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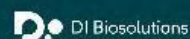
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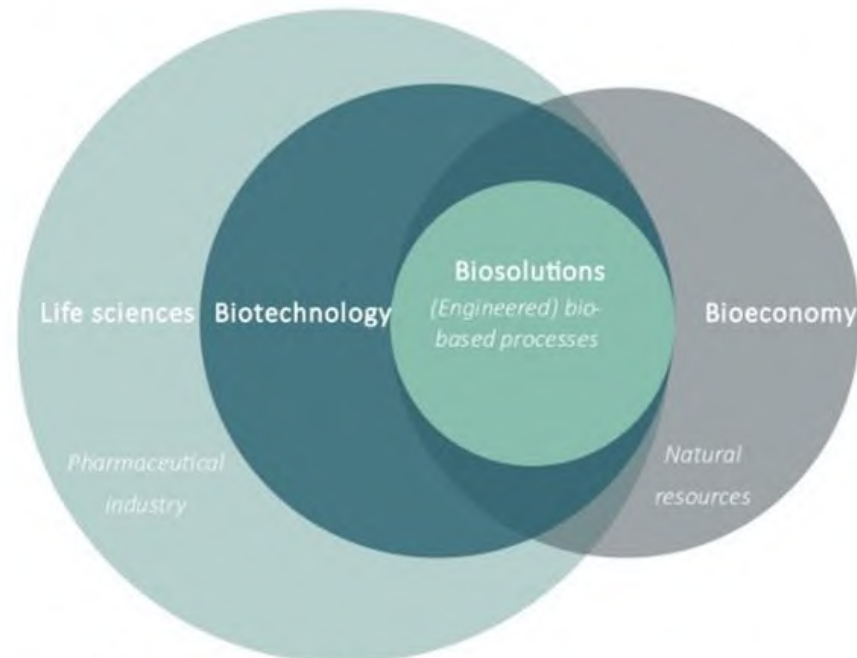
European Biosolutions Coalition

COMPET High-Level Group Meeting
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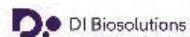
Biosolutions are part of the bioeconomy, and we share a heritage with life science



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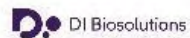
What is the European Biosolutions Coalition?

- A Coalition of like-minded and ambitious national industry organizations
- **Purpose:** To highlight the importance of streamlining the regulatory framework for biosolutions in the EU and member states
- **Goal:** To have biosolutions included in the upcoming European Biotech Act I & II. Which means: Develop a framework for the fast approval of biosolutions



What we want: A Bold and Broad Biotech Act

1. Develop a framework for the fast approval of biosolutions
2. Develop and use a Risk-Benefit Approach
3. Invest in Research, Development, and Innovation
4. Improve incentives to invest in scaling and infrastructure capacity
5. Develop a European model of market access for biosolutions
6. Ensure Fair EU Classification and revise NACE codes



Company presentation on behalf of European Biosolutions Coalition

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Our core message:

- Biocontrol is a strategic asset for Europe's competitiveness, and food security, **but:**
- Outdated regulatory frameworks stifle EU innovation and competitiveness
- Inefficient regulations are in the way of building resilience and strategic autonomy in agriculture- biocontrol reduces dependency on chemicals.

Let's unlock the full potential of biocontrol—together.



Biocontrol as a pillar of the EU bioeconomy

Biocontrol agents (microorganisms, natural substances, semiochemicals, and beneficial insects) are essential to:

- a) Integrated Pest Management (IPM).
- b) Organic farming.
- c) Reducing chemical pesticide use and improving biodiversity.
- d) The European biocontrol market is valued at €1.6 billion, representing 10% of the crop protection market, and growing at 8–10% CAGR.



Biocontrol is essential for:

- a) Resilient food systems and agriculture.
- b) Farmer empowerment and growing the rural economy.
- c) Increasing European food security and resilience in food supply chain.

Despite its benefits, biocontrol faces systemic regulatory barriers.



Uneven Playing Field

The Problem:

- Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 was created for chemical pesticides, not for **biocontrol solutions** that offer safer and more environmentally sustainable alternatives.
- **Approval timelines** average 8–10 years, compared to 2–3 years in the US or Brazil.
- **Unclear legal definitions** and inconsistent interpretation create uncertainty, discouraging investment and innovation.



Our message to the Council:

- a) The current framework does not promote innovation and investment.
- b) Lack of incentives: Farmers who adopt biocontrol face higher costs and limited product options, while SMEs driving innovation are held back by lengthy approvals and regulatory uncertainty.
- c) Agencies lack biocontrol-specific expertise.
- d) Duplication of work across Member States wastes resources.



Our message to the Council

What We Propose

- a) Fast-track authorisation for biocontrol products.
- b) Legal definition of biocontrol in EU law.
- c) One product, one evaluation.
- d) Dedicated Biocontrol Agency or unit within EFSA.
- e) Eventually, dedicated regulation on biocontrol