

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health
Minutes of the 24th meeting of the Working Group on Soil and Growing Media
Web conference, 30 April 2015
(Agreed on 30 April 2015)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Jean Claude GREGOIRE, Christer MAGNUSSON, David MAKOWSKI, Françoise PETTER, Vittorio ROSSI and Jan SCHANS
- **EFSA:**
 - ALPHA Unit: Sybren VOS

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topics for discussion EFSA-Q-2013-00405

The working group finalised the draft opinion for circulation to the PLH Panel. The opinion is proposed for adoption at the 55th PLH Plenary (27-29 May 2015, Brussels).

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ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 23rd meeting of the Working Group on Soil and Growing Media

Parma, 14-15 April 2015

(Agreed on 30 April 2015)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Christer MAGNUSSON, David MAKOWSKI, Vittorio ROSSI and Jan SCHANS
- **EFSA:**
 - ALPHA Unit: Sybren VOS

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jean Claude GREGOIRE and Françoise PETTER.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Scientific topics for discussion EFSA-Q-2013-00405

The working group revised the draft opinion, considered the comments provided by the PLH Panel members and discussed the final conclusions. Further tasks were distributed among the participants.

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5. Next meeting

The next meeting is planned on 30 April 2015, web conference.

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health
Minutes of the 22nd meeting of the Working Group on Soil and Growing Media
Parma, 17 March 2015
(Agreed on 14 April 2015)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Jean Claude GREGOIRE, Christer MAGNUSSON, David MAKOWSKI, Françoise PETTER, Vittorio ROSSI and Jan SCHANS
- **EFSA:**
 - ALPHA Unit: Sybren VOS

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topics for discussion EFSA-Q-2013-00405

The working group revised the draft opinion and rated the effectiveness of the phytosanitary measures currently in place in the EU as laid down in the Council Directive 2000/29/EC. Further tasks were distributed among the participants.

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5. Next meeting

The next meeting is planned on 14-15 April 2015, Parma.

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health
Minutes of the 21st meeting of the Working Group on Soil and Growing Media
Web conference, 10 March 2015
(Agreed on 17 March 2015)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Jean Claude GREGOIRE, Christer MAGNUSSON, David MAKOWSKI, Françoise PETTER, Vittorio ROSSI and Jan SCHANS
- **EFSA:**
 - ALPHA Unit: Sybren VOS

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topics for discussion EFSA-Q-2013-00405

The working group reviewed the draft opinion and rated the effectiveness of the phytosanitary measures currently in place in the US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand and compared them with those currently in place in Europe. Further tasks were distributed among the participants.

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5. Next meeting

The next meeting is planned on 17 March 2015, Parma.

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 20th meeting of the Working Group on Soil and Growing Media

Parma, 24-25 February 2015

(Agreed on 10 March 2015)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Jean Claude GREGOIRE, Christer MAGNUSSON, David MAKOWSKI, Françoise PETTER and Jan SCHANS
- **EFSA:**
 - ALPHA Unit: Sybren VOS

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received by Vittorio ROSSI.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topics for discussion EFSA-Q-2013-00405

The working group revised the draft opinion and rated the effectiveness of the phytosanitary measures currently in place in the EU as laid down in the Council Directive 2000/29/EC. Further tasks were distributed among the participants.

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5. Next meeting

The next meeting is planned on 10 March 2015, web conference.

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 19th meeting of the Working Group on Soil and Growing Media

Parma, 27, 29 and 30 January 2015

(Agreed on 24 February 2015)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Jean Claude GREGOIRE, Christer MAGNUSSON, David MAKOWSKI and Jan SCHANS
- **EFSA:**
 - ALPHA Unit: Sybren VOS

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received by Françoise PETTER and Vittorio ROSSI.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topics for discussion EFSA-Q-2013-00405

The working group drafted the missing sections of the document. Further tasks were distributed among the participants.

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5. Next meeting

The next meeting is planned on 24-25 February 2015, Parma.

