

Minor Uses Developments

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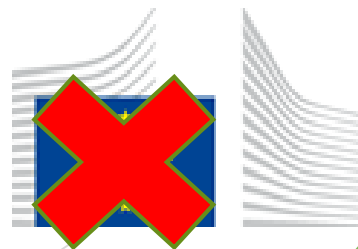
Minor Uses Provisions Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009

- ▶ (30) The **economic incentive for industry** to apply for an authorisation is limited for certain uses. In order to ensure that diversification of agriculture and horticulture is not jeopardised by the lack of availability of plant protection products, **specific rules should be established for minor uses.**

**A lack of solutions
for minor uses!**

Coordination Facility

- ▶ February 2014: Report on the establishment of an **independent Coordination Facility** on minor uses which is co-funded by the Commission.
- ▶ Hosted by the **European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO, located in Paris)** and jointly funded by the EU and by the governments of **France, Germany and the Netherlands**. Initially for a period of 3 years.
- ▶ Established on **15 April 2015**. Fully staffed since **1 November 2016**.
- ▶ MUCF fully relies on **voluntary assessed contributions** from Member States
- ▶ Coordination Facility works for **all 28** Member States.



Coordination Facility - Mission

The mission of the Facility is 'to enable farmers in the EU to produce high quality crops by filling minor uses gaps through **efficient collaboration** to improve availability of **chemical** and **non-chemical** tools within an **integrated pest management (IPM)** framework'.



Long-term funding

- ▶ **Interim Steering Group**: Germany and the Netherlands (as representatives of the original funders), as well as Sweden, Italy and Switzerland
- ▶ **Priority**: work towards **long(er) commitments** and financial agreements with Member States for several years
- ▶ Member States have been approached with a **request for a voluntary assessed contribution for 2019 and beyond**
- ▶ **EPPO member countries** can pay their voluntary MUCF contribution alongside their **EPPO-contributions**



YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED!

Group	Member State	Annual contribution	Total
Group 1	DE, FR, UK, IT, ES, PL	EUR 50 000	EUR 300 000
Group 2	RO, NL, BE, EL, CZ, PT, HU, SE, AT, BG, DK, FI, SK	EUR 25 000	EUR 325 000
Group 3	IE, HR, LT, SI, LV, EE, CY, LU, MT	EUR 10 000	EUR 90 000
Total per annum			EUR 715 000

- ▶ With the indicated **voluntary assessed contributions** the **continuity of the Coordination Facility can be guaranteed** at the current level.
- ▶ In other scenarios there will be an effect on **staffing, EUMUDA** (EU Minor Uses Database) and/or **reimbursement of expenses for Expert Groups**.
- ▶ The funding for **2019 and beyond** is still unsecure



EU Minor Uses Coordination Facility (MUCF)



Because of the extensive data packages required for authorization to market plant protection products, growers face increasing difficulties in gaining authorization for "minor uses". Minor uses of pesticides are uses on niche crops with a high economic value for farmers, but usually of low economic interest for the agro-pesticide industry. This leads to a lack of authorized products on the market for farmers to use on these crops which in turn can lead to illegal uses or to loss of crop production. These crops include most vegetables, fruit, nurseries, flowers, forest trees and some arable crops. It is estimated that overall they represent more than € 70 billion per year, which equates to 22% of the total EU plant production value.

Recent News

The 7th newsletter is now available

Read more about the visit from a delegation from the PEST Committee from the European Parliament to the MUCF, further information on the Guidance Document on minor uses, minor uses priorities in EUMUDA, minor uses Expert meetings, new EPPO grouping and Codes, and an interview with Jan Waespe, representative of Switzerland. [Click here to access the 7th Newsletter of the MUCF.](#)

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Minor uses needs and priorities in Europe

What are the minor uses issues faced in Europe? Which crops and pests are the most critical? The MUCF conducted a new survey to EU Member States, Norway and Switzerland in early 2018, following a previous survey for the Global Minor Use Summit, performed in 2017. Results from 24 EU Member States, Norway and Switzerland are now available in EUMUDA in the table of needs ([click here to access table of](#)

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Minor Uses Newsletters



EUROPEAN UNION MINOR USES COORDINATION FACILITY

Newsletter
No. 1, January-February-March 2017

Minor uses, major issue!

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The first Newsletter of the EU Minor Uses Coordination Facility was published in January 2017. It was a lot of work to put together, but we are fully satisfied. It was not yet there.

Last January an important event took place. We were well attended and an intensive exchange of topics that was discussed, was the long-term funding guaranteed for three years, but not all minor use us

We are also busy preparing the meetings of the EU in Brussels. We have made considerable progress b been transformed into a powerful tool to help us for the end of March 2017.

Did I say "minor crops" above? As these crops ar about "specialty crops". Too often people associat

You can read more about our activities in the <http://www.minoruses.eu/>! It is regularly upd meetings and upcoming events.

Do you like our newsletter? Don't hesitate to give Enjoy reading!

Jeroen Meussen

Jeroen Meussen, Coordinator of the MUCF



EU MINOR USES COORDINATION FACILITY

Newsletter
No. 4, October-November-December 2017
Minor uses, major issue!

Time flies. With 2016 still feel almost over. This last year in a minor uses Facility and we achieved first year that the Coordination Facility and function we could make use of the highlights was the launch debate ENMEDA. We use the one morning to use ENMEDA and to it on their website. It is consid nation for minor uses in the EU.

In 2017 we have launched our first long objectives defined about field of minor uses. We will draw Member States and establish a New Year's resolution for you!



The Third Global Minor Uses in 34 countries and discussed issues from a global perspective. I progress we have a panel board from a global, or EU perspective short-visited and only consider Coordination Facility will present long-term projects. If you want to have to continue reading this new

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April-May-June 2017

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Newsletter
No. 7, July-August-September 2018
Minor uses, major issue!

We are all in contact with "minor crops" in our daily life mainly via the fruit and vegetables on our table. But if you have a garden, you may also face minor use problems. I experienced this during the summer. The hot sun made (Catalina) perpetually in spreading rapidly over Europe. If it had reached my garden, the box trees wou infested and destroyed overnight by hundreds of caterpillars. Once again this made me think of the challenges grower face in protecting their crops against pests and diseases.



Larvae of *Catalpa perpetua* (caterpillar). *Marta Maresca and Andrea Antonucci, Core MUCF (Fondazione Agraria IT)*

The challenge for growers is to produce healthy crops, that are safe for the consumers while at the same time respect the environment. The use of fertilizers, biopesticides and pesticides should be kept to a minimum. More local production and more seasonal consumption of fruit and vegetables should be encouraged. These factors contribute to a sustainable agriculture.

The Coordination Facility aims to contribute to this challenge. In order to do this the long-term funding should be guaranteed. As I am writing this editorial the funding for next year is not yet secured. Some Member States will be approached by the Coordination Facility with a request for a voluntary assessed contribution. Unfortunately, in every newsletter I have to come back to this issue. I sincerely hope that we can set up a stable long-term funding plan so that I don't have to bother you every time with our delicate financial situation.

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... You can have them in both cases, but one way or an important role in your life. Impacts of nature. However a recent major confirmed that the number of insects actually over the past 30 years.

For politicians, without insecticide-resistant agriculture, insecticides are essential to protect the food supply. However, the use of insecticides is also a problem for the environment. It is essential to find a balance between the need to protect the food supply and the need to protect the environment.



