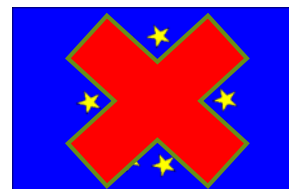


Minor Uses Developments

48th Meeting of the Working Party on Plant Protection Products

The Hague, The Netherlands, 23-25 May 2018

Jeroen Meeussen - Coordinator



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EU Minor Uses Coordination Facility (MUCF)



Because of the extensive data packages required for authorization to market plant protection products, growers face increasing difficulties in gaining authorization for “minor uses”. Minor uses of pesticides are uses on niche crops with a high economic value for farmers, but usually of low economic interest for the agro-pesticide industry. This leads to a lack of authorized products on the market for farmers to use on these crops which in turn can lead to illegal uses or to loss of crop production. These crops include most vegetables, fruit, nurseries, flowers, forest trees and some arable crops. It is estimated that overall they represent more than € 70 billion per year, which equates to 22% of the total EU plant production value.

Recent News

Autumn Minor Uses meetings

The next autumn meetings of the Horizontal Expert Group and of some Commodity Expert Groups will be hosted by our Austrian Minor Uses colleagues in Vienna! The meetings will take place from 10 to 12 October 2018. The MUCF is in the process of defining which Commodity Expert Groups will meet there. More information will follow.

Fifth newsletter of the MUCF

The MUCF is pleased to release the 5th newsletter! Find out more about the continuity, long-term funding of the MUCF, feedback from Second Stakeholder Advisory Forum, Integrated Pest Management, spring Minor Uses meetings, the Guidance Document on Minor Uses, EPPO non taxonomic classification, REFIT activities, the new Chair of the Horizontal Expert Group and future Minor Uses and OECD meetings. [Click here](#) to access the fifth newsletter of the MUCF.

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Minor Uses Newsletters



EUROPEAN UNION MINOR USES COORDINATION FACILITY

Newsletter
No. 1, January-February-March 2017

Minor uses, major issue!

When writing this editorial from the EPPO headquarters, we can clearly see that spring is arriving in Paris. Also for many crops this is the start of a new growing season and the products of all these 'minor crops' will find their way to tables across the region.



The first Newsletter of the EU Minor Uses Coordination Facility is now in front of you. From the start of this EU project in 2013 a lot has been attained and already accomplished. Since November last year we are fully staffed. But we are not yet done, a lot still needs to be done.

Last January an important event took place. We organised our first 'Stakeholder Advisory Forum'. It was well attended and an intensive exchange of views took place on many issues. One of the main topics that was discussed, was the long-term funding strategy for the Coordination Facility. Funds are guaranteed for three years, but not all minor use needs will be solved in this period!

We are also busy preparing the meetings of the Expert Groups that will take place at the end of March in Brussels. We have made considerable progress with the new minor use database EUMUDA. It has been transformed into a powerful tool to keep track of the end of March 2017.

Did I say 'minor crops' above? As these crops are about 'specialty crops'. Too often people associate you can read more about our activities in the <http://www.minoruses.eu/>! It is regularly updated meetings and upcoming events.

Do you like our newsletter? Don't hesitate to give us your feedback!

Jeroen Meuwissen, Coordinator of the MUCF



EU MINOR USES COORDINATION FACILITY

Newsletter

No. 4, October-November-December 2017

Minor uses, major issue!



Time flies. With 2016 still fresh in our minds, 2017 is almost over. This last year was important for the Coordination Facility and we achieved a great deal. It was the first year that the Coordination Facility was fully staffed and therefore we could make considerable progress. One of the highlights was the launch of the new minor use database EUMUDA. We saw that more and more people are starting to use EUMUDA and more organisations refer to it on their websites. It is considered the source of information for minor uses in the EU.

In 2017 we have issued our first series of newsletters to keep subscribers informed about everything that is in the field of minor uses. We would welcome contributions from Member States and stakeholders. Maybe that can be a New Year's resolution for you!



