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of the public consultation on the possible
revision of the Mutual Recognition
Regulation (EC) No 764/2008**

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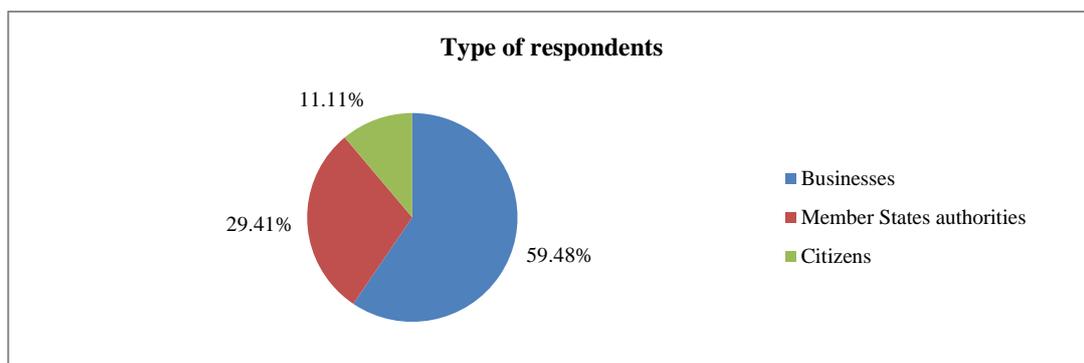
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1. TYPE OF RESPONDENTS

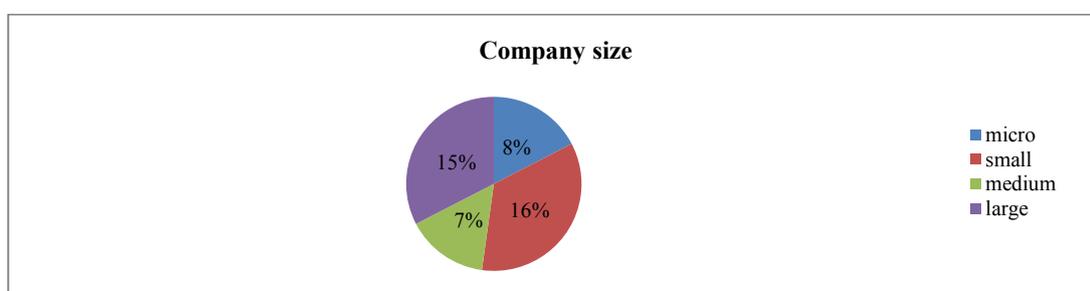
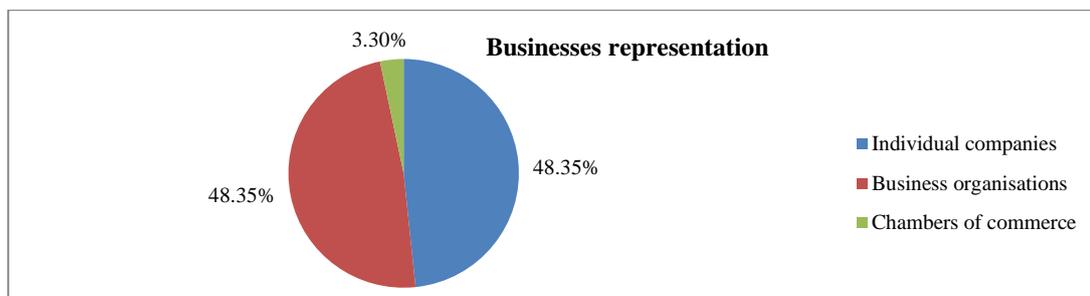
153 replies were received during the public consultation. Businesses were strongly represented (**91**), followed by Member States authorities (**45**), and citizens (**17**). This includes respondents that did not want their replies published: 16 businesses, 9 authorities and one citizen. The remainder of the respondents agreed to have their response published either fully or anonymously. All replies are included in the statistics.



45 authorities from Member States replied to the public consultation. 31% are Product Contact Points, the rest are other authorities.

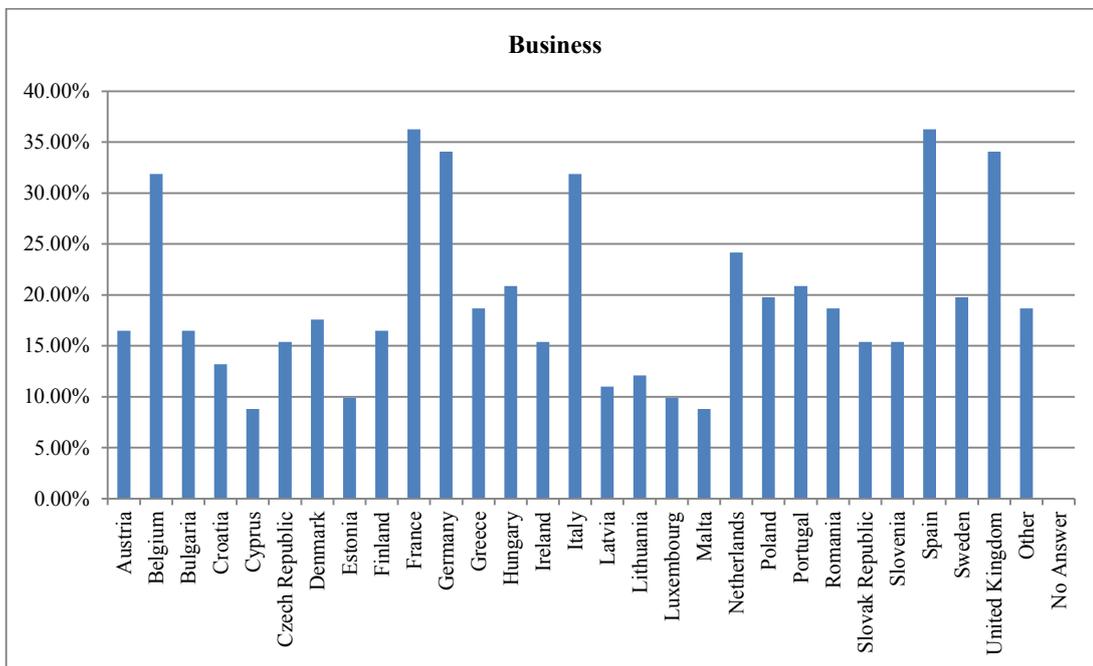
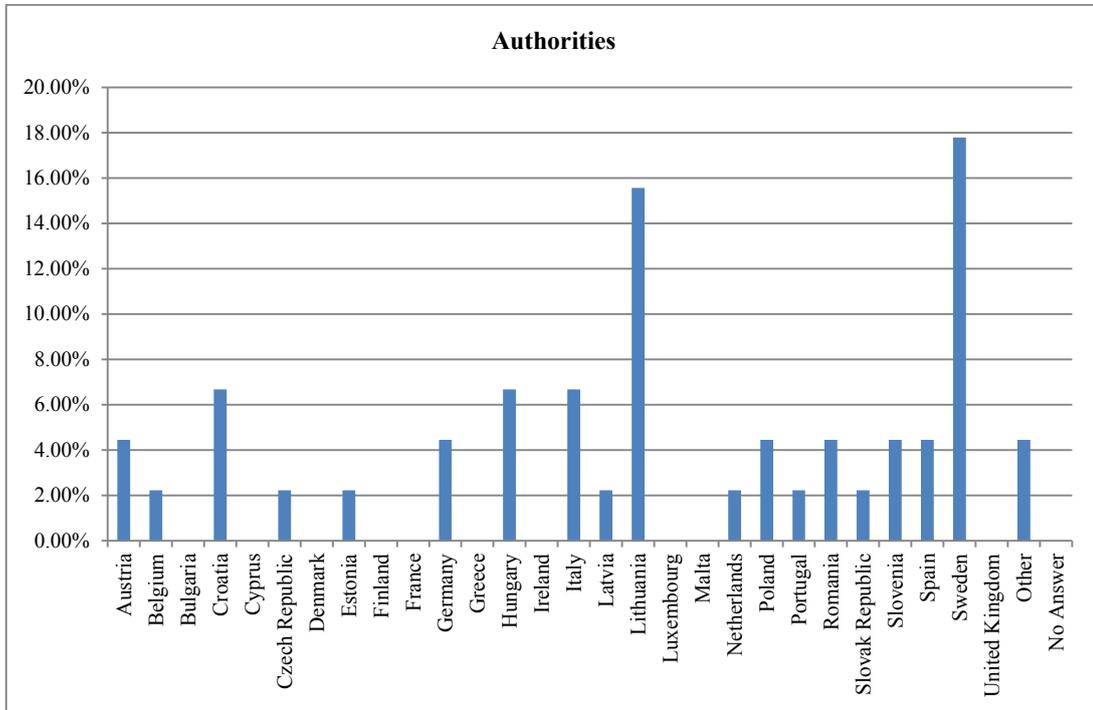
Among the group of citizens there are two consumer organisations.

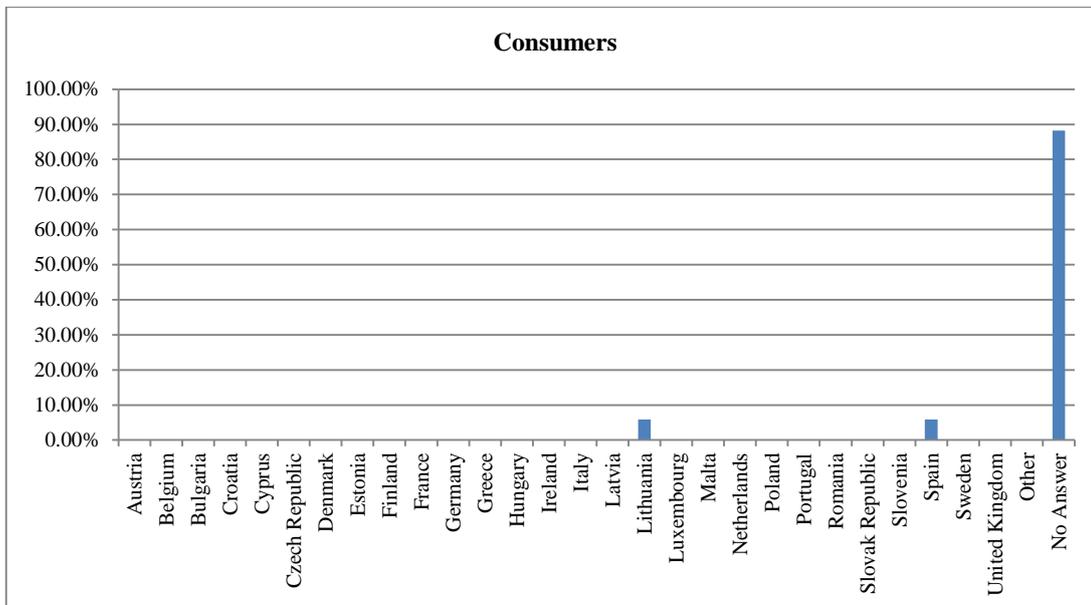
Individual companies (44) and business organisations (44) were equally represented, while only 3 chambers of commerce replied to the consultation. In terms of company size, the responses are roughly balanced between small and large companies.



In terms of activity sectors, **manufacturing is the most represented sector (46%), followed by wholesale and retail trade (13%), agriculture, forestry and fishing (8%) and water supply (6%).**

The geographical representation is quite well balanced for businesses. As for national authorities, 18 Member States and Norway participated in the public consultation. No replies were received from Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Luxembourg, Malta and UK. The majority of consumers chose not to indicate their country of establishment.



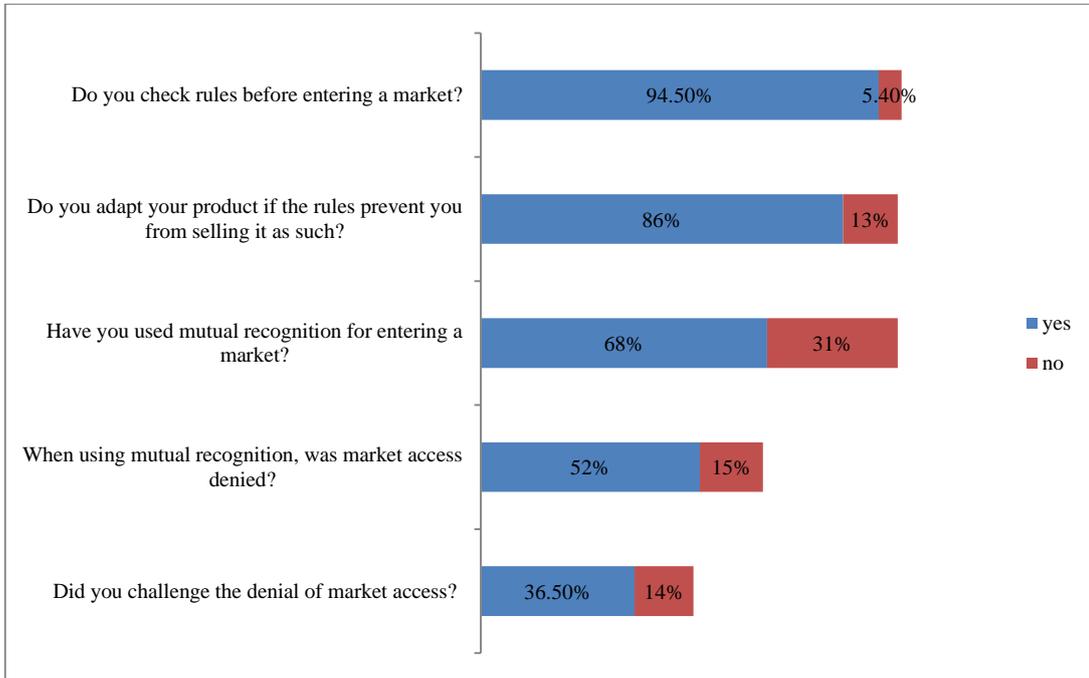


The numbers and percentages used to describe the distribution of the responses to the public consultation derive from the answers provided under the EU-Survey tool. Other submissions of stakeholders to the public consultation, such as position papers and contributions by email, have been taken into account when describing and analysing the views of stakeholders, but without being considered for the statistical representation.

2. HOW STAKEHOLDERS SEE MUTUAL RECOGNITION AND ITS POTENTIAL SHORTCOMINGS

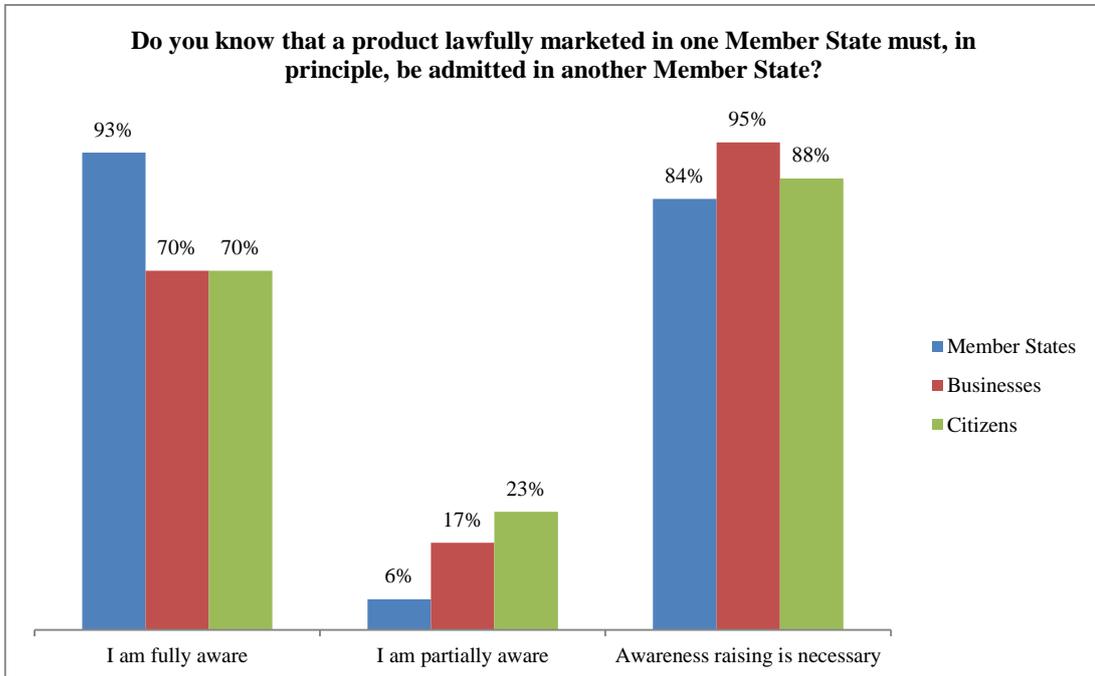
The majority of companies wishing to sell products in another Member State check the applicable rules in that Member State, and, if these rules prevent them from selling the product, most of them adapt it. This happens despite the fact that 70% of them are fully aware of the mutual recognition principle. More than half of the businesses responding tried to use mutual recognition for entering a new market. Among them, half had their market access denied, and only 2% challenged this decision successfully.

35% replied that they don't rely on mutual recognition for entering a new market, mainly because they don't know about it (15%) or because they don't trust it (4%).



