

EU Minor Uses Coordination Facility

EPPO Working Party on Plant Protection Products

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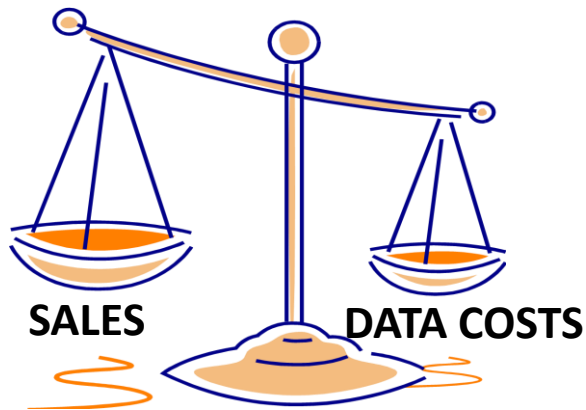


Overview



- ▶ EU Minor Uses Coordination Facility
- ▶ Long-term funding and governance
- ▶ EUMUDA: Minor Uses Needs and Priorities
- ▶ Guidance Document on Minor Uses
- ▶ Collaboration between EPPO and MUCF

Minor Uses - Definition



**A lack of solutions
for minor uses!**

**Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 -
Article 3(26):**

Use of a plant protection product in a particular Member State on plants or plant products which are:

- (a) **not widely grown** in that Member State,
- or
- (b) **widely grown** to meet an **exceptional** plant protection need.

Minor Uses: Importance

- ▶ Only **3%** of the cultivated area, but representing **22%** of the value of the entire EU plant production value.
- ▶ Across the EU these minor crops represent a value of more than **70 billion Euros** per year

minor use major value*

If the EU** fails to provide plant protection solutions for minor use and speciality crops*** Is Europe ready to lose a market worth €70 billion/year, representing 22% of the total value of annual EU agricultural output?

* An awareness raising campaign promoted by the EU Agri-Food Chain Partners (AREFH, CELCAA, COCERAL, Copa-Cogeca, ECPA, ESA, Freshfel, IBMA, PROFEL and Union Fleurs)

** The European Commission, The Council of The European Union, The European Parliament, and Member States

*** Minor uses concern crops grown on relatively small acreage like fruits, herbs, vegetables, cereals including rice, seed crops and small crop seed treatments, hops, flowers and all those plants that need a tailor made plant protection product, whether it is for growing them, storage or transportation



Coordination Facility - Mission

The mission of the Facility is 'to enable farmers in the EU to produce high quality crops by filling minor uses gaps through efficient collaboration to improve availability of **chemical** and **non-chemical** tools within an **integrated pest management (IPM)** framework'.



Second Global Minor Use Summit Rome - February 2012



Conclusions

- *Several mechanisms in place under the new legislation. Need to implement them!*
- *National dimension*
- *...but need for EU co-ordination*
- *Report on EU minor uses fund under finalisation*

Coordination Facility

- ▶ February 2014: Report on the establishment of an **independent Coordination Facility** on minor uses.
- ▶ Hosted by the **European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO, located in Paris)** .
- ▶ **Initially**, jointly funded by the EU and by the governments of **France, Germany and the Netherlands** for a period of 3 years.
- ▶ Established on **15 April 2015**. Fully staffed since **1 November 2016**.
- ▶ Currently, MUCF fully relies on **voluntary assessed contributions** from Member States.
- ▶ Coordination Facility works for **all 28** Member States.



Long Term Funding Strategy

- ▶ Only with the indicated **voluntary assessed contributions** the **continuity of the Coordination Facility can be guaranteed**.
- ▶ In other scenarios there will be an effect on the **amount of work** that can be done, **staffing, EUMUDA** and/or **reimbursement of expenses for Expert Groups**.
- ▶ **Commitments for 2019**: 16 countries up to a total amount of EUR 385 000.

