



NATIONAL WORKSHOPS REPORT TEMPLATE

IPMWORKS National Workshop

Date: 1.10.2024

Place: Side event - Working Group on IPM within the NAP

Type: meeting

National Focal Point for Country

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A. Agenda

- a) Introduction of IPMWORKS network and methodology.**
- b) Reporting about the IPMworks approach and achievements**
- c) Session 1: Validation of the IPMWORKS recommendations for scaling IPM adoption through IPM demo networks in the AKIS.**

Task 1.5: Recommendations for scaling IPM adoption through IPM demo networks in the AKIS.

Germany has been setting up a new network of demonstration farms. This collaboration between the partners of the state advisory services and the farmers focuses on the implementation of integrated crop management. Therefore, the changing practices on the participating farms include also agronomic measures. The AKIS is a major engagement of the advisory services and is further disseminated beyond the participating region via knowledge transfer activities of JKI. Various methods for knowledge exchange are used.

- d) Session 2: IPMWORKS strategy for Long Term Sustainability.**

Task 7.1: Establish an IPM Network of engaged policy makers across Europe.

Task 7.3: Self sustainability of the networks.

Farm events have been conducted and regional advisors as well as policy makers were invited. Specific demo days with focus on specific topic were organised and the importance of farmer networks was emphasised. The German national farmer fair was an event with outstanding participation from IPMworks farmers and farmers of the before mentioned national German project. Here, project funders and policy makers attended the meeting.

- e) Open forum for questions and discussions.**

B. Outcomes on Session 1: Validation of the IPMWORKS recommendations

Indications from FEUGA:

- **What do we expect to get from the NFPs in this session?**

From this session we seek from the NFPs to collect the main ideas that arise during the discussion, especially in the Group Activity where we expect the facilitator to be attentive and vigilant to the ideas that arise and that may not be fully reflected in the answers of the post-its, as well as to note the attitude with which they face the dynamic.

Also, any other ideas that arise in the group that may contribute to the externalisation of the recommendations, a new idea or a common concern that the facilitator sees coming up repeatedly can be reflected in the report in the form of a free text.

Germany has a very well established state advisory service and an open access platform to decision support systems. DSS are seen as an essential part for the appropriate decision-making and Germany has been funding projects to further develop or set up new DSS. The support of beneficials and the creation of semi-habitats was another issue, which was discussed. Here the direct impact of pest control and potential adverse effects (e.g. weed infestation) were mentioned. For all methods the growers always emphasise that the economic well-being must be considered and is a key factor.

C. Outcomes on Session 2: IPMWORKS strategy for Long Term Sustainability

Indications from CONSULAI:

- **What do we expect to get from the NFPs in this session?**

Germany has started a new model and demonstration project which is funded by the Ministry of Food and Agriculture. The project was in detail presented at the IPMworks final conference.

To-date 79 arable farms participate in the project, which started in 2022 and will run at least 5 years. A new similar project will start in 2025 with focus on field vegetables. The German funders have acknowledged the importance of farmer networks for intense collaboration and fostering the uptake of innovative methods. However, continuous or long-term funding is a crucial issue and can only be assured via national funding initiatives.

- **Information to be provided**

Country: Germany

Date of meeting: 1.10.2024

Number of attendees:

Typology of attendees: Policy, Advisory, grower organisations & Science

Level of action of attendees: National organisations

In this section, The **NFPs** will also report to **IAMZ-CIHEAM** on the invitation to national stakeholders to **visit an IPMWORKS demo farm.**

D. Outcomes on open discussion

The NFPs will reflect in this section the issues raised during the open forum for questions and discussion.

Topic 1 – How to further advance IPM in Germany and

Topic 2 – Considerations on the revision of IPM guidelines

Topic 3 – Barriers and incentives for uptake of IPM

Conclusion:

During the recent years many farming practices have changed and if possible greater attention is paid to preventive methods. The uptake to use alternative, non-chemical control methods is often limited by their availability and insufficient liability.