



Location: Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Tamara Coja, Peter Craig, Paul Hamey, Sabine Martin
- Hearing Experts¹: Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Not applicable
- EFSA:
Pesticide Peer Review (PREV) Unit: Arianna Chiusolo (chair), Frederique Istace
Environment, Plants and Ecotoxicology (PLANTS) Unit: Varvara Gouliarmou
Methodology and Scientific Support (MESE) Unit: Jose Cortinas Abrahantes, Efisio Solazzo

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 19th Working Group meeting held on 18 November, via web-conference

The minutes of the 19th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 28 November 2025.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Working Group discussed the amendments to the revised Final Report on Worker Exposure, DFR, and DT50 (Work Package 3 – WP3) drafted by the beneficiaries of the grant

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PESTICIDES PEER REVIEW UNIT (PREV)

20th Working Group meeting on the OpEx Guidance/Calculator

4 December 2025 (10:00-17:00)

MINUTES – Agreed on 12 December 2025

GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02.

The Working Group discussed the list of activities to be undertaken for implementation of outcomes from the data analysis (WP1 on seed, WP2 on Residents and Bystanders, WP3 on Workers, DFR, and DT50) in the updated Guidance and Calculator.

The updated analysis of Closed Transfer Systems (CTS) and mixing and loading data from AEOM-Greenhouse was presented and discussed for further revision.

Any Other Business

None.

VI. Next meeting

The next Working Group meeting will be held on 20 and 21 January 2026 (9:00-12:00), as webconference.



Location: Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Tamara Coja, Peter Craig, Paul Hamey, Sabine Martin
- Hearing Experts¹: Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Not applicable
- EFSA:
Pesticide Peer Review (PREV) Unit: Arianna Chiusolo (chair), Frederique Istace
Environment, Plants and Ecotoxicology (PLANTS) Unit: Varvara Gouliarmou
Methodology and Scientific Support (MESE) Unit: Efisio Solazzo

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 18th Working Group meeting held on 30 October, via web-conference

The minutes of the 18th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 12 November 2025.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Working Group was updated on the project planning and milestones.
The Working Group discussed the feedback to the revised Final Report on Worker Exposure, DFR, and DT50 (Work Package 3 – WP3) drafted by the beneficiaries of the grant

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PESTICIDES PEER REVIEW UNIT (PREV)

19th Working Group meeting on the OpEx Guidance/Calculator

18 November 2025 (9:00-14:00)

MINUTES – Agreed on 28 November 2025

GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02. Specific comments were captured, and further revision of the report was requested to the beneficiaries for improving transparency.

The Working Group discussed the list of activities to be undertaken for implementation of outcomes from the data analysis (WP1 on seed, WP2 on Resident and Bystanders, WP3 on Workers, DFR, and DT50) in the updated Guidance and Calculator. In particular, the analysis of the factors related to parameters included in the proposed seed models were discussion and further assessment was agreed.

The analysis of Closed Transfer Systems (CTS) and mixing and loading data from AEOM-Greenhouse was presented: updated analysis including Working Group considerations will be presented at the next meeting.

Any Other Business

None.

VI. Next meeting

The next Working Group meeting will be held on 4 December 2025 (10:00-17:00), as webconference.



Location: Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Tamara Coja (day 2), Peter Craig, Paul Hamey, Sabine Martin
- Hearing Experts¹: Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Not applicable
- EFSA:
Pesticide Peer Review (PREV) Unit: Arianna Chiusolo (chair), Frederique Istace
Environment, Plants and Ecotoxicology (PLANTS) Unit: Varvara Gouliarmou
Methodology and Scientific Support (MESE) Unit: Efisio Solazzo

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

Agreement of the minutes of the 16th Working Group meeting held on 18 Aug, via web-conference

The minutes of the 16th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 25 Aug 2025.

IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Working Group discussed the revised Final Report on Residents and Bystanders evidence (Work Package 2 – WP2) and the Final Report on Worker Exposure, DFR, and DT50 (Work Package 3 – WP3), both drafted by the beneficiaries of the grant

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PESTICIDES PEER REVIEW UNIT (PREV)

18th Working Group meeting on the OpEx Guidance/Calculator

30 October 2025 (9:00-17:00)

MINUTES – Agreed on 12 November 2025

(GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02). Specific comments were captured, particularly for the WP3 Final Report, which will need to be addressed by the beneficiaries in the next update.

The Working Group also discussed the mixing and loading technologies applied in the field studies used for the AOEM model. Further analysis of the AOEM and closed transfer systems data will be carried out.

V. Any Other Business

None.

VI. Next meeting

The next Working Group meeting will be held on 18 November 2025 (9:00-14:00), as webconference.



Location: Web-conference and physical (EFSA premises)

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Tamara Coja (day 2), Peter Craig, Paul Hamey, Sabine Martin
- Hearing Experts¹:
French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES): Patrice Carpentier, Bertrand Desprez, Ahmed-Chaouki Zerouala
Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung (BfR): Claudia Großkopf, Rene Schreiber
Benaki Phytopathological Institute (BPI): Despina Bournele, Agathi Charistou, Ioannis Theologidis, Niki Arapaki, Dimitra Dourou
Università degli Studi di Milano (UMIL): Luca Tosti
Università degli Studi di Torino (UNITO): Paolo Marucco
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Not applicable
- EFSA:
Pesticide Peer Review (PREV) Unit: Arianna Chiusolo (chair), Frederique Istace
Environment, Plants and Ecotoxicology (PLANTS) Unit: Varvara Gouliarmou
Methodology and Scientific Support (MESE) Unit: Efsio Solazzo, José Cortinas Abrahantes

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Tamara Coja (day 1).

