

Management Board
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2023 ANNUAL REPORT ON NETWORKS ACTIVITIES

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THE ANNUAL REPORT

EFSA NETWORK ACTIVITIES

Objective: support EFSA and the Member States in carrying out the Authority's mission

In 2021 a new MB decision was adopted concerning the establishment and operation of European Networks of scientific organisations operating in the fields within the Authority's mission

In particular:

- New networks shall be adopted by the Management Board
- Networks created by EFSA in consultation with the Advisory Forum
- EFSA shall inform the Management Board and the Advisory Forum of the **activities of each Network** through **regular reports** on a yearly basis





EFSA NETWORKS

2023

15

active networks

32

Meetings, of which 12
online (20 physical)

1654

attendees

€ 204,522 meeting budget



NETWORKS AND MAIN 2023 OUTCOMES*

CEN

Communication Expert network



Coordination **communication activities** and partnership working through joint EFSA & Member State pan-EU-campaigns

MRA

Scientific Network for Microbiological Risk Assessment



Presentation of **activities related to microbial risk assessment** such as pathogenicity of STEC, heating and refrigerated storage of eggs, milk from dairy farms with botulism, Echinococcus eggs on berries.

AHAW

Scientific Network for Risk Assessment in Animal Health and Welfare



Approval **Annual Reports on Animal Health and Animal Welfare**

Scientific Network on BSE/TSE



Approval **Annual Report of the Scientific Network on BSE-TSE 2023**






FCM

Scientific Network on Food Contact Material



Presentation and discussion on assessment of high and common interest such as **styrene and mixture of natural origin used to manufacture FCM**

NETWORKS AND MAIN 2023 OUTCOMES*

ChemMon DC Scientific Network on Chemical Monitoring Data Collection		Agreement on criticalities of the data model and discussion on ways to improve data quality for better exposure assessments
FCD Scientific Network on Food Consumption Data		Information exchange on Food Consumption Data
Scientific Network for Zoonoses Monitoring Data		Review of Guidances , Technical Reports, technical specifications and communication tools
EREN Scientific Network on Emerging Risks Exchange		Identification and analysis of emerging issues processing 52 emerging signals
NANO Scientific Network on Risk Assessment of Nanotechnologies in Food Feed		Contribution to the production of a reporting template for the assessment of Electron Microscopy (EM) results

* 2023 main deliverables and outcomes are fully detailed in the 2022 EFSA Network Annual Report

NETWORKS AND MAIN 2022 OUTCOMES*

Scientific Network for Risk Assessment of **GMOS**



Foster a closer collaboration on future activities on **new genomic techniques**

Pesticide Steering Network



Foster a closer collaboration on upcoming activities on the **assessment of plant protection products /co-formulants.**

Pesticide Steering Network
IUCLID Subgroup



Training to Network participants and industries on IUCLID tool

Plant Pest Surveillance
Network



Practical sessions on detection survey design using EFSA Surveillance Toolkit for ***Xylella fastidiosa*, *Popillia japonica* and *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus*** were organized

Scientific Network for Risk Assessment in **Plant Health**



Update on ongoing **activities on EFSA Plant health risk assessment**

OVERALL ACTIVITIES

Network objectives were met in 2023

Survey feedbacks demonstrated engagement in the activities of EFSA and showed participants' interests in future cooperation

