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Evaluation and Revision of the SUD: The Crop Protection Industry Perspective

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The SUD improved the situation, however…

- We recognise the Directive is setting the right focus, but it should be refined and better implemented.
  - Regular training and certification is the new normal, but it should be continuously improved and monitored.
  - Workable IPM practices are available, but the actual uptake needs more support.
  - Spraying equipment and substances authorised are changing rapidly.

- The revision of the SUD is an opportunity to foster the uptake of innovative tools and application technologies.
  - Risk management technologies and innovations that help to further reduce the risk and use should be enabled by the new SUD.
Focus on Integrated Pest Management

IPM consists of a wide-ranging toolbox of solutions for farmers to tackle an increasing range of pests and diseases – pesticides and biopesticides are both essential elements in this toolbox.

- There is no “one-size fits all” solution; IPM varies by crop, by MS and even by region.
- There is a severe lack of visibility of IPM guidelines. A centralized database is needed!
- Active dissemination of workable and practical best practices needs to be supported
- Uptake of best practices needs to be better tracked and monitored.
CropLife Europe supports the EC’s plans to add complementary indicators in order to consider real world impacts and on farm uptake of measures that reduce risk and/or use.

- Additional indicators which also cover agronomic conditions, uptake of IPM, agricultural productivity, water protection as well as consumer, operator and environmental safety should be added.

Any reduction targets must be practical, science-based and preceded by a comprehensive and holistic impact assessment.

- Such an exercise needs to look across all relevant EU strategies and provide a holistic assessment of the impact on the competitiveness and viability of EU agriculture.
We are Committed to the Sustainable Use of Pesticides

- **Invest 4 billion euros into innovation in biopesticides by 2030.**
  - *more with less*

- **Invest 10 billion euros into innovation in precision and digital technologies by 2030.**
  - *more with less*

- **Ensure that a container collection scheme is available in all EU Member States by 2025, expanding the programme in two additional Member States each year.**
  - *more with less*

- **Establish an average 75% collection rate of plastic pesticide and biopesticide containers across EU Member States by 2025.**
  - *more with less*

- **In order to further reduce operators’ exposure, make Closed Transfer Systems (CTS) technologies available to 100% of European farmers and operators by 2030.**
  - *more with less*

- **By 2030, train 1 million advisors and farmers on best management practices for farmer health protection – as well as for water and the environment.**
  - *more with less*
Thank you!

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