

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 12th meeting of the Working Group on urgent review of statements on *Xylella fastidiosa* and its control

Held by WEB-conference on 20 June 2016

(Agreed on 20 June 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Claude Bragard has participated via WEB-conference

Leonardo De La Fuente has participated via WEB-conference

Marie-Agnès Jacques has participated via WEB-conference

Stephan Winter (Chair) has participated via WEB-conference

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Miren Andueza, Sara Tramontini

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Urgent request on review of statements on *Xylella fastidiosa* and its control.³

The working group finalised the draft in order to reply to point 1 of the mandate on review of statements on *Xylella fastidiosa* and its control (EFSA-Q-2016-00182).

The comment received via email from the PLH Panel members were reviewed, discussed and integrated in the final version of the opinion.

The opinion is planned to be proposed for adoption during next PLH Plenary meeting (29-30 June 2016).

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00182>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 11th meeting of the Working Group on urgent review of statements on *Xylella fastidiosa* and its control

Held by WEB-conference on 13-14 June 2016

(Agreed on 14 June 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Claude Bragard has participated via WEB-conference (13 June only)

Leonardo De La Fuente has participated via WEB-conference

Marie-Agnès Jacques has participated via WEB-conference (13 June only)

Stephan Winter (Chair) has participated via WEB-conference

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Miren Andueza, Sara Tramontini

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Claude Bragard and Marie-Agnès Jacques did not participate on the 14 of June.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-

Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Urgent request on review of statements on *Xylella fastidiosa* and its control.³

The working group finalised the draft in order to reply to point 1 of the mandate on review of statements on *Xylella fastidiosa* and its control (EFSA-Q-2016-00182).

The draft is planned to be circulated among the Panel members for commenting and then to be revised during one more meeting before presentation at the Plenary.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 20 June 2016, Web-conference.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00182>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 10th meeting of the Working Group on urgent review of statements on *Xylella fastidiosa* and its control

Held by WEB-conference on 8 June 2016

(Agreed on 8 June 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Claude Bragard has participated via WEB-conference

Leonardo De La Fuente has participated via WEB-conference

Marie-Agnès Jacques has participated via WEB-conference

Stephan Winter (Chair) has participated via WEB-conference

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Miren Andueza, Sara Tramontini

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Urgent request on review of statements on *Xylella fastidiosa* and its control.³

The working group revised the draft in order to reply to point 1 of the mandate on review of statements on *Xylella fastidiosa* and its control (EFSA-Q-2016-00182).

The participants identified the main aspects requiring further clarification and agreed on the need to integrate the evidence with an analysis of the genome sequences.

Further tasks were distributed among working group members.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 13-14 June 2016, Web-conference.

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00182>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Working Group on urgent review of statements on *Xylella* *fastidiosa* and its control

Held by WEB-conference on 18-19 May 2016

(Agreed on 19 May 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Claude Bragard has participated via WEB-conference

Leonardo De La Fuente has participated via WEB-conference

Stephan Winter (Chair) has participated via WEB-conference

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Miren Andueza, Sara Tramontini

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Claude Bragard (18 May).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Urgent request on review of statements on *Xylella fastidiosa* and its control.³

The working group revised the draft in order to reply to point 1 of the mandate on review of statements on *Xylella fastidiosa* and its control (EFSA-Q-2016-00182).

The presentation to be provided at the next plenary meeting (61st plenary meeting, 25-26 May 2016, Brussels) was prepared and agreed with the Chair.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 8 June 2016, Web-conference.

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00182>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Working Group on urgent review of statements on *Xylella* *fastidiosa* and its control

Held by WEB-conference on 27 April 2016

(Agreed on 19 May 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Claude Bragard has participated via WEB-conference

Leonardo De La Fuente has participated via WEB-conference

Stephan Winter (Chair) has participated via WEB-conference

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Miren Andueza, Sara Tramontini

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Urgent request on review of statements on *Xylella fastidiosa* and its control.³

The working group revised the most recent scientific publications on the topic and drafted a first version on the reply to point 1 of the mandate on review of statements on *Xylella fastidiosa* and its control (EFSA-Q-2016-00182).