Group	Member State	Annual contribution	Total
Group 1	DE, FR, UK, IT, ES, PL	EUR 50 000	EUR 300 000
Group 2	RO, NL, BE, EL, CZ, PT, HU, SE, AT, BG, DK, FI, SK, CH, NO	EUR 25 000	EUR 375 000
Group 3	IE, HR, LT, SI, LV, EE, CY, LU, MT	EUR 10 000	EUR 90 000
Total per annum			EUR 765 000

Long Term Funding Strategy

- ▶ With an annual expenditure of EUR 500 000 and annual contributions up to EUR 385 000 there will be a deficit of approximately **EUR 115 000**.
- ▶ The MUCF needs contributions from **more countries or from third parties** to continue our work in a sustainable way.
- ▶ Lack of funding will have **serious consequences** for the Coordination Facility and for the minor use work in all Member States.
- ▶ **Without additional financial support the Coordination Facility may already have to end its activities before the end of this year!**

Governance of the MUCF

Annual General Meeting

- All countries who commit to regular funding
- COM (observer) and EPPO

Steering Group

- CH, DE, IT, NL, SE
- COM (observer) and EPPO

Minor Uses Coordination Facility

- Coordinaton Facility
 - *Commodity Expert Groups*
 - *Horizontal Expert Group*

Annual General Meeting

All member countries who commit to regular funding of the Coordination Facility.

The role of the Annual General Meeting is:

- ▶ to **approve** the draft annual report and financial report,
- ▶ to **approve** the work programme and budget
- ▶ to **appoint** the Steering Group

Annual General Meeting Minor Uses Rules of Procedures

1. General

All member countries who commit to regular funding of the Coordination Facility shall be entitled to be represented in the Annual General Meeting. Each country should nominate to the Facility a contact point for the purpose of receiving reports, requests for payment, and invitations to the Annual General Meeting. An annual meeting of all funding member countries (Annual General Meeting) shall be convened either as a separate meeting in Paris or Brussels or arranged for convenience at the same time and place as another meeting at which relevant country representatives are present, such as the meeting of MUCF stakeholders in February.



Steering Group

The Minor Uses Steering Group will **supervise** and **support** the work of the Coordination Facility

Steering Group Minor Uses Rules of Procedures

1. Definitions

The term “member” refers to the representative as appointed by the member country. Member countries are appointed by the Annual General Meeting.

The term “alternate” refers to the person who is appointed to be present at the meeting in the absence of the representative. In the case the representative is absent, the alternate becomes the member.



Commodity Expert Groups

Currently there are 7 Commodity Expert Groups (CEG):

- ▶ CEG fruit and vegetables
- ▶ CEG ornamentals
- ▶ CEG tobacco
- ▶ CEG rice
- ▶ CEG hops
- ▶ CEG seeds
- ▶ CEG mushrooms



▶ *Candidate CEG Herbs*

The MUCF organises on an annual basis series of expert group meetings (back-to-back) with participation of **100-120 participants** from more than **20 different countries**.

EU Minor Uses Database

What information can I find in EUMUDA?

- ▶ A compiled list of **minor uses needs** from countries of the European region, including a **priority list**. Needs are specified at species level with **EPPO codes**.
- ▶ An overview of **ongoing projects** and their status.
- ▶ A table of **crop acreages sourced from EUROSTAT**.
- ▶ **Reference lists** of what are considered 'minor uses' in different Member States.

MUCF documents:

- ▶ Rules for **access rights and confidentiality**
- ▶ **Guide** for users of EUMUDA



Main table of needs

Method of the survey-compilation and setting of priorities

Detailed table of needs

Graphs on minor uses priorities per CEG

Same needs from Member States are grouped

Minor Uses Table of Needs

The current table includes minor uses needs of 26 Member States, including Norway and Switzerland. When Member States have indicated the same needs, these needs are displayed in one single line in this table. Columns for EPPO classification have been added.

For more information on how the table was compiled and how the priorities were set, [click here](#).

In the detailed table of needs, the individual needs are displayed in one line per Member State. There you can find more information on each individual need. You can access this table [here](#).

Based on the columns "priority total points" and "frequency" the MUCF has prepared graphs for each Commodity Expert Group with the following data (2018). You can access these graphs [here](#).

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Crop EPPO Code	Crop common name	Pest EPPO Code	Pest scientific name	Pest common name	Frequency	Priority total points	Function	CEG	EPPO Crop Group	
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DAUCS	carrot	PSILRO	Chamaepsila rosae	carrot fly	13	53	f	insecticide	Fruits and Vegetables	vegetable crops
RUBID	raspberry	DROSSU	Drosophila suzukii	spotted drosophila wing	15	49	f,fg	insecticide	Fruits and Vegetables	fruit crops
BR SOL	white cabbage	HYLERA	Delia radicum	Cabbage root fly / radish fly	15	46	f	insecticide	Fruits and Vegetables	vegetable crops

