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**Market placement of products  
containing microorganisms  
for use in plant protection in the EU**



# Agenda

- 1. Market placement of plant protection products containing microorganisms**
2. Registration of other microbial products that may be of use in plant protection
3. Registration time and cost



# Registration of PPP containing microorganisms

Currently – under Regulation 1107/2009

Previously – according to Directive 91/414

Microorganisms - registered in the EU as  
PPP for over 20 years



# Microorganisms as PPP

- Placed on the market according to the same procedure as chemical pesticides.
- Considered to be AS and marked up to the strain.
- Differences: otherwise than for chemical substances:
  - data on fate and behavior in the environment can be based on open literature if available
  - data on residue exposure may not be required where it can be justified, that the microorganism is not hazardous to humans in the recommended dose.



# Microorganisms as PPP

- The label of microbial PPP contains data such as concentration, application condition, safety precautions and expiration date.
- Approved uses and doses are listed on the label. Protection of unregistered crops and use of doses higher than registered are against the law.
- The producer of PPP guarantees its efficacy and is responsible that the product applied according to the label controls the target organisms.

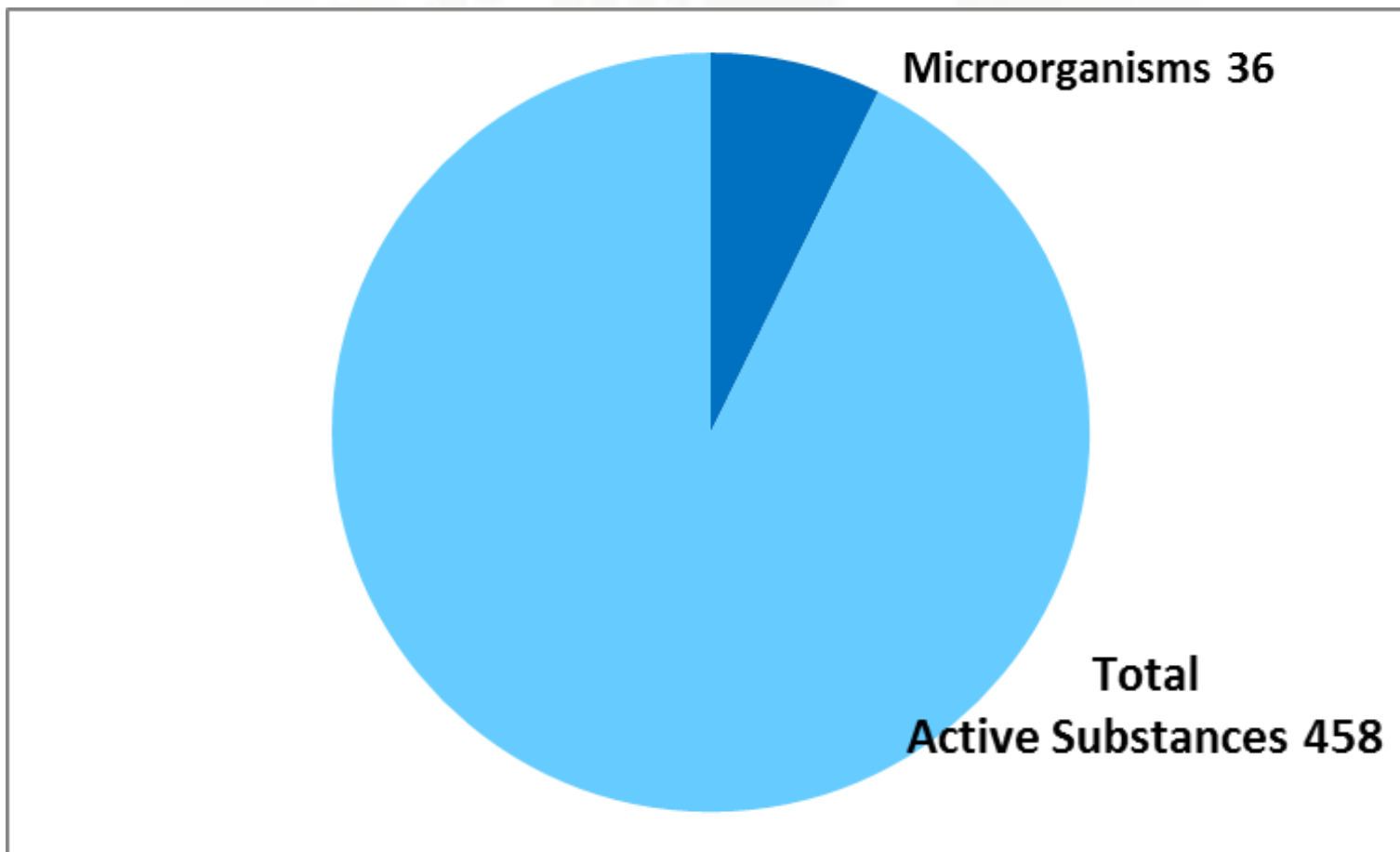


## In July 2014

- 36 microorganisms approved for use in plant protection in the EU (this does not include AS produced by microorganisms, ex. spinosad)
- Ca.10 other microorganisms - under the procedure of inclusion and their assessments are pending.