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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IV. Hearing Expert (s)

A technical hearing was organised with the beneficiaries (consortium ANSES, BfR, BPI, UNIMI, UNITO) of the grant GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02- Evaluation of new evidence on non-dietary exposure to plant protection products'. The members of the consortium were invited to support the Working Group by presenting an update on the status of the activities and answering questions as needed by the Working Group.

V. Agreement of the minutes of the 16th Working Group meeting held on 18 Aug, via web-conference

The minutes of the 16th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 25 Aug 2025.

VI. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

On day-1, the Working Group discussed the revised Final Report on Residents and Bystanders evidence (Work Package (WP) 2), and the draft Final Report on Worker exposure, DFR and DT50 (WP3) drafted by the beneficiaries of the grant (GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02).

Working Group specific feedback was shared with the beneficiaries during the technical hearing on day 2 (corresponding to the grant Final Meeting), when main elements of the reports were discussed. The revision of the deliverables, including recommendations for achieving the required level of transparency in reporting was agreed. Planning of next steps for WP2 and WP3 finalisation as well as outcomes implementation in the updated Guidance/Calculator were also discussed and agreed.

VII. Any Other Business

None.

VIII. Next meeting

The next Working Group meeting will be held on 30 Oct (10:00-17:00), as webconference.



Location: Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Peter Craig, Paul Hamey, Sabine Martin
- Hearing Experts¹:
French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES): Patrice Carpentier, Bertrand Desprez, Ahmed-Chaouki Zerouala
Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung (BfR): Claudia Großkopf, Rene Schreiber
Benaki Phytopathological Institute (BPI): Despina Bournele, Agathi Charistou, Ioannis Theologidis, Niki Arapaki, Dimitra Dourou
Università degli Studi di Milano (UMIL): Luca Tosti,
Università degli Studi di Torino (UNITO): Paolo Marucco
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Not applicable
- EFSA:
Pesticide Peer Review (PREV) Unit: Frederique Istace (chair)
Environment, Plants and Ecotoxicology (PLANTS) Unit: Varvara Gouliarmou
Methodology and Scientific Support (MESE) Unit: Efsio Solazzo, José Cortinas Abrahantes

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Tamara Coja, Arianna Chiusolo (EFSA) and Tommaso Giorgi (EFSA).

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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IV. Hearing Expert (s)

A technical hearing was organised with the beneficiaries (consortium ANSES, BfR, BPI, UNIMI, UNITO) of the grant GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02- Evaluation of new evidence on non-dietary exposure to plant protection products'. The members of the consortium were invited to support the Working Group by presenting an update on the status of the activities and answering questions as needed by the Working Group.

V. Agreement of the minutes of the 15th Working Group meeting held on 8 Jul, via web-conference

The minutes of the 15th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 22 Jul 2025.

VI. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Working Group discussed the revised Final Report on seed treatment and sowing data/analysis (WP1), the Final Report on Residents and Bystanders evidence (Work Package (WP2), and the revised Interim Report 3 on Worker exposure, DFR and DT50, drafted by the beneficiaries of the grant (GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02).

Working group specific feedback was shared with the beneficiaries during the technical hearing agenda items, when main elements of the reports were discussed. The revision of the deliverables, including recommendations for achieving the required level of transparency in reporting was agreed. Planning of next steps for WP1, WP2 and WP3 was also discussed and agreed.

It is noted that, due to delay in finalising the (outsourced) data analysis for WP1, the public consultation of the seed models (originally planned for 4Q2025) has to be postponed and it will be integrated within the public consultation of the updated OPEX Guidance (1Q2027).

VII. Any Other Business

None.

VIII. Next meeting

The next Working Group meeting will be held on 24 Sep (13:00-17:00), as webconference (WG only), and 2 Oct (09:00-18:00) as a physical meeting (WG and beneficiaries).



Location: Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Peter Craig, Paul Hamey, Sabine Martin, Tamara Coja
- Hearing Experts¹:
French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES): Patrice Carpentier, Baptiste Reboulet, Bertrand Desprez
Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung (BfR): Claudia Großkopf, Enrico Peter, Arian Berdellima
Benaki Phytopathological Institute (BPI): Despina Bournele, Agathi Charistou, Ioannis Theologidis, Niki Arapaki, Dimitra Dourou
Università degli Studi di Milano (UMIL): Luca Tosti, Mohammed Kanadil, Martina Marazzini
Università degli Studi di Torino (UNITO): Paolo Marucco
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Not applicable
- EFSA:
Pesticide Peer Review (PREV) Unit: Arianna Chiusolo (chair), Frederique Istace, Tommaso Giorgi
Environment, Plants and Ecotoxicology (PLANTS) Unit: Varvara Gouliarmou
Methodology and Scientific Support (MESE) Unit: Efsio Solazzo, José Cortinas Abrahantes

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Tobias Willenbockel (BfR).

