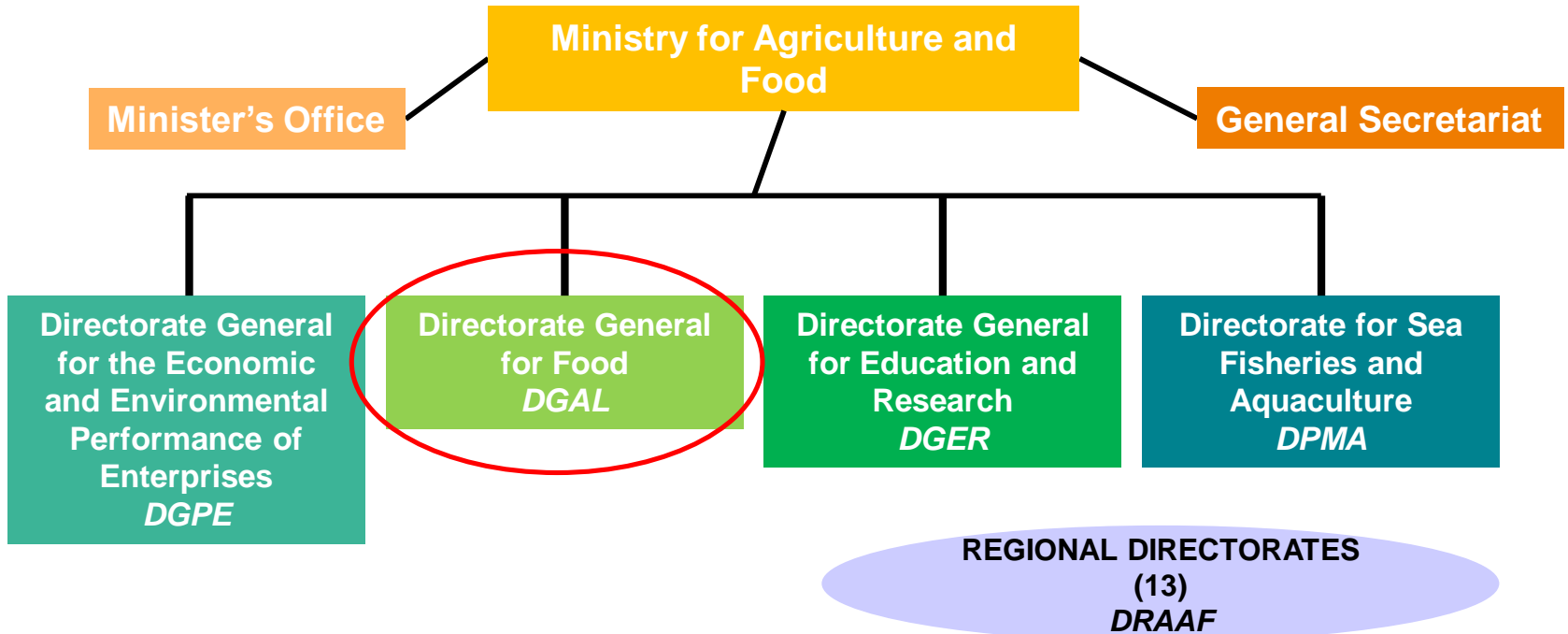




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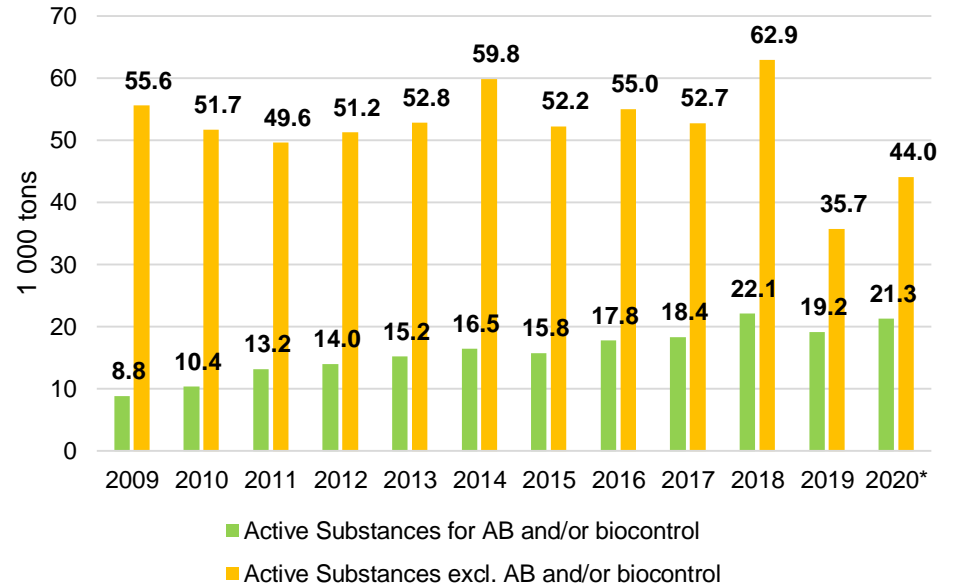
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1. USE OF PHYTOSANITARY PRODUCTS IN FRANCE : WHERE ARE WE ?