# Microorganisms among AS in EU – 8%





# Microorganisms among active substances in the EU

- 8% of all AS approved
- Fungicides – 15%
- Insecticides – 14%
- Nematicides - 22%
- Bactericides – 40%





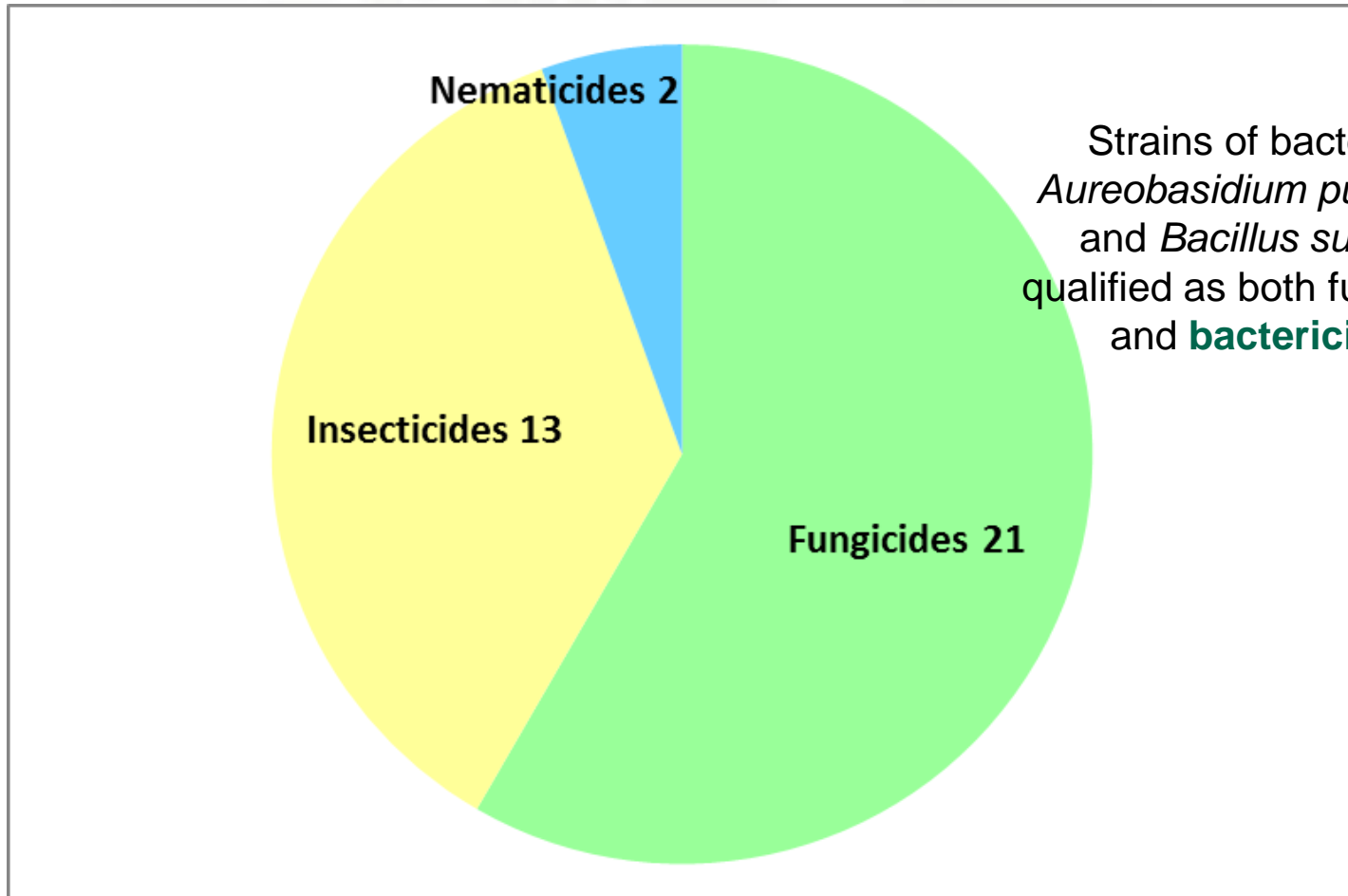
# Registration in MS

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- 3 out of 36 approved microorganisms NOT registered in any Member State
- The most widely registered (respectively 22 and 21 Member States):  
*Cydia pomonella* Granulovirus (CpGV)  
*Bacillus thuringiensis* subsp. *Kurstaki*.



