

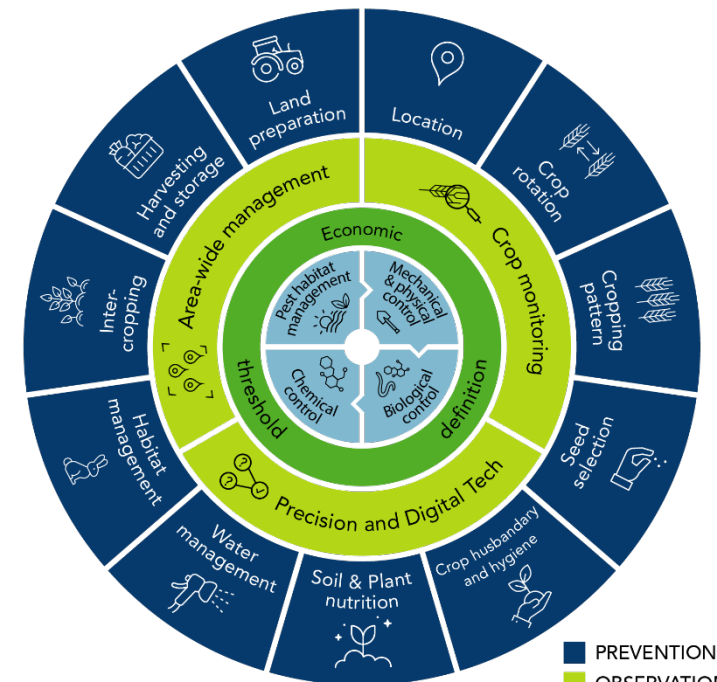


Views of CropLife Europe on SUD State of Play

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Integrated Pest Management Wheel

CropLife Europe ...



...represents the **highly innovative, R&D-driven crop protection industry** in Europe

- 22 companies; 32 national associations; 26,000 people in the sector

...advocates **policies and legislation that foster innovation**

- giving Europe's farmers the biological, chemical, and technological tools they need to help meet the world's growing food demand in a sustainable way

...promotes good agricultural practices through **the complementarity of its crop protection solutions**

- ensuring safe and affordable food; safeguarding water; enhancing biodiversity; protecting the health of farmers and the public



Reflections on the Study Outcomes

We support:

- Calls for a more innovation friendly SUD
- The need for more lower-risk alternatives
- The continued view of the centrality of IPM at the heart of the SUD
- Recognition of the environmental and safety benefits of F2F (Biodiversity, Water, Safe food, Public Health & Quality of food)

We are concerned by:

- The fact that SUD and IPM progress and achievements over the last decade are not fully recognized
- The responses around the ability to control pests, food security and supply, affordability of food and farm incomes
- Support for taxation - any pesticide tax system should be proportionate (representative of actual risks) and appropriate to local circumstances (crop and regional specific IPM recommendations and risk mitigation measures) and above all else recognise Member States have competence in taxation matters

Innovation

- 🌱 We warmly welcome the findings in the report that highlight the appetite for “*the use of new technologies and innovations such as precision farming*”
- 🌱 We have three main points on this:

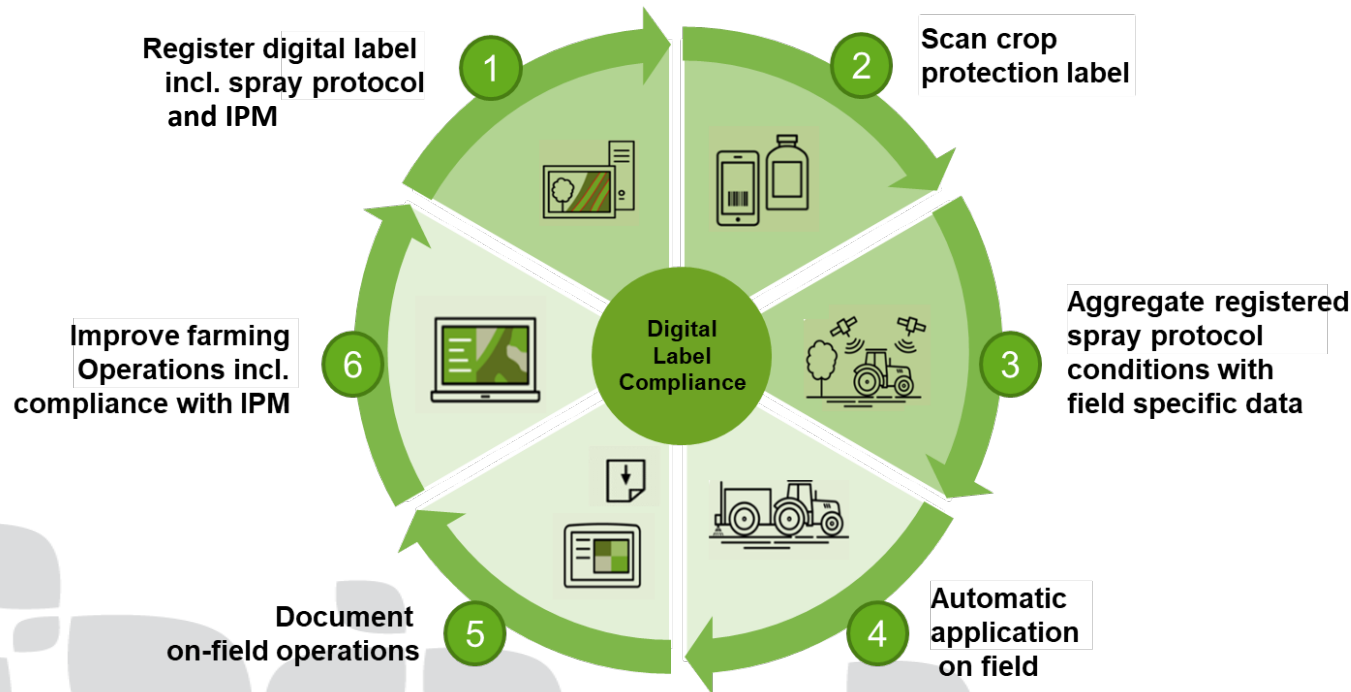
1 The revised SUD should enable, promote, and reward the uptake of new and innovative tools such as precision and digital agriculture technologies, which can contribute significantly to the sustainable use of PPPs

