

**European Directive establishing a framework for Community action to achieve
the Sustainable Use of Pesticides**

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Sustainable Use Framework Directive

Directive

- Providing an overall framework**
- Subsidiarity: Room for manoeuvre - national transposition**

Purpose

- Aims at achieving a sustainable use of pesticides**
 - By reducing risks & impact of pesticide use on human health and the environment**
 - By promoting the use of Integrated Pest Management and of alternative approaches or techniques**

Content of the Framework Directive

- ❑ **National Action Plans** to reduce risks & impact and encourage IPM /alternatives to reduce dependence on pesticides
 - ❑ To comprise national quantitative targets , measures and timetables
 - ❑ To include indicators to monitor use of PPP of particular concern
 - ❑ May include provision on informing persons exposed to spray drift
- ❑ **Promotion of awareness raising programmes on PPPs for general public**
- ❑ **Inspection of (all) application equipment in professional use (by 2016). Certification system (by 2011)**
- ❑ **Measures to protect the aquatic environment, including reduction or elimination of uses on infrastructure or sealed surfaces**

Content of the Framework Directive

- Measures to ensure that operations by professional users/distributors such as storage, mixing, cleaning of equipment & disposal do not endanger human health & the environment**
- Implementation of IPM principles by all professional users (by 2014)**
- Harmonised Risk Indicators at European level**
- Training for all professional users, distributors and advisors (initial and additional training)**
 - Establishment of a training certification systems. Certificates to proof sufficient knowledge**
 - Sales of professional products linked to training certificate holders**

Article 12 - Reduction of pesticide use **or** risks in specific areas

*“Member States shall, having due regard for the necessary hygiene and public health requirements and biodiversity, or the results of relevant risk assessments, ensure that the use of pesticides is **minimised or prohibited** in these specific areas. Appropriate risk management measures shall be taken and the use of low-risk plant protection products (...) and biological control measures shall be considered in the first place. The specific areas in question are:*

areas used by the general public or by vulnerable groups as defined by Article 3 of Regulation (...), such as parks, public gardens, sports and recreation grounds, school grounds and playgrounds and in the close vicinity of healthcare facilities;”

Proposals from the European Parliament avoided on article 12

- Reduction of pesticide use and risk
- Ban of pesticide use in residential areas
- No spray zones around residential areas or all areas used by the public
- Unrealistic buffer zones around surface water

Involvement of stakeholders regarding article 12

- Joint letters from the Golf sector:
STERF, STRI, Golf Environment Europe, EGCOA, University of Pisa, Cranfield University

Implementation timeline – Key deadlines

Enter into force December 2009:	Issues		
December 2011	Entry into force of all National laws, regulations and administrative provisions to Implement SUD	MS to ensure risk or use reduction in public areas	MS to implement certification system for equipment inspection
December 2012	Communication of NAPs to the Commission		
December 2013	training certificate systems for prof. users, distributors & advisors		
December 2014	IPM is implemented by all professional users by 1.1.2014		
December 2015	Professional users being trained. Restriction of sales to professional users holding a certificate		
December 2016	Only inspected equipment shall be in professional use		

