

REGULATION ON THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS (SUR)

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE PROPOSAL?

UNITING BEET GROWERS
since **CIBF** 1927

(EFS)
EU SUGAR

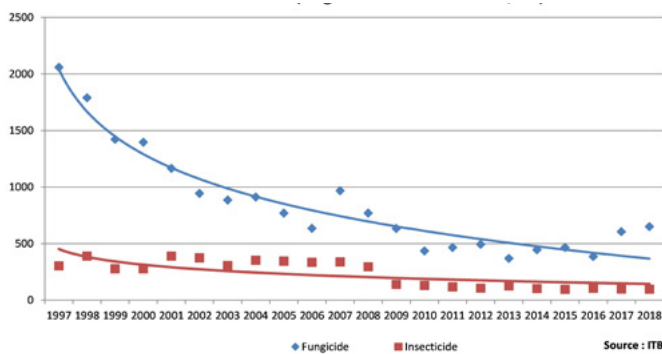


➤ **IT IS SANCTIONS-BASED AND DOES NOT PROVIDE EFFECTIVE AND VIABLE ALTERNATIVES TO CHEMICAL PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS (PPP)**



Unrealistic chemical PPP reduction targets that do not recognise progress already made. Unreasonable expectations of future additional benefits from Integrated Pest Management (IPM) which is widely implemented in EU sugar beet cultivation (crop rotation, monitoring, resistant / tolerant varieties, mechanical weeding).

Evolution of fungicide and insecticide use in sugar beet in France since 1997 (in g of active substance/ha)



➤ **BEET GROWERS IN THE EU HAVE ALREADY LOST OVER 20 ACTIVE SUBSTANCES USED TO PROTECT SUGAR BEET AGAINST HARMFUL ORGANISMS (WEEDS, PESTS & DISEASES) SINCE 2018**



IMPLICATIONS FOR THE EU BEET SUGAR SECTOR

SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION OF YIELDS AND HIGHER RISK OF CROP FAILURE



▼ **LOWER INCOME FOR GROWERS AND POSSIBLE EXIT FROM SUGAR BEET GROWING**



➤ **LESS COMPETITIVE SUGAR INDUSTRY & MORE FACTORY CLOSURES (ALREADY 15 FACTORIES CLOSED SINCE 2017)**



CLOSED

▼ **PERMANENT LOSS OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN RURAL AREAS**



▼ **INCREASED IMPORTS OF LESS SUSTAINABLY PRODUCED SUGAR PRODUCTS AT LOWER SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS**



THE SUR PROPOSAL MUST BE REVISED SUBSTANTIALLY: GROWERS NEED ALTERNATIVE TOOLS AND INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TODAY

