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# **Communication and information sharing**

## Administrative procedures and documentation

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# Communication Tools

- Three Zonal Steering Committees (zSC)
- One Interzonal Steering Committee (izSC)
- European Database

# 3 Zonal Steering Committees (zSC)

- **Key function**

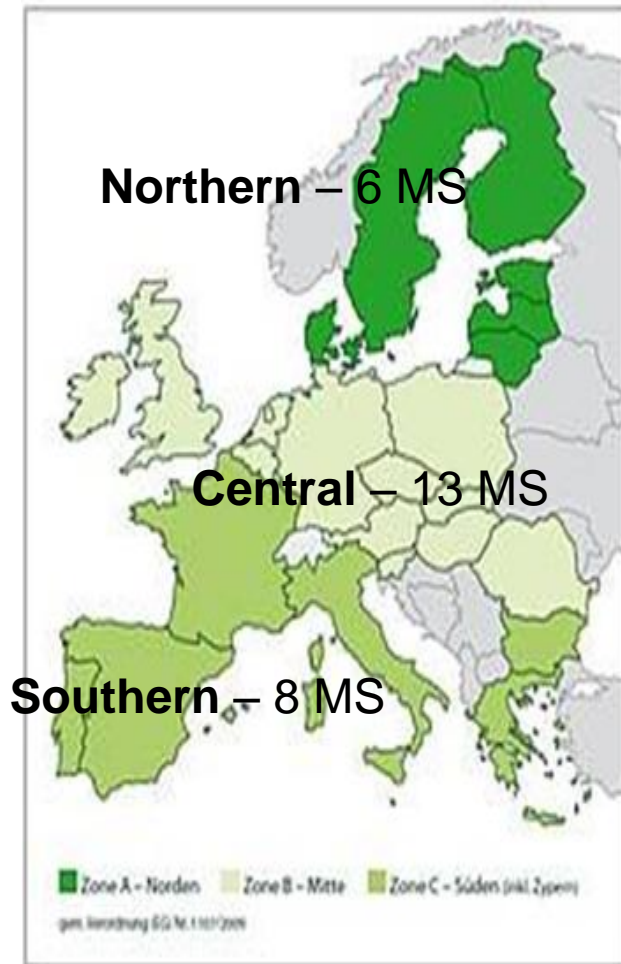
- Co-ordination of worksharing activities within and between the zones

- **Zonal contact point**

- 2 representatives per MS

- **Meetings**

- Every 2 months by teleconference
- One face-to-face meeting once a year



# Tasks and aims of zSCs



- Contact point for questions concerning **zonal procedures**
- Discussion of **allocations of applications and issues arising**, which should be fed into the izSC
- **Harmonisation** of national **risk assessments** relevant within the zone

# 1 Interzonal Steering Committee (izSC)



- **Key function**

- Co-ordination of worksharing activities among the zones

- **Meetings**

- Every 2 months by teleconference
- One face-to-face meeting at least once a year

