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The main goal of this activity in the ENDURE network is to create an interaction framework, forging links between ENDURE as a network of scientists and policy makers, and acting as a source of scientific reference. The work aims at providing scientific support in response to questions rising from the implementation of the Directive establishing a framework for Community action on the sustainable use of pesticides and the proposed regulation for the placing on the market of plant protection products. The first example of such interaction with policy makers was the inaugural European Expert meeting on "National plans and programmes for the reduction of risks associated with the use of plant protection products" organised in March 2007 in Berlin. Delegates from 23 EU-Member States, five NGOs and the European Commission attended the meeting. Ten Member States presented and discussed in plenary sessions their national activities, plans and programmes considering the development process, essential goals, objectives and milestones, measures and instruments, as well as results, achievements and long-term perspectives with all the participants. A second policy seminar "Sustainable agriculture and pesticides: What is at stake? What are the options?" will be held with scientists, national policy makers and members of the European Parliament and focus on the implementation of IPM in Europe. This event takes place on November 25-26, 2008 in Paris. ENDURE scientists will present their expertise in each workshop and the workshop focusing on "The role of governance and actor networks in mainstreaming IPM" is being organised by ENDURE sub-activity 4.5. The drivers and barriers to IPM implementation are being analysed in order to support policy makers in the different Member States in identifying preferable contextual factors and the possible consequences for the implementation of their national action plans. Generally the activity acts as a knowledge broker, encouraging the transfer and exchange of scientific knowledge and comprehensive information from research to policy makers.