



## **DG AGRI – Advisory Group**

# **Report on Minor Uses**

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## Minor Uses (definition)

*Use of a plant protection product in a particular Member State on plants or plant products which are:*

*(a) **not widely grown** in that Member State,*

*or*

*(b) **widely grown** to meet an **exceptional** plant protection **need***

➤ *Representing 22% of the value of EU total agricultural production; 3% of the cultivated area*

## Minor Uses

*Lack of sufficient market potential can lead to:*

- ***Illegal uses*** with consequences for human health and the environment;
- ***Loss of crop production*** with its economic impact on agriculture.

# Report on Minor Uses

## *Article 51(9):*

- *"By 14 December 2011, the Commission shall present a report to the European Parliament and the Council on the establishment of a European fund for minor uses, accompanied, if appropriate, by a legislative proposal".*
- *Report was adopted on **18 February 2014.***

# Report on Minor Uses

## Key-messages:

- *the creation of an independent coordination facility ("Technical Secretariat") on minor uses which is co-funded by the Commission;*
- *Commission will support an ERANET on Integrated Pest Management with specific reference to minor uses.*

# Coordination facility (1)

- *Co-funded by the Commission: grant of €350,000/year.*
- *This activity is led by DG SANCO.*
- *Budget will be allocated in the **Financial Decision for 2014.***

## Coordination facility (2)

*Tasks of 'technical secretariat':*

- *sharing of information and experience gained at national level;*
- *coordination of minor use work between Member States and stakeholders;*
- *creation and maintenance of a data base on minor uses;*
- *stimulation of harmonisation (e.g. crop group and pest group definitions, development of guidance).*

# IPM ERANET

- *ERANETs are research coordination instruments whereby Member States can coordinate their National research activities and ultimately fund joint projects.*
- *To find EU-viable solutions with a focus on IPM-practices, low risk substances and biopesticides.*
- *IPM ERANET will start **early 2014** and will involve **32 partners**.*
- *This activity is led by **DG RTD**.*





# Integrated Strategy

*Provisions offered by Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009,*

*together with*

*coordination facility (technical secretariat) and the  
IPM ERANET*

*will ultimately be beneficial to resolve future minor use  
crop issues.*

## Current status

- *Adoption* of the report by COM on 18 February 2014;  
[http://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/plant\\_protection\\_products/legislation/](http://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/plant_protection_products/legislation/)
- Report will be forwarded to *Council and EP*;
- Report will be presented to *AGRI-Council* in March or April 2014;
- No specific *legislative proposal* is considered necessary at this stage.
- Start of the technical secretariat end 2014/early 2015(?)

# ANY QUESTIONS