# The 36 microorganisms in EU: fungicides, insecticides, nematicides and bactericides



Strains of bacteria:  
*Aureobasidium pullulans*  
and *Bacillus subtilis*  
qualified as both fungicide  
and **bactericide**



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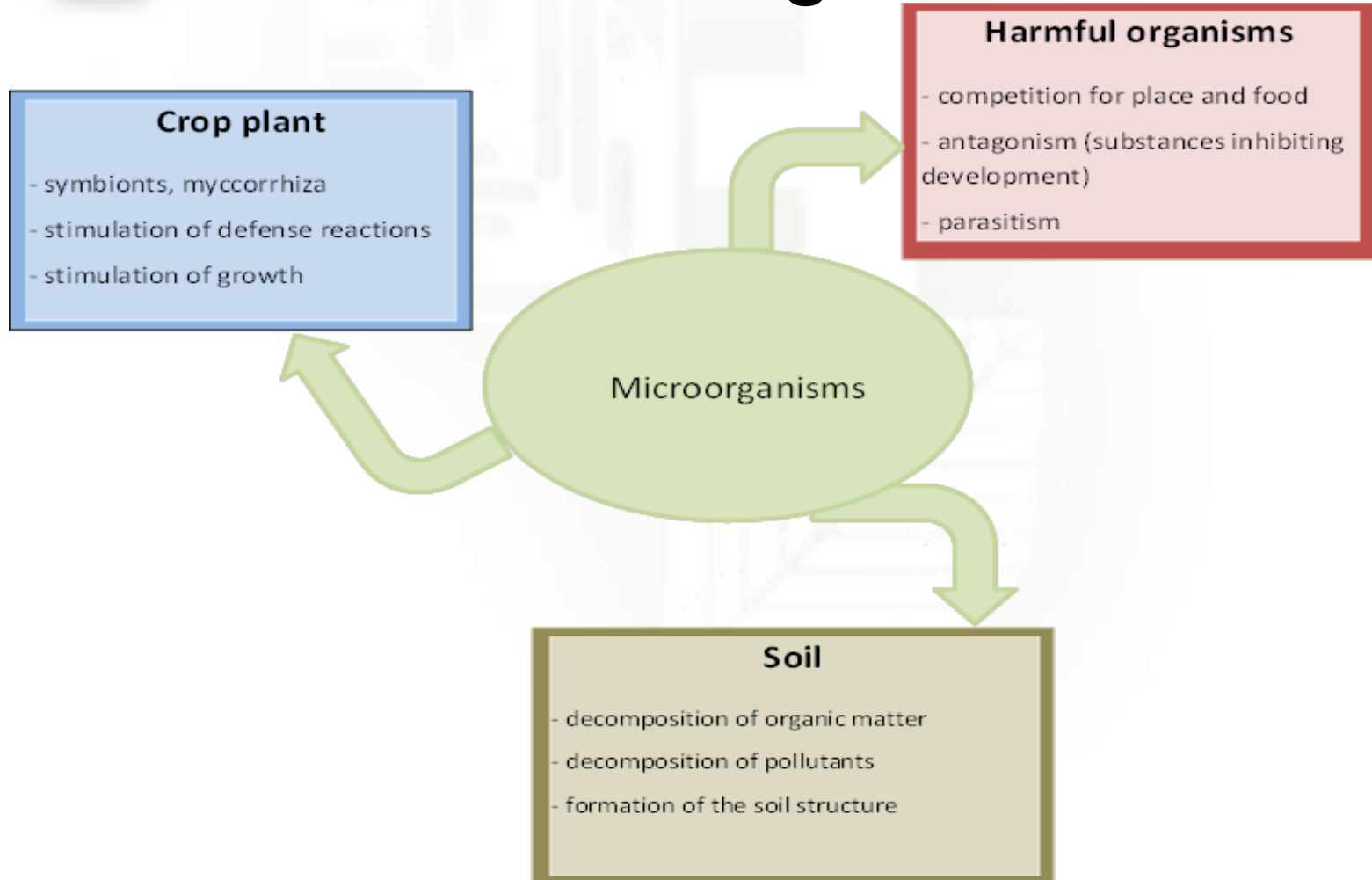


# Integrated Pest Management - obligatory in the EU

- The first principle of IPM: **PREVENTION**
- Microorganisms can be helpful in
  - strengthen the crop plants
  - harmful organisms management



