



# Biostimulants in Europe: Exploring National Pathways and EU Certification

*March 26, 2026 | Gosselies, Belgium*

PROGRAMME

9h00 - 10h30

## **Introduction and regulatory frame**

**Introduction and overview of the regulatory frame for marketing biostimulants and fertilisers in Europe**

*Presented by RRA*

**Plant biostimulants: revisiting plant nutrition and plant health**

*Presented by Professor du Jardin, University of Liège*

**Three years after the FPR: ongoing challenges in interpreting the boundary between plant biostimulants and plant protection products**

*Presented by Sara García Figuera, Secretary General, European Biostimulants Industry Council (EBIC)*

**Discussion and Q&A**

**Coffee break**

10h50 - 12h40

## **National regulatory frames in Europe and application of the Mutual Recognition principle**

**Overview of the Belgian Fertiliser Decree**

*Presented by RRA*

**Control of fertiliser in Belgium by the FASFC (Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain)**

*Presented by Valérie Vromman, Expert on fertiliser at DG control policy of FASFC.*

**Bringing fertilisers or biostimulants on the Dutch market under the scope of the Dutch fertiliser Act and/or Mutual recognition principle**

*Presented by Laura van Schöll, Senior Project manager Circular Fertilisers Legislation, NMI*

**Authorization of plant biostimulants placed on the Czech market**

*Presented by Houček Jaroslav, Head of Fertilizers Department at Central Institute for Supervising and Testing in Agriculture (ÚKZÚZ)*

**Overview of the regulatory frame to place fertilisers and biostimulants on the Hungarian market**

*Presented by Gábor Tokès, Independent expert for authorization of plant protection products and yield enhancers*

**Discussion and Q&A**

**Lunch break**

13h30 - 15h00

## ***Application of the Fertilising Product Regulation (EU Reg. 2019/1009)***

### ***Presentation from European Commission on updates of the EU reg. 2019/1009***

*Presented by DG GROW's Fertilising Products team of the European Commission*

### ***The European certification process for fertilising products***

*Presented by Patricia Merigout, Technical Manager for fertilising products, Eurofins Certification Notified Body 2973*

### ***FPR in practice and where do we go from here?***

*Presented by Giel Tettelaar, Chairman of EFCI Register*

### ***Beneficial and mandatory activities after obtaining a CE-mark biostimulant certificate according to (EU) 2019/1009 Regulation***

*Presented by Ildikó Varga, PhD, Expert (Biostimulant Specialist) and Auditor, Professional Responsible for Organic compound-based EU fertilisers, Certrust*

### ***Discussion and Q&A***

### ***Coffee break***

15h30 - 17h00

## ***Practical Aspects of Marketing Biostimulants in Europe***

### ***Plant biostimulants' efficacy***

*Presented by Redebel Regulatory Affairs in collaboration with Rhizome, service provider company for GEP Trials in Europe*

### ***Regulatory Strategies in Europe: The Agricells Case Study***

*Presented by Raphaël Drion, Head of Manufacturing and Tech Ops, Agricells*

### ***Regulatory Strategies in Europe: The Aphea.bio Case Study***

*Presented by Bieke Scharlaken, Global Regulatory Manager, Aphea.Bio*

### ***Harmonizing Standards: Laboratory Analysis of Biostimulants under the FPR and the comparison with several National Frameworks***

*Presented by Francisco Ferrer Gonzalez, Managing Director, Fitosoil*

### ***Discussion and Q&A***

### ***Networking drink***