

Cooperation of RMS's on the renewal of glyphosate: governance model

For the renewal of glyphosate possibly 5, at least 4 member states will be designated as rapporteur member state. This in light of the amount of work but also in light of the necessity to ensure a thorough assessment process and a balanced view on all issues.

Working as RMS's together means that a governance structure is necessary. This governance structure must cover the following issues:

- Project management
- Communication (between RMS's, task force glyphosate, EFSA and, in exceptional cases, press)
- Secretariat for organizing meetings and the like

The formal structure could be in the form of a steering committee with a representative of all involved MS's. The mandate of the representative of the member states can differ depending on the organizational situation of the member state. Representatives ascertain the coordination within their member state.

- The steering committee must be mandated to organize, finance and run the secretariat and project management as stated above.
- The steering committee is responsible for the quality of the dossier as a whole and, when applicable, is responsible for a clear and balanced description of the opinions when they differ on certain issues
- The steering committee, when applicable, votes with majority.
- The steering committee will be chaired by an independent chair, not representing any of the participating MS's
- In case 4 MS's participate, the chair will have a decisive vote when there is an equal amount of votes yes or no

Location of the secretariat and the formal position of its co-workers could be organized in different ways:

- Hosted by one of the participating RMS's
- Located either on a separate location (eg. Brussels) or on the premises of one of the participating MS's
- Co-workers can be seconded