

# Capacity building – Interactive Pesticide Residues Exchange Platform (IPREP) – MS survey results 2023 and next steps

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# Interactive pesticide residues exchange platform (IPREP)

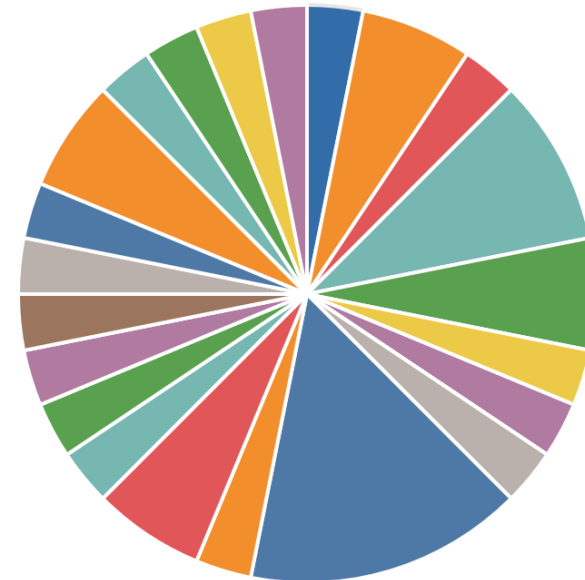
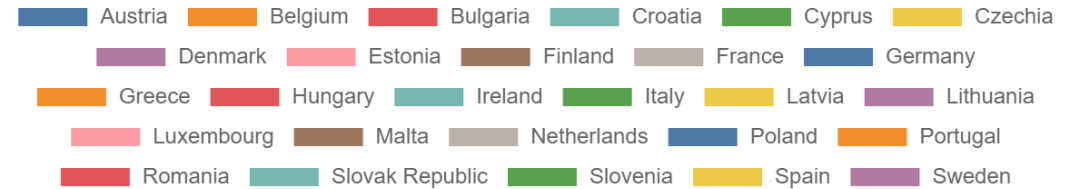
- The concept for the interactive pesticide residue exchange platform (IPREP) was presented at the last PSN in October 2022. EFSA proposed to perform a survey to seek feedback from MSs whether the idea to set up the IPREP is supported
- This survey has been carried out; **21 MSs** contributed to the survey and **support the new interactive knowledge exchange platform** to enhance and add value for collaboration between MSs and EFSA – to increase efficiency of RAs;
- The survey intended to identify and prioritise needs of MSs and to explore the scope of a future interactive pesticide residues exchange platform (IPREP) to facilitate communication and exchange of information for capacity building, for expert scientific support and knowledge sharing interactively between EFSA and MSs pesticide residue risk assessors.
- It aimed to explore the feasibility and usefulness of a Member States (MSs) - EFSA exchange platform specific for Pesticide Residues (PRs) on issues which may arise and where Member States would like to seek scientific advice and support and vice versa also EFSA can flag issues for information/discussion.
- **It needs to be emphasized that the intended interaction with MSs is dedicated for non-dossier scientific principles to respect independency of MSs/EFSA Ras and therefore different from 'application specific (scientific) advice'.**



# Member States contributing – the MSs survey

21 Member States contributed

32 responses were received



## New IPREP needed? Yes 50%

Please express your views on tools for an exchange and for discussing topics on pesticide residues in particular for MRL assessments in the context of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 (e.g. Art. 10 MRL applications, Art. 12 reviews and Art. 43 assessments) between Member State experts and EFSA. Multiple choices are possible.

	Answers	Ratio
Existing collaboration channels (e.g. functional mailbox (FMB), Pesticide Steering Network (PSN)) are sufficient.	10	31.25 %
<b>A new interactive knowledge exchange platform would enhance and add value for MSs and EFSA collaboration.</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>50 %</b>
Regular horizontal science meetings for pesticide residues under Regulations (EC) No 396/2005 and 1107/2009 (e.g. annually) would be beneficial.	13	40.62 %
Regular science meetings specifically related to MRL assessments under Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 (Art. 10, Art.12 and Art. 43) (e.g. annually) would be beneficial.	12	37.5 %
As a first step IPREP might be used and based on the experience a need of regular meetings might be identified.	15	46.88 %
No answer	1	3.12 %

\*Ratio: answers given to each point / 32 answers provided by participating MS experts



# Use of Microsoft Teams? Yes 56%

A tool would be needed for the IPREP which is intended as a workspace for real-time collaboration and communication, meetings, file sharing and accessible to everyone. In this context, please let us know whether you have experience in working with Microsoft®TEAMS [ [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft\\_Teams](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft_Teams) ] Multiple choices are possible.