Initiated the creation of a **new network on Veterinary Entomology**

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

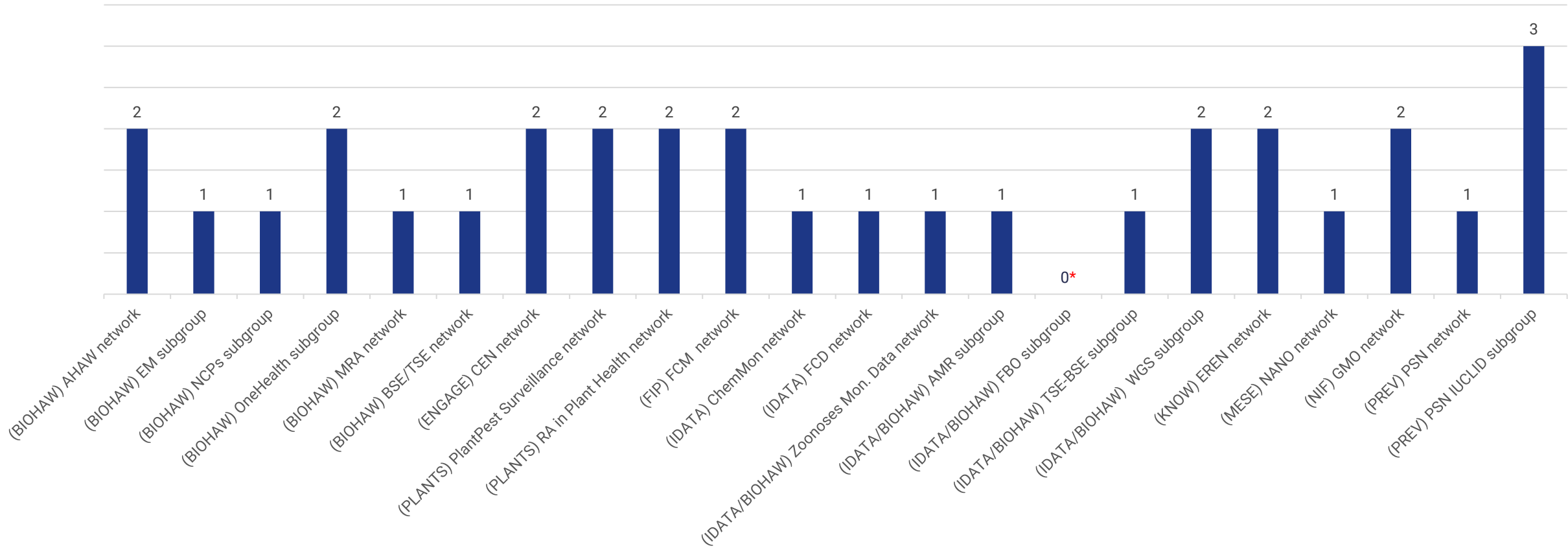
Creation of the following sub-groups:

- **Animal health data reporting Avian Influenza**
- **Animal health data reporting African Swine Fever**

Both under the Risk Assessment in Animal Health and Welfare (AHAW)

