

**Example of European  
collaboration for vegetable  
processing industry**

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# **1-PROFEL (1)**

## ***Organisation of European Fruit and Vegetable Processing Industries***

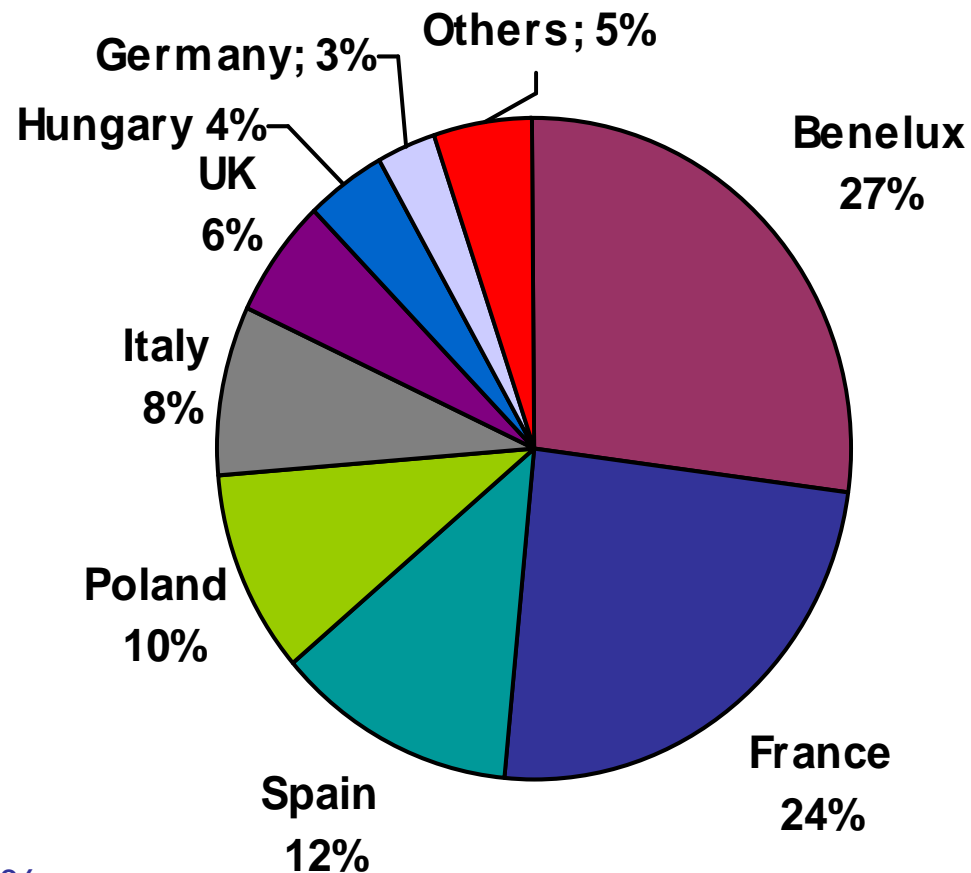
- **PROFEL = umbrella association of national associations and companies of UE** : Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom
- **Aim :**
  - Represent the interests of European fruit and vegetable processing industries
- Processing vegetables = **5 millions tons/year => above 300 000 Ha**
  - Canned : 2 300 000 t
  - Frozen : 2 500 000 t
  - Dried : 35 000 t



# **1-PROFEL (2)**

## ***Organisation of European Fruit and Vegetable Processing Industries***

Main countries producing processing vegetables :



North area : 1%  
Centre area : 55%  
South area : 44%



### **3 - Risks (1)- weeding**

**Examples : Carrot, bean, spinach**



Carrot fields





### **3 - Risks (2) – Insect pests**

**Examples :**

- **Flies : all vegetables**
- **Lepidopterous : beans, peas ...**
- **Nematodes : root vegetables**



Heliotis on beans

### **3 - Risks (3)**

#### **Losses of active substances for processing vegetables**

#### **Between 1995-2010**

In France, **84 active substances (SA) on processing vegetables withdrew** as part of directives 91-414/CE and 1107-2009/CE :

- 28 herbicides
- 17 fungicides
- 39 insecticides.

#### **After 2010?**

Which and how many SA available with the application of the new rules ?



## 4 – Working group « minor uses » processing vegetables (PROFEL) (1)

### 2000- 2003 : First working group setting up within PROFEL

Development of a **technical collaboration** :

- To take **into account** the **legislation**  
(suppression of plant protection products)
- To have a **view of the European situation** of  
plant protection : sanitary and regulatory aspects
- To argue for the maintenance of **essential uses**

Countries at the beginning : Belgium, France, Spain



## 4 – Working group « minor uses » (2)

2006...

Boost of the « Minor Uses » working group :

- Extension of Minor Uses Working Group within PROFEL (G, UK, NL)
- Association of administration representatives : A. DE COCK (Belgium), J.C. MALET (France)...

→ **Begining of operational phase**





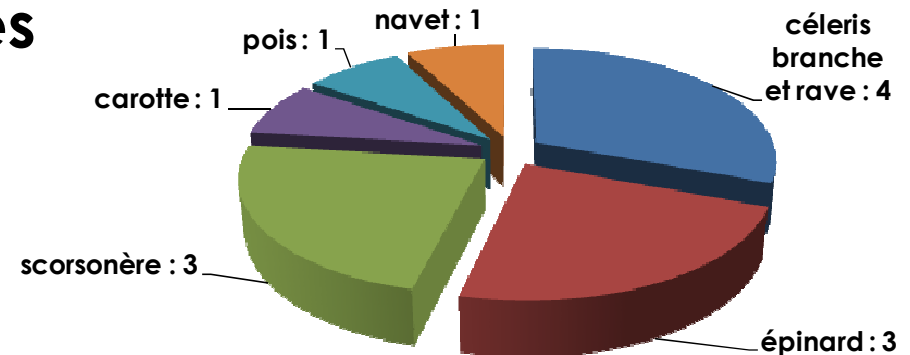
## 4 – Working group « minor uses » (3) Concretely ...



## 2009-2010 : 2 cooperation levels

- Level 1 : Distribution of the work to make registration files into the working group

*Ex France = 13 cooperation files in progress  
(principally with Belgium).*



- Level 2 : Exchange of informations for a mutual recognition

## 4 – Working group « minor uses » (4)

### The partners

- **BELGIUM** : VEGEBE - Comité PHYTO, DRC,
- **SPAIN** : ASEVEC - CNTA,
- **UNITED KINGDOM** : PVGA/UKAFFP,
- **FRANCE** : UNILET
- **GERMANY** : DLR
- **NETHERLANDS**: LTO Nederland

ITALY interested

**2 meetings per year** : Paris/Bruxelles.



## **Conclusion (1)**

### **Questions for 2011 and after...**

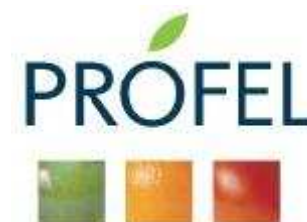
- The current organization is efficient but fragile : voluntary work based which could not respond to future challenges
  - Which working environment to exchange about **alternatives solutions** ?
- ➔ **Enhance human and financial resources to face up to key issues**



## **Conclusion (2)**

### **Questions for 2011 and after...**

- **Risk of unfair competition within Europe**
    - « Intra-zone »
    - « Inter-zone » : France is in South area, although majority processing vegetables areas are in Centre zone
- ➔ Extension of mutual recognition for processing vegetables to all areas**



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