# Beneficial functions of microorganisms





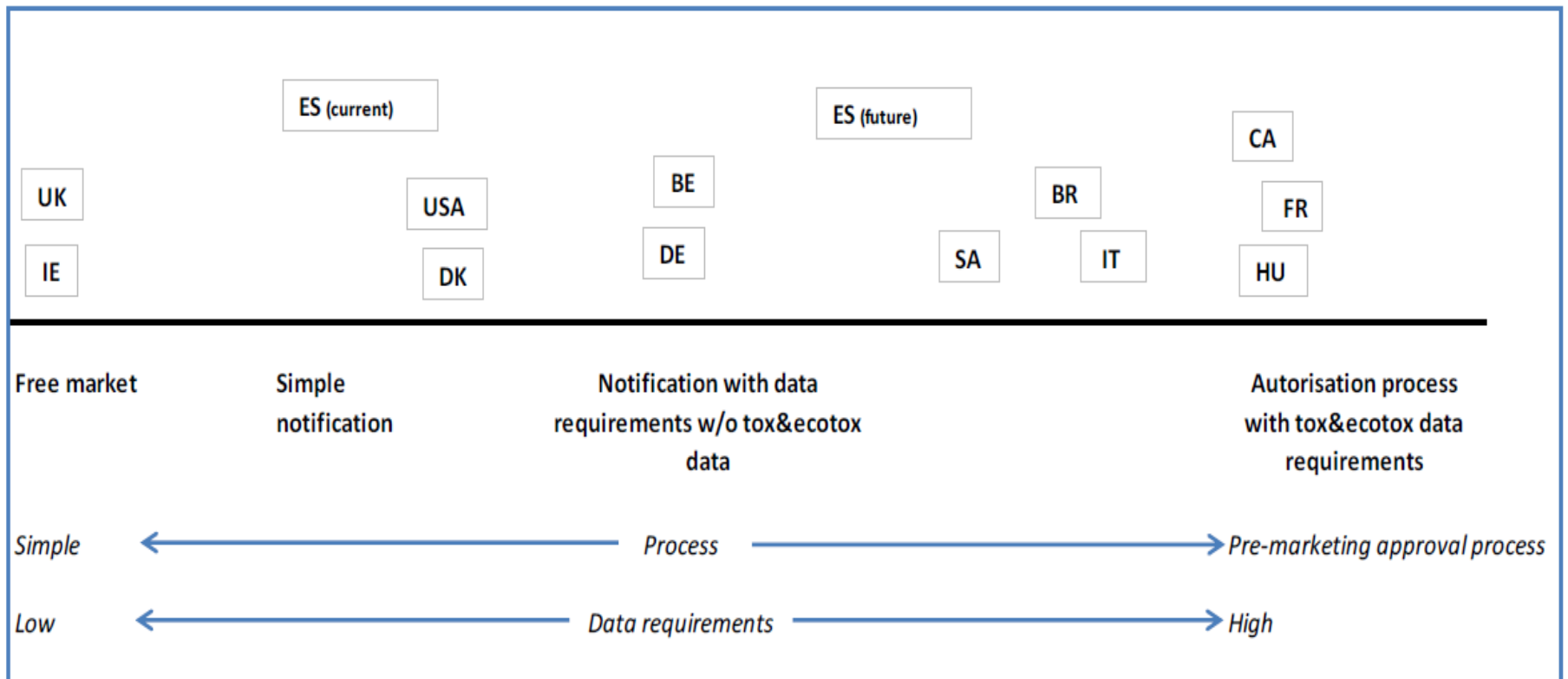
# Beneficial microorganisms

- Inhabit the field and its surroundings
- Can be used in the form of commercial products: „biostimulants”, „soil improvers”, „plant strenghtners” e.t.c.

Market placement of this products is higly differenciated among EU Member States



# Market placement of biostimulants in the EU



Source: Arcadia International,  
Report for the European Commission, January 2014



# Market placement of nonPPP microorganisms in the EU

- Rules differ among MS
- Rules differ within particular MS for different groups of microbial products (ex. symbionts, products speeding up the composting process, biostimulants, soil improvers)





# Plans to regulate the market

- There are plans to regulate market placement of biostimulants
- Different activities take place



# Uniform rules of market placement

- Protection of farmers against unefficient products
- Protection of environment against organisms that may be potentially pathogenic or invasive
- High registration requirements (translating into high registration costs) may eliminate small firms from the market
- May decrease availability and increase market prices of microbial products



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# Conclusions

- Uniform rules for PPP registration with 36 microorganisms approved currently for use in pest control in the EU.
- The approaches to market placement of other microbial products differ within the EU and in particular MS depending on the product.



# Definition

- According to Regulation 1107/2009 products „influencing the life processes of plants, such as substances influencing their growth, other than as a nutrient” are PPP
- Difference between „biostimulant” and „plant growth regulator” – confusing



Thank you for your attention