



European Organic Certifiers Council

Certification of organic inputs in organic and biodynamic farming in Europe

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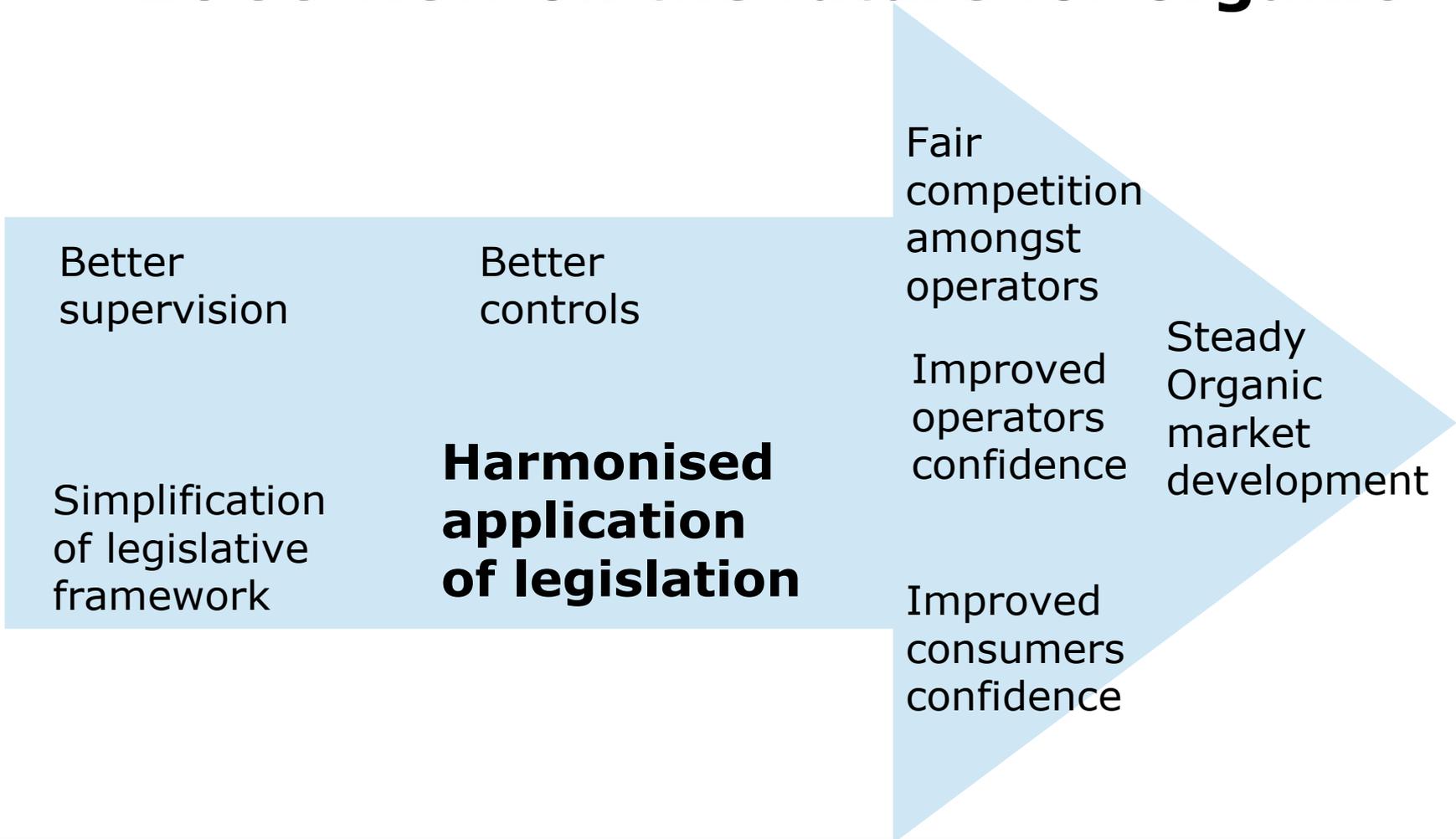
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EOCC statement

EOCC supports the
inclusion of farm inputs in the scope of the new
organic regulation
as it can be the solution to problems arising with
such products in applying the Regulation
834/2007

EOCC view on the future for organic



The challenge for organic controls

Continue to grant organic certification at macro and micro-scale for processes and products in an economic reality which is spreading out further and faster.