Sales of active substances in PPP in France

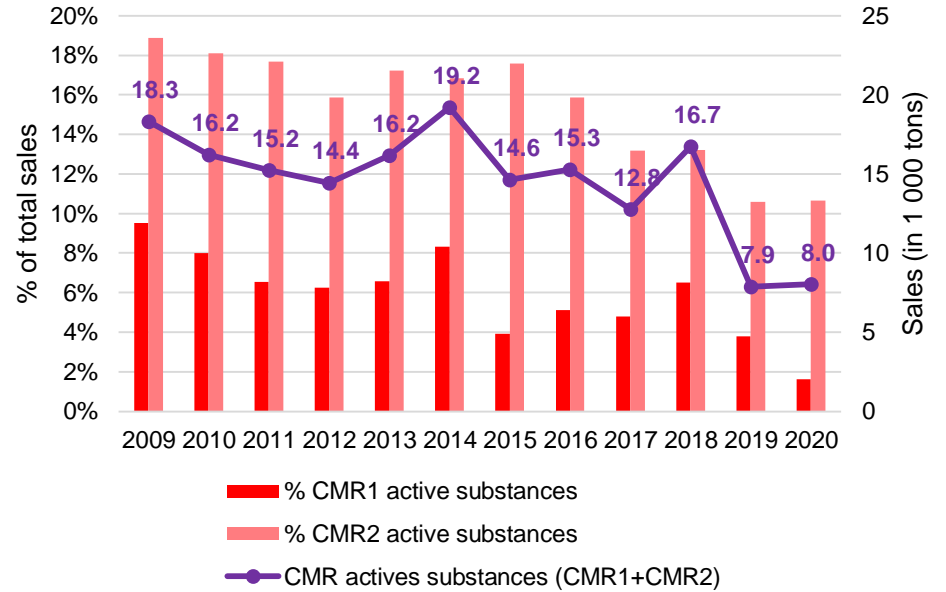
- A mixed evolution of sales of active substances excl. AB and/or biocontrol since 2009
- Since 2016, there is an inflexion, except for 2018
- Since 2009, continuous growth of active substances for AB and/or biocontrol sales.



Source : Ministère de la transition écologique

Sales of CMR active substances in PPP in France

- **Carcinogenic, Mutagenic or toxic for Reproduction (CMR)**
- Sales of CMR active substances have decreased over the years going from 18,3 millions kg in 2009 to 8 millions kg in 2020.



Some progress has been made but needs to be confirmed and strengthened

- Growing awareness of the negative impacts of chemical PPP on human and environmental health (on water, soil, and/or non-target organisms)
 - Occurrence and development of resistant pathogens
 - Decreasing number of approved active substances
- ⇒ **There is a real need to confirm and strengthen the progress and to build up alternative solutions to chemical PPP ; biocontrol is part of the solution.**



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2. FRENCH BIOCONTROL REGULATION

FRENCH REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Biological control in France

2009

Regulation (CE) n°1107/2009

Low-risk a.s and PPP

Directive 2009/128/CE

“Sustainable use of pesticides”

ANNEX III

General principles of integrated pest management

Sustainable **biological**, physical and other non-chemical **methods must be preferred to chemical methods** if they provide satisfactory pest control.

