

Basic information	
2025/2086(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Ensuring faster registration and uptake of biological control agents Subject 3.10.09.02 Plant health legislation 3.70.13 Dangerous substances, toxic and radioactive wastes (storage, transport)	

Key players				
European Parliament	Joint committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Climate and Food Safety		BERNHUBER Alexander (EPP)	11/06/2025
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		STROLENBERG Anna (Greens/EFA)	11/06/2025
European Commission	Commission DG		Commissioner	
	Health and Food Safety		VÁRHELYI Olivér	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
08/05/2025	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
04/11/2025	Vote in committee		
14/11/2025	Committee report tabled for plenary	A10-0234/2025	
24/11/2025	Debate in Parliament		
25/11/2025	Decision by Parliament	T10-0284/2025	Summary
25/11/2025	Results of vote in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2025/2086(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Initiative

Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 55 Rules of Procedure EP 59
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CJ14/10/02783

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE774.306	16/06/2025	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE775.563	23/07/2025	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A10-0234/2025	14/11/2025	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T10-0284/2025	25/11/2025	Summary

Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

Rapporteurs, Shadow Rapporteurs and Committee Chairs

Transparency				
Name	Role	Committee	Date	Interest representatives
BERNHUBER Alexander	Rapporteur	ENVI	06/11/2025	EFSA
STROLENBERG Anna	Rapporteur	AGRI	17/10/2025	IBMA ITALY
BALJEU Jeannette	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	13/10/2025	Corteva Agriscience International SARL
KÖHLER Stefan	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	08/10/2025	GROUP DE CEUSTER
BALJEU Jeannette	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	08/10/2025	CropLife Europe
BERNHUBER Alexander	Rapporteur	ENVI	01/10/2025	IBMA
BERNHUBER Alexander	Rapporteur	ENVI	01/10/2025	CropLife Europe
KÖHLER Stefan	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	29/09/2025	copa cogeca
STROLENBERG Anna	Rapporteur	AGRI	26/09/2025	CEJA
BALJEU Jeannette	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	25/09/2025	Copa-Cogeca
CASSART Benoit	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	23/09/2025	International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements EU Regional Group
BALJEU Jeannette	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	23/09/2025	GreenLight Biosciences
CASSART Benoit	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	22/09/2025	COPA-COGECA
BALJEU Jeannette	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	10/09/2025	Biocontrol Coalition

STROLENBERG Anna	Rapporteur	AGRI	03/09/2025	IBMA
KÖHLER Stefan	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	16/07/2025	Deutscher Bauernverband
CASSART Benoit	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	02/07/2025	Syngenta Crop Protection AG
BERNHUBER Alexander	Rapporteur	ENVI	01/07/2025	BASF SE
BERNHUBER Alexander	Rapporteur	ENVI	01/07/2025	Copa Cogeca
KÖHLER Stefan	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	30/06/2025	Biocontrol Coalition
CASSART Benoit	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	27/06/2025	Bayer AG
BERNHUBER Alexander	Rapporteur	ENVI	25/06/2025	Syngenta Crop Protection AG
BERNHUBER Alexander	Rapporteur	ENVI	24/06/2025	CropLife Europe
CASSART Benoit	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	18/06/2025	BASF SE
STROLENBERG Anna	Rapporteur	AGRI	16/06/2025	Land- en Tuinbouw Organisatie Nederland
SBAI Majdouline	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	12/06/2025	International Biocontrol Manufacturers' Association
BERNHUBER Alexander	Rapporteur	ENVI	12/06/2025	International Biocontrol Manufacturers' Association
BERNHUBER Alexander	Rapporteur	ENVI	12/06/2025	Copa-Cogeca
EVERDING Sebastian	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	11/06/2025	IBMA
CASSART Benoit	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	11/06/2025	International Biocontrol Manufacturers' Association
CASSART Benoit	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	11/06/2025	COPA-COGECA
BALJEU Jeannette	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	05/06/2025	Land- en Tuinbouw Organisatie Nederland
KÖHLER Stefan	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	05/06/2025	IBMA
SBAI Majdouline	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	03/06/2025	POLLINIS FRANCE
STROLENBERG Anna	Shadow rapporteur for opinion	AGRI	03/06/2025	Copa cogeca
STROLENBERG Anna	Rapporteur	AGRI	03/06/2025	IFOAM
STROLENBERG Anna	Shadow rapporteur for opinion	AGRI	02/06/2025	International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association
BERNHUBER Alexander	Rapporteur	ENVI	22/05/2025	Biocontrol Coalition
BALJEU Jeannette	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	14/05/2025	IBMA ITALY
STROLENBERG Anna	Shadow rapporteur for opinion	AGRI	13/05/2025	Vereniging VNO-NCW
BALJEU Jeannette	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	24/04/2025	Koppert
BALJEU Jeannette	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	02/04/2025	Corteva Agriscience International SARL