The Third Global Minor Use Summit, in early October, in Montreal was a success. More than 120 delegates from 34 countries met and discussed for four days minor use issues from a global perspective. It was really great to make progress: we have to push boundaries and look at things from a global, or EU perspective and we should not be short-sighted and only consider national boundaries. The Coordination Facility will participate in a number of follow-up projects. If you want to know which ones, you have to continue reading this newsletter!

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EUROPEAN UNION MINOR USES COORDINATION FACILITY

Newsletter No. 2
April-May-June 2017

Minor uses, major issue!



You have probably already enjoyed some sunny and warm weather this spring. The high temperatures are also creating an excellent environment for pests and diseases to develop rapidly. Therefore, growers need to take measures to protect their specialty crops.

Traditionally, many growers are using conventional pesticides to combat pests and diseases. However, that is only one out of many pest management strategies. The biocontrol industry is growing fast and provides additional solutions to close minor use gaps. Nowadays, biocontrol companies are also actively participating in expert meetings to present possible solutions. Keep more about biocontrol and minor uses on the next pages. Also in other regions of the world the emphasis is on finding sustainable solutions.

Good and in-depth discussions were held on how the minor use work is organized in the different Member States, and on issues that can be taken forward in the Refo process.

Montreal, c'est si bon! This French-speaking city is considered the cultural capital of Canada, and is hosting the Global Minor Use Summit in October. The preparations is well on its way. But non-Francophones are also most welcome. The main language of the conference will be English.

You can read more about the Global Minor Use Summit, and other minor use activities in this second newsletter. You can subscribe to the newsletters on our website www.minoruses.eu so that you will not miss one!

That is all for now. Enjoy your summer break!



EU MINOR USES COORDINATION FACILITY

Newsletter

No. 5, January-February-March 2018

Minor uses, major issue!



Insects. You can love them or hate them, but one way or the other they play an important role in your life. Insects are the creatures of nature! However a recent major study in Germany confirmed that the number of insects has decreased dramatically over the past 30 years.

Insects are essential for pollination. Without insects flowers, crops and many other organisms, biocontrol insects, birds and mammals are affected by the decline of insect populations. Agriculture plays a role in the decrease of insects. But farmers can also play a positive role and create green strips alongside agricultural plots for example to allow wild flowers to grow and thus creating a habitat for beneficial insects.



There are all scenarios that can be part of an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategy. On 14 March the Minor Uses Coordination Facility held a plenary session on IPM. With modern techniques and the use of 'big data' precision agriculture with targeted applications is possible. The European Commission highlighted the activities they are taking to make IPM strategies mandatory and to make it part of EU legislation. Industry indicated that IPM programmes combining conventional and biopesticides for minor uses already exist.

Brussels was again the place to be for European minor use experts! From 12-13 March more than 110 people gathered in the Square Meeting Centre to have a depth discussion on minor uses. And there is still a lot to discuss. And a new Chair of the Horizontal Expert Group has been elected. Who? You can read it in this newsletter, as well as short reports from the different Commodity Expert Groups.



EU MINOR USES COORDINATION FACILITY

Newsletter

No. 3, July-August-September 2017

Minor uses, major issue!



When writing this editorial, it is early September. That reminds me I has been two years since I started work as coordinator for the EU Minor Uses Coordination Facility. I ask myself the question: "What has happened so far?" and "Am I satisfied with the progress made to date?"

A lot has been achieved over the past two years. The EU has been put back on the map of the international minor use framework. Still there has been time to form a dedicated minor use team. We have worked on many issues: consultations with the launch of a minor use website and a newsletter, a new EUMUDA that better serves its purpose, expert meetings that are well attended with good discussions, and increasingly we have strengthened our relations with existing networks on Minor Uses.

I am pleased with the progress made to date. The new EUMUDA has officially been launched! We can reinforce the work on projects and find solutions for the most important minor use needs.



of the Minor Uses and discussion on coordination Facility Use Summit.

Remember, there is one Commodity Expert Group which is already active at a global level. Find out which one is this newsletter:

I hope you enjoyed your summer and maybe you can even experience the Italian summer in Montreal if you are planning to attend the Global Minor Use Summit!

