

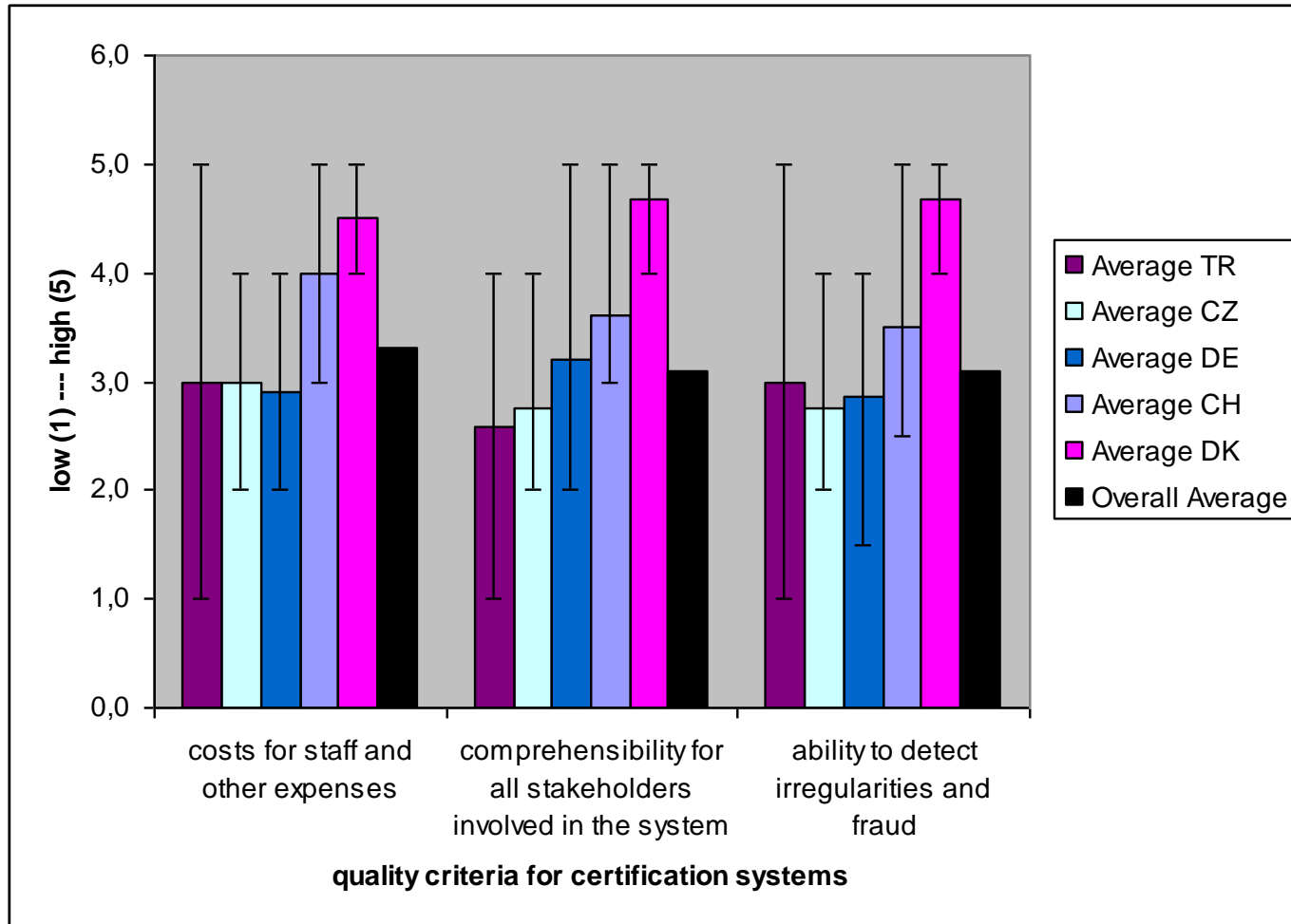
Administrative costs of organic certification systems – a first qualitative insight

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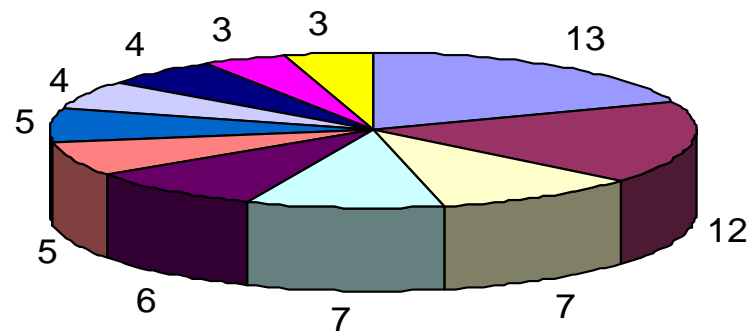
Overview of responses analysed

	Standard owner	Control body	Accreditation body	Competent authority
CH	1	2	1	1
CZ		2	1	1
DE		6		5
DK		2		2
TR	1	9	1	1
Total	2	21	3	10

Assessment of certification system – overview



The most important issues to increase the efficiency of the system – stakeholders' view



- cooperation and coordination between stakeholders
- better education of ministry staff, inspectors, farmers
- central data base, electronic information exchange
- harmonisation of risk assessment, certification and control
- reduction of bureaucracy, simplification of legislation
- more sampling and unannounced controls
- change of mentality, consciousness of farmers and consumers
- improvement of accreditation system
- integration of all stakeholders in the process
- cross checks
- less restrictive accreditation system and rules for inspection

Most important issues to increase efficiency – sorted by type of body

