



Evaluation and regulation of biological control agents

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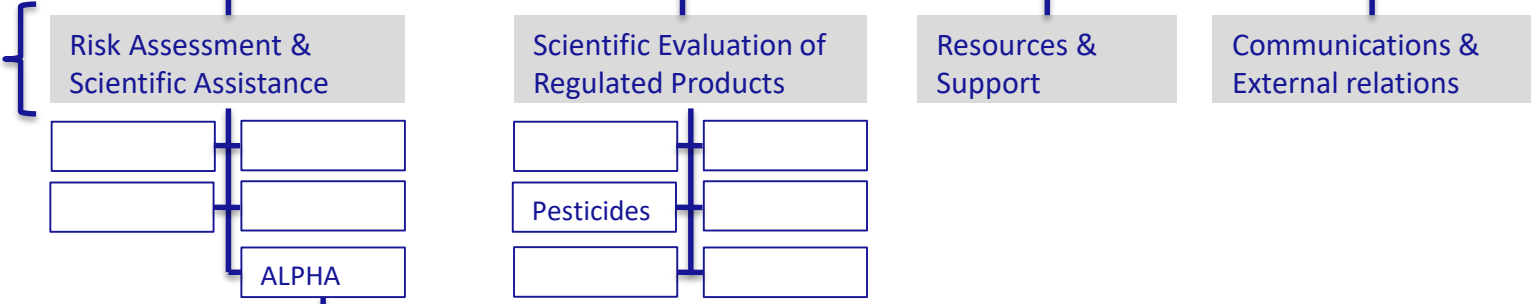


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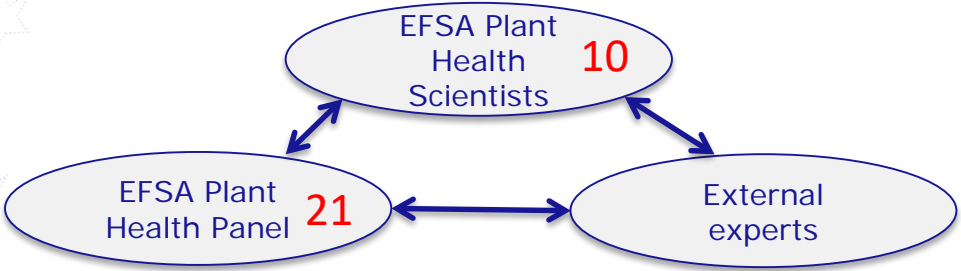
Teams



Animal Health and Welfare

Plant Health

Deals with organisms posing a risk to plant health threatening crop production and biodiversity in the EU



REQUESTS FOR PEST RISK ASSESSMENT

Whom



EU Commission



EU Parliament



Member States



EFSA self mandate

Context

1. Emerging risk (e.g. *Xylella fastidiosa*)
2. International trade risk (e.g. Citrus Black Spot)
3. Revision of the legislation (Revision of Quarantine lists)
4. Justification for phytosanitary measures from third countries

Type

1. Provide pest risk assessments or part of it
2. Identify and evaluate effectiveness of risk reducing options
3. Review National PRAs and extend scope to the EU territory
4. Assess effectiveness of specific control measures
5. Perform quantitative pathway analysis

1. Guidance documents
 1. PRA
 2. RRO
 3. ERA
2. Environmental RA
Apple Snail



BIOLOGICAL CONTROL AGENTS

- A key Risk Reducing Option in control of introduced plant pests
- EFSA Plant Health Panel tasked in 2014 to assess plant risk for the EU of the biological control agent *Trichilogaster acaciaelongifoliae* (published March 2015)
- EFSA Plant Health Panel published a statement with Panel observations and recommendations on the process for risk assessment prior to release of BCA to control invasive alien plants