You can read more about the launch of the new EUMUDA feedback from the Minor Uses Steering Group meeting, an OECD-summit on minor use of highly specific biocontrol products, and other minor use activities in this third newsletter:

That is all for now and I hope to meet you this summer!

Jeroen Meuwissen, Coordinator of the MUCF

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Stakeholder Advisory Forum

*"Already excellent
progress is achieved by
the MUCF".*

Launch of New EUMUDA!!!



28 June 2017

EUMUDA Homepage

MENU

[MINOR USES TABLE OF NEEDS](#)

[MINOR USES WORK PROGRAMMES](#)

[MINOR CROPS ACREAGE TABLE](#)


WELCOME to the European Union Minor Uses Database EUMUDA !

EUMUDA is an important tool to collect the minor use needs from Member States, to follow-up on these needs and to manage all projects.

This database plays a key role in finding chemical and/or non-chemical solutions for minor uses gaps, within an Integrated Pest Management framework.



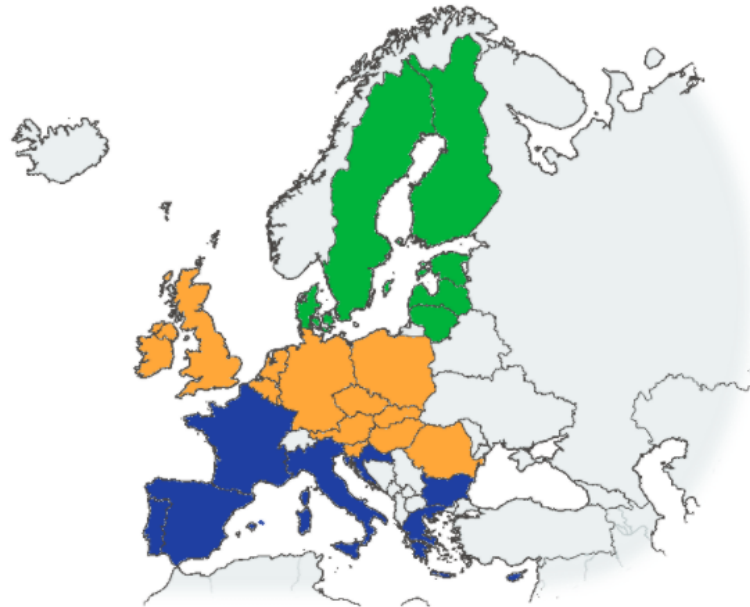
Find in EUMUDA ?

Minor uses needs from Member States. The current list is sourced from the [C-IPM Eranet](#)  projects and their status.

Minor uses considered "minor uses" in different Member States (by clicking on the map below for Countries who have published information).

Minor uses projects is accessible for everybody. The MUCF is working on rules for access rights and confidentiality .

Member States are in the process to populate EUMUDA with more data.



EUMUDA

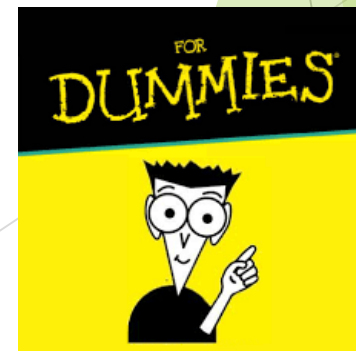
What information can I find in EUMUDA?

- ▶ A compiled list of **minor uses needs** from countries of the European region.
- ▶ **GMUS survey**: a priority list on behalf of the EU.
- ▶ An overview of **ongoing projects** and their status.
- ▶ A table of **crop acreages sourced from EUROSTAT**.
- ▶ **Reference lists** of what are considered 'minor uses' in different Member States.