2010

French law on the national commitment to the environment

Introduction of a regulatory framework for the **use of biological control agents (macroorganisms) against plant pests**

Entry into force in 2012

2014

French law of the future for food, agriculture and forestry

- Introduction of the term “biocontrol” in legislation. It includes **macro-organisms** and **plant protection products of natural origin**
- Establishment of a specific regulatory network to ease the development of biocontrol methods, in particular **when they are of low risk**

How do we define biocontrol?

French law on the future of food, agriculture and forestry
– Octobre 13th 2014

CRPM L.253-6 : Introduction of the concept of biocontrol

Defined as: the use of agents and products that use natural mechanisms to control plant pests within the framework of the integrated pest management. They include in particular:

Macro-organisms

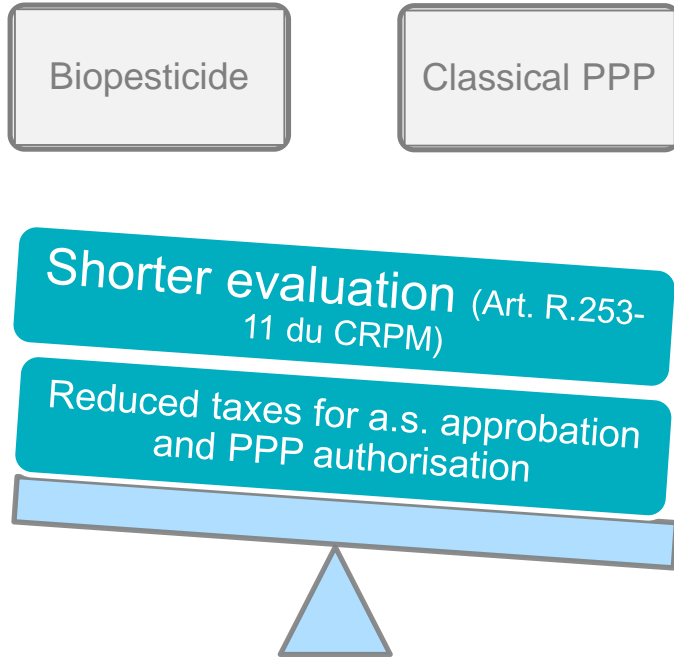
Plant protection products comprising

- *Microorganisms*
- *Semiochemicals such as pheromones and kairomones*
- *Natural substances of plant, animal or mineral origin*

Natural = exists as such in nature
(but may be produced chemically)

Plant protection products
with « natural » active substances

What are the benefits of biopesticides in France?



Other measures to encourage the sales of biopesticides :

- Advertising authorised on the back cover of professional magazines
- Discount allowed
- Certification not always required for a professional applicator (in case the PPP has no classification)



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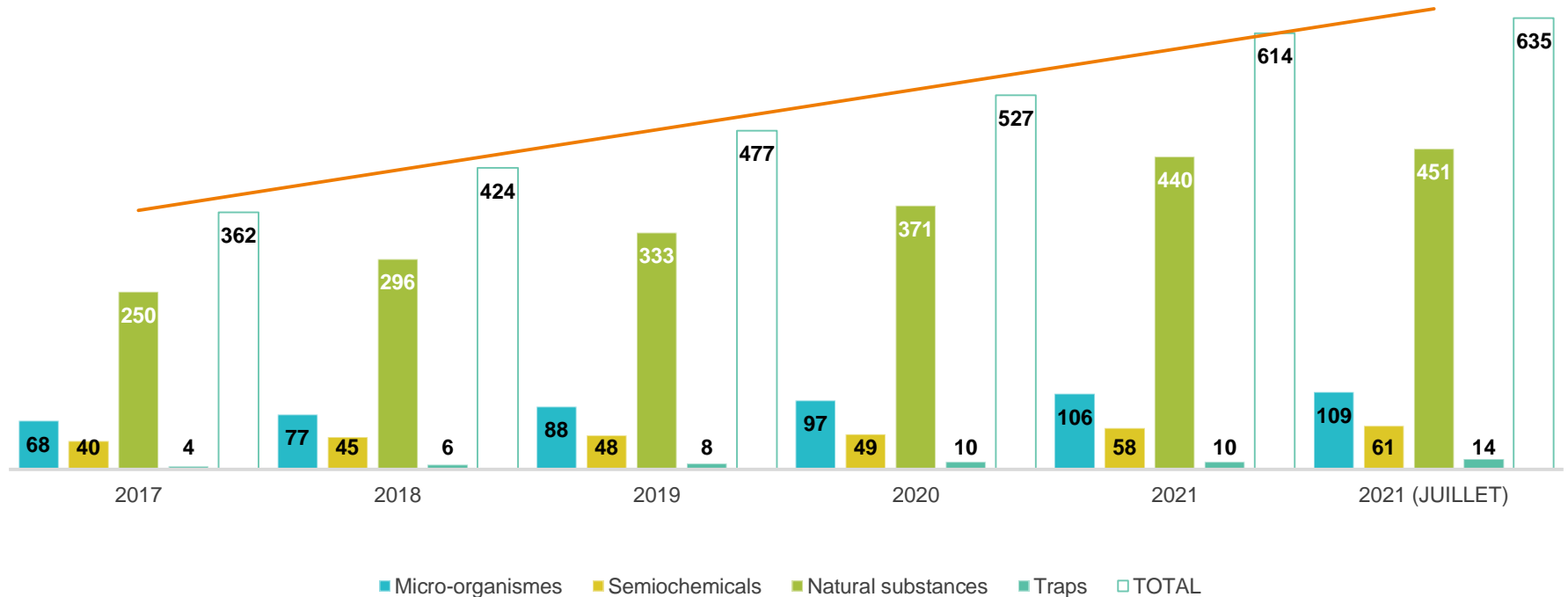
THE LIST OF BIOCONTROL PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS

Natural does not always mean low concern...

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food publishes the list of biocontrol products that are of low concern on a monthly basis



Evolution of biocontrol products by category of active substances





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MACROORGANISMS VALUABLE FOR PLANTS

Focus on biological control agents (macroorganisms)

Which?

Non-indigenous organisms (at strain level) introduced in France after 2012 (year of entry in force of the regulation)

What?

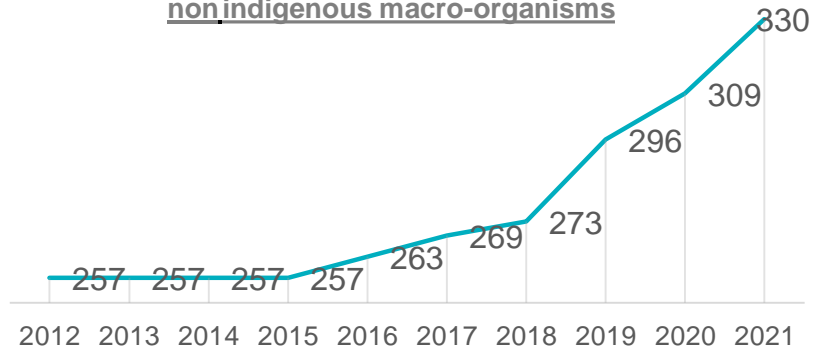
Need an authorisation delivered by the Ministers in charge of agriculture and the environment

How?

The applicant sends a dossier examined by the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety

- BCAs are authorised for an organism, a producer and for a specific territory
- About **330 non-indigenous BCAs** are authorised (**114 non-indigenous species**)
- About **70 indigenous BCAs** are declared (**20 indigenous species**)