... that can be part of an Integrated PMO strategy. On 14 March the MUCF Facility had a plenary meeting in Wageningen and the use of "big data" with regional applications is possible. Initiatives highlighted the initiatives they PMO strategies (industry and to make them. Industry indicated that PMO projects concerned and pesticides for its ready.

... the place to be for European Minor Uses. 13-15 March more than 110 people were Meeting. Thanks to have in depth in use issues. And there is still a lot to "Chair of the National Expert Group" has? You can read in this newsletter, open from the different Community

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No. 6, April-May-June 2018
Minor uses, major issue!



In 2018 Wageningen University & Research (WUR) celebrates 100 years of existence. This Dutch university is world famous. One of the fields WUR is working in is the use of insects for biological control of greenhouse pests. In 1953 fundamental research started in Wageningen to investigate insect-plant relations and laid down foundations for environmental friendly pest control. Now it has become common practice to release beneficial insects to control the population of an insect pest.

The goal of the Coordination Facility is to solve minor use problems and as such contribute to sustainable food production providing healthy products to consumers. Can we celebrate in 2020 our 5 years of existence? Funding is essential to reach our goal. On 15 April 2018 the Grant Agreement with the European Commission regarding the funding of the EU Minor Uses Coordination Facility. The MUCF is now fully depending on voluntary assessed contributions from Member States. Funds for 2018 are secured, but what is the situation for 2019 and beyond?



In early 2018 the MUCF conducted a survey to Member States, on their priorities and needs on minor uses. Thanks to their cooperation and efforts, we now have a picture of the main minor uses issues in Europe. This information is now online in ENMEDA. Which crops and pests are the main European priorities? Read more in the newsletter.

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The work of the MUCF has the attention of the European Parliament. Firstly, in early 2018 the MUCF was approached by the Parliamentary Research Services of the Secretary of the European Parliament in the preparation for their implementation report on Regulation (EC) 1107/2009. This has been followed by a request for a visit of a delegation of the PEST Committee of the European Parliament to our premises, planned in July.

A short interview with Vivian Powell, member of the CEJ Fruits and Vegetables, is provided.

Many international contacts were at OECD-meetings in mid-June where the MUCF discussed issues on minor uses and biopesticides with colleagues from all over the globe: from Australia to Canada, and from Japan to the United States. Whether you travel the globe, or stay at home, I wish you all well-developed and relaxing summer holiday!

Jeroen Meussen, Coordinator of the MUCF

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MUCF has issued Newsletters **quarterly** from 2017
The current number of subscriptions is **347**

Guidance Document

Guidance Document for applicants (industry as well as growers associations) on registration issues for minor uses.

- ▶ Compact overview on all **registration issues** and focus on interpretation of data requirements, data protection, data ownership, confidential data, zonal procedure, mutual recognition.
- ▶ **Part 1:** minor use need -> generating data
Part 2: application process -> solution
- ▶ Aim: **Adoption** by Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed.
- ▶ **Commenting phase:** responses received from more than 30 different Member States and stakeholders



Regulation (EC) No 1107/20

The plant protection products, also called pesticides, are designed to protect crops before and after harvest against diseases and parasites responsible for seriously reducing the yield of agricultural crops and vegetables. They mainly contain chemicals (active substances) and act in some cases to "confuse" the insects and making crops less palatable for pests and normally kill pests. If not strictly regulated, they could have serious undesirable effects.

REFIT - Draft Report Consultant

Some findings from the draft report related to minor uses:

- ▶ Competent Authorities and stakeholders **welcome the establishment** of the Coordination Facility (MUCF)
- ▶ The availability of PPPs for minor uses is negatively affected by **a lack of clarity** regarding the rules for authorisation and of harmonisation between MS
- ▶ The **definition of minor uses** is not sufficiently clear and procedures are often not clearly established
- ▶ **Improve acceptance of data on residue trials generated outside the EU** (when GAPs and GLPs are comparable) and **extrapolations**
- ▶ *In addition, the **PEST Committee** calls in its draft report for a harmonised definition of ‘minor use’ in order to promote a level playing field, and recommends creating a single EU list of major crops*

Minor Uses - definition

Article 3(26)

Use of a plant protection product in a particular Member State on plants or plant products which are:

(a) **not widely grown** in that Member State,
or

(b) **widely grown** to meet an **exceptional** plant protection need



Minor Uses: Importance

- ▶ Only **3%** of the cultivated area, but representing **22%** of the value of the entire EU plant production value.
- ▶ Across the EU these minor crops represent a value of more than **70 billion Euros** per year

minor use major value*

If the EU** fails to provide plant protection solutions for minor use and speciality crops*** Is Europe ready to lose a market worth €70 billion/year, representing 22% of the total value of annual EU agricultural output?

* An awareness raising campaign promoted by the EU Agri-Food Chain Partners (AREFH, CELCAA, COCERAL, Copa-Cogeca, ECPA, ESA, Freshfel, IBMA, PROFEL and Union Fleurs)

** The European Commission, The Council of The European Union, The European Parliament, and Member States

*** Minor uses concern crops grown on relatively small acreage like fruits, herbs, vegetables, cereals including rice, seed crops and small crop seed treatments, hops, flowers and all those plants that need a tailor made plant protection product, whether it is for growing them, storage or transportation



Minor Uses - Definition

Issues with the current definition:

- ▶ Leaves it up to individual Member States to define what is considered a ‘minor use/crop’
- ▶ Hampers the zonal procedure and mutual recognition
- ▶ An EU-definition based on acreage (at least per zone) is favoured by EU growers associations



Minor versus Major

- I. Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009: plants or plant products which are not widely grown

Minor/major refers to **cultivation area**

- II. **EPPO Standard PP 1/224(2)**: Principles of efficacy evaluation for minor use

Minor/major refers to **economic importance**

- III. **GUIDANCE DOCUMENT Guidelines on comparability, extrapolation, group tolerances and data requirements for setting MRLs**, SANCO 7525/VI/95, Rev. 10.3, 13 June 2017

Minor/major refers to **daily intake in combination with cultivation area/production**

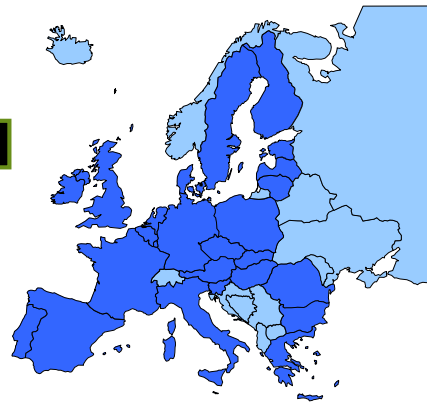
Regulatory zones *versus* EPPO zones and residue zones



EPPO Zones



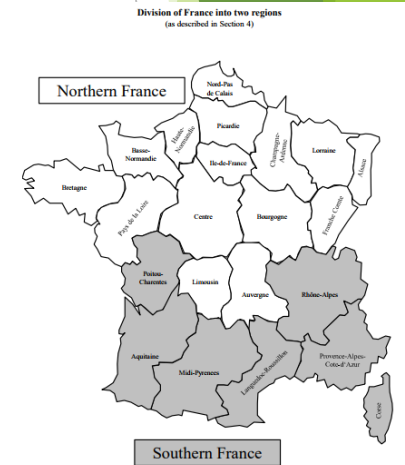
Reg 1107/2009 Zones



**EPPO Zones
vs
Reg 1107/2009 Zones**



Reg 396/2005 Zones



How to achieve a harmonized list of major crops?