Implementation status - Draft National Action Plan availability

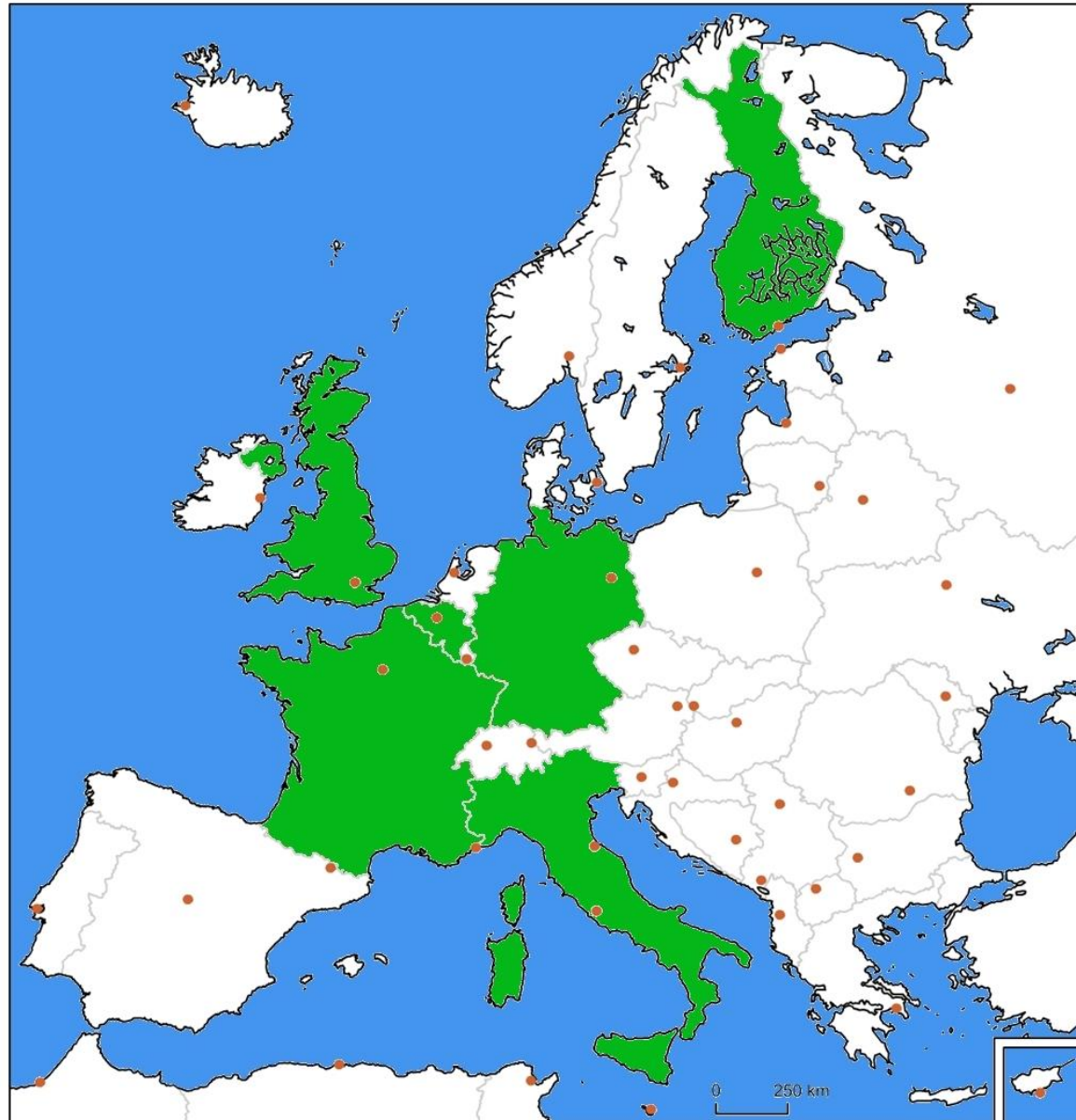
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Available:

Belgium
Finland
France
Germany
UK

Expected :

Austria (2012)
Czech Rep. (Spring 2010)
Finland (March 2010)
Greece (June 2010)
Ireland (1st quarter 2010)
Lithuania (2010)
Poland (Summer 2010)
Slovakia (1st quarter 2010)
Slovenia (End 2010)



Member States focus on Risks and/or Use reduction

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Mainly on use reduction:

