



# **Better Training for Safer Food** *Initiative*

## *International Standard-Setting Bodies*

**Role of the EU in works of IPPC,  
formulation of EU common  
positions**  
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# EU involvement in the workings of the IPPC

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## European Union

**1952** – 6 countries

- BE,DE,FR,IT,LU,NL

1973 – 9 countries

+ DK,IE,UK

1981 – 10 countries

+ EL

1986 – 12 countries

+ ES,PT

1995 – 15 countries

+ AT,FI,SE

**2004** – 25 countries

+ CY,CZ,EE,HU,LT,LV,  
MT,PL,SI,SK

2007 – 27 countries

+ BG,RO

**2013** – 28 countries

+ HR

## EU involvement in the workings of the IPPC

Officially becoming a  
Contracting Party to the IPPC  
on 6 October 2005

Coordinated approach  
already prior to 1997  
Revision of the IPPC

Shared roles of the European  
Commission and the Member  
States of the EU

Close cooperation with EPPO





# European Commission

- **The ,Guardian of Treaties'**
- **Exclusive right of a legislative initiative**
- **'EU Ministers' = Commissioners**
- **'EU Ministries' = Directorates-General (DGs)**
- **IPPC relevant: DG SANTE (Health & Food Safety)  
(+ DG TRADE/DG ENVI/DG AGRI/DG DEVCO)**
- **Shares competences with the Member States  
(Council of the EU)**
- **In CPM: presents EU common positions in areas of  
its competence – ISPMS, ...**

# European Commission





## Council of the EU

- **Represents Governments of the Member States**
- **Takes Decisions (together with the European Parliament) on Commission proposals**
- **Rotating Presidency of the Council (each 6 months)**
- **Expert → Ministerial levels**
- **Council Working Party on IPPC affairs**
- **Shares competences with the Commission**
- **In CPM: presents EU common positions in areas of its competence – staff and financial issues, ...**



# Council of the EU





## The process – its 'logistics'

- **First discussion at expert levels, except for strategic issues**
- **ISPMs related discussions are correlated with EPPO CPM Panel – close interaction**
- **Expert proposals scrutinized / approved at political level, where appropriate**
- **Approved EU common positions/opinions communicated**
- **Directly to IPPC or through EPPO**

## The process – its 'logistics'

- For topics / specifications / draft ISPMs – key role of stewards
- **STEWARDS** – EPPO/EU or EU
- Strategic discussions independent
- EU members of CPM bodies (Bureau, SC, CDC, SPG, panels, EWGs)
- Shared roles – European Commission & Council
- Expert WG / EPPO Panel – Council Working Party

## The process – its objectives/priorities

- Come up with commonly agreed positions / ideas supported by 28 countries and the Commission (=29 IPPC Contracting Parties) → **ONE VOICE**
- Discussions / considerations at relevant levels
  - ❖ E.g.: DPs/PTs vs. draft ISPMs or strategic issues
- Contribute to the development of the global plant health concept from the EU(ropean) perspective
- Use of EU(ropean) expertise ~ EPPO CPM Panel
- Topics – specifications – draft ISPMs

## Nominating right people

- **Formal process - nominations agreed in the Council of the EU for Bureau, SC, CDC, NROAG**
  - ❖ **Vacancies considered by CPM Panel**
  - ❖ **Formally discussed, selected, approved in the Council of the EU**
  - ❖ **Nominations made to EPPO**
  - ❖ **EPPO Council decides on final European nominations**
  - ❖ **Communicated through Regional Chair to IPPC**

## Nominating right people

- **Informal process – Expert WGs, various panels, ad-hoc groups (focus groups, open-ended groups) - nominations agreed in the EPPO CPM Panel or EPPO**
- **Voluntary participation – e.g. SPG**
- **EU Member States kept informed**

## Putting forward comments / opinions

- **Formal / informal consultations = balance flexibility with accorded positions as appropriate**
- **E-mail consultations – EPPO CPM Panel – EU Council**
- **Complexity of approval varies ~ issue at stake**
- **The most formal – for OCS comments (draft ISPMs) CPM documents and strategic issues at final stage of discussions**
- **Critical role of EU members of CPM bodies**

# Online Commenting System (OCS)

- Key role of **STEWARDS**
- Use of EPPO CPM Panel = gathers European comments
- EPPO comments scrutinized in the EU Council
- Confirmed / modified comments submitted to the IPPC Secretariat by the European Commission on behalf of all 28 Member States of the EU




# Online Commenting System (OCS)

- **Appoint editors – access to OCS**
- **Important:** classify comments properly
  - ❖ Substantive / Technical / Editorial / (Linguistic)
  - ❖ Impacts on their importance in the process
- **Important:** provide clear / relevant EXPLANATION
  - ❖ Help SC steward understand your idea
- **Respect deadlines → arrange consultation process accordingly**



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To arrange a training session, please send an email to [IPPC-OCS@fao.org](mailto:IPPC-OCS@fao.org).

The past **member consultation on draft specifications** has started on 19th December 2014 and it has closed on 20th February 2015 at midnight (CET). Draft specifications are available [here](#).

The current **member consultation on draft ISPMs (Diagnostic Protocols only)** has started on 30th January 2015 and it will close on 30th June 2015 at midnight (CET). Draft DPs are available [here](#).

Note: documents currently under member consultation are available for your download at <https://www.ippc.int/core-activities/standards-setting/member-consultation-draft-specifications-ispms> and <https://www.ippc.int/core-activities/standards-setting/member-consultation-draft-ispms>

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### 2014 Archive:

The **consultation period on the user requirements** for the OCS was held from 22 April to 6 May 2014. Thanks for your participation.

The **2014 Substantial Concerns Commenting Period** on draft ISPMs has started on 1st June and it has closed on 30 September 2014 at midnight (CET).

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## Key message

- **Pool of experts – STABILITY, SUCCESSION**
- **Networking – smart use of resources**
- **STEWARDS**
- **Clear processes**
  - ❖ **Agreed / accepted at national / NEPPPO levels**
  - ❖ **Proper timetables ~ IPPC deadlines**
  - ❖ **Fit for purpose – flexibility, consensus oriented**
- **Regional priorities**

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