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# Strategy for a sustainable plant protection

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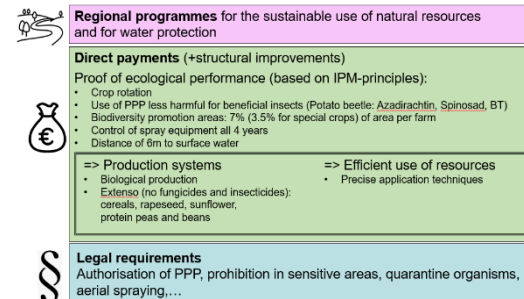
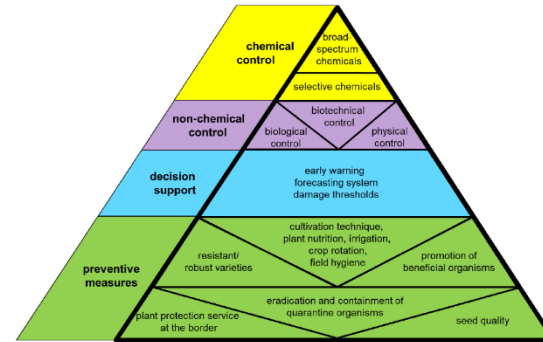


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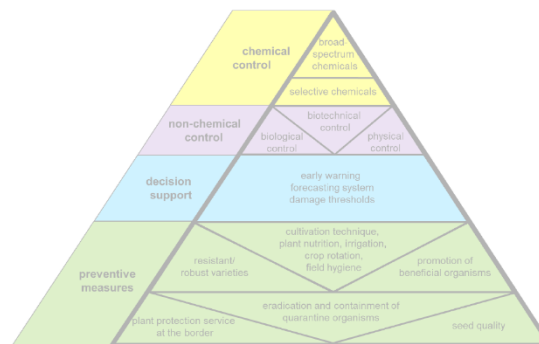
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# Swiss national action plan PPP: Goals

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## Protection of Human



- **Improve information** for professional operators
- **Restrict access** for non professional users
- Perform **cumulative exposure assessment** for multiple residues