EUMUDA table of needs

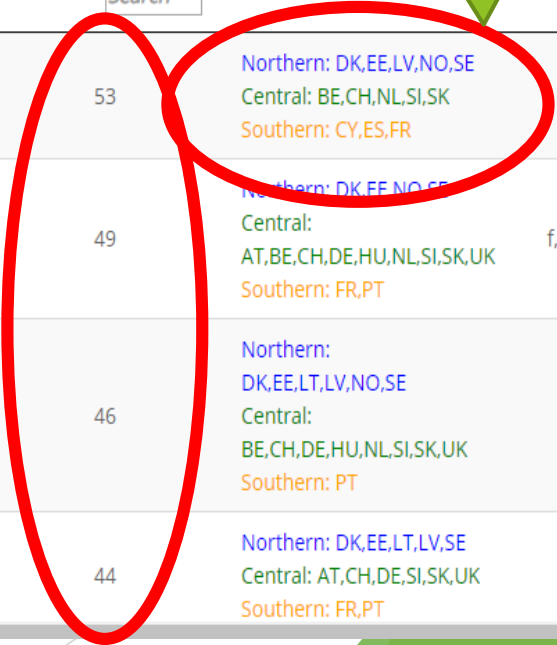
In 2018, 25 Member States + Norway and Switzerland sent their minor uses needs to MUCF, indicating their priorities.

As a total we received 5386 needs - and we could combine 2607 identical needs which were shared by several Member States.

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Crop EPPO Code	Crop common name	Pest EPPO Code	Pest scientific name	Pest common name	Frequency	Priority total points	Member States	use
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DAUCS	carrot	PSILRO	Chamaepsila rosae	carrot fly	13	53	Northern: DK,EE,LV,NO,SE Central: BE,CH,NL,SI,SK Southern: CY,ES,FR	f
RUBID	raspberry	DROSSU	Drosophila suzukii	spotted drosophila wing	15	49	Northern: DK,EE,NO,SE Central: AT,BE,CH,DE,HU,NL,SI,SK,UK Southern: FR,PT	f,fg 
BR SOL	white cabbage	HYLERA	Delia radicum	Cabbage root fly / radish fly	15	46	Northern: DK,EE,LT,LV,NO,SE Central: BE,CH,DE,HU,NL,SI,SK,UK Southern: PT	f
ALLCE	onion	PERODE	Peronospora destructor	downy mildew	13	44	Northern: DK,EE,LT,LV,SE Central: AT,CH,DE,SI,SK,UK Southern: FR,PT	f

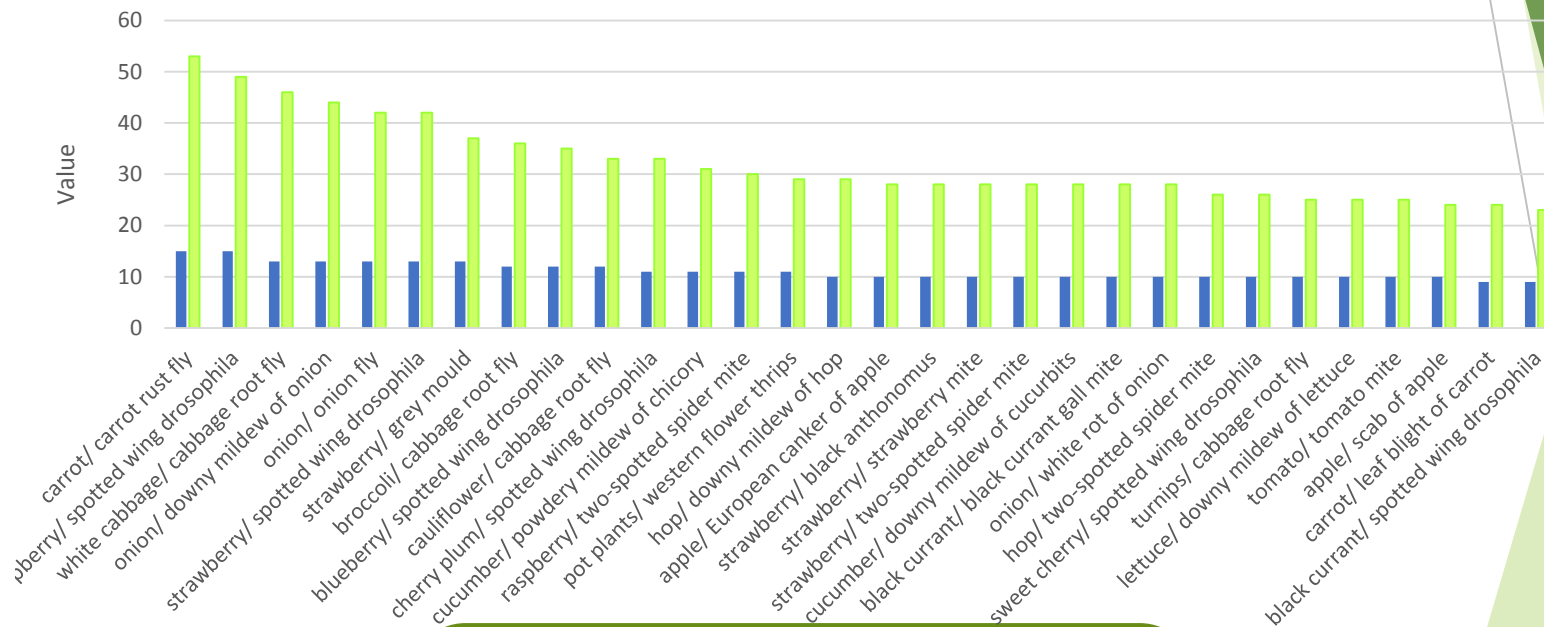
Member States displayed per regulatory zone



