



***Risks and challenges  
for blackcurrant  
crop protection products***

*Update on EU regulations*



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# Key regulatory challenges in the EU



- **Renewal of active substances**

Renewal programme	No of substances	Approval expiry date
AIR-3	149	1 January 2013 – 31 December 2018
AIR-4	177	1 January 2019 – 31 December 2021
326 (=AIR-3 + AIR-4) out of <b>492</b> substances currently available in the EU		

- Political – three neonicotinoids (Imidacloprid, Clothianidin, Thiametoxam)
- Guidance Documents (bees, endocrine disruptors, etc.)

**Decreasing number of products available to EU farmers**



# EU decisions

## Qualified majority

16 Member States

65% of EU population

## Glyphosate renewal

18 Member States supported

**65.71%** of

EU population

(Slovenia + Latvia = 0.78%)

**EACH country matters**

Member State	EU Population % (now)
Germany	16.10
France	13.09
United Kingdom	12.85
Italy	11.95
Spain	9.08
Poland	7.41
Romania	3.83
Netherlands	3.36
Belgium	2.22
Greece	2.10
Czech Republic	2.04
Portugal	2.01
Sweden	1.97
Hungary	1.91
Austria	1.71
Bulgaria	1.39
Denmark	1.12
Finland	1.07
Slovakia	1.06
Ireland	0.93
Croatia	0.81
Lithuania	0.56
Slovenia	0.40
Latvia	0.38
Estonia	0.26
Cyprus	0.17
Luxembourg	0.12
Malta	0.09



# What can be done?

## 1. Alert EU decision makers:

- **National authorities** (Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed – countries represented by national experts from Ministries/other authorities)
- European Commission (Health and Food Safety Commissioner V. Andriukaitis)
- Members of European Parliament (Environmental Committee)

**Key decisions (=country position) made in capitals of Member States**



## Best practices



### A) Communication with the PL Ministry of Agriculture

- Trifloxystrobin defense (key active substance for protection of berries in PL)

### B) Participation in the public consultation of the European Commission

- Endocrine disruptors; Evaluation of the EU pesticide regulation

### C) Contact with the Polish Members of European Parliament

- Endocrine disruptors

**Farmers involvement works**



What can be done?

## 2. Promote sustainable agriculture and address consumers

Farming looks easy when  
your plow is a pencil and  
you're a thousand miles  
from the corn field.

Dwight D. Eisenhower



Pinterest



Working together  
for sustainable  
agriculture

food chain partnership



Sustainable future of farming



## Best Practices

IBA support for international research projects and new solutions:

- New safe chemical products (Sivanto)
- Sustainable / Organic farming (Requiem, Emulpar, Siltac, Flipper, pheromones, traps)
- Residues reduction
- Harmonization



**IBA = effective collaboration & communication platform**



## Conclusion

*And we need more people to speak up.  
This is not the time to remain silent.*





*Thank you!*

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