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Recap of the last Workshop, Proceedings of the Working Party and Aims and Goals of this Workshop

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Recap of previous Workshop

- Two-day EU workshop on non-chemical alternatives for rodent control in November 2018, in Brussels
- Organized by the German Environment Agency and Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear safety
- The workshop was **supposed to be a first step in order to enable a fair competition of non-chemical alternatives with biocidal products**

Recap of previous Workshop

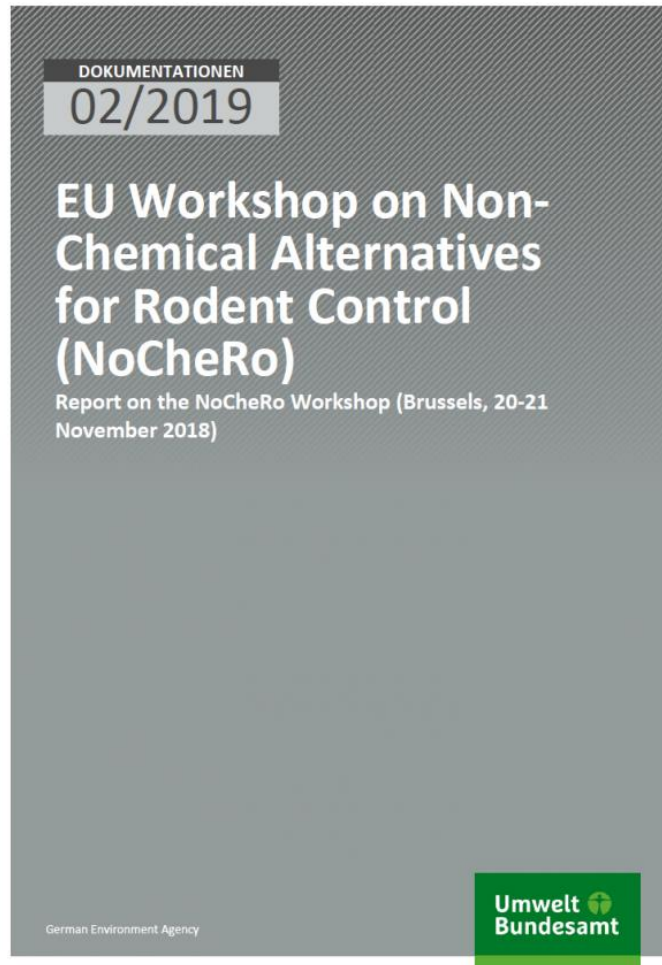
- Since “EU workshop on non-chemical alternatives for rodent control” seemed too long and clumsy for everyday work, we used the abbreviation “**NoCheRo-Workshop**”

NoCheRo = Non-chemical Rodent control

(Also the Spanish word for “Night Watchmen”)

Recap of previous Workshop

Workshop report available



<https://www.umweltbundesamt.de/en/topics/chemicals/biocides/workshop-non-chemical-alternatives-for-rodent>

Or just search for “nochero uba”

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Recap of previous Workshop

Workshop had two parts

- Part one: the relevance of non-chemical alternatives in rodent control (perspectives from pest control industry, authority, academics).
- Part two: scientific background on animal welfare aspects, efficacy, existing trap type approval and certification systems by international experts

Recap of previous Workshop

Group discussions on organizational and technical aspects

Identification of need for a scientifically based assessment

Workshop conclusions:

- Rodent traps are already viable alternatives to rodenticides in professional rodent control
- Lack of criteria for their assessment
- Lack of authorization or certification is hindering the establishment of traps on the market
- **Establishment of an Expert Working party to develop a draft guidance for evaluation of rodent traps**

Previous Workshop Follow-up

Workshop Follow-up:

Initiation of a **working party** of experts from authorities, science and industry (ca. 15 persons + members from German Environment Agency)

3 Meetings in 2019

Name	Affiliation	Country
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Haikonen, Tero	Antitec Oy - PestControl Fin Ltd	FI
Kjellberg, Håkan	Anticimex AB	SE
Klute, Oliver	Futura GmbH	DE
Le Laidier, Gabriel	Swissinno Solutions AG	CH
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Previous Workshop Follow-up

Workshop Follow-up:

- Working Party Goal: Preparation of a Draft Guidance for the evaluation of rodent traps
- Guidance should
 - define criteria for the assessment of efficacy and animal welfare impact of traps
 - provide test methods
- Preparation of draft guidance with 3 commenting rounds
- Discussion of the draft guidance in a second workshop in 2020 with broader audience

Previous Workshop Follow-up

Working Party outcome:

- Draft Guidance for breakback/snap traps (Part A)
- Other trap types (electrocution, liquid breathing) are not included yet, since more research is needed to decide upon methods and criteria
- Future goal: to expand the existing guidance (Part B and C)
- Preparation, discussion and commenting of the draft initially only in the Working Party
- Draft will be presented and discussed in a second Workshop (this one)

Aims and Goals of this Workshop

What this Workshop is about:

Guidance makes an evaluation of traps possible for

- Authorization, certification
- Comparative assessment
- Help informed decisions on traps (Authorities, Vets) for allowances of traps
- Provide information for users
- Foster non-chemical alternatives and improve their chances on the market
- Provide a method to evaluate trap prototypes for development of better traps

Aims and Goals of this Workshop

What this Workshop is *not* about:

- Immediate comparison of traps with rodenticides
 - we are only talking about *methods for evaluation*, but we do not *make an evaluation* itself here
- Discussion of whether traps are an alternative to rodenticides or not
(let's assume we don't know yet and need to find out - hence the guidance)

Aims and Goals of this Workshop

What we need to know:

Is the guidance sufficient?

Is something missing?

Changes?

What can the guidance be used for, where can it be implemented?

As any product can be tested and evaluated, so can be traps – no rocket science

We have to proceed from opinions to information

Thank you for your attention!

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