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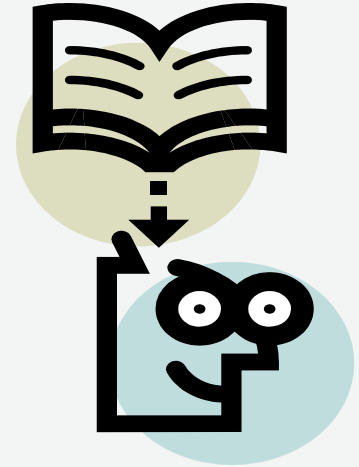
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AUSTRIAN NATIONAL ACTION PLAN 2017-2021

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CONTENT

- National Action Plan 2013-2017
- Process of NAP revision
- Lessons Learnt & Outlook



AUSTRIAN NATIONAL ACTION PLAN

- Adoption of the National Action Plan to implement Directive 2009/128/EC for the first time by November 2012.
- Setting up actions to achieve a sustainable use of PPP's and to reduce the risks and impacts on human health and the environment as well to promote the use of IPM.
- However, instead of adopting one co-ordinated NAP, the nine responsible Austrian Federal States submitted each an action plan.
 - Lack of harmonized actions in some areas
 - Missing of quantitative targets and indicators



REVISION OF THE NAP

- NAP's need to be reviewed at least every five years
- Coordination by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management which set up working groups with federal agencies, federal states, advocacy groups and other stakeholders.
- Goals
 - Fulfilment of the requirements set by the Directive
 - Development of one common strategy for plant protection/production in Austria
 - Consideration of current issues and future challenges

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REVISED NAP

- Holistic approach for the Austrian plant production sector: strong links to different policy/work areas (e.g. CAP, research and innovation, WDF, advisory system, etc.)
- Development of around 50 specific measures and 17 indicators to monitor progress
- No dedicated budget for the NAP

EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS I (SELECTION)

- Information and awareness-raising (professional users, non-professional users, distributors, wider public)
 - Providing harmonized and appropriate training capacities
 - Provision of appropriate information material on the content of the NAP
 - Round table with all stakeholder (e.g. farmers, academics, NGO's, industry, etc.)
- Stronger links between research/innovation and practice
 - Research priorities on integrated pest management
 - Implementation of the European Innovation Partnership (EIP)
 - Participation in the ERA-Net C-IPM

EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS II (SELECTION)

- Stronger consideration of IPM-concepts in the Common Agriculture Policy (CAP)
 - Measures in the Agri-Environmental Programme
 - Promotion of organic farming
 - Focus in advisory systems and educational programmes
- Further development of IPM-concepts
 - New conception of the phytosanitary warning services and forecast models
 - Testing of alternative plant protection methods/systems (e.g. beneficials, chemical leasing)
 - Limitation of pesticide use in sensitive areas

RISK INDICATORS (SELECTION)

- Establishment and Monitoring of risk indicators in five main areas:
 - Integrated Pest Management
 - Consumer and health protection
 - Protection of surface waters and groundwater bodies
 - Information, education and awareness
 - Innovation, Research and Development

RISK INDICATORS - EXAMPLES

- Consumer and health protection
 - Rate of exceeding the maximum residue levels
 - Reported cases of acute poisoning by professional users
- Integrated Pest Management
 - Participation in the Agri-environmental Programme
 - Participation in the measure “Organic Farming“
 - Participation in specific Integrated Pest Measures
 - Treatment intensity index
 - Number of accepted types of drift-reducing and dust-drift-reducing pesticide application equipment

LESSONS LEARNT & OUTLOOK

- Since November 2016, (when inspection of pesticide application equipment inspection became compulsory), Member States have been required to implement all the relevant measures of the Directive.
- The Directive offers the potential to greatly reduce the risks derived from pesticide use. Especially by strong connections to horizontal policy areas (e.g. CAP), environmental and health improvements can be achieved.
- However, because of the lack of harmonized risk indicators at EU-level the implementation across the Member States can not be monitored appropriately.
- Submission of a harmonized and nationwide Austrian NAP until the end of 2017



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