



MINISTERIUM
FÜR EIN
LEBENSWERTES
ÖSTERREICH

HBLFA RAUMBERG - GUMPENSTEIN
LANDWIRTSCHAFT

TOWARDS MORE EFFECTIVE & EFFICIENT SUPERVISION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM IN ORGANIC PRODUCTION

Cooperation between
Competent Authorities & Accreditation Bodies



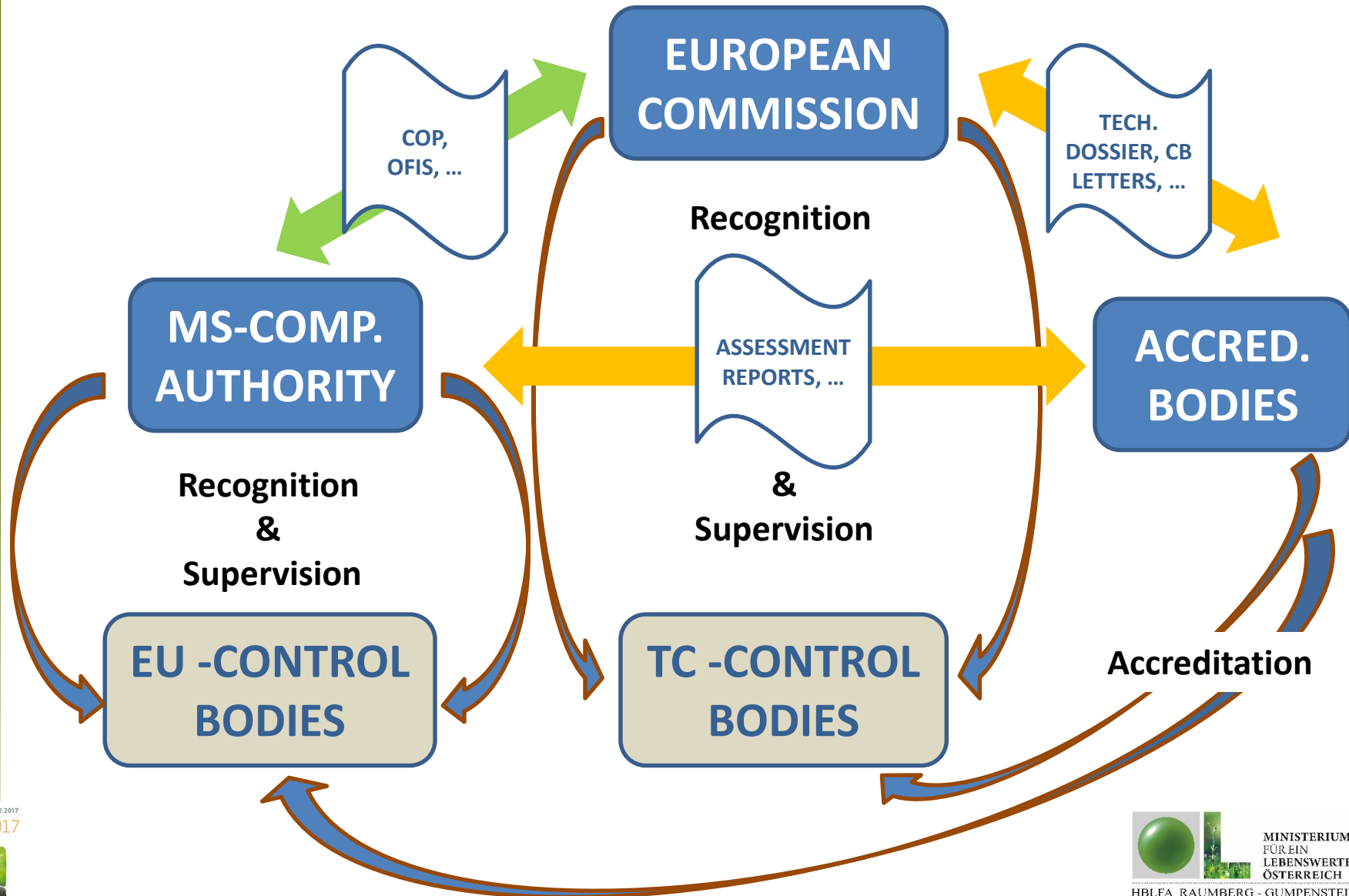
Nürnberg, Germany 15. – 18.2.2017

BIOFACH2017
into organic

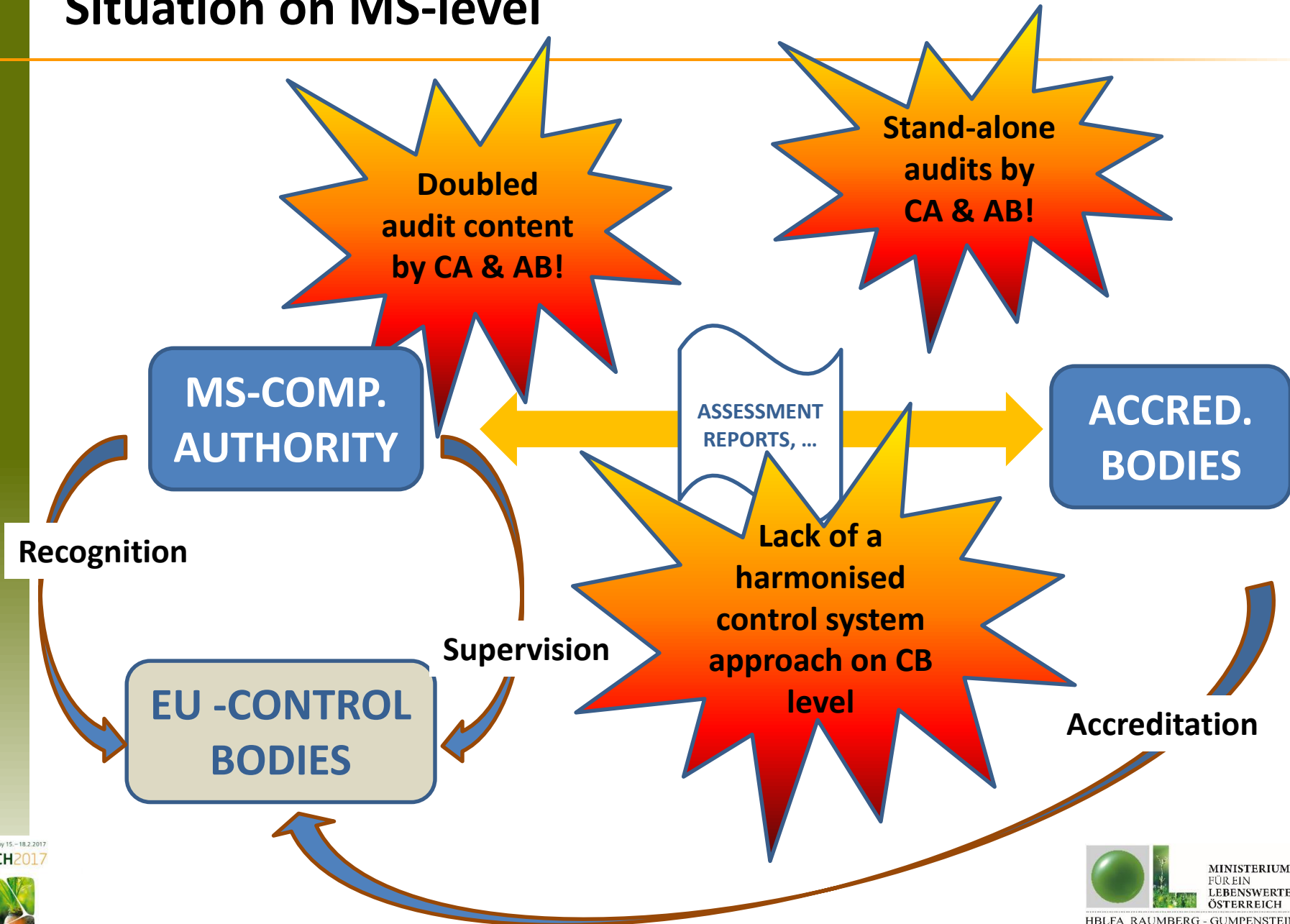


Paul Axmann
Institute for organic farming
BMLFUW Austria
paul.axmann@raumberg-gumpenstein.at

