

High-Level Seminar hosted by Mr Martin Hlaváček, MEP

The EU Farm to Fork Sustainable Use of Plant Protection Products Regulation (SUR) finally focuses on biological control. But how to achieve fast-track biocontrol authorisation including microbials? This High-Level Seminar will explore what regulatory measures are needed to fast-track biocontrol use

Thursday, 13 October 2022, 14.00-16.00 hours
Room SPAAK 5B1, European Parliament, Brussels; and online via Webex

Co-organised by the International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association (IBMA) and the Microbial Plant Protection Products Task Force

- 14.00 Welcome statement by **Mr Martin Hlaváček MEP***
- 14.05 Opening statement 'The priorities of the Czech EU Presidency and its commitment to greener European farming', by **H.E. Jiří Šír***, Deputy Minister of Agriculture of the Czech Republic, on behalf of **H.E. Ing. Zdeněk Nekula**, Minister of Agriculture
- 14.15 Introduction of speakers by **Prof. Mark Eyskens***, former Prime Minister of Belgium and Chair, PA International Foundation
- 14.20 'The hidden cost of pesticides use on human health and the environment: why the transition has to start now', by **Mr David Cary***, Advisor, Microbial Plant Protection Products Task Force; Member of the Board PAN Europe
- 14.30 'Practical consequences of the Sustainable Use Regulation and the four Implementing Regulations for biocontrol and what else is needed?', by **Mr José Carvalho***, Regional Representative Europe and Middle East, Certis Biologicals; Member of the International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association
- 14.35 'Practical consequences of the Sustainable Use Regulation for Biopreparáty', by **Mr Martin Suchánek***, CEO Biopreparáty; Member of the International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association and the Microbial Plant Protection Products Task Force
- 14.40 'Economic and environmental impacts of the current authorisation process. How to achieve fast-track biocontrol authorisation for the innovations in the pipeline?', by **Dr Herman Van Mellaert***, President, International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association
- 14.50 MEPs on 'The role of the European Parliament in support of biocontrol in the Sustainable Use of Plant Protection Products Regulation (SUR) and Guidelines towards rapid authorisation'
 - **Ms Cindy Franssen***, EPP
 - **Ms Maria Arena***, S&D
 - **Ms Tilly Metz***, Greens
 - **Mr Martin Hojsík***, Renew Europe
- 15.35 **Questions and answers**, moderated by **Mr Martin Hlaváček MEP***
- 15.55 Closing remarks by **Mr Martin Hlaváček MEP***