



# Review of sustainable use of pesticides Directive (SUD)

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## Planned timeline for overall initiative

- Better Regulation evaluation of SUD to conclude in Q2 2021
- Impact assessment of planned revision of SUD to conclude in Q4 2021
- Commission aims to adopt its legislative proposal in Q1 2022

## Activities so far

- Combined evaluation roadmap and inception impact assessment for the initiative published for public feedback May to August 2020
- 360 feedback comments received, all published on Commission's Better Regulation Portal
- <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12413-Sustainable-use-of-pesticides-revision-of-the-EU-rules>
- Remote one-off Better Training for Safer Food workshop organised with Member State competent authorities November 2020 (postponed from April 2020 due to covid pandemic)

## Examples of topic raised in public feedback (many diverging views....)

- Need for an impact assessment of Farm to Fork Strategy targets
- Pros and cons of new technologies, organic farming etc.
- Health and env. risks (or not) of using pesticides
- Impact of stricter EU rules on specific crops, farmer incomes, trade, competitiveness, food security etc.
- Important role of IPM
- Importance of water protection and buffer zones
- Climate change impacts, potential new pests

## Activities so far

- 23 December 2020: Contract signed for 41 week external study to support Commission's evaluation of SUD and impact assessment of its planned revision, including stakeholder consultations
- 18 January 2021: Online public consultation/have your say launched, remained open until 12 April 2021, approximately 1,700 responses received
- 19 January 2021: Commission 1<sup>st</sup> remote SUD stakeholder event organised with support of PT Council Presidency
- Member State competent authorities and stakeholder groups have given input on possible future SUD policy options

## Activities so far

- 29 March 2021: Commission signed a contract for a 6 month Foresight study aiming to develop future vision scenarios on the sustainable use of pesticides, including on how the Farm to Fork Strategy and Biodiversity Strategy pesticide use and risk reduction targets can be achieved by 2030
- [https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/strategic-planning/strategic-foresight\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/strategic-planning/strategic-foresight_en)
- April 2021: European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) section adopted its planned information report input to SUD evaluation, will be published in due course
- EESC carried out remote country visits to BG, ES, HR, IE, SE

## Next steps

- Analysis of approximately 1,700 online public consultation responses
- External study will organise a workshop to discuss preliminary evaluation results and planned approach for impact assessment
- Commission plans another 2 remote SUD stakeholder events during 2021, exact dates to be confirmed

# Thank you, any questions, points/issues to raise ?



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