Plant Protection Products for minor uses

Back in 2011 a Belgian Research group, leaded by Bruno Gobin (PCS) invited several countries to discuss and cooperate on PPP registration and created a “minor uses ornamentals group”. Actually 8 countries are regularly active in the Commodity Expert Group – ORNAMENTALS.

There are a number of minor use groups at EU level. The Commodity Group Fruits and Vegetables is very active but there are other minor groups.

Those expert groups are voluntary groups with the aim to exchange data trial in their groups. From 2010: there are 3 climatic zones (North, South and Central) for minor uses registration and mutual recognition. For PPP for Nurserystock the 3 zones apply while for Greenhouses there is only 1 zone.

The fact is that it doesn’t work, because authorities don’t trust the data from other countries.

Therefore, the EC (+ FR, NL and DE) developed an official minor uses coordination facility, which is the coordinator for all those small groups. All the voluntary groups have joined them and they coordinate the meetings, and payback travelling expenses. [www.minoruses.eu/](http://www.minoruses.eu/)

**MinorUses** ([www.minoruses.eu](http://www.minoruses.eu)), **Experts groups** and **EUMUDA** ([www.eumuda.eu](http://www.eumuda.eu)) are now almost the same. Linked together and working in full cooperation.

The Expert Group – Ornamentals meets 2 a year, make an inventory of all the needs, list the PPP most likely to progress in the registration process and they choose projects that are important for most countries. TRIALS are also coordinated to support registration.

PPP that could disappear: it’s discussed but often they don’t have a clear view.

In the **Commodity Expert Group – Ornamentals**, the needs are discussed and passed to the national authorities. It’s a meeting point between Researchers and governments. Experts from SE, BE, NL, UK, CR, IT, FR, DK, ES are participating in it.

The group is open to all countries. Through ENA we might send the specialist name from interested countries that are not members. Should be someone having a whole ornamentals view, with good data and good info. Also our ENA members may help sending their needs and ENA may share it with the experts group on ornamentals.

Please be aware that reports are mostly private, because of confidential information on products received from PPP’ companies. Classified info cannot be shared, and it’s important to keep it this way to have the confidence of the industry.

**The aim of the Expert Group ORNAMENTALS is to advance on registrations, sharing information within the group to get more registrations and to optimize trials in different countries.**