

## WeLASER 5th Stakeholder Event: main results (1/2)

### Objectives

The fifth and last Stakeholder Event was organized by COAG and held in the Centre for Automation and Robotics, CSIC (Arganda del Rey, Madrid, Spain) on July 26th, 2023. The main objective of this Stakeholder Event was to address the implications of the future Regulation on the sustainable use of plant protection products (SUR Regulation), as well as the future alternatives in crop protection products. More than 40 experts from European institutions, national authorities, NGOs, crop protection industry, farmers, farmers associations and other agents provided their visions.

### Implications for EU production of the Regulation on the sustainable use of plant protection products

A round table about implications for EU production of the Regulation on the sustainable use of plant protection was chaired by Manuel Linares, the WeLASER Dissemination Manager (COAG), and attended by José Manuel Roche (European Economic and Social Committee), Patricia de Almandoz (COPA-COGECA) and Carlos Romero (Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food).



### Main conclusions

The following conclusions were dropped after short presentations of the round table members and a general discussion with the event attendees.

- SUR proposal has helped raising awareness and achieving a more rational and sustainable use of pesticides.
- Transition should include real and cost-effective alternatives for farmers, like new technologies and improving the funding for R&D.
- Some criticisms were raised against the SUR proposal: excessive ambition, lack of scientific basis and agronomic balance, difficult implementation in sensitive areas, or not including socio-economic sustainability.

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