When national authorities check if products available on their market and coming from another Member State comply with the national rules they are enforcing, **53% verify if they are already lawfully marketed in the Member State of origin while 46% don't.**

Despite the indicated high level of awareness about mutual recognition, the majority of respondents consider that awareness-raising remains necessary:



As regards the obstacles to the functioning of mutual recognition, businesses identified the lack of quick remedies for challenging national decisions denying market access as the highest one, followed by insufficient communication among authorities. By order of importance, obstacles have been ranked as follows:

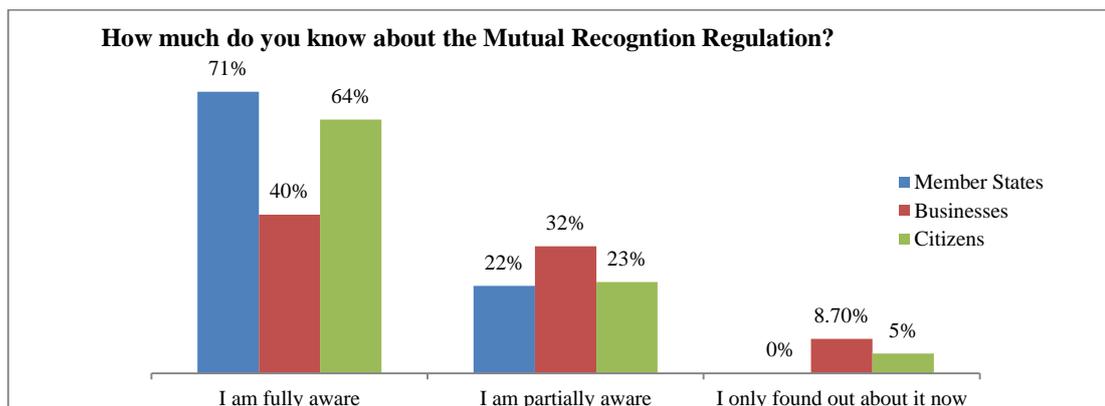
Ranking of obstacles by order of importance	
Difficult for businesses to challenge a national decision denying market access	62%
Insufficient communication between national authorities of different Member States	46%
Lack of awareness about mutual recognition	35%
Difficult to obtain information about whether mutual recognition applies to a specific product and thus to assess if mutual recognition can be used or not for a specific product	32%
Other	29%
Slow/inefficient communication between businesses and national authorities	27%
Difficult to demonstrate to authorities in other Member States that a product is lawfully sold in a Member State	26%
Insufficient communication between national authorities within the same Member State	21%

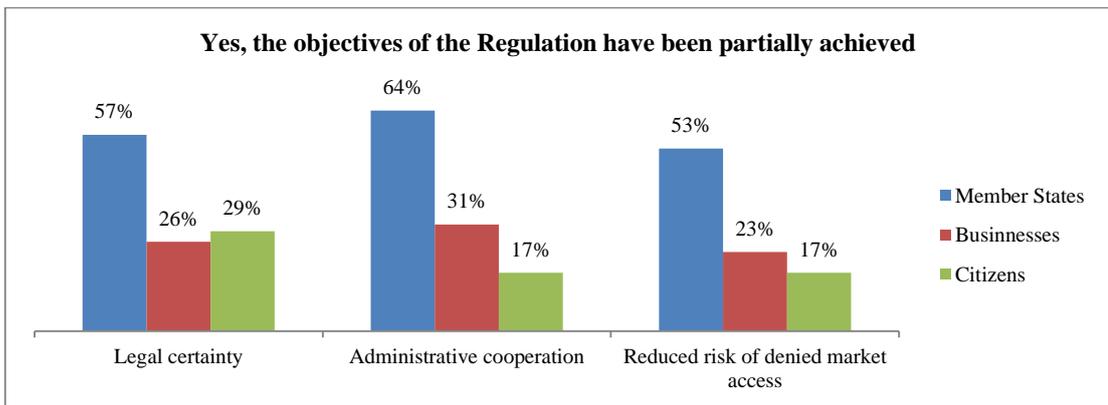
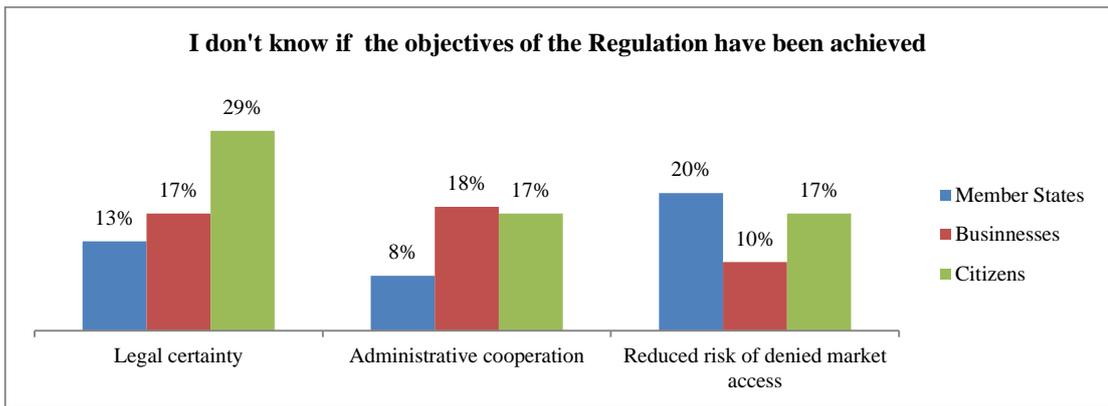
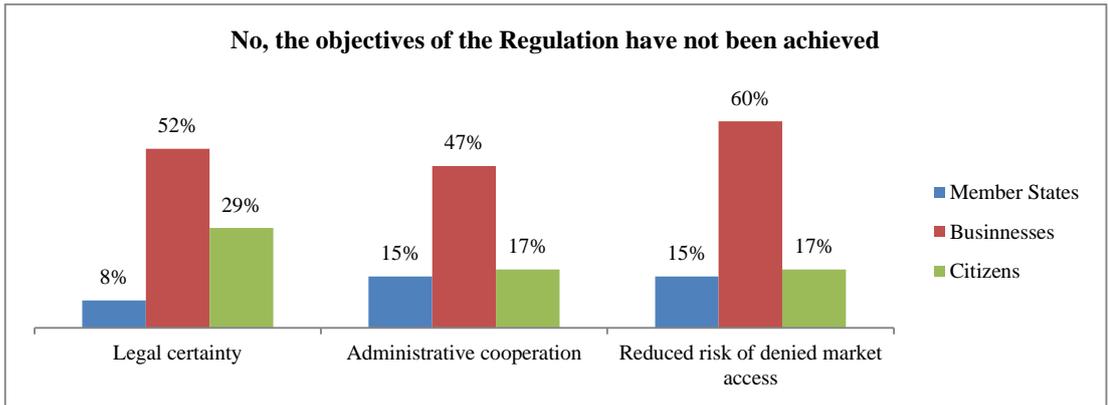
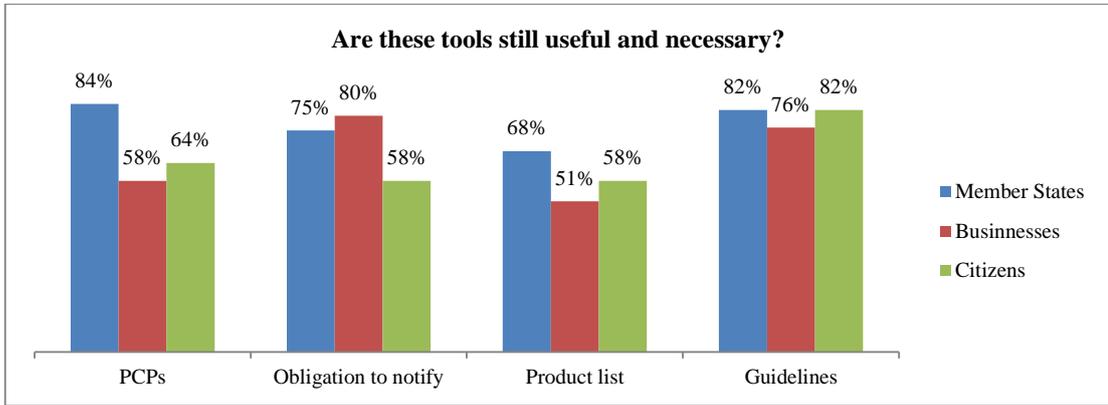
52% of the respondents faced such obstacles themselves. Most of the examples provided relate to national authorities insisting on applying the national rules at the cost of mutual recognition, very often in relation to food legislation or fertilisers.

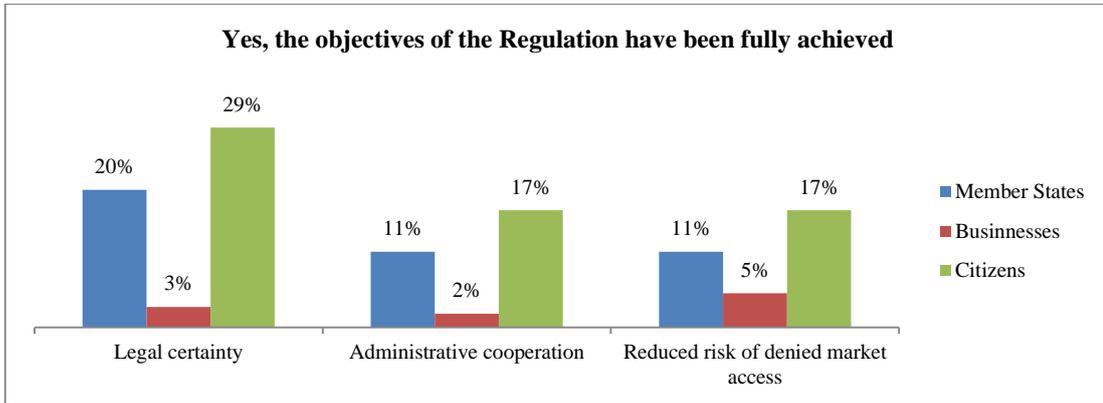
3. FUNCTIONING OF THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION REGULATION

Effectiveness: to what extent has the Regulation achieved its objectives?

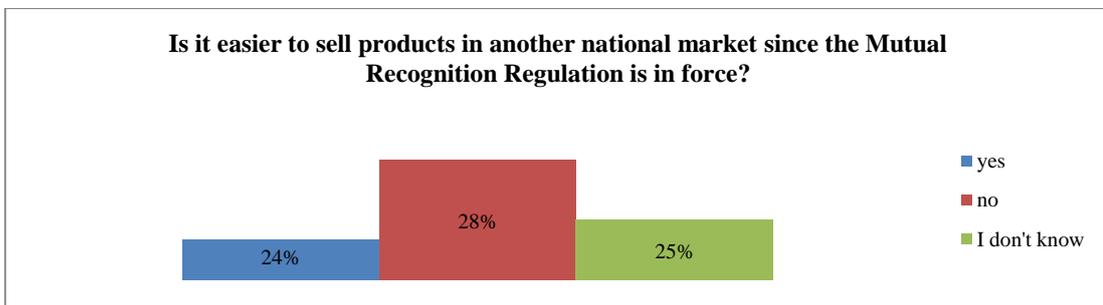
The majority of respondents are aware of the Regulation, and consider that most of the tools put in place are useful and still necessary. As regards whether or not the Regulation has met its objective, the feeling is mixed among businesses and national authorities.





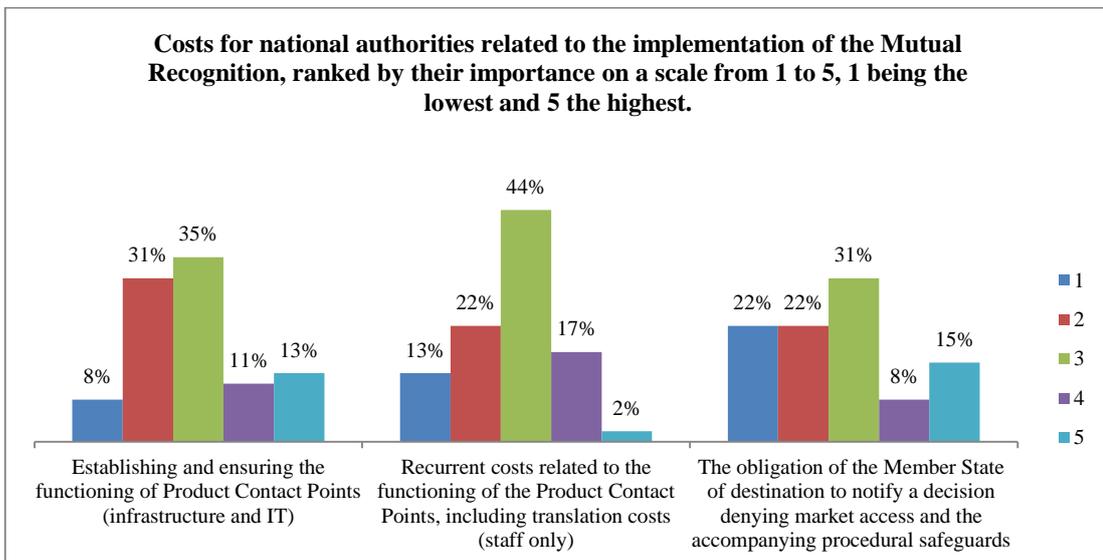


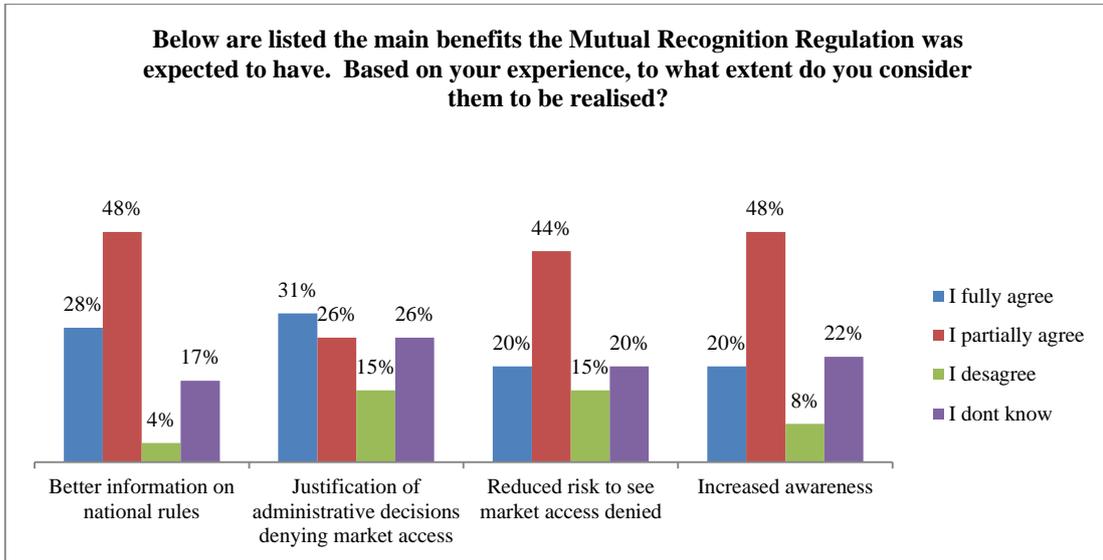
Generally, very few economic operators consider that it is easier to sell products in other Member States since the Regulation entered into force. The majority consider that the Regulation has not improved the situation, or don't know, either because they don't use mutual recognition or they don't sell products abroad.



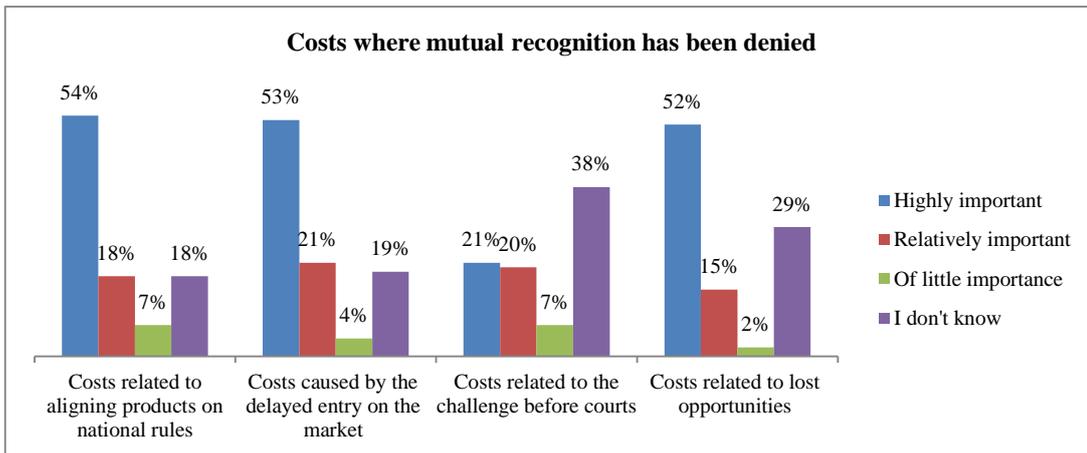
Efficiency: costs and benefits of the Regulation

As regards the costs of implementing the Regulation, national authorities ranked them as average. On top of the choices provided by the consultation, authorities also indicated additional costs linked to the absence of an updated list of products to which mutual recognition may apply. Some consider that additional costs are triggered by the administrative procedures, seen as long and time-consuming. Despite the costs, national authorities agree, fully or partially, that the Regulation brings benefits in terms of facilitating market access.





As regards businesses, the main costs incurred are triggered by the need to adapt the products to the applicable national rules, when mutual recognition is either denied or not used for penetrating the market. These costs are estimated¹ on average at 23 000 Euro per product and per market. High costs are also related to delays in entering a market, estimated² at 115 000 Euro per product and per market, and to lost opportunities, when businesses relinquish entering a market because of different national rules that require adapting the products. On average, the latest are estimated³ at 136 000 Euro per product and per market. The costs related to challenging administrative decisions denying market access are considered as less important, mainly because few economic operators choose to do so. The estimates⁴ are around 32 000 Euro per product and per market. There are however considerable variations in the answers.



Costs also related to assessing if mutual recognition can be used to sell products in another Member State. Very few economic operators (2%) are outsourcing this

¹ 26% of respondents indicated an estimate of the costs incurred, the other choose not to reply or indicated that such estimation is impossible

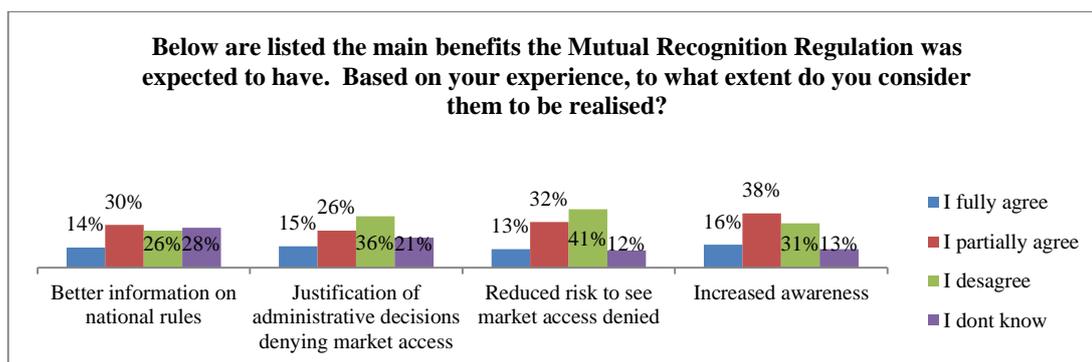
² 20% of respondents indicated an estimate of the costs incurred, the other choose not to reply or indicated that such estimation is impossible

³ 13% of respondents indicated an estimate of the costs incurred, the other choose not to reply or indicated that such estimation is impossible

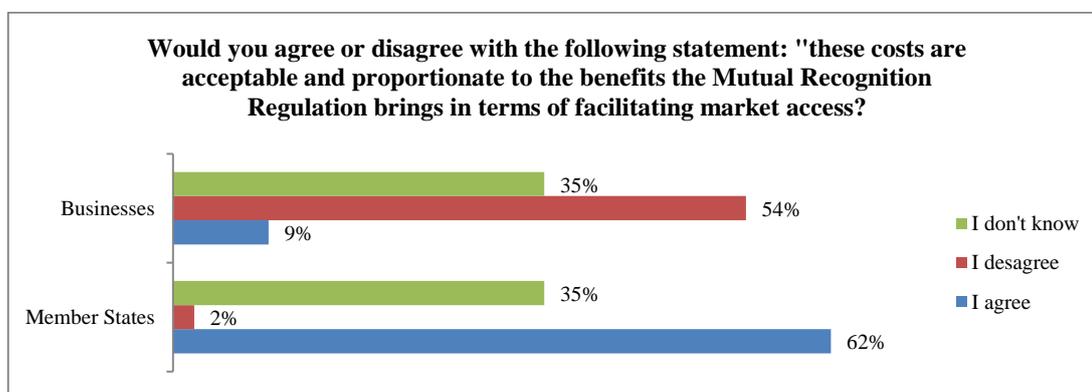
⁴ 11% of respondents indicated an estimate of the costs incurred, the other choose not to reply or indicated that such estimation is impossible

assessment, while 26% are doing it internally. 46% are doing both, depending on the product. The lack of additional information does not allow for an estimate of the actual costs incurred when the assessment of whether or not mutual recognition can be used is outsourced. When done internally, economic operators spend on average 54 hours on making the assessment; however, the number of hours indicated varies from one company to another. Most indicated only a few hours (less than 10) while two indicated spending more than 500 hours on this. The average cost per hour is 78 Euro. When trying to demonstrate that a product is already lawfully marketed in a Member State, businesses indicate that the average amount of hours spent is 16, and the average cost per hour is 76 Euro.

In terms of benefits that the regulation brings, the perception of businesses is quite mixed:

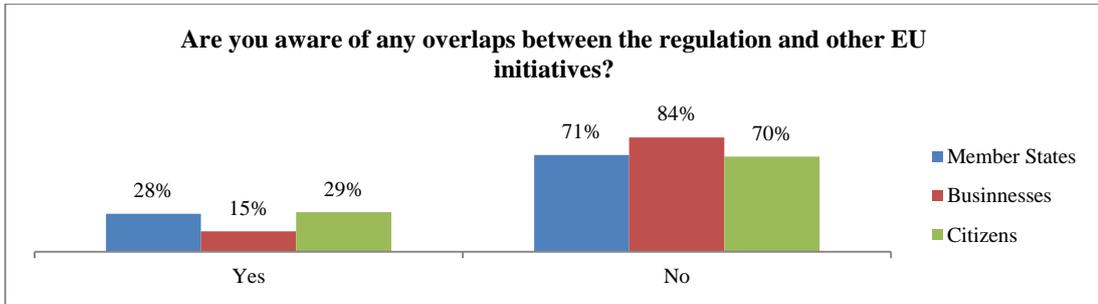


While Member States tend to consider that the costs of the Regulation are proportionate to the benefits it generates, businesses mostly disagree with only 9% agreeing.



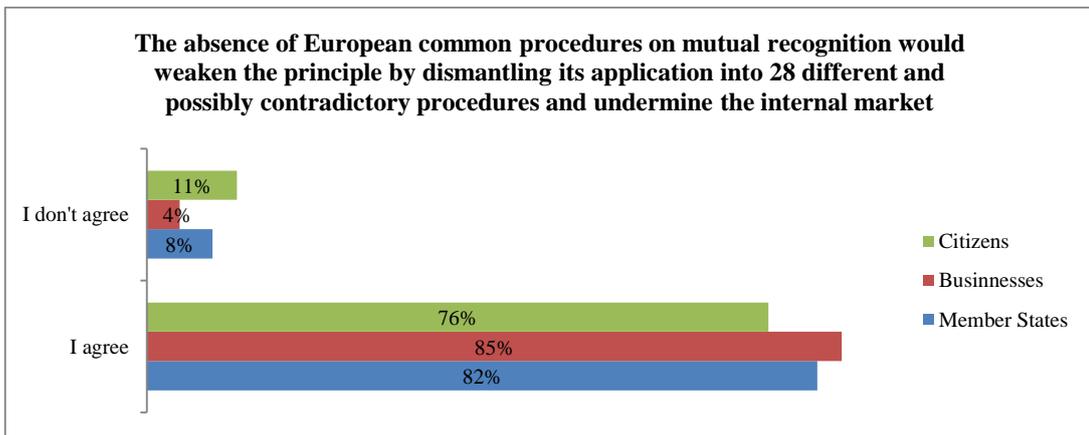
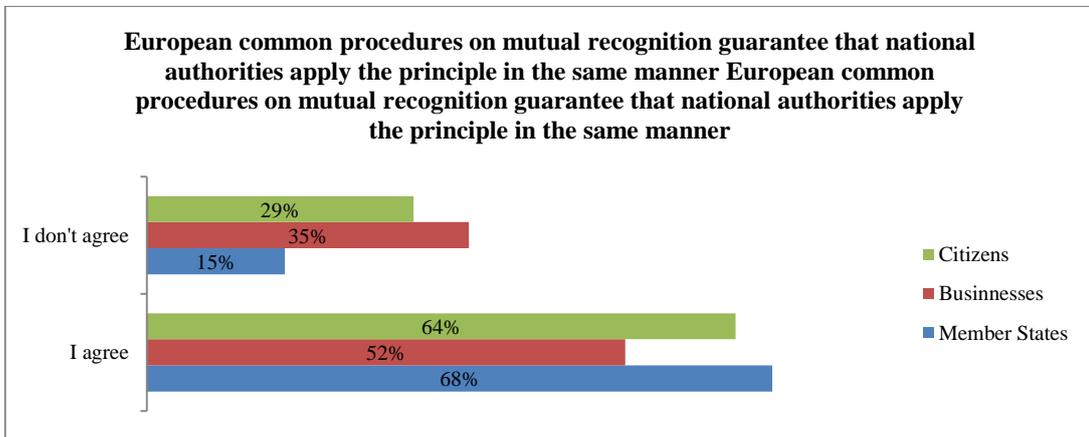
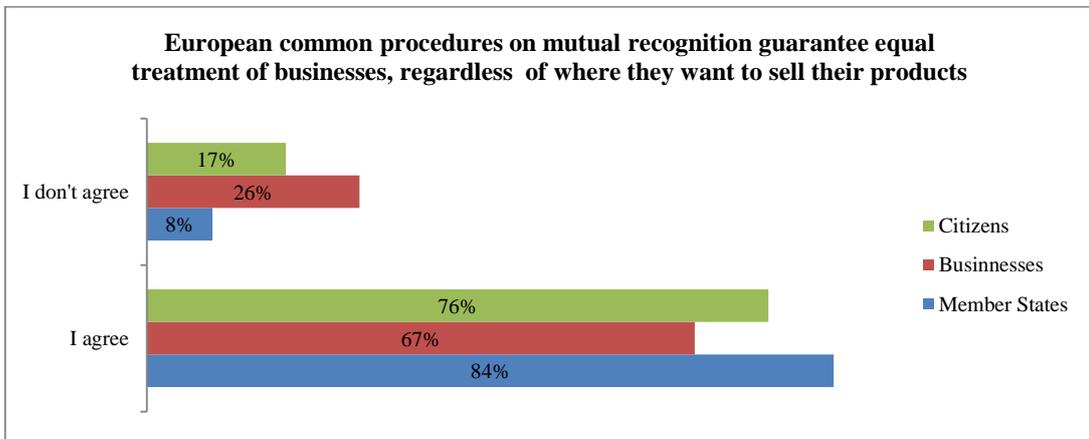
Coherence:

There is a consensus among stakeholders as regards the coherence of the Regulation. Most of the respondents are not aware of any overlaps between the Regulation and other initiatives/legislation/policies. The overlaps indicated by those replying yes are linked to Solvit, RAPEX, ICSMS and Regulation 765/2008 on market surveillance.



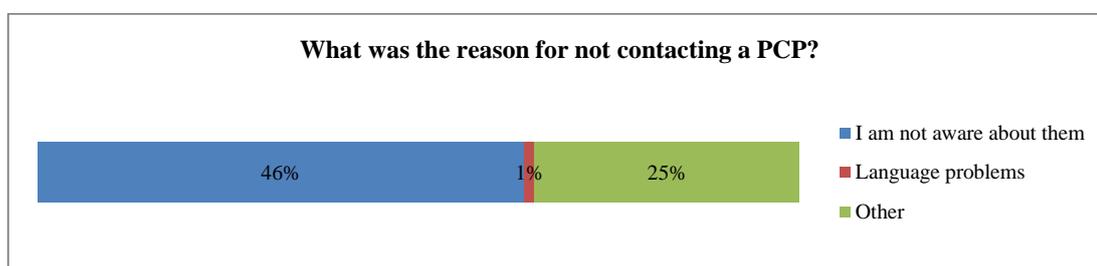
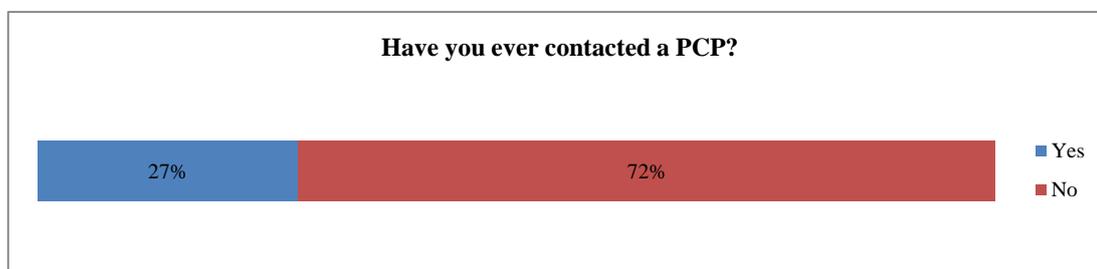
EU added value:

The European added value of the mutual recognition rules is also strongly underlined by the respondents. Most of them agree that having a common set of rules guarantees equal treatment, and that relying on national rules only would undermine the internal market.

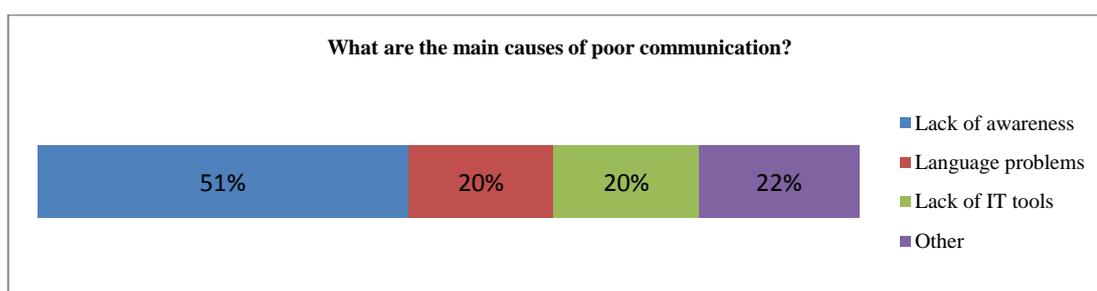
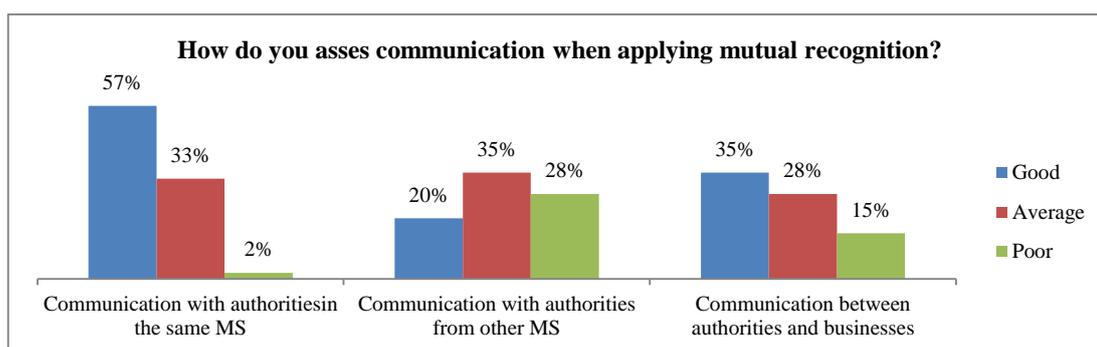


4. ASSESSMENT OF COMMUNICATION WHEN USING MUTUAL RECOGNITION

Most of the businesses have never contacted a Product Contact Point (PCP) to obtain information on the applicable product rules, mainly because they are not aware of their existence. Among those having contacted Product Contact Points, it is quite difficult to identify their level of satisfaction or the reasons behind it.



Member States consider the communication with authorities within their own country as good, while communication with authorities from other Member States is rather average or poor. As regards communication between national administrations and businesses, the assessment by authorities is quite mixed between good, average and poor. The main reasons for poor communication are related to the lack of knowledge about mutual recognition, language issues and the absence of an appropriate IT tool to facilitate communication.



5. PRIORITIES TO IMPROVE MUTUAL RECOGNITION

Stakeholders have different views as regards the possible priorities with regard to mutual recognition. If businesses rank the need for effective remedies as being the highest priority, Member States and citizens opt in favour of increasing awareness about mutual recognition.

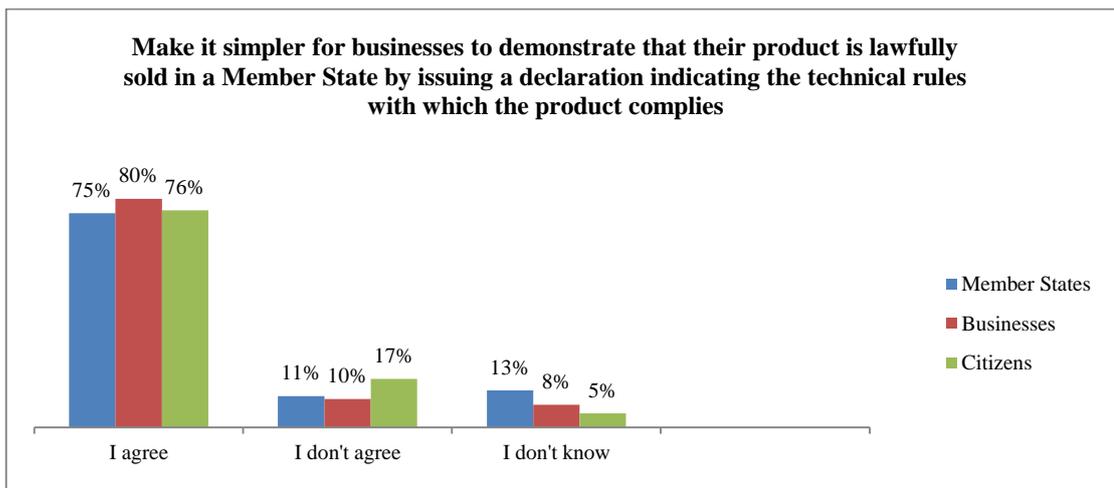
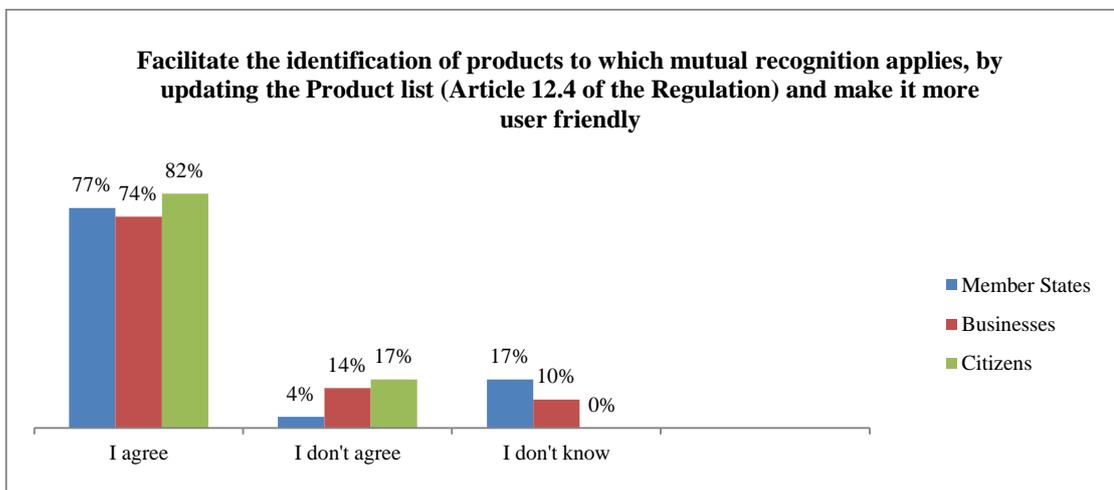
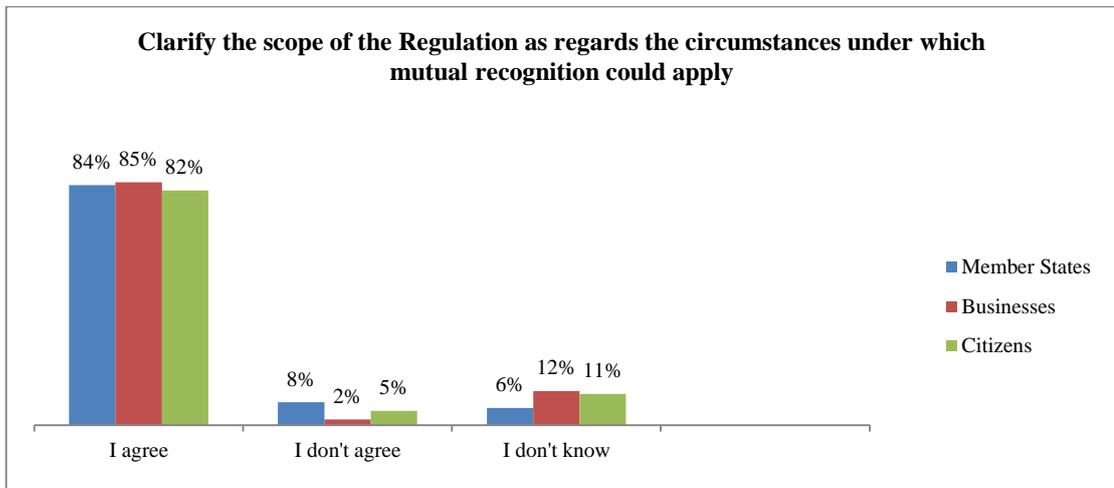
Ranking of priorities by businesses	
Ensure that businesses have effective remedies at their disposal to take action against decisions denying mutual recognition when needed	72%
Increase legal certainty for businesses when using mutual recognition to sell products abroad	67%
Ensure that the procedures are duly followed when decisions denying market access are taken by national authorities	65%
Increase effectiveness of mutual recognition to facilitate access to the internal market	64%
Facilitate communication between all actors involved in mutual recognition (business, national authorities, European Commission)	54%
Increase general awareness of the mutual recognition principle	52%