Involved institutions & their way of communication



Situation on MS-level



Improvement on MS-level

Doubled
audit content
by CA & AB!



Clear separation of audit topics & sharing results

Accreditation body

- Office-Audits: Content of ISO 17065 including file checks
- Witness-Audits: According to Guideline EA-3/12

MS competent authority

- Office-Audits: Focus on authority related issues (exceptional production rules, derogations, national interpretations, specific inspection requirements, risk management,...) including file checks
 -> no double check of ISO 17065 content!
- Witness-Audits: purpose driven



Improvement on MS-level

Stand-alone
audits by
CA & AB!



Joined audits & sharing audit results

Advantages

- One stop shop for CBs
- Audit efficiency is increased if the CA&AB-team is well guided
- Direct flow of information between CA & AB auditors
- High accumulation of insider knowledge between CA & AB auditors

Disadvantages

- CB has to have sufficient infrastructure and staff in order to serve auditors
- Normal CB business will be most likely blocked during audit days
- High degree on organisation and coordination work between CA & AB needed
- Question on format and content of reporting



Lack of a
harmonised
control system
approach on CB
level *)

Improvement on MS-level



**Achieving national harmonisation
on regulatory level**

by closer cooperation between CA & AB

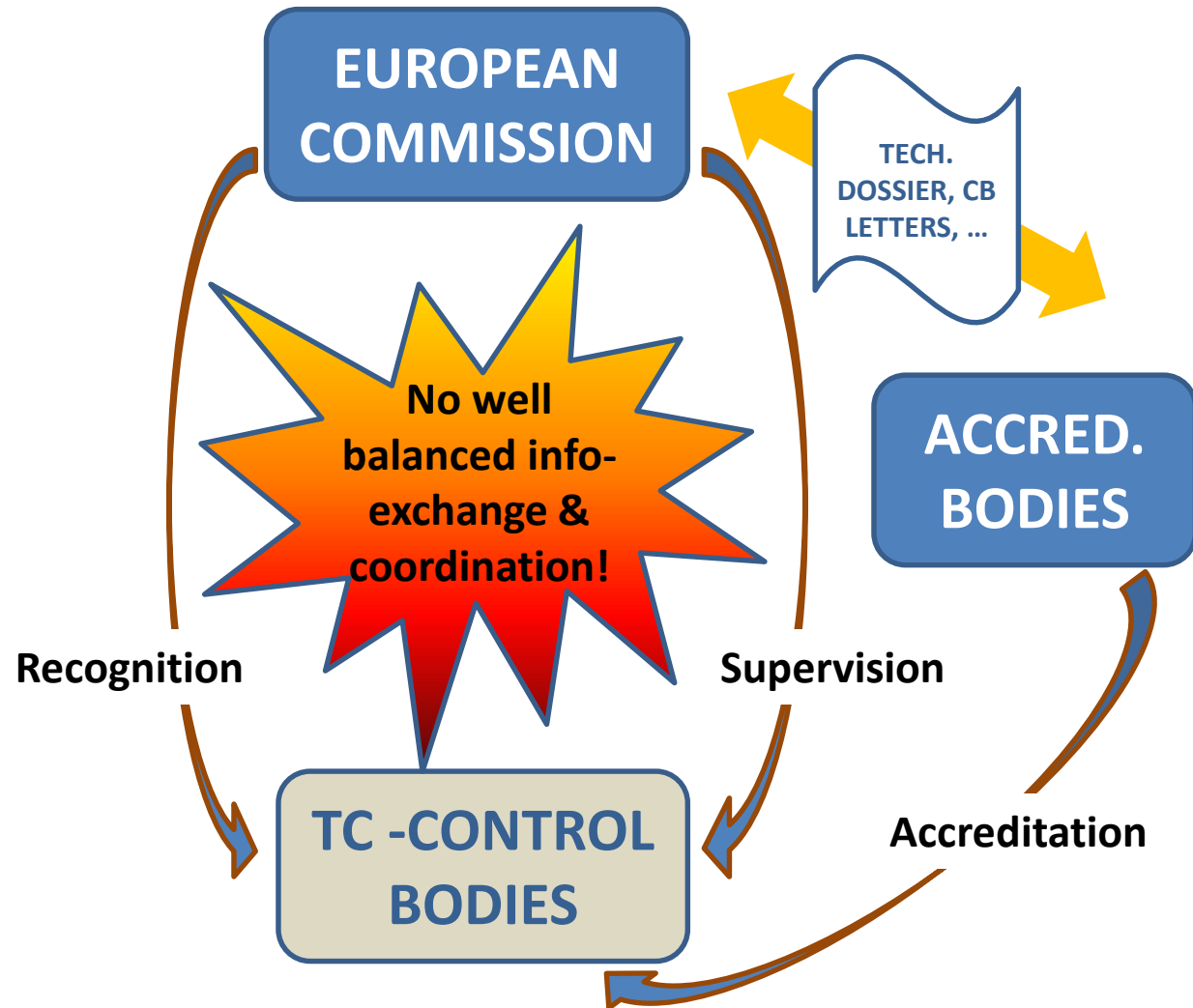
Possible approach

- Identification of not harmonised topics
- Evaluation of the situation by coordinated, horizontal and systematic assessments
- Development of a common national concept, based on assessment results
- Implementation (e.g. decree by CA, agreement by CBs, NC by AB, ...)

*) e.g.: Risk assessment, sample taking, sample analyses, inspection statistics, mass balance calculations, availability of organic animals, shortening of conversion periods, quality of record keeping & documentation, ...



Situation – Third country level (Annex IV of Reg. (EC) No 889/2008)



Improvement on TC level (Annex IV of Reg. (EC) No 889/2008)

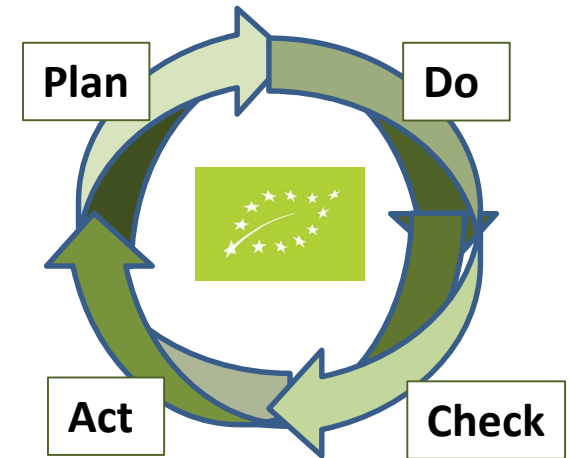
No well
balanced info
exchange &
coordination!



Clooser cooperation between EC & AB

Possible fields of cooperation

- Sharing information (risk analyses, maked development, notifications, ...)
- Developing shared assessment foci
- Coordinated mission/audit planning
(e.g. countries, CBs, products, risk subjects, ...)
- Analysing systematycaly audit results, report reviews, ...
(in a timely manner)



**THE MARKET IS FAST & DYNAMIC,
THE RESSOURCES TO SUPERVISE ARE LIMITED,
JOINED STRATEGIC PLANNING!**



Discussion

Feasibility of the proposals?

Willingness & readiness towards closer cooperation?



Further ideas/opportunities to make the system more effective & efficient?

