



# Obtaining Sustainable Use Training and Awareness



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# Directive 2009/128/EC sustainable use of pesticides

- **Publication:** November 2009
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- **Plant Protection Products only**

- (8) It is essential that **Member States** set up systems of both **initial and additional training for distributors, advisors and professional users** of pesticides and **certification systems** to record such training so that those who use or will use pesticides are fully aware of the potential risks to human health and the environment and of the appropriate measures to reduce those risks as much as possible. Training activities for professional users may be coordinated with those organised in the framework of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005.

# Regulation 1698/2005

- Supports rural development
- Art 20-1 promote knowledge
- Art 20a-I vocational training
- Art 20a-iv use of advisory services
- Art 20a-v set-up advisory services
- Art 21 exclusion secondary and higher education

## Article 5 SUD:training

- MS ensure availability and access for all
- Initial and additional training
- Some subjects prescribed
- December 2013: certification systems in place

# Training subjects: Annex 1

1. All relevant legislation
2. Counterfeit products
3. Pesticide risk and hazard:
  - ✓ **risks to humans**
  - ✓ symptoms of poisoning, first aid
  - ✓ risks to environment

## Training subjects Annex 1, (2)

4. IPM strategies and **tools**
5. Comparative assessment
6. **Measures to minimise risk**
7. Water protection
8. **Preparation of equipment**
9. **Use of equipment**

# Training subjects Annex 1 (3)

10. Emergency measures: spillage

11. Special protection areas

12. **Access to health monitoring,**

13. **Record keeping**



## Art 6: Sales

- Distributors certified
- Distributors to inform public
- Micro- distributors exempt
- In case of non professional use
- **Professional use pesticides only for certified users**

## Art 7: Awareness raising

- MS should inform general public
- Accurate and balanced information
- Risks on **health**, environment
- **Pesticides and non-chemical alternatives**

## Some thoughts on importance 1

- Training is the single most important part of the Directive
- MS have a large responsibility
- Successful training rests on the availability of proper information
- This means: quality research programmes addressing farmers needs.

## Some thoughts on importance 2

- Awareness is important
- monitoring of health and environmental effects is quite important
- but no more than the thermometer and the patient: it doesn't cure.

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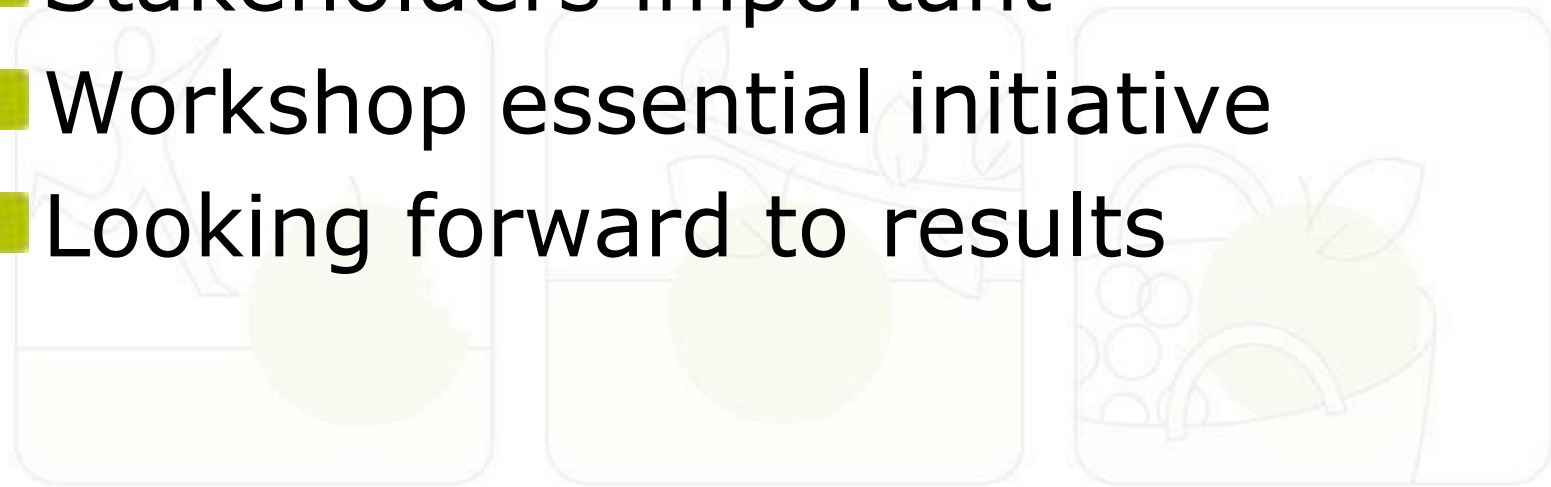
- Interface is very important
- Choice of tools crucial
- Should fit the target group
- e.g. state of the art science-  
-migrant illiterate farm worker
- Different levels necessary

# Browse subject human health

- is highly valued by target groups
- attitude is most important
- Additional training difficult if there is 'no news'

# Browse today

- Stakeholders important
- Workshop essential initiative
- Looking forward to results



# Thank you for your attention

