

Final Dissemination Event

Rethinking risk assessment for the next generation of biopesticides

When: October 8th, 2026

Where: Palace of the Academies, Auditorium Albert II, Rue Ducale 1 / Hertogstraat 1, 1000 Brussels

8.30 – 9.00 Registration and coffee

9.00 – 9.20 Opening Session

Low Risk Pesticides – Where we are today with their risk assessment and regulation –DG Sante, European Commission (to be confirmed)

9.20 – 10.00 Keynote

Potential Low Risk Pesticides – What is the contribution of RATiON in the risk assessment of LRPs - Dimitrios Karpouzas, University of Thessaly

10.00 – 10.45 Session 1 – Stephane Marette (15 min each)

1. How member states face the risk assessment of low-risk pesticides – Joao Godinho, Wageningen University
2. The economics of market developments for biopesticides – Justus Wesseler, Wageningen University
3. Consumers perspective on the use of biopesticides for food production – Stephane Marette, INRAE

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 – 12.30 Session 2 – Microbials and New Microbiome Solutions – Günter Brader (15 min each)

1. Microbial consortia – How do we deal with them in RATiON – Günter Brader, AIT
2. Microbial predators - critical considerations for risk assessment – Antonis Chatzinotas, UFZ, Leipzig
3. How bioinformatics could be used in the risk assessment of microbials – Joao Saraiva, UFZ, Leipzig; Günter Brader, AIT; Sotiris Vasileiadis, UTH
4. Ecotoxicological advances in testing microbials – Stefania Loutseti, Syngenta; Judith Epping Wageningen Univ.

Open Discussion

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 - 14.15 Session 3 – Botanicals, pheromones and semiochemicals – Ido Korman (15 min each)

1. Current status and advances of the risk assessment of semiochemicals – Karine Mouret-Grosbeau, CBC Europe
2. How to deal with risk assessment of complex mixtures in natural products – Anja Coors, ECT Oekotoxicologie
3. Analytical approaches to deal with the characterization of complex mixtures – Asaph Aharoni, Weizmann Institute

Open Discussion

14.15 – 15.30 Session 4 - dsRNA – Khalid Amari

1. Direct and indirect effects of dsRNA– Khalid Amari, JKI

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2. Bringing bioinformatics in hazard characterization for dsRNA – Christos Andronis, IMBB-FORTH
3. dsRNA environmental behaviour and effects on the soil microbiome – Thanasis Dalakouras, HAO
4. Data Decision Trees for dsRNA pesticides – Claudia Strauch, JKI

Open Discussion

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 16.45 Session 5 – RATION risk assessment approach and case studies for microbials, botanicals and semiochemicals – Belen Guijarro and Jose Luis Alonso Prados, CSIC-INIA

16.45 – 17.30

Closing Round Table (members to be determined) or Closing Plenary (to be determined)



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