

PRESS RELEASE

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Biocontrol: Inauguration of a new biomanufacturing plant in Almeria

In January, Bioline Agrosociencias and the company Biocolor (Spain) announced the creation of a new company "Bioline Iberia". On Tuesday, 7 May, 2019, this collaboration strengthened with the official inauguration of a new "Biomanufacturing Plant" in El Ejido, a few kilometres from Almeria, attended by the leaders of the French cooperative union InVivo (Deputy Chairman Jérôme Calleau and Managing Director Thierry Blandinières) and leaders from Spanish cooperatives (Cristobal Barranco, SUCA, and Manuel Galdeano, COEXPHAL).

"Establishing our biomanufacturing plant at the centre of European greenhouse vegetable production"

The new 4000 m² building was transformed into a biomanufacturing plant in record time, less than 6 months. A dozen climate-controlled rooms for producing beneficial insects, in addition to ultra-modern packing equipment, have been installed. This project has already created 20 jobs.

"The choice of El Ejido in the centre Almeria's greenhouses must be put in perspective with our growth ambitions and strategic plan to permanently establish ourselves in one of the most important biocontrol markets in the world: the Iberian Peninsula (Spain, Portugal and Morocco)," said Ludwik Pokorny, Managing Director of Bioline Agrosociencias.

"The purpose of building this biomanufacturing plant is to satisfy customer needs and to bring the production and delivery of beneficial insects closer to farmers and user cooperatives," said Maria José Pardo, Managing Director of Bioline Iberia.



"Strengthen the links between Spanish and French cooperatives"

"Bioline Agrosociencias' investment in the region is a great example of cooperation between Spanish and French cooperatives and aims to 'offer Andalusian farmers the best of current biocontrol technology and enable them to overcome the challenges they face: offering consumers more sustainable food with a minimum of waste'," said Thierry Blandinières in his speech.

To recall, Biocolor has brought this union both its brand, which is well-established in the cooperative sector, and a solid reputation for its exceptional service quality. Bioline Agrosociencias has brought its internationally renowned brand, product portfolio and technical know-how; as well as innovative biocontrol solutions. As of November 2018, Bioline IBERIA began distributing predatory mites for the greenhouse market in the Almeria region. This region supplies up to 60% of the northern European market with vegetables.

About Bioline Group:

With its 1200 employees, Bioline Group, a committed actor for the Third Way of Agriculture, is the agriculture-dedicated holding company of the InVivo Group. With activities spanning the entire agricultural production chain, the company brings together a unique alliance of 360° expertise, organised into 4 business lines:

- seed - Semences de France, LS Production Aegilops in France, Novasem Italy, Tradisco Seeds Hungary and Agro-Sol in Brazil;
- plant health - Life Scientific, Phyteurop, In-Ou in China and CCAB in Brazil;
- biocontrol - Bioline Agrosociences;
- digital agriculture - Smag, be Api and the programme Fermes Leader.

These 4 business lines and external clients alike also benefit from Agrosolutions' agro-environmental consulting expertise and new insurance solutions from Bioline Insurance.

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