Minor uses needs - Main priorities

Main European priorities

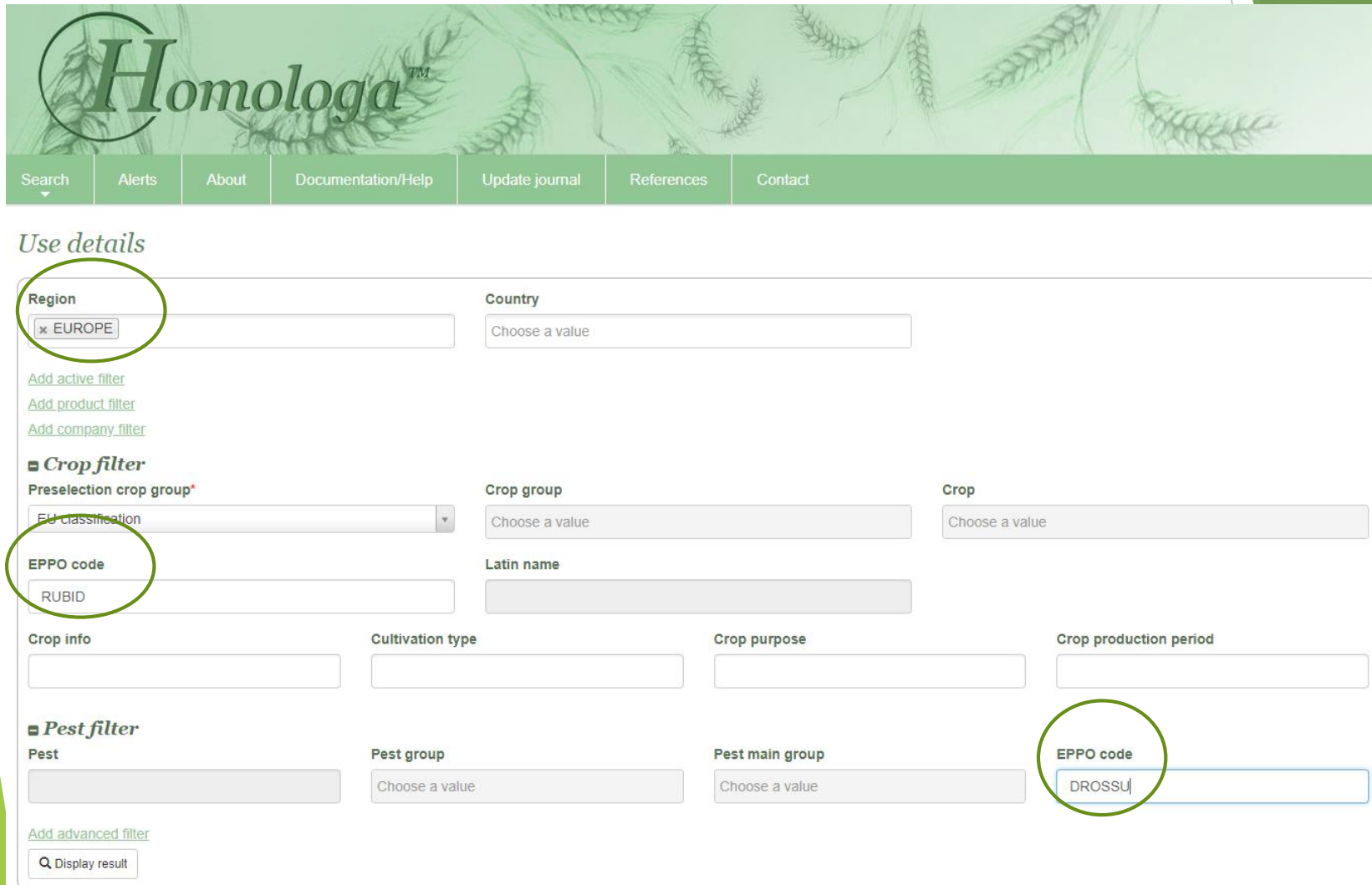
■ Frequency ■ Priority total points



1. Carrot/Carrot rust fly
2. Raspberry/Spotted wing drosophila
3. White cabbage/Cabbage root fly

Searches in Homologa

As a first step in finding solutions the MUCF will check databases for possible solutions. The MUCF has started to make searches in Homologa for the first 50 priorities as listed in the table of needs.



The screenshot shows the Homologa search interface. The header features the Homologa logo and a navigation menu with links for Search, Alerts, About, Documentation/Help, Update journal, References, and Contact. Below the header, the 'Use details' section contains various search filters. Several fields are circled in green: 'Region' (set to 'x EUROPE'), 'EPPO code' (set to 'RUBID'), and 'EPPO code' (set to 'DROSSU'). Other visible filters include 'Country', 'Crop filter' (with sub-filters for 'Preselection crop group*', 'Crop group', and 'Crop'), 'Latin name', 'Crop info', 'Cultivation type', 'Crop purpose', 'Crop production period', and 'Pest filter' (with sub-filters for 'Pest', 'Pest group', and 'Pest main group'). At the bottom, there are links for 'Add advanced filter' and a 'Display result' button.

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Country
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[Add active filter](#)
[Add product filter](#)
[Add company filter](#)

Crop filter

Preselection crop group*
EU classification

EPPO code
RUBID

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Pest filter

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Pest main group
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EPPO code
DROSSU

[Add advanced filter](#)
Display result

PPP Industry General Comments

- ▶ The presentation of the minor use needs and priorities in the current format in EUMUDA are considered **very useful**.
- ▶ The table with the **'grouped minor use needs'** is considered the most useful table.