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 18th meeting of the Working Group on Soil and Growing Media

Web conference, 14 January 2015

(Agreed on 27 January 2015)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Jean Claude GREGOIRE, Christer MAGNUSSON, David MAKOWSKI, Françoise PETTER, Vittorio ROSSI and Jan SCHANS
- **EFSA:**
 - ALPHA Unit: Sybren VOS

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topics for discussion EFSA-Q-2013-00405

Based on the feedbacks received from the PLH Panel on the procurement OC/EFSA/PLH/2013/01-CT1-5 on inventories of soil and growing media and associated harmful organisms, the working group agreed to use the inventories as indicative lists, and revised the plan to develop a relational database. Further tasks were distributed among the participants.

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5. Next meeting

The next meeting is planned on 27, 29 and 30 January 2015, Parma.

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 17th meeting of the Working Group on Soil and Growing Media

Web conference, 16 December 2014

(Agreed on 14 January 2015)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Christer MAGNUSSON, David MAKOWSKI, Françoise PETTER, Vittorio ROSSI and Jan SCHANS
- **EFSA:**
 - ALPHA Unit: Svetla KOZELSKA

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Jean Claude GREGOIRE.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topics for discussion EFSA-Q-2013-00405

The draft was revised by the participants. The comments of the PLH Panel on the procurement OC/EFSA/PLH/2013/01-CT1-5 on inventories of soil and growing media and associated harmful organisms were screened and discussed by the participants. Future tasks were distributed.

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5. Next meeting

The next meeting is planned on 14 January 2015, web conference.

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 16th meeting of the Working Group on Soil and Growing Media

Parma, 25 November 2014

(Agreed on 16 December 2014)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Christer MAGNUSSON, David MAKOWSKI and Jan SCHANS
- **Hearing Expert:**
 - Johan BREMMER
- **EFSA:**
 - ALPHA Unit: Svetla KOZELSKA

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Jean Claude GREGOIRE, Françoise PETTER and Vittorio ROSSI.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topics for discussion EFSA-Q-2013-00405

The participants revised the draft and discussed further development. The outcome of the procurement OC/EFSA/PLH/2013/01-CT1-5 on inventories of soil and growing media and

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associated harmful organisms was presented and discussed. Future tasks and activity plan were agreed among the participants.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting is planned on 16 December 2014, web conference.

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 15th meeting of the Working Group on Soil and Growing Media

Webconference, 23 October 2014

(Agreed on 25 November 2014)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Christer MAGNUSSON, David MAKOWSKI, Vittorio ROSSI and Jan SCHANS
- **EFSA:**
 - ALPHA Unit: Sybren VOS

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Jean Claude GREGOIRE and Françoise PETTER.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topics for discussion EFSA-Q-2013-00405

The work progress for each task was presented and reviewed. The Working group completed the structure of the relational database. Future tasks and activity plan were discussed and agreed.

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5. Next meeting

The next meeting is planned on 25 November 2014, Parma.

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health

Minutes of the 14th meeting of the Working Group on Soil and Growing Media

Parma, 26th September 2014

(Agreed on 28 October 2014)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

- Jean Claude GREGOIRE, Christer MAGNUSSON, David MAKOWSKI, Vittorio ROSSI and Jan SCHANS

- **EFSA:**

- ALPHA Unit: Ilaria INVERARDI and Sybren VOS

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Françoise PETTER.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Scientific topics for discussion EFSA-Q-2013-00405

The work progress for each task was presented and reviewed. In particular, the working group was updated on the inventories of soil and growing media and the associated harmful organisms and on the progress of the review of the regulatory status in the EU and outside

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the EU. Progress was made on the screening of the literature and the review and data extraction from the retained publications. The Working group discussed the structure of the relational database to be developed for addressing the Terms of Reference questions.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting is planned on 23 October 2014, via web conference.

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health
Minutes of the 13th meeting of the Working Group on Soil and Growing Media
Parma, 5th September 2014
(Agreed on 28 10 2014)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Christer MAGNUSSON, David MAKOWSKI, Françoise PETTER, Vittorio ROSSI and Jan SCHANS
 - Jean Claude GREGOIRE via web conference
- **EFSA:**
 - ALPHA Unit: Sybren VOS

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Scientific topics for discussion EFSA-Q-2013-00405

The work progress for each task was presented and reviewed. In particular, the working group was updated on the inventories of soil and growing media and the associated harmful

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organisms and on the progress of the review of the regulatory status in the EU. Progress was made on the screening of the literature and the review of the retained publications.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting is planned on 26 September 2014, at EFSA in Parma.

