



Note to the Management Board

Decision of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority on the establishment of a Scientific Network on Plant Pest Surveillance

DG SANTE requested EFSA to establish a Network on Plant Pest Surveillance for capacity building with Member States and stakeholders. This request is in line with the EFSA strategic objectives.

The purpose of this Agenda point is to propose to the Management Board the corresponding decision.

The procedure followed for establishing the Network is detailed below:

- **March 2022: DG SANTE Request** to establish an EFSA Network on Plant Pest Surveillance (M-2022-00069)
- **June 2022:** Advisory Forum consultation on the establishment of the Network and commenting on Terms of Reference
- **July 2022:** Final Terms of Reference following integration of Advisory Forum comments
- **July 2022:** Chief Officers of Plant Health advice on the Member States' membership for Planning and execution/Analyses and reporting/ Training
- **October 2022:** EFSA Management Board Meeting - establishment of the EFSA Scientific Network on Plant pest surveillance

Following the draft decision, the Management Board to:

- i) establish the Network **mandated by DG SANTE**
- ii) delegate the adoption and future amendments of the Terms of Reference of the Network to Head of Unit of the Plant Health and Pesticide Residues Unit in EFSA
- **November and December 2022:** Advisory Forum confirmation of the member institutions and nomination of participants
- **1st/2nd quarter 2023:** 1st Meeting of the Network