MUCF documents:

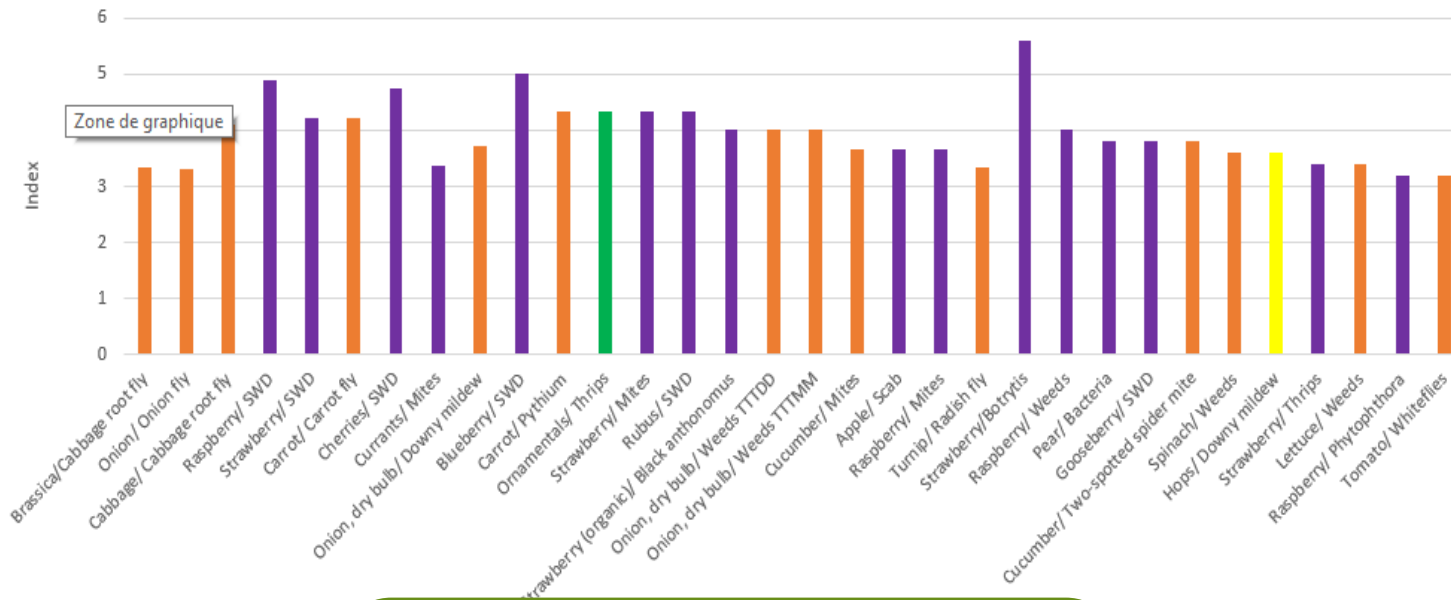
- ▶ Rules for **access rights and confidentiality**
- ▶ **Guide** for users of EUMUDA

EUMUDA



Minor uses needs Priorities GMUS survey

Indexed Priorities EU Minor Uses



1. Strawberry/ Botrytis
2. Blueberry/ Spotted wing drosophila
3. Raspberry/ Spotted wing drosophila

Projects in EUMUDA

CEG	Nb projects	Leading country	Crop	Pest/Target
Fruits and vegetables	60	Germany, the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Belgium, Sweden, France	Small fruits, pome fruits, leafy vegetables (excl. Brassicas), umbelliferous vegetables, vegetable brassicas, cucurbitaceae, alliums, herbs, legumes, brassica arable crops	Aphids, thrips, drosophila, weeds, fungi
Ornamentals	3	The Netherlands, Belgium	Ornamentals, chrysanthemum	Thrips, growth regulators
Hops	4	Germany, France, Belgium	Hops	European hop beetle, annual meadow grass, Damson-hop aphid, defoliation
Seeds	6	France, the Netherlands	Cucumber, carrot, bean, parsley, chicory, onion, beetroot	Green pigweed, pineapple weed, black nightshade, pythium

Commodity Expert Groups

Currently there are 7 Commodity Expert Groups (CEG):

- ▶ CEG fruit and vegetables
- ▶ CEG ornamentals
- ▶ CEG tobacco
- ▶ CEG rice
- ▶ CEG hops
- ▶ CEG seeds
- ▶ CEG mushrooms