## Protection of Environment



- **Reduction of PPP uses**
- **Reduction of emissions**



examples of concrete goals

## Protection of Crops



- **Sufficient protection strategies** for all relevant crops



Halve exceedings of EQS<sup>1</sup> in watercourses by 2027



Reduce emissions in natural habitats by 75% by 2023



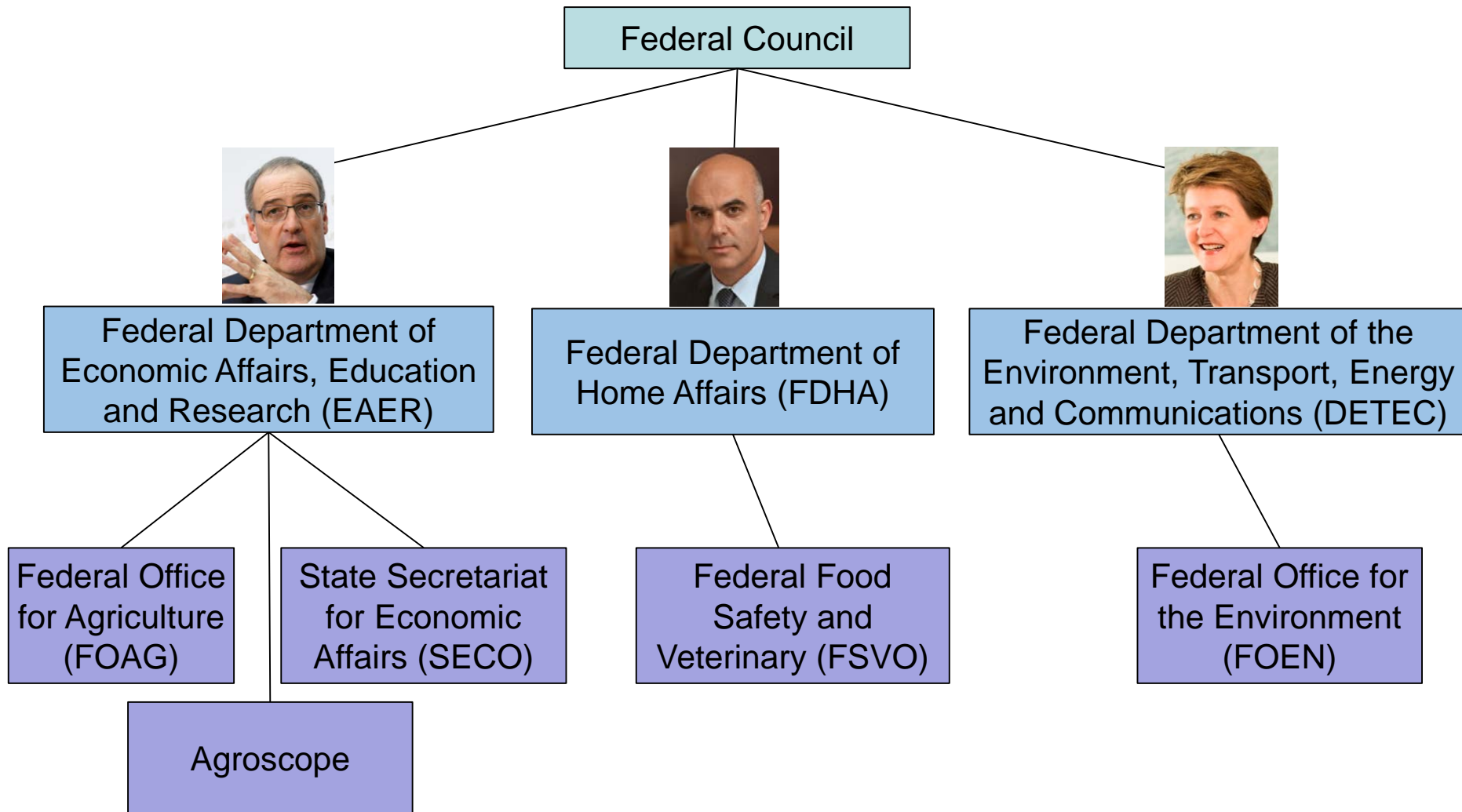
Reduce the use of persistent<sup>2</sup> PPP by 50% by 2027