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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IV. Hearing Expert (s)

A technical hearing was organised with the beneficiaries (consortium ANSES, BfR, BPI, UNIMI, UNITO) of the grant GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02- Evaluation of new evidence on non-dietary exposure to plant protection products'. The members of the consortium were invited to support the Working Group by presenting an update on the status of the activities and answering questions as needed by the Working Group.

V. Agreement of the minutes of the 14th Working Group meeting held on 23-24-26 Jun, via web-conference

The minutes of the 14th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 4 Jul 2025.

VI. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Working Group discussed the Final Report on Residents and Bystanders evidence (Work Package (WP) 2) and the revised Final Report on seed treatment and sowing data/analysis (WP1) drafted by the beneficiaries of the grant (GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02). The Working Group also discussed the analysis of data for some closed transfer systems.

Consolidated feedback was shared with the beneficiaries during the technical hearing agenda items, when main elements of the reports were discussed. The revision of the deliverables, including recommendations for achieving the required level of transparency in reporting was agreed. Planning of next steps for WP1, WP2 and WP3 was also discussed and agreed.

VII. Any Other Business

None.

VIII. Next meeting

The next Working Group meeting will be held on 18 Aug (13:00-18:00) as webconference.



Location: Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Peter Craig, Paul Hamey, Sabine Martin, Tamara Coja
- Hearing Experts¹:
French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES): Patrice Carpentier, Baptiste Reboulet, Bertrand Desprez
Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung (BfR): Claudia Großkopf Enrico Peter, Rene Schreiber
Benaki Phytopathological Institute (BPI): Despina Bournele, Agathi Charistou, Ioannis Theologidis, Niki Arapaki, Dimitra Dourou
Università degli Studi di Milano (UMIL): Luca Tosti, Mohammed Kanadil, Martina Marazzini
Università degli Studi di Torino (UNITO): Paolo Marucco
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Not applicable
- EFSA:
Pesticide Peer Review (PREV) Unit: Arianna Chiusolo (chair), Frederique Istace, Tommaso Giorgi
Environment, Plants and Ecotoxicology (PLANTS) Unit: Varvara Gouliarmou
Methodology and Scientific Support (MESE) Unit: Efsio Solazzo

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Tobias Willenbockel (BfR).

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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IV. Hearing Expert (s)

A technical hearing was organised with the beneficiaries (consortium ANSES, BfR, BPI, UNIMI, UNITO) of the grant GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02- Evaluation of new evidence on non-dietary exposure to plant protection products'. The members of the consortium were invited to support the Working Group by presenting an update on the status of the activities and answering questions as needed by the Working Group.

V. Agreement of the minutes of the 13th Working Group meeting held on 19 May, via web-conference

The minutes of the 13th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 20 May 2025.

VI. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

On day-1 and 2 (23-24 Jun), the Working Group discussed the Final Report on Residents and Bystanders evidence (Work Package 2) and the Interim Report 3 on Workers, DFR and DT50 evidence for drafted by the beneficiaries of the grant (GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02). The Working Group also discussed possible regulatory uses of the proposed seed models, as well as the analysis of data for some closed transfer systems.

Consolidated feedback was captured during the meeting and shared with the beneficiaries during the technical hearing on day-3 (26 Jun), when main elements of the reports were discussed. The revision of the deliverables, including recommendations for achieving the required level of transparency in reporting was agreed. Some amendments to the Final Report on seed treatment and sawing data/analysis were also discussed and revised final deliverable including supporting information was requested to the beneficiaries. Planning for next steps for WP2 and WP3 was also discussed and agreed.

VII. Any Other Business

None.

VIII. Next meeting

The next Working Group meeting will be held on 8 Jul (9:00-16:00) as webconference.



Location: Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Peter Craig, Paul Hamey, Sabine Martin, Tamara Coja
- Hearing Experts¹:
French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES): Patrice Carpentier, Baptiste Reboulet
Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung (BfR): Enrico Peter, Tobias Willenbockel, Rene Schreiber
Benaki Phytopathological Institute (BPI): Despina Bournele, Agathi Charistou, Ioannis Theologidis, Kostantinos Kasiotis, Niki Arapaki, Dimitra Dourou
Università degli Studi di Milano (UMIL): Luca Tosti, Mohammed Kanadil, Martina Marazzini
Università degli Studi di Torino (UNITO): Paolo Marucco
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Not applicable
- EFSA:
Pesticide Peer Review (PREV) Unit: Arianna Chiusolo (chair), Frederique Istace
Environment, Plants and Ecotoxicology (PLANTS) Unit: Varvara Gouliarmou
Methodology and Scientific Support (MESE) Unit: Josè Cortinas, Efsio Solazzo

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Claudia Grosskopf (BfR).

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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IV. Hearing Expert (s)

A technical hearing was organised with the beneficiaries (consortium ANSES, BfR, BPI, UNIMI, UNITO) of the grant GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02- Evaluation of new evidence on non-dietary exposure to plant protection products'. The members of the consortium were invited to support the Working Group by presenting an update on the status of the activities and answering questions as needed by the Working Group.

V. Agreement of the minutes of the 12th Working Group meeting held on 16 April, via web-conference

The minutes of the 12th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 29 Apr 2025.