Annexes

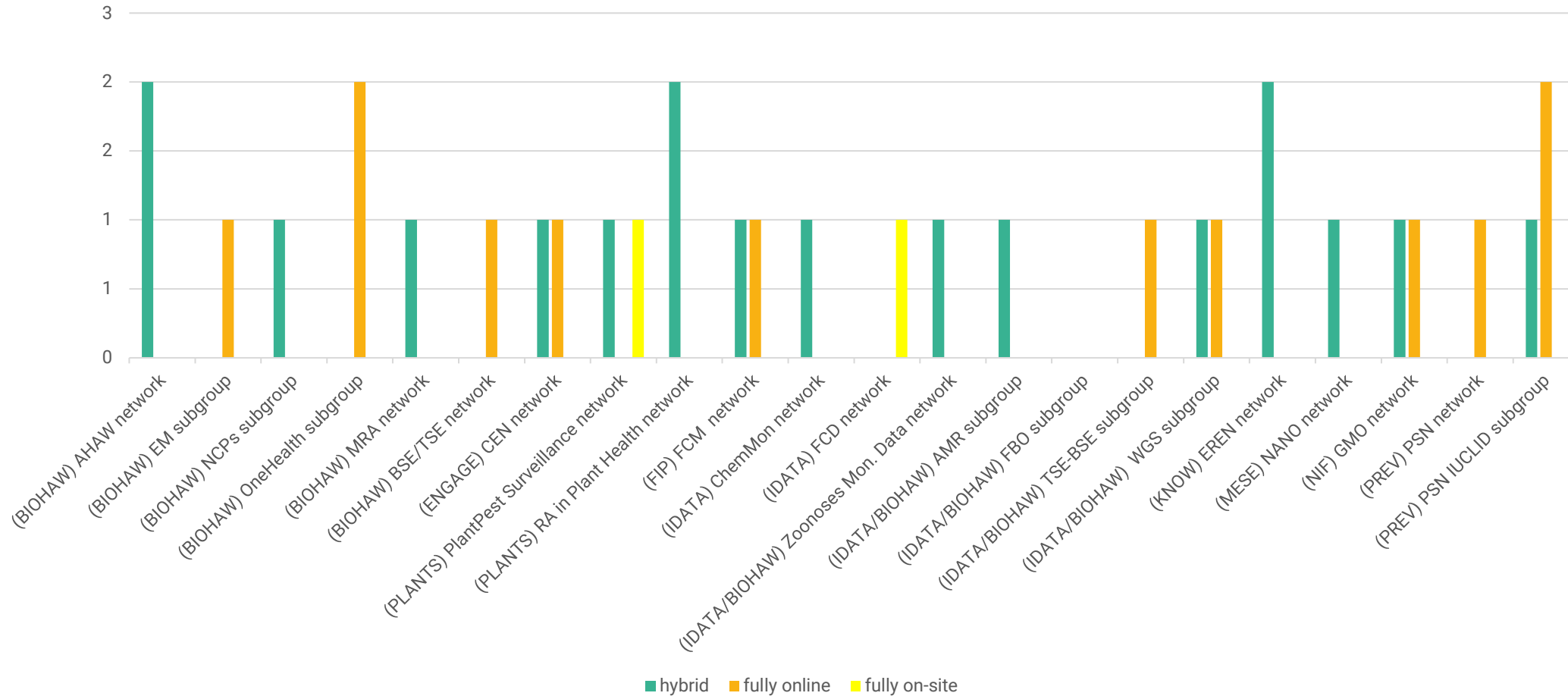
NUMBER OF NETWORK MEETINGS



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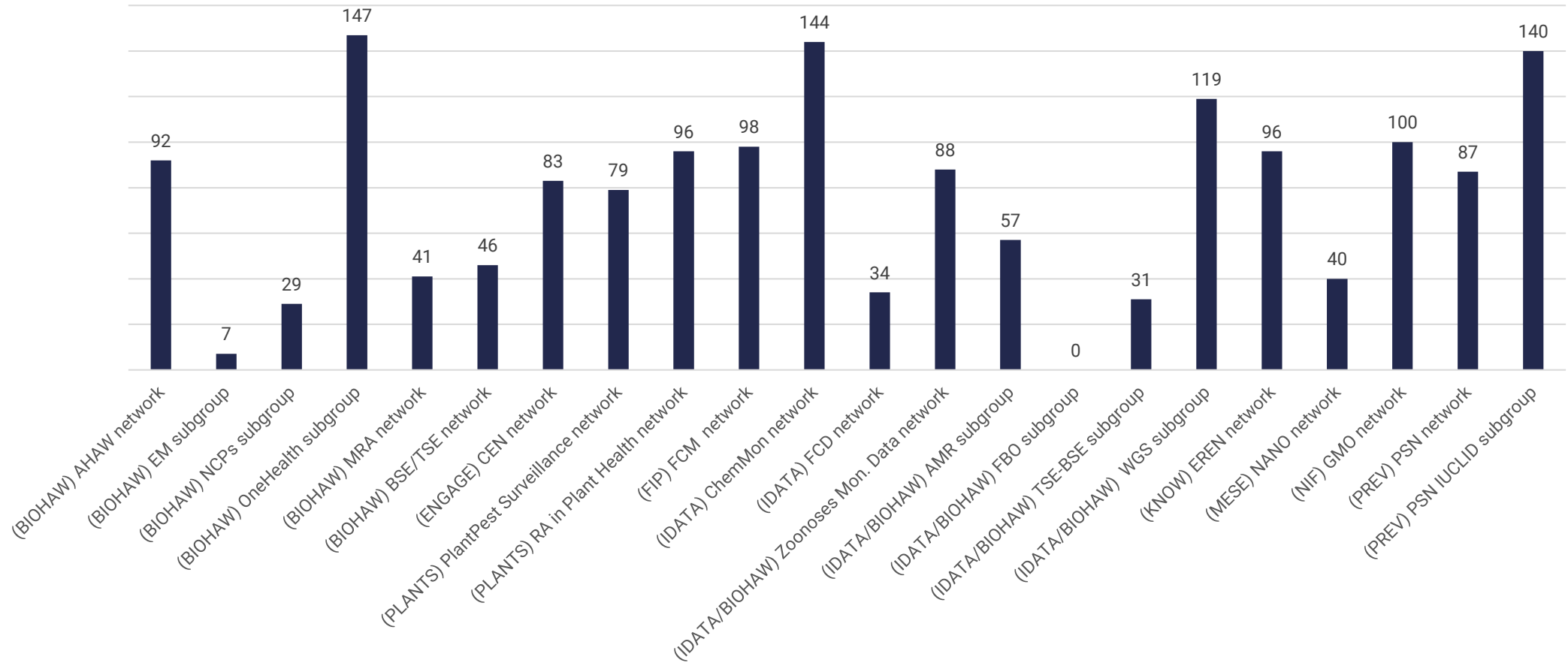
MEETING TYPE (ONLINE, ONSITE OR HYBRID)