<sup>1</sup> according to water framework directive

<sup>2</sup> DT soil 50 > 6 months



# Swiss national action plan PPP: Responsibilities

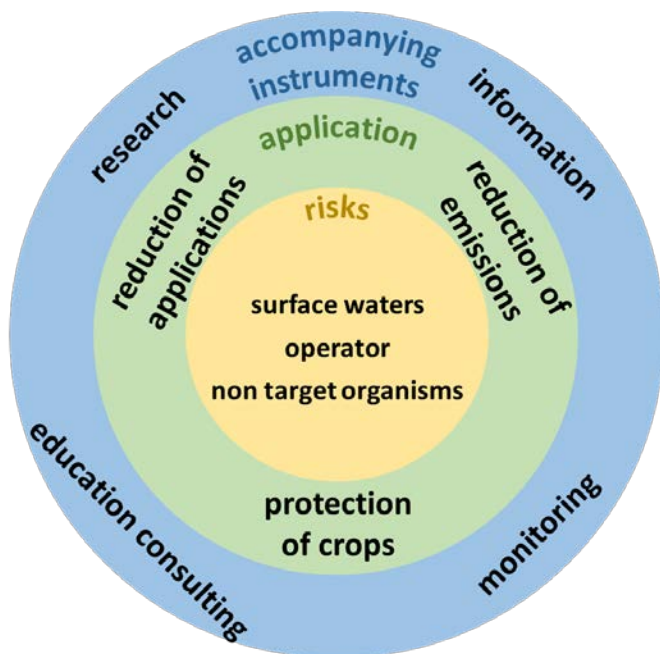


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## 51 Measures



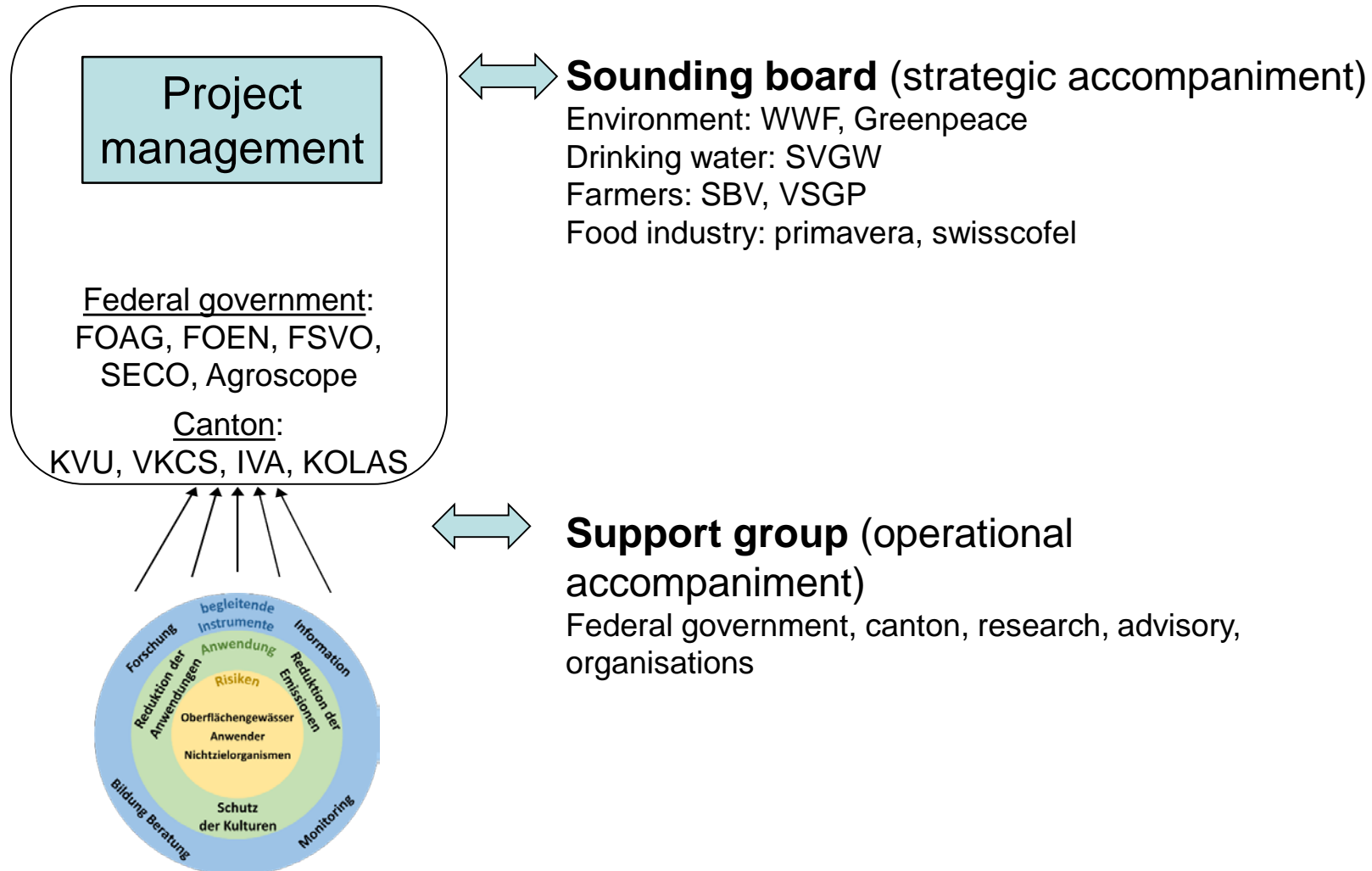
Reduce risks

Reduce use and emissions of PPP

Accompanying instruments (research, monitoring, education, information)