Expert Group Meetings



- ▶ CEG-Hops, **18-19 October 2017**, Obernai (FR)
- 17 participants from 8 different countries
- ▶ The meetings of the Chairs of the CEGs, CEG F&V, CEG Seeds, CEG Ornamentals and CEG Tobacco and the HEG were all held back-to-back
1-3 November 2017, Dublin (IE)
- 75 participants from 21 different countries
- ▶ The meetings of the Chairs of the CEGs, the individual CEGs and the HEG were all held back-to-back
13-15 March 2018, Brussels (BE)
- 120 participants from 20 different countries



Clear Rules for Membership of Expert Groups



EUROPEAN UNION MINOR USES COORDINATION FACILITY



Final - Rev. 2

Participation of experts in Commodity Expert Groups (CEGs) and the Horizontal Expert Group (HEG)

The EU Minor Uses Coordination Facility should develop clear rules on the composition of and the number of attendees in the Expert Groups.

Approved by the Steering Group on 22 November 2017

Clear Rules for Membership of Expert Groups

- ▶ **Expertise** (according to Terms of Reference)
- ▶ **Active and constructive** participation in the meetings
- ▶ Providing **agenda items** and **supporting documents**
- ▶ Adding relevant information to **EUMUDA**
- ▶ Acting as a **project leader**
- ▶ **Participating in projects** with other Member States
- ▶ **Responding to requests** from the MUCF (e.g. survey)

Establishment of a New Commodity Expert Group



EUROPEAN UNION MINOR USES COORDINATION FACILITY



Final - Rev. 1

Procedure and criteria how to start a new Commodity Expert Group

The term “Commodity Expert Group” refers to a platform to close in a joint effort minor use gaps at EU level by finding chemical or non-chemical solutions within an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) framework. The Commodity Expert Group consists of national minor use experts and representatives of the respective growers’ associations or grower groups.

Approved by the Steering Group on 22 November 2017

Establishment of a New Commodity Expert Group

- ▶ In general, when a **certain number** of Member States and growers' associations representing a **substantial percentage** of the EU-production of that commodity are willing to comply with the Terms of Reference of a CEG it should be possible to start a new CEG.
- ▶ Document will be **put on hold** until the financial situation of the MUCF has been clarified.



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Guidance Document

Guidance Document for applicants (industry as well as growers associations) on registration issues for minor uses.

- ▶ Compact overview on all **registration issues** and focus on interpretation of data requirements, data protection, data ownership, confidential data, zonal procedure, mutual recognition.
- ▶ **Part 1**: minor use need -> generating data
Part 2: application process -> solution
- ▶ **Noted** by Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed.



Where are we with the Guidance Document ?

- ▶ **Drafting Group**: BE, DE, FR, NL, SE, UK, ECPA, IBMA, Copa-Cocega, MUCF
- ▶ 1st meeting 15-16 September 2016
- ▶ 2nd meeting 13-14 February 2018
- ▶ 22-23 March 2018 SCoPAFF: agreement on 'Terms of Reference'
- ▶ 3rd meeting 16-17 April 2018
- ▶ Discussion in **PAI** (Post Approval Issues) Group in June 2018
- ▶ Draft ready for circulation to COM, MS and stakeholders for **commenting**
- ▶ Depending on comments received: further discussions and meetings
- ▶ **Note taking in SCoPAFF**

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Long-term funding

- ▶ The funding of the Coordination Facility was guaranteed for the **first three years** (until April 2018)
- ▶ EUMUCF was **jointly funded** by the **European Union** and the the governments of **France**, **Germany** and **the Netherlands**
- ▶ The total eligible costs were estimated at **EUR 700 000** per year



Long-term funding

- ▶ It is clear that minor uses problems will **not all be resolved** in three years
- ▶ A **mid-/long-term planning** (5-10 years) and a **strategy** how other Member States can contribute, has been prepared
- ▶ A **letter from the European Commission** has been sent to Permanent Representations of the EU Member States (September 2017)
- ▶ Discussion in the **AGRI-FISH Council** meeting on 9 October 2017
- ▶ Member States have been approached with a **request for a voluntary assessed contribution** (November 2017)



Conclusions

Group	Member State	Annual contribution	Total
Group 1	DE, FR, UK, IT, ES, PL	EUR 50 000	EUR 300 000
Group 2	RO, NL, BE, EL, CZ, PT, HU, SE, AT, BG, DK, FI, SK	EUR 25 000	EUR 325 000
Group 3	IE, HR, LT, SI, LV, EE, CY, LU, MT	EUR 10 000	EUR 90 000
Total per annum			EUR 715 000

- ▶ It must be emphasized that only with the indicated **voluntary assessed contributions** the **continuity of the Coordination Facility** can be guaranteed.
- ▶ In other scenarios there will be an effect on **staffing**, **EUMUDA** and/or **reimbursement of expenses for Expert Groups**.

