

# DECISIVE MEASURES ON CADMIUM NEEDED TO PROTECT EU SOILS

In November 2021, the **research centre and think tank OPERA** published their **White Book** which called for decisive measures to **minimize the level of Cadmium in fertilizers**, its accumulation in European soils, and its transfer to crops.

OPERA argued that **introducing the level of Cadmium in fertilizers of 20mg/kg would limit bioaccumulation**, contribute to soil health and fertility, food safety and public health in the EU.

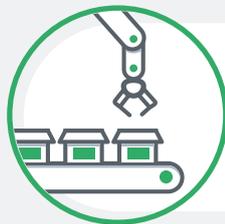
## OPERA RECOMMENDATIONS



Selling exclusively low-Cadmium fertilizers



Making labels (Ecolabels or Green Stickers) informative and accurate



Supporting supply chain operators to make informed choices



Investing in training and extension programs for farmers

**Phosphates with lower levels of cadmium provide the prospect of a sustainable agriculture and clean soils in the EU.**



OPERA's research paper supports previous findings by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES) that **raise the issue of food contamination by cadmium in Europe and France.**