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Event description:

In June this year the European Commission published its proposal to revise the Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive which will enshrine into law the flagship 50% reduction targets on pesticides from the Farm to Fork Strategy. The Parliament and Council are now grappling with the serious question over how exactly to make farming more sustainable and what these reduction targets mean for European farmers. This event will delve into this challenging debate to find out where institutional, industry and civil society stakeholders stand on the proposal: do they think that it's manageable? Do we have enough data on the realities on the ground? What effective alternatives to chemical pesticides are out there for farmers to use? What are the tradeoffs when imposing reduction targets? Is this the right time for such an ambitious proposal when farmers are grappling with the current food security and energy crises?

How will the review of the the Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive complement the EC proposal for a regulation on nature restoration that sets multiple binding restoration targets and obligations across a broad range of ecosystems, from forests and agricultural land to urban areas, rivers and marine habitats?

In the true open and forward-looking spirit of the EFF events and with the intention of promoting a pragmatic take on the upcoming debate, the EFF is looking forward for this fruitful discussion with an exciting panel of speakers.



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Moderator: Gerardo FORTUNA - Journalist Euractiv

PROGRAMME

- 8:45 - 8:55 Opening remarks EFF MEPs
Christine Schneider, Franc Bogovic, Irene Tolleret, Michaela Šojdrová
- 8:55 - 09:10 **Outstanding challenges and opportunities on the revision of the Directive**

MEP Clara AGUILERA
Rapporteur Revision of the Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive AGRI
- 09:10- 09:35 **Case study - challenges and opportunities**

Betty Annan - Country Director Ghana of the World Cocoa Foundation
Santos Ruiz, Director of DO Arroz de Valencia
Alexander Flick, Owner Weingut Alexander Flick TBC
- 09:35- 10:20 **Panel - challenges and opportunities from the stakeholders' point of view**
 • **Eduardo Cuoco** - Director - IFOAM Organics Europe
 • **Olivier de Matos** - Director General - CropLiveEurope
 • **Jennifer Lewis** - Executive Director IBMA-Global
 • **Eva Corral** - Senior Policy Officer on Pesticide and Water Pollution European
 Environmental Bureau
- 10:20- 10:40 **Claire Bury** - Deputy Director General for Food Sustainability DG Sante EU
 Commission
- 10 :40 - 10 :45 Conclusions
MEP Christine Schneider, Irene Tolleret, Michaela Šojdrová, Franc Bogovic