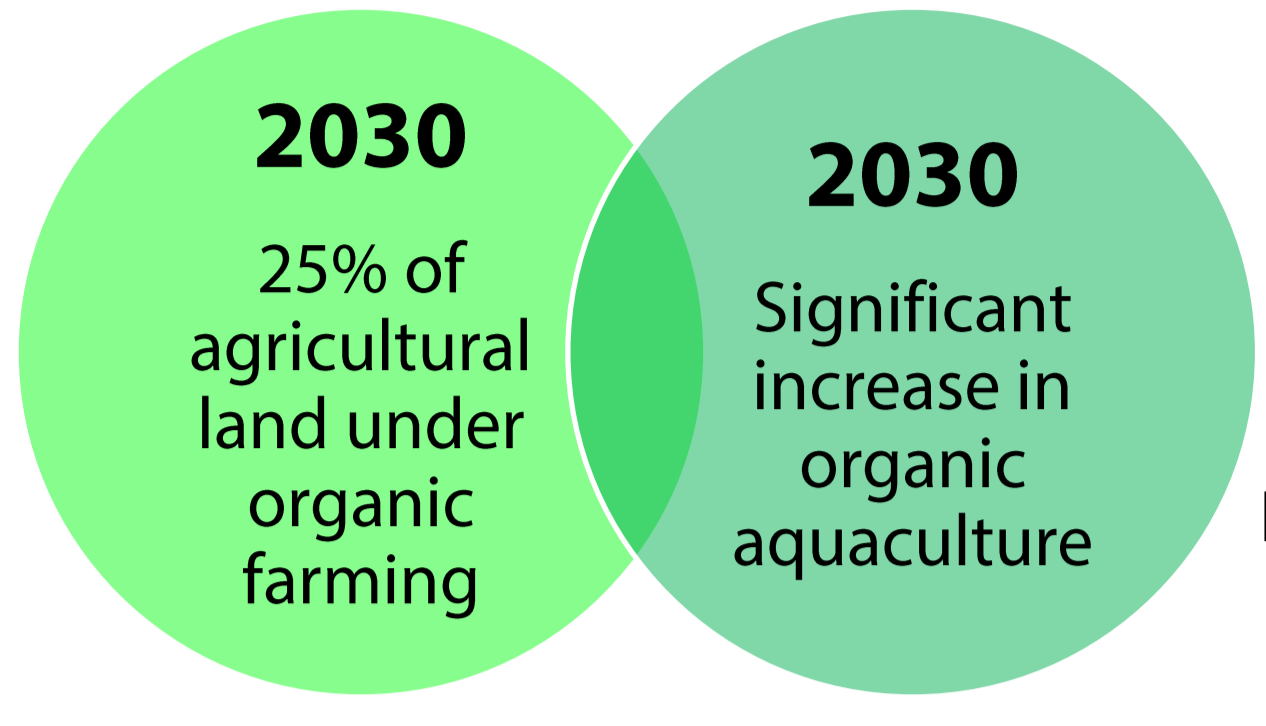


ASSESSMENT OF AQUACULTURE POLICY RESPONSES TO THE ORGANIC FARM-TO-FORK TARGETS

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BACKGROUND



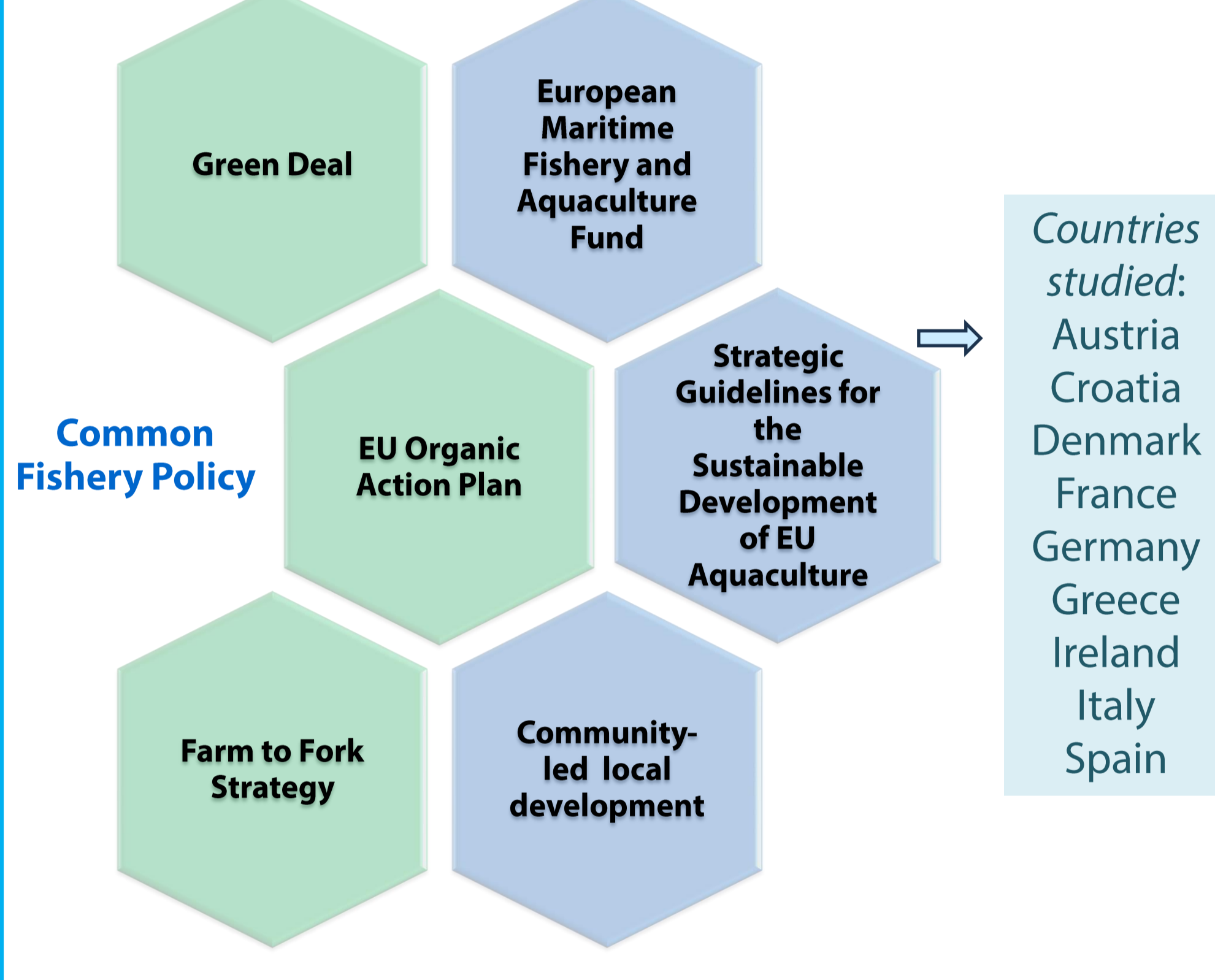
Total organic aquaculture production in the EU27 in 2020:
6.7% of the total EU aquaculture production

EU's Farm to Fork Strategy targets → How to promote the development of European organic aquaculture?

Objective: Identifying drivers and lock-ins for the development of the European organic aquaculture sector

