Proposals to overcome challenges and areas of prioritisation

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What concrete measures – such as pilot assessments, regulatory “safe spaces”, guidance updates, training or targeted research – would have the greatest impact in overcoming current implementation barriers?

Today:

- Member States make *ad hoc* assessments when NAMs are involved.

What we need instead:

- Updated **guidances** and **training**.
- More knowledge about Weight of Evidence – different for different endpoints.
- Clear criteria on what constitutes as enough evidence and how to handle uncertainties.
- Validated NAMs and knowledge about their applicability domain – the methods need to have equivalent predictive capacity.
- New EFSA guidance document for tiered approaches to minimise use of animals.

Which assessment areas should be prioritised for early implementation in pesticides and biocides, considering scientific readiness, regulatory need and the potential reduction in animal use?

- **Need for better harmonisation among Member States:**
  - on when data requirements can be met with alternative information (NAMs/WoE/waiving).
  - more resources dedicated to evaluate assessments of other Member States.
- **Development of *in vitro* respiratory sensitisation tests.**
- **Support phasing out dog studies for pesticides.**