- ▶ Companies prefer an **annual update** of the list of minor uses needs and priorities.
- ▶ Possible **solutions should be displayed** in EUMUDA in the table of minor use needs, respecting confidentiality.

Crop group	Minor Use (crop+ pest)	Interested Member States	BASF products		
			Product name	Registered in	Use extension / registration possible in
Vegetables	cucumber/ powdery mildew	DE, DK, EE, IE, LT, NL, SE, SI	Dagonis	CZ, GR, HU, IT, RO, SL, UK, (PL, PT, ES)	DK, EE, IE, LT, SE, SI
	carrot/ leaf blight of carrot	CH, DE, DK, EE, HU, LT, NO, PT, SE, SI, UK	Dagonis	CZ, GR, HU, IT, RO, SL, UK, (PL, PT, ES)	CH, DE, DK, EE, HU, LT, NO, PT, SE, SI, UK
	onion/ neck rot of onion	DK, EE, FI, FR, NO, PT, SE, SI, SK	Signum		
Fruits	strawberry/ grey mould	BE, DK, EE, IE, LT, NO, SE, SK	Scala	UK, IE, BE	DK, EE, IE, LT, NO, SE, SK
	strawberry/ grey mould	BE, DK, EE, IE, LT, NO, SE, SK	Signum	CEU, SEU	DK, EE, IE, LT, NO, SE, SK
	apple/ scab of apple	DK, EE, FI, FR, NL, NO, SE, UK	Delan Pro	CEU and SEU, SE	DK, EE, FI, NO
	apple/ scab of apple	DK, EE, FI, FR, NL, NO, SE, UK	Faban	CEU and SEU	DK, EE, FI, NO, SE
	apple/ scab of apple	DK, EE, FI, FR, NL, NO, SE, UK	Sercadis	CEU and SEU	DK, EE, FI, NO, SE
	apple/ codling moth	EE, ES, LV, NO, SE	RAK 3	CEU and SEU	EE, ES, LV, NO, SE
	strawberry/ powdery mildew	BE, DK, FI, IE, NO, PT, SE, UK	Dagonis	CZ, GR, HU, IT, RO, SL, UK, (PL, PT, ES)	DK, FI, IE, NO, SE
Herbs	garden parsley/ leaf blight of parsley	CH, EE, IT, NO, SE, SI	Signum	DE	CH, EE, IT, NO, SE, SI
Hop	hop/ downy mildew of hop	AT, BE, CH, CZ, EE, FR, NO, SE, SI, SK, UK	Delan	DE	AT, BE, CH, CZ, EE, FR, NO, SE, SI, SK, UK
	hop/ powdery mildew of hop	AT, BE, CH, CZ, EE, FR, NO, SE, SI	Bellis	DE	AT, BE, CH, CZ, EE, (FR?), NO, SE, SI
	hop/ powdery mildew of hop	AT, BE, CH, CZ, EE, FR, NO, SE, SI	Vivando	DE	AT, BE, CH, CZ, EE, (FR?), NO, SE, SI
Tobacco	button mush. / Trichoderma	EE, HU, IE, SI	Serifel	FR, ES, PT, IT, NL	EE, HU, IE, SI
	tobacco/ grey mould	ES, FR	Scala, Cantus		
	tobacco/ white mould	ES	Scala, Cantus		