	Answers	Ratio*
I use Microsoft®TEAMS	18	56.25 %
I have experience with Microsoft®TEAMS to share and edit documents	14	43.75 %
I have training needs to use Microsoft®TEAMS better (please specify in the box below)	8	25 %
I do not use Microsoft®TEAMS	2	6.25 %
No answer	1	3.12 %



\*Ratio: answers given to each point / 32 answers provided by participating MS experts<sub>5</sub>



# Relevance of scientific areas

For which scientific topics do you think there is a need for further scientific exchange/discussion among Member State and EFSA experts? Which scientific area in the table below would you consider relevant to be included in a structured interactive information knowledge exchange platform for pesticide residues (IPREP)?

**Nature of residues (NoR) and magnitude of residues (MoR) – plants: relevant**

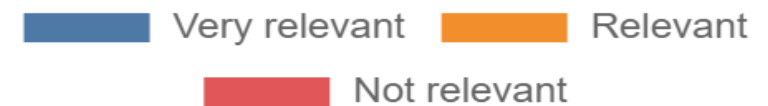
**Nature of residues (NoR) and magnitude of residues (MoR) – rotational crops: relevant**

**Analytical methods for monitoring and risk assessment: – relevant**

**NoR and MoR – processed commodities: relevant**

**Residue definitions for monitoring and risk assessment: very relevant**

**Consumer risk assessment: very relevant**



# MSs expert working groups

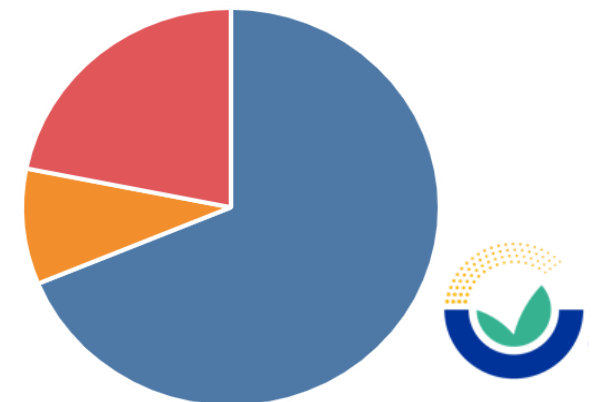
- EFSA explores the establishment of scientific expert groups with an active involvement of Member States experts and EFSA experts/contact points. Would you be willing to serve as a national expert for the scientific areas topics as e.g. identified in question 4 together with an EFSA expert? Single choice question.

	Answers	Ratio
Yes	6	18.75 %
No	10	31.25 %
<b>I would prefer to join an established group at a later stage.</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>46.88 %</b>
No Answer	1	3.13 %

Would you consult a group composed of MS experts and EFSA on certain scientific topics listed under question 4 e.g. by submitting questions via chat function? Single choice question.

<b>Yes</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>68.75 %</b>
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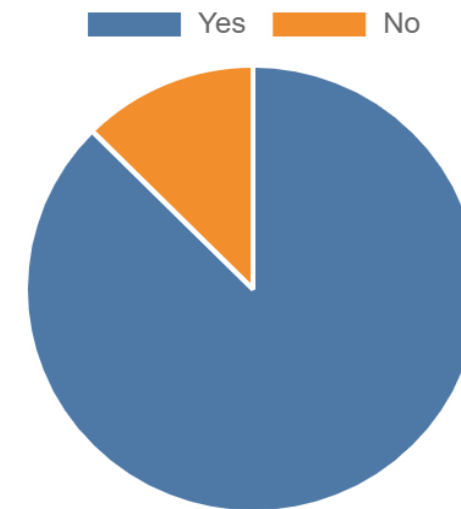
Yes No I don't know



# WIKI

- Would you support a transparent collection of discussed questions and derived answers in a searchable format (e.g. as a WIKI (an online hypertext publication collaboratively edited and managed by its own audience, using a web browser)) for later reference if needed to perform risk assessments? Single choice question.

