Launching the ENDURE European Research Group

“To ensure the sustainability of crop protection in Europe through scientific excellence, interdisciplinary research, and international partnership including policy-makers and all stakeholders”

4 years of EC financial Support

ENDURE ERG: self funded Network (14 founding members)

2007 2010
ENDURE in 2014

- Contribute to R&D defragmentation by sharing research capacities and competences as well as developing a multi-disciplinary approach
- Constitute a forum for the identification of future initiatives in research, extension and policy to advance sustainable approaches to crop protection
- Act as a platform for launching crop protection related projects and get funding
- Play a leading role in building momentum on IPM-dedicated research at the EU level

→ Become a major European and International scientific reference point on crop protection
Three major targets

- For **researchers**, build research synergies and make research tools available to the scientific community;
- For **decision-makers**, provide science-based support for the implementation of the Framework Directive on the sustainable use of pesticides;
- For **advisors**, produce practical information to support farmers in their transition towards Sustainable Crop Protection and help networking advisory systems across Europe;
Develop and connect ENDURE Research Resources

- Maintain, use and update existing ENDURE tools
- Develop new common research tools
- Increase our competences by developing the skills and expertise of our community through mobility and training;
- Reinforce and organize our multi-disciplinary approach
- Improve our efficiency by sharing additional research capacities (e.g., networking of experiments);
- Increase our attractiveness by contributing to higher education on sustainable crop protection/IPM in Europe
Support the development and implementation of crop protection policies:

- Support National Actions Plan institutions by analysing obstacles and potentials of IPM (proactive or on request);
- Each partner in ENDURE acts as contact point in its country for state-of-the-art knowledge on IPM in the EU;
- ENDURE will strengthen collaboration with non-ENDURE partners;
- Help networking National Actions Plan officers and their corresponding National Research Programmes, to evaluate what state-of-the-art is present in one country and might be transferred in another;
- Contacts with policy makers at the Commission and Parliament level to advise on step-by-step improvement of the IPM strategies in the EU.
Advocacy and extension services instrumental for IPM

Support services towards IPM

- Transform the ENDURE Information Centre (EIC)
  - major source of practical information for advisors (several languages)
  - incorporate new knowledge
  - update existing information
  - demand-driven addition of new information
- Set up the ENDURE Network of Advisors
  - define EIC needs
  - discuss new challenges and advisory methods
- Produce training material
  - support transition towards IPM

Feed back ideas/needs to scientific world!
Highlights from 2011 plan

- Set up the stakeholder group
- Liaise with existing networks and initiatives
  - e.g., JPI FACCE, IOBC, EWRS
- Become a forum for debates on future needs → identify research, extension and policy initiatives
  - Prepare thematic workshop on 1 major challenge
- Help coordinate National Research efforts
  - SCAR initiative
- Maintain ENDURE tools and identify additional research resources for collective use
- Increase support to extension
  - Increase sharing among European advisory systems?
Vision statement

“We, the undersigned, have pooled resources within the ENDURE European Research Group to ensure the sustainability of crop protection in Europe through scientific excellence, interdisciplinary research, and international partnership including policy-makers and all stakeholders”