC, AquaFed, Aqua Publica Europea, CEEP, CEIR, EFBW, EFAD, EFFAT, EPHA, EPSU, Eureau, Europump

16 national associations from DE, ES, FR, IT, PT, UK

- *A quite balanced 'dealer' versus 'consumer' proportion*

C) 80 citizens (i.e. farmers, right2water supporters, ...)



Some preliminary findings:

- (1) *enhance the information to the public: This issue has been identified across the board*
 - (2) *improve the monitoring and control system*
 - (3) *address materials in contact with drinking water*
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- *Many issues raised related to the human right to water*
 - *Address water resources, polluter-pays-principle, small WSZ*
 - *Address emerging pollutants, but opposition from communes and agriculture*
 - *General appreciation of the current drinking water policy is positive.*



2. Benchmarking

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The Commission committed itself inter alia to:

- promote **increasing transparency:**
 - for urban wastewater and drinking water management
 - through structured dialogue between stakeholders
 - will explore the idea of benchmarking water quality and water services
- **Multistakeholder Meeting: 9 Sep 2014**



Multistakeholder-Dialogue on Benchmarking - Facilitated by the Commission

- *Benchmarking initiatives to be promoted*
- *Transparency vs KPI/tools to increase performance*
- *Identify indicators linked to public concerns (ECI)*
- *Further stakeholder consultation shall include also MS/authorities and big and small suppliers*

All meeting documents on:

<https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/dde40439-9af7-47b8-9751-006b136e681b>

- *Comments and Position Papers received*

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Way forward to be decided



3. Evaluation

Evaluation Drinking Water Directive

- *REFIT Communication and the SWD(2014) 192 final accompanying COM(2014) 368 final*
- *Inclusion in the Refit- Programme - Annex 3 of the Commission Work Programme 2015 - A New Start, COM(2014) 910 final, presented on Tuesday in Strasbourg*
- *ECI "Right2Water"*
- *Short-term revision of the technical Annexes II and III; Long-term evaluation of the whole Directive*



Part I Evaluation Study

Task 1: Analysis of the EUSurvey - Public consultation

Task 2: Intervention logic

Task 3: Evaluation methodology/to evaluate the DWD

Effectiveness, Efficiency, Coherence, Relevance, EU added value

- A final evaluation report in line with the EC evaluation guidelines

Part II Impact Assessment Study

Task 4 – Initial Pilot Study - Drinking Water Health Risk Assessment

Tasks 5 and 6: Impact Assessment Support

Problem Definition, Baseline Scenario, Objectives, Policy options and assessment of the health, social, economic and environmental impacts

Task 7 Study organisation and stakeholder consultations

Task 8 Assistance for the Impact Assessment Process



Study contract supporting the revision of the EU Drinking Water Directive awarded to Ecorys in a consortium with Alterra, ACTeon, REC, KWR.

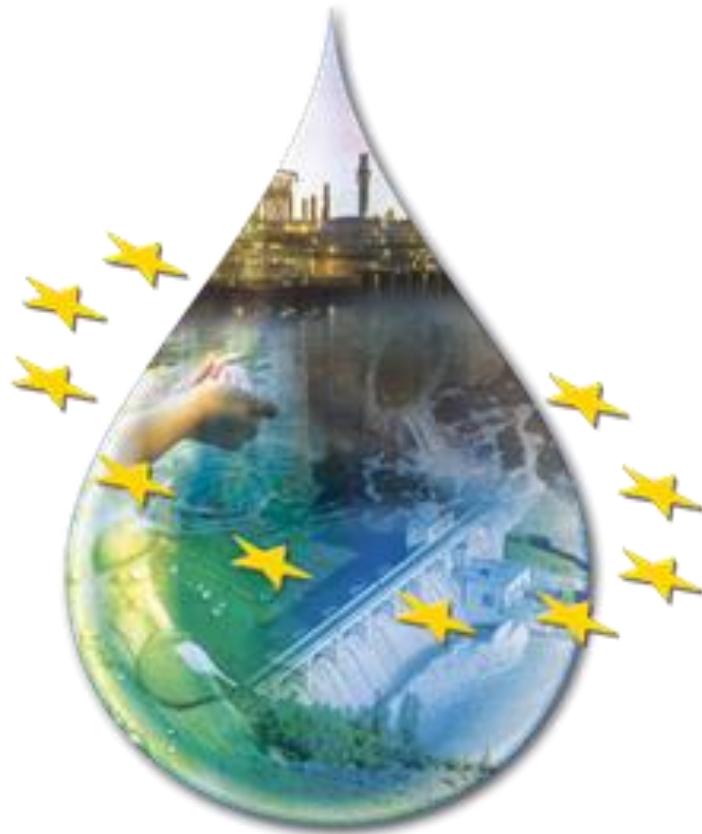
- 1. Meeting on the evaluation in May 2015 (scheduled for 26-27/05/2015)*
- 2. (3.) Meeting(s) in fall 2015.*



4. WHO Annex I Parameters

WHO Cooperation Project

- Screening of all Drinking Water Parameter
- Scientific Evidence
- Expert Consultation
- Health effect reflexion
- Recommendation on application of Risk Based Approaches and Water Safety Plans in European context



Thank you for your attention.