2 The revised SUD should enable the innovative use and application of future technologies including drones, farm management tools for IPM, biologicals etc.

3 The revised SUD should allow tools such as Digital Label Compliance. This tool is aimed at providing greater transparency and confidence in the appropriate use of, and reduction in risks from, PPPs.

Digital Label Compliance

- The Digital Label Compliance concept is a six-step process to guide compliance and crop protection regulations
- The objective is to build and connect to existing solutions and initiatives and fill the gaps to bring the concept to life with a multi-stakeholder approach



Scope:

- All 6 DLC Process Steps
- Open to everybody
- All EU Member States
- All farmers including high-tech adopters with digital ag and FMS and low-tech adopters without FMS or spray technology
- Pre-competitive - legal compliance
- Elements of CP application in relation to IPM

Potential future scope:

- Fertilizer and Seed
- Holistic IPM recommendations

IPM

- 🌱 We are reassured to see that the most effective expected measure in the SUD is to reinforce IPM
- 🌱 We believe that a future SUD should:

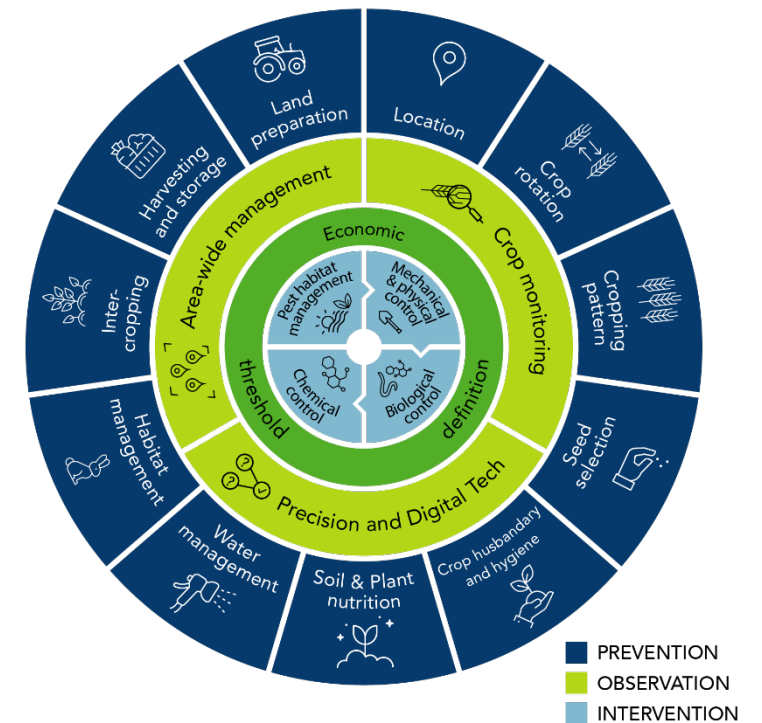
1 Retain the FAO definition of IPM that recognises chemistry has a place in the hierarchy of controls

2 Reflect the importance to full IPM implementation of maintaining a wide toolbox of solutions for EU growers, including agronomic practices, biopesticides and chemical crop protection solutions

3 Acknowledge that IPM strategies need to be defined locally in support of the full diversity of European agriculture and production systems

A final note...
CropLife Europe is committed to being a constructive partner in the review of the SUD

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