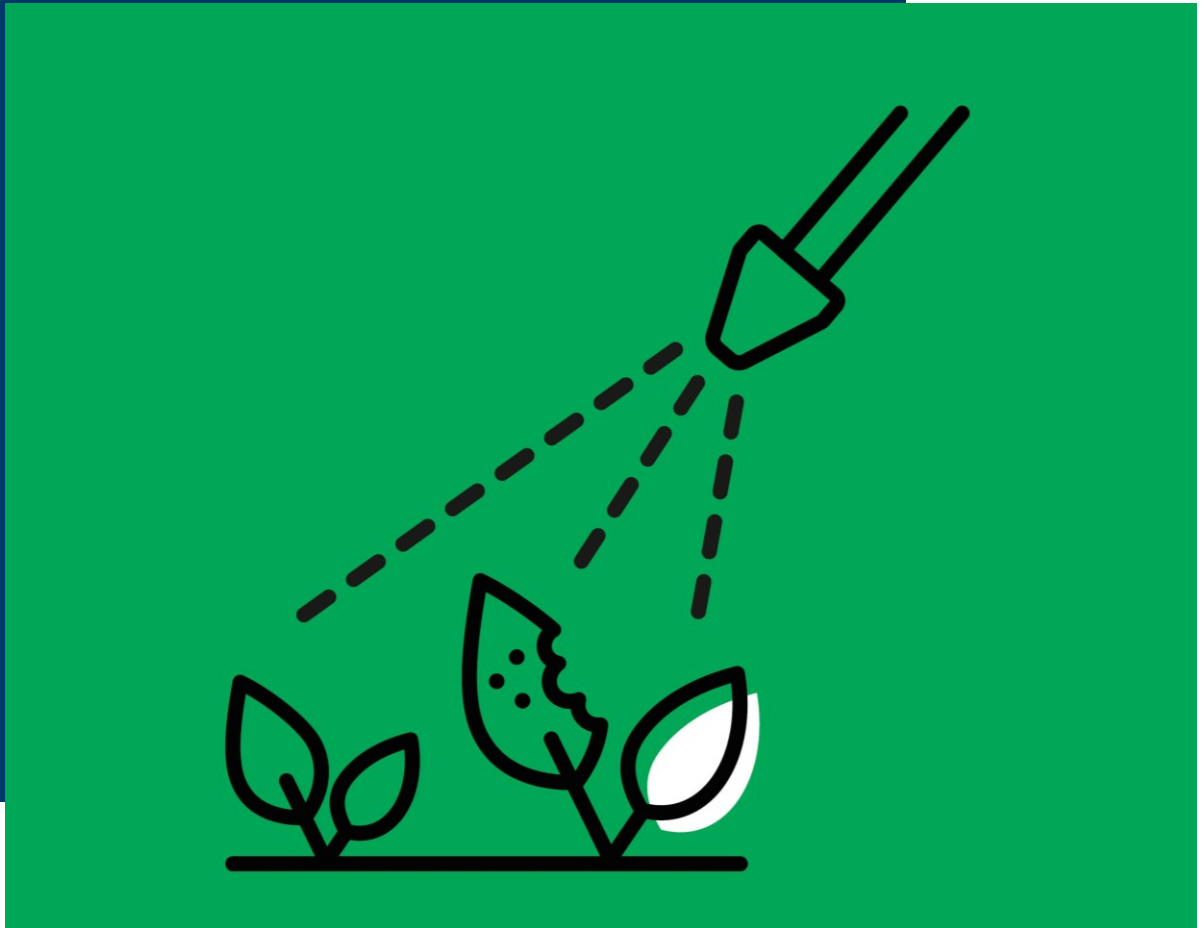




## **Further harmonisation of non-dietary exposure and risk assessment of plant protection products European symposium**

11–12 November 2026, Berlin

## European symposium on further harmonisation of non-dietary exposure and risk assessment of plant protection products

This symposium will provide a platform for risk assessment experts, regulatory authorities and stakeholders to present and discuss important scientific and regulatory issues in the context of non-dietary exposure and risk assessment of plant protection products in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1107/2009 for authorisation in the EU. The symposium will focus on crucial aspects of exposure and risk assessment, which play an important role in ensuring the safety of plant protection products:

- Exposure assessment of operators, workers, residents and bystanders
- Assessment of co-formulants
- Risk mitigation measures
- Dermal absorption

The symposium aims to facilitate discussions on new scientific developments, challenges and approaches and to improve harmonisation between EU Member States. This exchange will ensure that assessment strategies for plant protection products in the EU will be fit for future while maintaining a high level of protection for human health.

## Programme

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### Wednesday, 11 November 2026

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| 09:00–09:30 | Registration                                                                                                                          |
| 09:30–09:45 | <b>Opening and welcome</b><br>Tewes Tralau, vice president of the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR), Berlin, Germany |
| 09:45–10:00 | <b>Objectives</b><br>Sabine Martin, BfR, Berlin, Germany                                                                              |

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## Session I: General Developments

Session chair: N. N.

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| 10:00–10:30 | <b>Further development of the EFSA guidance</b><br>Frederique Istace, European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), Parma, Italy                                                          |
| 10:30–11:00 | <b>European Commission compendium of conditions of use to reduce exposure and risk from plant protection products</b><br>European Commission, DG SANTE, Brussels, Belgium, invited |
| 11:00–11:20 | Coffee break                                                                                                                                                                       |

## Session II: Operator

Session chair: N. N.

