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Dear Sir or Madam,

Subject: Invitation to send proposals for discussion in an *EU Workshop on improvements of the zonal system*

During the last years, Member States authorities and stakeholder have increasingly expressed their wish for a workshop similar to the successful Workshop on Zonal Evaluation, Mutual Recognition and Re-authorisation, which took place on 2-4 June 2015 in Dublin (Ireland).

The Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL, Germany) in cooperation with the Commission is organising an EU Workshop to elaborate on the possibilities for improvement of the zonal system for the authorisation of plant protection products. The workshop is expected to take place in Germany in the 4th quarter of 2023 (details are yet to be decided). A Steering Committee with delegates of Member States of the three zones has been created for the purposes of organisation.


The objective of this workshop is to identify possible improvements in the authorisation procedure of plant protection products, based on the experience gained over the last years. Topics identified in the Post-Approval Issues Working Group, interzonal Steering Committee, and High Level Meetings will be considered for the agenda.

Given of the topics of the workshop, on behalf of the Steering Committee, I am pleased to invite you to send possible topics for discussion, based on the experience of your members with zonal authorisation processes, which will be considered by the Steering Committee to further develop the agenda.

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I would like to invite you to send us your proposals by 21 February 2023 to sante-consult-e4@ec.europa.eu,  @ec.europa.eu and pppworkshop@bvl.bund.de.

Yours sincerely,