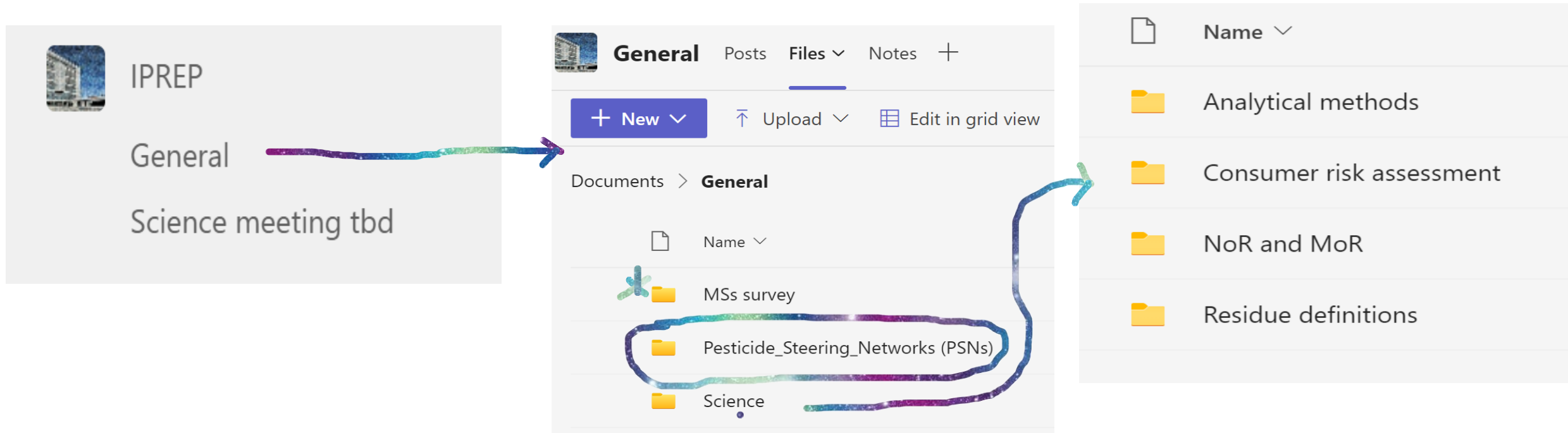
<b>Yes</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>87.50 %</b>
No	4	12.50 %
No Answer	0	0.00 %





# Interactive pesticide residues exchange platform

- EFSA currently establishes a **Teams workspace for the IPREP**;



- Currently 179 experts are included which are reflecting the pesticide residue MSs contact list
- MSs will be contacted to nominate MSs contacts and/or to inform EFSA that they do not wish to be included in the Teams workspace



# The way forward

- Establish a WIKI with MSs in a TEAMS workspace

The image shows two screenshots from a Microsoft Teams workspace. The left screenshot displays the 'General' channel's file list. The 'Notes' tab is circled in purple, and a purple arrow points from it to the right screenshot. The right screenshot shows a Wiki page titled 'Wiki Useful links' with several links and highlighted text.

Name	Modified	Modified By
MSs survey	March 15	LEUSCHNER Renata
Pesticide_Steering_Networks (PSNs)	July 4	LEUSCHNER Renata
Science	April 12	LEUSCHNER Renata

**Wiki Useful links**  
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Knowledge Center Pesticide Residues  
<https://efsa815.sharepoint.com/sites/KnowledgeCentre-PesticidesRiskAssessment?e=1%3A6c67391e23864a0aa40e807c3c3a798e>

**National**  
To be populated by Member States

**European**

Transparency Regulation Implementation Training Programme:  
<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/stakeholders/transparency-regulation-implementation-training-programme>

EU legislation and applicable guidance  
[Regulation \(EC\) No 396/2005 and list of commodities for which MRLs are set](https://ec.europa.eu/food/plants/pesticides/maximum-residue-levels/guidelines-maximum-residue-levels_en)  
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**Scientific GUIDANCE** under the legal framework of Regulation (EC) No 544/2011 **old data requirements**, (COM Document 1607/VI/97 and repository):  
[https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/pesticides/max\\_residue\\_levels/guidelines\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/pesticides/max_residue_levels/guidelines_en)

**Scientific GUIDANCE** under the legal framework of Regulation (EC) No 283/2013 **new data requirements** (COM communication on the **list of methods and guidance**):  
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2013:095:0001:0020:EN:PDF>



# Scope of the IPREP

- Exchange platform for discussion of several topics respecting independency and processes
- Common hub of shared knowledge between MSs experts and EFSA
- Facilitate discussions and alignment on pesticide residues topics and processes
- As an approach for knowledge sharing: develop a WIKI
- As a possible example of the topic for exchange and alignment:
  - to consider the applicability of relevant Data Requirement i.e. New DRs versus Old DRs for MRL applications and subsequent assessments (e.g. by means of a flowchart)



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