

# PDC Requirements in Europe

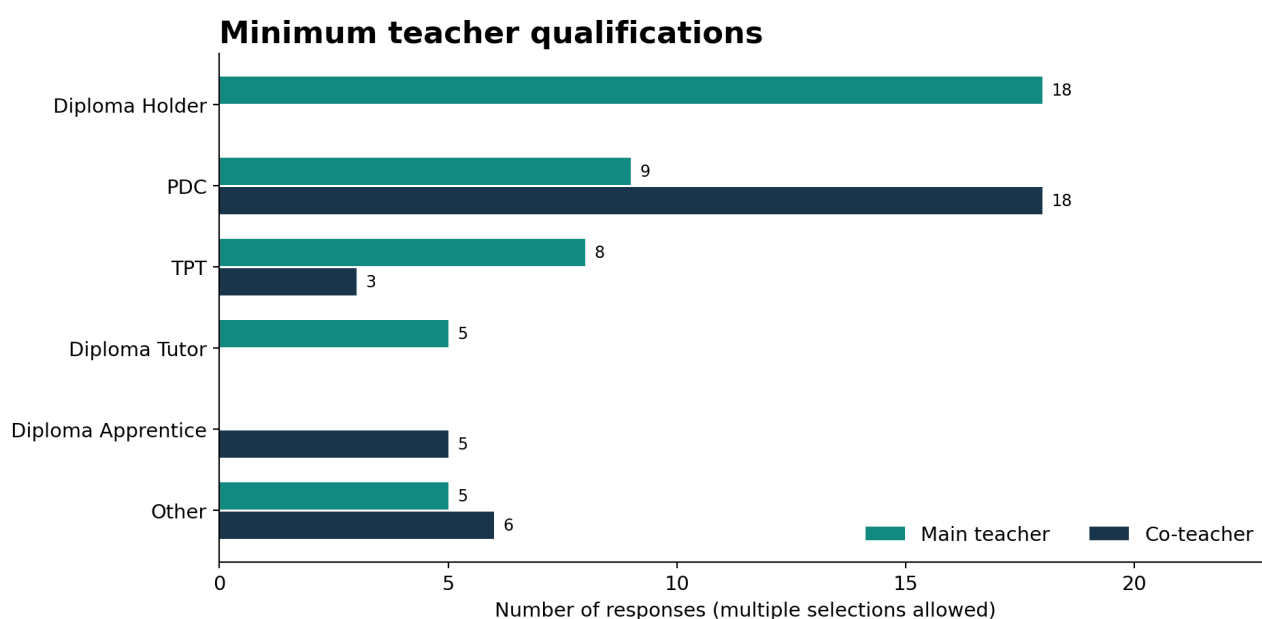
## Updated EuPN survey findings | October 2026

**21 valid survey submissions** following exclusion of one confirmed test entry. Two Permaculture Association Britain submissions remain, as they were completed by different teachers.

Key findings: 17/21 report a core curriculum (81.0%); 18/21 include a Diploma Holder among minimum main-teacher requirements (85.7%); 18/21 include a PDC for co-teachers (85.7%). Multiple answers were possible for qualification questions.

This is a self-selected sample of submissions, not a representative census of European PDC providers. Institutions and teachers are not necessarily independent sampling units. Interpret frequencies descriptively.

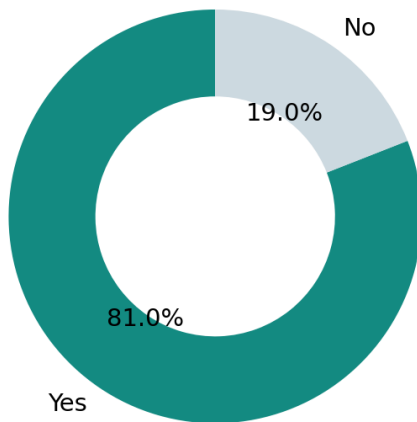
## Main teacher and co-teacher qualifications



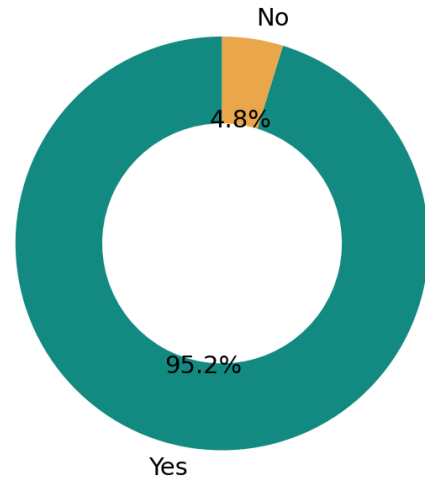
Number of submissions selecting each minimum qualification. Categories overlap.

