# **EU-Commodity Expert Group Minor Uses Hops**

A Cooperation to close Gaps and to harmonize Plant Protection at EU-Level Sichelstiel, W., Weihrauch, F., Schwarz, J.

### EU Minor Use Working Groups

#### Technical Working Group (TWG)

- harmonization of high level problems relating to minor uses
  (e.g. definitions of minor uses and interpretations of Regulation 1107/2009 in the EU Member States)
- establishment of a European Minor Uses Fund

#### Commodity Expert Groups (CEG)

- established CEGs (May 2013)
  - processing vegetables
  - fresh vegetables
  - small and stone fruits
  - ornamental plants
  - hops
- appointment of plant protection problems
- joint projects to create basics for zonal registrations

## Commodity Expert Group Hops

- established in September 2012
- members: hop research institutes, hop growers associations, hop industry from Austria, Belgium, France, Czech Republic, Germany, Slovenia, Poland,
  - United Kingdom, USA
- results of the first meeting in February 2013
  - joint efficacy trials with new plant protection products
  - use of mutual recognition according to article 40 of regulation (EC) 1007/2009



## European Minor Use Database (www.eumuda.eu)



- web based tool of the commodity expert groups minor uses
- designed by Julius-Kühn-Institute and DLR Rhineland-Palatine (Germany)
- public information
  - minor uses and minor crops in EU member states
  - acreage of minor uses / minor crops
  - minor use working program
  - public trials and studies
  - minor use contacts
    - members of TWG
    - > members of CEGs
    - ➤ European contacts of plant protection industry
- confidential information
  - confidential projects, trials and studies