VI. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Under agenda item 4-6, the beneficiaries of the grant (GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02) presented the (preliminary) outcomes from data analysis as captured under the updated deliverables 6 (Final Report on seed treatment and sowing evidence - Work Package 1), 11 (draft Final Report on Residents and Bystanders evidence - Work Package 2) and 15 (Interim Report 2 on Workers, DFR and DT50 evidence-Work Package 3) of the Action document. Feedback was provided by the WG for the revision of the deliverables, including recommendations for achieving the required level of transparency in reporting.

The WG started to discuss (agenda item 7) the possible regulatory uses of the proposed seed models, as well as planning for next steps.

VII. Any Other Business

None.

VIII. Next meeting

The next Working Group meeting will be held on 23 (14:00-16 :00)- 24 (9:00-13 :00) and 26 (9:00-16-00) June 2025 as webconference.



Location: web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members: Peter Craig, Paul Hamey, Sabine Martin, Tamara Coja
- Hearing Experts¹: Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Not applicable
- EFSA:
 - Pesticide Peer Review (PREV) Unit: Arianna Chiusolo (chair), Frederique Istace, Tommaso Giorgi
 - Methodology and Scientific Support (MESE) Unit: Josè Cortinas, Efsio Solazzo

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 11th Working Group meeting held on 27 Mar (via we-conference) and 2-3 April 2025 (physical meeting)

The minutes of the 11th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 16 Apr 2025.

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V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Working Group discussed main results of the updated Final Report (deliverable 6) for Work Package 1 (seed treatment and sowing) of the grant GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02. Needs for regulatory implementation of proposed seed models were also discussed as well as draft planning.

VI. Any Other Business

None.

VII. Next meeting

The next Working Group meeting will be held on 19 May (13:00-17:00) as webconference.



11th Working Group meeting on the OPEX Guidance/
27 March 2025 (10:00-17:00) –
2 April 2025 (14:00-18:00) - 3 April 2025 (09:00-13:00)
MINUTES – AGREED ON 16 April 2025

Location: Parma and web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Peter Craig, Paul Hamey, Sabine Martin, Tamara Coja
- Hearing Experts¹:
French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES): Patrice Carpentier, Baptiste Reboulet
Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung (BfR): Claudia Grosskopf, Enrico Peter, Tobias Willenbockel, Rene Schreiber
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Università degli Studi di Torino (UNITO): Paolo Marucco
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Not applicable
- EFSA:
Pesticide Peer Review (PREV) Unit: Arianna Chiusolo (chair day-1), Frederique Istace (chair day-2 and 3), Tommaso Giorgi
Environment, Plants and Ecotoxicology (PLANTS) Unit: Varvara Gouliarmou
Methodology and Scientific Support (MESE) Unit: Josè Cortinas, Efisio Solazzo

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Arianna Chiusolo (day-2 and 3).

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

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IV. Hearing Expert (s)

On day-2 and 3 (2-3 Apr) a technical hearing was organised with the beneficiaries (consortium ANSES, BfR, BPI, UNIMI, UNITO) of the grant GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02- Evaluation of new evidence on non-dietary exposure to plant protection products'. The members of the consortium were invited to support the Working Group by presenting an update on the status of the activities and answering questions as needed by the Working Group.

V. Agreement of the minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting held on 25 February 2025, via web-conference

The minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 7 March 2025.

VI. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

On day-1 (27 Mar), the Working Group discussed the Final Report on seed treatment and sowing evidence (Work Package 1), draft Final Report on Residents and Bystanders evidence (Work Package 2) and Interim Report 2 on Workers, DFR and DT50 evidence (Work Package 3) drafted by the beneficiaries of the grant (GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02). Consolidated feedback was captured during the meeting and shared with the beneficiaries during the technical hearing on day-2 and 3 (2-3 Apr), when main elements of the reports were discussed.

In particular, on day-2 and 3, the beneficiaries and the Working Group discussed: the preliminary results and planning for the finalization of the Mixing/Loading model development for Work Package 1, for which new model proposals were presented; preliminary results and pending issues for Work Package 2 (i.e. drift exposure, drift reduction and light clothing); the ongoing finalization of the database for the data analysis of Work Package 3. Feedback was provided by the Working Group. Planning for next steps was also discussed and agreed.

VII. Any Other Business

None.

VIII. Next meeting

The next Working Group meeting will be held on 16 Apr 2025 (09:00-13:00) as webconference.



Location: Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Peter Craig, Paul Hamey, Sabine Martin
- Hearing Experts¹:
French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES): Patrice Carpentier, Baptiste Reboulet, Ahmed-Chaouki Zerouala
Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung (BfR): Claudia Grosskopf, Enrico Peter, Tobias Willenbockel, Rene Schreiber
Benaki Phytopathological Institute (BPI): Despina Bournele, Agathi Charistou, Ioannis Theologidis, Kostantinos Kasiotis, Niki Arapaki
Università degli Studi di Milano (UMIL): Luca Tosti, Mohammed Kanadil, Martina Marazzini
Università degli Studi di Torino (UNITO): Paolo Marucco
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not applicable
- EFSA:
Pesticide Peer Review (PREV) Unit: Arianna Chiusolo (chair), Frederique Istace
Environment, Plants and Ecotoxicology (PLANTS) Unit: Varvara Gouliarmou
Methodology and Scientific Support (MESE) Unit: Josè Cortinas, Efsio Solazzo

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Tamara Coja.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening

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Guidance/Calculator update

process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

IV. Hearing Expert (s)

A technical hearing was organised with the beneficiaries (consortium ANSES, BfR, BPI, UNIMI, UNITO) of the grant GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02- Evaluation of new evidence on non-dietary exposure to plant protection products'. The members of the consortium were invited to support the Working Group by presenting an update on the status of the activities and answering questions as needed by the Working Group.

