Searching for a feasible solution to minor use problems

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‘In order to ensure that diversification of agriculture and horticulture is not jeopardised by the lack of availability of plant protection products, specific rules should be established for minor uses.’
Authorization

- Art 51 extension of use
- Art 51 – use art 40 (1) mutual recognition
- Lists of minor uses
Data protection

- Art 59 (1)
- 3 months extra per minor use
- Not in case of data extrapolation
- And within first 5 years
- 13 and 15 years maximum
Hidden possibility in Art 8-1 and 12-7

- Allows industry to submit MRL application and dossier in one go for all uses, including minor.
- Avoids double work under Regulation 396/2005 - quick!
- Opportunity for minor uses.
Contract study on Minor Uses Fund

- Study by FCEC submitted published
- Clear need for coordination
- Economic quantification
- Minor uses defend 70 billion in value
- Equals 22 % of EU production value
Additional study: DE, FR, NL, UK
Action of COM

- Contractor finished study
- COM determines position now
- COM produces report before December 14
- With a preferred option
After the report

- Discussion with Council and Parliament
- Decision
Constraints

- The needs are clear-
- But the needs of the crisis are clear as well:
- Budgetary cuts & staff restraints,
- In an environment of overload
Question

Minor uses are authorisations—what is the task of COM where authorisations are a Member State task, a farmer interest and an industry interest?
Future developments

- Specialty crops remain a challenge
- Growers need authorized pesticides not solved by industry alone
- Residue, toxicological and environmental constraints remain
Any Questions?

Thank you very much