

Feedback from stakeholders on Xylella research: achievements and needs from a risk manager perspective

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- Key research achievements so far
 - knowledge about the pathogen
 - Subspecies / strains
 - Biology
 - Pest status
 - Identification: tools for surveillance
 - knowledge about the host plant range
 - knowledge about the vector(s)
 - knowledge about the detection and identification
 - Diagnostic protocol





Key research needs

For surveillance

· Guidelines for surveillance of low level presence of the pathogen

For sampling

- List of host plants
- Guidelines for sampling of symptomatic and asymptomatic plants

For testing

- Cheap reliable screening test
- Harmonized application of DP (proficiency testing / training)





Key research needs

For pathogen control / prevention

Treatments (e.g. hot water treatments for propagating material)

For vector control

- Vector range
- vector behaviour, in diff parts of Europe
- Environmentally acceptable treatments



Key research needs

For eradication

- Early detection survey
- Alternative for 100m clear-cut around infected plant
- Buffer zone size based on movement potential of vector / modelling
- Non-susceptible plants for replanting

For containment

- Breeding techniques for resistant varieties
- Economic impact and social dimension