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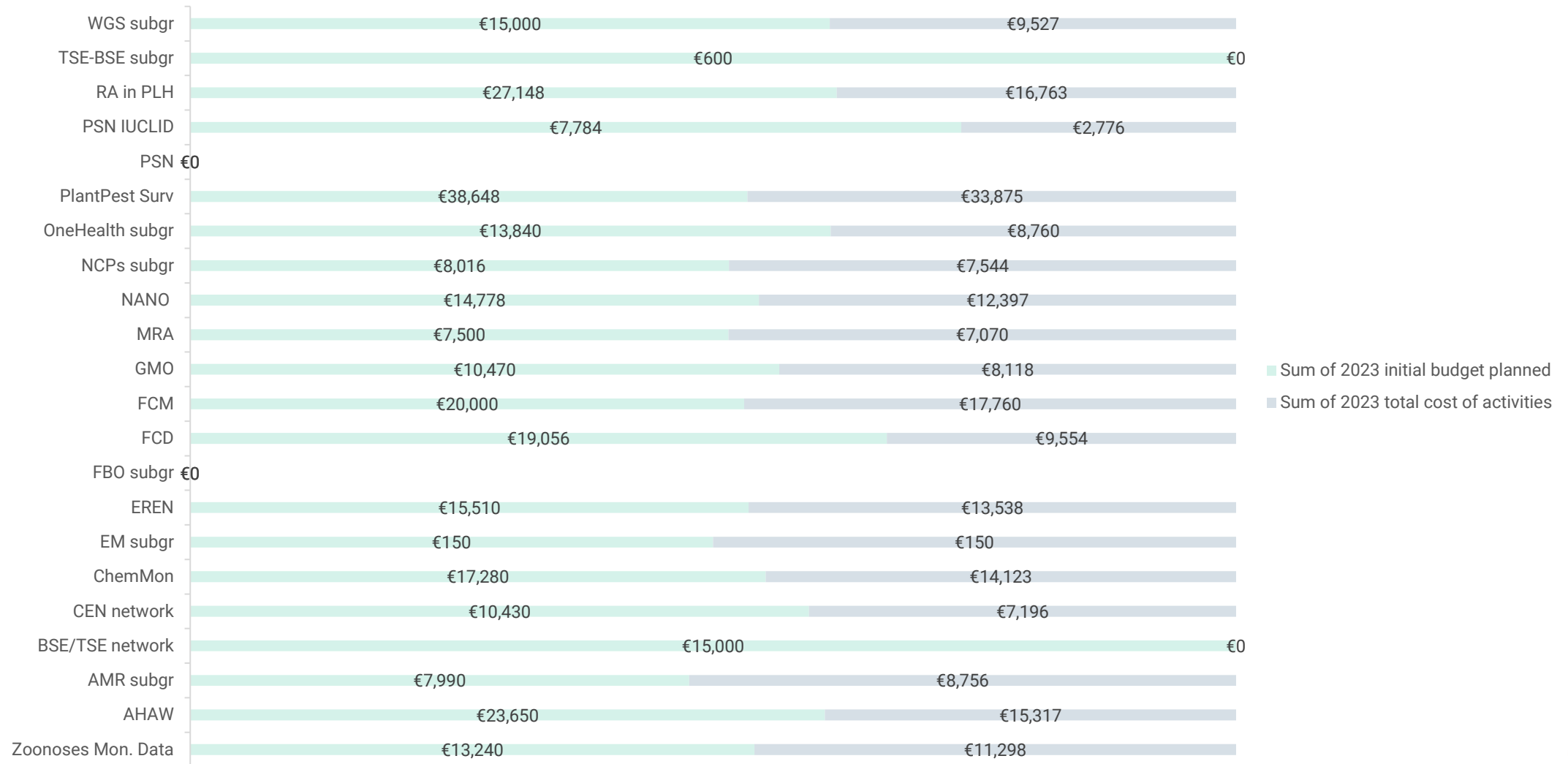
MEETINGS ATTENDEES PER NETWORK



