

Crop and Sector Specific Guidelines for Integrated Plant Protection (CSG)

here: Potential Uses and User Groups

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CSG are embedded into the National Action Plans for Sustainable Use of Pesticides, (NAP) fixed in Directive 2009/128. Initially planned as one of different tools for putting the concept of sustainable use of pesticides into future plant production practices, more and more it is recognized that the might become the most powerful tool interconnecting several uses and user groups.



Uses

- Definition and harmonization of GAPs for registration purpose of Plant Protection Products (PPP)
- Grouping of pathogens and GAPs („extrapolation“) for registration purpose (industry and administration)
- Clustering of integrated plant protection procedures
- Information and transparency related to plant protection procedures for different interest groups
- Guidance on aims of agricultural sustainability mediated by Best Agricultural Practice (BAP) orientation
- Benchmarking of plant production procedures with Integrated Plant Protection Procedures



User groups

- Industry
- Administration
- Producers
- Extension services
- Retailers
- Consumers
- Science



Open questions

- Should CSG be developed on national or international level?
- How are interest groups are included into the process?
- Who will direct the process?
- Who will accredit CSG?
- How could a general information system be constructed?
- How could the implementation be supported by the interest groups?

Challenges

- Integration of existing experience and standards
- Data mining/fusion of data bases
- Creation of joined data pools or search engines
- Agreement on aims, milestones and evaluation schemes of progress

Challenges

- Definition of science based, transparent, comprehensible, modular, flexible, practicable and affordable guidelines
- Integration of CSG into existing evaluation schemes (certification systems)



CSG can be an interface for information exchange along the product chain