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INFORMATION

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Working Party on Agricultural Questions (Pesticides/Plant Protection Products)
Subject: Presentation prepared by the Commission services

Delegations will find attached the presentation on *SUD Report to Council and Parliament* presented by the Commission services at informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on Agricultural Questions (Pesticides/Plant Protection Products) on 22 July 2020.



Council Working Party on Agricultural Questions

SUD Report to Council and Parliament

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22 July 2020

Farm to Fork Strategy: overall goals



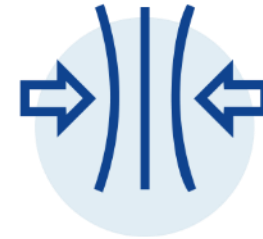
climate
footprint



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new
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resilience

Reduce the
**environmental
and climate
footprint** of the
food system

Lead a
global transition
towards
competitive
sustainability from
farm to fork

Tap into
**new
opportunities**

Create a **robust
and resilient**
food system



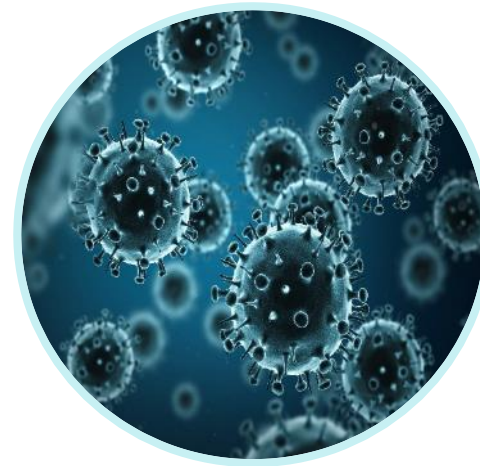
2030 Targets for sustainable food production



Reduce by 50% the overall use and risk of **chemical pesticides** and reduce use by 50% of more hazardous



Reduce **nutrient losses** by at least 50% while ensuring no deterioration in soil fertility; this will reduce use of **fertilisers** by at least 20 %



Reduce sales of **antimicrobials** for farmed animals and in aquaculture by 50%



Achieve at least 25% of the EU's agricultural land under **organic farming** and a significant increase in **organic aquaculture**

Sustainable Use of Pesticides reports

- SUD (Dir 2009/128/EC) entered into force on 26 Nov 2011
- First report to EP due Nov 2014
 - Published October 2017
 - Better implementation needed
 - Better NAPs with clear measurable targets needed
- Second report to EP due by 26 Nov 2018
 - Published May 2020
 - Delayed to give period improvement from 2017
 - Part of F2F communication package

NAPs

- > 2/3 of MS failed to complete the review of their initial NAP within 5 yr legal deadline
- 15 revised NAPs reviewed for the report
 - 13 risk reduction and 2 use reduction
 - Most MS have not addressed the weaknesses in their initial NAPs
 - Only DK, FR and LU set high level targets in revised NAPs
 - Just half of revised NAPs identify priority items/good practices

Commission actions

- BTSF courses
- Range of low-risk, non-chemical and basic active substances is increasing
- Funding research into alternatives
- SUD WG & SUD web-portal
- Current CAP – supports organic
- New CAP – parts of SUD, links to F2F targets on PPPs and organic – NSPs and eco-schemes
- Audits and surveys to monitor implementation
- Infringement actions

Progress.....

- 10% improvement in overall implementation of the SUD (compliance-monitoring index) 2017 to 2019
- Background to compliance-monitoring index
- Areas where implementation is strongest
 - Training of operators
 - Aerial Spraying
 - Water protection
 - Safe handling and storage of pesticides

