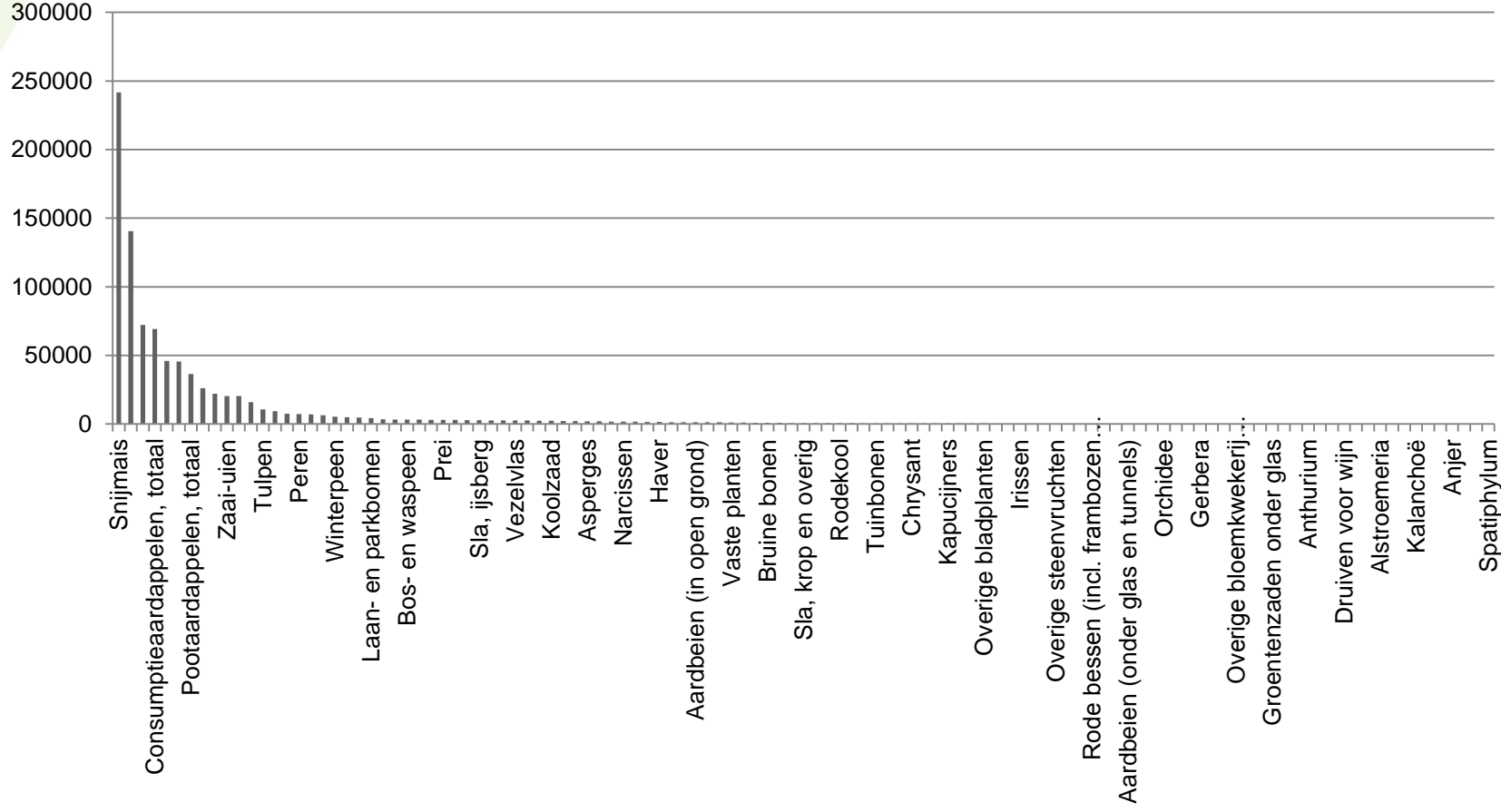


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Recognition of the minor use problem

- Minor use is a persistent by-product of legislation
- Reason: economy versus law
- Effects:
 - Illegal uses
 - Persistent demands for derogations
 - Economic losses for growers
 - (Unrest with consumers)



Why an Expert Centre?

- Many high-value, specialised crops
- Wide range of research facilities
- Cooperation between government bodies, farmers organisations and industry
- Increasing internationalisation



Who are participating





Instruments

- Coordinators
- Minor use fund
- Product Boards
- Helpdesk authorisations
- Helpdesk minor uses
- R&D institutes
- Trustee special authorisations





Europe??

- Expert Centre seeks collaboration with other MS







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Workshop Ornamentals and Minor Use

On September 11 september a workshop on Ornamentals and Minor Uses will be organised under the auspices of the Expert Centre Speciality Crops of the Netherlands.





Thank you for your attention!