BALJEU Jeannette	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	31/03/2025	CropLife Europe
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Other Members

Transparency		
Name	Date	Interest representatives
HAYER Valérie	08/10/2025	Alliance Biocontrôle
LUENA César	22/09/2025	Hague Corporate Affairs GreenLight Biosciences
LUENA César	16/09/2025	Biocontrol Coalition Prospero & Partners ASAJA
LUENA César	04/09/2025	AEFA
ARIMONT Pascal	24/06/2025	European farmers
HAYER Valérie	23/06/2025	CropLife Europe

Ensuring faster registration and uptake of biological control agents

2025/2086(INI) - 25/11/2025 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 590 votes to 28, with 32 abstentions, a resolution on ensuring the faster registration and uptake of biological control agents.

Parliament called on the Commission to establish, at EU level, a **clear legal definition** of biological control solutions, as well as a **framework for the accelerated approval** of biological control active substances at EU level and for the authorisation of biological control products at Member State level. Such a framework should be accompanied by clear data requirements and updated guidance documents, in order to strengthen legal certainty, foster EU innovation efforts, and promote investment in sustainable alternatives. Members further stressed that the Commission should strive to avoid market fragmentation and reduce administrative burdens.

The Commission, in the impact assessment accompanying the legislative proposal, should evaluate the suitability of current risk assessments during the approval of active substances exerting biocontrol and the authorisation of biological control products, and, if necessary, to develop tailored risk assessment protocols for each biocontrol solution.

Members called on the Commission **to adapt, in the short term, the current Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009** concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market in order to cater specifically for active substances exerting biocontrol and biocontrol products.

Mutual recognition

Members encouraged Member States to use the current mutual recognition procedure in Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 to accelerate the authorisation of biological control products in order to increase the uptake and availability of biocontrol products across the EU. The Commission is called on to: (i) work on a roadmap looking towards automatic mutual recognition of solely biocontrol products and the possibility for applicants to apply with a single dossier for a biological control product in several Member States at the same time; (ii) consider a single EU-wide authorisation zone that would ensure that the same scientific standards, efficacy criteria and safety levels are demonstrably met across the EU.

Fast-track procedures

Members recommended **streamlining, optimising and accelerating** the authorisation procedure as well as the re-authorisation, approval and re-approval procedures for biological control solutions, including through the establishment of fast-track procedures, in order to reduce unnecessary bureaucratic burdens. The Commission is also called on to consider allowing provisional authorisation solely for biocontrol plant protection products that fulfil the relevant safety criteria therein.

Future prospects

Parliament asked the Commission to:

- assess, in its impact assessment, **the relevance of the current legislative framework** and risk assessments when approving active substances for biological control and authorising biological control products, particularly with regard to data requirements, approval criteria and mutual recognition;

- establish a **comprehensive biological control strategy**, as well as an assessment of available tools with regard to the expected difficulties in crop protection over the next ten years. The objective is to support the development of effective alternatives, identify gaps and anticipate product withdrawals;

- examine the possibility, in the longer term, of a **new stand-alone biocontrol regulation**, including the conditions upon which a centralised approach may apply.

Assistance for applicants

Parliament called on Member States and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) to provide technical support for applications from SMEs, particularly during the application process, while implementing clear safeguards to avoid conflicts of interest. Fast, clear, and easy-to-understand administrative procedures, tailored to biological control products, should be established.

Funding

Parliament called on the Commission to allocate the necessary additional funds to train and recruit more staff at EFSA, and to ensure that EFSA's organisational structure includes dedicated and sufficient resources for biological control. Member States were also asked to ensure sufficient budget is ring-fenced for the relevant national competent authorities, which is essential to prevent undue delays in biological control authorisation procedures and to accelerate the uptake of biocontrol.

Research and Investment

The Commission and Member States are invited to foster investment in public and private research and partnerships for the development of biological and integrated pest management strategies, with a particular focus on SMEs. The resolution underlined the importance of research and development in biological control technologies over the coming decades.

Members called for more scientific research, knowledge exchange, cooperation and capacity building between all relevant actors involved in the process of developing, approving, authorising, adopting and disseminating biological control and best practices for implementing integrated pest management across the EU.

Parliament called on the Commission to **regularly monitor** the market uptake, availability, and affordability of biological control solutions. It also requested that efforts be made to ensure that the EU's outermost regions can benefit from the use of biological control.