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EUROPEAN OBSERVATORY ON PESTICIDE AND RISK ANALYSIS

Introducing OPERA

1st Workshop of the Expert Working Group on PPP risk indicators

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What is OPERA?

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Recent reforms in European agricultural policy create an exciting opportunity to make significant environmental gains, alongside efficient agricultural production.

The objective of OPERA is to provide a list of recommendations to policy makers that can improve the future effectiveness of agriculture policies in EU.

OPERA will provide its members and the wider public with rapid, high-quality information and analysis of the latest developments in European agri-food policy-making.

It aims to promote a balanced dialogue between the interested parties of its membership, covering the majority of stakeholders.

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- Created thanks to the initiative of several European scientists from academia and other public institutions
- the structure of OPERA includes key networks and joint initiatives of academic scientific groups, national and EU Institutions, industry professionals, companies and NGOs.
- OPERA is headquartered in Piacenza, Italy and hosted by the *Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore* (UCSC), which provides the necessary resources and support. It is bound by the principles and procedures of UCSC.
- As a fully independent body, OPERA's vision is to be transparent to all the relevant stakeholders and the public.

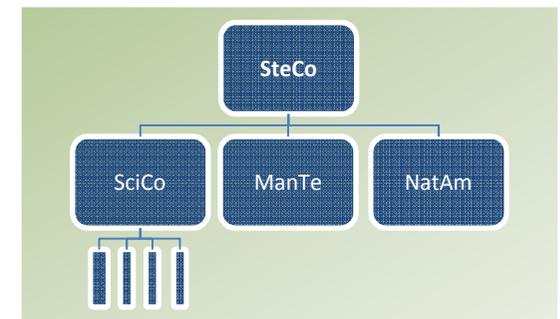


How will OPERA be governed?

The bold ambition of the OPERA project and the involvement of so many parties from across Europe has instigated a model of governance to guarantee the maximum effectiveness and efficiency, as well as to assure the transparency and independence of the group.

The structure includes:

- The Steering Committee (SteCo)
- The Scientific Committee (SciCo)
- The Managing Team (ManTe)
- The National Ambassadors Network (NatAm)
- Expert Working Groups (WGs)



Expert Working Groups

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The Expert Working Group on PPP risk indicators

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What will OPERA do?

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The fundamental contribution of OPERA is to use the potential of existing scientific research and knowledge to support the stakeholders in their political and technical decisions concerning agriculture, and particularly the management of agricultural risks related to pesticides and the environment. OPERA may, in itself, also produce relevant new research.

The information compiled by OPERA will primarily follow two categories:

- Policy Recommendations
- Detailed Studies and Suggestions for National Implementation

What will OPERA do?

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1) **Compilation of recommendations or scoping documents**

- OPERA will review all the available information on methods required for the implementation of the Sustainable Use Directive
- OPERA will compile a continuously updated database on this information

2) **Dissemination of information**

- compiled documents will be delivered throughout a network of public contacts
- comments of major stakeholders will be steered and coordinated by national partners and the Ambassadors Network

3) **Monitor the implementation at Member State level**

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