



## **Meeting "Chairs of Commodity Expert Groups", 01 November 2017**

The main conclusions of the meeting of the “Chairs of Commodity Expert Groups”, held on 01 November 2017 in Dublin, are listed below.

- The meeting was attended by 11 people.
- **Long-term funding strategy** Currently, the Coordination Facility is jointly funded by the EU and the governments of France, Germany and the Netherlands. The funding is secured until April 2018. A priority for the Coordination Facility is to ensure longer term finance as it is clear that minor uses problems will not all be resolved in three years. A letter from the European Commission was circulated to the Permanent Representatives of the Member States. The issue of the long-term funding of the MUCF was also discussed in the AGRI-FISH Council meeting on 9 October 2017. Many Member States acknowledged the importance of the MUCF. The MUCF has sent out invoices to national minor uses contact points to make contributions for 2018 still possible.
- **Preliminary schedule ‘spring’ meetings** In March 2018 the meetings of the Chairs of the CEGs, the individual CEGs and the HEG will again all be held back-to-back at Square Meeting Centre in Brussels. The meetings will be held from Tuesday 13 March until Thursday 15 March. A plenary session is planned for Wednesday morning 14 March and the HEG will take place on Thursday 15 March.
- **EU Minor Uses Database (EUMUDA)** The new version of EUMUDA has been launched on 28 June 2017. Updates of the homepage, the table of minor uses needs including the GMUS Survey, the work programmes, and the crop acreages table have been done and these are now used by the CEGs. In the work programmes, new features are (i) the Project Plan can now be downloaded as a Word document, (ii) the project leaders can now copy a project to save time when entering new projects, (iii) field « Member States interested » has been added, in addition to « Member States participating », and (iv) a new Crop group has been added « Ornamentals » (new sub-crop group should still be defined for this group).
- **EUMUDA** The MUCF is working on (i) the possibility to export the information from a full project as a word document, (ii) the development of advanced search tools, (iii) the development of projects specifically for non-chemical products/IPM solutions. In addition, a user’s manual for EUMUDA is in preparation. *Post meeting note: The **Guide for users of EUMUDA** is now available on EUMUDA homepage [www.eumuda.eu](http://www.eumuda.eu)*
- The following documents: (i) **Access rights and confidentiality**, (ii) **Project Plan**, (iii) **Participation of experts in Commodity Expert Groups (CEGs)**

**and the Horizontal Expert Group (HEG), and (iv) Rules for the establishment of a new Commodity Expert Group** are tabled for discussion in the HEG and in the different CEG-meetings. The final documents will be put on the agenda for approval/note taking by the Steering Group in their meeting on 22 November 2017.

- In preparation of the **Second Global Minor Use Priority Setting Workshop** (4 October 2017, Montreal, <http://gmup.org>) the MUCF has submitted a priority list on behalf of the EU. This list is available in EUMUDA: [https://eumuda.minoruses.eu/database/table\\_minor\\_uses\\_GMUS](https://eumuda.minoruses.eu/database/table_minor_uses_GMUS). This list covers the minor uses needs of 14 Member States and Norway, and also contains a column that provides the EU-ranking of EU priorities. The following was agreed:
  - Member States that have not yet responded will be asked again by the MUCF for their priorities.
  - The current table of minor uses needs and the list of GMUS priorities will be merged so that EUMUDA will contain one single table of needs
  - This final list with priorities will form the basis for the workplans of the CEGs.
  - The list with national minor use contact points will be circulated to Member States for update or confirmation. Preferably, there should be at least two contact points (as back-up) per Member State.