Which EU policies promote IPM?

How to ensure that Member States meet their IPM targets?

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- Placing on the market of plant protection products
- Collection of statistics
- Technical requirements for machinery
- Sustainable use of pesticides
- Maximum residue levels of pesticides
SUD – what is foreseen? (I)

**Definition IPM**

- Careful consideration of all available plant protection methods
- Subsequent integration of appropriate measures that
  - discourage the development of populations of harmful organisms
  - Keep use of PPP and other forms of intervention to levels that are economically and ecologically justified and reduce or minimise risks to human health and the environment

*IPM emphasises the growth of a healthy crop with the least possible disruption to agro-ecosystems and encourages natural pest control mechanisms.*
SUD – what is foreseen? (II)

Article 4 - National Action Plans (NAP)

- Quantitative objectives, measures and timetables to reduce risks and impacts

- Encourage development and introduction of IPM and of alternative techniques and approaches

- Indicators to monitor the use of PPP including timetables and targets for the reduction of use of PPP

- Description of implementation of general principles of IPM
SUD – what is foreseen? (III)

**Article 14 - Integrated Pest Management (IPM)**

- **MS shall take all necessary measures**
  - To promote low pesticide-input pest management
  - To give priority to non-chemical methods, wherever possible
  - To have farmers switch to practices and products with lowest risk

- **MS shall establish or support conditions for implementation of IPM**
  - Farmers have at their disposal
    - Information and tools for monitoring and decision making
    - Advisory services on IPM
SUD – what is foreseen? (IV)

**Article 14 - Integrated Pest Management (IPM)**

- *MS shall establish appropriate incentives*
  - Encourage farmers to implement crop or sector specific IPM guidelines on a voluntary basis
- *Guidelines can be drawn up by public authorities and/or organisations*
Tools to ensure that IPM targets are met

- **Short term**
  - Transposition and implementation
  - Submission National Action Plans
  - Assessment and COM report on NAP
  - Report Member States on IPM
  - Audits and controls FVO
  - Exchange of information
Tools to ensure that IPM targets are met
- Transposition and NAP -

- Transposition and implementation SUD
  - Transposition date: 26 November 2011
  - Today: transposition completed by 26 Member States

- Submission of National Action Plan
  - Submission date: 26 November 2012
  - Today: 27 Member States have submitted up to now
Tools to ensure that IPM targets are met
- Transposition and NAP -

- First internal analysis available beginning 2014
  - on the information communicated by MS in relation to NAPs
  - on methods used and
  - implications concerning the establishment of different targets to reduce the risks and use of pesticides

- NAP are not to be approved by Commission!
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- Submission of IPM reports by 30 June 2013
  - whether conditions necessary for implementation of IPM in place

- SANCO offered electronic questionnaire to facilitate process

- Today: reports from 21 Member States

- COM plans to publish reports
Draft overview of Guidelines and other informative technical documentation

5. Guidelines and other informative technical information

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5.6. Are crop specific guidelines available to agricultural professional users? - single choice reply - (compulsory)

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- **Medium/long term**
  - Report COM on experience gained by MS on implementation of national targets
  - Report accompanied by legislative proposal, if necessary
Tools to ensure that IPM targets are met
- Synergies with other policies -

- SANCO
  - Placing on the market of plant protection products
    - Provisions such as low-risk substances, candidates for substitution, cut-off criteria
  - Revision of legislation on reproductive material
    - Sustainable Value for Cultivation and Use
- BTSF

- AGRI
  - Rural development
  - Farm Advisory System
  - Cross compliance
  - EIP
- ESTAT
Thank you for your attention!