

# Risk Assessment in Plant Health Network

## 23rd meeting



4 November 2025 – 14:00

6 November 2025 -13:00

### AGENDA

**Location:** EFSA - Parma

**Chair:** Ciro Gardi, Network coordinator, EFSA

#### 4 November 2025 – First day

Time	No.	Item	Presenter
13:45		Test TEAMS connection for online participants	
14:00	1	Welcome and Apologies for absence	EFSA
14:05	2	Adoption of agenda	Ciro Gardi, EFSA
14:10	<b>3</b>	<b>Large Pest Groups: challenges and database solutions - Chair: Giuseppe Stancanelli, EFSA</b>	
14:15	3.1	Activities of the European Union Reference Laboratory (EURL) on Insects and Mites and collaboration with EFSA	Helga Reisenzein, AGES - AUT, Raphaëlle Mouttet and Pascal Rousse, ANSES - FRA
14:45	3.3	Scoly_Hub (Worldwide information on Scolytinae): a cooperative database on Scolytinae species in support of EU risk assessment	Matteo Marchioro, Università di Padova - ITA
15:10	3.4	Regulatory challenges of begomoviruses in the High Throughput Sequencing Era: Lessons from honeysuckle yellow vein virus (HYVV)	Ruben SCHOEN, NRL, NLD
15:25		Q&A and discussion	
15:45-16:15		Coffee break	
16:15	<b>4</b>	<b>Databases to support risk assessment - Chair: Ciro Gardi, EFSA</b>	
16:20	4.1	EPPO Global Database: new features and the EPPO Data Services Portal	Damien Griessinger, EPPO
16:45	4.2	Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF): data discovery and key facts	Dmitry Schigel, Marie Grosjean GBIF
17:15	4.3	EFSA's apple pests Database in support of EU export	Agata Kaczmarek, EFSA
17:30	4.4	Q&A and discussion	
17:50		AOB: information on technical visit and social activities	
18:00		<b>End of the first day</b>	

*Social dinner 19:00-22:30*



### 5 November 2025 – Second day

Time	No.	Item	Presenter
<b>09:00</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Session on Emergent Grapevine diseases – Chair: Ewelina Czwieniczek, EFSA</b>	
09:05	5.2	Closing the knowledge gap on the diversity of <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> subspecies <i>multiplex</i> in the Eastern USA and risk assessment of subsp. <i>multiplex</i> infecting grapevines: an update from an EFSA art. 36 project.	Claude Bragard, UCL - BEL
09:30	5.3	Pierce's disease epidemics by <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> subsp. <i>fastidiosa</i> on table grapes in Apulia (Italy)	Donato Boscia, CNR - ITA
09:55	5.4	Grapevine flavescence dorée in Hungary	Bogya Sandor, NFCSO - HUN
10:20	5.5	Q&A and discussion	
10:40 – 11:10		Coffee break	
<b>11:10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Climate suitability – Chair: Andrea Maiorano, EFSA</b>	
11:15	6.2	From Literature search to climate suitability: the current EFSA workflow and strategic evolution	Andrea Maiorano, EFSA
11:40	6.3	Climate suitability assessment: an approach from Finland	Juha Tuomola, Finnish Food Authority
12:05	6.4	Challenges in estimating phytosanitary risk from climate suitability models	Jean-Pierre Rossi, INRA - FRA
12:30	6.5	Q&A and discussion	
12:45–13:45		<b>Lunch</b>	

### Technical visits and cultural events

Time	No.	Item	Presenter
13:50		Departure from EFSA	
14:40		Arrival at the Research Centre for Genomics & Bioinformatics Council for Agricultural Research and Economics (CREA), Fiorenzuola (PC)	
14:45		Presentation on the ongoing researches for cereal disease resistance + Q&A	Luigi Cattivelli, CREA - ITA
15:30		Technical visit to the Research Centre+ Q&A	Luigi Cattivelli, CREA - ITA
16:40		Departure for Castell'Arquato	
17:00		Cultural visit to Castell'Arquato	
19:00		Departure for the restaurant	
19:20		Social dinner	
22:10			
23:00		<b>Arrival in Parma</b>	



**6 November 2025 – Third day**

<b>Time</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
<b>08.45</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Update from Network members and observers – Chair: <b>Ciro Gardi, EFSA</b></b>	
08:50	7.1	Risk ranking and prioritization of plant pests for Norway	Daniel Flo, VKM - NOR
09:00	7.2	Developing a Risk Register Integrated into Core Plant Health Activities	Andy Bourke, DAFM - IRL
09:10	7.3	Risk-based classification of plant trade operators in Austria.	Robert Steffek, AGES - AUT
09:20	7.4	Opinion on the risk assessment of the tomato fruit blotch virus (ToFBV), Blunervirus solani, for France	Emmanuel Gachet, ANSES - FRA
09:30	7.5	Main plant health issues in Turkiye	Hasenem Ertaş, Ministry of Agriculture - TUR
09:40	7.6	Organization of Plant Health sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina	Katica Arar, Food Safety Agency - BIH
09:50	7.7	Q&A and discussion	
10:15 - 10:45		Coffee break	
<b>10.45</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Updates on EFSA Plant Health Risk Assessment activities – Chair: <b>Tobin Robinson, EFSA</b></b>	
10:50	8.1	Rapid pest risk assessment: an update on methodology development and workplan for 26 pests	Giuseppe Stancanelli, EFSA
11:05	8.2	EFSA consultations with MSs on pest status and impact for pests already in EU	Crystle Siegel, EFSA
11:15	8.3	Update of the 2019 Pest Risk Assessment of <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i>	Matteo Crotta, EFSA
11:35	8.4	Pine wood nematode: an introduction to the new mandate	Agata Kaczmarek, EFSA
11:45	8.5	Updates on commodity risk assessment for High Risk Plants and derogation requests	Ciro Gardi, EFSA
11:55	8.6	Q&A and discussion	
<b>12:20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Next steps:</b> - Consultation with MSs - 2026 Network meeting dates - Xylella Conference	
<b>12:30</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Wrap-up and closing remarks</b>	
<b>13:00</b>		<b>End of the third day</b>	