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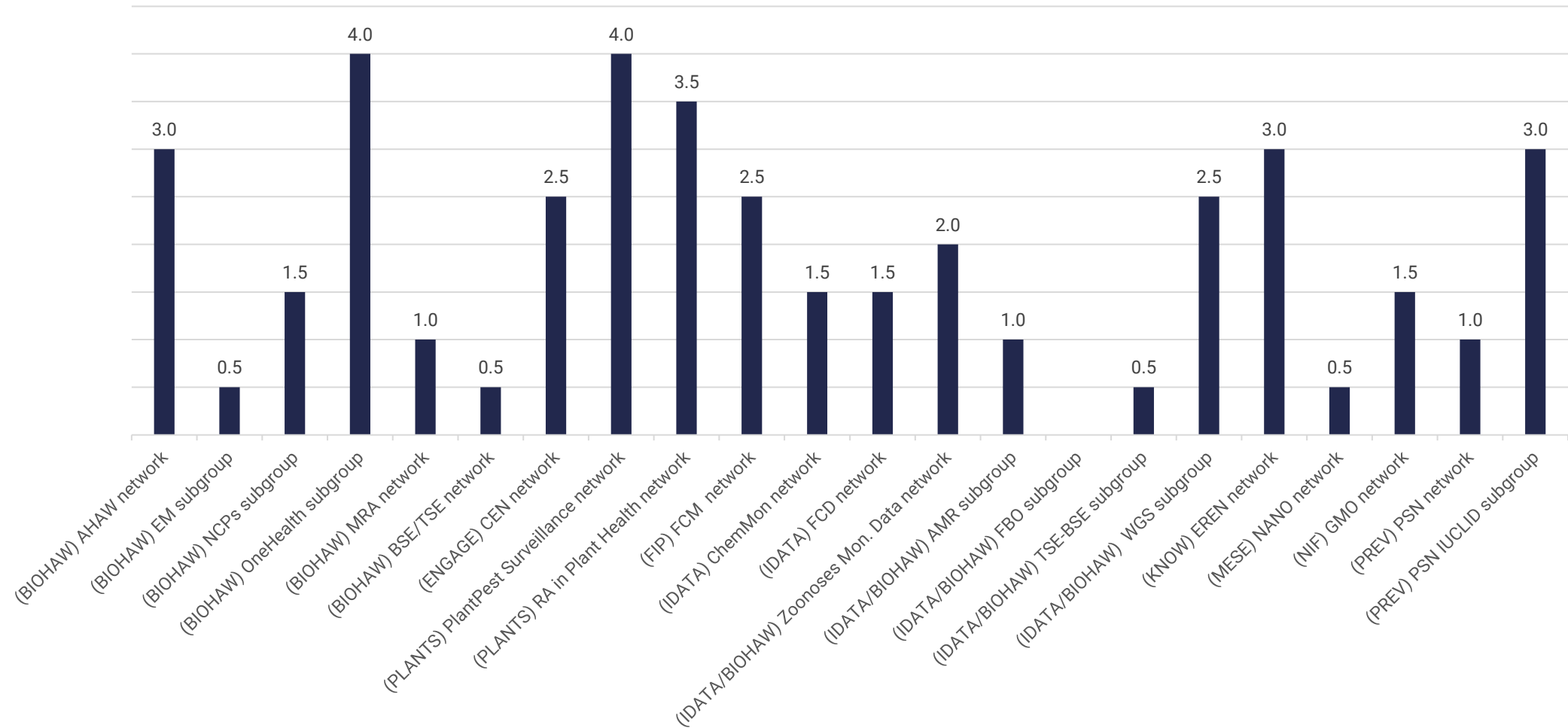
INITIAL BUDGET VS TOTAL COSTS NETWORK MEETINGS IN 2023



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NUMBER OF NETWORK MEETING DAYS IN 2023



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