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HEPATITIS E VIRUS WORKSHOP IN POLICY AND SCIENCE

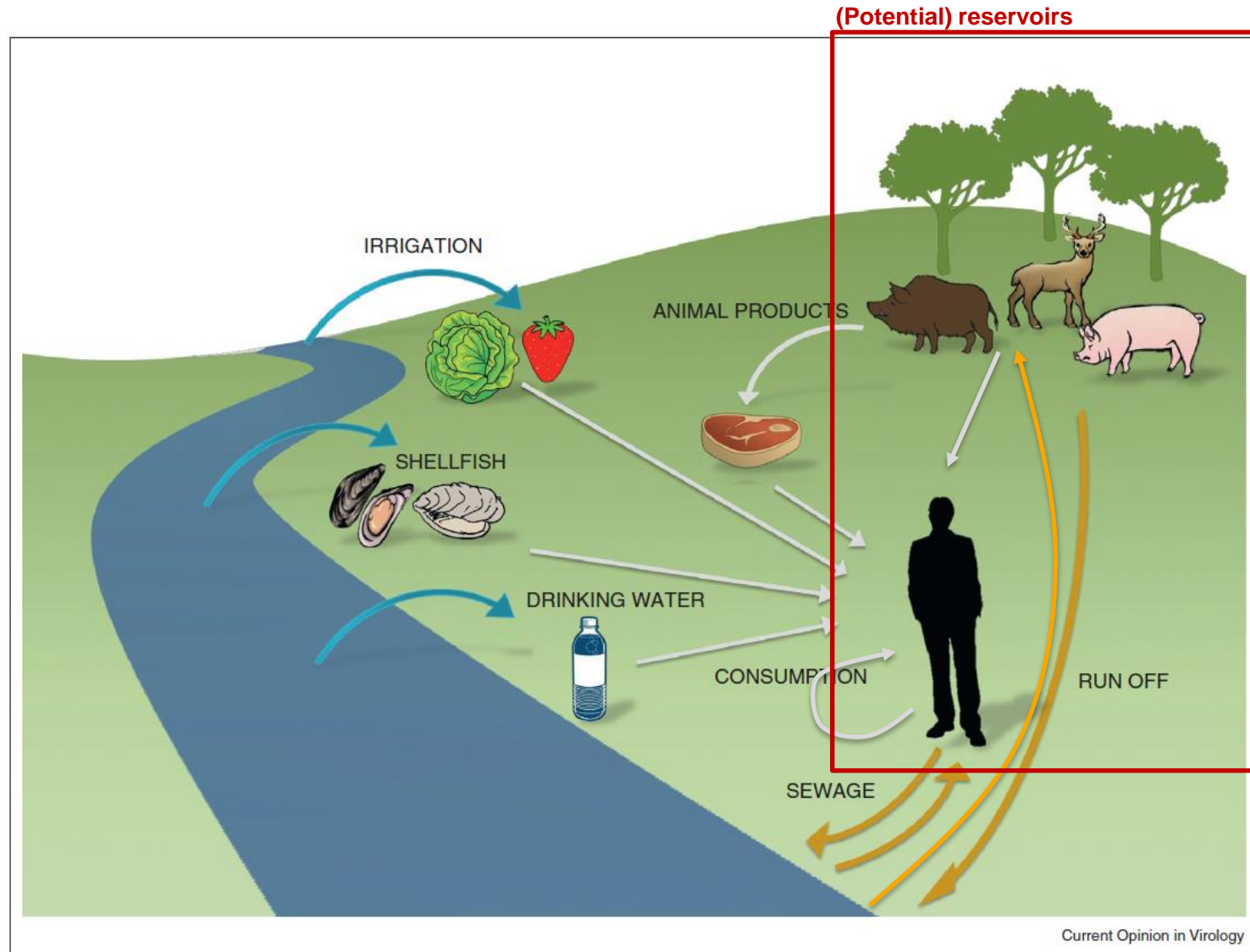
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EFSA Focal Point

