

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON PLANT HEALTH

## 143<sup>rd</sup> Panel Plenary meeting



16-17 September 2026  
9:00-18:00 / 9:00-18:00  
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**Location:** EFSA, Parma

**Chair:** Antonio Vicent Civera

### Day 1: 16 September 2026

| Time                              | No. | Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Presenter/comments                                                                                                          |
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| 09:00                             | 1   | <b>Welcome and apologies for absence</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                             |
| 09:00-09:05                       | 2   | <b>Adoption of the agenda</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                             |
| 09:05-09:10                       | 3   | <b>Declaration of interests</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                             |
| 09:10-09:15                       | 4   | <b>Report on the written approval procedure of the 142<sup>nd</sup> PLH Panel plenary meeting</b>                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                             |
| 09:15                             | 5   | <b>Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and possible adoption/endorsement</b>                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                             |
| 09:15-09:45                       | 5.1 | <i>Xylella</i> crop mapping: Report 1_Data collection (endorsed in March 2026); <b>Report 2 Data integration and EU crop mapping</b>                                                                                                                    | Zuzanna Zajac, ISA expert<br>Ewelina Czwieneczek, PLANTS Unit                                                               |
| 09:45-10:30                       | 5.2 | Scientific and technical reports on <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> global pest distribution, climate metrics and SDM models to support pest risk assessment ( <a href="#">EFSA-Q-2026-00344</a> )                                                            | Andrea Maiorano PLANTS Unit,<br>Alex Gobbi, CREA<br>Rachel Vaughn PLANTS Unit                                               |
| 10:30-11:00                       | 5.3 | Scientific Opinion on climate suitability for <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> for the EU ( <a href="#">EFSA-Q-2026-00038</a> )                                                                                                                                | Andrea Maiorano, PLANTS Unit                                                                                                |
| <b>11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break</b> |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                             |
| 11:30                             | 5   | <b>Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and possible adoption/endorsement (continues)</b>                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                             |
| 11:30-12:45                       | 5.4 | Scientific report on Modelling the spread of <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> ( <a href="#">EFSA-Q-2026-00468</a> )                                                                                                                                            | Rachel Russell, Cambridge University,<br>Nik Cuniffe, PLH Panel                                                             |
| <b>12:45-14:00 Lunch Break</b>    |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                             |
|                                   | 5   | <b>Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and possible adoption/endorsement (continues)</b>                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                             |
| 14:00-14:45                       | 5.5 | Scientific report on the "Genetic and genomic diversity, geographic distribution and host plant associations of <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> to support the update of the pest risk assessment for the EU territory" ( <a href="#">EFSA-Q-2026-00345</a> ) | Maria Saponari, National Research Council, Institute for Sustainable Plant Protection IPSP CNR,<br>Blanca Landa, PLH Panel, |

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- 14:45- 5.6 Scientific reports on: 1) evaluation of resistance and Maria Saponari, National Research  
16:00 susceptibility of olive to *X. fastidiosa*; 2) Almond Council, Institute for Sustainable  
response to Almond Leaf Scorch caused by *Xylella* Plant Protection IPSP CNR,  
*fastidiosa* subspecies: 3) *Citrus* spp. response to Blanca Landa, PLH Panel  
Citrus Variegated Chlorosis caused by *Xylella*  
*fastidiosa* subsp. *pauca*

**16:00 - 16:30 Coffee Break**

**5 Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and possible adoption/endorsement (continues)**

- 16:30- 5.7 Summary analysis of the available data from the Daniele Cornara, University of Bari  
17:15 literature on the ecology and biology of *Xylella* Matteo Crotta, PLANTS Unit  
*fastidiosa* vectors and potential vectors within the EU  
([EFSA-Q-2026-00467](#))

**6 Feedback from EFSA, Scientific Committee and European Commission**

- 17:15- 6.1 Feedback from EFSA (*Xylella* conference, etc.) PLANTS Unit  
18:00

**18:00 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Day**

**Day 2: 17 September 2026 - 09:00-18:00**

| Time                              | No.      | Item                                                                                                             | Presenter/comments                                                                   |
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| 09:00                             | <b>5</b> | <b>Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and possible adoption/endorsement (continues)</b>                 |                                                                                      |
| 09:00-10:30                       | 5.8      | Update of the pest risk assessment of <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> for the EU ( <a href="#">EFSA-Q-2026-00037</a> ) | Blanca Landa, PLH Panel,<br>Antonio Vicent, PLH Panel,<br>Matteo Crotta, PLANTS Unit |
| <b>10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break</b> |          |                                                                                                                  |                                                                                      |
| 11:00                             | <b>5</b> | <b>Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and possible adoption/endorsement (continues)</b>                 |                                                                                      |
| 11:00-12:00                       | 5.8      | Update of the pest risk assessment of <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> for the EU (cont.)                               | Blanca Landa, PLH Panel,<br>Antonio Vicent, PLH Panel,<br>Matteo Crotta, PLANTS Unit |

**12:00-14:00 Lunch Break**

**5 Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and possible adoption/endorsement (continues)**



- 14:00- 5.9 Statement on the streamlining of Scientific Opinions on High-Risk Plants ([EFSA-Q-2026-00341](#)) and update of the HRP protocol ([EFSA-Q-2018-00116](#))  
14:45
- 14:45- 5.10 Endorsement of the green asparagus commodity risk assessment approach country and pest selection, interception data and methodology for the PRA  
15:30 ([EFSA-Q-2025-00678](#))

**15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break**

**5 Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and possible adoption/endorsement (continues)**

- 16:00- 5.11 Update on the Pest Categorisations section of the PRA Protocol ([EFSA-Q-2025-00144](#))  
17:00

**6 Feedback from EFSA, Scientific Committee and European Commission**

- 17:00- 6.2 New mandates Giuseppe Stancanelli, PLANTS Unit  
17:15
- 17:15- 6.3 Feedback from the European Commission DG SANTE  
17:30
- 17:30- 6.4 Feedback from the Scientific Committee Antonio Vicent, PLH Panel  
17:45
- 17:30 6.5 **AOB**

**18:00 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Day**