# Swiss national action plan PPP: Organisation



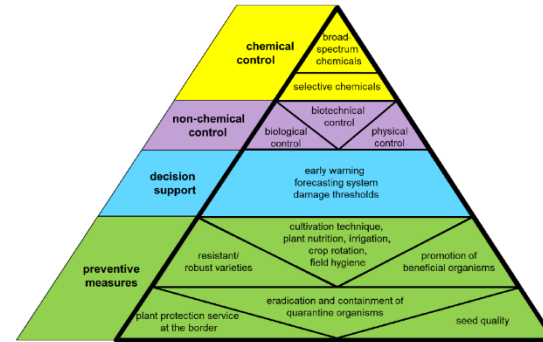



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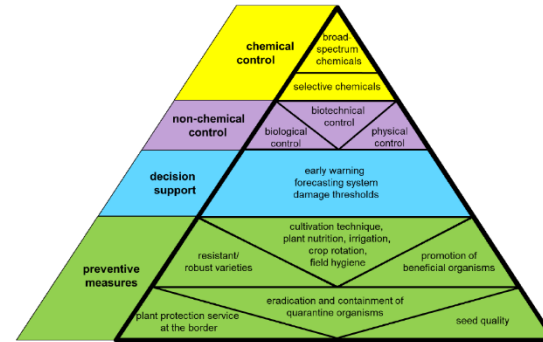


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# Existing measures

## Rapport of the Federal Council in 2014 to answer Postulat Moser: Compilation of all 49 existing measures to reduce the risk of PPP



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21. Mai 2014

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## Bedarfsabklärung eines Aktionsplans zur Risikoreduktion und nachhaltigen Anwen- dung von Pflanzenschutzmitteln

Bericht des Bundesrates

in Erfüllung des Postulates Moser vom 16. März 2012 (12.3299)

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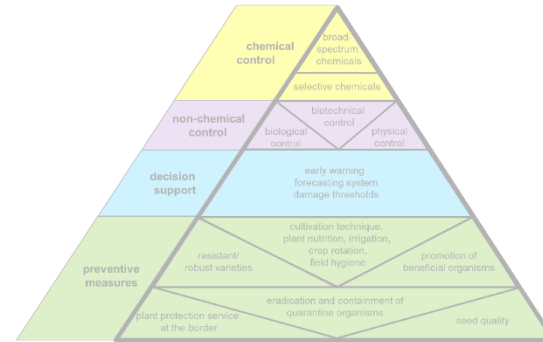