Current Financial Situation

Financial situation 2018

- ▶ Grant agreement applicable until mid-April 2018
- ▶ **Contributions** and **Commitments** received from: AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, FI, FR, IE, IT, LT, LV, NL, SE, SK
- ▶ The amount not spent in the first two years (EUR 150 000)
- ▶ Total amount currently available for the period mid April - end 2018: EUR 450 000

Financial situation 2019

- ▶ **Commitments** : EUR 165 000
- ▶ The amount not spent in the third year (EUR 50 000)
- ▶ In the case the budget is less than EUR 350 000 the MUCF will not be able to maintain existing staffing levels



Minor Uses Steering Group

- ▶ **DG AGRI** has been approached with a request for funding
- ▶ Explore the possibility of funding of the Coordination Facility via **EPPO-contributions**
- ▶ Work towards **long(er) commitments** and financial agreements with Member States for several years
- ▶ **Funders** will take part in **governance** of the Coordination Facility.
- ▶ Arrangements will be discussed for a steering group to be **appointed by the whole body of funders**



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REFIT

Regulatory **Fit**ness & Performance Program

Formal evaluation process of Reg (EC) 1107/2009 and Reg (EC) 396/2005

Commission's commitment to ensure that EU legislation is effective and efficient in achieving its public policy objectives at minimum cost.