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health
Minutes of the 12th meeting of the Working Group on soil and growing media
Webconference, 17 07 2014
(Agreed on 28 10 2014)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Françoise PETTER, Jan SCHANS.
- **EFSA:**
 - ALPHA Unit: Sybren VOS

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Scientific topic for discussion EFSA-Q-2013-00405

(<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionsListLoader?unit=PLH>)

The working group discussed the progress performed in the review of the EU legislation. Further tasks were distributed to the working group members.

5. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 05 September 2014, at EFSA, in Parma.

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ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health
Minutes of the 11th meeting of the Working Group on soil and growing media
Webconference, 13 06 2014
(Agreed on 28 10 2014)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Christer MAGNUSSON, David MAKOWSKI, Françoise PETTER, Vittorio ROSSI, Jan SCHANS.
- **EFSA:**
 - ALPHA Unit: Sybren VOS

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Jean Claude GREGOIRE

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion EFSA-Q-2013-00405

(<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionsListLoader?unit=PLH>)

The working group discussed the progress performed in the different tasks undertaken. In particular the working group screened for relevance the results of the extensive literature search regarding the effectiveness of control measures and the identification of the risk reduction options continued. The review of the EU regulation on Soil and growing media was continued. Further tasks were distributed to the working group members.

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5. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 17 July 2014, via Webconference.

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health
Minutes of the 10th meeting of the Working Group on soil and growing media
Université Libre Bruxelles (ULB), 13-14 05 2014
(Agreed on 28 10 2014)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Jean Claude GREGOIRE, Christer MAGNUSSON, David MAKOWSKI, Françoise PETTER, Vittorio ROSSI, Jan SCHANS.
- **EFSA:**
 - ALPHA Unit: Sybren VOS

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion EFSA-Q-2013-00405

(<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionsListLoader?unit=PLH>)

The working group discussed the progress performed in the different tasks undertaken. In particular the working group screened for relevance the results of the extensive literature search regarding the effectiveness of control measures and the identification of the risk reduction options continued. An update was provided on the Soil and Growing media and associated pests inventories, and on the progress of the review of the EU regulation. Further tasks were distributed to the working group members.

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5. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 13 June 2014, via Webconference.

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health
Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Working Group on soil and growing media
Web meeting, 09 04 2014
(Agreed on 14 05 2014)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Jean Claude GREGOIRE, Christer MAGNUSSON, David MAKOWSKI (Chair), Vittorio ROSSI, Jan SCHANS.
- **EFSA:**
 - ALPHA Unit: Sybren VOS

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Scientific topic for discussion EFSA-Q-2013-00405

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The working group discussed the progress performed in the different tasks undertaken. In particular the working group screened for relevance the results of the extensive literature search regarding the effectiveness of control measures and the identification of the risk reduction options continued. Further tasks were distributed to the working group members.

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5. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 13 and 14 May 2014, in Brussels.

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health
Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Working Group on soil and growing media
EFSA Parma, 13-14 03 2014
(Agreed on 14 05 2014)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Christer MAGNUSSON, David MAKOWSKI (Chair), Vittorio ROSSI, Jan SCHANS.
- **EFSA:**
 - ALPHA Unit: Sybren VOS

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jean Claude GREGOIRE.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion EFSA-Q-2013-00405

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The working group discussed the progress performed in the different tasks undertaken. In particular the current EU and non EU regulations on soil growing medium, the preliminary inventory of soil and growing media and the options reducing the risk to plant health posed by the introduction and movement of soil and growing media were discussed. Further tasks were distributed to the working group members.

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5. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 09 April 2014, web-meeting.

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health
Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on soil and growing media
Web meeting, 20 02 2014
(Agreed on 14 05 2014)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Jean Claude GREGOIRE, Christer MAGNUSSON, David MAKOWSKI (Chair), Vittorio ROSSI, Jan SCHANS.
- **EFSA:**
 - ALPHA Unit: Sybren VOS

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion EFSA-Q-2013-00405

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The working group discussed the progress performed in the different tasks undertaken. In particular questions of the report of the Annexes Working Group of the Standing Committee of Plant Health were addressed; the identification of the RROs continued; and the soil and growing media definition was discussed. Further tasks were distributed to the working group members.