The activity plan was established and the need for additional experts discussed.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 18-19 May 2016, Web-conference.

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00182>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on urgent review of statements on *Xylella* *fastidiosa* and its control

Held by WEB-conference on 12-14 April 2016

(Agreed on 14 April 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Claude Bragard has participated via WEB-conference on the 12 of March

Leonardo De La Fuente has participated via WEB-conference on the 12 and 14 of March

Stephan Winter (Chair) has participated via WEB-conference

- **European Commission representatives:**

Pasquale Di Rubbo (DG SANTE) has participated via WEB-conference on the 12 of April

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Miren Andueza, Sara Tramontini

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Claude Bragard (13 and 14 April), Leonardo De La Fuente (13 April) and Stephen Parnell.

The European Commission representative participated as observer in order to clarify mandate content where needed.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Urgent request on review of statements on *Xylella fastidiosa* and its control.³

The working group discussed the terms of reference (ToR) concerning point 1 of the mandate on review of statements on *Xylella fastidiosa* and its control (EFSA-Q-2016-00182).

The participants started revising the available evidence and drafting a proposal for the text in order to reply to the question indicated under point 1 of the mandate.

Tasks were distributed among participants.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 27 April 2016, Web-conference.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00182>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on urgent review of statements on *Xylella* *fastidiosa* and its control

Held by WEB-conference on 21-23 March 2016

(Agreed on 23 March 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Claude Bragard has participated via WEB-conference on the 22 of March for item 5

Leonardo De La Fuente has participated via WEB-conference on the 22 of March for item 5

Stephan Winter has participated via WEB-conference (Chair)

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Antonia Carlucci and Francesco Lops for item 5

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Miren Andueza, Sara Tramontini

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Claude Bragard and Leonardo De La Fuente (21 and 23 March) and Stephen Parnell (the full meeting).

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Urgent request on review of statements on *Xylella fastidiosa* and its control.⁴

During the first day (21 March) the WG updated the list of questions in preparation to the hearing of the 22 of March (item 5 of the agenda) with Dr. Carlucci and Prof. Lops. The available references were screened and selected for inclusion in the opinion.

During the second day (22 March) the WG welcomed the hearing experts and conducted the hearing, whose notes are provided in paragraph 4.2.

During the third day (23 March) the draft opinion was prepared in order to have its written adoption done by the 31 of March and publication by the 5 of April 2016.

4.2. Hearing with Dr. Antonia Carlucci and Prof. Francesco Lops from the University of Foggia (Italy): questions and answers.

1. The experiments started in 2015. What is the expected duration of the experiments described in the article published on the *Informatore Agrario* (Carlucci et al., 2016)⁵?

The experiments started in 2015. The first year was a preliminary experience which will help shaping better ones (possibly two) additional

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00183>

⁵ Carlucci A., Ingrosso F., Faggiano S., Raimondo M.L. and Lops F., 2016. Strategie per contenere il disseccamento degli olivi. *L'Informatore Agrario* 8/2016, 58–63.

years of trials. In 2015, for example, the pruning action was very extreme and massive, as it required the removal of large parts of branches from the canopy that were dead. In 2016 we are planning to have the first treatments done again after pruning (that this time won't be so intrusive) during the first week of April.

2. What are currently the conditions, in terms of symptoms expression, of the plants treated in 2015?

The last time we visited the orchards before the seasonal pruning was on 11 February 2016. At that time, the plants did not present major desiccation symptoms, compared to non-treated trees observed in other olive orchards of Lecce province.

3. In 2015 you had 7 replicates per treatment and a total of 18 treatments and 12 products either in single or combined treatments. Do you plan to increase the number of replicates in 2016?