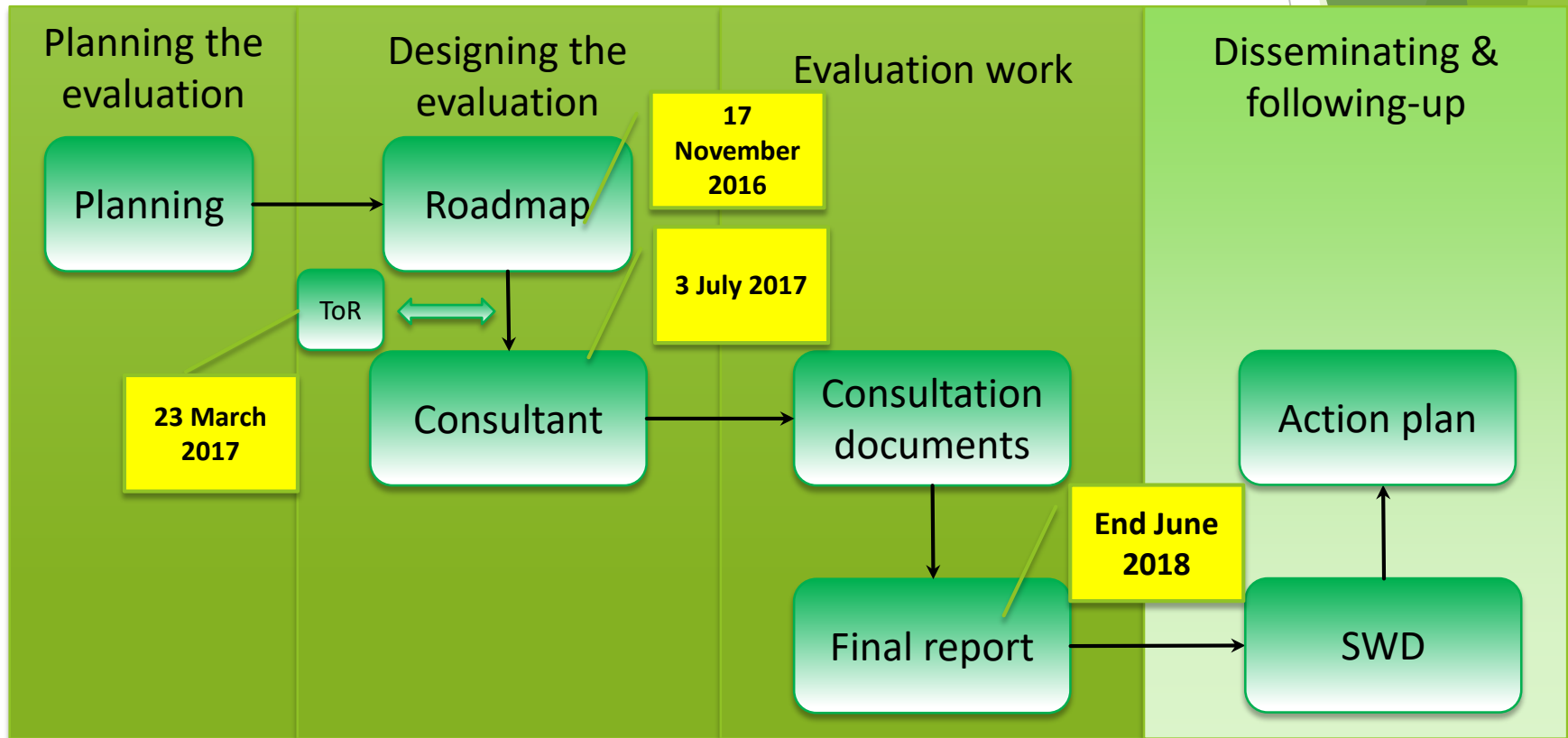


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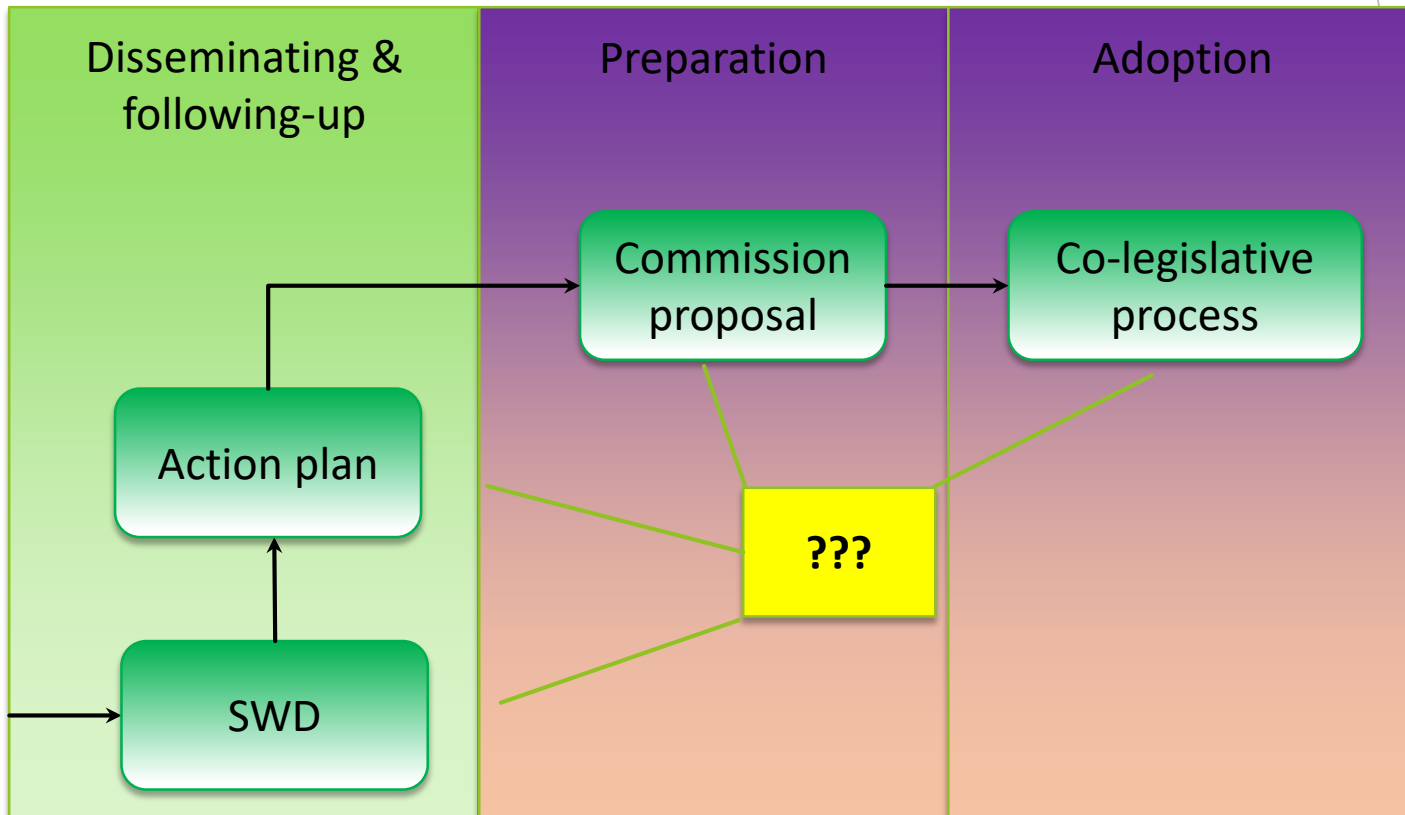
Evaluation





