



Update on the mandates for GD revision and indirect effects

PSN meeting, 29-30 October 2024

2 Mandates for the revision of SANCO Ecotoxicology Guidance on Terrestrial NTOs

M-2024-00086

Request to EFSA to review the Guidance Document on Terrestrial Ecotoxicology on plant protection products (PPPs) (i.e. on non-target arthropods (NTAs), non-target terrestrial plants (NTTPs) and in-soil organisms)

M-2024-00101

Request to EFSA to develop a guidance to assess potential indirect effects on biodiversity via trophic interactions under agro-environmental conditions



Revision of SANCO Terrestrial Guidance

- Review the risk assessment for NTAs

Consider the possibility for recovery & recolonisation



- Revise the risk assessment for in-soil organisms

In soil meso and macrofauna and nitrogen transformation rate



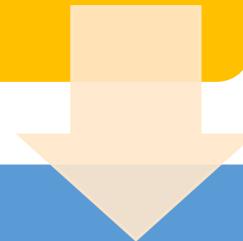
- Review the risk assessment for NTTPs

Only NTTPs outside the treated area



Indirect effects

Develop a methodology for risks from indirect effects on biodiversity via trophic interactions under agro-environmental conditions



Include recommendations for measures and agronomic practices



Common aspects between mandates



Fit-for-purpose methodologies while being feasible and proportionate



Provide the necessary support to risk managers for the setting of **specific protection goals**



Consider the Compendium of conditions of use to reduce exposure and risks from PPPs



Engage with

- Relevant stakeholder groups
- Risk assessors and managers
- EU agencies



Establishment of an environmental Risk Assessment (ERA) Working group on terrestrial Non-target organisms (NTOs)

WG/P/PPR/2024/04 - PPR Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA) - [OpenEFSA](#)

PPR Panel

- Pauline Adriaanse –WUR (NL)
- Silva Pieper –UBA (DE)

Academia

- Gertie Arts – WUR (NL)
- Maj Rundolf – Lunds University (SE)
- Jose Paulo Sousa – Coimbra University (PT)

National Competent Authorities

- Ingels Brecht – FPS Health (BE)
- Pierre-François Chaton – ANSES (FR)
- Renske van Eekelen – CTGB (NL)
- Sandra Lassen – EPA (DK)

Kick off ERA-WG meeting on 14-15 October 2024



Workshop 8-9 October 2024, Brussels

To kick off the two mandates, EFSA jointly with SANTE, organised a **Workshop on 8-9 October 2024** (Brussels) with nominated MS (RA & RM) and stakeholders of an established stakeholder discussion group ([LINK](#))

Specific objectives

- Gather preliminary feedback from various stakeholders on the current guidance document and its challenges
- Identify and share current knowledge and information on available data and test guidelines
- Facilitate discussions to outline expectations and priorities for the revised guidance document

Organisation

- 2 Plenary sessions for feedback from academia, MS & stakeholders & breakout groups
- 5 breakout groups on NTAs, NTTPs, in-soil organisms, exposure and indirect effects
- 68 registrants

Next step: draft outline to be finalized by 10th January 2025



Open call for an FPA

- Call Title : **Support for the revision of the guidance document on terrestrial ecotoxicology (SANCO/10329/2002) including the development of an approach for indirect effects**
- Launch date: end of October
- Deadline date: end of January
- Budget:**1 Million**
- Scope of the call (short description): to identify partners among Competent Organisations of Art. 36 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 which can support EFSA Working Group in addressing the mandate on the revision of Terrestrial Ecotoxicology Guidance Document (SANCO/10329/2002) for plant protection products and the mandate for developing an approach to assess potential indirect effects of pesticides on biodiversity via trophic interactions under agro-environmental conditions in the context of the Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009.
- **Duration of the FPA: 4y**
- It will be published on the Funding and Tenders Portal (<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>) on the 31/10. An email will also be sent to Article 36 organisations



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