EU project and public-private partnership BIOCOMES

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Background
The development of new biological control products generally takes a long time and high investments before an agent can be submitted for registration: collection and selection of potential candidates, identification, efficacy testing in lab and field trials, mass production & formulation.

Success factors
- Collaboration between biological control industry and research institutes
- Shared and complementary expertise
- Qualitative capacity
- Quantitative capacity
- Sensitive and careful management and coordination

Resulted in a perfect blend able to boost the development of new biological control products in just four years.

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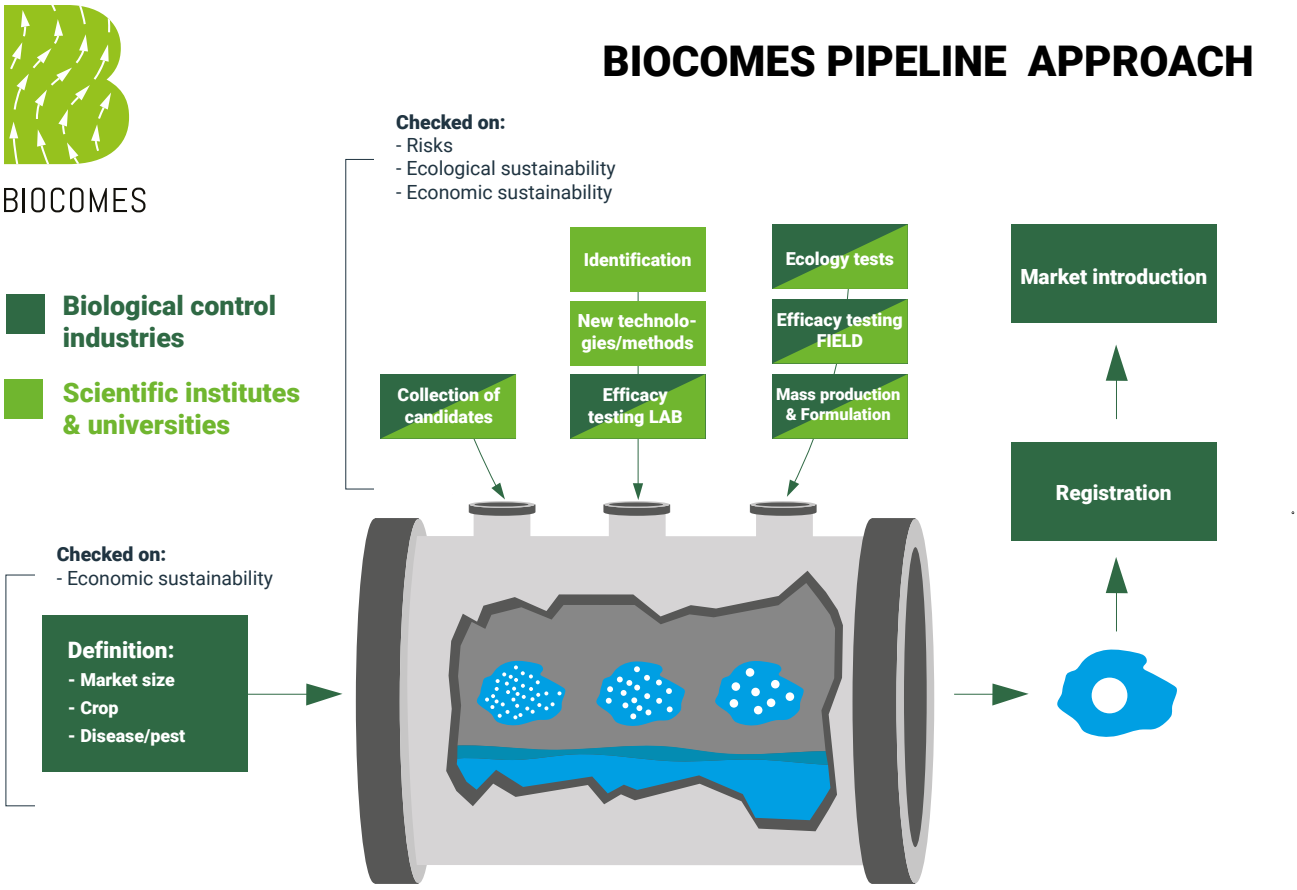

Results

- 2 new microbial biological control products against Tuta absoluta in tomatoes and fusarium in cereals have entered registration process for commercial exploitation
- 1 new technology is ready to successfully breed and improve insect-pathogenic nematodes as biological control product
- 2 new products with beneficial insects will be marketed as biological control agents
- Several other new biological control products will be further developed in close cooperation between BIOCOMES partners

BIOCOMES consortium

International consortium of 13 companies and 14 research institutes from 14 countries.
The EU project BIOCOMES has run from 1 December 2013 until 30 November 2017

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New biological control products for sustainable farming and forestry