- ▶ Based on **EUROSTAT data** on EU crop area per crop **major crops** can be defined.
- ▶ **Threshold** can be e.g. 500 000 ha or 1 million ha.
- ▶ **Major crops (indicative list):** wheat, oilseed rape, maize, barley, sugar beet, potatoes, sunflower, field beans, oats, grapes, grass land, apples, citrus, olives, etc.

This approach will contribute to a level playing field for EU growers of speciality crops

Commodity Expert Groups

Currently there are 7 Commodity Expert Groups (CEG):

- ▶ CEG fruit and vegetables
- ▶ CEG ornamentals
- ▶ CEG tobacco
- ▶ CEG rice
- ▶ CEG hops
- ▶ CEG seeds
- ▶ CEG mushrooms



The MUCF organises on an annual basis series of expert group meetings (back-to-back) with participation of **100-120 participants** from more than **20 different countries**.

EU Minor Uses Database

What information can I find in EUMUDA?

- ▶ A compiled list of **minor uses needs** from countries of the European region, including a **priority list**. Needs are specified at species level with **EPPO codes**.
- ▶ An overview of **ongoing projects** and their status.
- ▶ A table of **crop acreages sourced from EUROSTAT**.
- ▶ **Reference lists** of what are considered 'minor uses' in different Member States.

MUCF documents:

- ▶ Rules for **access rights and confidentiality**
- ▶ **Guide** for users of EUMUDA



Minor Uses Needs and Projects

What we have done:

- ▶ Organised a **survey** to European countries for addition and amendments to the list of minor uses needs
- ▶ **5380 minor uses needs** (listed individually by country), representing **2500 grouped minor uses needs** (same need shared by countries) identified by **26 European countries** and registered in EUMUDA
- ▶ For all minor uses needs a **priority score** has been attributed
- ▶ **87 projects** registered on EUMUDA
- ▶ **31 searches of Homologa** carried out, identifying possible chemical and non-chemical solutions

Main table of needs

Method of the survey-
compilation and setting
of priorities

Minor Uses Table of Needs

The current table includes minor uses needs of 26 Member States, including Norway and Switzerland. When Member States have indicated the same needs, these needs are displayed in one single line in this table. Columns for crop groups according to EPPO classification have been added.

For more information on how the table was compiled and how the priorities were set, [click here](#).

Detailed table of
needs


In the detailed table of needs, the individual needs are displayed in one line per Member State. There you can find the priority score allocated to each individual need. You can access this table [here](#).

Based on the columns "priority total points" and "frequency" the MUCF has prepared graphs for each Commodity Expert (of 2018). You can access these graphs [here](#).

Graphs on minor uses
priorities per CEG

Same needs from
Member States,
grouped and displayed
in one line

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Main table of needs

Member States displayed per regulatory zone

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RUBID	raspberry	DROSSU	spotted drosophila wing	15	49	Northern: DK,EE,NO,SE Central: AT,BE,CH,DE,HU,NL,SI,SK,UK Southern: FR,PT	f,fg	insecticide	Fruits and Vegetables	fruit crops
BR SOL	white cabbage	HYLERA	cabbage root fly	15	46	Northern: DK,EE,LT,LV,NO,SE Central: BE,CH,DE,HU,NL,SI,SK,UK Southern: PT	f	insecticide	Fruits and Vegetables	vegetable crops
ALLCE	onion	PERODE	downy mildew of onion	13	44	Northern: DK,EE,LT,LV,SE Central: AT,CH,DE,SI,SK,UK Southern: FR,PT	f	fungicide	Fruits and Vegetables	vegetable crops

Detailed table of needs

Individual needs displayed in one line per Member State

Priority points

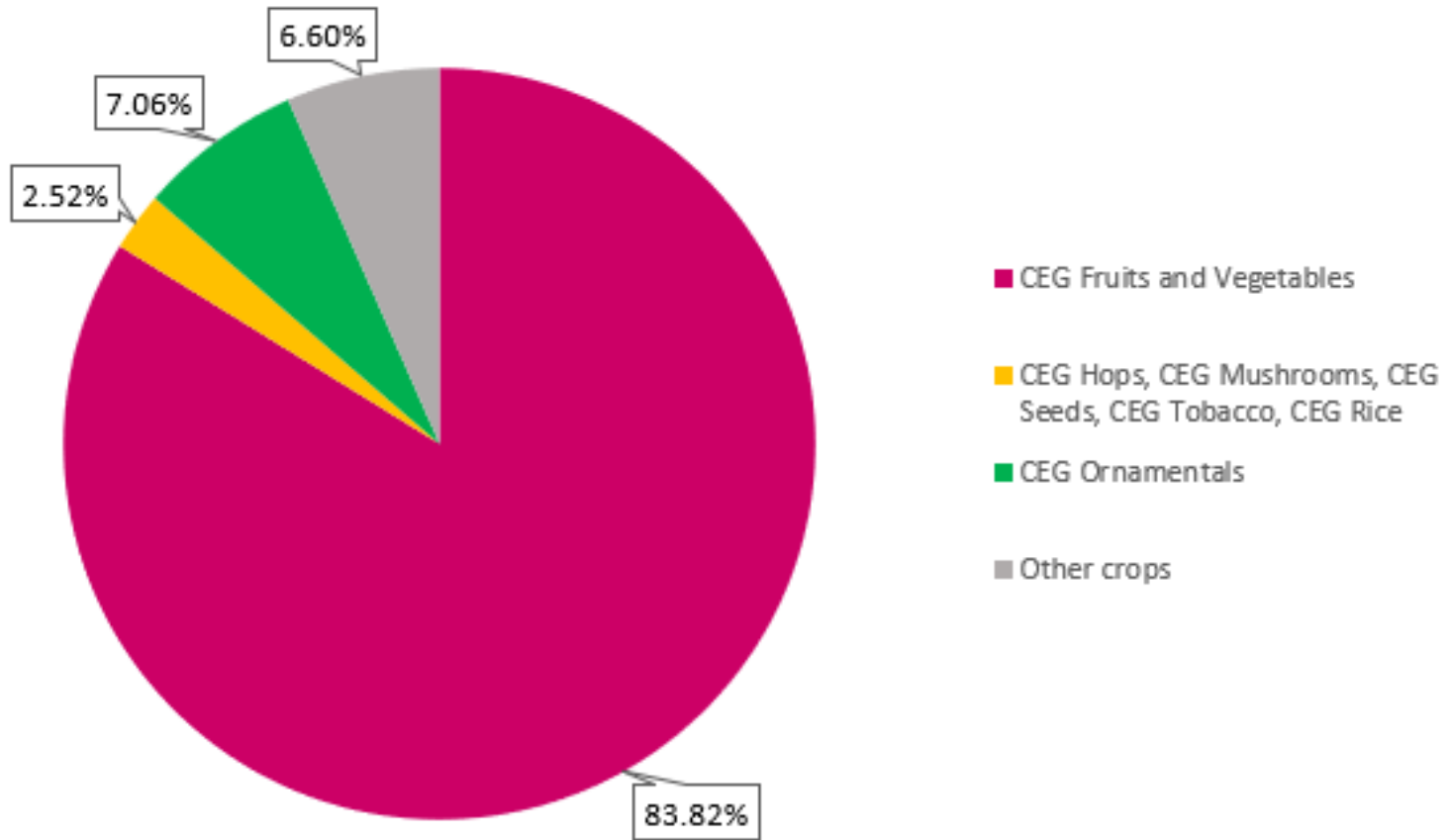
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Case id	Crop code	Crop	Pest code	Pest	Priority	Year	Area of use	Function	Member State	Latest status	Comments
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3	ALLCE	onion	BOTRCI	grey mould	4	2018	Outdoor field use	fungicide	Lithuania		
4	CUMSA	cucumber	TETRUR	two-spotted spider mite	3	2018	Outdoor field use	acaricide	Lithuania		
5	CYLAV	Hazelnuts	CURCNU	Hazelnut weevil	x	2018	Outdoor field use	insecticide	Lithuania		
6	FRAAN	strawberry	BOTRCI	grey mould	3	2018	Outdoor field use	fungicide	Lithuania		

Distribution of minor uses needs per CEG

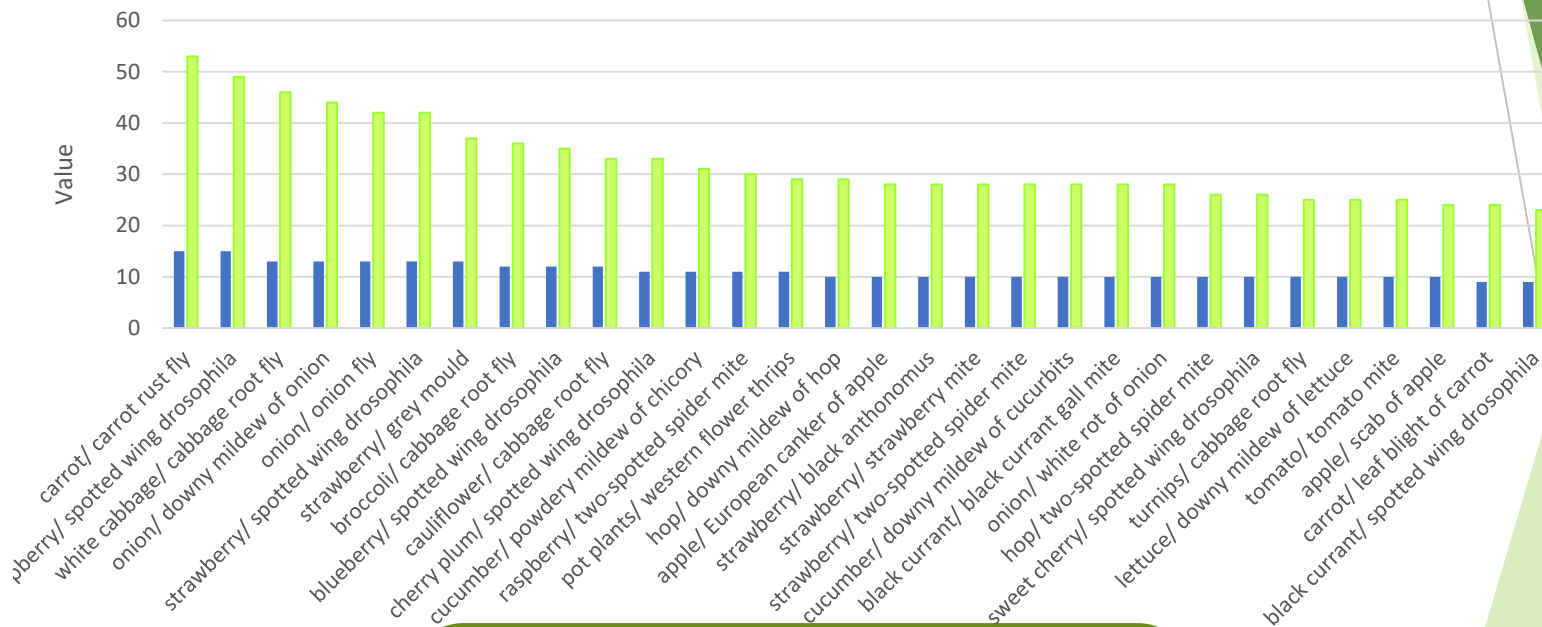


Minor uses needs - Main priorities

All CEGs

Main European priorities

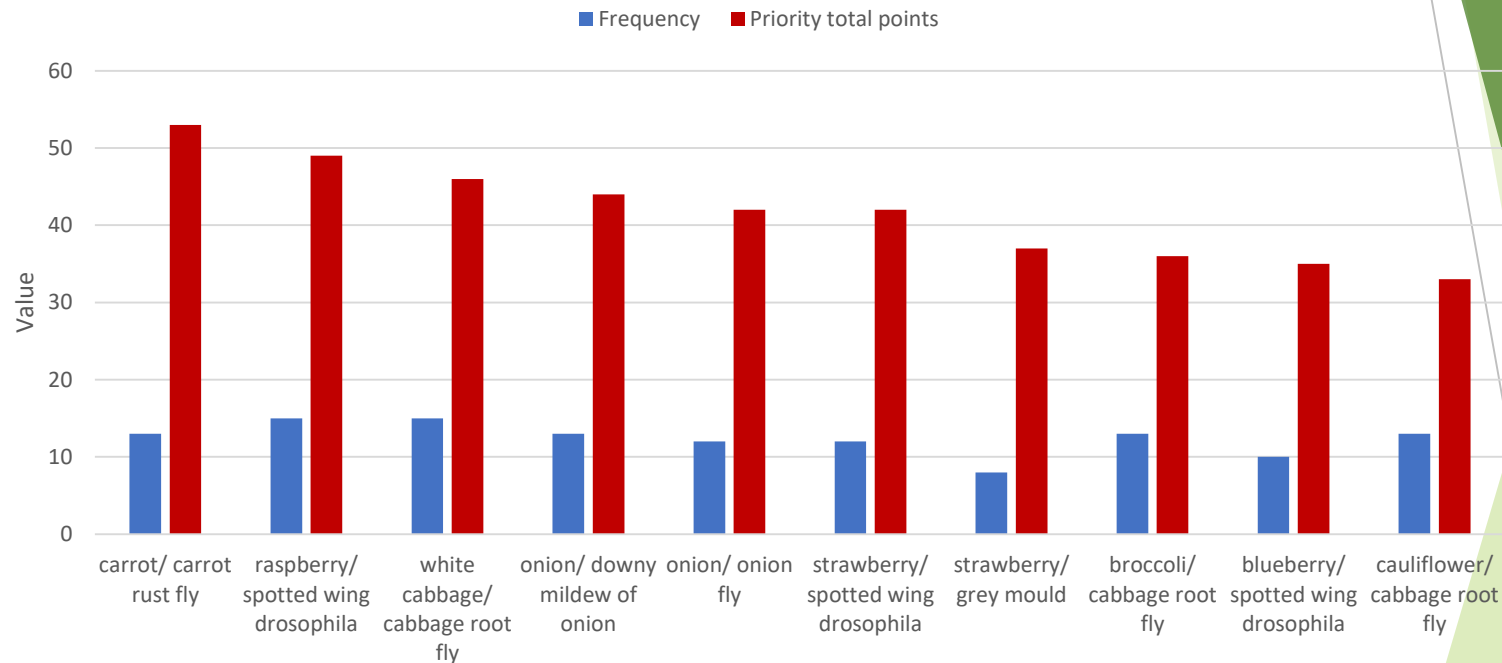
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1. Carrot/Carrot rust fly
2. Raspberry/Spotted wing drosophila
3. White cabbage/Cabbage root fly

