

# **EVALUATION OF THE DIRECTIVE ON THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF PESTICIDES (2009/128/EC)**

# METHODOLOGY

## DATA COLLECTION

- Questionnaires → 206 responses
- Fact-finding meetings in 5 countries

## 5 MEMBER STATES

- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Ireland
- Spain
- Sweden

## PARTICIPANTS

- Businesses
- Employers
- Cooperatives
- University
- Trade Unions
- Farmers Associations
- Public Authorities
- Public Agencies
- NGOs

## MAIN CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

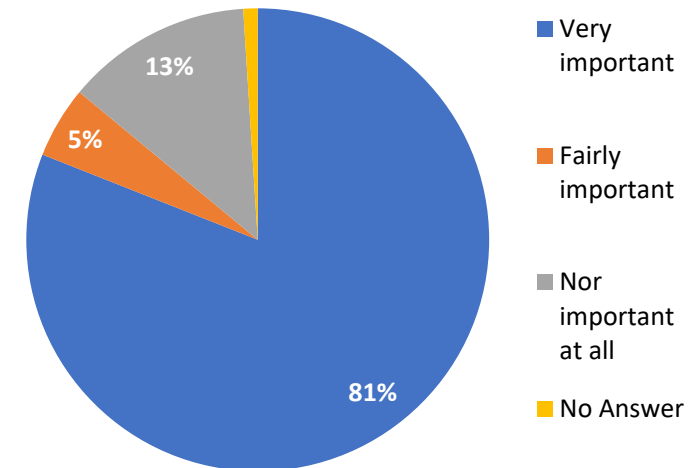
- The **SUD** has helped **raising awareness** and achieving a more rational and sustainable use of pesticides
- Lack of knowledge → comprehensive, affordable and **mandatory training** systems are needed
- Alternative solutions usually results in **very high costs** → need to improve availability and cost-effectiveness of **alternatives, new technologies**, and the funding on R&D

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- Farmers' **use of pesticides is influenced** by several factors:
  - Political, environmental and economic pressures
  - Each country's specific agro-ecological conditions
  - Purchasing habits and consumer behavior
  - Social and demographic factors

→ Need to take into consideration all these factors in the revision

How important is economic influence in prompting farmers to adopt and use pesticides?



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- **SUD** should take into account the objectives, principles and nature of the CAP
- Other EU legislations are having negative impacts on farmer's profitability → the European Green Deal, Biodiversity 2030, and Farm to Fork strategies should be thoroughly assessed
- Concerns with imports from third countries if don't comply with EU rules on plant protection → Promote a **fair trade and strengthen controls** in the EU common market

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- Lack of **involvement of civil society** → scientific and academic community should play a much greater role
- Lack of knowledge among the **general public** → awareness-raising and dissemination campaigns
- The **revision of the Directive** is necessary

**THANK YOU**