# Core curriculum and language

**Core curriculum**



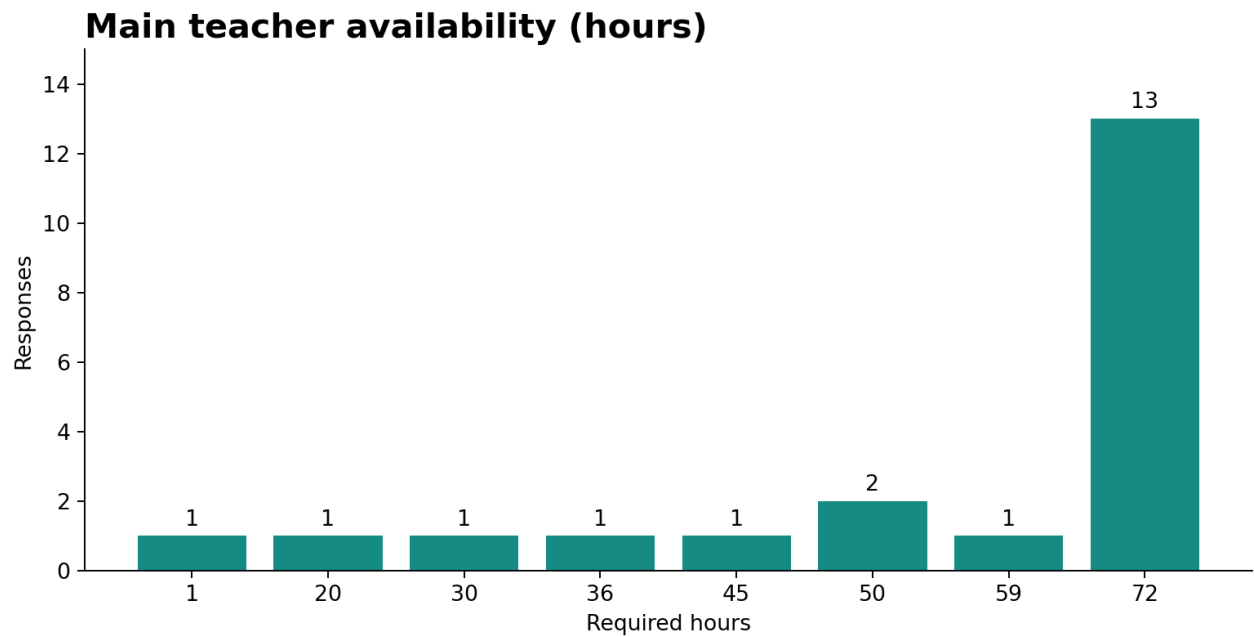
**Language comprehension required**



Core curriculum: 17 yes, 4 no. Language comprehension required: 20 yes, 1 no.

The high proportion reporting a core curriculum describes this respondent set; it does not demonstrate a change in provider policies since the previous EuPN publication because the composition of responses has changed.

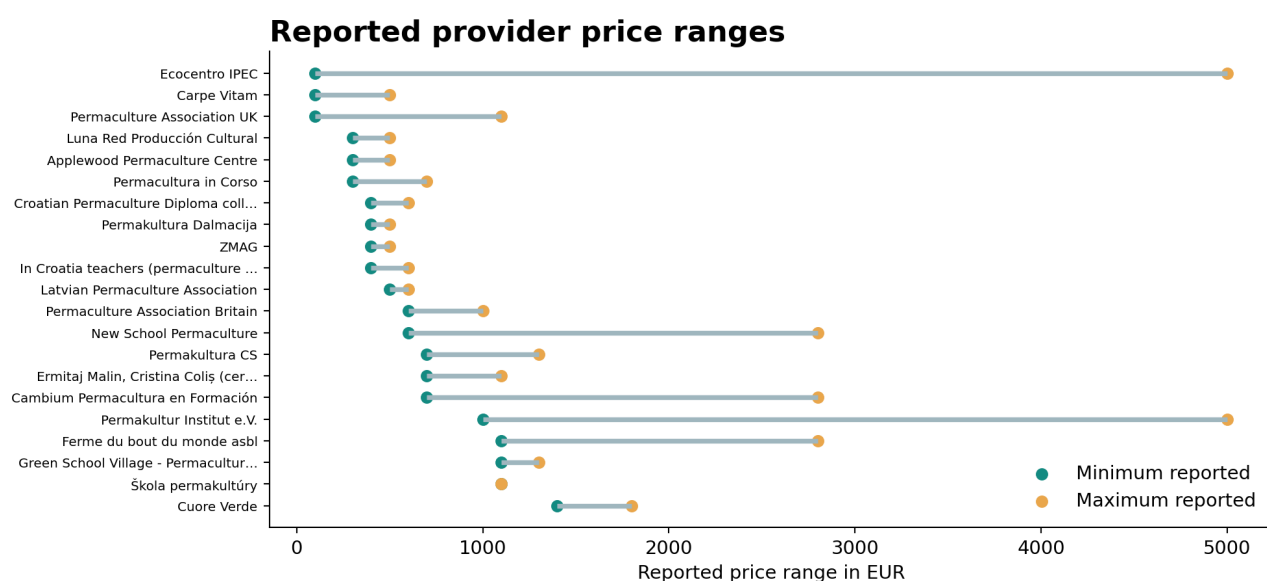
# Teacher availability



Thirteen of 21 entries specify 72 hours. Median: 72 hours. The one-hour entry is unusual and should be verified before stronger interpretation.

