



# Sustainable Use of Pesticides Legislation Pesticides in Urban Areas

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# Farm to Fork – 2030 targets



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



Achieve at least 25% of the EU's agricultural land under **organic farming**



# F2F actions – legislation



Revision of **Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive (SUD)**  
and enhancement of Integrated Pest Management

**Proposal – Q1 2022 (now deferred)**



4 Regulations to facilitate **plant protection products**  
containing **biological active substances**



# Current SUD and specific areas

- Directive- variable application
- Controls show variable application and transposition
- Some good examples; local and regional

# Current SUD and specific areas

- Art 12 “ensure that the use of pesticides is minimised or prohibited in certain specific areas”
- “Risk management measures should be taken and the use of low risk...and biological control measures considered in the first place”

# How are specific areas defined

- A) areas used by general public or vulnerable groups ( such as public parks and gardens, sports and recreation areas, schools, playgrounds and close to health care facilities)
- B) Protected areas under water legislation and habitats directives
- C) Recently treated areas used by or accessible to agricultural workers.

# SUD revision - intensive consultation with stakeholders (inc other countries) & Member States

- Public **Consultation on Evaluation of SUD Roadmap** and Inception Impact Assessment (closed Aug 7 2020, 360 contributions)
- **Consultations with Member State competent authorities** on possible policy options, in more than 10 SUD Working Groups and technical meetings
- **3 major stakeholder events**, hosted by the European Commission in January, June and October 2021.
- **Online public consultation/have your say** concluded in April 2021: approx. 1,700 responses received.

## SUD revision – foreseen adoption postponed

- Draft Commission staff working documents on evaluation and impact assessment prepared
  - External study supporting the SUD evaluation and impact assessment
  - Foresight study on future vision scenarios on the sustainable use of pesticides
- Legal text and explanatory memorandum



# SUD revision and specific areas– example policy areas

- 1. Aligning with pesticide-related targets announced in the Farm to Fork Strategy:** Align SUD with F2F targets and limit use and risks from pesticides, particularly more hazardous ones. Make legally binding, ensure MS maintain ambition, transparency and engagement. MS indicative targets additionally.
- 2. Strengthening current provisions:** Options on improving the practical implementation and operationalisation of IPM principles ( crop specific standards, record keeping, advisors), improving uptake of SUD provisions, strengthening the effectiveness of the NAPs and linking to targets. Specific areas and aerial spraying.

# Issues in strengthening the provision

- Definition and precision or areas covered
- Scope of the ban- low risk, chemical, synthetic, not more hazardous, biocontrol agents?
- Derogations?
- Buffer zone needed?

# Not operating in isolation

- Nature restoration package
- Statistics on pesticide use
- Links to Cap strategic plans and support for farmers
- Research priority
- Getting alternatives on the market – low risk and biocontrol
- Sharing experience and best practice

# Next step

- Following the presentation of the proposal we can discuss detail
- Council Working groups and Full Council Discussions
- Parliament discussions

# Thank you



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