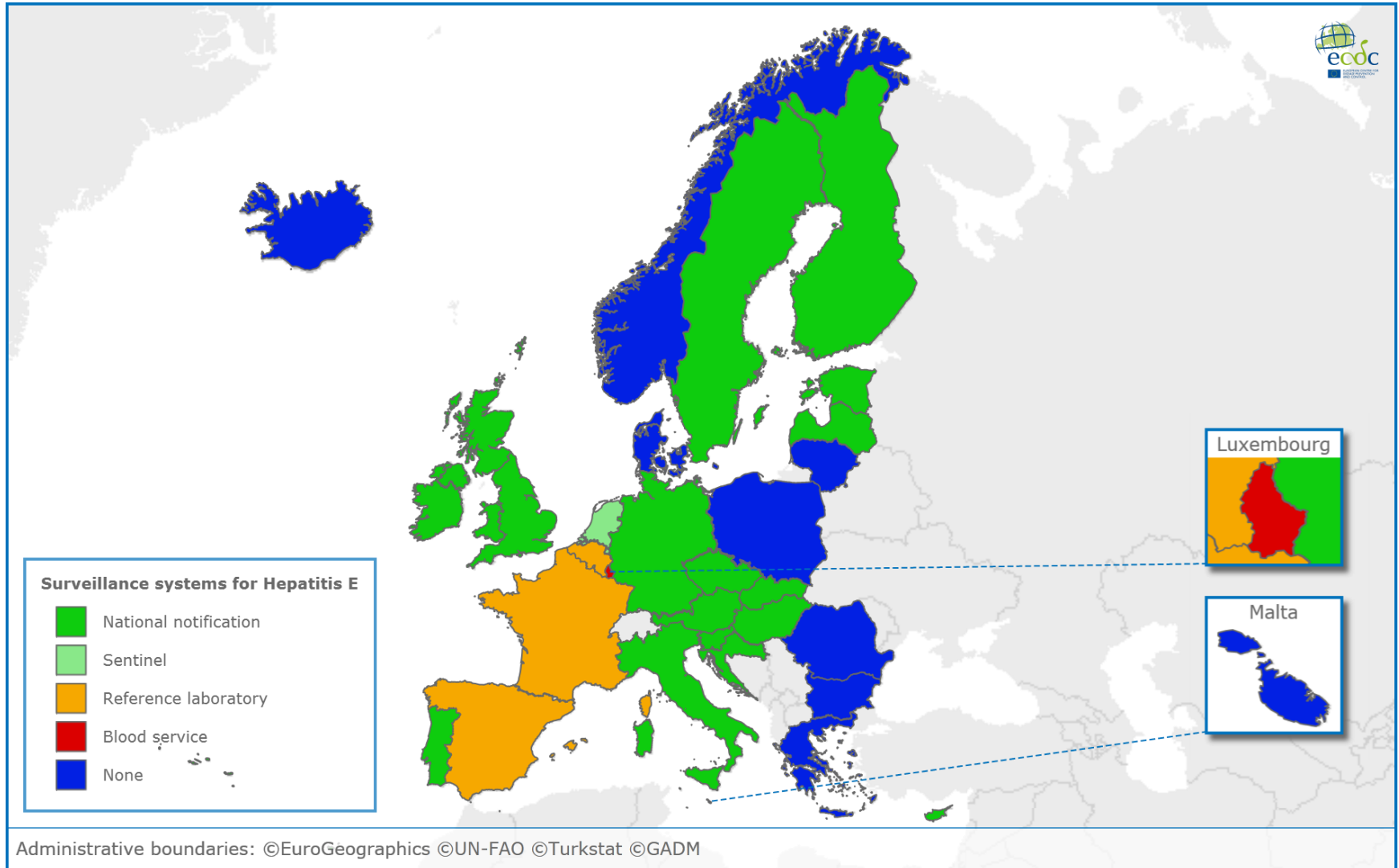
Oslo, 18th April

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Potential transmission routes