A 72-hour requirement is the most common response. How the reported hours are defined, however, may vary by institution.

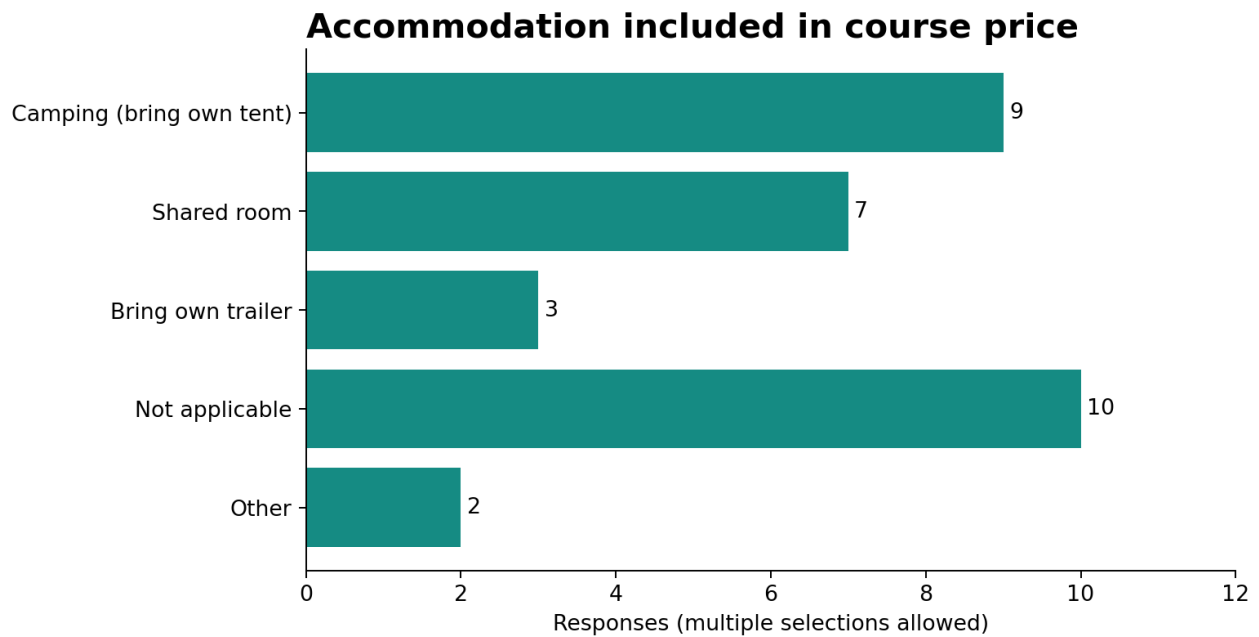
# Course price ranges



Median of reported minimum prices: EUR 500; median of reported maximum prices: EUR 1,100. Figures describe endpoints, not student transaction prices.

The price comparison is limited because course formats, accommodation, catering, location and other inclusions may differ. The observations should not be interpreted as like-for-like course quotes.

# Accommodation included



Camping: 9, shared room: 7, bring own trailer: 3, not applicable: 10, other: 2. One response has both Camping and Not applicable; multiple answers were permitted.

These categories are not mutually exclusive, and “not applicable” requires contextual review where it is selected alongside an accommodation type.

# Interpretation and methodology

**What is emerging?** Many submissions share basic reference points, particularly diploma-qualified main teachers, a PDC for co-teachers and the 72-hour benchmark. Yet a shared qualification label or the presence of a core curriculum does not by itself establish equivalent content, pedagogy, or assessment practices.

**Method:** The CSV was analysed after removing the single confirmed test entry (“bla”). The two British submissions were retained on the respondent’s instruction because they were from different teachers. Denominators are 21 unless stated otherwise; percentages are descriptive and rounded.

**Data cautions:** Qualification and accommodation fields allow multiple options; survey submissions are not necessarily unique PDC issuing organisations. One value of one hour of teacher availability warrants follow-up. Reported course prices represent ranges and not actual paid prices.

**Editorial direction:** A follow-up article can present the survey as a starting point for discussion about possible European minimum requirements rather than claiming a consensus or uniform standard.

Source: European Permaculture Network, PDC minimum requirements survey, valid submissions through October 2026.