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# Subject │ Minutes of the Fifth Working Groups 2 Meeting of COST Action CA18221: “PEsticide RIsk AssessMent for Amphibians and Reptiles”

1. **Welcome to participants**

The participants (**Annex 1**) were welcomed by the WG2 Leader, Miguel Carretero.

1. **Adoption of agenda**

The agenda (**Annex 2**) for the meeting was adopted.

1. **Introduction to the meeting objectives**

The Action Chair, Manuel Ortiz, briefly presented the meeting objective, consisting in planning the advancement steps for the elaboration of the report/review paper detailing those aspects of herp biology and ecology which should be considered for refinement of amphibian and reptilian exposure characterization in pesticide risk assessment. A preliminary version of this paper was reviewed by a review team involving, apart from the Action Chair, Marta Biaggini, Andreu Rico, Christoph Leeb and Valentin Mingo. The main conclusions of that review were explained.

1. **Discussion and proposals to move forward with the elaboration of the review paper about amphibian and reptile exposure to pesticides in the wild**

Participants gave rise to the discussion by commenting the recent revision on the paper made by the review team. In particular, the group focused on the paper section dealing with the ecological aspects associated with exposure (habitat use/spatial ecology; feeding ecology; temporal patterns), agreeing on:

- a new organization of contents, no more necessarily based on the revision of the different ecological aspects for all the taxonomical groups previously identified but selecting among available literature only that information which is relevant for refinement, providing as much as possible quantitative information that can be of direct application to risk assessment. The opportunity of including non-European species as surrogates (when literature is lacking for the European ones) and how to face information gaps were discussed.

- a definition of the kind of data useful for refinement (through examples and the critical reading of a summarizing table in section 5).

Section 4 will be implemented following the agreed guidelines by the end of October. An update on the ongoing drafting will be possible during the Second General Meeting.

1. **Closing**

The WG2 leader acknowledges the local organisers, Duško Blagojević and Jelka Crnobrnja-Isailović, for hosting the meeting at the same time as the European Congress of Herpetology.

## LIST OF ANNEXES

**Annex 1 – Attendance List**

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**Annex 2 – Agenda**

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