



## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Cabinet of Commissioner Tonio Borg  
Head of Cabinet

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Brussels,

Dear Mr Veillerette,

Thank you for your letter of 27 March 2014 to Commissioner Borg and Commissioner Ciolos and the transmission of the report "Reducing pesticide use across the EU". Commissioner Borg and Ciolos asked me to reply on their behalf.

I would like to inform you that since the end of 2013, all National Action Plans (NAPs) have been received and are or will be made public on our dedicated webpage once they are translated. This is in compliance with the above-mentioned Directive, which requires that updated information on the state of implementation is made available.

As you were already informed, we are currently analysing the information received through the NAPs. This analysis will be the basis for the report the Commission has to submit to the Council and the European Parliament by end of November 2014. With this report the Commission is asked to communicate the information received with the NAPs and, furthermore, it shall contain methods used and the implications concerning the establishment of different types of target to reduce the risks and use of pesticides.

As regards the recommendations in your report, I consider it at this stage premature to indicate the actions to be taken to solve possible cases of inadequate implementation.

Let me underline that the Commission continues to be committed to work on the implementation of the Directive in order to achieve its objectives. This is evident from regular meetings with experts from Member States and with the involvement of other Commission services. Furthermore, I would like to recall that we have regular exchanges on this topic with your organisation where we have either co-organised events or invited PAN Europe to present its position or we actively participated in events organised by your organisation.

Yours sincerely,



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