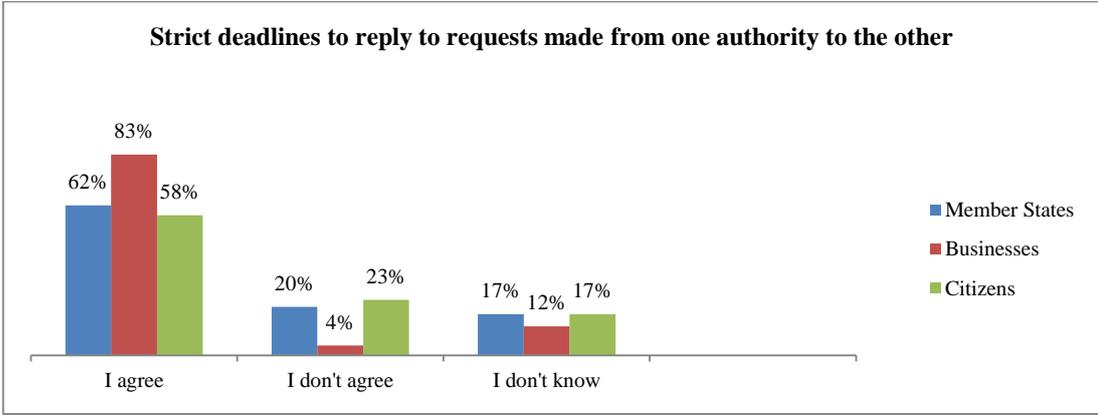
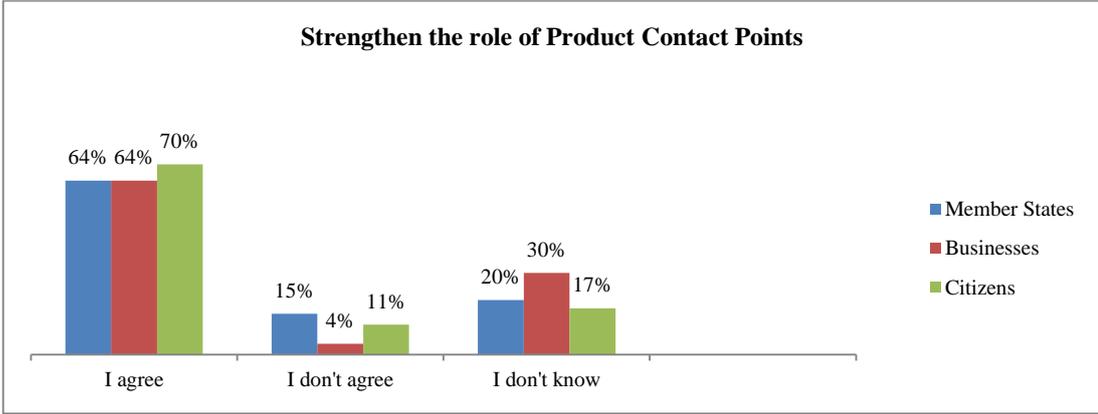
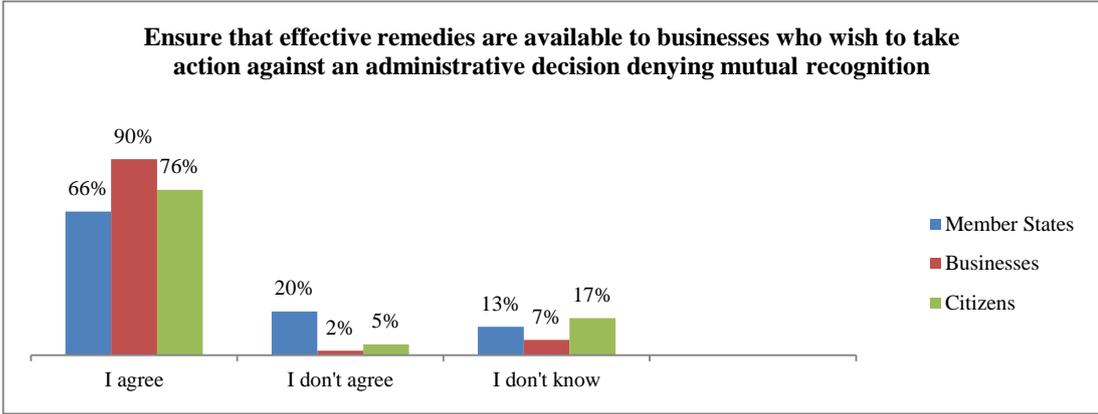
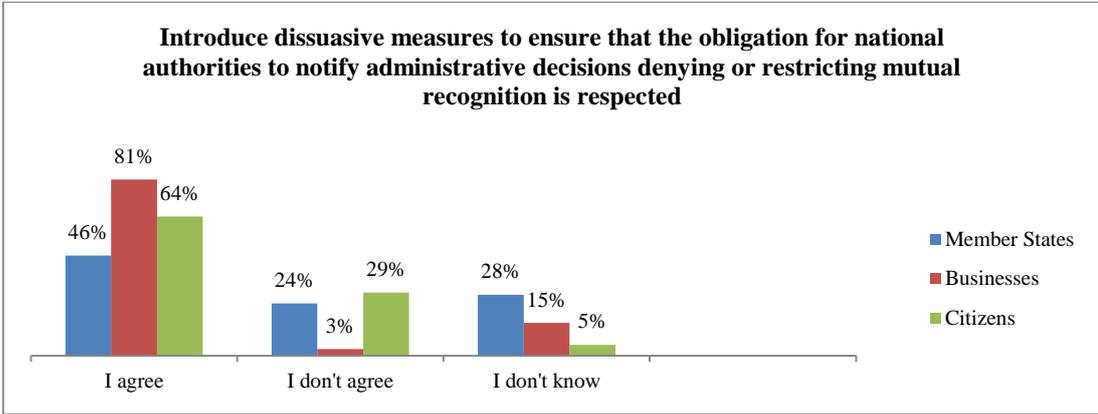
Ranking of priorities by Member States	
Increase general awareness of the mutual recognition principle	51%
Ensure that the procedures are duly followed when decisions denying market access are taken by national authorities	42%
Ensure that businesses have effective remedies at their disposal to take action against decisions denying mutual recognition when needed	40%
Increase effectiveness of mutual recognition to facilitate access to the internal market	35%
Increase legal certainty for businesses when using mutual recognition to sell products abroad	33%
Facilitate communication between all actors involved in mutual recognition (business, national authorities, European Commission)	31%

Ranking of priorities by citizens	
Increase general awareness on the mutual recognition principle	64%
Increase legal certainty for businesses when using mutual recognition to sell products abroad	52%
Ensure that businesses have effective remedies at their disposal to take action against decisions denying mutual recognition when needed	47%
Increase effectiveness of mutual recognition to facilitate access to the internal market	41%
Ensure that the procedures are duly followed when decisions denying market access are taken by national authorities	35%
Facilitate communication between all actors involved in mutual recognition (business, national authorities, European Commission)	23%

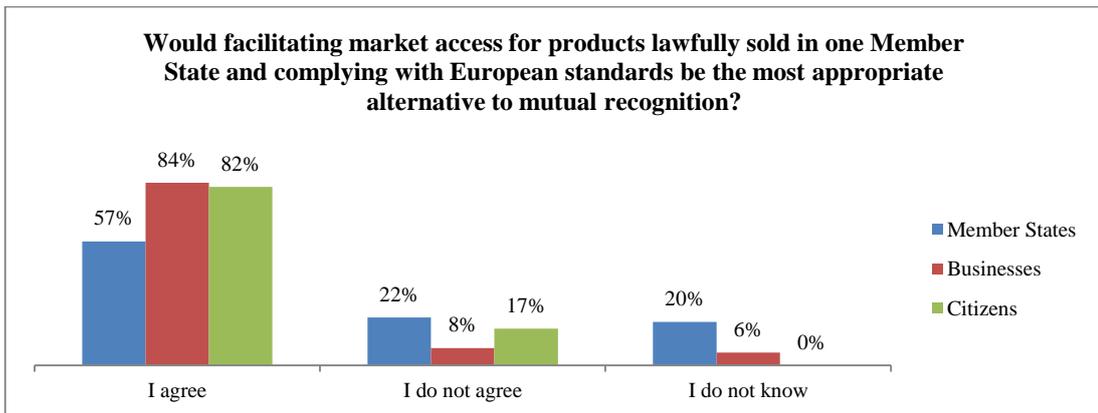
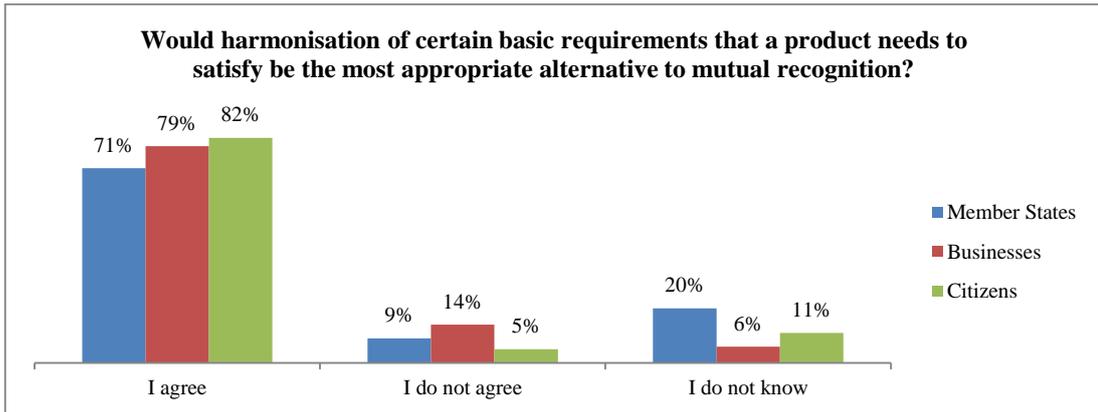
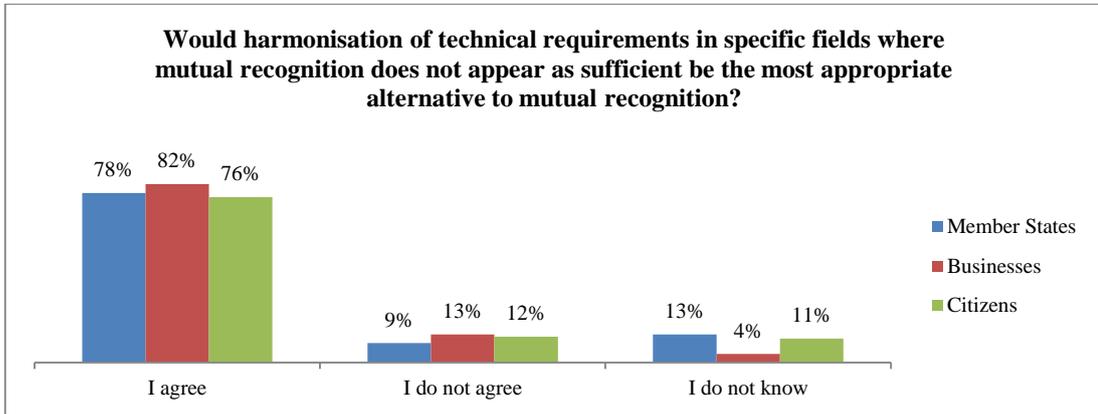
6. OPTIONS

All options put forward for making mutual recognition easier to apply and more reliable received a high level of support among stakeholders.





As to what would be the most appropriate alternative to mutual recognition, the majority of stakeholders agree that harmonisation is the most appropriate tool to use when mutual recognition doesn't work properly.



7. ANNEX: DETAILED STATISTICS

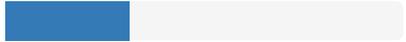
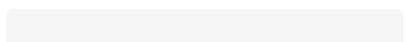
- Public authorities
- Businesses or business associations
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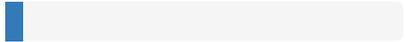
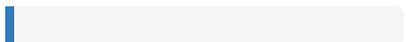
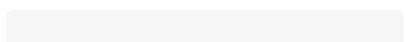
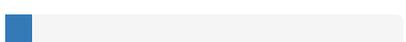
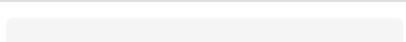
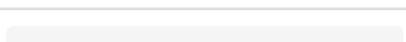
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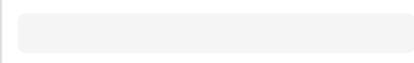
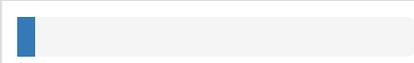
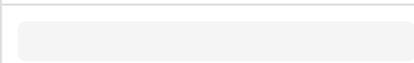
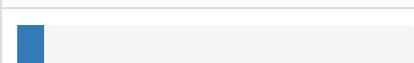
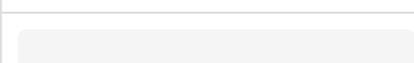
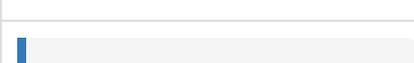
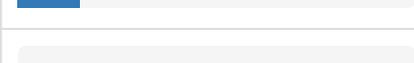
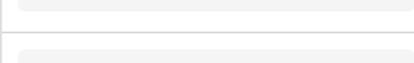
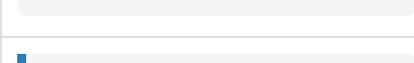
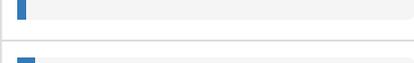
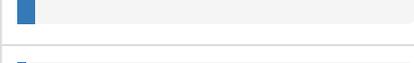
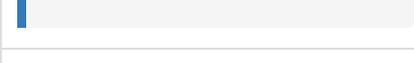
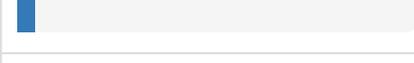
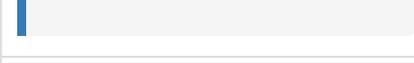
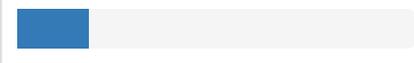
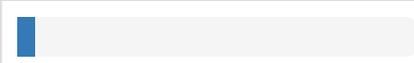
About you

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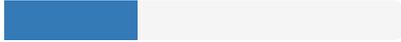
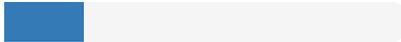
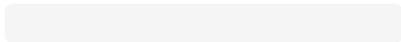
		Answers	Ratio
Product Contact Point for mutual recognition		14	31.11 %
Other		31	68.89 %
No Answer		0	0 %

2. Please indicate the country of establishment of the authority:

		Answers	Ratio
Austria		2	4.44 %
Belgium		1	2.22 %
Bulgaria		0	0 %
Croatia		3	6.67 %
Cyprus		0	0 %
Czech Republic		1	2.22 %
Denmark		0	0 %
Estonia		1	2.22 %
Finland		0	0 %

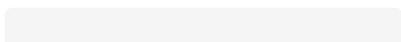
France		0	0 %
Germany		2	4.44 %
Greece		0	0 %
Hungary		3	6.67 %
Ireland		0	0 %
Italy		3	6.67 %
Latvia		1	2.22 %
Lithuania		7	15.56 %
Luxembourg		0	0 %
Malta		0	0 %
Netherlands		1	2.22 %
Poland		2	4.44 %
Portugal		1	2.22 %
Romania		2	4.44 %
Slovak Republic		1	2.22 %
Slovenia		2	4.44 %
Spain		2	4.44 %
Sweden		8	17.78 %
United Kingdom		0	0 %
Other		2	4.44 %
No Answer		0	0 %

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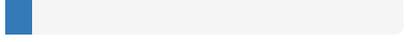
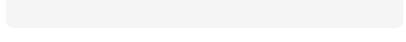
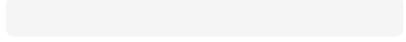
		Answers	Ratio
Yes (I consent to the publication of all the information in my contribution, and I declare that none of it is subject to copyright restrictions that would prevent publication).		21	46.67 %
Only anonymously. No information regarding identification will be published but only replies to the following sections. In this case, please ensure that your replies to the following sections do not allow identification.		15	33.33 %
No (your contribution will not be published and its content may be used internally within the Commission. In any case, the contribution will be subject to the rules on access to documents, Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001).		9	20 %
No Answer		0	0 %

Your experience and views on mutual recognition and its potential shortcomings

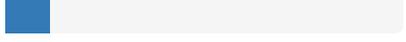
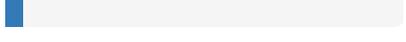
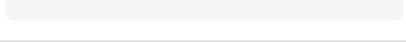
4. When checking if products available on your market and coming from another Member State comply with the national rules you are enforcing, do you verify if they are already lawfully marketed in the Member State of origin?

