

## 11 February 2025 (Day 1)

### Research and innovation on pesticides Innovative plant protection solutions & Novel Application Techniques

09:30 – 10:00: Please connect to the meeting

10:00 – 10:15

#### Welcome & Introduction

**Eric THEVENARD** - Head of Unit DG SANTE E4 - Pesticides and Biocides

**Kerstin ROSENOW** - Head of Unit DG AGRI F2 - Research and Innovation

*Kick-off and overview of the day*

10:15 – 11:30

#### Session 1 - National and EU-funded R&I projects (breakout groups)

##### Breakout Group 1

- [SUCSSEED](#) - Mathieu Barret - INRAE
- [AGRO4AGRI](#) - Paloma Juárez - AINIA
- [VIRTIGATION](#) - Kumar Vasudevan - KU Leuven

Q&A Session

- [PresiHøstkorn](#) - Therese Berge - NIBIO
- [COPPEREPLACE](#) - Emilio Gil Moya -UPC

Q&A Session

##### Breakout Group 2

- [NATURAL AGRO](#) – Valerio Borzatta & Matteo Michelini - NDG GROUP
- [ORCHESTRA](#) - Marco Lemos -IPLeiria

Q&A Session

- [BHAS](#) - Filippo Maggi - Unicam
- [PHAntastic](#) - Antonio Bernal - Probelte

Q&A Session

##### Breakout Group 3

- [RELACS](#) – Lucius Tamme -Agroscope
- [NextFUMIGREEN](#) - Carlos Ramos - FumiHogar
- [BIOVEXO](#) - Pasquale Saldarelli - CNR

Q&A Session

- [CSinDouro](#) - Cistina Carlos - UTAD
- [BIOBIVE](#) - Carlos Barreiro - Unileon

Q&A Session

11:30 – 11:45: Break

11:45 – 13:00

#### Session 2 - Horizontal programs/projects (plenary)

**Chair: Eric LIEGEOIS** - DG SANTE E4 - Pesticides and Biocides

- **Plant Protection at a Crossroads – Potential, Challenges, and Limits** (Germany)  
**Ellen RICHTER** - Chamber of Agriculture North Rhine-Westphalia, Plant Protection Service
- **PARSADA - Plan for EU Active Substance Withdrawal and Crop Protection Alternatives** (France)  
**Amélie DUPENDANT**- General Directorate for Food - Sub-directorate for Technical, Food, and Agricultural Affairs
- **Digibiocontrol & Biocontrol 4.0: Two projects pioneering sustainable agriculture for healthier futures** (Interreg - France / Belgium)  
**Philippe JACQUES**– Uliège
- **Collaboration on alternative plant protection in specialty crops** (Interreg – Norway/ Sweden / Denmark)  
**Julie CHRISTIANSEN** - Dansk Gartneri Association (Danish Horticulture)
- **European Precision Application Task Force (EUPAF)**  
**Jonas SCHARTNER** - Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL)

Q & A session

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:15

Session 3

National and EU-funded R&I projects (breakout groups)

Breakout Group 4

- **Biological and Mechanical protection of coniferous seedlings** - Andrej Kunca - NSLK
- **Excalibur** – Massimo Pugliese - Unito or Eligio Malusa - CREA

Q&A Session

- **PrunusBot** - Pedro Dinis Gaspar - UBI
- **Asterix** - Aleksander Sendrowicz or Anders Brevik - Kilter Systems

Q&A Session

Breakout Group 5

- **SAGROPIA** - Günter Brader - AIT
- **NextGenBiopest** - John Vontas - IMBB-FORTH

Q&A Session

- **GO PHYTODRON** - José Luis Alonso Prados - INIA
- **Exposure of residents/bystanders towards spray drift (Bystander 2.0)** - Katrin Ahrens - JKI

Q&A Session

Breakout Group 6

- **BETBIO** -Piergiorgio Stevanato - DAFNAE - Unipd
- **VINNY** - Margarida Fernandes - CMEMS Uminho
- **Susweco** - Lars Olav Brandsæter - NMBU

Q&A Session

- **ICAERUS**- Spyros Fountas - AUA
- **PIVOS** - Emilio Gil Moya - UPC

Q&A Session

15:15– 15:30

Break

15:30 – 16:00

Panel Discussion (plenary)