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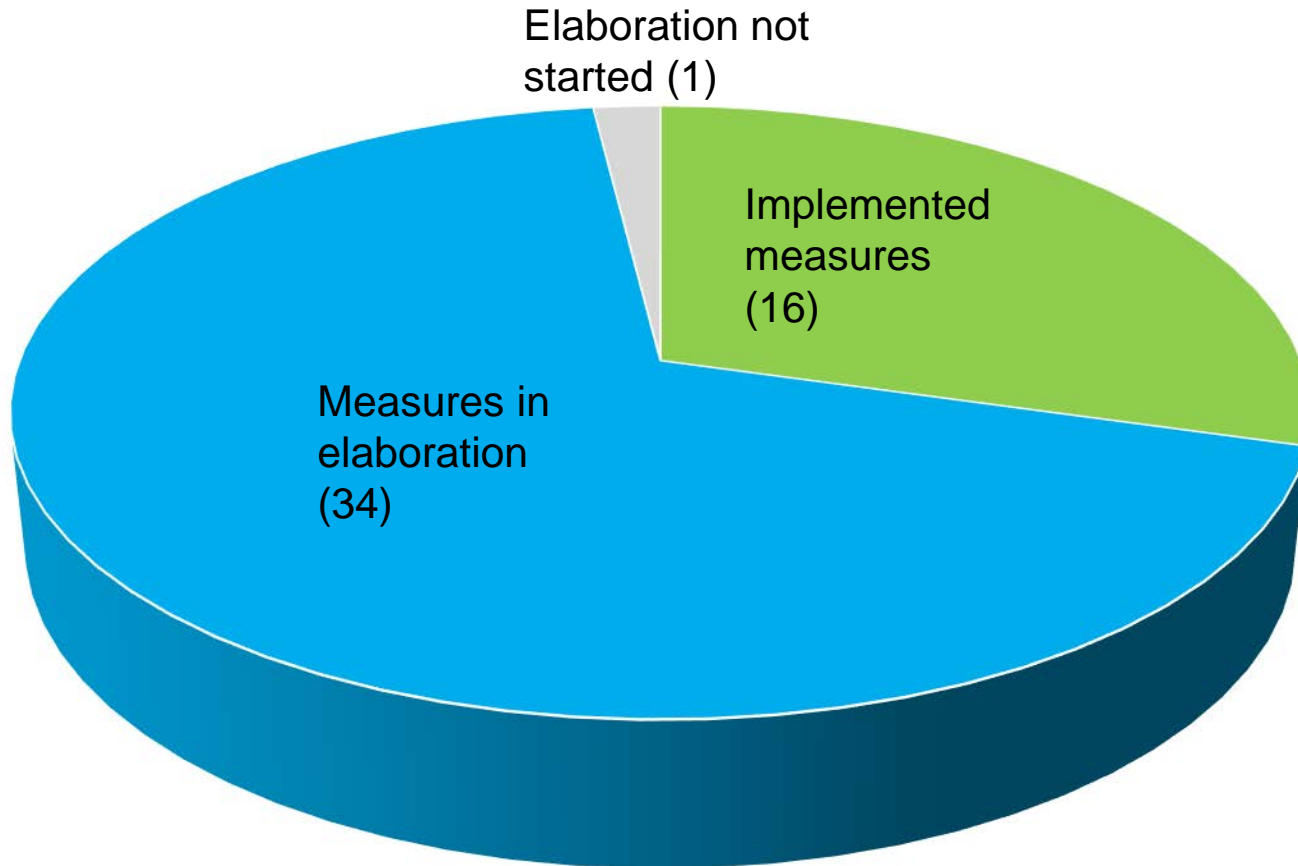
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# Status of implementation of measures 2019



➡ More information on the [homepage of the action plan](#)



# Implemented measures

## Objective: Reduce PPP use

Contributions for the **reduction of PPP** in orchards, grapes and sugar beet since 2018  
200-800 CHF/ha



Contributions for the **reduction of herbicides** in arable land since 2019.  
250 CHF/ha



Agroscope set priority in the **development of a sustainable and low risk plant protection** in the working package 2018-21



