

GDC "Cultures arables" secteurs coton et tabac DU 5/4/17

Input from DG SANTE on the state of play on minor uses:

- Since 1 November 2016 the EUMUCF is fully staffed.
- Currently, the funding of the Coordination Facility has been guaranteed by the European Commission, France, Germany and the Netherlands for the first three years. Already several other Member States have indicated their willingness to contribute to the funding of the Coordination Facility. As it is clear that minor uses problems will not all be resolved in three years, a mid-/long-term planning (5-10 years) and a strategy how other Member States can contribute, has been prepared and was discussed.
- Feedback from SCoPAFF as regards the long-term funding strategy:
 - It is considered important that EUMUCF is able to continue working also in future.
 - One option is to send a written request for a voluntary assessed contribution to all 28 Member States.
 - It would be easier for Member States if a contribution was legally mandatory. However, this option is considered difficult to achieve.
- The Coordination Facility held its first Stakeholder Advisory Forum on 25 January 2017. This is an annual meeting of stakeholders (including representatives of all Member States) at which the work of the Coordination Facility and wider aspects of the Minor Uses Program are reported, and advice offered on priorities for future work and ways of working. It was an opportunity for further discussion on the long-term planning and strategy with other stakeholders.
- The first and second Global Minor Use Summit were held in Rome in 2007, respectively in 2012. The Third Global Minor Use Summit (GMUS-3) and the Second Global Minor Use Workshop will be held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada from 1-4 October, 2017. The coordinator will represent the European Minor Use Coordination Facility.