Chair: Karin NIENSTEDT - DG SANTE E4 - Pesticides and Biocides

**Panellists:**

- **Lennert VISSERS** - Federal Public Service Health - Food Chain Safety and Environment - Belgium
- **Bronislava SKARBOVA**- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic
- **Spyros FOUNTAS** – Agricultural University of Athens
- **Philippe JACQUES**– Uliège

*Open discussion with panellists to close the day*

## 12 February 2025 (Day 2, morning session)

### Research, Innovation and Knowledge Exchange on Integrated Pest Management

9:30 – 10:00 : Please connect to the meeting

10:00 – 10:20

#### Welcome & Introduction

**Graeme JONES** - Deputy Head of Unit DG SANTE F3 - Plants

**Orla NI CHUILLEANAIN** - DG SANTE F3 - Plants

#### Overview of the EU-funded R&I on plant health and crop protection

**Gisela QUAGLIA** - DG AGRI F2 - Research and Innovation

10:20 – 11:25

#### Session 1: Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe projects on Integrated Pest Management

- [IPMWORKS](#): An EU-wide farm network demonstrating and promoting cost-effective IPM strategies  
**Nicolas Munier- Jolain** - INRAE
- [IPM Decisions](#) - Decision support for Integrated Pest Management in Europe  
**Mark Ramsden** - ADAS RSK Environment
- [RENOVATE](#) - Development of an easy-to-use interactive platform to renovate training experiences and networking for farmers in the field of sustainable crop management  
**Emilio Gil Moya** - Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya
- [AdvisoryNetPest](#) - EU ADVISORY NETworks to reduce the use and risks of PESTicides  
**Francisca Viveiros** - Consulai

*Presentations and Q&A*

11:25 – 12:15

#### Session 2: Horizon Europe projects on Integrated Weed Management

- [AGROSUS](#) - Agroecological strategies for sustainable weed management in key European crops  
**Adela M. Sánchez-Moreiras** - Universidad de Vigo
- [GOOD](#) - AGrOecOlogy for weeDs  
**Alexandros Tataridas** - University of Coimbra
- [CONSERWA](#) - Evidence-based support for transition to agroecological weed management in diverse farming systems and European regions  
**Maria Anastasi** - CyRIC - Cyprus Research & Innovation Centre Ltd

*Presentations and Q&A*

12:15 – 12:30

#### Presentation of the summary factsheets on EU funded projects

**Amelia Dumitra-Mic** - DG SANTE F3 - Plants

Closing

## 12 February 2025 (Day 2, afternoon session)

<b>Regulatory framework for pesticides and sustainable use Info session for researchers</b>
<b>13:00– 13:30 : Please connect to the meeting</b>
<b>Chair: Eric THEVENARD</b> - Head of Unit DG SANTE E4 - Pesticides and Biocides
<b>13:30 – 14:05</b> <b>Regulation on plant protection products (pesticides)<sup>1</sup></b> <b>Karin NIENSTEDT</b> - DG SANTE E4 - Pesticides and Biocides Q&A
<b>14:05 – 14:40</b> <b>Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive<sup>2</sup></b> <b>Orla NI CHUILLEANAIN</b> - DG SANTE F3 - Plants Q&A
<b>14:40 – 15:25</b> <b>Official controls<sup>3</sup>, Statistics on agricultural input and output (SAIO)<sup>4</sup></b> <b>Pedro MORENO VALENZUELA</b> - DG SANTE F3 - Plants <b>Iulia POP</b> - DG ESTAT - E1 Agriculture and fisheries Q&A
<b>15:25 – 16:00</b> <b>Regulation on Maximum Residue Levels<sup>5</sup></b> <b>Anne LATRIVE</b> - DG SANTE E4 - Pesticides and Biocides Q&A

<sup>1</sup> [Regulation \(EC\) No 1107/2009](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market.

<sup>2</sup> [Directive 2009/128/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 establishing a framework for Community action to achieve the sustainable use of pesticides.

<sup>3</sup> [Regulation \(EU\) 2017/625](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products.

<sup>4</sup> [Regulation \(EU\) 2022/2379](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 November 2022 on statistics on agricultural input and output, amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 617/2008.

<sup>5</sup> [Regulation \(EC\) No 396/2005](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin.