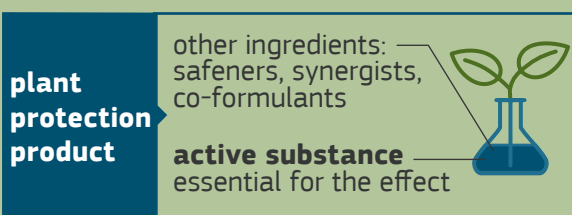



Scientific Opinion on


# Plant Protection Products

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- Widely used in agriculture to protect the **growth** of desirable plants (such as crops)
- Some are **pesticides** that eradicate unwanted plants, fungus or insects
- Public **debate** concerning their use



 assessed and authorised separately by Member States

 assessed and approved at EU-level with Member States involved

## How to improve and adapt the approval and authorisation system to ensure safe plant protection products?

### Recommendations

Establish an **EU vision** for **food production**, including on the role of plant protection products



Set realistic levels of **acceptable risk**, performing risk-cost-benefit analyses



Assess the **risk of the plant protection product as a whole** at the EU level



Ensure open and suitable pre-market studies and post-marketing vigilance

### Impact

Opinion informs:

- Regulation on the transparency and sustainability of the risk assessment in the food chain
- European Parliament's report on authorisation procedure for pesticides
- Evaluation of PPP and pesticides residues legislation, expected 2020
- Evaluation of the Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive, expected 2020

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