The challenge for organic controls

Continue to

grant organic certification = to issue certificates

at macro = related to the entire supply chain (« from fork to farm »)

and micro-scale = related to one (but each) operator

for processes = we inspect processes

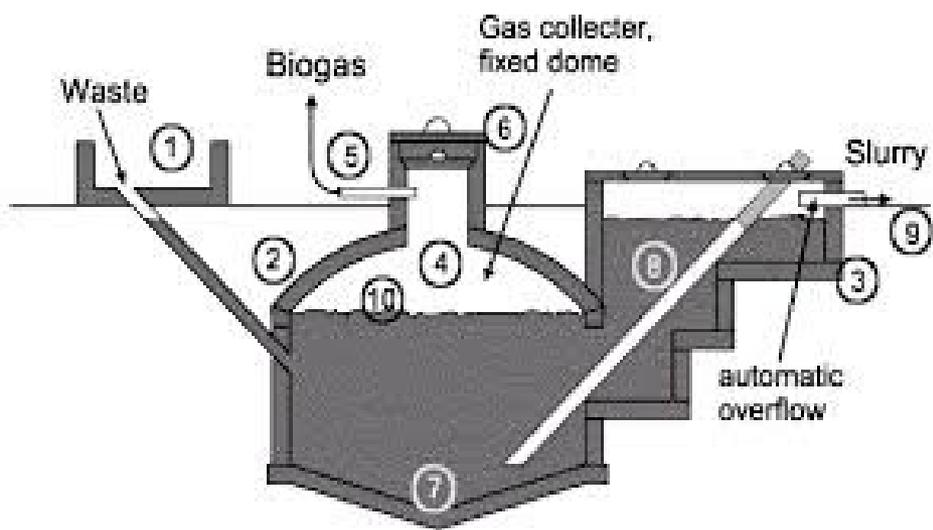
And for products = they are the output of the processes, sometimes
it is necessary to remove reference to organic for one particular batch of
products

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further and faster.

