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Twinning Project

**Harmonisation of national legislation with EU legislation
for placing on the market and control of Plant
Protection Products and implementation of new legal
provisions**

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Aims of the Twining Project

This project aims to improve the protection of both human health and the environment in Serbia through effective regulation of Plant Protection Products (PPP's).

The project will achieve this by:

- Developing the Plant Protection Directorate responsible for the evaluation and authorisation of PPP's and the harmonization of Maximum Residue Levels (MRL's);
- Further enhancement of the administrative capacity of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management (MAFWM) and provision of scientific information to institutions involved as scientific and technical support to MAFWM;
- Further harmonization of PPP's and MRL's legislation with related EU *acquis*;
- Refinement of procedures for authorisation of PPP's and monitoring programmes comparable with EU standards;
- Demonstrating the implications of the new regulation replacing 91/414/EEC and providing advice on implementation of it;
- Evaluation of existing information systems and recommendation and assistance for their development;
- Evaluation of existing communication links with all stakeholders and recommendation for establishing effective and enhancement of dissemination of information via website and other information systems.

By updating PPP's evaluation standards and the necessary institutional infrastructure the project will contribute to the process of preparation of the Republic of Serbia for accession to the European Union.

The **Chemical Regulation Directorate (CRD)** (an Executive Agency of the Health and Safety Executive) is responsible for general co-ordination and monitoring of project implementation. CRD is a Mandated Body, which aims to ensure the safety of operators, and the protection of consumers and the environment. CRD is actively involved with the harmonization of pesticides regulation within Europe and in providing support to the Commission and European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). CRD has extensive experience in delivery of training to the majority of new Member States and Candidate Countries.

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The Twinning programme is one of the principal tools of Institution Building accession assistance. Twinning aims to help beneficiary countries in the development of modern and efficient administrations, with the structures, human resources and management skills needed to implement the *acquis communautaire* to the same standards as Member States. Twinning provides the framework for administrations and semi-public organizations in the beneficiary countries to work with their counterparts in Member States. Together they develop and implement a project that targets the transposition of a specific part of the *acquis communautaire*. Since 1998, beneficiary countries have benefited from over 1,300 Twinning projects.

“The European Union is made up of 27 Member States who have decided to gradually link together their know-how, resources and destinies. Together, during a period of enlargement of 50 years, they have built a zone of stability, democracy and sustainable development whilst maintaining cultural diversity, tolerance and individual freedoms. The European Union is committed to sharing its achievements and its values with countries and peoples beyond its borders.”

The European Commission is the EU’s executive body.

