

THEMATIC STRATEGY ON THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF PESTICIDES

Objectives and content

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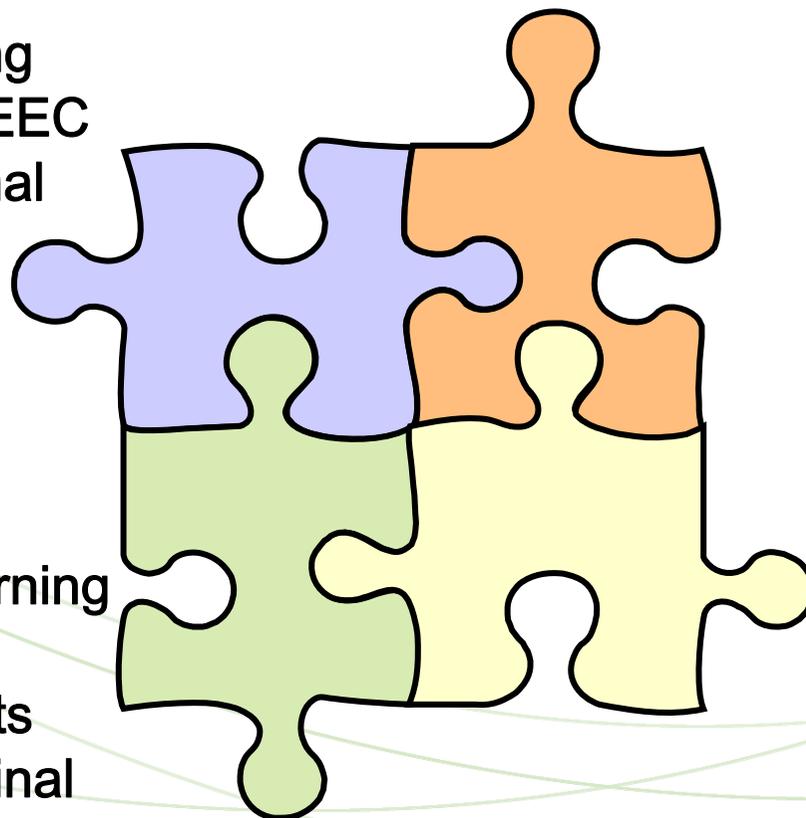
Overall objective (Decision 1600/2002/EC)

- Achieve a more sustainable use of pesticides by reducing the risks and impacts of pesticide use on human health and the environment in a way that is consistent with the necessary crop protection
- « Pesticides »= Plant protection products first, then address risks from biocides use asap

The Thematic Strategy on the sustainable use of Pesticides

Regulation revising
Directive 91/414/EEC
COM(2008) 93 final

Framework Directive
on the sustainable use
of Pesticides
COM(2006) 373 final



Regulation concerning
statistics on plant
protection products
COM(2006) 778 final

Revision of Directive
2006/42/EC on
Machinery
COM(2008) 535 final

Measures proposed in the FwD

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- Member States establish National Action Plans (NAP) to reduce hazards, risks and dependence on pesticides
- Access to training for professional users, distributors, advisors / Awareness raising for the general public
- Regular inspection of application equipment in professional use
- Prohibition of aerial spraying with derogation possibility

Measures proposed in the FwD

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- Protection of the aquatic environment (buffer zones, low-drift equipment, reduction of use where risks of run-off)
- Prohibition or restriction of pesticide use in sensitive areas (used by general public / protected areas)
- Promotion of low pesticide-input farming and IPM mandatory as from 2014
- Calculation of risk indicators to monitor progress

Measures proposed in the Statistics Regulation

- Collection by Member States of data on placing on the market (annually) and use (with five-year intervals) for substances contained in Plant Protection Products
- Data used for calculation of risk indicators at national level by Member States
- Aggregated data used for calculation of risk indicators at Community level by Commission

Scope of the Statistics Regulation

- Limited to Plant protection products
- Focusing on agricultural uses
- Representative national data

- No biocides
- No Biological Plant Protection Products
 - No methodology available
 - Need to identify the scope (products, market, uses)

A specific approach for BPPS

- Public call for tenders 23.05.2007 for supply of statistical services in the field of environment statistics: biological plant protection
- Budget: €150.000

A specific approach for BPPS

■ Objectives:

- Establish a list of products and methods;
- Identify the actors in the sector (producers, distributors, and users)
- Gather detailed information on the volumes marketed in terms of both quantities and economic values
- Develop a consolidated methodology that could be used regularly by the Commission to follow the evolution of the sector.

A specific approach for BPPS

- Contract with Van Dijk Management Consultants
- Started 24.10.2007 for 12+4 months
- Covered by strict confidentiality rules
- A unique opportunity for the Commission to assess the contribution of BPPS to more sustainable crop protection and monitor trends
- A unique opportunity for BPPS industry to increase its visibility and get an overview of its market share.

**All the documents of the
Thematic Strategy are available at:**

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/ppps/home.htm>

Thank you for your attention !

