

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

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.

Future alternatives in crop protection products

A round table about future alternatives in crop protection products was chaired by Janusz Krupanek, leader of the Multi-actor Approach for WeLASER (IETU), and attended by Evelyne Alcázar (IFOAM- International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements), Carlos Palomares (CROPLIFE EUROPE), and Andrés Góngora (COAG).



Main conclusions

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

- Today, chemical control is the most used and cost-effective measure for many farming problems.
- Promoting the sustainable use of herbicides and developing viable alternatives, like organic or non-chemical methods, for farmers is really important.
- Developing and financing public research and innovation for conventional and alternative methods is a key element for the future of farmers and European agriculture.

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