

Sustainable use of pesticides Directive (SUD) 2009/128/EC

Experiences on its current implementation and possible future policy options

17-19 November 2020 (times are Brussels/CEST)

Background and objectives of the Sustainable Use of pesticides Directive (SUD) workshop

Directive 2009/128/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishes a framework for Community action to achieve the sustainable use of pesticides. The Commission is launching an evaluation to assess the usefulness of the SUD (as a policy tool), of its objectives and actions, and the results it has produced (considering its implementation and monitoring), in line with the Commission's Better Regulation guidelines¹. The SUD established a framework to achieve the sustainable use of pesticides by reducing the risks and impacts of pesticide use on human health and the environment and promoting the use of integrated pest management and of alternative approaches or techniques such as non-chemical alternatives to pesticides.

The Commission's evaluation will assess the extent to which the SUD delivered against its intended objectives and the extent to which those objectives are relevant and coherent today. The outcome of the evaluation may play a key role in the Commission's future activities on sustainable agriculture, the food chain and environmental protection, including possible changes to the legislative framework currently in place.

In this context, it is important to receive input from Member State competent authorities which have been responsible for implementation of the SUD, to discuss which elements of the SUD have been successfully or unsuccessfully implemented (and why) and what possible changes to the legislative framework could be considered appropriate to further achieve the objectives of the SUD.

The **goals** of the workshop are that participants and their respective Member States will:

- A. gain better insights on the findings and conclusions of the fact-finding missions, audits, overview report and other information concerning the implementation of the SUD;
- B. present and discuss national experiences in implementing the SUD, including any good practices or significant challenges identified and links with other relevant EU legislation such as concerning statistics on pesticides, marketing of plant protection products, official controls, health and safety of workers, environmental protection, machinery including pesticide application equipment, organic production and the wider Common Agricultural Policy;
- C. be able to identify and discuss weaknesses and recurring problems in their own Member State, as well as across other Member States, with the aim of identifying possible solutions at Member State and EU level, including possible changes which might be needed to the current legislative framework.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-making-process/planning-and-proposing-law/better-regulation-why-and-how_en

Format and outcome of the workshop:

This workshop is not the usual training type workshop where knowledge is imparted from lecturer to participant. Participants will be invited to share experiences and ideas during the workshops and plenary sessions in order to enable participants to learn from each other.

- The workshop will include presentations and group exercises. The objective of the workshop is to share experience and difficulties encountered when implementing the SUD and to discuss the main findings and conclusions of the fact-finding missions and audits. To this end participants are invited to familiarise themselves with the published overview report and with the individual fact-finding mission and audit reports.
- LIST of the individual fact-finding mission and audit **reports**:

Fact finding missions

Denmark https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=3897

Germany https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=3896

Italy https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=3910

The Netherlands https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=3895

Poland https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=3913

Sweden https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=3909

Overview reports

https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/overview_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=114

https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/plant/docs/pesticides_sud_report-act_2020_en.pdf

Audit reports

Austria https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=4181

Bulgaria https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=4123

Cyprus https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=4203

France https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=4106

Greece https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=4182

Hungary https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=4080

Ireland https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=4166

Lithuania https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=4166

Portugal https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=4165

Romania: https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=4303

Spain https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=4078

- The intended outcome of the workshop is to assist with the Commission's evaluation of the SUD, support a better and more consistent EU-wide implementation of the SUD by discussing key issues and good practices and signal possible changes to the current legislative framework which may be needed to better achieve the objectives of the SUD.

Provisional Virtual Workshop Agenda (via Zoom)

Tuesday 17 November	
09.15-09.25	Welcome of participants Rex Horgan DG SANTE F3
09.25-09.40	SUD evaluation and planned revision in wider context of European Green Deal, CAP reform, Farm to Fork and Biodiversity strategies Andrew Owen-Griffiths DG SANTE F3
09.40-09.55	Commission's evaluation of SUD and impact assessment of its planned revision in a Better Regulation context Rex Horgan, DG SANTE F3
09.55-10.10	SUD: its development and what it was designed to achieve Christine Meisinger DG SANTE F3
10.10-10.20	Questions and answers/discussion
10.20-10.30	Coffee/comfort break
10.30-10.50	Evidence concerning SUD implementation, application and enforcement: findings from Commission audits, fact-finding missions and other sources such as European Parliament and European Court of Auditors Tsvetana Georgieva DG SANTE F3
10.50-11.00	Questions and answers/discussion

