



Meeting "Chairs of Commodity Expert Groups", 27 September 2016

The main conclusions of the meeting of the “Chairs of Commodity Expert Groups”, held on 27 September 2016 in Freising (Germany), are listed below.

- The meeting was attended by 15 people.
- As from 1st November 2016 the **EUMUCF will be fully staffed** with the coordinator, administrator, IT-expert and the technical expert.
- **Homologa** is a Global Crop Protection Database about plant protection products and their Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs). Homologa may be a useful tool to close minor use gaps. The Minor Uses Steering Group will discuss in its meeting on 5th October 2016 if a subscription will be taken by the Coordination Facility.
- As it is clear that minor uses problems in the EU will not all be resolved in three years, the MUCF had prepared an initial proposal for the **long-term funding** of the Coordination Facility. The option to ask for contributions from Member States according to their population (equal to the voting system in the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed) is considered the most feasible option. This proposal will be discussed in the meeting of the Minor Uses Steering Committee on 5th October 2016.
- For transparency and clarity reasons, some information on the tasks of the MUCF is laid down in a document “**Overview of Tasks of MUCF**”. After agreement by the Minor Uses Steering Group this document will be put on the MUCF website.
- Regarding the **organisation of future meetings**, the following general comments were made:
 - The spring meeting should preferably be held in Brussels.
 - A number of plenary sessions related to topics of interest to all CEGs should be organised during the spring meeting.
 - During the spring meeting, all CEGs should also have the opportunity to have a meeting of their group, especially to discuss ongoing projects.
 - The autumn meeting can be organised by CEGs individually. In this meeting, especially new projects should be discussed. Of course, CEGs still can decide to organise their meeting back-to-back to the meeting of another CEG. In all cases meetings should be organised by using the MUCF registration system and the Minor Uses Extranet.
- A **Guidance Document on Minor Uses** is under development. This document comprises of two parts. Part 1 will cover the process from identifying a minor-use need until the generation of the data; Part 2 will cover issues related to the submission process from the application till decision. A small drafting group has started working on the document. A first meeting of the Expert Group was held on 15-16 September 2016 in Brussels. The steps

from a minor-use need till authorisation/solution were identified, including a 'check list' containing issues that should be checked for every project. Also elements for a 'project agreement' (an overview of who is doing what and when) were identified. At regular intervals drafts will be circulated for comments. It is envisaged that eventually the Guidance Document will be noted by the Standing Committee to ensure an official EU-status of the document.

- The benefits of the **new EUMUDA** will be a new tool for CEGs, using the same structure and the same information as before, but with a more detailed follow up of each project. More accurate and consistent information for each case/project will also be available. Information can be entered with selective lists (drop down menus) and the fields for the GAP will be similar as used in PPPAMS, for better exchange of information. A trial phase will be organised in October/November. In November the 'new' EUMUDA will be revised based on comments received, followed by a final discussion with chairs CEGs in January. The launch of 'New' EUMUDA is planned for February 2017. When the 'New' EUMUDA is operational, the 'old' EUMUDA will be 'switched off'.
- The **next meeting** of the chairs of the Commodity Expert Groups will be organised end of March 2017 in Brussels.