

CIBE STATEMENT

10th October 2023

The message sent by the European Parliament's AGRI Committee on the Sustainable Use Regulation is a step in the right direction that the ENVI Committee should strongly consider

[CIBE](#), the International Confederation of European Beet Growers, takes note of the important vote yesterday at the European Parliament's AGRI Committee on the opinion by Rapporteur Clara Aguilera on the Commission proposal for a Sustainable use of Pesticides Regulation (SUR).

Members of the AGRI Committee have sent a balanced message. The text adopted corrects many aspects of the proposal and brings more realism and pragmatism, notably on the implementation period, the national targets, the sensitive areas, the funding, as well as on the implementation of Integrated Pest Management (IPM). On this last issue, which is of key importance for European sugar beet growers, who largely implement IPM in their practices, MEPs have amended some of the provisions proposed by the Commission to make them feasible for farmers' day-to-day work and to allow them to further reduce their environmental impacts.

Moreover, Members of the AGRI Committee have once again recalled the need for level-playing field with imported agricultural products from trade partners.

CIBE is now calling on the European Parliament's ENVI Committee as well as on the AGRI Council to take into the AGRI Committee's work, to further improve this Commission's proposal, to recognise EU farmers' constant efforts and achievements and to provide them with appropriate regulation and tools to further improve their sustainability.

About CIBE

Gathers national and regional associations from 14 European beet-producing countries as well as the United-Kingdom and Switzerland. It represents and defends the living of 140 000 farmers, for a total production of around 15 million tonnes.