Worksharing, key to solve minor use problems

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EU Minor Use authorisations, a puzzle
Minor uses – work sharing a challenge
Expert Group on Minor Uses - Structure

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Joint meeting

Technical Group South

Technical Group North
Expert Group on Minor Use

• **Aim:**
  
  • Enhancing harmonization among MS
  
  • Worksharing & Co-operation and by doing so:
    
    • Avoiding duplication of work
    
    • Building of trust and confidence
    
    • Enhance minor use/speciality crops authorisations/registrations
Technical group North – past/current issues

• **Past**
  - Establishment of network
  - Development of the Liaison database
  - Crop related workshops, such as the carrot fly

• **Current**
  - TG North re-activated
  - Inventory Article 51-3; measures to facilitate
  - Input to Article 51-9; EU Fund
  - List of minor uses
  - Mutual recognition
  - Expert Working Groups

**Expectation**

• Improving work sharing > minor use authorizations
Structure Minor Use Group(s) in Europe - new

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Processed vegetable expert group

Small & Stone Fruit expert group

Fresh vegetables expert group

Ornamentals expert group

Arable crops expert group
Technical Group North, what do we need?

• COM support & financial resources

• Input/participation from all stakeholders is necessary to solve minor use problems;

• Participation in expert groups; sharing needs & exploring solutions;

• Technical group meetings to discuss generic issues, for today and tomorrow
Perspective for the near future?

• Study EU Fund is completed

• COM has to prepare document for EP & Council by Dec. 2011

• But what will happen next/how long will it take before a decision is made?

• Co-ordination is of utmost importance; worksharing means avoiding double work, being efficient

• Are we able to move forward? Is there a will to do so?

• Only by improving the sharing of work we shall move forward.
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Worksharing

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• Thank you for your attention