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5. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 12 and 13 March 2014, at EFSA Parma.

PLH UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health
Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on soil and growing media
NVWA Utrecht, 03-04 02 2014
(Agreed on 20 02 2014)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Jean Claude GREGOIRE, Christer MAGNUSSON, David MAKOWSKI (Chair), Vittorio ROSSI.
- **EFSA:**
 - PLH Unit: Sybren VOS
 - Data Unit : Francesca RIOLO

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jan SCHANS.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion EFSA-Q-2013-00405

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The work progress for each task was presented and reviewed. The working group discussed a preliminary structure of a relational database that would enable a practical consultation of options for reducing the pest risk linked to the different pathways of soil and growing media. Further tasks were distributed to the working group members.

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5. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 20 February 2014, webmeeting.

PLH UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health
Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on soil and growing media
Web meeting, 18 12 2013
(Agreed on 03 02 2014)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Jean Claude GREGOIRE, Christer MAGNUSSON, David MAKOWSKI (Chair), Vittorio ROSSI.
- **EFSA:**
 - PLH Unit: Sybren VOS

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jan SCHANS

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion EFSA-Q-2013-00405

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The work progress for each task was presented and reviewed. The working group discussed the possibility for developing a relational database that would enable a practical consultation of options for reducing the pest risk linked to the different pathways of soil and growing media. Further tasks were distributed to the working group members.

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5. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 03-04 February 2014, in Utrecht the Netherlands.

PLH UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health
Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on soil and growing media
Parma, 21-22 11 2013
(Agreed on 18 12 2013)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Jean Claude GREGOIRE, Christer MAGNUSSON, David MAKOWSKI (Chair), Vittorio ROSSI, Jan SCHANS.
- **EFSA:**
 - PLH Unit: Sybren VOS
 - SAS Unit : Olaf MOSBACH-SCHULZ

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Scientific topic for discussion EFSA-Q-2013-00405

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The work progress for each task was presented and reviewed. The methodology for performing a quantitative pathway analysis was presented and discussed. Considering the numerous soil and growing media types, the many different pests involved in the study, and the data required, the working group agreed not to develop a quantitative pathway model and to adopt a more fit for purpose approach. Further tasks were distributed to the working group members.

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5. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 18 December 2013, webmeeting.

PLH UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health
Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on soil and growing media
Web meeting, 29 10 2013
(Agreed on 21 11 2013)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Jean Claude GREGOIRE, Christer MAGNUSSON, David MAKOWSKI (Chair), Vittorio ROSSI.
- **EFSA:**
 - PLH Unit: Sybren VOS

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jan SCHANS.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion EFSA-Q-2013-00405

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The progress performed in the different tasks of the preliminary work plan was discussed. Tasks were distributed to the working group members.

5. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 21 and 22 November 2013, at EFSA in Parma.

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PLH UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health
Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on soil and growing media
Web meeting, 12 09 2013
(Agreed on 29 10 2013)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Jean Claude GREGOIRE, Christer MAGNUSSON, David MAKOWSKI (Chair), Vittorio ROSSI, Jan SCHANS.
- **EFSA:**
 - PLH Unit: Sybren VOS

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion EFSA-Q-2013-00405

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The working group reviewed the literature collected and discussed the data requirements for the different tasks of the preliminary work plan. Tasks were distributed to the working group members.

5. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 29 October 2013, web meeting.

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PLH UNIT

Scientific Panel on Plant Health
Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on soil and growing media
Web meeting, 16 07 2013
(Agreed on 12 09 2013)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Jean Claude GREGOIRE, Christer MAGNUSSON, David MAKOWSKI (Chair), Vittorio ROSSI, Jan SCHANS.
- **EFSA:**
 - PLH Unit: Sybren VOS

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Scientific topic for discussion EFSA-Q-2013-00405

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The working group discussed the terms of reference of the request from the European Commission to provide a scientific opinion on the risk to plant health of soil and growing medium. A preliminary work plan was developed and agreed. Tasks were distributed to the working group members.

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5. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on 12 September 2013, web meeting.