V. Agreement of the minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting held on 7 and 9 January 2025, via web-conference

The minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 22 January 2025.

VI. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Beneficiaries updated the Working Group on the status of activities for models development under Work Package 1 as well as Work Package 2. In particular, preliminary results on modelling seed treatment and sowing data (individual and combined tasks) as well as residents and bystanders data were presented and feedback was provided by the Working Group. Planning for next steps was also discussed and agreed.

VII. Any Other Business

None.

VIII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on :

- Working Group: 27 Mar 2025 (10:00-17:00) as webconference
- Working Group and grant beneficiaries (technical hearing): 2 (14 :00-18 :00) - 3 (9 :00-13 :00) April 2025 as physical meeting in Parma

7 (10:00-17:00) and 9 (10:00-17:00) Jan 2025

MINUTES – Agreed on 23 Jan 2025

Location: Web conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Tamara Coja, Peter Craig, Paul Hamey, Sabine Martin
- Hearing Experts¹:
French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES): Patrice Carpentier, Bertrand Desprez, Baptiste Reboullet, Ahmed-Chaouki Zerouala
Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung (BfR): Claudia Grosskopf, Enrico Peter, Rene Schreiber, Tobias Willenbockel
Benaki Phytopathological Institute (BPI): Despina Bournele, Agathi Charistou, Ioannis Theologidis, Kostantinos Kasiotis, Niki Arapaki, Dimitra Dourou
Università degli Studi di Milano (UMIL): Ilaria Castelli, Luca Tosti, Mohammed Kanadil, Martina Marazzini
Università degli Studi di Torino (UNITO): Paolo Marucco
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not applicable
- EFSA:
Pesticide Peer Review (PREV) Unit: Arianna Chiusolo (chair), Tommaso Giorgi, Frederique Istace
Environment, Plants and Ecotoxicology (PLANTS) Unit: Varvara Gouliarmou
Methodology and Scientific Support (MESE) Unit: Josè Cortinas, Efsio Solazzo

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening

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process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

IV. Hearing Expert (s)

A technical hearing was organised with the beneficiaries (consortium ANSES, BfR, BPI, UNIMI, UNITO) of the grant GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02- Evaluation of new evidence on non-dietary exposure to plant protection products'. The members of the consortium were invited to support the Working Group by presenting the status of the activities and answering questions as needed by the Working Group.

V. Agreement of the minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held on 26 September (web conference) and 1-2 October (in Parma) 2024

The minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 11 Oct 2024.

VI. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

On day-1 (7 Jan), the Working Group discussed the updated draft Final Report on seed treatment and sowing evidence (Work Package 1), Interim Report 3 on Residents and Bystanders evidence (Work Package 2) and Interim Report 1 on Workers, DFR and DT50 evidence (Work Package 3) drafted by the beneficiaries of the grant (GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02). Consolidated feedback was captured during the meeting and shared with the beneficiaries during the technical hearing on day-2 (9 Jan), when main elements of the reports were discussed. Next steps for the project were agreed. Planning for next steps was also discussed and agreed.

VII. Any Other Business

None.

VIII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held as web conference on 25 Feb 2025 (9:00-13:00).

26 Sep (10:00-17:00) & 1 (14:00-18:00) - 2 (9:00-13:00)
Oct 2024

MINUTES – Agreed on 11 Oct 2024

Location: Parma and web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Tamara Coja, Peter Craig, Paul Hamey, Sabine Martin
- Hearing Experts¹:
French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES): Patrice Carpentier, Bertrand Desprez, Baptiste Reboullet, Ahmed-Chaouki Zerouala
Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung (BfR): Claudia Grosskopf, Enrico Peter, Christian Tobias Willenbockel
Benaki Phytopathological Institute (BPI): Despina Bournele, Agathi Charistou, Ioannis Theologidis, Kostantinos Kasiotis
Università degli Studi di Milano (UMIL): Ilaria Castelli, Luca Tosti
Università degli Studi di Torino (UNITO): Paolo Marucco
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
Pesticide Peer Review (PREV) Unit: Arianna Chiusolo (chair), Frederique Istace
Environment, Plants and Ecotoxicology (PLANTS) Unit: Varvara Gouliarmou
Methodology and Scientific Support (MESE) Unit: Josè Cortinas, Efsio Solazzo

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Hearing Experts

A technical hearing was organised with the beneficiaries (consortium ANSES, BfR, BPI, UNIMI, UNITO) of the grant GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02- Evaluation of new evidence on non-dietary exposure to plant protection products'. The members of the consortium were invited to support the Working Group by presenting the status of the activities and answering questions as needed by the Working Group.

