



Sustainable Use of Pesticides – state of play and expectations

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Farm to Fork – 2030 targets



Reduce by 50% the overall use and risk of **chemical pesticides** and reduce use by 50% of more hazardous **pesticides**



Achieve at least 25% of the EU's agricultural land under **organic farming**



F2F actions – legislation



Revision of **Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive (SUD)**
and enhancement of Integrated Pest Management

Proposal – Q1 2022 (deferred before summer)



Revision of Regulations to facilitate **plant protection products**
containing **biological active substances**



SUD revision - intensive consultation with stakeholders & Member States

- Public **Consultation on Evaluation of SUD Roadmap** and Inception Impact Assessment (closed Aug 7 2020, 360 contributions)
- **Consultations with Member State competent authorities** on possible policy options, in more than 10 SUD Working Groups and technical meetings
- **3 major stakeholder events**, hosted by the European Commission in January, June and October 2021.
- **Online public consultation/have your say** concluded in April 2021: approx. 1,700 responses received.

SUD revision – foreseen adoption March 23

- Draft Commission staff working documents on evaluation and impact assessment prepared
 - External study supporting the SUD evaluation and impact assessment
 - Foresight study on future vision scenarios on the sustainable use of pesticides
- Legal text and explanatory memorandum

SUD revision – example policy areas

1. Aligning with pesticide-related targets announced in the Farm to Fork Strategy:

Align SUD with F2F targets and limit use and risks from pesticides, particularly more hazardous ones. Make legally binding, ensure MS maintain ambition, transparency and engagement

2. Strengthening current provisions: Options on improving the practical implementation and operationalisation of IPM principles (crop specific standards, record keeping, advisors), improving uptake of SUD provisions, strengthening the effectiveness of the NAPs and linking to targets and improving the expertise of pesticide users

SUD revision – example policy areas

3. Strengthening data availability and monitoring: Monitoring the use as well as the risk of use from pesticides and use the information for policy development at Member State and EU level. More holistic approach to record keeping.

4. Accounting for new technologies: Promote precision farming and the development of alternatives to chemical pesticides through the SUD, account for drones in the SUD and revise SUD provisions to account for emerging technologies and techniques

Not operating in isolation

- Nature restoration package
- Statistics on pesticide use
- Links to Cap strategic plans and support for farmers
- Research priority
- Getting alternatives on the market – low risk and biocontrol

Next step

- Following the presentation of the proposal we can discuss detail
- Council Working groups and Full Council Discussions
- Parliament discussions

Thank you



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