

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The aim: Develop your position regarding to ban / no ban. Build a coalition with as many partners and allies as possible.

The resources: (e.g. finances, human resources, political influence, reputation, etc.): Medium resources, normal reputation, not big political influence.

The roles: Protection of environment and regional development.

Known information:

Most of the available alternatives to neonicotinoids have shorter exposure times, so the treatment should be repeated several times during a season, increasing the risk to the environment. In the EU, active substances are approved for a limited period, and a review of many active substances is now underway, which may also lead to the withdrawal of certain alternatives to neonicotinoids from the market. Lack of PPPs increases the use of unregistered PPPs and the risks of illicit PPPs.

Attitudes towards the following aspects: Food quality and safety important; Innovation, R&D (alternative pesticides) might be important, but has no money to support it; Environmental goals (bee preservation) very important; Food security (availability of reasonably priced food) important, but not the main interest; Economy (industry profit and state budget, job market) important, but not the main interest.

Skeletons: They would like to get support from the Ministry of Agriculture in one other policy area, and therefore not in favor of making too big fight with them.