5. Scientific topics for discussion

On day-1 (26 Sep), the Working Group discussed draft Final Report on seed treatment and sowing evidence (Work Package 1), Interim Report 2 on Residents and Bystanders evidence (Work Package 2) and draft Protocol on Workers, DFR and DT50 evidence for drafted by the beneficiaries of the grant (GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02). Consolidated feedback was captured during the meeting and shared with the beneficiaries during the technical hearing on day-2 and day-3 (1-2 Oct), when main elements of the report were discussed. Next steps for the project were agreed. Planning for next steps was also discussed and agreed.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held as web conference on:

- WG: 7 Jan 2025 (10:00-17:00)
- WG + grant: 9 Jan (10:00-17:00)

20 Aug 2024 (14:00-18:00)
MINUTES – Agreed on 30 Aug 2024

Location: Parma and web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Tamara Coja, Peter Craig, Paul Hamey, Sabine Martin
- Hearing Experts¹:
French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES): Patrice Carpentier, Bertrand Desprez, Baptiste Reboulet, Ahmed-Chaouki Zerouala
Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung (BfR): Claudia Grosskopf, Enrico Peter, Tobias Willenbockel
Benaki Phytopathological Institute (BPI): Niki Arapaki, Despina Bournele, Agathi Charistou, Ioannis Theologidis, Kostantinos Kasiotis
Università degli Studi di Milano (UMIL): Ilaria Castelli, Luca Tosti, Martina Marazzini, Mohammed Kanadil
Università degli Studi di Torino (UNITO): Fabrizio Gioielli
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
Pesticide Peer Review (PREV) Unit: Arianna Chiusolo (chair), Frederique Istace
Environment, Plants and Ecotoxicology (PLANTS) Unit: Varvara Gouliarmou
Methodology and Scientific Support (MESE) Unit: Josè Cortinas, Efsio Solazzo

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Hearing Experts

A technical hearing was organised with the beneficiaries (consortium ANSES, BfR, BPI, UNIMI, UNITO) of the grant GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02- Evaluation of new evidence on non-dietary exposure to plant protection products'. The members of the consortium were invited to support the Working Group by presenting the status of the activities and answering questions as needed by the Working Group.

5. Scientific topics for discussion

Beneficiaries presented results on the preliminary models for relevant work tasks for seed treatment/sowing (Work Package 1) for discussion with the Working Group. Next steps for the project were agreed.

6. Any Other Business

An update on the activities for the analysis of evidence for Residents and Bystanders (Work Package 2) was provided by the beneficiaries.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held as follows:

- Working Group: 26 Sep 10:00-13:00 14:00-17:00 (tele-conference)
- Working Group + grant beneficiaries: 1 Oct 14:00-18:00 - 2 Oct 9:00-13:00 (physical)

5 Jul 2024 (13:00-16:00)

MINUTES – Agreed on 16 Jul 2024

Location: web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Tamara Coja, Peter Craig, Paul Hamey, Sabine Martin
- Hearing Experts¹:
Open Analytics: Dagmar Bemelmans
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
Pesticide Peer Review (PREV) Unit: Arianna Chiusolo (chair), Frederique Istace
Environment, Plants and Ecotoxicology (PLANTS) Unit: Varvara Gouliarmou
Methodology and Scientific Support (MESE) Unit: Josè Cortinas, Efsio Solazzo

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Hearing Expert (s)

A technical hearing was organised with the expert from Open Analytics that supported the development of the online tool published with the OPEX Guidance (EFSA, 2022). The expert was invited to support the Working Group with information on the structure of the online tool for elucidation on the implementation of changes.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

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The Working Group discussed changes (minor corrections, increased flexibility and *ad hoc* reporting) to be implemented in the online calculator as well as planning of related activities.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 26 Sep (10:00-13:00 14:00-17:00, webconference) and 1 Oct (14:00-18:00-2 Oct 9:00-13:00, physical in Parma).

24 Jun (9:00-13:00)- 27 Jun (10:00-13:00 / 14:00-17:00) 2024

MINUTES – Agreed on 10 Jul 2024

Location: Parma and web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Tamara Coja, Peter Craig, Paul Hamey, Sabine Martin
- Hearing Experts¹:
French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES): Patrice Carpentier, Bertrand Desprez, Baptiste Reboulet
Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung (BfR): Claudia Grosskopf, Enrico Peter, Tobias Willenbockel
Benaki Phytopathological Institute (BPI): Niki Arapaki, Despina Bournele, Agathi Charistou, Ioannis Theologidis, Kostantinos Kasiotis
Università degli Studi di Milano (UMIL): Ilaria Castelli, Luca Tosti
Università degli Studi di Torino (UNITO): Fabrizio Gioielli, Paolo Marucco
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
Pesticide Peer Review (PREV) Unit: Arianna Chiusolo (chair), Frederique Istace
Environment, Plants and Ecotoxicology (PLANTS) Unit: Varvara Gouliarmou
Methodology and Scientific Support (MESE) Unit: Josè Cortinas, Efisio Solazzo

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Hearing Experts

A technical hearing was organised with the beneficiaries (consortium ANSES, BfR, BPI, UNIMI, UNITO) of the grant GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02- Evaluation of new evidence on non-dietary exposure

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to plant protection products'. The members of the consortium were invited to support the Working Group by presenting the status of the activities and answering questions as needed by the Working Group.

5. Scientific topics for discussion

On day-1 (24 Jun), the Working Group discussed Interim Report 3 (including outcomes from evidence synthesis) on seed treatment and sowing evidence (Work Package 1), as well as Interim Report 1 on Residents and Bystanders evidence (Work Package 2) drafted by the beneficiaries of the grant (GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02). Consolidated feedback was captured during the meeting and shared with the beneficiaries during the technical hearing on day-2 (27 Jun), when main elements of the report were discussed. Next steps for the project were agreed.