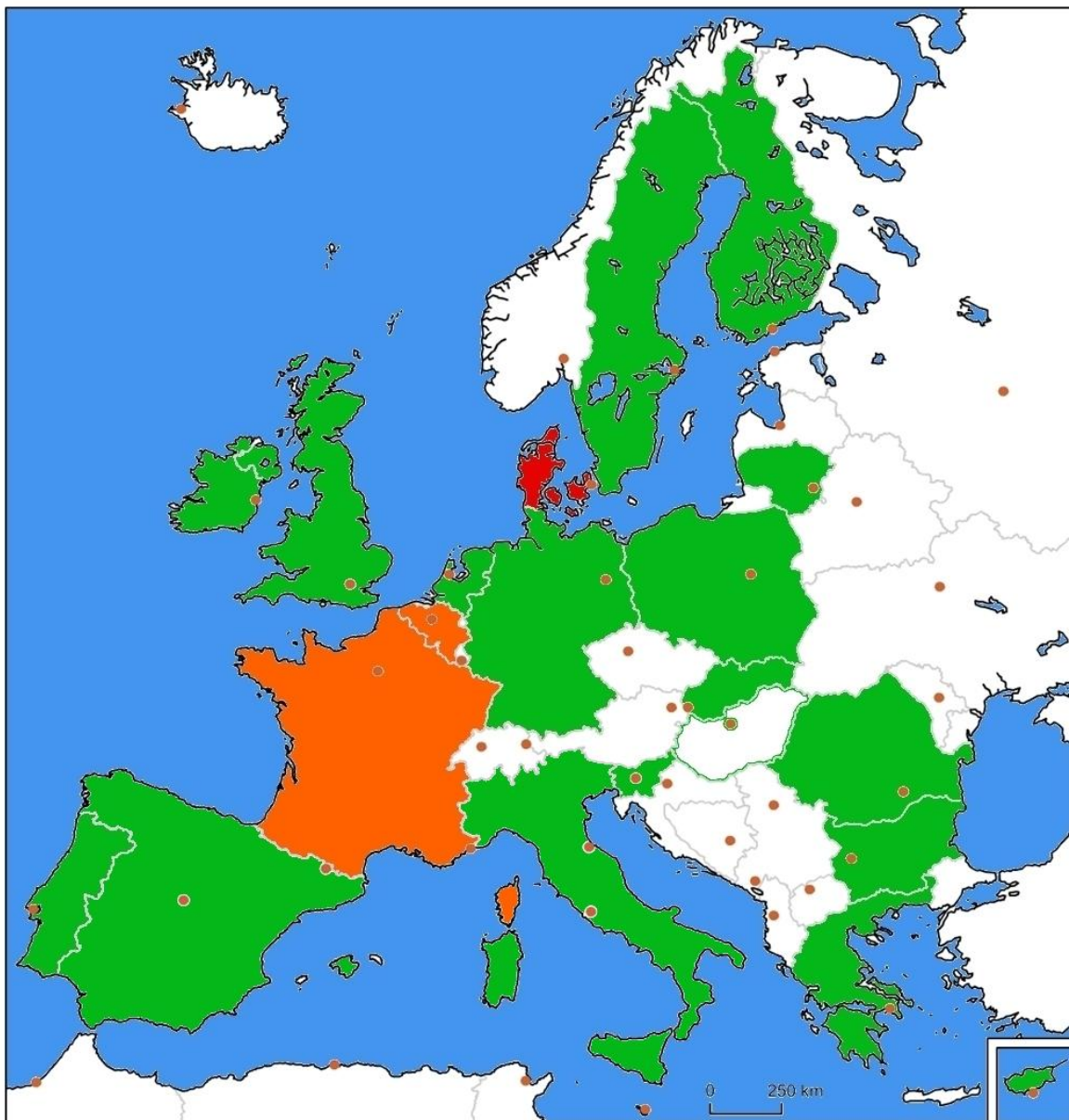
Denmark

Mainly on risks reduction:

Bulgaria
Finland
Germany
Ireland
Italy
Portugal
Poland
Romania
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
UK

Combination of both:

France
Belgium



Achieving the Sustainable Use of Pesticides



- Focus needs to be on further risk & impact reduction during the use phase of plant protection products
 - Main goal of the Framework Directive
 - Registration of products covers risk assessment and products are considered safe for use
 - Loss of many PPP solutions due to review process and expected due to new 91/414
- Improvement of practices is the way forward!
- Involvement of all stakeholders necessary to identify these and gain commitment for the practical implementation

Thank you for your attention!