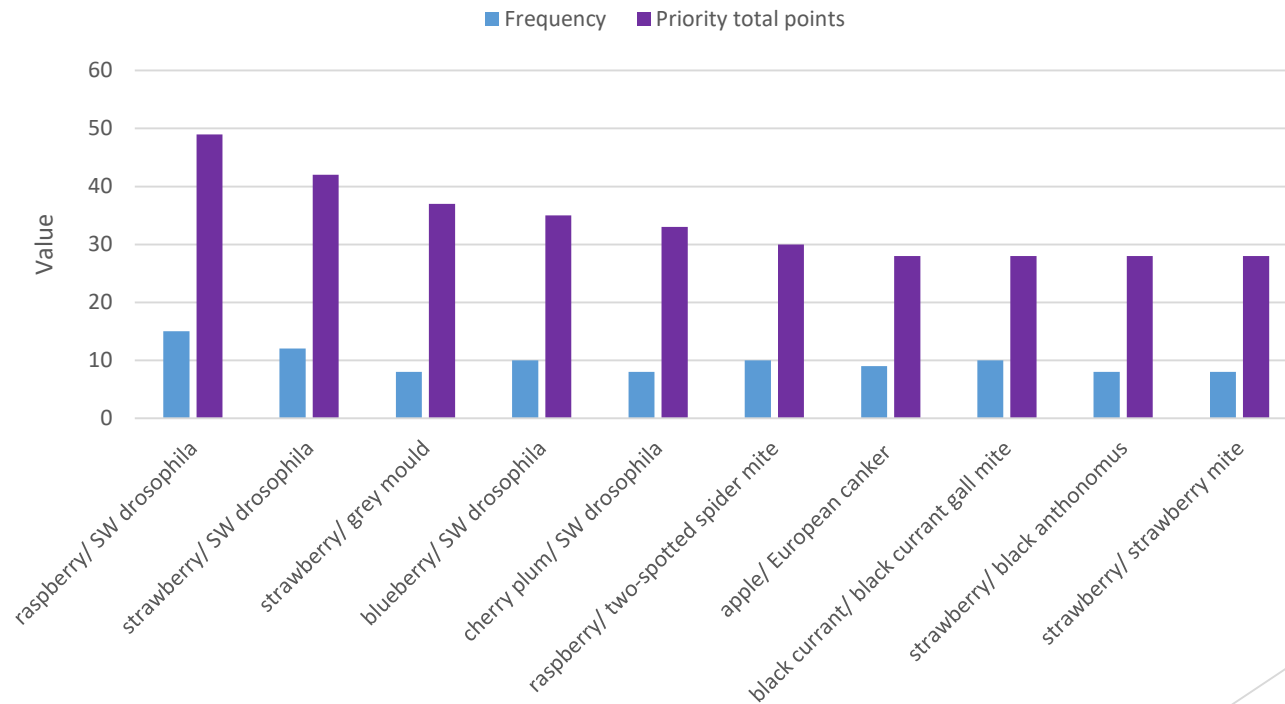
Minor uses needs - CEG F&V

10 first European priorities- Fruits and Vegetables



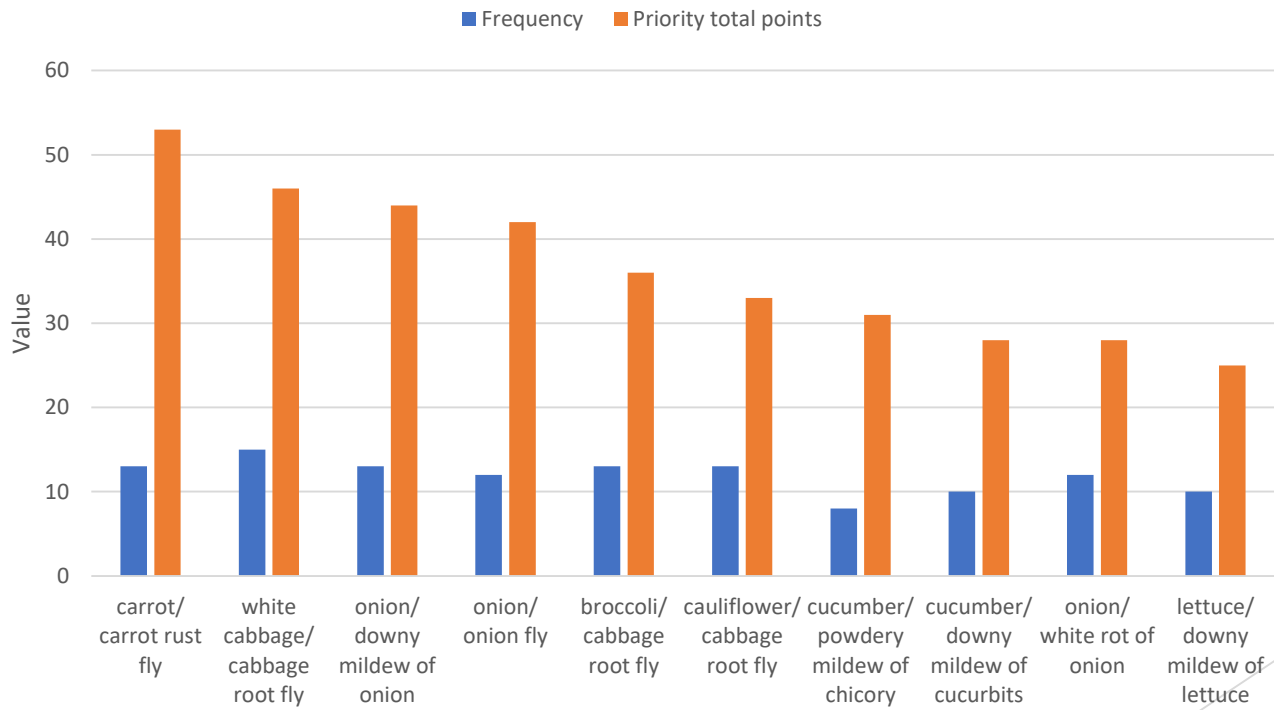
Minor uses needs -Fruits

European priorities- Fruits- 10 first priorities