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# Implemented measures

## Objective: Reduce emissions into environment

Contributions for **rinsing systems**  
for sprayers since 2017  
50% of costs



Contributions for **washing places** since 2018  
50% of costs



2019 new **control** point for  
washing places and PPP-storage  
on the farm

2018 additional measures to **reduce run-off** in authorisation of PPP



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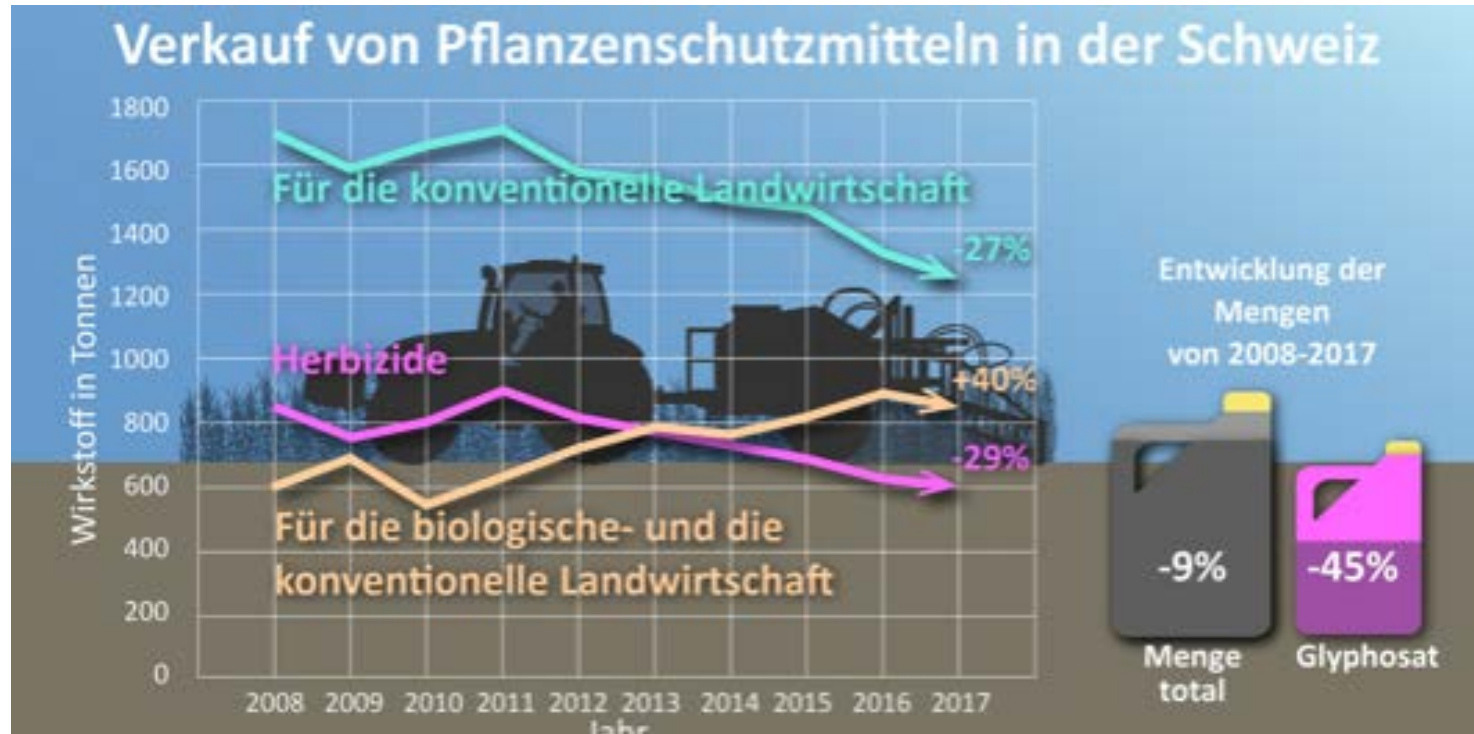
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# Development reduction of PPP use

## PPP sales in Switzerland



2 trends:

- Reduction of herbicides
- Substitution of conventional PPP in favour of PPP permitted in biological production





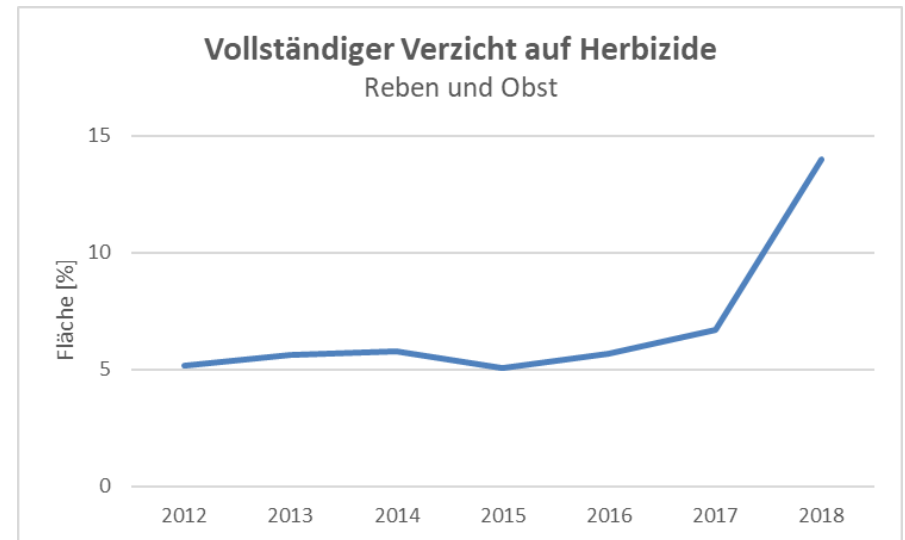
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## Participation in production systems



