

DRAFT AGENDA

Capacity building

Topic

Risk management of pesticides in Moldova

Date

28 September

Time

14:00- 17:30 (CEST)

Background

The workshop is organised by the OECD pesticides network under Output I of the PROGRESS project in response to the prioritisation of the topic of sustainable pesticide by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry of Moldova (MAFI) for project implementation.

Workshop objectives

The objective of the workshop is for Moldova to gain expertise from OECD and its Member countries on how to ensure risk management and sustainable use of pesticides. A better understanding of how new technologies are applied in pesticide use, and of the regulations governing these technologies, is crucial for ensuring not only the effective but also the sustainable use of pesticides. Such technologies can support more precise application, reduce unnecessary pesticide use and environmental impacts, and contribute to more resource-efficient agricultural practices.

Participants

The workshop is targeted primarily to government representatives of Ministries, Regulatory Agencies and Enforcement Agencies dealing with agricultural pesticides. Other stakeholders involved or interested in risk management and sustainable use of pesticides may be invited to participate.

About PROGRESS

The project “Promoting Green Deal Readiness in the Eastern Partnership Countries” (PROGRESS) is implemented on behalf of the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the Federal Government of Germany. Within the Federal Government, the IKI is anchored in the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUKN). Selected project is also the responsibility of the Federal Foreign Office (AA). PROGRESS is implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, as the lead agency, in partnership with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus (REC), the European Business Association (EBA) Moldova and the Institute for Economics and Forecasting of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (IEF).

PROGRESS aims to support the EaP countries with achieving long-term mitigation, adaptation and sustainable development consistent with the EU Green Deal objectives and 1.5°C pathways of the Paris Agreement. PROGRESS lasts during 2023-2028 and has a total budget of EUR 20 million.

The OECD leads implementation of two out of the Programme’s five Outputs: Output I on evidence-based national policies and frameworks for climate change adaptation and resilience in agriculture, and Output IV on access to and mobilisation of green finance in agriculture.

Innovative Pesticide Application Technologies and Regulatory Considerations

Time (CEST)	Topic	Speaker
14:00-14:10	Opening	OECD & Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry of Moldova
14:10-14:35	New technologies and precision application • Drivers and benefits of adoption: Global, European and National Perspectives • Discussion	Grant Stark (Head of Evidence, Committees and Technologies team/ Health and Safety Executive and Chair of OECD Working Party for Pesticides Drone Subgroup)
14:35-14:55	New technologies and precision application • Barriers to adoption presentation: Socio-economic Challenges and Opportunities • Discussion	
14:55-15:30	New technologies and precision application • Regulatory Frameworks and Incentives for Innovation and Technology Update • Discussion	
15:30-15:45	Break	
15:45-16:15	Aerial Application of Pesticides • WHO guidance on aerial application • EU approach to aerial application • Discussion	

16:15-16:45 Application of Pesticides by Drone

- Current EU law
- Current State of Knowledge based on work of OECD Drone Subgroup
- Discussion

16:45-17:15 Inspection of equipment

- Technical requirements and parameters assessed during inspections;
- Inspection procedures and methodologies;
- Criteria used for validation and acceptance of inspection results;
- Practical experience with the inspection of UAVs and other pesticide application equipment.

**Ian Forman (UK
Agricultural Engineers
Association)**

17:15-17:25 Closing

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Agriculture and Food
Industry of Moldova**