



**Statistical services in the field of
Environment statistics:
Biological Plant Protection Systems**



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Context

- ❖ This presentation targets **producers and traders** of Biological Plant Protection Systems/Products (BPPS)
- ❖ Van Dijk has been contracted by Eurostat to set up a sustainable market data collection system in the sector of BPPS
- ❖ Van Dijk approached IBMA's contact person to establish a collaboration
- ❖ To date the status is: **poor data set collected** mainly due to a large sensitivity in “sharing” market data expressed by IBMA and its members



Context

Principal interest of the main parties

- The European Commission wants to consolidate data to support the BPPS sector through Thematic Strategy on the Sustainable Use of Pesticides
- IBMA wants to consolidate data through a “*black box*”

If nothing changes, each party will lose!

- ✓ The Commission will not have completed its primary objective
- ✓ IBMA “*black block*” will not be in place and credibility of the sector will be affected (transparency) at EC level (DG SANCO & ENV)
- ✓ The contractor will be financially penalised by non-completion of its tasks

Is it a lost cause or can we COLLECTIVELY turn it into a “win-win-win” situation ?



Diagnostic

The confidentiality of sensitive commercial data is a main issue for IBMA in three ways

- **Quantitative data - production, import, export, sales - should not be divulged to any third party**
- **IBMA itself should not access the data of (some of) its individual members**
- **Members of IBMA should not access the data of other members**

The process of data gathering should not be fully entrusted to a third party with no control exercised by IBMA as regards its members

- **IBMA would/could prefer to contact its members itself to invite them to collaborate to the survey**
- **Moreover, IBMA had the objective of implementing its own data collection system and developing its own database**



It's not a losing case: Let's rediscuss!

EUROSTAT complies with strict rules concerning data protection and confidentiality (*for reference*)

Van Dijk has implemented a data base:

- ✓ **in which the degree of confidentiality can be increased and extended to the process collection itself**
- ✓ **that can be thus adapted to become a “black box” system**

Both the European Commission and Van Dijk consider that there are opportunities to turn the situation around

**We have a concrete proposal and we are at your disposal to discuss the approach with you again.
It is your decision whether to restore a collaboration.
We're ready!**