

EUROPEAN UNION MINOR USES COORDINATION FACILITY

Meeting "Steering Group EU Minor Uses Coordination Facility", <u>14 April 2016</u>

The main conclusions of the meeting of the "Steering Group EU Minor Uses Coordination Facility", held on 14 April 2016 in Brussels, are listed below.

- The agenda and main conclusions from meetings (Steering Group, Commodity Expert Groups (CEGs) and Horizontal Expert Group (HEG)) will be made publicly available as bullet points via the website of the Coordination Facility.
- The first grant agreement ends on 14 April 2016. The EU Minor Uses Coordination Facility (EUMUCF) will prepare a Final Narrative Report and Final Financial Report before 14 June 2016. An application for a grant for the second year of the EUMUCF has been submitted to the European Commission.
- Currently, the funding of the Coordination Facility has been guaranteed by France, Germany and the Netherlands for the first three years. Already several other Member States have indicated their willingness to contribute to the funding of the Coordination Facility. At it is clear that minor uses problems will not all be resolved in three years, a mid-/long-term planning (5-10 years) and a strategy how other Member States can contribute, should be available by the end of 2016.
- The EUMUCF will prepare written input for the meetings of the different GDCs (Civil Dialogue Group, stakeholder groups on different sectors of agricultural production hosted by DG Agriculture).
- An advert for a Technical Expert for the EUMUCF has been published on the minor uses website. The deadline for applications is 30 May 2016.
- Meetings of all the CEGs and HEG will be organised back-to-back from 25-27 April 2016 in Brussels.
- Participants to meetings or events organized by the EU Minor Uses Coordination Facility will be reimbursed for travel and subsistence expenses according to the reimbursement policy of the Coordination Facility. The reimbursement policy was agreed by the Steering Group and will be made available via the minor uses extranet.
- The final version of the terms of procedure of the Steering Group was adopted.
- The next meeting of the SG will be held on 5th October 2016.