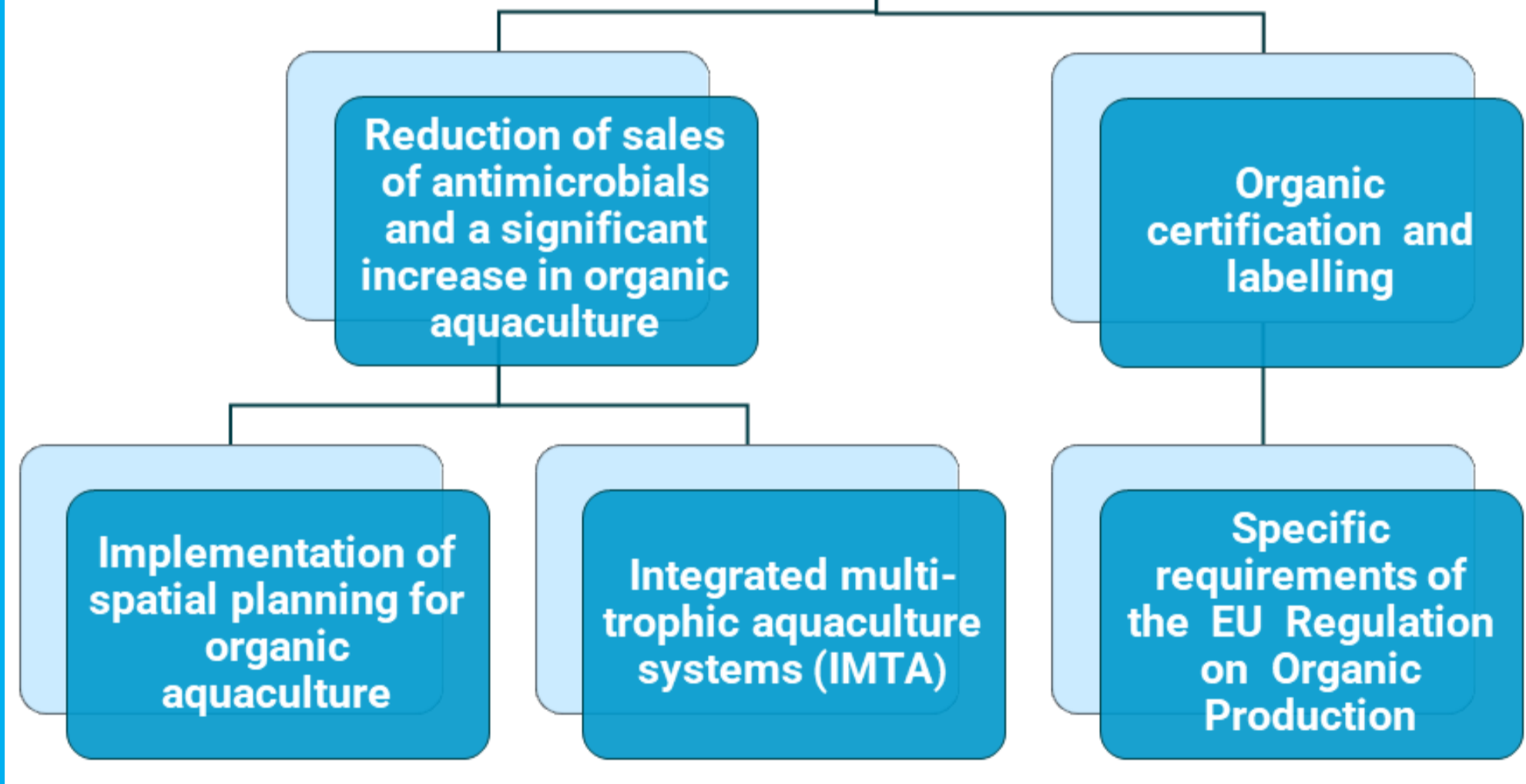
Assessment of current organic aquaculture policies

Sub-objective: Is organic aquaculture supported in the multi-annual plans and how so?