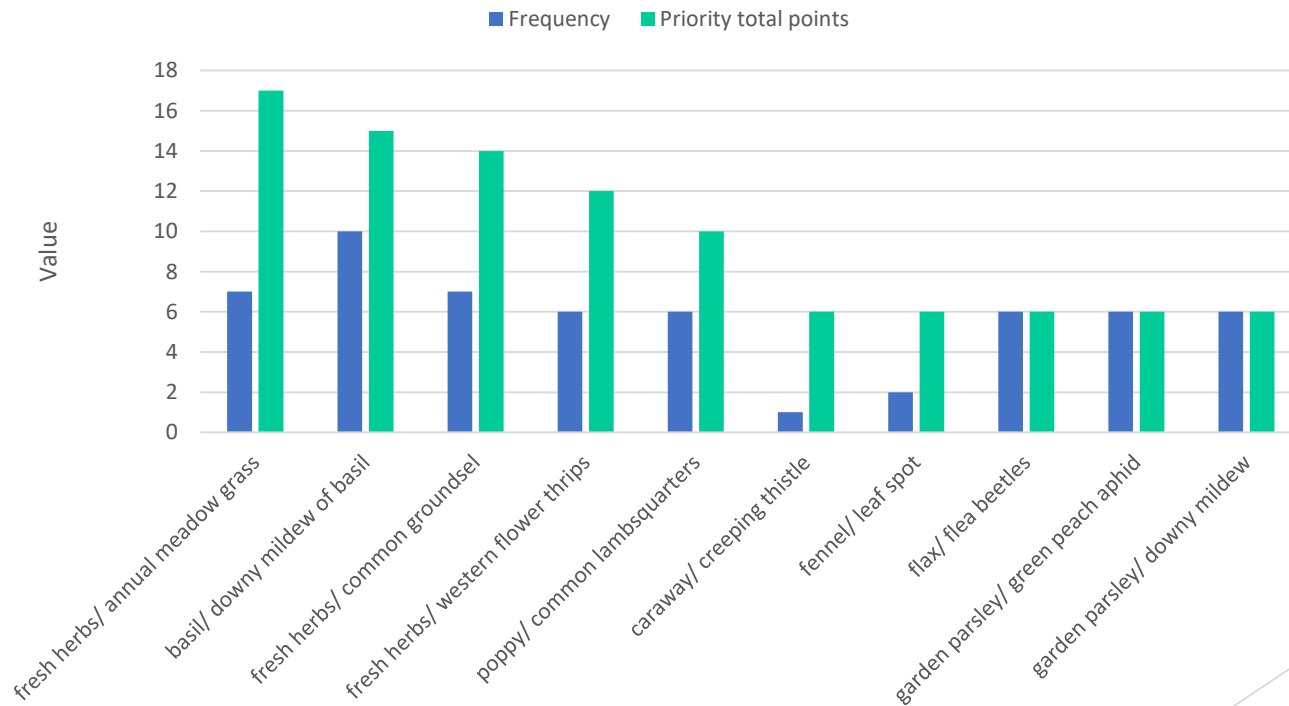
Minor uses needs - Vegetables

European priorities-Vegetables-10 first priorities



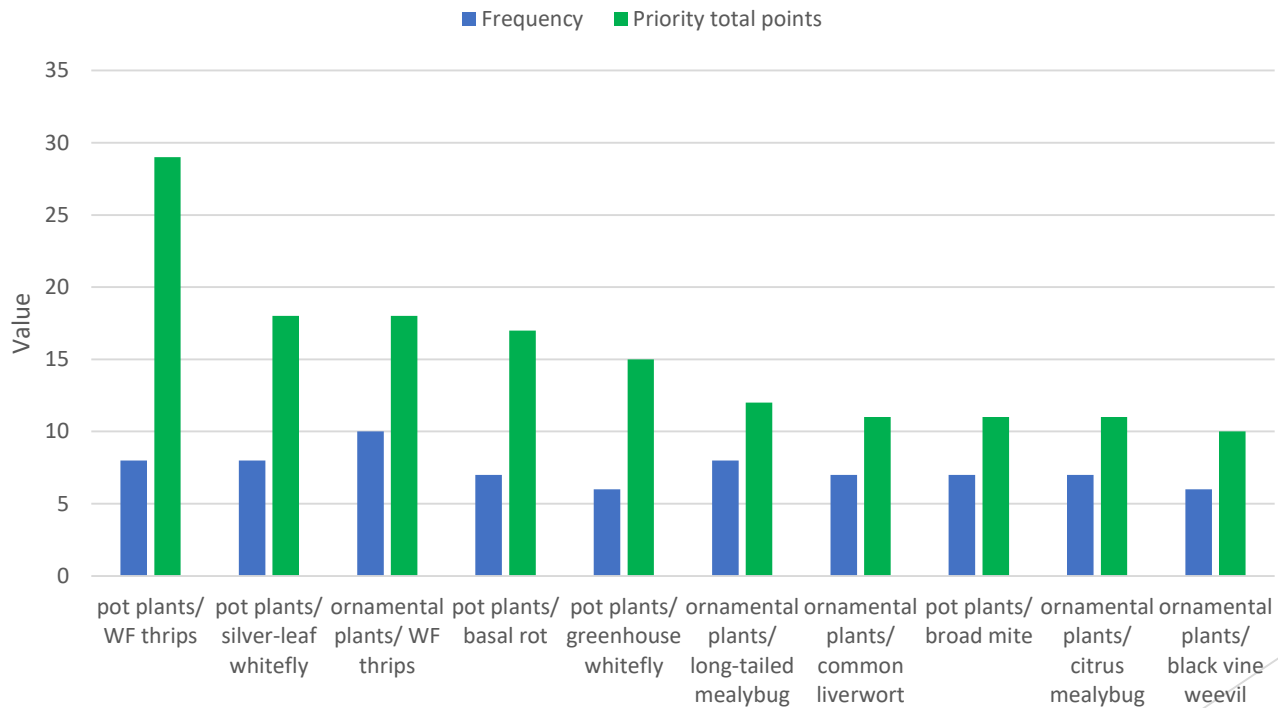
Minor uses needs - Herbs, spices and medicinal crops

