

**BTO meeting with Rud Pedersen – SUR breakfast.**

15/07/22, 8.30-9.30 CET, Avenue Marnix 28, 1000 Brussels.

Present: [redacted] (Rud Pedersen); [redacted] (Spirits Europe); [redacted] (ELO); [redacted] (Syngenta); [redacted] (Corteva); [redacted] (Bayer); [redacted] (Pepsi); [redacted] (Novozymes); [redacted] (Rud Pedersen); [redacted] (Rud Pedersen); [redacted] (SANTE F3, [redacted]), [redacted] (SANTE F3).

[redacted] (SANTE F3) presented the context and main elements of the proposal for a Regulation on the Sustainable Use of Plant Protection Products (SUR). He explained that, at this stage, it appears that the focus of the discussion will be around the issues of targets and sensitive areas - with Member States also raising concerns about administrative burden. He went on to explain in more detail the methodology for setting targets at Member State level, taking account of historical progress as well as intensity of use. With regard to sensitive areas, he explained that the proposal is to ban the use of pesticides in both urban areas and ecologically sensitive areas (such as Natura 2000 areas and areas where pollinators are at risk). It is the ecologically sensitive areas which are the focus for discussion as, for some Member States, there is significant farming in these areas. The large part of the meeting was explanatory, outlining the different elements of the SUR proposal, as above.

In terms of questions, Syngenta propose to send in writing some suggestions on sensitive areas, Bayer had a specific question on Candidates for Substitution (CfS) and calculating targets, which they will send in writing (related to how in will (CfS) be weighted/categorised in measuring progress on targets, from date of the baseline, or when the Regulation will be published?) Novozymes raise the issue of enzymes and whether they should be added as an example in the relevant article, after the phrase 'such as.' They do not see that enzymes are covered by the term semiochemicals. Another similar question was on whether 'natural substances' should also be added.

Following the meeting [redacted] informed [redacted] who had hosted the meeting, that [the public consultation on SUR](#) is still open. It would be best if he could inform those attending the meeting to provide their feedback in relation to SUR there, so that their feedback can be considered as part of the formal process.