87 projects in EUMUDA

CEG	No projects	Leading countries	Crops	Pests/Targets
Fruits and vegetables	70	Germany, the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Belgium, Sweden, France	Small fruits, pome fruits, leafy vegetables, umbelliferous vegetables, vegetable brassicas, cucurbitaceae, alliums, herbs, legumes, brassica arable crops, etc.	Aphids, thrips, drosophila, weeds, fungi, etc.
Ornamentals	3	The Netherlands, Belgium	Ornamentals, chrysanthemum	Thrips, growth regulators
Hops	5	Germany, France, Belgium, Slovenia	Hops	European hop beetle, annual meadow grass, Damson-hop aphid, defoliation, mite
Seeds	8	France, the Netherlands	Cucumber, carrot, bean, parsley, chicory, onion, beetroot	Green pigweed, pineapple weed, black nightshade, pythium
Mushrooms	1	Spain	Button mushroom	Mildew of mushroom

Survey 2019

Update of Minor Uses needs

- ▶ **In April 2019**, each National Contact Point has received an Excel file containing their existing needs and priorities as they are currently displayed in EUMUDA
- ▶ Member States will have to return their updated needs and priorities to the MUCF **before 30 June 2019**
- ▶ The updated needs and priorities will be displayed in EUMUDA **in September/October 2019**

REFIT - Report Consultant

Some findings from the report related to minor uses:

- ▶ Competent Authorities and stakeholders **welcome the establishment** of the Coordination Facility (MUCF)
- ▶ The availability of PPPs for minor uses is negatively affected by **a lack of clarity** regarding the rules for authorisation and of harmonisation between MS
- ▶ The **definition of minor uses** is not sufficiently clear and procedures are often not clearly established
- ▶ **Improve acceptance of data on residue trials generated outside the EU** (when GAPs and GLPs are comparable) and **extrapolations**
- ▶ *In addition, the **PEST Committee** calls in a resolution for a harmonised definition of ‘minor use’ in order to promote a level playing field, and recommends creating a **single EU list of major crops***

Guidance Document on Minor Uses (1)



More guidance is needed on the implementation of Article 51 and other provisions related to minor uses. This guidance should encourage Member States to take a consistent approach in:

- ▶ the **evaluation** of dossiers,
- ▶ the use of the **risk envelope** approach and
- ▶ the use of relevant **extrapolation possibilities** for efficacy and residues

*See also Point 8.2 on the agenda
'Database for Extrapolation Tables'*

Guidance Document on Minor Uses (2)

Guidance Document on Minor Uses contains:

- ▶ Clarification of the **different steps** to be taken from the identification of a minor use need to the application for an authorisation or solution.
- ▶ **Overview table** with the general principles of the zonal system, mutual recognition and applications for minor uses.
- ▶ **Aim: Adoption** by Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed.



Table 1: Overview of the general principles of the zonal system, mutual recognition and applications for extension of authorisations for minor uses