In 2015 we had more than 7 plants for certain treatments, but in order to have homogeneous groups and to keep working on the same plants we will maintain the same design for the experiments that will be conducted this year. However, we will have an additional experiment starting in parallel in 2016, which will involve 9 ha more, distributed in three zones of the Lecce province, different for density and seriousness of observed symptoms.

4. Can you provide more information on the products selected for the trials? How were they selected? How applied?

The 12 selected products and their doses are indicated in the table below.

Commercial name	Type of product	Applied dose (as from label)
Agroallium	Plant protector	0.5-3 l/1000 mq
Biobacter	Antimicrobial	400 ml/hl
Bion	Activator of the auto-defence system into the plant	15g/hl
Prodeo	Fungicide	250 g/hl
IRF-230	Fungicide	300g/hl
Keos	Fertilizer	150-200 g/hl
Kodens	Fertilizer	190 g/hl
Kuprum Red	Fungicide	1,5-2 kg/hl
Rhizosum	Organic soil conditioner	50 gr/hl
Radicon	Natural organic soil conditioner	2-5 kg/1000mq
Remedier	Fungicide	250 g/hl
Fosal Pk	Fertilizer	350 g/hl

Biobacter and Kuprum Red were only applied three times due to late availability, while all the others were applied 6 times during the season, with intervals of 25-30 days, having the first treatment done just after pruning.

In the selection of the 12 products their suitability for organic agriculture and their mechanisms of action was considered and those favouring the good growth of the olive tree and reinforcing its natural capacity to react and resist to pathogens and pests attacks were chosen. The curative effect of some of these products is provided by the presence of copper, which has disinfecting effects, already well recorded in literature on other plant diseases. In fact, another asset for products to be included in the trial was the working spectrum: we need to find treatments able to reinforce the plant reaction to the largest possible number of pathogens and pests (main ones from the area are listed in Carlucci et al., 2016).

Some were sprayed to the canopy while others (Agroallium, IRF-230, Rhizosum, Radicon) were applied to the roots through irrigation.

Concerning management of the vectors, the main action was the mechanical removal of weeds (e.g. hoeing, harrowing, and ploughing). Furthermore, from 2016, we are considering applying very targeted (max 1-2 per season) insecticide treatments in case of need with products approved in organic agriculture (e.g. Neem, pyrethrum).

More in general, we acknowledge that altogether the all management practices had positive and synergistic effects with the treatments.

5. Are the tested number of applications and type of products suitable to olive growers?

Actually we are studying the effects of those treatments under optimal conditions. It would be unrealistic to expect that olive growers make 6 applications per season, also in consideration of the cost of some of the tested products. We are therefore also planning an economic cost/benefit analysis at the end of our research experience, in order to identify the best product, or combination of products and strategy of application, responding to the needs of the growers too.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 12-14 April 2016, Web-conference.

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on urgent review of statements on *Xylella* *fastidiosa* and its control

Held on 17-18 March 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 18 March 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Leonardo De La Fuente has participated via WEB-conference on the 17 of March

Stephan Winter (Chair)

- **European Commission representatives:**

Matthew Tabone (DG SANTE) has participated via WEB-conference on the 17 of March

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Miren Andueza, Sara Tramontini

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Claude Bragard and Stephen Parnell.

The European Commission representative participated as observer in order to clarify mandate content where needed.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Urgent request on review of statements on *Xylella fastidiosa* and its control.³

The working group discussed the terms of reference (ToR) concerning point 5 of the mandate on review of statements on *Xylella fastidiosa* and its control (EFSA-Q-2016-00183).

The email exchanges between EFSA and the researchers mentioned in the ToR were shared with the participants and next steps concerning the preparation of the hearing clarified and agreed.

The participants started revising the available evidence and drafting a proposal for the text in order to reply to the questions indicated under point 5 of the mandate.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 21-23 March 2016, Web-conference.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00183>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on urgent review of statements on *Xylella* *fastidiosa* and its control

Held on 15 March 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 18 March 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Leonardo De La Fuente has participated via WEB-conference
Stephan Winter (Chair)

- **European Commission representatives:**

Matthew Tabone (DG SANTE) has participated via WEB-conference

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Miren Andueza, Sara Tramontini

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Claude Bragard and Stephen Parnell.