HEV surveillance systems in EU/EEA, 2015



20 EU/EEA countries with HEV-specific surveillance

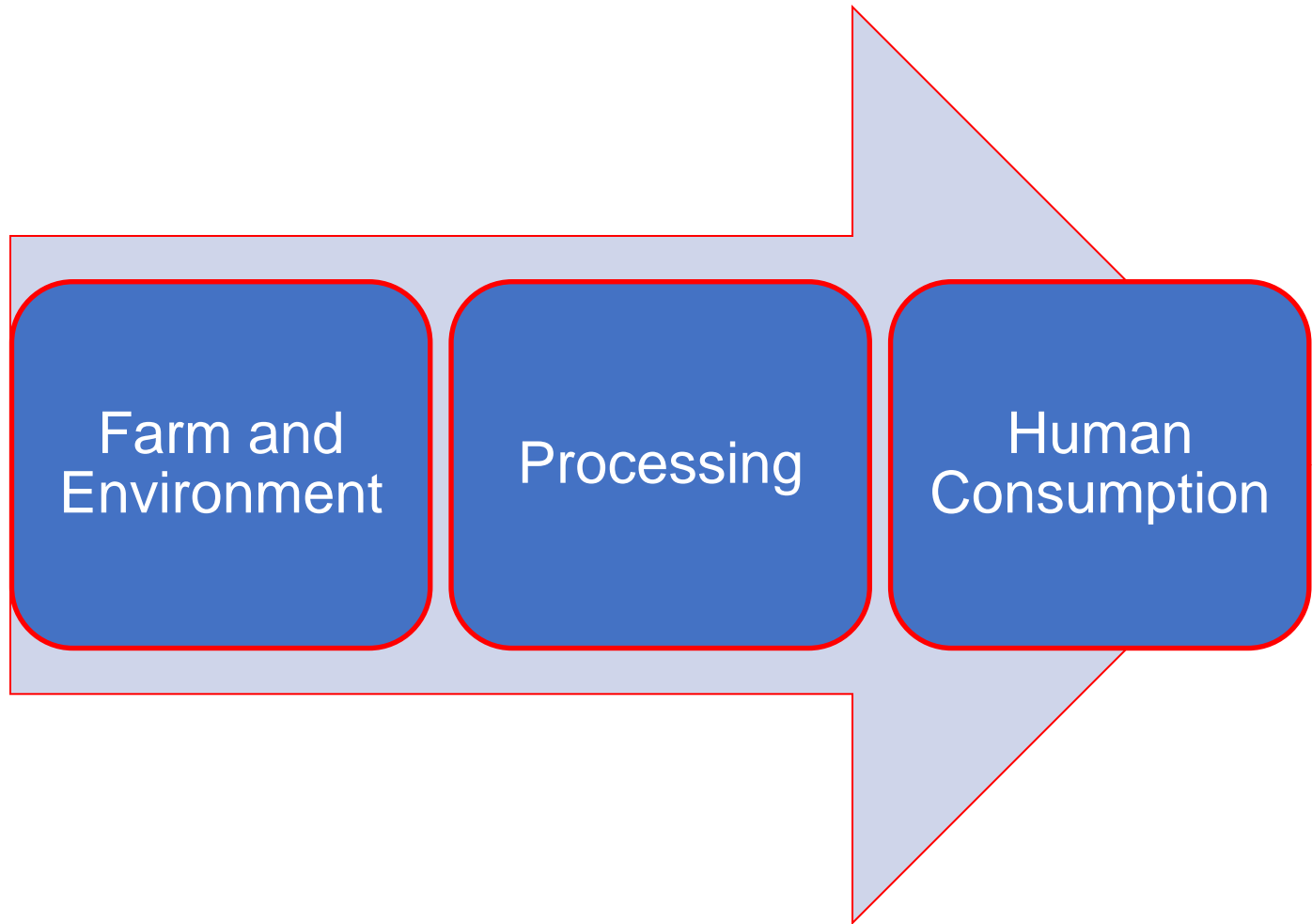
Ref: ECDC



Significant gaps in our understanding:

- These gaps both in science have contributed to the lack of clear risk intervention strategies/ policy decisions

Hepatitis E virus workshop in Policy and Science, Amsterdam

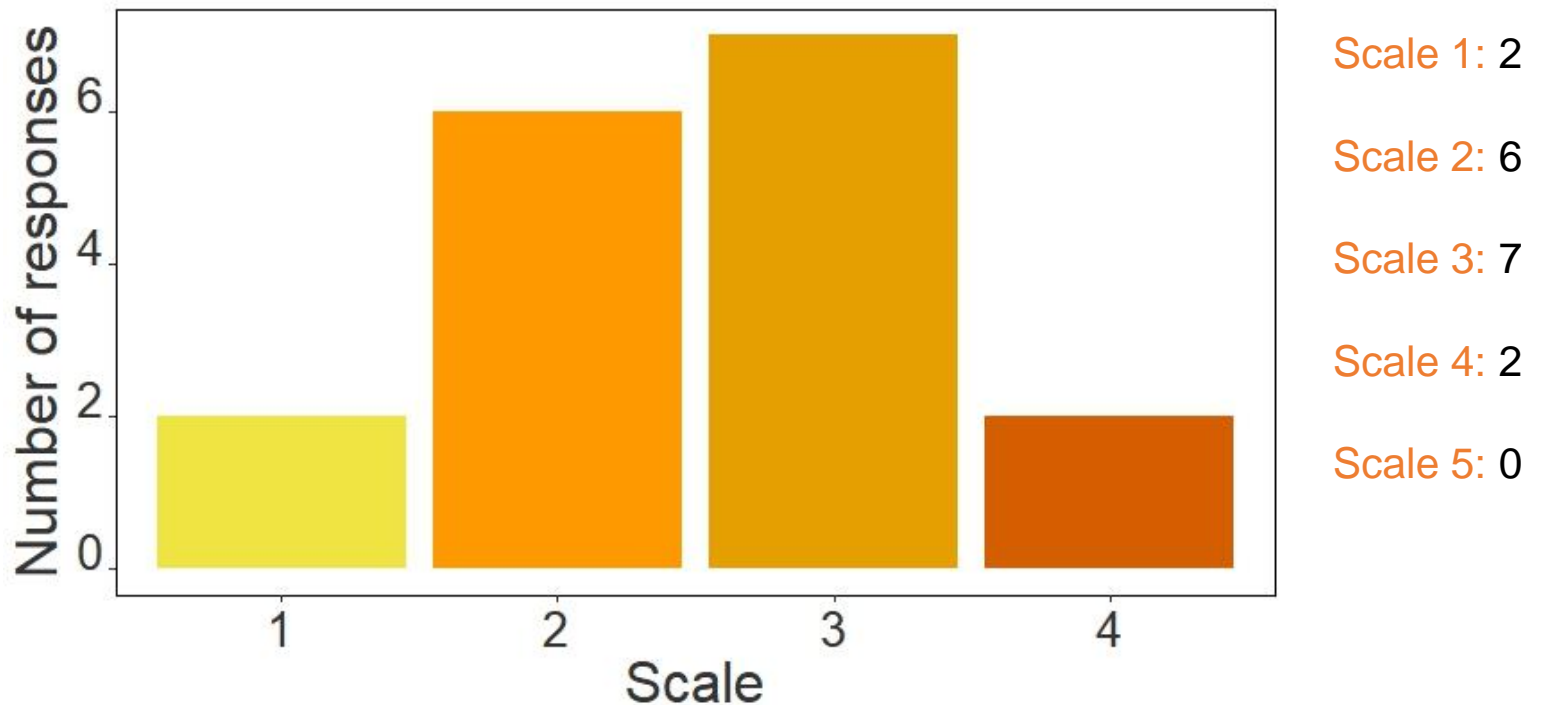


Workshop Outputs:

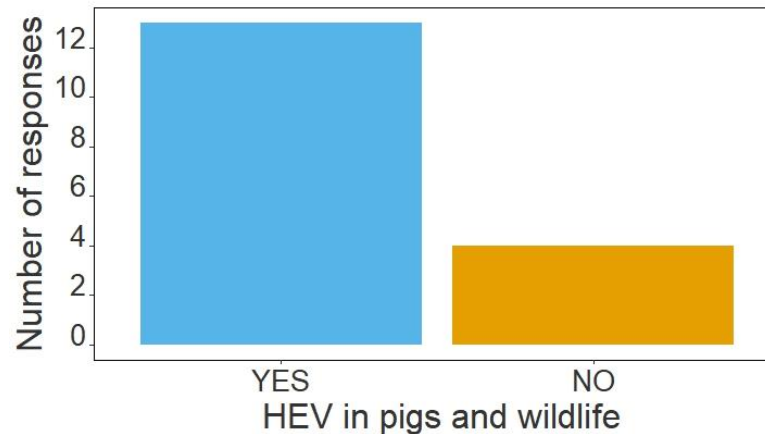
- ***Promote scientific cooperation*** by identifying and plugging evidence gaps, collaboration on ongoing or future research activities within the theme.
- Act as a platform to ***inform policy interventions*** at a high level to discuss and agree on a policy plan to mitigate any risk to health.
- Encourage ***intelligence sharing*** between MS with the aim of building networks of communication and collaboration between policy/decision makers and scientists ultimately making the decision-making process more efficient. -----***In principle agreements***——

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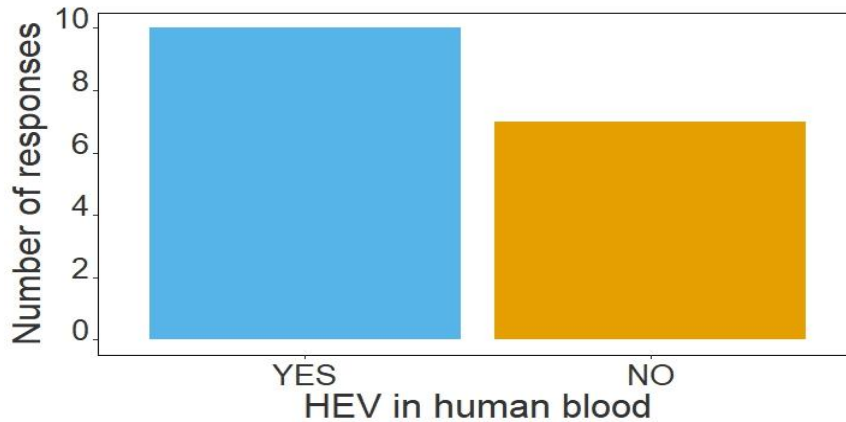
Is HEV seen as a serious public health risk? Use the relative scale from 1(negligible) to 5 (very serious)



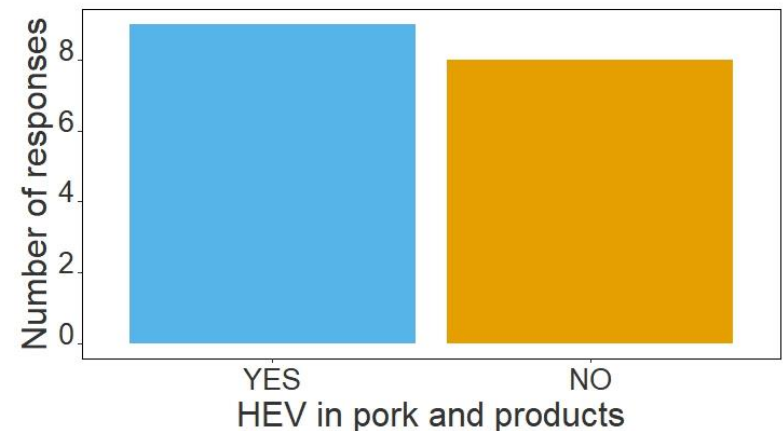
HEV incidence in pigs and wildlife, humans and pork products