“Production” of inputs



→ Compost
Organic fertilisers



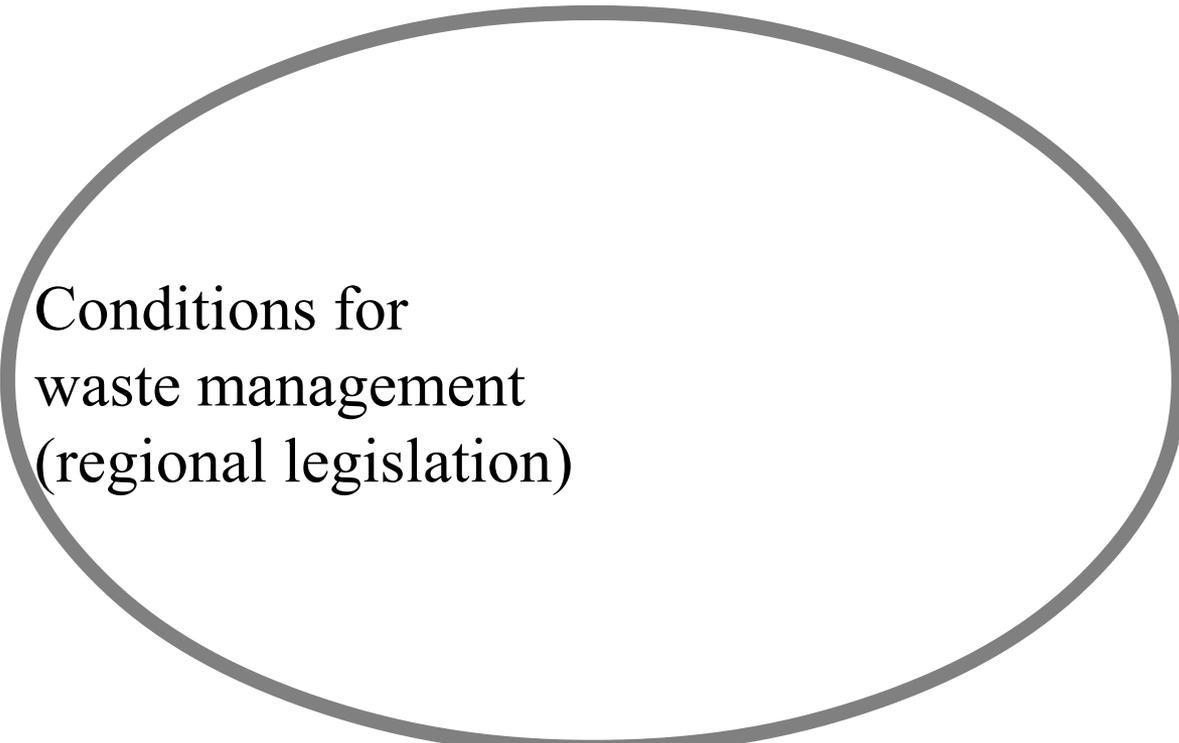
→ Bio gas and digestate

“Production” of soil amendments and “organic” fertilisers

- EU Directive 2008/98 for management of waste products (Art 22)
- => Regional legislation creates
 - => Regional Authority for waste management
 - => Quality management
 - => restrictions on authorised waste
 - => Licences and certificates for companies
 - => Certification bodies
 - => Control requirements

“Certification” of soil amendments and “organic” fertilisers for organic farming

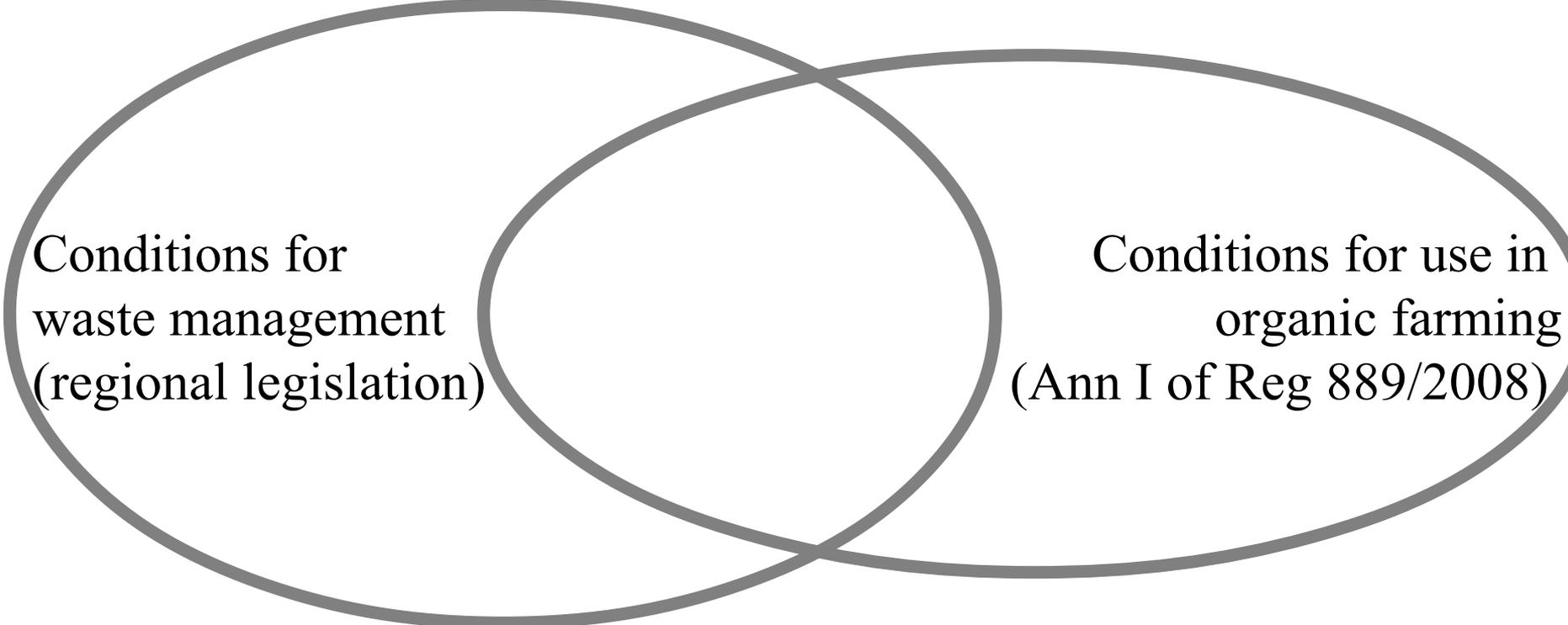
Conclusion:

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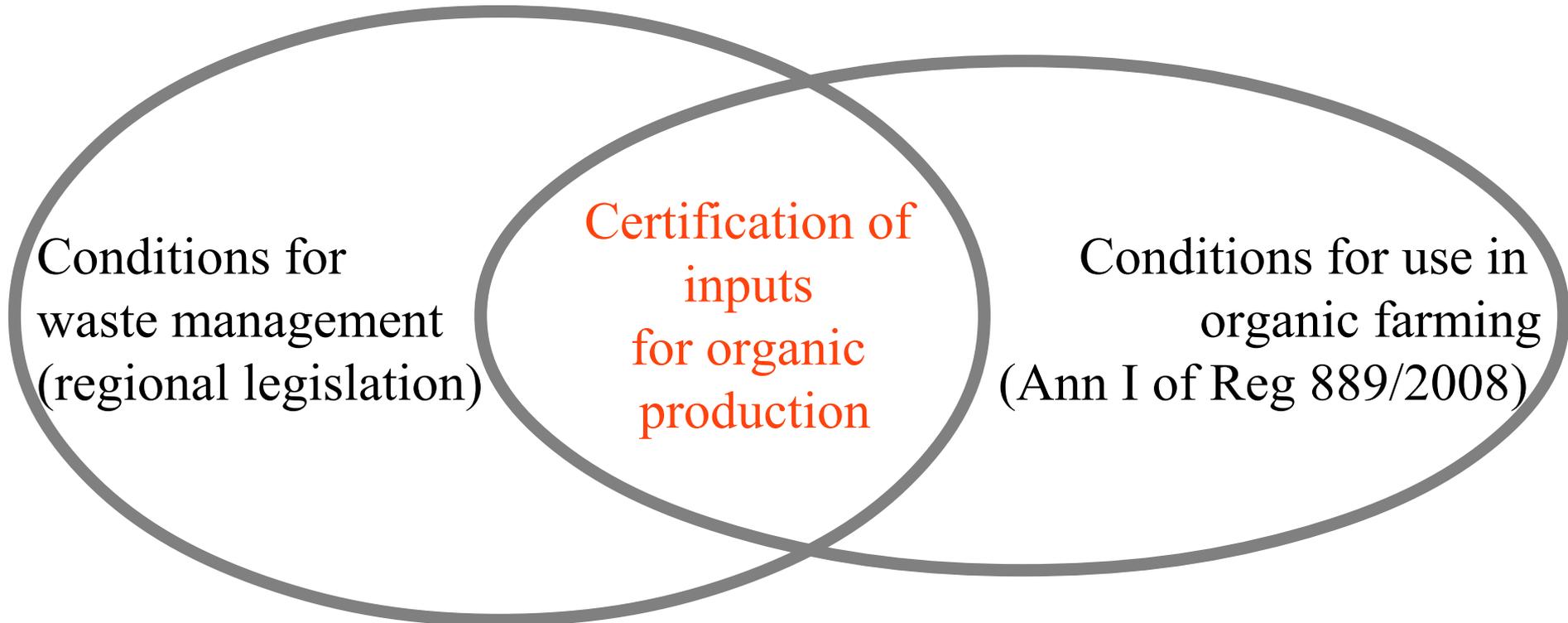
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Certification of
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Difficulties:

- Differences in interpretation of conditions of Ann I of Reg 889/2008
- Additional conditions by MS regarding products mentioned in Ann I of Reg 889/2008
- Different regional legislation on waste management
- Accreditation ? => certification?
- Approval of certification bodies ?

“Certification” of soil amendments and “organic” fertilisers for organic farming

Solution:

Consider inputs as organic products included in the scope of new organic regulation.

-  products covered by the same control system as organic production itself
-  no additional accreditation required for certification of inputs
-  no additional conditions at MS level for inputs

Thank you

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