



Update on the evaluation of Directive 2009/128/EC on the 'Sustainable Use of Pesticides' and impact assessment of its possible revision

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Ambition to adopt a legislative proposal in Q1 2022 (unlikely to be before March due to necessary internal procedural steps)

- F2F Strategy: “the Commission **will revise** the Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive”
- Farm to Fork Strategy Action Plan: “Proposal for a revision of the Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive.....: Q1 2022”

Finished a year of intensive consultation with stakeholders and Member States – high levels of engagement

- Public **Consultation on Evaluation of SUD Roadmap** and Inception Impact Assessment (closed Aug 7 2020, 360 contributions)
- **Online public consultation/have your say** concluded in April 2021: approx. 1,700 responses received.
- **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.

Steps October-November 2021

- Conclusion of external study supporting the SUD evaluation and impact assessment
- Conclusion of Foresight study on future vision scenarios on the sustainable use of pesticides
- Preparation of draft Commission staff working documents on evaluation and impact assessment

Key policy options subject to impact assessment

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.

2. Strengthening current provisions: Options on improving the practical implementation and operationalisation of IPM principles, improving uptake of SUD provisions, strengthening the effectiveness of the NAPs and improving the expertise of pesticide users

Key policy options

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.

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

Expected steps December 2021-March 2022

- The Commission will proceed with drafting a proposed legislative proposal, consulting on this within DG SANTE and with other Commission DGs
- A formal Commission inter-service consultation on the legislative proposal and its eventual adoption and translation into all EU languages

At the end of the process.....

- Publication of the legislative proposal, Commission evaluation and impact assessment staff working documents and final reports of the supporting external studies
- The Commission's SUD website will be kept updated on the overall process as additional information becomes available

Thank you



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