Aspect	Article 33 Application for authorisation	Article 40 Mutual Recognition of authorisations	Article 51 Extension of authorisations for minor uses
Applicant	Applicant (<i>not defined</i>)	In accordance with Article 40(2) an applicant is defined as: a) The holder of an authorisation, or b) Official or scientific bodies involved in agricultural activities or c) professional agricultural organisations may apply, <u>with</u> the consent of the authorisation holder. Where the authorisation holder refuses its consent, the competent authority of the Member State concerned may accept the application, on grounds of public interest.	In accordance with Article 51(1) an applicant is defined as a) The authorisation holder, b) official or scientific bodies involved in agricultural activities, c) professional agricultural organisations or d) professional users may ask for the authorisation of a plant protection product already authorised in the Member State concerned to be extended to minor uses not yet covered by that authorisation. An application can be done <u>without</u> the consent of the authorisation holder.
Requirements, contents and procedure	See Articles 28-39 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. Applications are evaluated on a zonal basis. For the purpose of use in greenhouses, as post-harvest treatment, for treatment of empty storage rooms and for seed treatment the zone means all zones defined in Annex 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009.	See Articles 40-42 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. Applications for Mutual Recognition can only be made if there is an existing authorisation in another Member State granted in accordance with Article 29. Mutual Recognition is possible from one minor use to another minor use and from a major use to a minor use	See Article 51 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. According to Article 51(7) the applicants mentioned to Article 51(1) may also apply for authorisation of a plant protection product for minor uses in accordance with Article 40(1) provided that the plant protection product concerned is authorised in that Member State. Member States shall authorise such uses in accordance with

Minor Uses - Definition

Issues with the current definition:

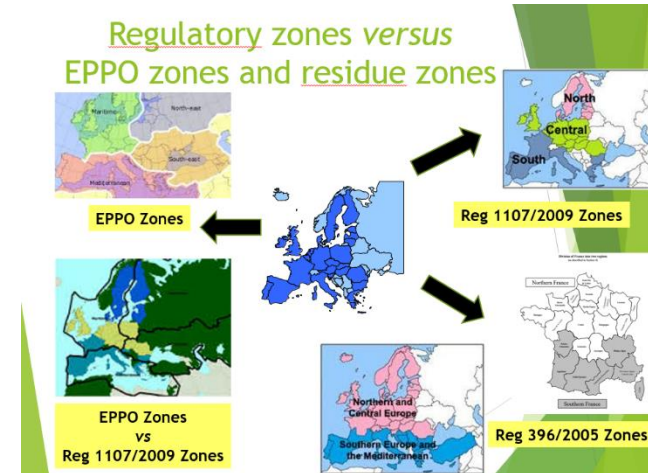
- ▶ Leaves it up to individual Member States to define what is considered a 'minor use/crop'
- ▶ Hampers the zonal procedure and mutual recognition
- ▶ An EU-definition based on acreage (at least per zone) is favoured by EU growers associations



Minor *versus* Major

- I. **Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009:** plants or plant products which are not widely grown"
Minor/major refers to **cultivation area**
- II. **EPPO Standard PP 1/224(2):** Principles of efficacy evaluation for minor use
Minor/major refers to **economic importance**
- III. **GUIDANCE DOCUMENT Guidelines on comparability, extrapolation, group tolerances and data requirements for setting MRLs, SANCO 7525/VI/95, Rev. 10.3, 13 June 2017**
Minor/major refers to **daily intake in combination with cultivation area/production**

Regulatory zones *versus* EPPO zones and residue zones



...what is not covered by the Guidance Document on Minor Uses
"How to achieve a more harmonized definition"

Collaboration between EPPO and MUCF

- ▶ EPPO Codes and common names: EUMUDA
- ▶ Extrapolation Tables: Extrapolation database
- ▶ GD on Minor Uses: reference to EPPO Standards (PP1)
- ▶ EPPO Standard on Low Risk PP1/296(1)
- ▶ EPPO WP PPP *versus* Minor Uses meeting of the Horizontal Expert Group (HEG)
- ▶ Integrated Pest Management and biocontrol
- ▶ Etc.



EU Minor Uses Coordination Facility (MUCF)



Because of the extensive data packages required for authorization to market plant protection products, growers face increasing difficulties in gaining authorization for “minor uses”. Minor uses of pesticides are uses on niche crops with a high economic value for farmers, but usually of low economic interest for the agro-pesticide industry. This leads to a lack of authorized products on the market for farmers to use on these crops which in turn can lead to illegal uses or to loss of crop production. These crops include most vegetables, fruit, nurseries, flowers, forest trees and some arable crops. It is estimated that overall they represent more than € 70 billion per year, which equates to 22% of the total EU plant production value.

<http://minoruses.eu/>

Recent News

Survey 2019 on minor uses needs and priorities is launched

In 2018 the EU Minor Uses Coordination Facility (MUCF) conducted a survey to Member States (EU Member States plus Norway and Switzerland) on their minor uses needs and priorities. This survey was set up to prepare an overview of the minor uses needs and priorities of the whole European region. As a result, 25 out of 28 EU Member States responded to this survey, plus Norway and Switzerland. The results are displayed in the EU Minor Uses Database EUMUDA. It is critical that the information in EUMUDA stays updated as this is the starting point to solve minor uses issues at European level. On 16 April 2019 the MUCF has launched the "Survey 2019 on minor uses needs and priorities".

