



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 Tokés, 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, Certrus

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