



Save the date and invitation for September 22nd 2017 TOPPS demonstration farm visit focused on water protection solutions

Invitation for authorities and stakeholders:

Water protection solutions for sustainable productive agriculture: practical measures for EU policy goals

Dear Regulatory Authority and Stakeholder representatives,

We invite you to join us on a farm located 30 minutes outside Brussels for demonstration of state-of-the-art – yet highly practical – measures to prevent or significantly reduce the entry of pesticides into water. This will be a valuable opportunity for discussion with key stakeholders on the beneficial link between Best Management Practices (BMPs) and relevant EU water and agriculture policy goals, and what can be done to further the adoption of agricultural practices that benefit both environmental protection and agricultural productivity.

The relevant BMPs have been developed and disseminated through the TOPPS Water Protection project (1) which was launched through the EU Life Programme, and these seek to prevent or significantly reduce losses of pesticides into water from point sources (e.g. from spills or equipment cleaning practices), and from diffuse sources (mainly run-off and drift).

A draft programme is attached, and you are invited to indicate your wish to (i) join this event, and (ii) use the minibus service, to Evelyne Gusken by e-mail (evelyne@scibasics.com) by September 1st at the latest – see programme for more details on organisation and location.

Please note that the working language will be English, and that participation in the farm visit is free of charge, but there will be no possibility for re-imbusement of expenses/ travel/ accommodation costs. A buffet lunch will be provided for participants. The number of places available for the visit is limited.

We very much look forward to your responses and to welcoming you at this valuable and timely event,

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(1) TOPPS: www.topps-life.org Train Operators to Promote Best Practices and Sustainability