		Answers	Ratio
Yes		24	53.33 %
No		21	46.67 %
No Answer		0	0 %

5. Do you know that a product lawfully marketed in one Member State must, in principle, be admitted to the market of any other Member State, based on the mutual recognition principle?

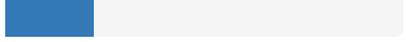
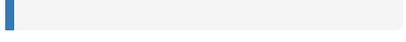
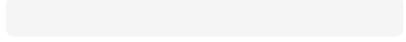
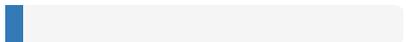
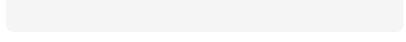
		Answers	Ratio
I am fully aware of it		42	93.33 %
I am partially aware of it		3	6.67 %
I only found out about it through this public consultation		0	0 %
No Answer		0	0 %

6. Do you think it is necessary to raise awareness on mutual recognition?

		Answers	Ratio
Yes		38	84.44 %
No		5	11.11 %
I do not know		2	4.44 %
No Answer		0	0 %

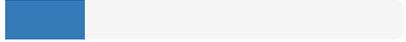
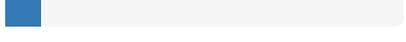
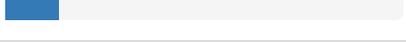
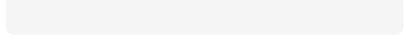
Your views on the functioning of Mutual Recognition Regulation

7. How much do you know about the Mutual Recognition Regulation?

		Answers	Ratio
I am fully aware of it		32	71.11 %
I am partially aware of it		10	22.22 %
I am aware of its existence but I do not really know what it means for my business in practice or how I can make use of it		1	2.22 %
I am aware of its existence but I do not use it because it is too costly		0	0 %
I am aware of its existence but I do not use it because it is too burdensome		2	4.44 %
I only found out about it through this public consultation		0	0 %
No Answer		0	0 %

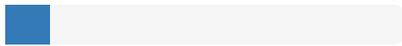
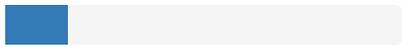
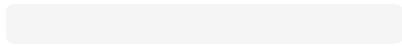
8. The table below lists the objectives of the Mutual Recognition Regulation. Based on your experience, have these objectives been achieved? :

To ensure legal certainty for businesses and national authorities

		Answers	Ratio
Yes, fully		9	20 %
Yes, partially		26	57.78 %
No		4	8.89 %
I do not know		6	13.33 %
No Answer		0	0 %

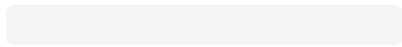
8. The table below lists the objectives of the Mutual Recognition Regulation. Based on your experience, have these objectives been achieved? :

To improve administrative cooperation between national authorities and communication between national authorities and businesses

		Answers	Ratio
Yes, fully		5	11.11 %
Yes, partially		29	64.44 %
No		7	15.56 %
I do not know		4	8.89 %
No Answer		0	0 %

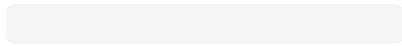
8. The table below lists the objectives of the Mutual Recognition Regulation. Based on your experience, have these objectives been achieved? :

To reduce the risk to businesses of having products refused when entering another national market

		Answers	Ratio
Yes, fully		5	11.11 %
Yes, partially		24	53.33 %
No		7	15.56 %
I do not know		9	20 %
No Answer		0	0 %

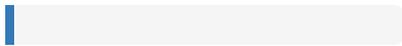
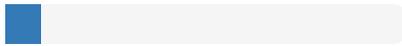
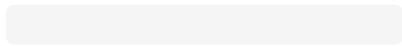
9. The table below lists the main tools put in place through the Mutual Recognition Regulation to facilitate the use of mutual recognition for selling products in other Member States. How would you assess them? :

Product Contact Points providing information to businesses on national rules upon request

		Answers	Ratio
Useful and still necessary		38	84.44 %
Useful but no longer necessary		0	0 %
Not useful		2	4.44 %
I do not know		5	11.11 %
No Answer		0	0 %

9. The table below lists the main tools put in place through the Mutual Recognition Regulation to facilitate the use of mutual recognition for selling products in other Member States. How would you assess them? :

Obligation for national authorities to notify to the Commission and justify a decision denying market access based on national rules

		Answers	Ratio
Useful and still necessary		34	75.56 %
Useful but no longer necessary		1	2.22 %
Not useful		6	13.33 %
I do not know		4	8.89 %
No Answer		0	0 %

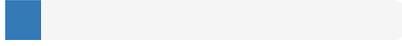
9. The table below lists the main tools put in place through the Mutual Recognition Regulation to facilitate the use of mutual recognition for selling products in other Member States. How would you assess them? :

Product list mentioned under Article 12.4 of the Regulation listing non-exhaustively products for which mutual recognition could apply

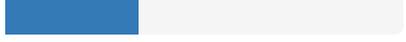
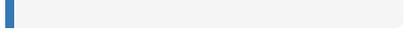
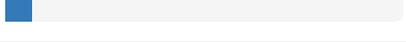
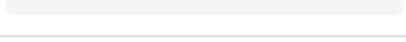
		Answers	Ratio
Useful and still necessary		31	68.89 %
Useful but no longer necessary		1	2.22 %
Not useful		5	11.11 %
I do not know		8	17.78 %
No Answer		0	0 %

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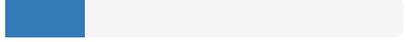
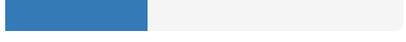
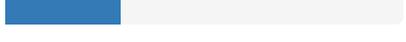
Guidelines for national authorities and businesses on the application of the mutual recognition principle

		Answers	Ratio
Useful and still necessary		37	82.22 %
Useful but no longer necessary		3	6.67 %
Not useful		1	2.22 %
I do not know		4	8.89 %
No Answer		0	0 %

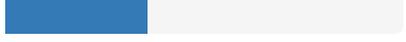
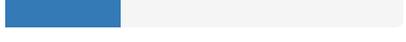
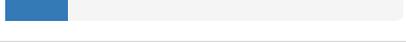
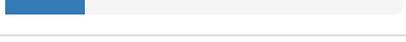
**10. Based on your experience, how do you assess communication when applying mutual recognition? :
Communication with authorities within your Member State**

		Answers	Ratio
Good		26	57.78 %
Average		15	33.33 %
Poor		1	2.22 %
I do not know		3	6.67 %
No Answer		0	0 %

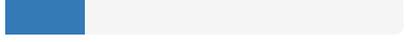
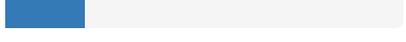
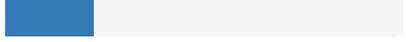
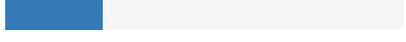
**10. Based on your experience, how do you assess communication when applying mutual recognition? :
Communication with authorities from other Member States**

		Answers	Ratio
Good		9	20 %
Average		16	35.56 %
Poor		13	28.89 %
I do not know		7	15.56 %
No Answer		0	0 %

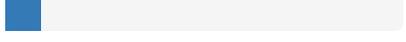
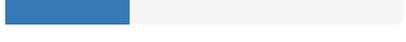
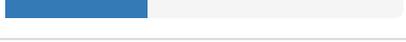
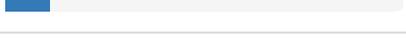
**10. Based on your experience, how do you assess communication when applying mutual recognition? :
Communication with businesses**

		Answers	Ratio
Good		16	35.56 %
Average		13	28.89 %
Poor		7	15.56 %
I do not know		9	20 %
No Answer		0	0 %

10a. If communication is average / poor, what are, based on your experience, the main causes? (Multiple choices)

		Answers	Ratio
Lack of knowledge about mutual recognition		23	51.11 %
Language problems		9	20 %
IT tools not appropriate to ensure proper communication		9	20 %
Other		10	22.22 %
No Answer		11	24.44 %

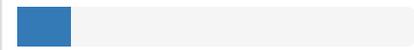
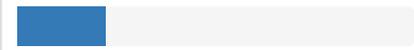
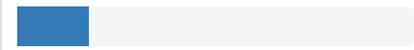
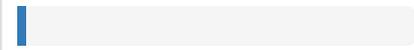
11. What are the costs for national authorities related to the implementation of the Mutual Recognition? Please rank their importance on a scale from 1 to 5, 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest. : Establishing and ensuring the functioning of Product Contact Points (*infrastructure and IT*)

		Answers	Ratio
1		4	8.89 %
2		14	31.11 %
3		16	35.56 %
4		5	11.11 %
5		6	13.33 %
No Answer		0	0 %

11. What are the costs for national authorities related to the implementation of the Mutual Recognition?

Please rank their importance on a scale from 1 to 5, 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest. :

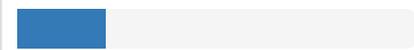
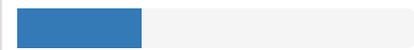
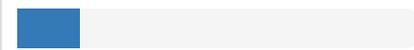
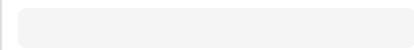
Recurrent costs related to the functioning of the Product Contact Points, including translation costs (*staff only*)

		Answers	Ratio
1		6	13.33 %
2		10	22.22 %
3		20	44.44 %
4		8	17.78 %
5		1	2.22 %
No Answer		0	0 %

11. What are the costs for national authorities related to the implementation of the Mutual Recognition?

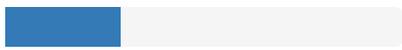
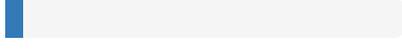
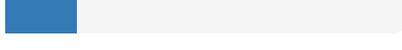
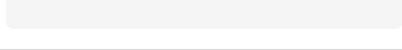
Please rank their importance on a scale from 1 to 5, 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest. :

The obligation of the Member State of destination to notify a decision denying market access and the accompanying procedural safeguards

		Answers	Ratio
1		10	22.22 %
2		10	22.22 %
3		14	31.11 %
4		4	8.89 %
5		7	15.56 %
No Answer		0	0 %

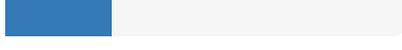
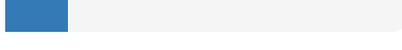
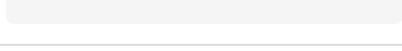
12. Below are listed the main benefits the Mutual Recognition Regulation was expected to have. Based on your experience, to what extent do you consider them to be realised? :

Better information to businesses on national product rules via the Product Contact Points

		Answers	Ratio
I fully agree		13	28.89 %
I partially agree		22	48.89 %
I disagree		2	4.44 %
I do not know		8	17.78 %
No Answer		0	0 %

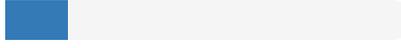
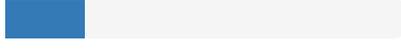
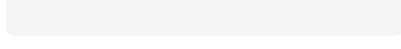
12. Below are listed the main benefits the Mutual Recognition Regulation was expected to have. Based on your experience, to what extent do you consider them to be realised? :

Justification and notification to businesses and to the Commission of administrative decision denying market access based on national rules

		Answers	Ratio
I fully agree		14	31.11 %
I partially agree		12	26.67 %
I disagree		7	15.56 %
I do not know		12	26.67 %
No Answer		0	0 %

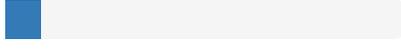
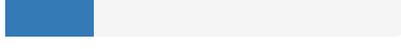
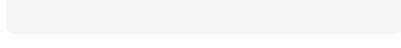
12. Below are listed the main benefits the Mutual Recognition Regulation was expected to have. Based on your experience, to what extent do you consider them to be realised? :

Reduced risks of seeing market access denied based on national rules

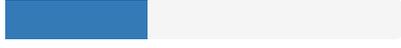
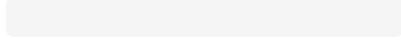
		Answers	Ratio
I fully agree		9	20 %
I partially agree		20	44.44 %
I disagree		7	15.56 %
I do not know		9	20 %
No Answer		0	0 %

12. Below are listed the main benefits the Mutual Recognition Regulation was expected to have. Based on your experience, to what extent do you consider them to be realised? :

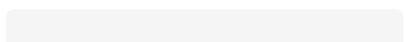
Increased awareness of mutual recognition

		Answers	Ratio
I fully agree		9	20 %
I partially agree		22	48.89 %
I disagree		4	8.89 %
I do not know		10	22.22 %
No Answer		0	0 %

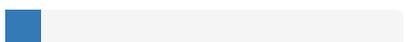
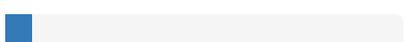
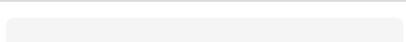
13. Based on your experience, would you agree or disagree with the following statement: "these costs (as referred to in Question 11) are acceptable and proportionate to the benefits the Mutual Recognition Regulation brings in terms of facilitating market access"?

		Answers	Ratio
I agree		28	62.22 %
I disagree		1	2.22 %
I do not know		16	35.56 %
No Answer		0	0 %

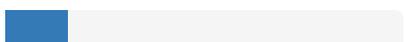
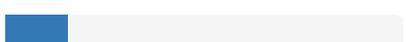
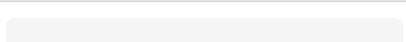
14. From your experience, are you aware of potential overlaps or synergies between the Mutual Recognition Regulation and other European initiatives?

		Answers	Ratio
Yes		13	28.89 %
No		32	71.11 %
No Answer		0	0 %

**15. What is the added value of the European common rules on mutual recognition? Please indicate if you agree or not with the following statements: :
European common procedures on mutual recognition guarantee equal treatment of businesses, regardless of where they want to sell their products**

		Answers	Ratio
I agree		38	84.44 %
I do not agree		4	8.89 %
I do not know		3	6.67 %
No Answer		0	0 %

**15. What is the added value of the European common rules on mutual recognition? Please indicate if you agree or not with the following statements: :
European common procedures on mutual recognition guarantee that national authorities apply the principle in the same manner**

		Answers	Ratio
I agree		31	68.89 %
I do not agree		7	15.56 %
I do not know		7	15.56 %
No Answer		0	0 %

15. What is the added value of the European common rules on mutual recognition? Please indicate if you agree or not with the following statements: :

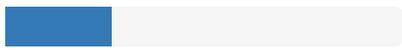
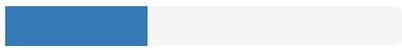
The absence of European common procedures on mutual recognition would weaken the principle by dismantling its application into 28 different and possibly contradictory procedures and undermine the internal market

		Answers	Ratio
I agree		37	82.22 %
I do not agree		4	8.89 %
I do not know		4	8.89 %
No Answer		0	0 %

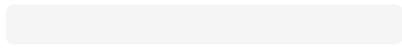
16. In your view, what should be the priorities for the Commission with regard to mutual recognition in the future? Please rank their importance on a scale from 1 to 5, 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest. : Increase general awareness on the mutual recognition principle

		Answers	Ratio
1		2	4.44 %
2		1	2.22 %
3		8	17.78 %
4		11	24.44 %
5		23	51.11 %
No Answer		0	0 %

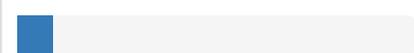
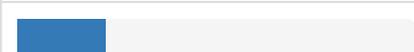
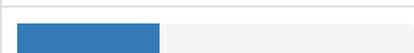
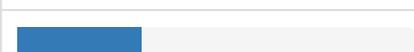
16. In your view, what should be the priorities for the Commission with regard to mutual recognition in the future? Please rank their importance on a scale from 1 to 5, 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest. : Increase effectiveness of mutual recognition facilitating access to the internal market

		Answers	Ratio
1		5	11.11 %
2		2	4.44 %
3		10	22.22 %
4		12	26.67 %
5		16	35.56 %
No Answer		0	0 %

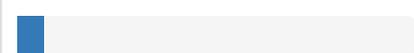
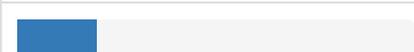
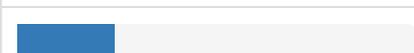
16. In your view, what should be the priorities for the Commission with regard to mutual recognition in the future? Please rank their importance on a scale from 1 to 5, 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest. : Increase legal certainty for businesses when using mutual recognition to sell products abroad

		Answers	Ratio
1		4	8.89 %
2		4	8.89 %
3		8	17.78 %
4		14	31.11 %
5		15	33.33 %
No Answer		0	0 %

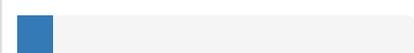
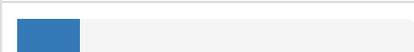
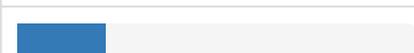
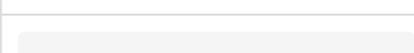
16. In your view, what should be the priorities for the Commission with regard to mutual recognition in the future? Please rank their importance on a scale from 1 to 5, 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest. : Facilitate communication between all actors involved in mutual recognition (business, national authorities, European Commission)

		Answers	Ratio
1		1	2.22 %
2		4	8.89 %
3		10	22.22 %
4		16	35.56 %
5		14	31.11 %
No Answer		0	0 %

16. In your view, what should be the priorities for the Commission with regard to mutual recognition in the future? Please rank their importance on a scale from 1 to 5, 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest. : Ensure that the procedures are duly followed when decisions denying market access are taken by national authorities

		Answers	Ratio
1		3	6.67 %
2		3	6.67 %
3		9	20 %
4		11	24.44 %
5		19	42.22 %
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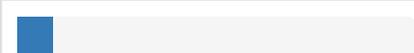
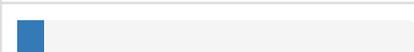
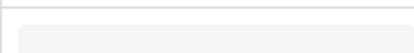
16. In your view, what should be the priorities for the Commission with regard to mutual recognition in the future? Please rank their importance on a scale from 1 to 5, 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest. : Ensure that businesses have effective remedies at their disposal to take action against decisions denying mutual recognition when needed

		Answers	Ratio
1		6	13.33 %
2		4	8.89 %
3		7	15.56 %
4		10	22.22 %
5		18	40 %
No Answer		0	0 %