Evolution of authorisations for non-indigenous macro-organisms





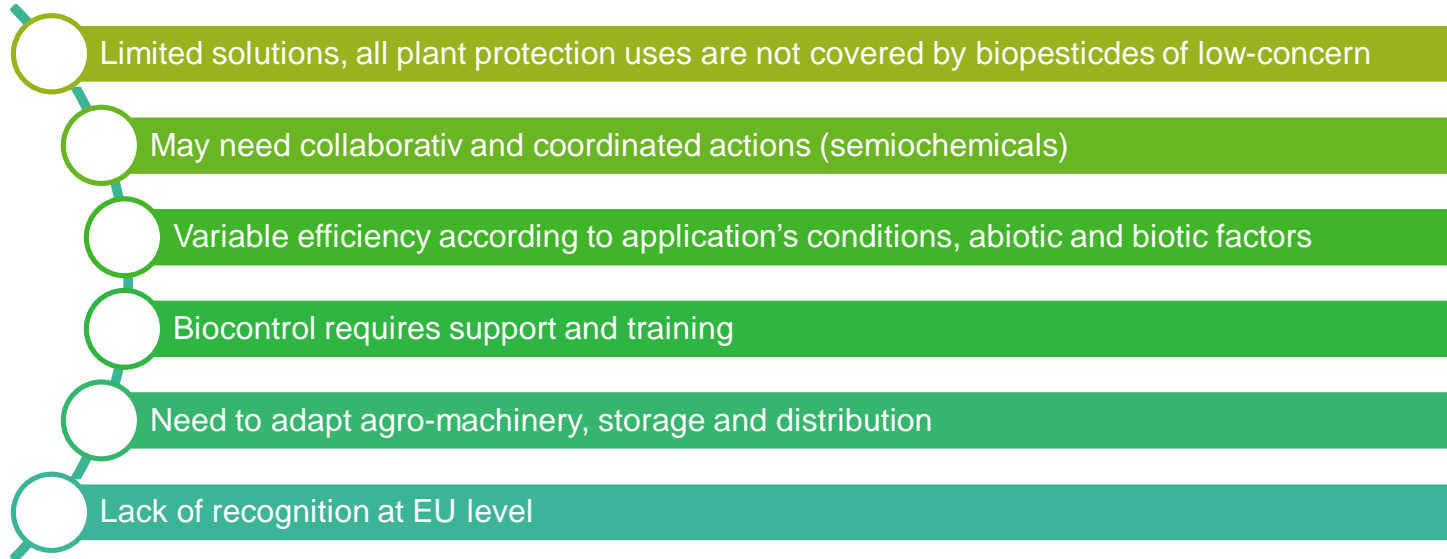
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3. NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF BIOCONTROL

HOW TO GIVE A NEW IMPETUS TO BIOCONTROL

Despite major progress, biocontrol deployment still faces challenges

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- Limited solutions, all plant protection uses are not covered by biopesticides of low-concern
 - May need collaborative and coordinated actions (semiochemicals)
 - Variable efficiency according to application's conditions, abiotic and biotic factors
 - Biocontrol requires support and training
 - Need to adapt agro-machinery, storage and distribution
 - Lack of recognition at EU level

The French national strategy to promote biocontrol

2018

French law for the balance of trade relations in the agricultural and food sector and healthy, sustainable and accessible food to all



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Research and innovation

- New biocontrol products
- Storage and uses of biocontrol solutions



National regulation

- Strengthen the national definition
- Ease the placing on the market of low-risk attractants
- Adapt product evaluation



Field deployment

- Demonstrators, pilot farms
- Initial and continuing training
- Promotion of good agricultural practices



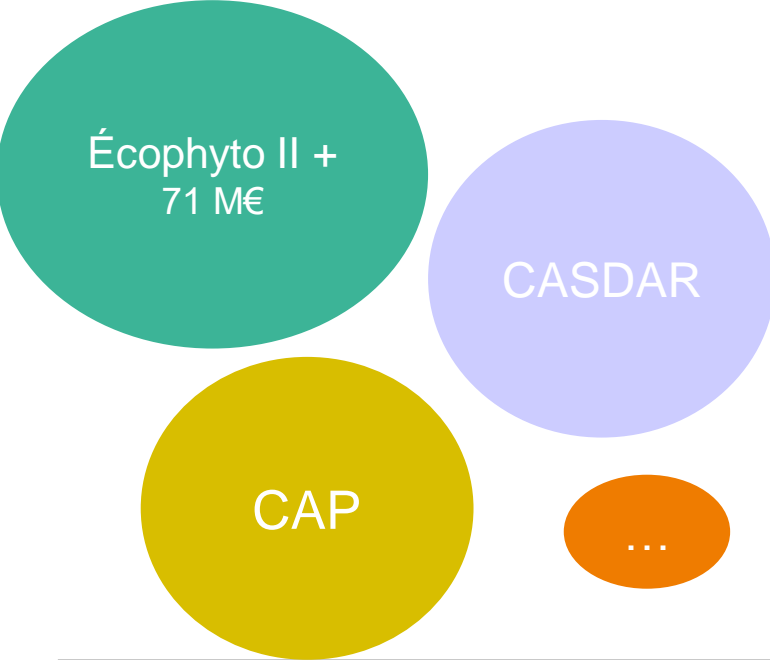
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The new national Investment Plan called « France 2030 » : one of its objectives is « Invest in healthy, sustainable and traceable food ».



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