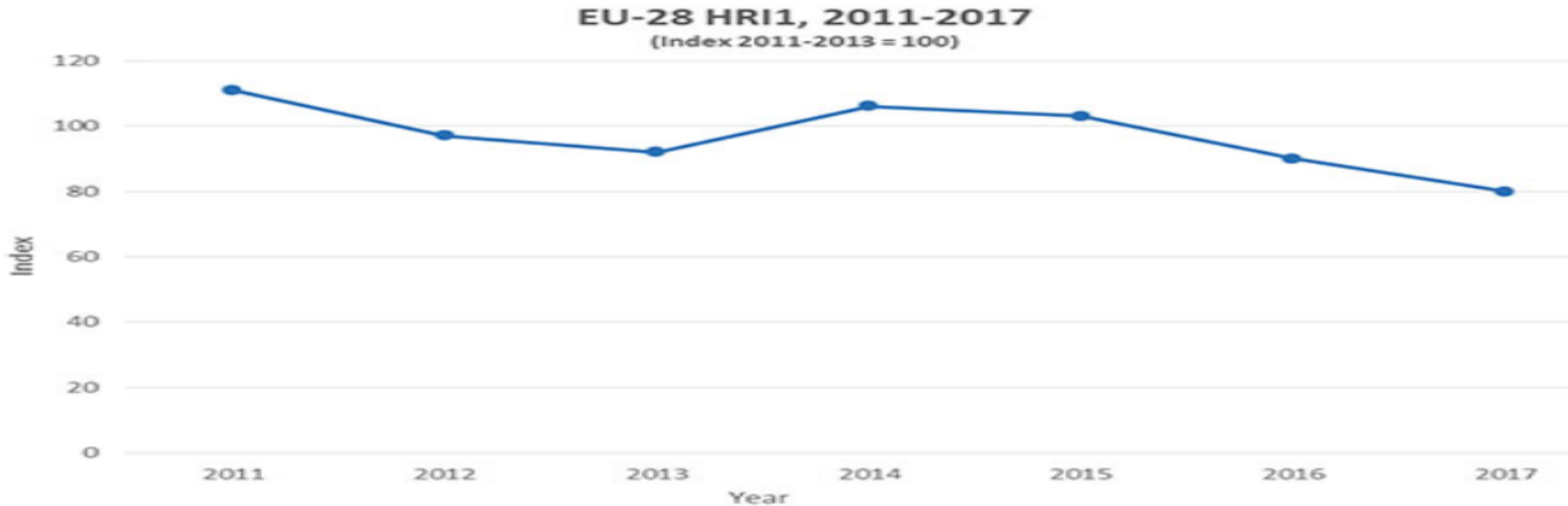
But, the weakest areas are.....

- NAPs and targets
- IPM
 - enforcement is low
 - limited evidence that IPM principles are systematically applied
- significant potential to further reduce risk
 - more complete implementation of the SUD
 - greater adoption of IPM
 - more widespread adoption of non-chemical pest control techniques

HRI Groups and Categories

Groups						
1		2		3		4
Low-risk		Standard		Candidates for substitution		Non-approved
Categories						
A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Non-chemical	Chemical	Non-chemical	Chemical	Which are not classified as:	Which are classified as:	
				Carcinogenic 1A or 1B and/or Reprotox 1A or 1B and/or ED		
Weightings						
1		8		16		64
Numbers of active substances						
≈13		≈393		≈71		?

