

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Dirk Jan van der Gaag
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not applicable
- EFSA:
PLANTS Unit: Olaf Mosbach-Schulz, Giuseppe Stancanelli
- Others:
Not applicable

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.
No apologies were received.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

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³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Discussion on rapid PRA methodology

The WG discussed and elaborated on the pest categorisation part of the pest risk assessment protocol.

V. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 15 September 2025, via web conference.

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IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Terms of Reference of the mandate

The terms of reference of the mandate were presented and discussed. Built on experience with hundreds of pest categorisations and pest risk assessments, the mandate requests EFSA to update its risk assessment methodology and protocol to come up with a rapid risk assessment scheme.

b. Discussion and preparation of the decision tree and workflow of the PRA

The WG had a general discussion on the approach to rapid PRA, its workflow, and how it could be implemented within the pest risk assessment protocol of the Plant Health Panel. Different elements of the assessment were discussed in more detail, such as pest identity and biology, presence/absence, potential for establishment and spread, as well as impact assessment.

V. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 23 July 2025, via web conference.