Take home messages

Guidelines



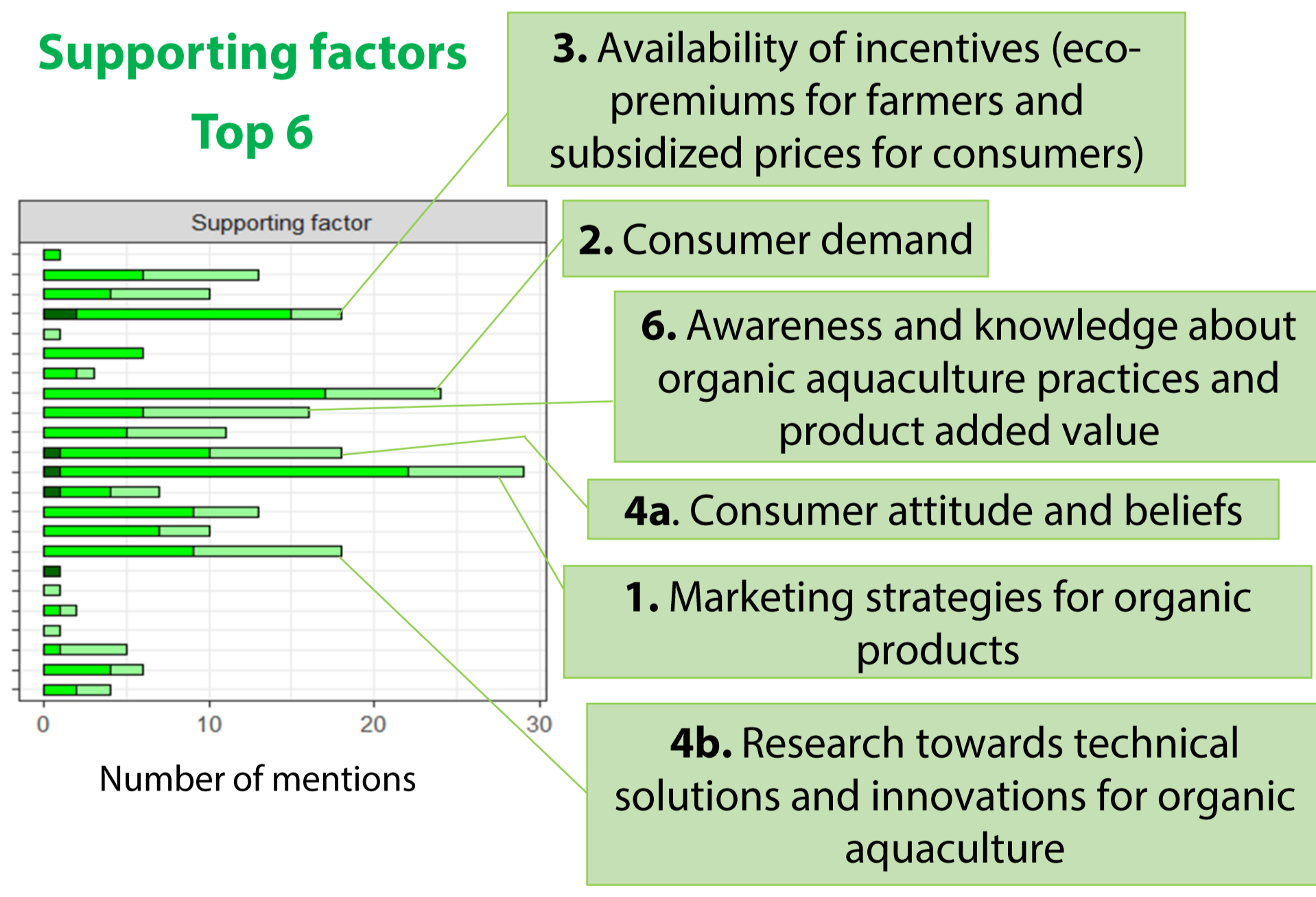
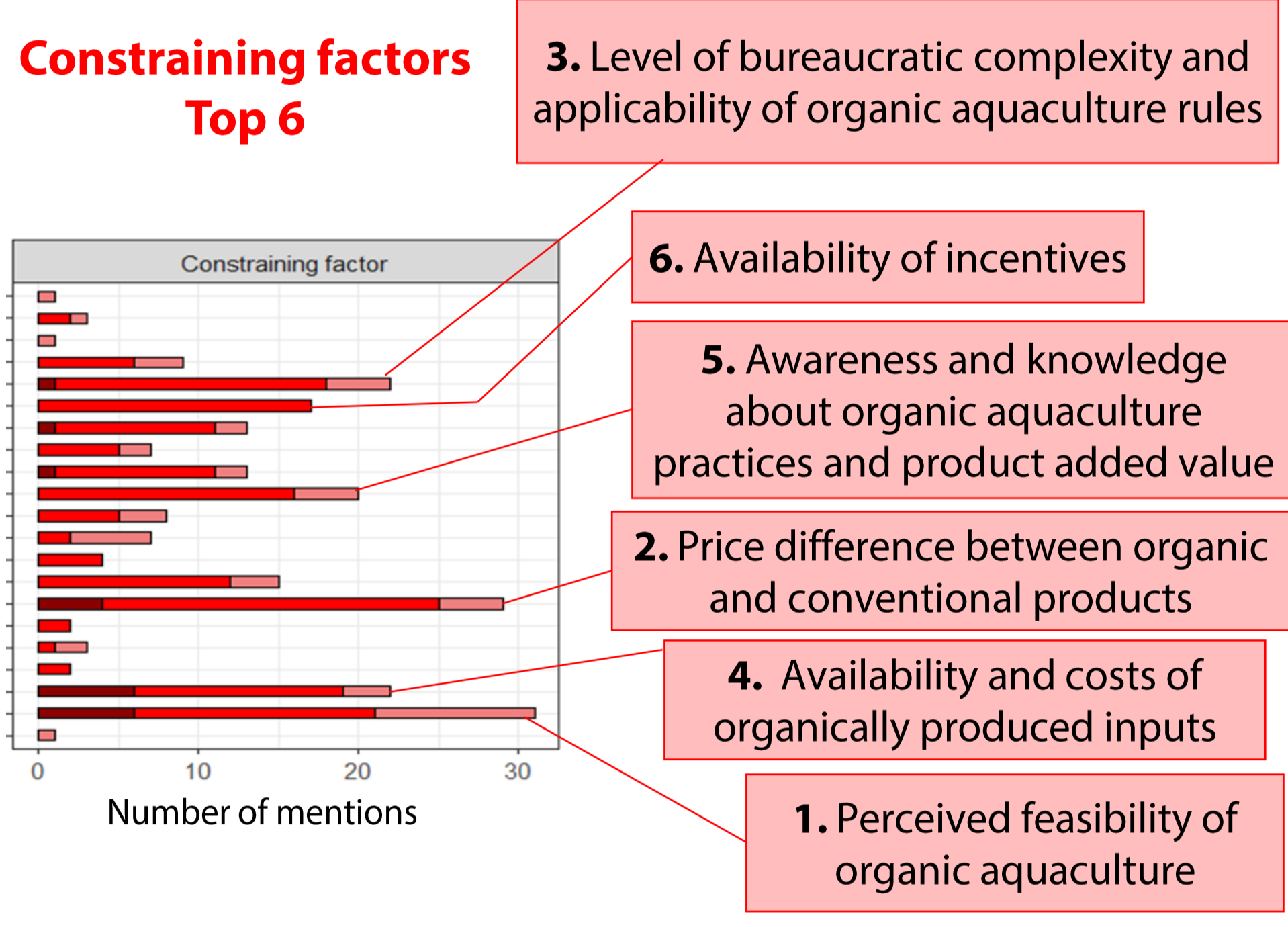
- ❖ Identification of objectives and activities aimed at promoting the development of organic aquaculture is **not very detailed** in comparison to the effort spent on analyzing and promoting key actions for developing sustainable conventional aquaculture
- ❖ The **increase in funding in the current period (2021-2027)** compared with the previous period (2014-2020) provides scope for increased support for aquaculture, but few or **no ring-fenced funding was identified for organic aquaculture.**
- ❖ Despite the policy support, we found a **scarcity of consolidated data** to quantify outputs. In addition, increase in funding **does not necessarily turn into effective expenditure**, because the multiple local administrations responsible for the expenditure are not always able to support the development programmes.

Inventory of constraining and enabling factors for the organic aquaculture

Sub-objective: Identifying enabling and constraining factors through a literature review

Meta-analysis of the available literature: **82** documents

Quantitative analysis: **691** impact factors listed



Conclusion

- Full application of the regulation on organic aquaculture, before a greater consolidation of production and before the main technical problems have been solved, has not fostered the desired growth of organic aquaculture.
- The combination of uncertainty regarding policy commitments, financial and market challenges, and input availability constraints appear to be currently hampering the growth of organic aquaculture in Europe.