



# Green Deal and Farm to Fork strategy– update on ongoing initiatives

## Proposed Regulation on sustainable use of plant protection products

DG Health and Food Safety

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## Relevant background:

- Commission proposal adopted 22 June 2022
- Commission non-paper on sensitive areas issued November 2022
- Commission drivers of food security analysis issued January 2023

## Recent steps in inter-institutional negotiations:

- European Economic and Social Committee Opinion issued December 2022
- Committee of the Regions Opinion issued March 2023
- European Parliament Opinion scheduled to be adopted October 2023
- Council Decision requesting further study adopted December 2022
- Commission's initial reply letter to Council Decision 22 March 2023
- Deadline for Commission to provide final study to Council 28 June 2023

## Some main issues causing concern to stakeholders:

- 50% pesticide use and risk reduction targets to be achieved by 2030
- Restrictions/prohibitions on pesticide use in sensitive areas
- Administrative burden for farmers, pesticide users, competent authorities
- How to promote and implement integrated pest management
- How to ensure farmers have access to alternatives and a pest control toolbox
- Competition with non-EU countries and potential trade implications

## Commission non-paper on sensitive areas of November 2022:

- “The Commission’s proposal is seen as too ambitious and affecting a disproportionately high area of Member States’ territory. Member States have strongly argued in favour of a reduced scope both in terms of the proposed ban and the areas affected”
- The non-paper “offers options for consideration by Member States on the definition and scope of provisions on sensitive areas”
- The non paper states that “in parallel, constructive discussions with Member States should continue on other key issues covered by the proposal, such as pesticide reduction targets and administrative burden, for which appropriate solutions can be found”

# Thank you



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