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## **Advice and ranking of the most effective grassland management tools**

Within the first 6 months of this project, the consortium was asked for the most effective grassland tools in the respective countries. The responses to this question was excellent. 40 grassland tools were approved by the consortium. 8 from Holland, 7- France, 6 Ireland, 5 Germany, 5 Sweden, 3 Austria, 2 Belgium, 2 Italy, 1 Poland, 1 Luxembourg. The classifications of the grassland tools primary focused on grassland budgeting (15 tools); grassland instruments (6); conservation tools (6); forage quality tools and predictors (4); fertilizer management tools (4); Spring grazing (2); grassland renovation tools (1); weather tools (1); feed costs (1); Grassland ecology (1). Predominantly the focus of the grassland tools was on grassland budgeting, this varied from web based tools to grassland calendars. The tools are not ranked for usefulness, in the consortium, all tools have a use, but the usage very much depends on their purpose and time of year focus. Their appropriateness for use will be scoped out later in the project.