To find more information on the "Survey 2019" [click here](#).

Third Stakeholder Advisory Forum

The Third Stakeholder Advisory Forum of the EU Minor Uses Coordination Facility (MUCF) took place in the afternoon of 26 February 2019 in Brussels. The event was, as in previous years, well attended with 38

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Minor uses, major issue!

When writing this ad in Paris. Also for our "minor crops" will fit.



The first Newsletter of this EU project in year we are fully staff.

Last January an impact was well attended in Brussels. We have been transformed into for the end of March.

We are also busy just in Brussels. We have been transformed into for the end of March.

Did I say "minor crop" about "specialty crop" You can read more <http://www.minoruses.eu> meetings and opinions.

Do you like our news? Enjoy reading!

Jeroen Meesters

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Minor uses, major issue!



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Minor uses, major issue!



The Third Global Minor Uses in Montreal was a success. 34 countries met and discussed issues from a global perspective. We are happy to publish from a global, or EU perspective. Minor Uses will put joint projects. If you want to continue reading this is

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The challenges for growers is to produce healthy crops, that are safe for the consumer while at the same time respect the environment. The use of fertilizers, biopesticides and pesticides should be kept to a minimum. More local production and more seasonal consumption of fruit and vegetables should be encouraged. These factors contribute to a sustainable agriculture.

The Coordination Facility aims to contribute to this challenge. In order to do this the long-term funding should be guaranteed. As I can writing this editorial the funding for next year is not yet secured. Some Member States will be approached by the Coordination Facility with a request for a voluntary associated contribution. Unfortunately, in every newsletter I have to come back to this issue. I sincerely hope that we can set up a stable long-term funding plan so that I don't have to bother you every time with our delicate financial situation.



EUROPEAN UNION MINOR USES COORDINATION FACILITY

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Minor uses, major issue!



I have probably also worn weather if pesticides are also treatment for pests a day. Therefore, it is essential to protect their dimensionally many various pesticides uses. However, that



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Minor uses, major issue!



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Minor uses, major issue!



We all members that it management (EPPO) terms as Coordination Facility with modern techniques on agriculture with large European Commission budget to make EPPO strategy of EU legislation. Later we are already ready to

is now again the place opens from 12-15 March in the Square Marais in Paris. It is a new chapter of it is about "The Year of it as short reports. Some

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Minor uses, major issue!



In this editorial, it is one of the most important in the EU Minor Uses Co. The question: "What has been achieved with the progress in the past year?" We have worked on the basis of a major issue. EPPO that has been up, that we will continue to work on. We have a major issue on Minor 1



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Continuity of MUCF at stake

Specialty crops have a high economic value for farmers but may be of low economic interest for the crop protection industry. This leads to a lack of authorized products on the market for farmers to use on these crops.

The Minor Uses Coordination Facility (MUCF) supports growers in finding solutions for minor use needs and to increase the number of tools for farmers.

Since the creation of the MUCF a lot has been achieved. The European Minor Use Database EUMUDA has been enhanced and relaunched. It now displays a consolidated list of minor use needs from almost all the EU Member States (as well as Norway and Switzerland) and includes 87 projects.

In the report prepared in the framework of the REPT process it is stated that EU Member States and stakeholders welcome the establishment of the EU Minor Uses Coordination Facility.

Growers' associations indicate that one of the achievements of the MUCF is bringing people together and building trust between experts (for example through two yearly meetings). Another benefit, acknowledged by stakeholders, is that the MUCF is undertaking important work on the harmonization of procedures by developing a Guidance Document.

Countries indicate that minor uses problems are increasing and, as they do not have the capacity to solve these minor use problems on their own, they need a coordinated approach as put into place by the MUCF. In coordinating the minor use work at EU level, the MUCF prevents duplication of work, effort and resources. The fact that the MUCF has created a platform for information exchange and work sharing between minor uses experts is acknowledged by countries.

However, the continuity of the MUCF is at stake. Although 14 countries have expressed their interest in co-funding the Minor Uses Coordination Facility the funding for 2019 has not yet been secured. We count on your support for this year and for the coming years.

Without additional financial support the Coordination Facility may already have to end its activities before the end of this year.

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