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| 11:20–11:40 | <b>Exposure assessment using hand held application equipment</b><br>Claudia Großkopf, BfR, Berlin, Germany                                     |
| 11:40–12:00 | <b>Statistical assessment of non-dietary exposure studies</b><br>Peter Craig, Durham University, United Kingdom                                |
| 12:00–12:20 | <b>Closed transfer systems</b><br>Paul Hamey, EFSA Working Group on Operator, Worker, Resident and Bystander exposure, United Kingdom          |
| 12:20–12:40 | <b>Risk assessment of drone applications</b><br>Julia Buchmüller, BfR, Berlin, Germany                                                         |
| 12:40–13:00 | <b>Risk assessment of non-professional uses in home and garden areas,</b><br>tbd, Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office, Bern, Switzerland |
| 13:00–14:30 | Lunch break                                                                                                                                    |

## Session III: Combined exposure and assessment of co-formulants

Session chair: N. N.

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| 14:30–14:50 | <b>Overview of EU level activities regarding PPP assessment, including co-formulants</b><br>tbd, European Commission, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety, Brussels, Belgium |
| 14:50–15:10 | <b>Assessment of co-formulants during EU-evaluation</b><br>European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), Parma, Italy, invited                                                                 |
| 15:10–15:30 | <b>NAM based risk assessment approach for pesticide formulations</b><br>Denise Bloch, BfR, Berlin, Germany                                                                              |
| 15:30–15:50 | Coffee break                                                                                                                                                                            |

## Session IV: Residents & bystanders

Session chair: N. N.

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| 15:50–16:10 | <b>Ad hoc exposure calculations for active substances which are gasses or with high vapour pressures (&gt; 0.01 Pa)</b><br>tbd, Danish Environmental Protection Agency, Odense, Denmark                                                                |
| 16:10–16:30 | <b>Resident and bystander inhalation exposure to volatile PPPs</b><br>Raouda Sgaier, BfR, Berlin, Germany                                                                                                                                              |
| 16:30–16:50 | <b>Drift-reducing technologies in Europe: technical principles, baseline drift and regulatory use beyond the 50% OPEX default</b><br>Jens-Karl Wegener, Federal Research Centre for Cultivated Plants, Julius Kühn Institute (JKI), Brunswick, Germany |
| 16:50–17:10 | <b>New drift data for high crop applications</b><br>Enrico Peter, BfR, Berlin, Germany                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 17:10–17:30 | <b>Oral exposure to granules (children)</b><br>tbd, Danish Environmental Protection Agency, Odense, Denmark                                                                                                                                            |
| 18:00       | Social dinner at BfR location                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

## Thursday, 12 November 2026

### Session V: Worker

Session chair: N. N.

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| 09:00–09:20 | <b>Proposal for harmonising the assessment of studies to determine dislodgeable foliar residue and dissipation of active substance on the foliage</b><br>Alexandra Esser, Dutch Board for the Authorisation of Plant Protection Products and Biocides (Ctgb), Ede, The Netherlands |
| 09:20–09:40 | <b>Development of an in silico prediction model for dislodgeable foliar residues (DFR) to support tiered re-entry worker exposure assessment</b><br>Edward Chikwana, Corteva Agriscience, USA                                                                                      |
| 09:40–10:00 | <b>Worker re-entry tasks after indoor pesticide applications</b><br>Julie Verhelst, FPS Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment, Brussels, Belgium                                                                                                                               |
| 10:00–10:20 | <b>German approach to risk mitigation measures for workers re-entering pesticide-treated fields</b><br>Christian Schlawis, Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL), Brunswick, Germany                                                                         |

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| <b>10:20–10:40</b>                                                  | <b>Gloves as experimental dosimeter to measure exposure versus suitability as protective measures in re-entry exposure mitigation</b><br>tbd, CropLife Europe, aisbl, Brussels, Belgium                                           |
| 10:40–11:00                                                         | Coffee break                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Session VI: Risk mitigation measures</b><br>Session chair: N. N. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 11:00–11:20                                                         | <b>Questionnaire on standardising risk mitigation measures for operators and workers in the context of non-dietary risk assessment</b><br>Olivier Sanvido, Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), Bern, Switzerland |
| 11:20–11:40                                                         | <b>ISO certification of personal protective equipment</b><br>Eva Cohen Gómez, National Institute for Safety and Health at Work (INSST), Sevilla, Spain                                                                            |
| 11:40–12:00                                                         | <b>Harmonised allocation of hazard-based risk mitigation measures in DE</b><br>Jan Oliver Jost, BfR, Berlin, Germany                                                                                                              |
| <b>Session VII: Dermal absorption</b><br>Session chair: N. N.       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 12:00–12:20                                                         | <b>Dermal absorption of dried residues</b><br>Korinna Wend, BfR, Berlin, Germany                                                                                                                                                  |
| 12:20–12:40                                                         | <b>Further development of default values</b><br>Veronika Städele, BfR, Berlin, Germany                                                                                                                                            |
| 12:40–14:00                                                         | Lunch break                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 14:00–14:50                                                         | <b>Summary and Discussion</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 14:50–15:00                                                         | <b>Concluding remarks</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 15:00                                                               | End of symposium                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

# Organisational information

## Venue

German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment  
Location Berlin-Marienfelde  
Lecture hall  
Diedersdorfer Weg 1  
12277 Berlin

## Directions

Destination stop ([www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de), [www.bvg.de](http://www.bvg.de)):  
"Nahmitzer Damm/Marienfelder Allee (Berlin)"

## Registration

Registration fee: 370.00 €  
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