European priorities- Herbs, spices, medicinal crops-10 first priorities



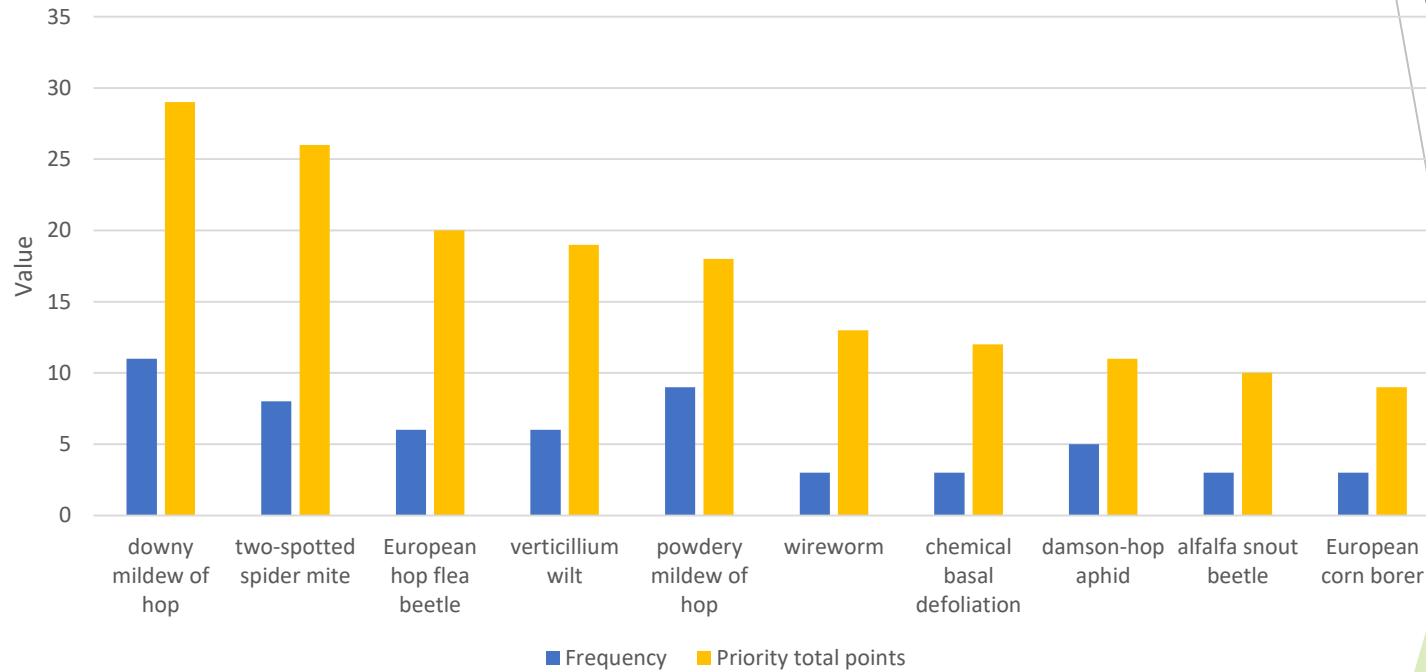
Minor uses needs - CEG Ornamentals

European priorities- Ornamentals- 10 first priorities



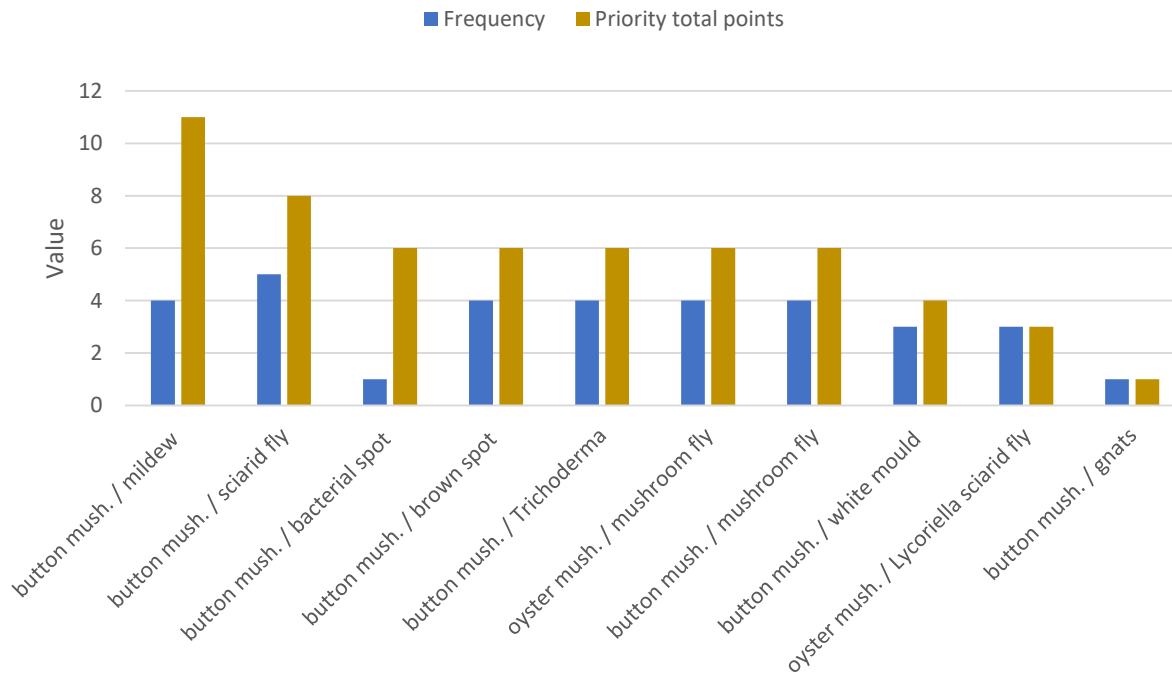
Minor uses needs - CEG Hops

European priorities- Hops- 10 first priorities



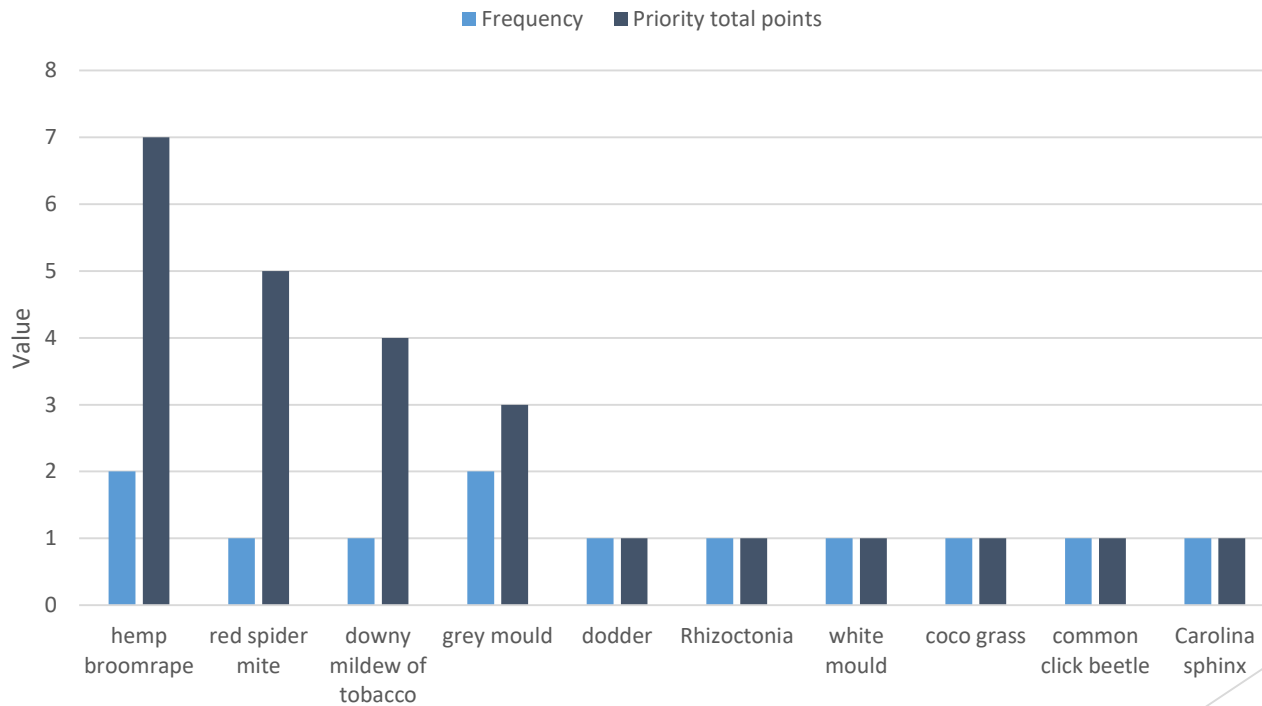
Minor uses needs - CEG Mushrooms

European priorities- Mushrooms- 10 first priorities

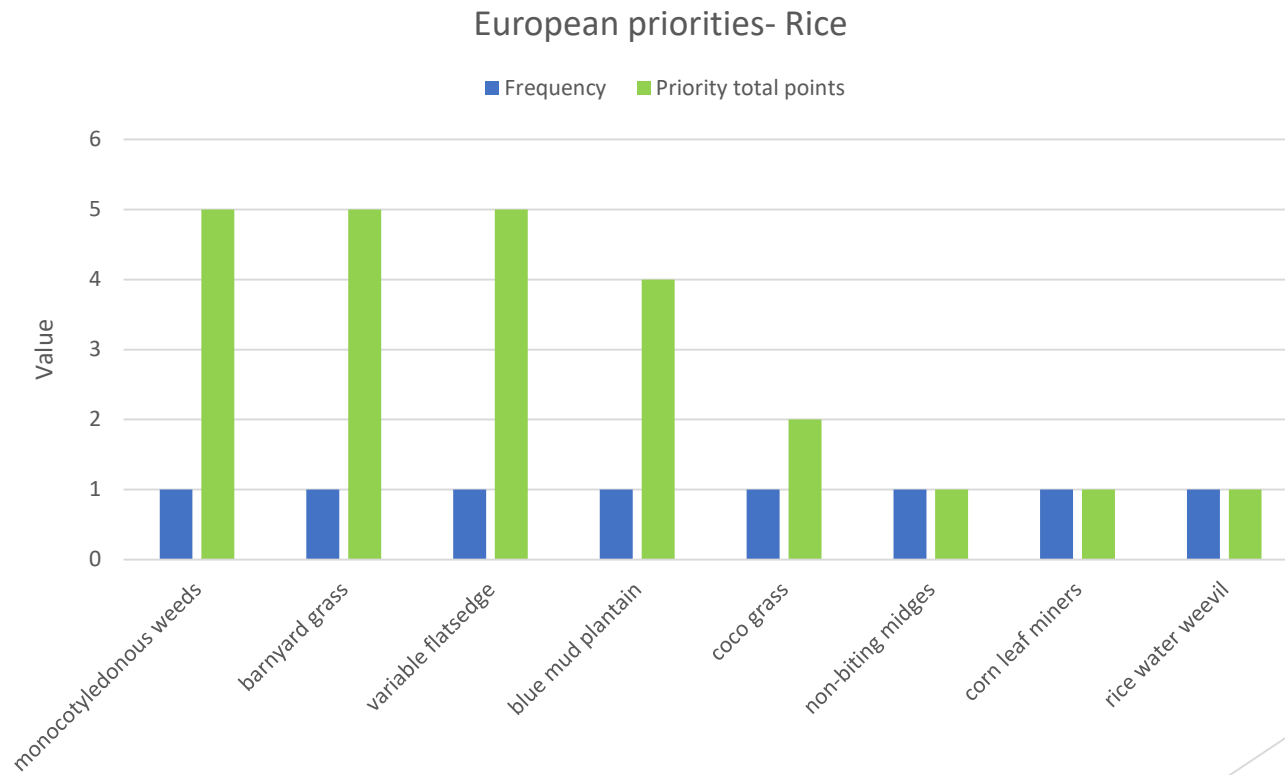


Minor uses needs - CEG Tobacco

European priorities- Tobacco-10 first priorities



Minor uses needs - CEG Rice



CEG Seeds

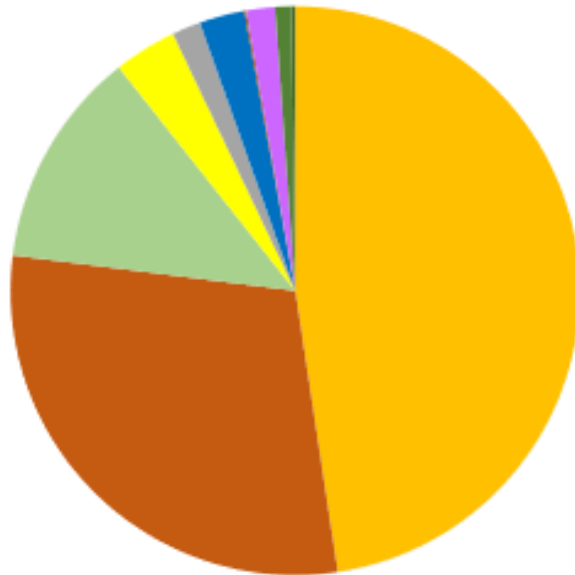
- ▶ **Seed production:** when a crop is grown to harvest the seeds; **seed treatment:** when a seed is treated before sowing it.
- ▶ Currently only a few needs of the CEG Seeds are in EUMUDA, because many of them covered **large crop groups**, while needs should preferably be specified at **species level**.
- ▶ CEG Seeds will provide **update** on minor uses needs that will **reflect more accurately** the issues faced by the **seed sector**.



87 projects in EUMUDA

CEG	No projects	Leading countries	Crops	Pests/Targets
Fruits and vegetables	70	Germany, the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Belgium, Sweden, France	Small fruits, pome fruits, leafy vegetables, umbelliferous vegetables, vegetable brassicas, cucurbitaceae, alliums, herbs, legumes, brassica arable crops, etc.	Aphids, thrips, drosophila, weeds, fungi, etc.
Ornamentals	3	The Netherlands, Belgium	Ornamentals, chrysanthemum	Thrips, growth regulators
Hops	5	Germany, France, Belgium, Slovenia	Hops	European hop beetle, annual meadow grass, Damson-hop aphid, defoliation, mite
Seeds	8	France, the Netherlands	Cucumber, carrot, bean, parsley, chicory, onion, beetroot	Green pigweed, pineapple weed, black nightshade, pythium
Mushrooms	1	Spain	Button mushroom	Mildew of mushroom

Minor uses needs per function



- insecticide
- fungicide
- herbicide
- acaricide
- viricide
- attractant
- bactericide
- molluscicide
- nematocidal
- plant growth regulator
- repellent
- rodenticide
- semio-chemicals
- talpicide
- other

Next steps EUMUDA

- ▶ Table of needs
 - Update will be done only **once a year**
 - In **March** request to **all MS** to update their table of needs
 - In **September** updated table of needs will be available
- ▶ Actively **approach industry** for possible solutions
- ▶ **Display information** on solutions in EUMUDA

NEXT  **STEPS**



What are the benefits of the MUCF to governments?

MUCF contributes to producing good quality speciality crops for consumers and guaranteeing sustainable agriculture via:

- ▶ Prioritisation and updating of **minor uses needs** for countries
- ▶ Facilitating establishment of **projects** and **countries participation in projects** under Commodity Expert Groups
