

- many studies showed that different pesticides have negative effects for human health. In the case of EDs, despite a still high level of scientific uncertainty, it is necessary to apply the precautionary principle.
- the OECD Endocrine Disruptor Advisory Group elaborated test guidelines discussing the controversial issue of potency of EDs and concluded that potency was not an element of hazard identification but rather of hazard characterisation of EDs. Non-monotonic dose-response issues are also important in the scientific discussion as a tiny amount of EDs could activate the hormone system and induce adverse effects.
- effects of EDs were worst when exposure takes place during the early developmental stages.

COM asked what kind of scientific studies were available. [REDACTED] replied that for the time being only pharmaceutical, epidemiological studies were available, most of them sociologic related to demography (on the high risk population: pregnant women and children). [REDACTED] indicated that more scientific evidence would become available in the near future and economic impacts should not be considered in regulatory decision-making when protecting human health and the environment.

[REDACTED] required details about our role in the ongoing impact assessment on criteria to identify EDs, the timeline, which DGs were leading the process and which ones were involved. She was interested to learn more about the EU position on chemicals in the TTIP negotiations with the US. [REDACTED] reminded that US is in general much more flexible on regulatory measures on chemicals and that MRLs were one of their key concerns with regard to TTIP – the association fears that the EU could be forced to lower their MRLs as a result of TTIP. COM indicated that mutual recognition was not foreseen in the area of chemicals and pointed to the initial EU position paper on chemicals published on DG TRADE's website on 14 May 2014. Finally, PAN-E informed that they are also regularly in contact with SG, DG SANCO, DG ENTR, DG ENV and DG AGRI to discuss about their position on EDs.

Kind regards,

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