In addition, the Working Group discussed on day-1 (24 Jun) available evidence on the Closed Transfer System Operator Exposure Study. In the end, the Working Group agreed on amendments needed to the online tool.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 5 Jul (1-4PM) as web conference.

3 (9:00-12:00)- 5 (10:00-13:00 14:00-17:00) Apr
2024 MINUTES – Agreed on 18 Apr 2024

Location: Parma and web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Tamara Coja, Peter Craig, Paul Hamey, Sabine Martin
- Hearing Experts¹:
French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES): Patrice Carpentier, Bertrand Desprez, Baptiste Reboulet
Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung (BfR): Claudia Grosskopf, Enrico Peter, Tobias Willenbockel
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Università degli Studi di Milano (UMIL): Ilaria Castelli, Luca Tosti
Università degli Studi di Torino (UNITO): Fabrizio Gioielli, Paolo Marucco
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
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Pesticide Peer Review (PREV) Unit: Arianna Chiusolo (chair), Frederique Istace
Environment, Plants and Ecotoxicology (PLANTS) Unit: Varvara Gouliarmou
Methodology and Scientific Support (MESE) Unit: Josè Cortinas, Efisio Solazzo

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Agreement of the minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 9 and 11 January 2024, via web-conference

The minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 23 January 2024.

4. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled

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out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

5. Hearing Expert (s)

A technical hearing was organised with the beneficiaries (consortium ANSES, BfR, BPI, UNIMI, UNITO) of the grant GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02- Evaluation of new evidence on non-dietary exposure to plant protection products'. The members of the consortium were invited to support the Working Group by presenting the status of the activities and answering questions as needed by the Working Group.

6. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Draft guidance on the assessment of exposure of operators, workers, residents and bystanders in risk assessment of plant protection products ([EFSA-Q-2023-00403](#)).

On day-1 (3 Apr), the Working Group discussed Interim Report 2 (including outcomes from evidence appraisal) on seed treatment and sowing evidence (Work Package 1), as well as Protocol on Residents and Bystanders evidence (Work Package 2) drafted by the beneficiaries of the grant (GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02). Consolidated feedback was captured during the meeting and shared with the beneficiaries during the technical hearing on day-2 (5 Apr), when main elements of the report were discussed. Next steps for the project were agreed.

In addition, the Working Group discussed on day-1 (3 Apr) the evidence submitted to EFSA with the Closed Transfer System Operator Exposure Study. In the end, the Working Group discussed amendments needed to the online tool.

7. Any Other Business

None

8. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 25 Jun (9:00-12:00 and 13:00-16:00) and 27 Jun 2024 (10:00-13:00 and 14:00-17:00) as web conference.

9 -11 January 2024

9:00-13:00

MINUTES – Agreed on 23 Jan 2023

Location: Teleconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Tamara Coja, Peter Craig, Paul Hamey, Sabine Martin
- Hearing Experts¹:
French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES): Patrice Carpentier, Bertrand Desprez
Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung (BfR): Claudia Grosskopf, Enrico Peter, Tobias Willenbockel
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Università degli Studi di Milano (UNIMI): Ilaria Castelli, Luca Tosti
Università degli Studi di Torino (UNITO): Fabrizio Gioielli, Paolo Marucco
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Methodology and Scientific Support (MESE) Unit: Josè Cortinas, Efisio Solazzo

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Hearing Expert (s)

A technical hearing was organised with the beneficiaries (consortium ANSES, BfR, BPI, UNIMI, UNITO) of the grant GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02- Evaluation of new evidence on non-dietary exposure to plant protection products'. The members of the consortium were invited to support the Working Group by presenting the status of the activities and answering questions as needed by the Working Group.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

On day-1 (9 Jan), the Working Group discussed the Interim Report 1 (including outcomes from study selection and data extraction together with a draft appraisal) on seed treatment and seed sowing evidence (Work Package 1), drafted by the beneficiaries of the grant GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02. Consolidated feedback was captured during the meeting and shared with the beneficiaries during the technical hearing on day-2 (11 Jan), when main elements of the report were discussed. Next steps for the project were agreed.

In addition, on day-1 (9 Jan) the Working Group discussed the evidence submitted to EFSA with the Closed Transfer System Operator Exposure Study. In the end, the Working Group also discussed amendments needed to the online tool for calculations.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 3 April (9:00-12:00 and 13:00-15:00) and 5 Apr 2024 (10:00-13:00 and 14:00-17:00) as web conference.



