



INTERACTIVE PESTICIDE RESIDUES EXCHANGE PLATFORM* (IPREP) COMMUNITY

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OVERVIEW

- Interactive pesticide residues platform (IPREP)
- Vision and Terms of Reference (ToR)
- Specific topics on RA principles
- Next steps: additional scientific topics such as rotational crops
- Next steps: MRL leaning outcomes and dedicated topics



INTERACTIVE PESTICIDE RESIDUES PLATFORM (IPREP)

- The concept for the interactive pesticide residue exchange platform (IPREP) was presented at the PSN in October 2022. EFSA performed a survey to seek feedback from MSs on the idea to set up an IPREP and presented the outcome at the last PSN in October 2023.
- **21 MSs** contributed to the survey and **supported the new interactive knowledge exchange platform** to enhance and add value for collaboration between MSs and EFSA – to increase efficiency of RA.
- **Importantly, the intended interaction with MSs is dedicated for non-dossier scientific principles to respect independency of MSs/EFSA RAs and is different from 'application specific (scientific) advice'.**
- **Since the last PSN, a Microsoft Teams IPREP workspace has been established with two nominated residue experts per MS; Terms of Reference (ToRs) were established; a workspace dedicated to the scientific topic of 'deriving residue definitions' was established**



VISION OF THE IPREP

Knowledge community of MSs and EFSA risk assessors on pesticide residues

by sharing knowledge between MSs experts and EFSA

- **Build consensus** amongst pesticide risk assessors
- **Align** pesticide risk assessment principles between MSs and EFSA
- **Continuous improvement** through **capacity building**



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General

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- Name
- Members
- MSs survey
- Pesticide_Steering_Networks (PSNs)
- Scientific areas
- Terms_of_Reference_(ToRs)**

EFSA fosters continuous improvement on knowledge sharing and capacity building



IPREP

General

Residue definitions

In the EFSA 2027 strategy, ensuring preparedness for future risk analysis needs is outlined. Strategic Objective 22 is about sustaining and developing EFSA's core capabilities to ensure its long-term relevance and reputation.*

*is outlined. Strategic Objective 2[1]

[1] Ensure preparedness for future risk analysis needs: Strategic Objective 2 is about sustaining and developing EFSA's core capabilities to ensure its long-term relevance and reputation. Strengthened partnerships within the food safety knowledge ecosystem are crucial, and will result in the identification of priority areas for knowledge sharing, knowledge development and capacity building. This, in turn, will allow EFSA to be prepared with the methodologies, data and expertise needed for its future risk assessment and communication activities. The expected outcome under Strategic Objective 2 is:

▲ Increased risk analysis capabilities (knowledge, expertise, methodologies and data) to maintain relevance for the future



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Objectives

- Sharing of available and relevant training materials;
- Provide trainings in support of new EFSA guidance on pesticide risk assessment (for example for the recently published guidance on rotational crops);
- Common hub of shared knowledge between MSs experts and EFSA to facilitate discussions and alignment on pesticide residues topics and processes.

Members

- Pesticide residue experts from EFSA and Member States;
- Representatives of the European Commission are entitled to participate;
- Representatives of other agencies, Bodies or Institutions of the European Union, third countries or international organisations may be invited to participate as observers ;
- In case of a need for additional expertise further experts may be consulted.

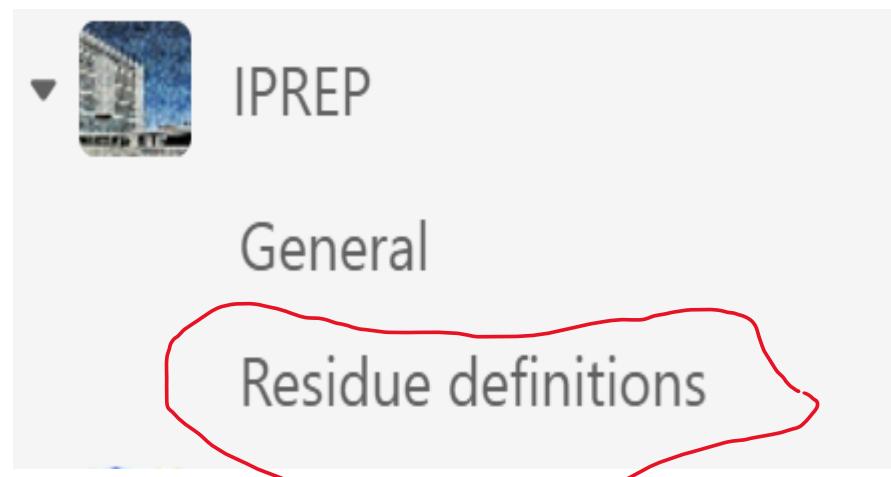
Governance

- The IPreP is hosted in the PREV Unit of EFSA and managed by a governing board composed of the HoU, TLs, the residue lead scientist and an administrator. The governing board meets three to four times per year.



IPREP COMMUNITY ON PESTICIDE RISK ASSESSORS

Two experts for every EU Member State were nominated by MSs



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General

Residue definitions

Common understanding on the principles of the training and consensus building

A workspace to exchange on Residue Definitions for pesticide monitoring and risk assessments

- EFSA uploaded a general high-level presentation based on an internal training mainly for new commers, to provide an overview on deriving residue definitions (RDs) for pesticides
- **MSs feedback** on its usefulness and where to develop it further would be appreciated
- in future this IPREP folder/area could be used to engage with MSs on the updated OECD RDs GD (when finalised) and could be used to share further training material



NEXT STEPS FOR IPREP: ENGAGEMENT ON ROTATIONAL CROPS



- Provide trainings on the new EFSA guidance on rotational crops [EFSA Rotational crop GD:
<https://efsajournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.2903/j.efsa.2023.8225>]



- Training videos: Presentations will be uploaded before the end of the year.



- Based on **feedback from MSs**, additional training (e.g. webinar) will be organised



ENGAGEMENT ON PROCESSES, E.G. MRL APPLICATIONS



- EFSA is presenting in the PSN the results of a lean exercise in MRL applications on how to reduce impact of clock-stops (PSN agenda item 13 entitled '*lean exercise in MRL applications - how to reduce impact of clock-stop?*')
- IPREP could be used as a platform to also exchange on
 - harmonised way of performing scientific checks (check-list) with MSs
 - flowcharts to clarify the applicable data requirements (old vs new DRs)
 - In future, possible sharing of other flowcharts to clarify e.g. trigger values for a need of nature of residue and magnitude of processing studies



Any other topics MSs would like to propose?



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