

## Introduction to the Workshop

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Some time has passed since the SPISE 3 Workshop in Brno (22. – 24. Sept. 2009) and since then a lot has happened and many things have been clarified.

Directive 2009/128/EC was published on 21 October 2009. Following this, the responsibility for this directive was transferred from the DG Environment to DG Sanco.

It was a while before a first discussion took place between the SPISE Working Group (SWG) and the persons responsible at DG Sanco.

This was on 5 July 2011 with Ms. Pitton, Patrizia (Unit 3 - Plant Protection Products) and Mr. Rotteveel, Anton (Unit - 3 Plant Protection Products).

Fig. 1. shows the colleagues from the SpiseWorkingGroup (SWG), coming from BE, DE,FR,NL, and IT.



Fig. 1. Members of the SPISE working group.

A result of this discussion with the DG Sanco was

1. to produce a proposal on how inspections can be carried out before harmonised EN standards are available,
2. to carry out inspections on new equipment at the manufacturer's works before it is delivered to the operator since this is a cost-effective and practical approach,
- to put into concrete terms the recognition and monitoring of recognised inspection workshops and to aim at a comparable quality assurance system for all the Member States.

These statements have been incorporated into our agenda for the SPISE 4 Workshop.

As presented in **Fig. 2**, the agenda of the SPISE 4 Workshop shows

1. that the sessions are directly related to the paragraphs of Article 8 but that we have also included further relevant items (evening programs, training, miscellaneous),

2. that the Member States have many further things to specify according to the “Principles of subsidiary.  
On close examination a differentiation can be made between legal regulations und technical specifications.
3. It will be our task to deal with the technical specifications and to put into concrete terms our ideas before other experts from administration can stipulate what the technical specifications should look like and how we should organise the technical procedure.

European Frame and the complementary regulations acc. to the principles of subsidiary				
Round table	Art.8 128	Objects and benefits of the obligatory inspection in the EU	Further regulations acc. legal regulations	Principles of subsidiary technical specifications
1	§1&2	MS ensure PAE inspection Regular intervals Deadline New PAE	Conducting inspections Regular inspecting intervals Deadlines Brand new PAE	WS authorization/monitoring/ rejection regulation Inspection Quality assurance system How to deal with new PAE? How to deal with minor defects?
2	§3	Derogation & exemptions Different timetables & intervals	Exemptions inspection Diff. timetables & intervals Listing in the NAP Training of operators	Risk assessment Assessment of scale of use Training of operators
3	§4	Inspection acc. Annex II	Harmonized standards	How to inspect without EN standards
Even. Progr.	-	Calibration, adjustment, DRT Poster Exhibition	-	Added values by - sprayer calibration - adjustment to the canopy structure - Drift reducing Techniques (DRT)?
-	§5	Regular calibration & checks	Binding user to conduct regular calibration & checks	SWG proposal available Implemented in Eurogap certification
4	§6	Designate Bodies, Certificate systems, Mutual recognition	Designate bodies... Establish certificate systems	Certificate systems consists of sticker and test report SWG proposal available
5	-	Training	Well trained inspectors Statistics reporting	Specification of theoretical+ practical training (content, basics, examination, documents, ppts) Maintenance & repairing
6	-	Miscellaneous	Prohibition of use, offences PAE without valid sticker must not be used	

Fig. 2. European frame and the complementary regulations acc. to the principles of subsidiary.

Our proposal (the SWG) is to consider in each session whether it would be helpful to set up a Technical Working Group (TWG) so that SPISE does not just talk about issues, but so that concrete ideas are developed.

This TWG which comprises several colleagues from various Member States could then deal with one specific topic and produce a proposal together.

Since the mutual recognition of inspections between the Member States is stipulated by Article 8.6, we will not be able to proceed without a minimum of harmonised “technical specifications”.

In my opinion, setting up a TWG is the right solution for such demands.

A further aspect which we have considered in this agenda is the question,

“Is sprayer calibration and adjustment, related to canopy structure and drift reducing technology, an added value for orchard/vine growers?”

This aspect is so significant because the Extension Service here in Lana has developed these tools (sprayer calibration & adjustment related to canopy structure) and implemented these in their voluntary sprayer inspection schema.

We would like to present this inspection schema of the Extension Service to you this evening during the After Dinner Speech and on our excursion tomorrow.

The question which every Member State has to answer for itself is whether it makes sense to integrate one or several tools from the Extension Service into or add it/them to the obligatory inspection according to Article 8) as an addition and on the request of growers.

Due to the positive experience from the previous SPISE Workshop we have organised a day-excursion again which is especially oriented around air-assisted sprayers and their calibration, adjustment and drift reducing techniques.

Our workshop dinner will be on the evening of the second day, to which the head of the research centre in Laimburg, Dr. Oberhuber, has invited us to the institute's stone cellar. We have planned a roundtable session for the beginning so that our discussion in SPISE4 is centred on a broadly founded basis.

- 1) Mr. ROTTEVEEL from DG Sanco will be the first to talk to us about the opinions and interpretations / expectations of DG Sanco on Directive 2009/128/EG.
- 2) Professor FREIER, JKI (DE) is our second speaker and will talk about the National Action Plan, taking Germany as an example.
- 3) Mr. Jaap VAN WENUM will then speak to us as on farmer from the Netherlands about his opinion on the equipment inspection.
- 4) Dr. WALDNER will be the fourth speaker and will explain the equipment inspection from the Extension Service's point of view.
- 5) Our fifth speaker, Mr. WEHMANN, will present the survey on equipment inspections in the Member States which he has put together using your feedback.

The presentations and discussions will most certainly lead to more clarity and understanding. There will also be many questions which cannot yet be answered satisfactorily. For this reason it would be important for us to decide whether we want to deal with such topics in SPISE and

- 1) set up a Technical Working Group to prepare a corresponding proposal or
- 2) merely collect these topics in the SWG in a to-do list.

In my opinion this would be a decision which would be taken in the respective session.