11 – 13 October 2023

09:00-13:00 - 09:00-13:00

MINUTES – Agreed on 20 Oct 2023

Location: Teleconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Tamara Coja, Peter Craig, Paul Hamey (day-1 only), Sabine Martin (day-1 only)
- Hearing Experts¹:
French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES): Patrice Carpentier, Bertrand Desprez, Baptiste Reboulet, Ahmed-Chaouki Zerouala
Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung (BfR): Claudia Grosskopf, Rene Schreiber
Benaki Phytopathological Institute (BPI): Agathi Charistou, Ioannis Theologidis, Kostantinos Kasiotis, Kyriaki Machera, Niki Arapaki
Università degli Studi di Milano (UNIMI): Ilaria Castelli, Luca Tosti
Università degli Studi di Torino (UNITO): Fabrizio Gioielli, Paolo Marucco
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
Pesticide Peer Review (PREV) Unit: Arianna Chiusolo (chair), Frederique Istace
Environment, plants and ecotoxicology (PLANTS) Unit: Varvara Gouliarmou
Methodology and Scientific Support (MESE) Unit: Josè Cortinas, Efsio Solazzo

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Paul Hamey and Sabine Martin for day-2 of the meeting (13 Oct 2023).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



4. Hearing Expert (s)

A technical hearing was organised with the beneficiaries (consortium ANSES, BfR, BPI, UNIMI, UNITO) of the grant GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02- Evaluation of new evidence on non-dietary exposure to plant protection products'. The members of the consortium were invited to support the Working Group by presenting the status of the activities and answering questions as needed by the Working Group.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

On day-1 (11 Oct), the Working Group discussed the protocol for the analysis of the SeedTropex⁴ evidence (Work Package 1), drafted by the beneficiaries of the grant (GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02. Consolidated feedback was captured during the meeting and shared with the beneficiaries during the technical hearing on day-2 (13 Oct), when main elements of the protocol were discussed. Next steps for protocol finalization were agreed.

6. Any Other Business

The Working Group was informed that, in addition to the 3 priorities identified at the stakeholders' workshop⁵, and as agreed with Commission, the raw data submitted to EFSA with the Closed Transfer System Operator Exposure Study will be assessed within the update of the OPEX Guidance and Calculator.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 9 Jan (9:00 – 13:00) and 11 Jan 2024 (9:00-13:00) as web conference.

⁴ Exposure Model for Seed Treatment and Seed Sowing

⁵ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/stakeholder-workshop-next-update-efsa-guidance-non-dietary-exposure-pesticides>



29 – 30 August 2023

14:00-18:00 - 09:00-13:00

MINUTES – Agreed on 15 Sep 2023

Location: Parma and teleconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Tamara Coja, Peter Craig, Paul Hamey, Sabine Martin
- Hearing Experts¹:
French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES): Patrice Carpentier, Bertrand Desprez, Baptiste Reboulet, Ahmed-Chaouki Zerouala
Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung (BfR): Claudia Grosskopf, Rene Schreiber
Benaki Phytopathological Institute (BPI): Agathi Charistou, Despina Bournele, Ioannis Theologidis, Kyriaki Machera, Niki Arapaki, Vasileia Laskari
Università degli Studi di Milano (UNIMI): Francesca Metruccio, Luca Tosti
Università degli Studi di Torino (UNITO): Paolo Marucco
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
Pesticide Peer Review (PREV) Unit: Arianna Chiusolo (chair), Frederique Istace
Methodology and Scientific Support (MESE) Unit: Josè Cortinas, Efisio Solazzo
Finance (FIN) Unit: Laura Perati

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process. At the beginning of the meeting, Paul Hamey and Sabine Martin declared they have provided general feedback to the SeedTropex Task Force during the development of the model, as part of the experts employment (UK CRD and BfR, respectively) tasks, therefore no Conflicts of Interest was identified.

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4. Hearing Expert (s)

A technical hearing was organised with the beneficiaries (consortium ANSES, BfR, BPI, UNIMI, UNITO) of the grant GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02- Evaluation of new evidence on non-dietary exposure to plant protection products'. The members of the consortium were invited to support the Working Group by presenting the status of the activities and answering questions as needed by the Working Group.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

On day-1 (29 Aug), the Working Group discussed the background information for the second update of the Guidance on the assessment of exposure of operators, workers, residents and bystanders in risk assessment of plant protection products (OPEX) and related Calculator (EFSA, 2022). Identified priorities for the update of the OPEX Guidance and Calculator were the following:

1. SeedTropex (Exposure Model for Seed Treatment and Seed Sowing),
2. Resident and Bystander exposure,
3. Worker exposure, DFR (Dislodgeable Foliar Residue), DT50 (time required for 50% dissipation of the initial concentration).

The Working Group agreed on the identified priorities and clarified that also TC (Transfer Coefficient) values should be collected and evaluated under the priority 3, if relevant data are available.

The Working Group was informed that a grant (GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02) with a consortium of ART. 36 Organisations has been implemented with the aim to evaluate new evidence on Non-Dietary Exposure (NDE) made available to EFSA. The 3 priorities have been organised into 3 Work Packages (WPs) planned to be developed with a modular approach.

The Working Group was informed about the data and information submitted to EFSA through the NDE Functional Mailbox in relation to the 3 WPs. The provided evidence will be analysed in view of updating the approaches for Operators, Workers, Residents and Bystanders in the OPEX Guidance and Calculator.

At the beginning of the meeting on day-2 (30 Aug), the EFSA Procurement Team presented an overview on the best practices for grants. During the technical hearing with the beneficiaries of the grant (GP/EFSA/PREV/2022/02), the Working Group was updated on the project development. Also, a preliminary version of the protocol for analysis of evidence for the WP1 (SeedTropex) was presented and discussed.

In the end, the calendar of meetings was agreed.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 11 Oct 2023 (9:00 – 13:00) and 13 Oct 2023 (9:00-13:00) as web conference.