

# Sustainable Use of Pesticides

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# Farm to Fork: Pesticide reduction targets by 2030



Reduce by 50% the overall use and risk of chemical pesticides

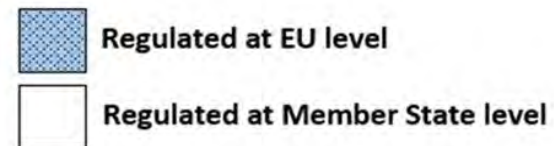
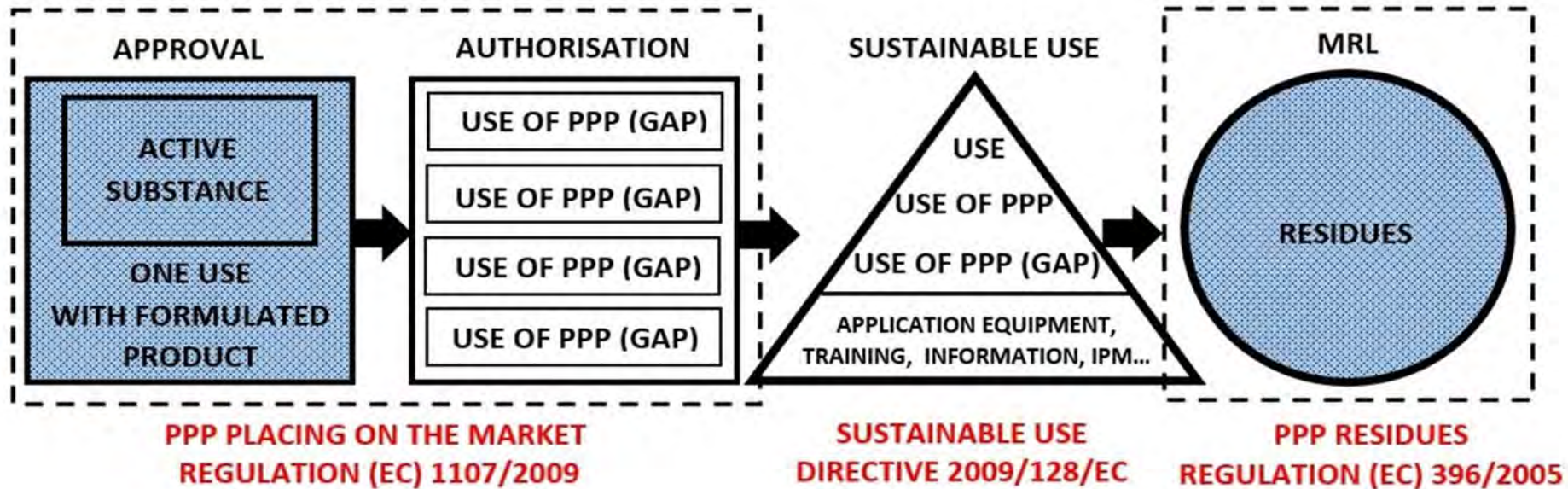
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Reduce use by 50% of more hazardous pesticides



# EU legal framework for pesticides



# | Sustainable Use of Pesticides – Key elements

**1**

**NATIONAL  
PLANS**

**2**

**IPM**

**3**

**PESTICIDE  
CHOICE**

**4**

**PESTICIDE  
USE**



# National Action Plans

- Member States must develop action plans:
  - Regional / Local priorities
  - Quantitative objectives, targets, measures and timetables
  - Encourage development and introduction of IPM and alternative techniques
  - Indicators to monitor use of plant protection products
- Reflect F2F Targets – need for ambition



# | Integrated Pest Management

- Core of Sustainable Use of Pesticides policy
- Established principles - priority to non-chemical methods
- Obligation to ensure information and tools are available:
  - Pest monitoring, Decision making, Advisory services
- Baselines / records / enforcement?



# | Pesticides - choice

- Not about banning use of pesticides
- Encourage move from more hazardous to lower risk, non-chemical alternatives
  - Weightings applied to 4 broad groups of pesticides
  - Highest applied to emergency authorisations of non-approved substances (x64) and CFS(x16) compared with lowest risk (x1), others (x8)
  - Used in calculation of Harmonised Risk Indicators – to measure trends in use and achievement of targets (MS/EU level) – sales vs use
- Alternatives – priority





# | Pesticides – use

- Training and certification of professional users
- Restrictions on sale
- Testing and certification of pesticide application equipment
- Ban on aerial spraying
- Options to restrict use – sensitive areas, urban settings
  
- Future - new technologies?

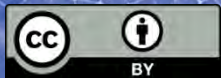


# | Sustainable Use of Pesticides - future

- Evaluation and revision of existing legislation
- Example policy areas:
  - Aligning with pesticide-related targets announced in the Farm to Fork Strategy
  - Strengthening current provisions
  - Strengthening data availability and monitoring
  - Accounting for new technologies
- Support – R&D, CAP Strategic Plans, other strategies / actions, alternatives



# Thank you



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