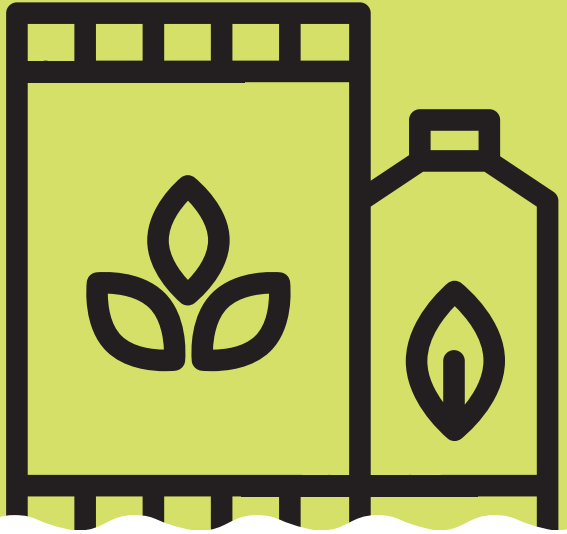


BIOPLANET S. C. A.



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CONTEXT

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INFO**YEAR OF CREATION**

1998

DESCRIPTION/MAIN ACTIVITIES

The cooperative is a leader company in the rearing of natural enemies (insects and mites) for the biocontrol of several pests.

The main goal is to develop IPM (Integrated pest management) and Biological Control in agriculture, as alternative to the pest management strategies exclusively based on chemical pesticides.

The cooperative's products are used mainly in protected crops, but also in open field, orchards and landscapes management.

Together with the improvement of the application of natural enemies, Bioplanet is engaged in the development of other low risk control methods, with the aim to optimize IPM strategies and promote a new approach in agricultural systems. The cooperative supports the idea that high quality and true environmental sustainability can be achieved on a larger extent.

MAIN STAKEHOLDERS (MEMBER, CLIENTS, PRODUCERS)

Worker members

Consumers/beneficiaries: agricultural enterprises linked with qualified markets.

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

1-service/goods production; 2-markets/consumers/beneficiaries

- 1 Italy
- 2 Italy: 50% of the revenue;
Europe: 40% of the revenue;
North America and ex URSS area: 10% of the revenue

REVENUE

12 millions Euro

**STRUCTURE/
OWNERSHIP**

OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE

who/how many: shareholders/owners/members/worker members/ donors, ...

Worker members

10 members + other employees

VOTING PROCESS

One head, one vote, regardless the subscribed social share.

BENEFITS OF BEING MEMBERS

Participation in the cooperative renewal in case of profit.

**GOVERNANCE
AND MEMBERS
PARTICIPATION**

STRUCTURE/ORGANISATION CHART

General Assembly – Board

Members' Assembly:

- » decides general policies;
- » approves budget and final balance;
- » elects the Board of Directors.

The Board appoints internally president and vice-president.

The decisions are shared online between the various managers and members.

ASSEMBLIES

how many, how, other assemblies than the General one

Around 5-6 assemblies per year and weekly online meetings.

All the members are involved in the decisional processes.

Involvement and empowerment of non-member employees

BOARD COMPOSITION AND ORGANISATION

The Board is entirely composed by members.

**COOPERATIVE
PRINCIPLES
BEST PRACTICES**
Principles for which
the coop represents
a good practice

PRINCIPLE 3. MEMBERS' ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

- » Social loan applied;
- » Involvement of social share of high level.

PRINCIPLE 5. EDUCATION, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

Thanks to its expertise, Bioplanet provides advice to public bodies, private institutes, associations and cooperatives of producers for the development of integrated defence techniques and for research and demonstration projects, at all levels, related to the development of biological control techniques and innovative technologies for an environmentally friendly agriculture.

PRINCIPLE 7. CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

The cooperative's action is aimed at:

- » reducing chemical molecules in agriculture in favour of sustainable and low environmental impact means, generating a healthier setting for the operators and the environment and allowing the production of zero residual fruit and vegetables;
- » increasing the ecological biodiversity;
- » developing a defence system against exotic pesticides that enter Europe, due to the globalizing push of the markets and due to environmental warming.