- ▶ **European harmonization** (definition of minor uses, evaluation of registration dossiers)
- ▶ **Efficient use of resources**
- ▶ A **level playing field** for EU growers of speciality crops



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Platform 1:

Cooperation on EU Minor Uses and Specialty Crops



to cooperate to ensure that solutions are made available to specialty crops, and that the solutions should be ranked in order of non-chemical solutions including biocontrol. In most cases, it is difficult to register these solutions as they are exempt from an MRL. However, the registration of solutions and other innovative industry developments may not be possible without harmonisation.

IBMA and Copa-Cogeca will take into account and document the availability of all techniques, including registration such as microbial biocontrol agents. Solutions should be ranked in order of implementation plans and implementation.

IBMA and Copa-Cogeca will work towards implementing a robust system with the EUMUCF (European Union Microbial Control) (advisory systems, [EUVRIN](#), [EUFRIN](#)).

IBMA and Copa-Cogeca will facilitate the making available of solutions to growers for minor uses and specialty crops by taking an active part in Horizontal and Commodity Expert Groups.

1. IBMA and Copa-Cogeca will collaborate to ensure that solutions tailored to the needs of minor uses and specialty crops include options from the biocontrol sector in particular.
2. IBMA and Copa-Cogeca will work towards ensuring that databases are not unnecessarily duplicated and are developed, where possible, based on existing databases which are to be made fully functional.

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Copa-Cogeca and IBMA agree to cooperate to ensure that **solutions** are made available to **growers for minor uses and specialty crops**, and that the solutions should be ranked in order of **priority**, the first priority being **non-chemical solutions including biocontrol**.

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What we plan to do next (I)

Expert Groups

- ▶ Increase participation from countries at meetings and in projects
- ▶ Continue to organise plenary sessions with topics of general interest (e.g. residues)

EU-level

- ▶ Encourage the removal of national specific requirements for minor use applications
- ▶ Maintain and reinforce the link with the EU database PPPAMS

What we plan to do next (II)

International level

- ▶ Continue to cooperate with **global** minor uses programmes to stimulate **international harmonisation**
- ▶ Play an active role in the **OECD Expert Group on Minor Uses** (EGMU)

Long(er) term

- ▶ Explore whether the EUMUDA database could also eventually host the **Global Minor Uses Database**
- ▶ Organise **EU priority setting meetings** at an annual basis

Solve minor use needs!



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