HRI 1 – Progress to date

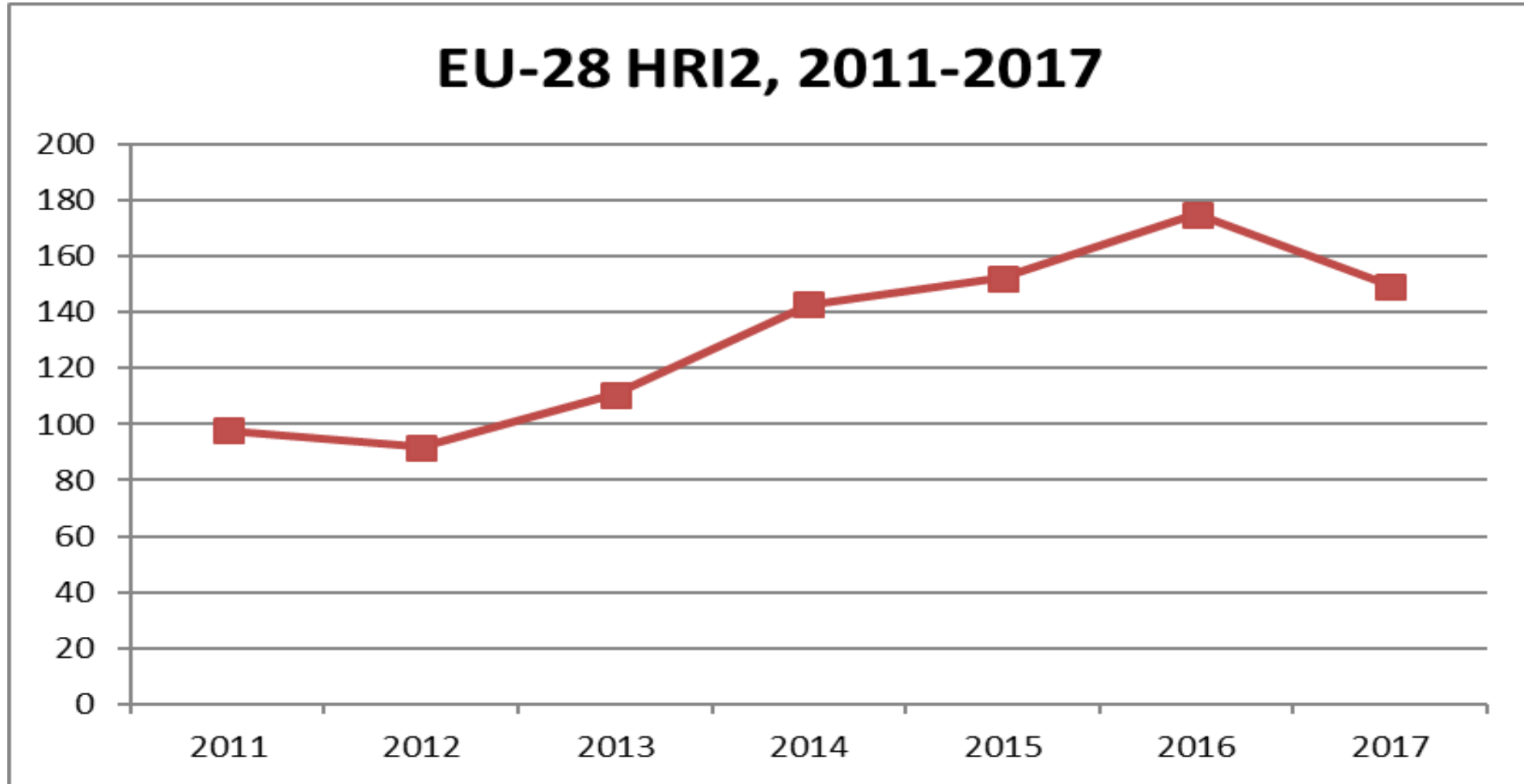


Trend in Harmonised Risk Indicator 1 for the EU-28 from 2011-2017								
Year	Baseline 2011-2013	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Index	100	111	97	92	106	103	90	80

Target 2: 50% reduction in CfS

- Why?: CfS are the most hazardous approved PPPs. Therefore, reducing their use will significantly reduce risk
- CfS comprise 1/7 of all approved active substances

HRI II (50 % increase)



Public feedback

- Combined evaluation roadmap and inception impact assessment for planned SUD revision
- Published 29 May, open for public feedback until 7 August
- Via Better Regulation portal website
- <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12413-Sustainable-use-of-pesticides-revision-of-the-EU-rules>
- Feedback will be taken into account by the Commission during the procedure, including in planning supporting external study terms of reference

Planned external study to support initiative

- To support combined evaluation and impact assessment (“back-to-back” initiative)
- Preliminary results from evaluation will inform policy options to be considered for the subsequent impact assessment
- External study will include stakeholder consultation events, interviews, surveys, questionnaires, workshops etc.
- Stakeholders will be welcome to provide input, position papers etc.

Stakeholder consultation events

- Both the external study contractor and the Commission will organise stakeholder consultation events
- An online public consultation/Have Your Say event will be organised not before December 2020
- A dedicated BTSF event with MS was scheduled for April 2020 but currently postponed due to covid-19
- Legislative proposal planned to be finalised Q1 2022
- You and your colleagues will be kept informed of ongoing developments, via SUD WG, PAFF, SUD webportal/SANTE website etc.