11.00-11:20	Links between SUD and EU legislation on plant protection products, including recent REFIT initiative Eric Liegeois, DG SANTE E4
11.20-11.30	Questions and answers/discussion
11.30-11.50	Links between SUD and EU climate action policies Christine Muller, Directorate General for Climate Action
11.50-12.00	Questions and answers/discussion
12.00-12.10	Coffee/comfort break
12.10-12.30	Links between SUD and EU environmental policies Gunther Wolff, DG Environment (participation to be re-confirmed)
12.30-12.40	Questions and answers/discussion
12.40-13.00	Links between SUD and the CAP Niall Gerlitz, DG Agriculture and Rural Development
13.00-13.10	Questions and answers/discussion
13.10-13.30	Links between SUD and other EU legislation on health and safety of workers Jan-Willem Ebeling DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
13.30-13.40	Questions and answers/discussion
13:40-13.45	Close of Day 1
Wednesday 18 November	
09:30	Session introduction Rex Horgan, DG SANTE F3
09.40-10.00	Statistics on Pesticides Regulation (EC) No 1185/2009: current situation and possible limitations or solutions concerning data collected and publicly available Ebba Barany, Eurostat
10.00-10.10	Questions and answers/discussion

10:10-10:30	Presentation from a Member State concerning SUD implementation nationally: what has worked well and not so well (and the reasons why) Karine Belna, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, France
10:30-10:40	Questions and answers/discussion
10.40-10.50	Coffee/comfort break
10.50-11.20	Presentation from a Member State concerning SUD implementation nationally: what has worked well and not so well (and the reasons why) James Quirke, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Ireland
11:20-11:30	Questions and answers/discussion
11:30-11.50	Presentation from a Member State concerning SUD implementation nationally: what has worked well and not so well (and the reasons why) Anita Fjelsted, Ministry of Environment and Food, Denmark
11:50-12:00	Questions and answers/discussion
12.00-12.10	Coffee/comfort break
12:10-12.30	Presentation from a Member State concerning SUD implementation nationally: what has worked well and not so well (and the reasons why) Silke Dachbrodt-Saaydeh, Julius Kühn Institute (JKI), Federal Research Institute for Cultivated Plants, Germany
12:30-12:40	Questions and answers/discussion
12.40-13.00	Presentation from a Member State concerning SUD implementation nationally: what has worked well and not so well (and the reasons why) Bronislava Škarbová, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Slovakia
13.10-13.20	Questions and answers/discussion
13.20-13.30	Closing discussions and close of day 2
Thursday 19 November	
09.30-09.40	Session introduction Rex Horgan DG SANTE F3

<p>09.40-10.00</p>	<p>Presentation from a Member State concerning SUD implementation nationally: what has worked well and not so well (and the reasons why)</p> <p>Ana Bárbara Godinho de Oliveira, Directorate General Food and Veterinary, Portugal</p>
<p>10.00-10.10</p>	<p>Questions and answers/discussion</p>
<p>10.10-10.30</p>	<p>Presentation from a non-EU country concerning implementation of their national policies to reduce the risks from plant protection products</p> <p>Jan Waespe, Federal Office for Agriculture, Switzerland</p>
<p>10.30-10.40</p>	<p>Questions and answers/discussion</p>
<p>10.40-10.50</p>	<p>Coffee/comfort break</p>
<p>10.50-11.00</p>	<p>Organisation of participants into three discussion breakout groups to discuss possible future policy options to improve or revise the SUD</p> <p>Separation of participants into three different discussion groups to discuss and prioritise what is needed (nationally and/ or at EU level) to better achieve the objectives of the SUD, including possible links or changes to other EU legislation or policies. Each breakout group shall nominate a rapporteur who will report back the group's findings</p>
<p>11.00-12.20</p>	<p>Discussions in breakout groups</p> <p>All relevant elements of the SUD should be discussed and what measures or changes could be made to improve their implementation and effectiveness</p> <p>e.g. National Action Plans, training, requirements for sales of pesticides, information and awareness-raising, inspection of pesticide application equipment, aerial spraying, information to the public, specific measures to protect the aquatic environment and drinking water, reduction of pesticide use or risks in specific areas, handling and storage of pesticides and treatment of their packaging and remnants, integrated pest management, harmonised risk indicators</p> <p>Possible new policy options such as quantitative reduction targets, taxation of pesticides etc. should also be discussed and considered along with aspects of other EU policies considered relevant and important</p>
<p>12.20-12.30</p>	<p>Coffee/comfort break</p>
<p>12.30-13.20</p>	<p>Rapporteurs of the three breakout groups present a summary of their groups' discussions and conclusions</p>

13.20- 13.30	Final discussion/ End of event
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