

Contribution to the workshop Data On NUtrients To Support Stewardship

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ECOFI : *European Consortium of the Organic-based Fertilizer Industry*

Created in March 2014 to represent the European producers of organic fertilizers, organo-mineral fertilizers and organic soil improvers.

ECOFI is open to any European producer in the sector whose production fully ensures the upstream traceability and the origin of raw material components.

12 members together account for roughly 60% of the European market in these products, which is worth about 250 million euros

2 national associations affiliated : CAS for France, Assofertilizzanti for Italy

ECOFI members are active in most European countries and also export or are active in many other countries, including the Mediterranean region and the Middle East.

Participation of the Fertilizers Working Group

<http://www.ecofi.info>

Why do you need data on nutrients?

- Market size
- Market evolution
- Market knowledge (input-output)
- Data for EU policies (N directive, carbon sequestration, Phosphorus flow..)
- Promoting organic and organo-mineral fertilizers
- Supporting key messages for policy makers and parliamentarians

Which data do you need? (1)

Organic Soil Improvers

- o Manure (pure) with or without transformations
- o Green waste (pure) with or without transformations
- o Organic waste with or without transformations
- o Elaborated organic soil improvers

Organic Fertilizers

- o Manure (pure) with or without transformations
- o Processed animal proteins
- o Elaborated organic fertilizers

Organo-mineral fertilizers

- o N
- o NP
- o NK
- o NPK

Mulches

- o Organic origin
- o Inorganic origin

Which data do you need? (2)

- Nutrients contents : *N total, N organic, P_2O_5 , K_2O*
- Specific parameter : *organic carbon*

What is currently missing?

There are only data collected at national level, but not in all !

The main problem is that we can't aggregate the data due to the difference of classification.

Data collected are mainly quantitative and not qualitative!

Obligation to declare

« Direct » sales = between producers of waste or by-products and farmers