The European Commission representative participated as observer in order to clarify mandate content where needed.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Urgent request on review of statements on *Xylella fastidiosa* and its control.³

The working group revised the draft opinion replying to points 2, 3, 4, 6 of the mandate on review of statements on *Xylella fastidiosa* and its control (EFSA-Q-2016-00180). The comments received from the Panel during the previous days were considered in the revision of the text. The final version of the opinion was submitted to the Panel for consideration of its potential adoption during the 60th PLH Panel Plenary meeting (Parma, 16-17 March 2016).

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 17-18 March 2016 in Parma.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00180>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on urgent review of statements on *Xylella* *fastidiosa* and its control

Held on 9-11 March 2016, Paris (France)

(Agreed on 11 March 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Claude Bragard has participated on 10 and 11 March

Leonardo De La Fuente

Stephen Parnell has participated via WEB-conference on 9 and 11 March

Stephan Winter (Chair)

- **European Commission representatives:**

Pasquale Di Rubbo (DG SANTE) has participated via WEB-conference

Matthew Tabone (DG SANTE) has participated via WEB-conference on 9 March

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Miren Andueza, Sara Tramontini

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

The European Commission representative participated as observer in order to clarify mandate content where needed.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Urgent request on review of statements on *Xylella fastidiosa* and its control.³

The working group finalized the draft opinion replying to points 2, 3, 4, 6 of the mandate on review of statements on *Xylella fastidiosa* and its control (EFSA-Q-2016-00180) in order to present it for potential adoption at next PLH Panel Plenary meeting, which will be held in Parma on 16 and 17 March 2016.

Points 1 and 5 were also discussed and future tasks identified.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 15 March 2016 in Parma.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00180>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on urgent review of statements on *Xylella* *fastidiosa* and its control

Held by WEB-conference, 8 March 2016

(Agreed on 8 March 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Stephen Parnell has participated via WEB-conference

Stephan Winter (Chair) has participated via WEB-conference

- **European Commission representatives:**

Pasquale Di Rubbo (DG SANTE) has participated via WEB-conference

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Miren Andueza, Sara Tramontini

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Claude Bragard and Leonardo De La Fuente.

The European Commission representative participated as observer in order to clarify mandate content where needed.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Urgent request on review of statements on *Xylella fastidiosa* and its control.³

The working group worked on the draft of replies to points 2, 3, 4, 6 of the mandate on review of statements on *Xylella fastidiosa* and its control (EFSA-Q-2016-00180).

Identification of information gaps and a review of the available data from the literature were conducted.

Tasks were agreed and distributed among participants.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 9-11 March 2016, Paris.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00180>

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on urgent review of statements on *Xylella* *fastidiosa* and its control

Held by WEB-conference, 3-4 March 2016

(Agreed on 8 March 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Claude Bragard has participated via WEB-conference (4 March only)

Stephen Parnell has participated via WEB-conference (3 March only)

Stephan Winter (Chair) has participated via WEB-conference

- **European Commission representatives:**

Pasquale Di Rubbo (DG SANTE) has participated via WEB-conference (3 March only)

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Miren Andueza, Sara Tramontini

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Leonardo De La Fuente.

Claude Bragard did not participate on the 3rd of March (agenda point 4.2).

Stephen Parnell did not participate on the 4th of March.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Urgent request on review of statements on *Xylella fastidiosa* and its control.³

Critical aspects in the terms of reference requiring clarification were identified and discussed with the EC representative.

The activity plan was discussed and agreed, in order to reply to the urgent request (EFSA-Q-2016-00180) by 18 March 2018 concerning points 2, 3, 4, 6 of the mandate on review of statements on *Xylella fastidiosa* and its control.

Identification of information gaps and a review of the available data from the literature were conducted.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 8 March 2016, Web-conference.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00180>