



ACHIEVEMENTS AND OBJECTIVES 2015-2019 and beyond

The mission of the EU Minor Uses Coordination Facility ('Coordination Facility') is 'to enable farmers in the EU to produce high quality crops by filling minor uses gaps through efficient collaboration to improve availability of chemical and non-chemical tools within an integrated pest management (IPM) framework'.

1. Solving Minor Uses Needs

What we have done:

- Organised a survey to European countries for addition and amendments to the list of minor uses needs
- 5380 minor uses needs (individual to countries), representing 2500 grouped minor uses needs (same need shared by countries) identified by 26 European countries and registered as cases on EUMUDA
- For all minor uses needs a priority score has been attributed
- 87 projects registered on EUMUDA
- 31 searches of Homologa carried out

What we plan to do next:

- Manage all ongoing and new projects
- Support Expert Groups in setting up projects. Allocate priority cases between countries for data generation projects per individual CEG.
- Prepare uniform annual work plans for the individual Expert Groups (CEGs and HEG)
- Evaluate the contribution of the Homologa database to solving minor uses gaps
- Promote priority cases to IPM (research) projects
- Strengthen the role of the Coordination Facility in relation to the development of IPM solutions for minor use needs
- Organise priority setting meetings annually

2. Governance and funding of the Co-ordination Facility

What we have done:

- Established financial systems and opened bank account
- Secured 50% EU co-funding to match contributions from France, Germany and the Netherlands for the first three years (2015-2018)
- Recruited Coordination Facility team comprises of Co-ordinator, Technical Expert, IT Officer and Administrative Assistant
- Took part in 6 meetings of the funders' Steering Group and prepared meeting agenda and minutes
- Approached all Member States for funding (year 2018 and beyond) and received contribution/commitment from 14 Member States including the original funders France, Germany and Netherlands
- Took part and organised the first meeting of the Governing Board (comprising of all funding Member States)
- Explored the possibility that Member States can fund the Coordination Facility alongside their EPPO contribution

What we plan to do next:

- Ensure longer term financial sustainability, from 2019 and beyond, by encouraging financial commitments from all Member States.
- Continue to take part in and organise meetings of the Minor Uses Steering Group (twice a year), and of the Governing Board (once a year)

3. Communication

What we have done:

- Updated the minor uses website regularly (www.minoruses.eu).
- Provided an update on the work of the Coordination Facility at (international) events
- Issued Newsletters quarterly; the current number of subscriptions is 347 including 106 subscriptions of stakeholders not members of Expert Groups
- Organised the Second Stakeholder Advisory Forum
- Prepared and communicated a poster on the Coordination Facility/EUMUDA

What we plan to do next:

- Improve the structure and update the minor uses website more frequently
- Present and promote the work and activities of the Coordination Facility at (international) events
- Continue to issue newsletters quarterly and increase the number of subscriptions
- Organise the Third Stakeholder Advisory Forum early 2019 and continue to organize the Stakeholder Forum meeting annually

4. Renewing the EU Minor Uses Database - EUMUDA

What we have done:

- Filled the new EUMUDA for the table of needs
- CEG members started to fill EUMUDA for projects
- Improved EUMUDA structure for the table of needs
- Prepared user's guide for EUMUDA
- Prepared and implemented rules for access rights and confidentiality

What we plan to do next:

- Improve, maintain and fill EUMUDA
- Follow up on the progress made on individual needs and individual projects
- Develop structure for IPM projects
- Maintain and reinforce the link with the EU database PPPAMS
- Explore whether the EUMUDA database will also eventually host the Minor Uses Global Database

5. Co-ordinating expert groups

What we have done:

- Developed and maintained a Minor Uses Extranet to facilitate the organisation of meetings
- Organised three series of expert group meetings (back-to-back) with participation of 100-120 participants from more than 20 different countries
- Organised plenary sessions with topics of general interest (IPM, biocontrol, Refit)
- Set clear rules for membership of Expert Groups in line with the Terms of Reference
- Developed criteria for the establishment of a new Commodity Expert Group

What we plan to do next:

- Continue to provide administrative and technical support to the Expert Groups in organising meetings and managing ongoing projects
- Increase participation at meetings and in projects from more countries
- Continue to organise plenary sessions with topics of general interest (e.g. residues)
- Develop work plans for the individual Commodity Expert Groups
- Review the participation of experts to Expert Groups
- Prepare a Guidance Document for applicants on registration issues for minor uses

6. Linking with minor uses activities internationally

What we have done:

- Cooperated with existing networks on Minor Uses, such as OECD, IR-4 (USA), the Canadian Minor Use Pesticides Programme and the minor use work in Brazil.
- Participated in the 1st and 2nd Global Minor Use Priority Setting Workshop
- Participated in the 3rd Global Minor Uses Summit
- Worked together with EPPO on further harmonization e.g. in relation to crop group and pest group definitions, as well as extrapolation tables and on the preparation of the EPPO Standard for efficacy evaluation of low-risk Plant Protection Products
- Participated in the OECD Expert Group on Minor Uses (EGMU)

What we plan to do next:

- Continue to cooperate with global minor uses programmes to stimulate international harmonisation
- Continue to work together with EPPO on further harmonization e.g. in relation to crop group and pest group definitions, as well as extrapolation tables
- Continue to play an active role in the OECD EGMU

7. Voluntary Assessed Contributions

- The Coordination Facility can continue its activities from the fourth year onwards if contributions are provided weighted according to the population in each individual Member State. For this purpose, the Member States have been divided into three different groups, each with a different voluntary assessed contribution., as shown in the table below.

Group	Member State	Annual contribution	Total
Group 1	DE, FR, UK, IT, ES, PL	EUR 50 000	EUR 300 000
Group 2	RO, NL, BE, EL, CZ, PT, HU, SE, AT, BG, DK, FI, SK, NO, CH	EUR 25 000	EUR 375 000
Group 3	IE, HR, LT, SI, LV, EE, CY, LU, MT	EUR 10 000	EUR 90 000
Total per annum			EUR 765 000

8. Financial Statement

Expenditure	15 April 2015 – 14 April 2016	15 April 2016 – 14 April 2017	15 April 2017 – 14 April 2018	2018⁴	Estimated Budget 2019
Salary costs including insurances ¹	61 000	236 000	295 000		295 000
Governance	5 000	2 000	1 000		1 000
IT-provisions ²	10 000	68 000	60 000		43 000
Technical Meetings ³	18 000	140 000	253 000		150 000
Overhead (7%)	6 500	31 000	43 000		34 000
Sub total	100 500	477 000	652 000		523 000
Income					
Contribution EU	60 000	205 000	335 000		-
Contribution Member States	350 000	350 000	350 000		195 000 ⁵
Carry over to 2019					74 500
Sub total	410 000	555 000	685 000		269 500
BALANCE	309 500	78 000	33 000		- 253 500
Carry over from contributions Member States from 15 April 2015 – 14 April 2018 a total of EUR 420 500 (EUR 346 000 to remaining part of 2018 and EUR 74 500 to 2019)					

- The figures in the above table are rounded and simplified
- The agreed budget for the first three years was EUR 700 000 per year
- The contribution from the European Union was a grant agreement for the first three years
- The 'contribution Member States' was for the first three years a contribution from Germany, France and the Netherlands
- The amount from the contributions from Germany, France and the Netherlands not spent in the first three years will be carried over to 2018 and 2019
- The contributing Member States for 2018 are: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland and The Netherlands (up to an amount of EUR 354 000)

¹ The Coordination Facility was only fully staffed from 1st November 2016

² This line includes the cost of a subscription to the Homologa database from November 2016

³ Experts attending minor uses meetings were fully reimbursed for the first three years; for 2018 only travel and hotel are reimbursed and for 2019 only travel expenses will be reimbursed

⁴ The year 2018 is considered a transition year to go from funding by a grant agreement to fully rely on contributions from Member States, as well as to a reporting year that will start on the 1st January of each year, and will end on 31st December of each year

⁵ In 2018 commitments have been received for 2019 up to an amount of EUR 195 000