Your views on the possible options for the possible revision of the Mutual Recognition Regulation

17. Which of these options would make mutual recognition easier to apply and more reliable? (Multiple choices) :

Clarify the scope of the Regulation as regards the circumstances under which mutual recognition could apply

		Answers	Ratio
I agree		38	84.44 %
I do not agree		4	8.89 %
I do not know		3	6.67 %
No Answer		0	0 %

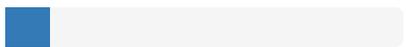
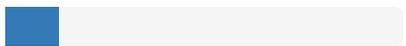
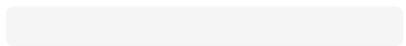
17. Which of these options would make mutual recognition easier to apply and more reliable? (Multiple choices) :

Facilitate the identification of products to which mutual recognition applies, by updating the Product list (http://ec.europa.eu/growth/single-market/goods/free-movement-sectors/mutual-recognition/products-list/index_en.htm) (Article 12.4 of the Regulation) and make it more user friendly (*The product list contains the products not covered by harmonised legislation where mutual recognition is applicable*)

		Answers	Ratio
I agree		35	77.78 %
I do not agree		2	4.44 %
I do not know		8	17.78 %
No Answer		0	0 %

17. Which of these options would make mutual recognition easier to apply and more reliable? (Multiple choices) :

Make it simpler for businesses to demonstrate that their product is lawfully sold in a Member State by issuing a declaration indicating the technical rules with which the product complies

		Answers	Ratio
I agree		34	75.56 %
I do not agree		5	11.11 %
I do not know		6	13.33 %
No Answer		0	0 %

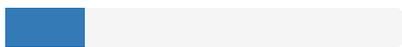
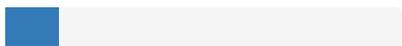
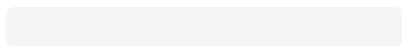
17. Which of these options would make mutual recognition easier to apply and more reliable? (Multiple choices) :

Introduce dissuasive measures to ensure that the obligation for national authorities to notify administrative decisions denying or restricting mutual recognition is respected

		Answers	Ratio
I agree		21	46.67 %
I do not agree		11	24.44 %
I do not know		13	28.89 %
No Answer		0	0 %

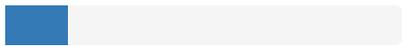
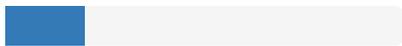
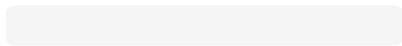
17. Which of these options would make mutual recognition easier to apply and more reliable? (Multiple choices) :

Ensure that effective remedies are available to businesses who wish to take action against an administrative decision denying mutual recognition

		Answers	Ratio
I agree		30	66.67 %
I do not agree		9	20 %
I do not know		6	13.33 %
No Answer		0	0 %

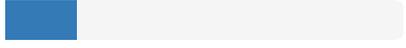
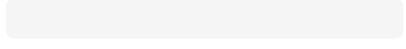
17. Which of these options would make mutual recognition easier to apply and more reliable? (Multiple choices) :

Strengthen the role of Product Contact Points

		Answers	Ratio
I agree		29	64.44 %
I do not agree		7	15.56 %
I do not know		9	20 %
No Answer		0	0 %

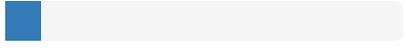
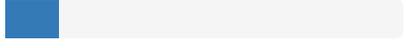
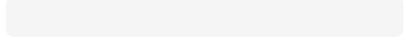
17. Which of these options would make mutual recognition easier to apply and more reliable? (Multiple choices) :

Strict deadlines to reply to requests made from one authority to the other

		Answers	Ratio
I agree		28	62.22 %
I do not agree		9	20 %
I do not know		8	17.78 %
No Answer		0	0 %

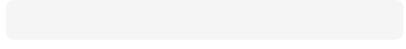
18. What would be the most appropriate as an alternative to mutual recognition? (Multiple choices) :

Harmonise technical requirements in specific fields where mutual recognition does not appear sufficient to ensure free movement of goods

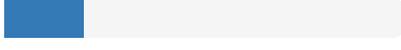
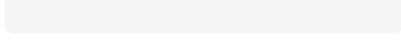
		Answers	Ratio
I agree		35	77.78 %
I do not agree		4	8.89 %
I do not know		6	13.33 %
No Answer		0	0 %

18. What would be the most appropriate as an alternative to mutual recognition? (Multiple choices) :

Harmonise certain basic requirements that a product would need to satisfy

		Answers	Ratio
I agree		32	71.11 %
I do not agree		4	8.89 %
I do not know		9	20 %
No Answer		0	0 %

**18. What would be the most appropriate as an alternative to mutual recognition? (Multiple choices) :
Facilitate market access for products lawfully sold in one Member State and complying with European standards**

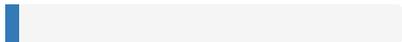
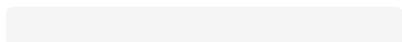
		Answers	Ratio
I agree		26	57.78 %
I do not agree		10	22.22 %
I do not know		9	20 %
No Answer		0	0 %

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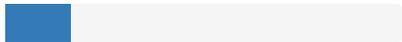
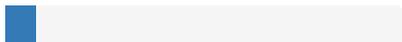
Introduction

About you

1. Are you replying as:

		Answers	Ratio
Individual business		44	48.35 %
Business organisation		44	48.35 %
Chamber of commerce		3	3.3 %
No Answer		0	0 %

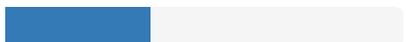
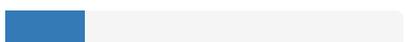
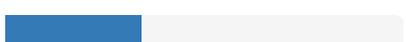
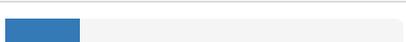
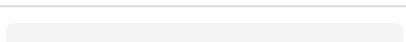
1a. Please indicate if you are:

		Answers	Ratio
Micro enterprise (staff headcount <10)		8	8.79 %
Small enterprise (staff headcount <50)		15	16.48 %
Medium sized enterprise (staff headcount <250)		7	7.69 %
Large enterprise (staff headcount >250)		14	15.38 %
No Answer		47	51.65 %

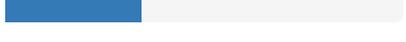
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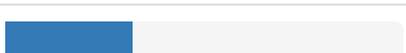
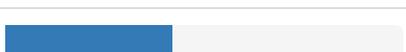
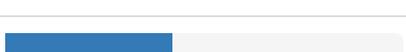
		Answers	Ratio

Austria		15	16.48 %
Belgium		29	31.87 %
Bulgaria		15	16.48 %
Croatia		12	13.19 %
Cyprus		8	8.79 %
Czech Republic		14	15.38 %
Denmark		16	17.58 %
Estonia		9	9.89 %
Finland		15	16.48 %
France		33	36.26 %
Germany		31	34.07 %
Greece		17	18.68 %
Hungary		19	20.88 %
Ireland		14	15.38 %
Italy		29	31.87 %
Latvia		10	10.99 %
Lithuania		11	12.09 %
Luxembourg		9	9.89 %
Malta		8	8.79 %
Netherlands		22	24.18 %
Poland		18	19.78 %
Portugal		19	20.88 %
Romania		17	18.68 %
Slovak Republic		14	15.38 %

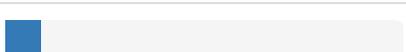
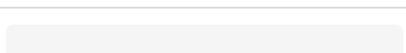
Slovenia		14	15.38 %
Spain		33	36.26 %
Sweden		18	19.78 %
United Kingdom		31	34.07 %
Other		17	18.68 %
No Answer		0	0 %

4. Please indicate all the countries in the EU/EEA where you sell or have sold your products:

		Answers	Ratio
Austria		50	54.95 %
Belgium		66	72.53 %
Bulgaria		42	46.15 %
Croatia		45	49.45 %
Cyprus		43	47.25 %
Czech Republic		53	58.24 %
Denmark		50	54.95 %
Estonia		42	46.15 %
Finland		46	50.55 %
France		61	67.03 %
Germany		62	68.13 %
Greece		54	59.34 %
Hungary		48	52.75 %
Iceland		31	34.07 %
Ireland		49	53.85 %

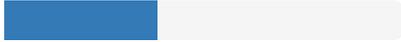
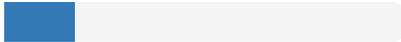
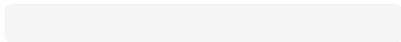
Italy		66	72.53 %
Latvia		40	43.96 %
Liechtenstein		29	31.87 %
Lithuania		38	41.76 %
Luxembourg		40	43.96 %
Malta		38	41.76 %
Netherlands		57	62.64 %
Norway		43	47.25 %
Poland		56	61.54 %
Portugal		60	65.93 %
Romania		48	52.75 %
Slovak Republic		47	51.65 %
Slovenia		46	50.55 %
Spain		70	76.92 %
Sweden		49	53.85 %
United Kingdom		62	68.13 %
Other		15	16.48 %
No Answer		0	0 %

5. Please indicate your sector of activity:

		Answers	Ratio
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing		8	8.79 %
Mining and Quarrying		0	0 %
Manufacturing		42	46.15 %

Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply		0	0 %
Water Supply; Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities		6	6.59 %
Construction		1	1.1 %
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles		12	13.19 %
Transportation and Storage		0	0 %
Accommodation and Food Service Activities		0	0 %
Information and Communication		0	0 %
Financial and Insurance Activities		0	0 %
Real Estate Activities		0	0 %
Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities		7	7.69 %
Administrative and Support Service Activities		2	2.2 %
Public Administration and Defence; Compulsory Social Security		0	0 %
Education		0	0 %
Human Health and Social Work Activities		9	9.89 %
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation		0	0 %
Other Service Activities		3	3.3 %
Activities of Households as Employers; Undifferentiated Goods- and Services-producing Activities of Households for own use		0	0 %
Activities of Extraterritorial Organisations and Bodies		1	1.1 %
No Answer		0	0 %

6. Do you agree to the publication of all information on your contribution?

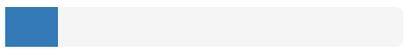
		Answers	Ratio
Yes (I consent to the publication of all the information in my contribution, and I declare that none of it is subject to copyright restrictions that would prevent publication).		40	43.96 %
Only anonymously. No information regarding identification will be published but only replies to the following sections. In this case, please ensure that your replies to the following sections do not allow identification.		35	38.46 %
No (your contribution will not be published and its content may be used internally within the Commission. In any case, the contribution will be subject to the rules on access to documents, Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001).		16	17.58 %
No Answer		0	0 %

Your experience and views on mutual recognition and its potential shortcomings

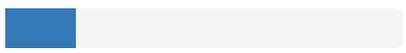
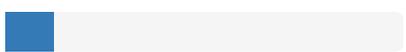
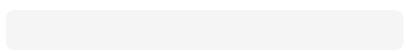
7. When selling products in other Member States, do you check if there are any national rules which may apply to your products?

		Answers	Ratio
Yes		86	94.51 %
No		5	5.49 %
No Answer		0	0 %

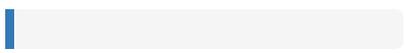
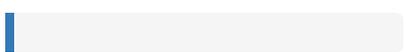
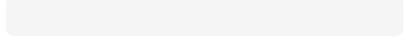
8. If these rules prevent you from selling your products as such, do you adapt it?

		Answers	Ratio
Yes		79	86.81 %
No		12	13.19 %
No Answer		0	0 %

9. Do you know that a product lawfully marketed in one Member State must, in principle, be admitted to the market of any other Member State, based on the mutual recognition principle?

		Answers	Ratio
I am fully aware of it		64	70.33 %
I am partially aware of it		16	17.58 %
I only found out about it through this public consultation		11	12.09 %
No Answer		0	0 %

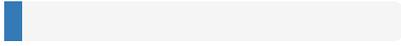
10. Do you think it is necessary to raise awareness on mutual recognition?

		Answers	Ratio
Yes		87	95.6 %
No		2	2.2 %
I do not know		2	2.2 %
No Answer		0	0 %

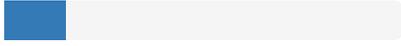
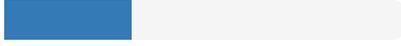
11. Have you every tried to use mutual recognition to get access to a new market within the EU for a product?

		Answers	Ratio
Yes		62	68.13 %
No		29	31.87 %
No Answer		0	0 %

Please specify why

		Answers	Ratio
Because I do not know about it		14	15.38 %
Because I do not trust it		4	4.4 %
Other		11	12.09 %
No Answer		62	68.13 %

Have you ever faced a decision that denied market access?

		Answers	Ratio
Yes		48	52.75 %
No		14	15.38 %
No Answer		29	31.87 %

Did you challenge the decision?

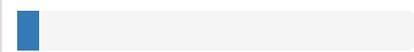
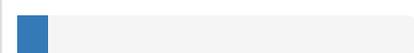
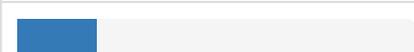
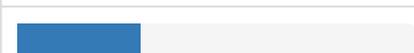
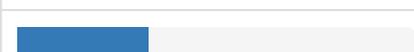
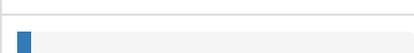
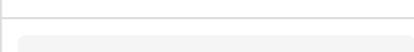
		Answers	Ratio
Yes, successfully		2	2.2 %
Yes, unsuccessfully		10	10.99 %
Yes, but unsuccessfully and then I aligned with the national rules		13	14.29 %
Yes, unsuccessfully and then I decided to give up on entering the market		4	4.4 %
Yes, still waiting for the results		6	6.59 %
No, I prefer to align with the national rules		9	9.89 %
No, I prefer giving up on entering the market		4	4.4 %
No Answer		43	47.25 %

12. Based on your experience, do you consider the following as obstacles to the application of mutual recognition? Please rank their importance from 1 to 5, 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest. :

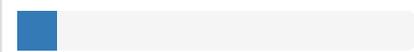
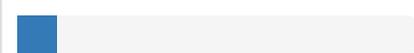
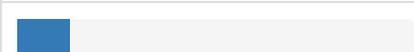
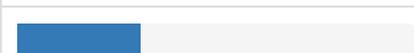
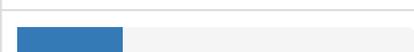
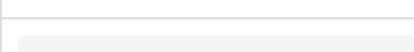
Lack of awareness about mutual recognition

		Answers	Ratio
1		8	8.79 %
2		11	12.09 %
3		17	18.68 %
4		17	18.68 %
5		32	35.16 %
No opinion		6	6.59 %
No Answer		0	0 %

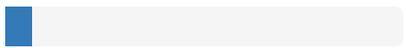
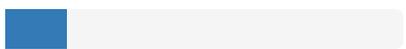
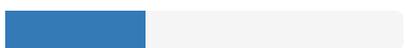
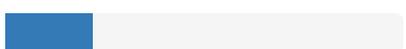
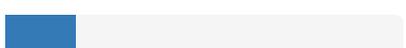
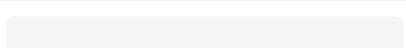
12. Based on your experience, do you consider the following as obstacles to the application of mutual recognition? Please rank their importance from 1 to 5, 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest. :
Difficult to obtain information about whether mutual recognition applies to a specific product and thus to assess if mutual recognition can be used or not for a specific product

		Answers	Ratio
1		5	5.49 %
2		7	7.69 %
3		18	19.78 %
4		28	30.77 %
5		30	32.97 %
No opinion		3	3.3 %
No Answer		0	0 %

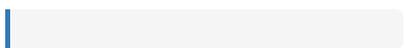
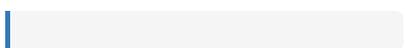
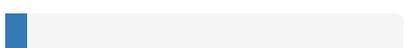
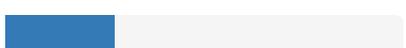
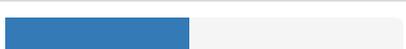
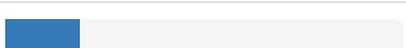
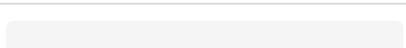
12. Based on your experience, do you consider the following as obstacles to the application of mutual recognition? Please rank their importance from 1 to 5, 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest. :
Difficult to demonstrate to authorities in other Member States that a product is lawfully sold in a Member State

		Answers	Ratio
1		9	9.89 %
2		9	9.89 %
3		12	13.19 %
4		28	30.77 %
5		24	26.37 %
No opinion		9	9.89 %
No Answer		0	0 %

12. Based on your experience, do you consider the following as obstacles to the application of mutual recognition? Please rank their importance from 1 to 5, 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest. :
Insufficient communication between national authorities within the same Member State

		Answers	Ratio
1		3	3.3 %
2		6	6.59 %
3		14	15.38 %
4		32	35.16 %
5		20	21.98 %
No opinion		16	17.58 %
No Answer		0	0 %

12. Based on your experience, do you consider the following as obstacles to the application of mutual recognition? Please rank their importance from 1 to 5, 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest. :
Insufficient communication between national authorities of different Member States

		Answers	Ratio
1		1	1.1 %
2		1	1.1 %
3		5	5.49 %
4		25	27.47 %
5		42	46.15 %
No opinion		17	18.68 %
No Answer		0	0 %

12. Based on your experience, do you consider the following as obstacles to the application of mutual recognition? Please rank their importance from 1 to 5, 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest. :
Slow/inefficient communication between businesses and national authorities

		Answers	Ratio
1		5	5.49 %
2		6	6.59 %
3		17	18.68 %
4		29	31.87 %
5		25	27.47 %
No opinion		9	9.89 %
No Answer		0	0 %

12. Based on your experience, do you consider the following as obstacles to the application of mutual recognition? Please rank their importance from 1 to 5, 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest. :
Difficult for businesses to challenge national decision denying market access

		Answers	Ratio
1		2	2.2 %
2		2	2.2 %
3		0	0 %
4		15	16.48 %
5		57	62.64 %
No opinion		15	16.48 %
No Answer		0	0 %

12. Based on your experience, do you consider the following as obstacles to the application of mutual recognition? Please rank their importance from 1 to 5, 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest. :

Other

		Answers	Ratio
1		3	3.3 %
2		1	1.1 %
3		4	4.4 %
4		6	6.59 %
5		27	29.67 %
No opinion		50	54.95 %
No Answer		0	0 %