Participation in production systems with **renunciation of fungicides and insecticides in arable land:**

- Extenso (incl. Bio)
- Maize in ÖLN
- Contributions in sugar beet (new since 2018)



Participation in production systems with **renunciation of herbicide in fruits and grapes:**

- Biological production
- Contributions in fruits and grapes (new since 2018)



## 2 popular petitions

### Drinking water petition

No direct payments for farms using:

- pesticides
- antibiotic prophylactic
- feed produced by other farms



### Switzerland without synthetic pesticides

- No application of synthetic pesticides
- No import of food produced with synthetic pesticides



- > For both petitions more than 100'000 peoples subscribed
- > Vote by Swiss population in 2020

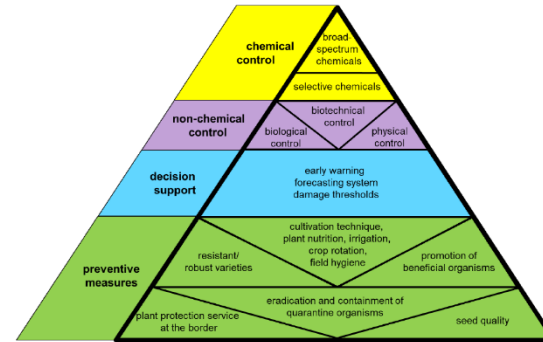



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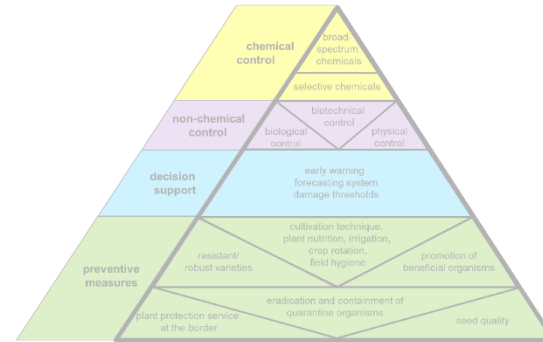



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# Agricultural policy 22+: new elements PPP



## Direct payments

Proof of ecological performance (based on IPM-principles):

- **Restricted use of PPP** with enhanced risk for the environment
  - Risk for surface water
  - Metabolites in Groundwater
  - Risk for bees
- Reduce **drift and run-off** by 75%
- Eliminate **point sources** by 95% (tank rinsing system and correct washing place)



### => Production systems

- Support renunciation on fungicides, insecticides and herbicides  
Ex. Potato: no herbicides, no insecticides (excl. BT and paraffin oil)

