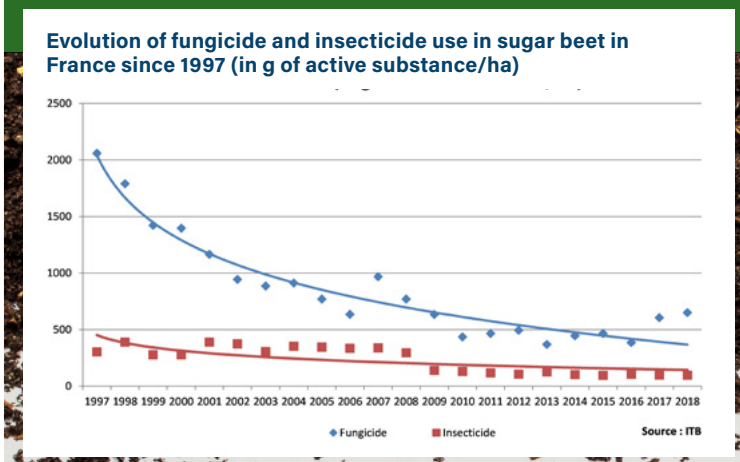
REGULATION ON THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS (SUR)

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE PROPOSAL?

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).



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