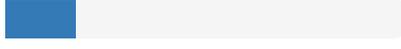
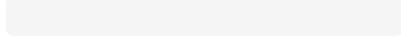
Your views on the functioning of Mutual Recognition Regulation

14. How much do you know about the Mutual Recognition Regulation?

		Answers	Ratio
I am fully aware of it		37	40.66 %
I am partially aware of it		30	32.97 %
I am aware of its existence but I do not really know what it means for my business in practice or how I can make use of it		12	13.19 %
I am aware of its existence but I do not use it because it is too costly		1	1.1 %
I am aware of its existence but I do not use it because it is too burdensome		3	3.3 %
I only found out about it through this public consultation		8	8.79 %
No Answer		0	0 %

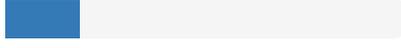
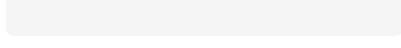
15. The table below lists the objectives of the Mutual Recognition Regulation. Based on your experience, have these objectives been achieved? :

To ensure legal certainty for businesses and national authorities

		Answers	Ratio
Yes, fully		3	3.3 %
Yes, partially		24	26.37 %
No		48	52.75 %
I do not know		16	17.58 %
No Answer		0	0 %

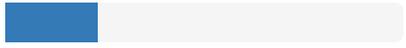
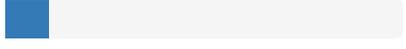
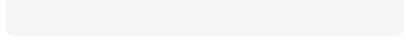
15. The table below lists the objectives of the Mutual Recognition Regulation. Based on your experience, have these objectives been achieved? :

To improve administrative cooperation between national authorities and communication between national authorities and businesses

		Answers	Ratio
Yes, fully		2	2.2 %
Yes, partially		29	31.87 %
No		43	47.25 %
I do not know		17	18.68 %
No Answer		0	0 %

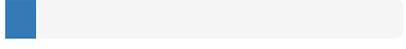
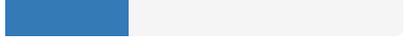
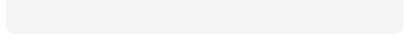
15. The table below lists the objectives of the Mutual Recognition Regulation. Based on your experience, have these objectives been achieved? :

To reduce the risk to businesses of having products refused when entering another national market

		Answers	Ratio
Yes, fully		5	5.49 %
Yes, partially		21	23.08 %
No		55	60.44 %
I do not know		10	10.99 %
No Answer		0	0 %

16. The table below lists the main tools put in place through the Mutual Recognition Regulation to facilitate the use of mutual recognition for selling products in other Member States. How would you assess them? :

Product Contact Points providing information to businesses on national rules upon request

		Answers	Ratio
Useful and still necessary		53	58.24 %
Useful but no longer necessary		3	3.3 %
Not useful		7	7.69 %
I do not know		28	30.77 %
No Answer		0	0 %

16. The table below lists the main tools put in place through the Mutual Recognition Regulation to facilitate the use of mutual recognition for selling products in other Member States. How would you assess them? :

Obligation for national authorities to notify to the Commission and justify a decision denying market access based on national rules

		Answers	Ratio
Useful and still necessary		73	80.22 %
Useful but no longer necessary		1	1.1 %
Not useful		6	6.59 %
I do not know		11	12.09 %
No Answer		0	0 %

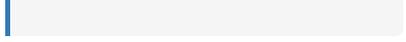
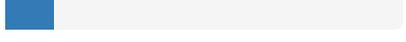
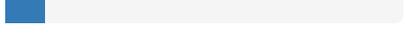
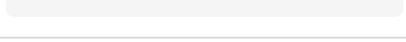
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Product list mentioned under Article 12.4 of the Regulation listing non-exhaustively products for which mutual recognition could apply

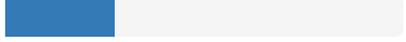
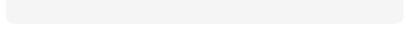
		Answers	Ratio
Useful and still necessary		47	51.65 %
Useful but no longer necessary		5	5.49 %
Not useful		19	20.88 %
I do not know		20	21.98 %
No Answer		0	0 %

16. The table below lists the main tools put in place through the Mutual Recognition Regulation to facilitate the use of mutual recognition for selling products in other Member States. How would you assess them? :

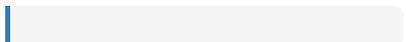
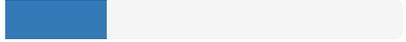
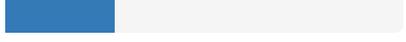
Guidelines for national authorities and businesses on the application of the mutual recognition principle

		Answers	Ratio
Useful and still necessary		70	76.92 %
Useful but no longer necessary		1	1.1 %
Not useful		11	12.09 %
I do not know		9	9.89 %
No Answer		0	0 %

17. Have you ever contacted a Product Contact Point in order to obtain information on national rules applicable to your product?

		Answers	Ratio
Yes		25	27.47 %
No		66	72.53 %
No Answer		0	0 %

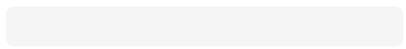
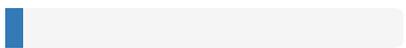
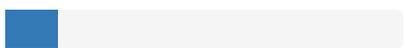
What was the reason?

		Answers	Ratio
I am not aware about the existence of Product Contact Points		42	46.15 %
Language related problems		1	1.1 %
Other		23	25.27 %
No Answer		25	27.47 %

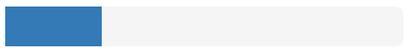
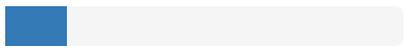
Was your experience satisfactory?

		Answers	Ratio
Yes		6	6.59 %
No		19	20.88 %
No Answer		66	72.53 %

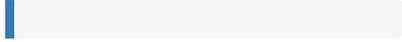
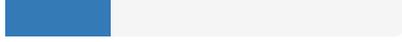
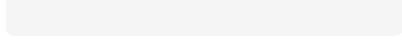
What was the reason?

		Answers	Ratio
Long delay in receiving an answer		3	3.3 %
Language problems		0	0 %
Incomplete answer		4	4.4 %
Other		12	13.19 %
No Answer		72	79.12 %

18. Is it easier to sell products in another national market since the Mutual Recognition Regulation is in force?

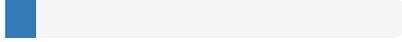
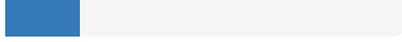
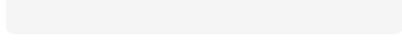
		Answers	Ratio
Yes		24	26.37 %
No		28	30.77 %
I do not know because when selling products abroad I have not made use of the principle		22	24.18 %
I do not know because I have not tried to sell products abroad		3	3.3 %
Other		14	15.38 %
No Answer		0	0 %

19. Do you assess if mutual recognition can be used for selling products in another Member State internally or do you outsource?

		Answers	Ratio
Internally		24	26.37 %
Outsourced		2	2.2 %
Both, depending on the product and/or the market		41	45.05 %
I do not assess if mutual recognition can be used		24	26.37 %
No Answer		0	0 %

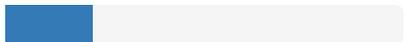
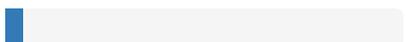
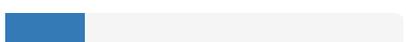
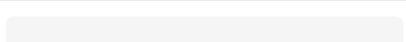
22. If you have been denied access to another market on the basis of national rules (if replied yes to question before) or if you do not choose to use the principle of mutual recognition based on that experience, what were the approximate costs for you to bring a product to the market in another country? (Costs per country and per type of product, only costs related to lawfully putting the product on the market, not marketing costs that would be incurred anyhow) :

Costs related to aligning products on national rules, i.e. testing, labelling, certification, etc. (Compliance costs)

		Answers	Ratio
Higly important		50	54.95 %
Relatively important		17	18.68 %
Of little importance		7	7.69 %
I do not know		17	18.68 %
No Answer		0	0 %

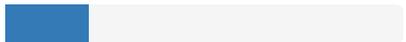
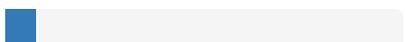
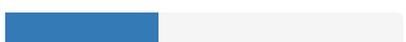
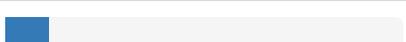
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Costs caused by the delayed entry on the market

		Answers	Ratio
Higly important		49	53.85 %
Relatively important		20	21.98 %
Of little importance		4	4.4 %
I do not know		18	19.78 %
No Answer		0	0 %

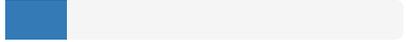
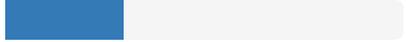
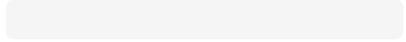
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(If you challenged the decision) Costs related to the challenge before courts

		Answers	Ratio
Higly important		20	21.98 %
Relatively important		19	20.88 %
Of little importance		7	7.69 %
I do not know		35	38.46 %
No Answer		10	10.99 %

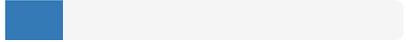
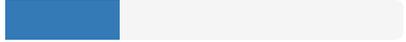
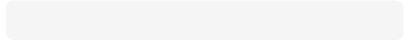
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Upon denial I renounced selling products on that market entirely – costs related to lost opportunities

		Answers	Ratio
Higly important		48	52.75 %
Relatively important		14	15.38 %
Of little importance		2	2.2 %
I do not know		27	29.67 %
No Answer		0	0 %

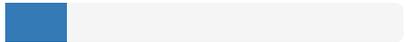
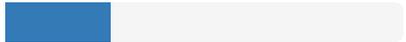
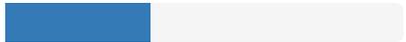
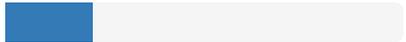
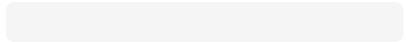
25. Below are listed the main benefits the Mutual Recognition Regulation was expected to have. Based on your experience, to what extent do you consider them to be realised? :

Better information to businesses on national product rules via the Product Contact Points

		Answers	Ratio
I fully agree		13	14.29 %
I partially agree		28	30.77 %
I disagree		24	26.37 %
I do not know		26	28.57 %
No Answer		0	0 %

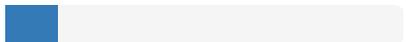
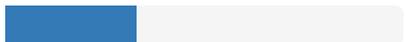
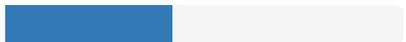
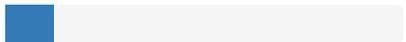
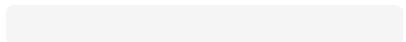
25. Below are listed the main benefits the Mutual Recognition Regulation was expected to have. Based on your experience, to what extent do you consider them to be realised? :

Justification and notification to businesses and to the Commission of administrative decision denying market access based on national rules

		Answers	Ratio
I fully agree		14	15.38 %
I partially agree		24	26.37 %
I disagree		33	36.26 %
I do not know		20	21.98 %
No Answer		0	0 %

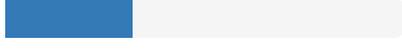
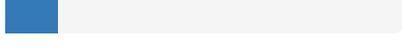
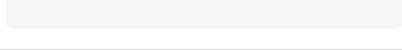
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Reduced risks of seeing market access denied based on national rules

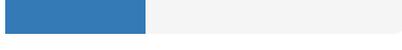
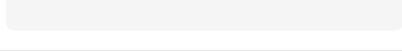
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I partially agree		30	32.97 %
I disagree		38	41.76 %
I do not know		11	12.09 %
No Answer		0	0 %

25. Below are listed the main benefits the Mutual Recognition Regulation was expected to have. Based on your experience, to what extent do you consider them to be realised? :

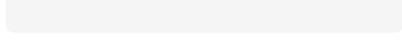
Increased awareness of mutual recognition

		Answers	Ratio
I fully agree		15	16.48 %
I partially agree		35	38.46 %
I disagree		29	31.87 %
I do not know		12	13.19 %
No Answer		0	0 %

26. Based on your experience, would you agree or disagree with the following statement: "these costs (as referred to in Question 23) are acceptable and proportionate to the benefits the Mutual Recognition Regulation brings in terms of facilitating market access"?

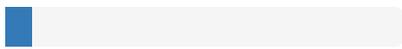
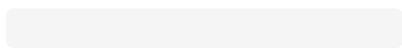
		Answers	Ratio
I agree		9	9.89 %
I disagree		50	54.95 %
I do not know		32	35.16 %
No Answer		0	0 %

27. From your experience, are you aware of potential overlaps or synergies between the Mutual Recognition Regulation and other European initiatives?

		Answers	Ratio
Yes		14	15.38 %
No		77	84.62 %
No Answer		0	0 %

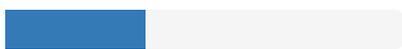
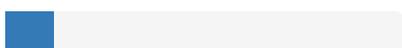
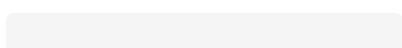
28. What is the added value of the European common rules on mutual recognition? Please indicate if you agree or not with the following statements: :

European common procedures on mutual recognition guarantee equal treatment of businesses, regardless of where they want to sell their products

		Answers	Ratio
I agree		61	67.03 %
I do not agree		24	26.37 %
I do not know		6	6.59 %
No Answer		0	0 %

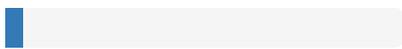
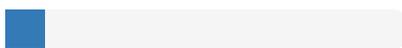
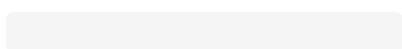
28. What is the added value of the European common rules on mutual recognition? Please indicate if you agree or not with the following statements: :

European common procedures on mutual recognition guarantee that national authorities apply the principle in the same manner

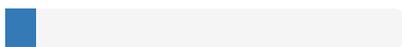
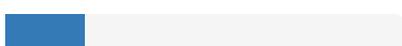
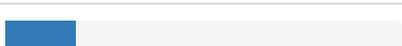
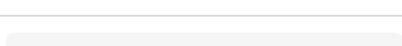
		Answers	Ratio
I agree		48	52.75 %
I do not agree		32	35.16 %
I do not know		11	12.09 %
No Answer		0	0 %

28. What is the added value of the European common rules on mutual recognition? Please indicate if you agree or not with the following statements: :

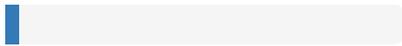
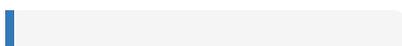
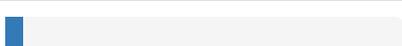
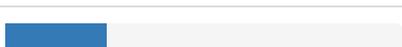
The absence of European common procedures on mutual recognition would weaken the principle by dismantling its application into 28 different and possibly contradictory procedures and undermine the internal market

		Answers	Ratio
I agree		78	85.71 %
I do not agree		4	4.4 %
I do not know		9	9.89 %
No Answer		0	0 %

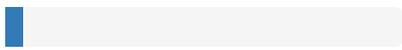
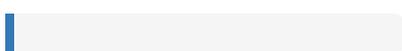
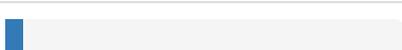
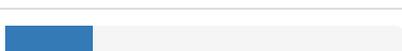
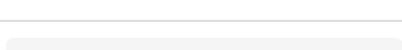
29. In your view, what should be the priorities for the Commission with regard to mutual recognition in the future? Please rank their importance on a scale from 1 to 5, 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest. : Increase general awareness on the mutual recognition principle

		Answers	Ratio
1		2	2.2 %
2		7	7.69 %
3		18	19.78 %
4		16	17.58 %
5		48	52.75 %
No Answer		0	0 %

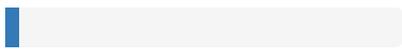
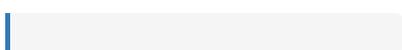
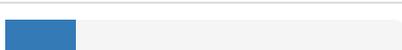
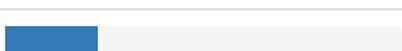
29. In your view, what should be the priorities for the Commission with regard to mutual recognition in the future? Please rank their importance on a scale from 1 to 5, 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest. : Increase effectiveness of mutual recognition facilitating access to the internal market

		Answers	Ratio
1		3	3.3 %
2		2	2.2 %
3		4	4.4 %
4		23	25.27 %
5		59	64.84 %
No Answer		0	0 %

29. In your view, what should be the priorities for the Commission with regard to mutual recognition in the future? Please rank their importance on a scale from 1 to 5, 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest. : Increase legal certainty for businesses when using mutual recognition to sell products abroad

		Answers	Ratio
1		4	4.4 %
2		2	2.2 %
3		4	4.4 %
4		20	21.98 %
5		61	67.03 %
No Answer		0	0 %

29. In your view, what should be the priorities for the Commission with regard to mutual recognition in the future? Please rank their importance on a scale from 1 to 5, 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest. : Facilitate communication between all actors involved in mutual recognition (business, national authorities, European Commission)

		Answers	Ratio
1		3	3.3 %
2		1	1.1 %
3		16	17.58 %
4		21	23.08 %
5		50	54.95 %
No Answer		0	0 %

29. In your view, what should be the priorities for the Commission with regard to mutual recognition in the future? Please rank their importance on a scale from 1 to 5, 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest. : Ensure that the procedures are duly followed when decisions denying market access are taken by national authorities

		Answers	Ratio
1		3	3.3 %
2		3	3.3 %
3		11	12.09 %
4		14	15.38 %
5		60	65.93 %
No Answer		0	0 %

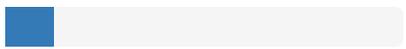
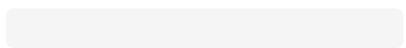
29. In your view, what should be the priorities for the Commission with regard to mutual recognition in the future? Please rank their importance on a scale from 1 to 5, 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest. : Ensure that businesses have effective remedies at their disposal to take action against decisions denying mutual recognition when needed

		Answers	Ratio
1		4	4.4 %
2		3	3.3 %
3		6	6.59 %
4		12	13.19 %
5		66	72.53 %
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Your views on the possible options for the possible revision of the Mutual Recognition Regulation

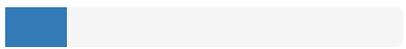
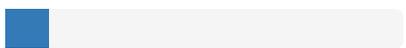
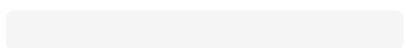
30. Which of these options would make mutual recognition easier to apply and more reliable? (Multiple choices) :

