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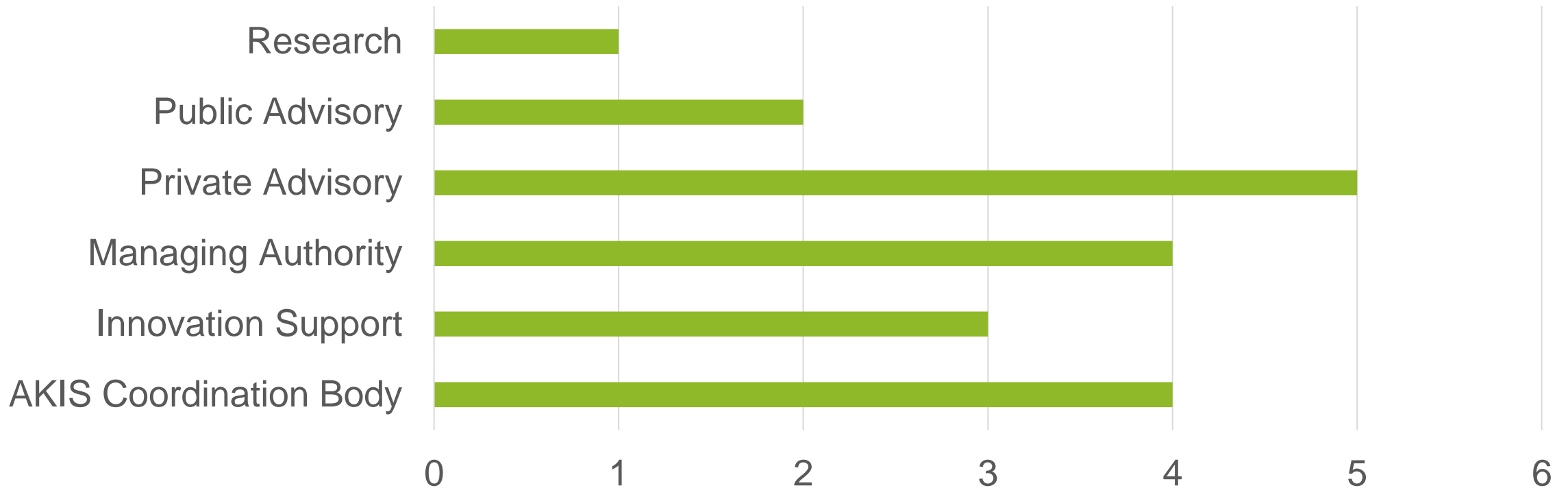