YES: 13 NO: 4



YES: 10 NO: 7



YES: 9 NO: 8



Breakout discussion – Priority measures

Identified up to three priority measures at all 3 levels:

- What are the **gaps in our understanding of HEV** that pose challenges for ongoing or future effectiveness of each measure?
- Is the measure achievable in the **short-term or long-term**? What is the estimated timeframe over which this measure could be introduced in your view?
- Once the three selected measures have been discussed, **rank the measures** in order of priority for your group (1-3).



Consensus on priorities for addressing HEV

- 1. Effective on-farm interventions**
- 2. Achieve inactivation in high-risk products**
- 3. Reduce human exposure**



Breakout discussion - Objectives

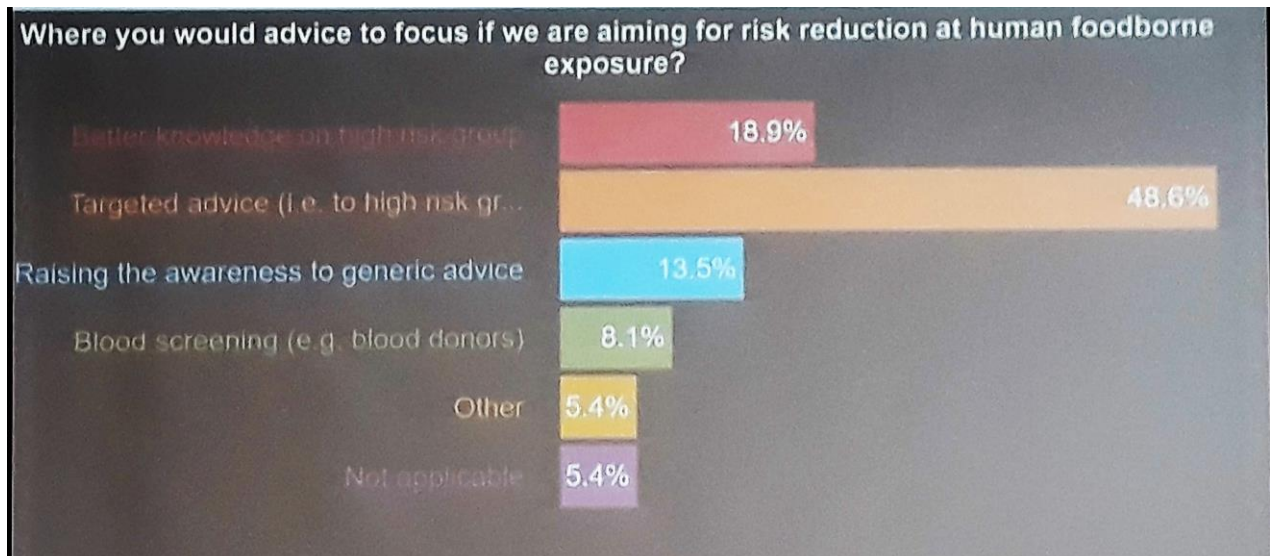
For each objective please consider:

- What **actions** are required to achieve this objective?
- What **resources** are required to achieve this?
- **Who needs to be involved?** (consider national, regional and international levels)

Voting and Consensus on objectives for addressing HEV

1. Monitoring and surveillance
2. Risk profiling of products
3. Targeted advice

Voting





Next Steps

- **Report (Target June 2018)**
- **National and international consortia including gathering industry support to test the application of potential policy interventions**

