

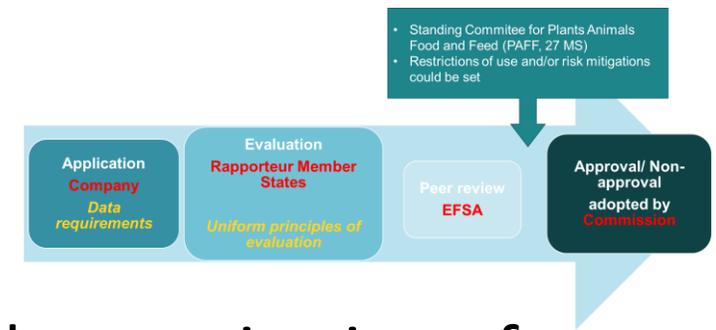


# Session 3: The latest on policies to accelerate biocontrol in the EU

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# Intrinsic challenges in the EU



- Two-steps procedure : approval of substance at EU level +autorisation of products by Member States
- EU bloc – 27 Member States – 3 geographic zones
- Mutual recognition !?
- Risk assessment methodologies and expertise more “biocontrol-minded”
- “Need-to-know” approach and problem formulation need more consideration
- Compliance with timelines to be improved
- Low-risk provisions need more uptake
- Review programme of active substances mobilises resources
- Rather review in detail the x'-strain of *Beauveria bassiana* than...
- Biocontrol not yet in farmers' daily IPM practices

# Unlocking biocontrol potential in EU - how?

- ❑ Two-steps procedure/27 MS/Mutual recognition/Timelines BUT :
  - ❑ One-zone approach for biocontrol products autorisation
  - ❑ a strengthened EFSA to assist MS and as optional rapporteur
  - ❑ Improved mutual recognition with strict timelines
- ❑ Low-risk provisions for active based on intrinsic properties only
- ❑ Review programme – duration of approval period + data call
- ❑ Risk assessment/problem formulation/strain – Horizon/EFSA
  - projects, training, guidance, data requirements, consensus document
  - species level
- ❑ Biocontrol in IPM/farmers - Horizon IPM projects, minor uses, “marketing”

# Thank you

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