- **Composition**

- Chaired by EC
- 2 Representatives from each zSC

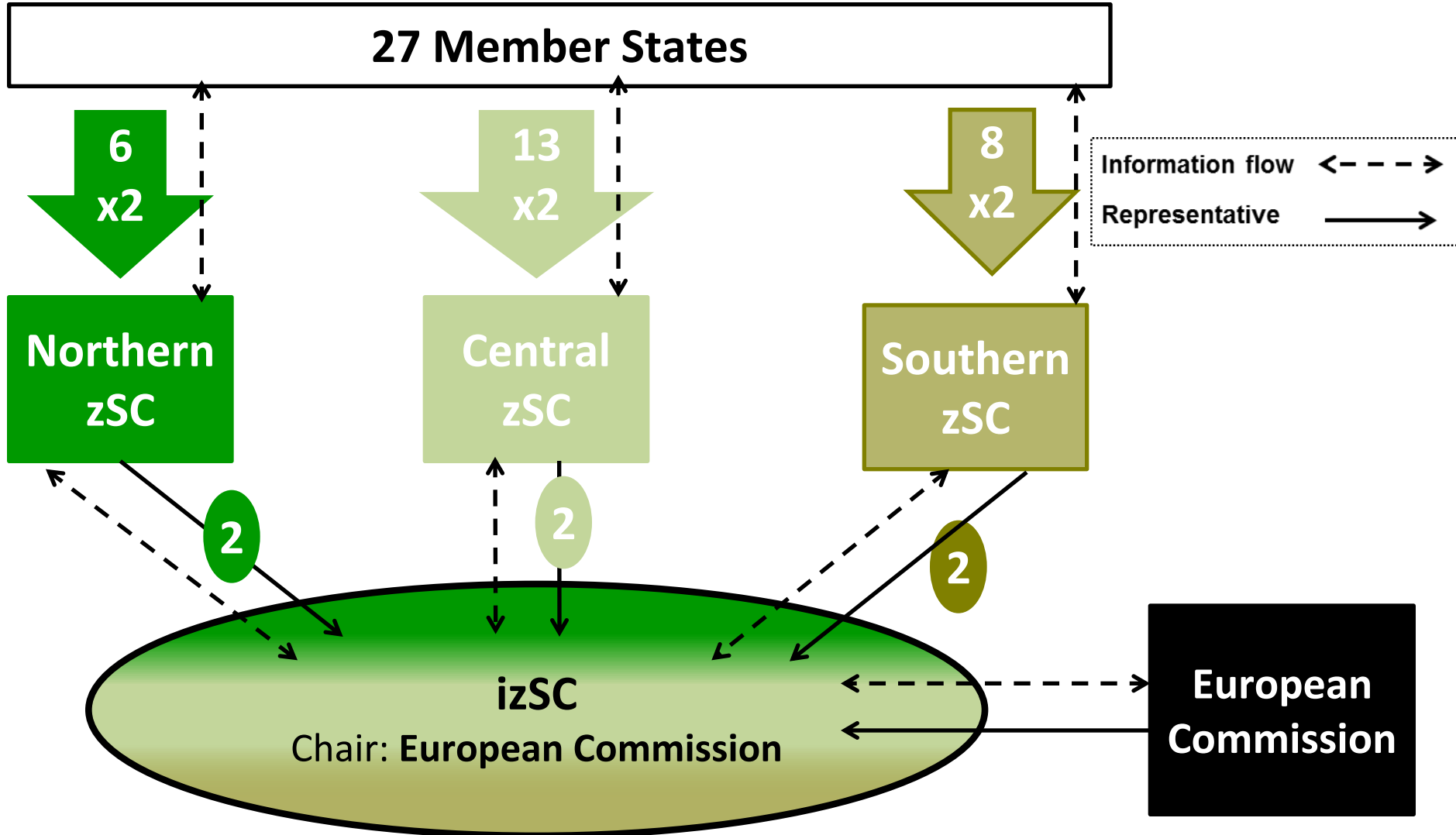
	Current chair	Incoming chair (2013)
Northern zone	Denmark	Finland
Central zone	UK	Austria
Southern zone	Portugal	France

# Tasks and aims of izSC



- Contact point for **general questions** concerning zonal procedures in all zones
- Coordination of evaluation of **interzonal applications**:
  - for use in greenhouse,
  - post-harvest treatment,
  - treatment of empty storage rooms
  - seed treatment
- Management of relevant **guidance documents**
- **Transparency** and **formal feedback** to all MS

# Organisation - Overview



# Practical experiences



## zSC

- Participation of all MS is crucial for constructive cooperation
- Teleconferences are necessary → difficult for all participants to get a chance to speak
- **Number of issues** for discussion should be **limited** and **structured**
- **Position papers** for complex issues would be **helpful**
- Update of **overview tables** by the chair/incoming-chair is very helpful

## izSC

- The agreed **frequency** of meetings should be kept
- **Minutes** of the meeting should be available in time → would be useful