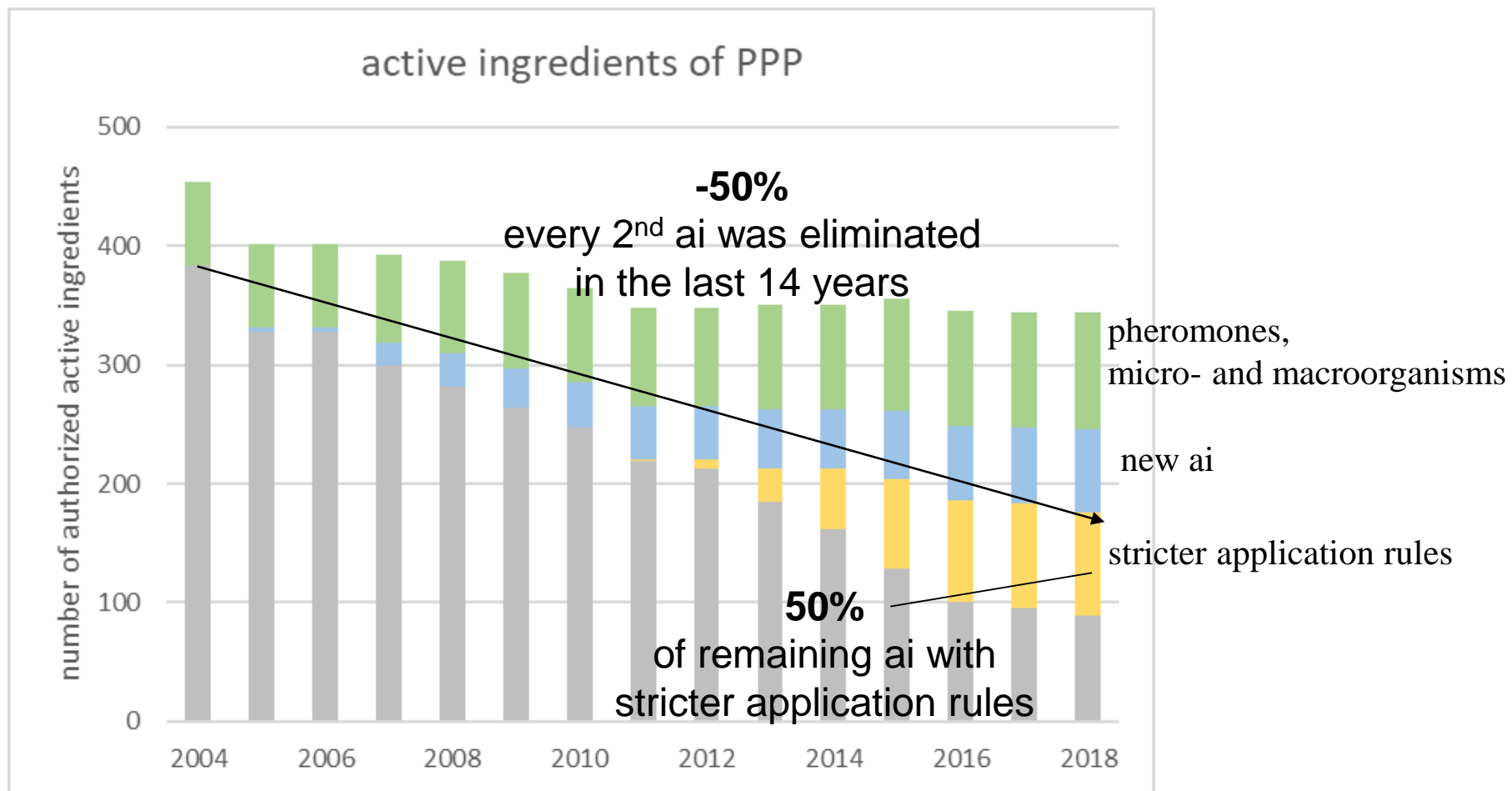


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# Authorized PPPs





# Challenge



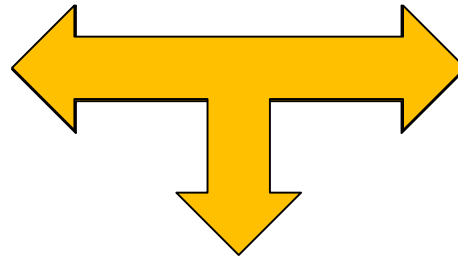
Crops need  
to be **protected**



*Less authorized PPP*



Demands on **quality**  
and quantity  
of consumers are high



Research:  
new plant protection methods are needed



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Switzerland is member of the  
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