Clarify the scope of the Regulation as regards the circumstances under which mutual recognition could apply

		Answers	Ratio
I agree		78	85.71 %
I do not agree		2	2.2 %
I do not know		11	12.09 %
No Answer		0	0 %

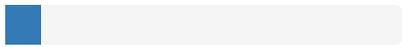
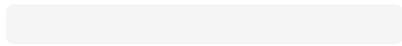
30. Which of these options would make mutual recognition easier to apply and more reliable? (Multiple choices) :

Facilitate the identification of products to which mutual recognition applies, by updating the Product list (http://ec.europa.eu/growth/single-market/goods/free-movement-sectors/mutual-recognition/products-list/index_en.htm) (Article 12.4 of the Regulation) and make it more user friendly (*The product list contains the products not covered by harmonised legislation where mutual recognition is applicable*)

		Answers	Ratio
I agree		67	73.63 %
I do not agree		14	15.38 %
I do not know		10	10.99 %
No Answer		0	0 %

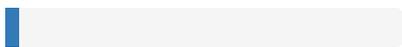
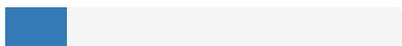
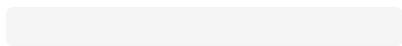
30. Which of these options would make mutual recognition easier to apply and more reliable? (Multiple choices) :

Make it simpler for businesses to demonstrate that their product is lawfully sold in a Member State by issuing a declaration indicating the technical rules with which the product complies

		Answers	Ratio
I agree		73	80.22 %
I do not agree		10	10.99 %
I do not know		8	8.79 %
No Answer		0	0 %

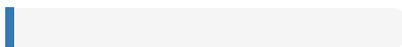
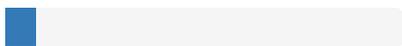
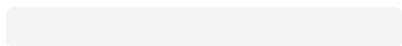
30. Which of these options would make mutual recognition easier to apply and more reliable? (Multiple choices) :

Introduce dissuasive measures to ensure that the obligation for national authorities to notify administrative decisions denying or restricting mutual recognition is respected

		Answers	Ratio
I agree		74	81.32 %
I do not agree		3	3.3 %
I do not know		14	15.38 %
No Answer		0	0 %

30. Which of these options would make mutual recognition easier to apply and more reliable? (Multiple choices) :

Ensure that effective remedies are available to businesses who wish to take action against an administrative decision denying mutual recognition

		Answers	Ratio
I agree		82	90.11 %
I do not agree		2	2.2 %
I do not know		7	7.69 %
No Answer		0	0 %

30. Which of these options would make mutual recognition easier to apply and more reliable? (Multiple choices) :

Strengthen the role of Product Contact Points

		Answers	Ratio
I agree		59	64.84 %
I do not agree		4	4.4 %
I do not know		28	30.77 %
No Answer		0	0 %

30. Which of these options would make mutual recognition easier to apply and more reliable? (Multiple choices) :

Strict deadlines to reply to requests made from one authority to the other

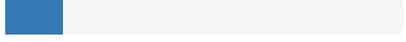
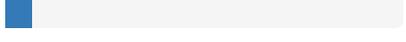
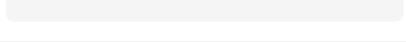
		Answers	Ratio
I agree		76	83.52 %
I do not agree		4	4.4 %
I do not know		11	12.09 %
No Answer		0	0 %

31. What would be the most appropriate as an alternative to mutual recognition? (Multiple choices) :

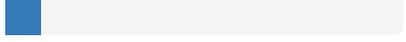
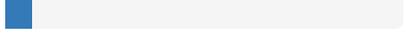
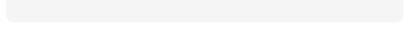
Harmonise technical requirements in specific fields where mutual recognition does not appear sufficient to ensure free movement of goods

		Answers	Ratio
I agree		75	82.42 %
I do not agree		12	13.19 %
I do not know		4	4.4 %
No Answer		0	0 %

**31. What would be the most appropriate as an alternative to mutual recognition? (Multiple choices) :
Harmonise certain basic requirements that a product would need to satisfy**

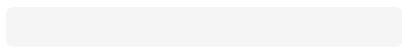
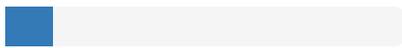
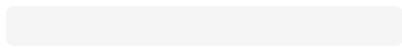
		Answers	Ratio
I agree		72	79.12 %
I do not agree		13	14.29 %
I do not know		6	6.59 %
No Answer		0	0 %

**31. What would be the most appropriate as an alternative to mutual recognition? (Multiple choices) :
Facilitate market access for products lawfully sold in one Member State and complying with European standards**

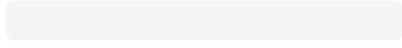
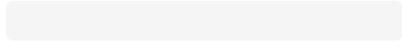
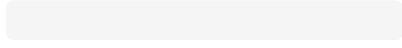
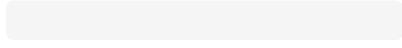
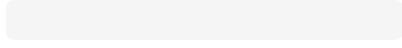
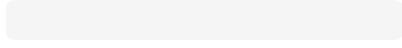
		Answers	Ratio
I agree		77	84.62 %
I do not agree		8	8.79 %
I do not know		6	6.59 %
No Answer		0	0 %

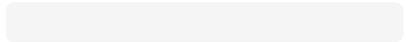
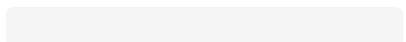
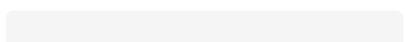
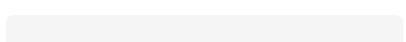
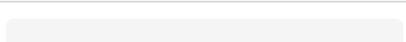
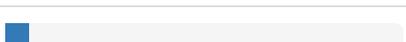
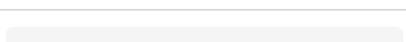
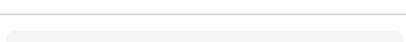
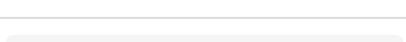
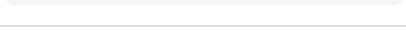
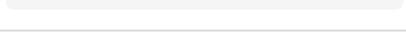
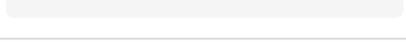
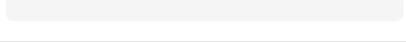
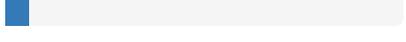
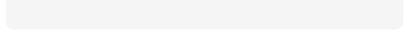
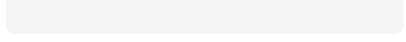
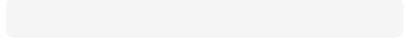
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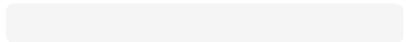
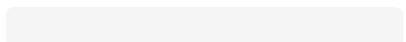
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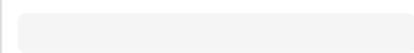
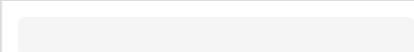
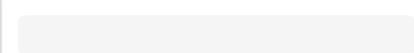
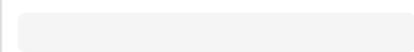
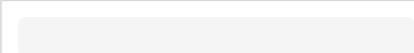
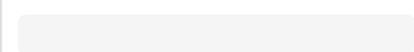
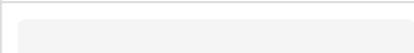
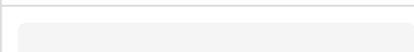
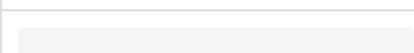
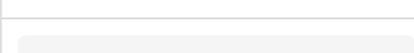
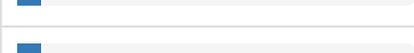
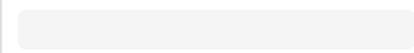
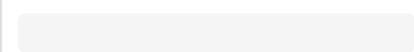
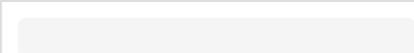
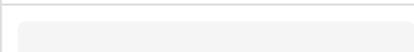
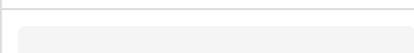
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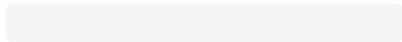
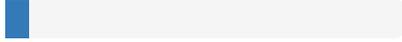
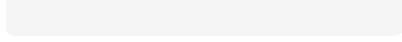
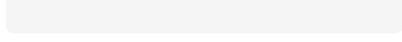
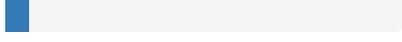
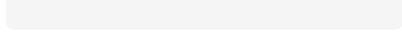
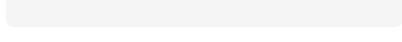
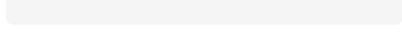
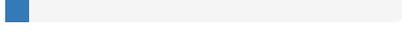
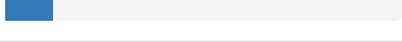
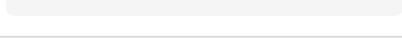
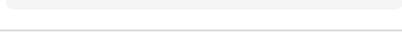
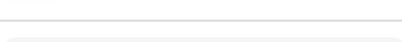
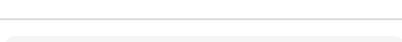
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United Kingdom		0	0 %
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No Answer		15	88.24 %

Please indicate your sector of activity:

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Mining and Quarrying		0	0 %

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Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply		0	0 %
Water Supply; Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities		0	0 %
Construction		0	0 %
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles		0	0 %
Transportation and Storage		0	0 %
Accommodation and Food Service Activities		0	0 %
Information and Communication		0	0 %
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Real Estate Activities		0	0 %
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Public Administration and Defence; Compulsory Social Security		1	5.88 %
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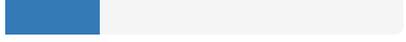
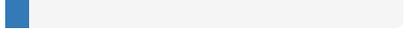
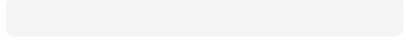
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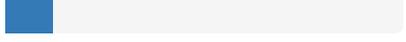
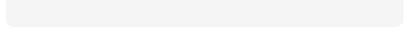
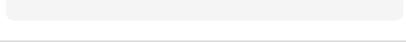
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		Answers	Ratio
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Only anonymously. No information regarding identification will be published but only replies to the following sections. In this case, please ensure that your replies to the following sections do not allow identification.		7	41.18 %
No (your contribution will not be published and its content may be used internally within the Commission. In any case, the contribution will be subject to the rules on access to documents, Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001).		1	5.88 %
No Answer		0	0 %

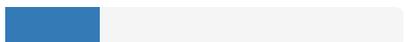
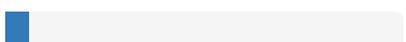
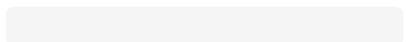
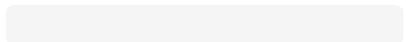
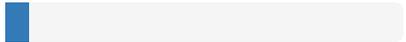
3. Do you know that a product lawfully marketed in one Member State must, in principle, be admitted to the market of any other Member State, based on the mutual recognition principle?

		Answers	Ratio
I am fully aware of it		12	70.59 %
I am partially aware of it		4	23.53 %
I only found out about it through this public consultation		1	5.88 %
No Answer		0	0 %

4. Do you think it is necessary to raise awareness on mutual recognition?

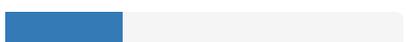
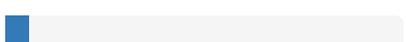
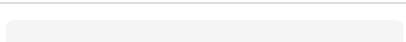
		Answers	Ratio
Yes		15	88.24 %
No		2	11.76 %
I do not know		0	0 %
No Answer		0	0 %

6. How much do you know about the Mutual Recognition Regulation?

		Answers	Ratio
I am fully aware of it		11	64.71 %
I am partially aware of it		4	23.53 %
I am aware of its existence but I do not really know what it means for my business in practice or how I can make use of it		1	5.88 %
I am aware of its existence but I do not use it because it is too costly		0	0 %
I am aware of its existence but I do not use it because it is too burdensome		0	0 %
I only found out about it through this public consultation		1	5.88 %
No Answer		0	0 %

7. The table below lists the objectives of the Mutual Recognition Regulation. Based on your experience, have these objectives been achieved? :

To ensure legal certainty for businesses and national authorities

		Answers	Ratio
Yes, fully		3	17.65 %
Yes, partially		8	47.06 %
No		5	29.41 %
I do not know		1	5.88 %
No Answer		0	0 %

7. The table below lists the objectives of the Mutual Recognition Regulation. Based on your experience, have these objectives been achieved? :

To improve administrative cooperation between national authorities and communication between national authorities and businesses

		Answers	Ratio
Yes, fully		2	11.76 %
Yes, partially		10	58.82 %
No		3	17.65 %
I do not know		2	11.76 %
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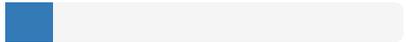
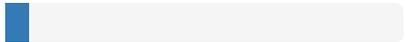
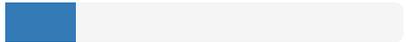
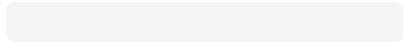
7. The table below lists the objectives of the Mutual Recognition Regulation. Based on your experience, have these objectives been achieved? :

To reduce the risk to businesses of having products refused when entering another national market

		Answers	Ratio
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Yes, partially		7	41.18 %
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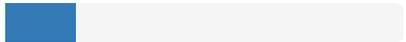
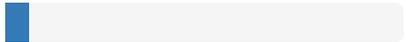
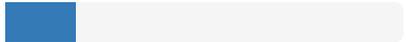
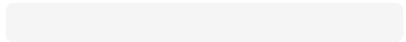
8. The table below lists the main tools put in place through the Mutual Recognition Regulation to facilitate the use of mutual recognition for selling products in other Member States. How would you assess them? :

Product Contact Points providing information to businesses on national rules upon request

		Answers	Ratio
Useful and still necessary		11	64.71 %
Useful but no longer necessary		2	11.76 %
Not useful		1	5.88 %
I do not know		3	17.65 %
No Answer		0	0 %

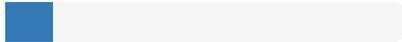
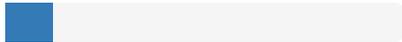
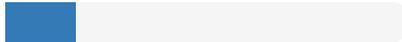
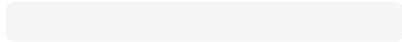
8. The table below lists the main tools put in place through the Mutual Recognition Regulation to facilitate the use of mutual recognition for selling products in other Member States. How would you assess them? :

Obligation for national authorities to notify to the Commission and justify a decision denying market access based on national rules

		Answers	Ratio
Useful and still necessary		10	58.82 %
Useful but no longer necessary		3	17.65 %
Not useful		1	5.88 %
I do not know		3	17.65 %
No Answer		0	0 %

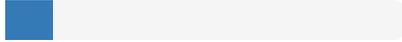
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Product list mentioned under Article 12.4 of the Regulation listing non-exhaustively products for which mutual recognition could apply

		Answers	Ratio
Useful and still necessary		10	58.82 %
Useful but no longer necessary		2	11.76 %
Not useful		2	11.76 %
I do not know		3	17.65 %
No Answer		0	0 %

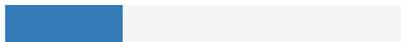
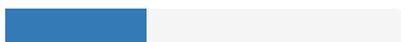
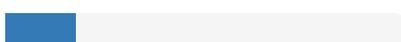
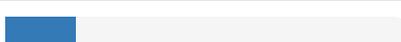
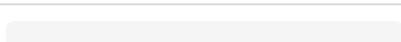
8. The table below lists the main tools put in place through the Mutual Recognition Regulation to facilitate the use of mutual recognition for selling products in other Member States. How would you assess them? :

Guidelines for national authorities and businesses on the application of the mutual recognition principle

		Answers	Ratio
Useful and still necessary		14	82.35 %
Useful but no longer necessary		1	5.88 %
Not useful		0	0 %
I do not know		2	11.76 %
No Answer		0	0 %

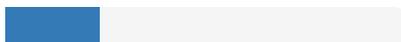
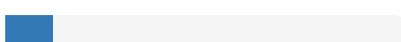
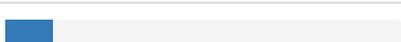
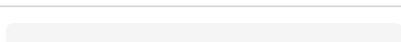
9. Below are listed the main benefits the Mutual Recognition Regulation was expected to have. Based on your experience, to what extent do you consider them to be realised? :

Better information to businesses on national product rules via the Product Contact Points

		Answers	Ratio
I fully agree		5	29.41 %
I partially agree		6	35.29 %
I disagree		3	17.65 %
I do not know		3	17.65 %
No Answer		0	0 %

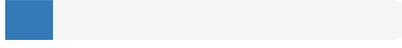
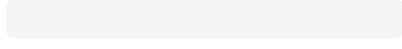
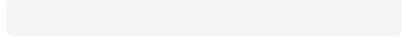
9. Below are listed the main benefits the Mutual Recognition Regulation was expected to have. Based on your experience, to what extent do you consider them to be realised? :

Justification and notification to businesses and to the Commission of administrative decision denying market access based on national rules

		Answers	Ratio
I fully agree		4	23.53 %
I partially agree		9	52.94 %
I disagree		2	11.76 %
I do not know		2	11.76 %
No Answer		0	0 %

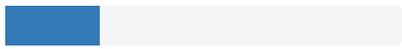
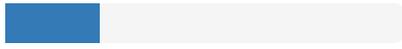
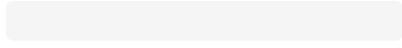
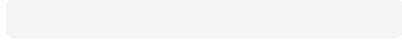
9. Below are listed the main benefits the Mutual Recognition Regulation was expected to have. Based on your experience, to what extent do you consider them to be realised? :

Reduced risks of seeing market access denied based on national rules

		Answers	Ratio
I fully agree		9	52.94 %
I partially agree		6	35.29 %
I disagree		2	11.76 %
I do not know		0	0 %
No Answer		0	0 %

9. Below are listed the main benefits the Mutual Recognition Regulation was expected to have. Based on your experience, to what extent do you consider them to be realised? :

Increased awareness of mutual recognition

		Answers	Ratio
I fully agree		9	52.94 %
I partially agree		4	23.53 %
I disagree		4	23.53 %
I do not know		0	0 %
No Answer		0	0 %