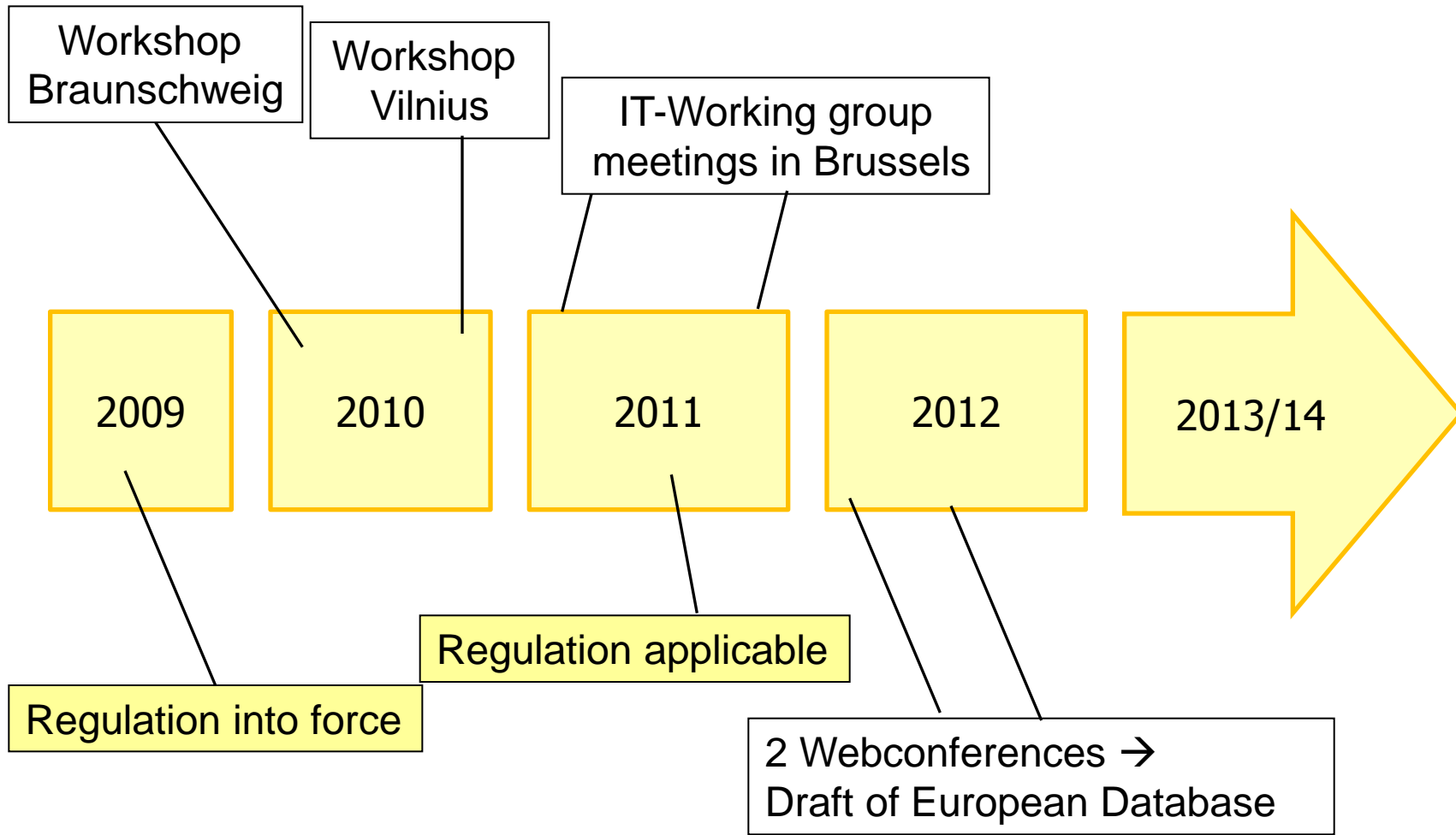
# European Database

***EU Regulation 1107 /2009, Article 76.1(e):** development and maintenance of a coordinated electronic submission and evaluation system aimed at promoting electronic document exchange and work sharing between the applicants, the Member States, the Commission and the Authority*

## **Why do we need a Database?**

- Support the work-flow of PPP applications
- Coordination: zonal procedures, work sharing
- Stringent deadlines for zRMS, cMS, MS
- Information exchange between MS
- Keeping track of information

# Organisation of the project



# Outlook...



The screenshot shows the website for Plant Protection Products (PPP). The header includes the European Union flag, the title "Plant Protection Products (PPP)", and navigation links for "Disclaimer", "Login", and "Contact". Below the header is a menu with "Home", "Products", "Applications", and "Authorisations". The main content area features a "Welcome to the PPP site" message, a note that "This site is being created", and a section titled "Wireframes in progress". This section lists wireframes for "Products screens" (Products search, Product view, Product new, Product form), "Applications screens" (Applications search, Application view, Application form), and "Authorisations screens" (Authorisations search, Authorisation view, Authorisation form). The footer contains the "sanco" logo.

The European Database for PPPs  
is being created

Thanks for your attention!