Respondents

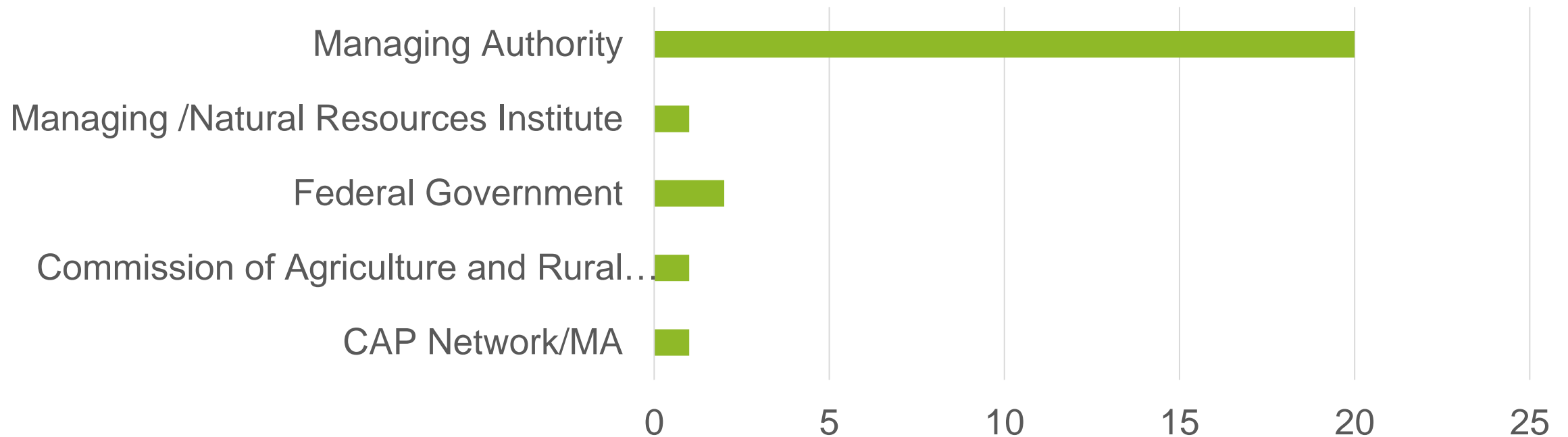
- 59 Responses
- 26 Countries



Profile of Respondents



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- › Overall, the responses highlight the need for improved coordination and integration of AKIS activities at both national and regional levels to foster innovation and knowledge exchange in the agricultural sector.

Some points to note:

- › Fragmented coordination: Several countries have a fragmented and diverse AKIS landscape, with different regions or ministries taking responsibility for specific aspects of AKIS.
- › Regional-level coordination: In some countries, regional or autonomous province AKIS coordinations are being established.



Which actors are involved in the AKIS coordination How do these actors interact with each other? Are there new structures in place?

- › The formal coordination body for Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS) has not been established in most cases. This indicates that the coordination of AKIS is still in its early stages or undergoing development.
- › In general the Managing Authority are working through different working groups, steering committees, or coordination platforms involving various stakeholders such as advisory services, research institutes, educational institutions, farmer associations, and governmental partners.
- › Efforts are being made to establish coordination structures or bodies for AKIS, such as AKIS Follow-up and Monitoring Groups, AKIS Committees, AKIS Centers, and AKIS Councils.



How is the AKIS coordination body resourced (staffing)? How frequently are interactions foreseen in order to get feedback on the functioning of the AKIS coordination?

- › The staffing and feedback mechanisms for AKIS coordination vary greatly across Member States.
- › The coordination staff may be responsible for tasks such as innovation management, project coordination, communication, and financial control.
- › Limited resources and staffing pose challenges to AKIS coordination in many cases. Some countries are exploring the use of digital platforms, annual seminars, or AKIS assemblies to facilitate networking and feedback among stakeholders. The coordination of AKIS may also involve partnerships with universities, research institutes, and private/civil society sectors.



Q4. How does your AKIS Coordination Body plan to engage with the various AKIS actors?

- › AKIS coordination involves various methods of communication and collaboration, including digital tools, physical meetings, workshops, conferences, and thematic group activities. These platforms and events aim to connect AKIS actors, share information, disseminate knowledge, and promote innovation partnerships.
- › The coordination of AKIS often involves the use of existing networks or platforms such as the National Rural Network or CAP network. These networks serve as support units and facilitate the exchange of good practices, dissemination of information, and involvement of AKIS participants.
- › Regular meetings, workshops, and thematic information meetings are planned to engage AKIS actors and promote collaboration.



Q5. How will your AKIS Coordination Body capture feedback from existing networks and organisations on the organisation of knowledge and innovation actions?

- › Utilize existing networks and platforms such as the former national rural network, CAP national network, and AKIS coordination bodies.
- › Various methods are employed to gather feedback, including feedback questionnaires, one-on-one discussions, meetings, working groups, and evaluation of events. Continuous evaluation and feedback collection are essential components of AKIS coordination.
- › AKIS coordination bodies and networks play a crucial role in organizing activities, workshops, conferences, webinars, and knowledge reservoirs. These platforms aim to involve and connect stakeholders, promote innovation, and support the dissemination of knowledge and results within the AKIS framework.



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