## Sustainable Use of PPPs

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## State of play on SUR proposal

- Commission proposal for Sustainable Use of plant protection products Regulation (SUR) adopted 22 June 2022
- Discussed in a series of Council working parties and AGRIFISH Council
- European Parliament confirming rapporteurships and responsibilities
- European Economic and Social Committee and Committee of the Regions starting their work to prepare opinions on the proposal



## Post-adoption public feedback on proposal

- Approximately 9,000 comments received and 650 supporting documents
- A summary of the comments will be transmitted by European Commission to the European Parliament and the Council to be considered in the negotiations
- Main concerns relate to proposed prohibition of all pesticides in sensitive areas, feasibility of reaching the 2030 50% pesticide use and risk reduction targets and administrative burden of new rules for pesticide users and competent authorities
- NGOs and some citizens also expressed concerns on a lack of ambition in the proposal, highlighted the European Citizens' Initiative Save Bees and Farmers



## Future discussions

 At AGRIFISH Council meeting of 26 September 2022 Commissioner Kyriakides acknowledged the serious concerns being expressed on some elements of the proposal and that the Commission is open to potential compromises and workable solutions on these aspects, that it is not a "take it or leave it" proposal