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Follow-Up



Involvement MUCF in REFIT

- ▶ **1st Stakeholder meeting** (12 September 2017)
- ▶ **Online survey** for stakeholders (December 2017)
- ▶ **Focus Group** on the authorisation of Plant Protection Products (5 March 2018)
- ▶ **2nd Stakeholder** meeting (16 May 2018)

Input MUCF in REFIT Stakeholder Survey

- ▶ A **harmonized EU-wide definition** (instead of national definitions) would facilitate the zonal process.
- ▶ Member States should move away from asking '**national specific requirements**'.
- ▶ The use of **residue data** generated outside the EU should be supported.
- ▶ MRL applications should be **maximally extrapolated** for minor uses.
- ▶ Availability of **low risk products** is insufficient.
- ▶ Etc.

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- ▶ The availability of PPPs for **minor uses** is negatively affected by **a lack of clarity** regarding the rules for authorisation and of harmonisation between MS.
- ▶ The **definition of minor uses** is not sufficiently clear. Procedures are often not clearly established
- ▶ Competent Authorities and stakeholders **welcome the establishment** of the Coordination Facility (MUCF)
- ▶ **Improve acceptance of data on residue trials generated outside the EU** (when GAPs and GLPs are comparable) and **extrapolations**.

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What we plan to do next (I)

- ▶ Guarantee sustainable long-term funding of the Minor Uses Coordination Facility

Expert Groups

- ▶ Continue to provide **administrative and technical support to the Expert Groups** in organising meetings and managing ongoing projects
- ▶ **Increase participation** at meetings and in projects from more countries
- ▶ Organise **plenary sessions** with topics of general interest (e.g. residues)
- ▶ Develop **work plans** for the individual Commodity Expert Groups
- ▶ Review the **participation of experts** to Expert Groups
- ▶ **Develop IPM solutions** for minor use needs

What we plan to do next (II)

EU-level

- ▶ Encourage the **removal of national specific requirements** for minor use applications
- ▶ Maintain and reinforce the link with the **EU database PPPAMS**
- ▶ Create a **level playing field for EU growers** of speciality crops
- ▶ Meet some of **the largest Member States** (e.g. ES, PL)

International level

- ▶ Continue to cooperate with **global** minor uses programmes to stimulate **international harmonisation**
- ▶ Play an active role in the **OECD Expert Group on Minor Uses** (EGMU)

What we plan to do next (III)

Long(er) term

- ▶ Explore whether the EUMUDA database could also eventually host the **Global Minor Uses Database**
- ▶ Introduce **national projects** from all Member States in EUMUDA
- ▶ Organise **EU priority setting meetings** at an annual basis
- ▶ Explore the possibility to create an **EU fund** for minor uses



Solve minor use problems!



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