

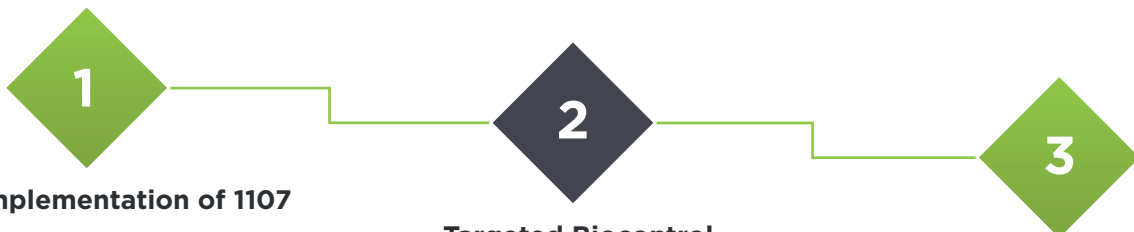
IBMA Policy Asks to Accelerate Biocontrol Ensuring Farmers' Livelihoods and Europe's Competitive Edge

Working with nature, biocontrol solutions effectively and sustainably manage pest and disease ensuring farms are profitable and productive. Globally, biocontrol is the most rapidly growing crop protection segment, but Europe's biocontrol industry is at a competitive disadvantage because of inconsistent and restrictive regulations.

We can change this:

Three steps to speeding up authorization of biocontrol

Better implementation, particularly in Member States, targeted changes of 1107, new framework.



Better Implementation of 1107

More expertise (Member States and EFSA), priority lane for biocontrol, mutual recognition.

Targeted Biocontrol Amendments to 1107

EU-wide definition, provisional authorisation, remove need for re-registration, label extension.

New Legislative Framework

Dedicated legislative framework for biocontrol

IMMEDIATE SIMPLIFICATION

EU-wide Legal Biocontrol Definition and Corrective Measures

We need a harmonised definition of biocontrol immediately together with measures to amend the treatment of this defined group of Plant Protection Products (PPPs) within Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009.

In particular, the following amendments are imperative to make biocontrol solutions available to farmers now:

- Re-instatement of Article 30 to allow Provisional Authorisation of biocontrol PPPs
- Waive the renewal process for biocontrol PPPs unless there is a scientific need
- Facilitate label expansion for biocontrol PPPs

LONG TERM SOLUTION

A New Regulatory Framework for Biocontrol

In the longer term, a fundamental rework of the regulation for biocontrol PPPs is needed to maintain the competitiveness and resilience of the agricultural and crop protection markets in Europe.

In conclusion, these steps will address the urgent needs of European farmers with an immediate acceleration of biocontrol authorisation and lay the foundations for sustaining our food security, a resilient agricultural sector and further development of the EU biocontrol industry as a dynamic force in shaping the future of crop protection.