



Editorial

Welcome to our first newsletter of EUPHRESCO-2. This is our 'continuing' EU-funded Plant Health ERA-NET which started in January 2011 and which followed on from a successful EUPHRESCO-1 project from 2006-2010. In EUPHRESCO-1, we developed the mechanisms, tools and processes for doing transnational Plant Health research, as well as actually commissioning sixteen separate research projects using funds drawn from all 23 national research programmes involved.

EUPHRESCO-2 hopes to build on our past successes, but with an enlarged partnership. We hope that the research coordination and collaboration facilitated by EUPHRESCO can help meet the many challenges that we currently face in the area of Plant Health. We will emerge in 2014 as a long-term and self-sustainable network of Plant Health research funders that can meet the challenges of the future. This first newsletter introduces EUPHRESCO-2 and reports some key activities that have occurred in the first six months - we hope you enjoy it.

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EUPHRESCO Key Facts

- ❖ EUPHRESCO (**E**uropean **P**hytosanitary **R**esearch **C**oordination) is an EU-funded ERA-NET
- ❖ It aims to better coordinate the funding of phytosanitary (statutory plant health) research at the European level in support of EU plant health policy
- ❖ EUPHRESCO-1 was funded by the EU 6th Framework Programme (FP6) from 2006-2010
- ❖ EUPHRESCO-2 is funded from the EU 7th Framework Programme (FP7) from 2011-2014
- ❖ EUPHRESCO-2 aims to be a self-sustainable network of European plant health research funders from 2014
- ❖ EUPHRESCO-2 involves a partnership of 31 leading organisations involved in funding or managing phytosanitary (quarantine/regulated Plant Health) research programmes in 22 European countries
- ❖ EUPHRESCO is a policy-led network. It has the support of the EU Council Working Party of Chief Officers of Plant Health Services. It also involves the European Commission's Directorate General for Health and Consumers (DG SANCO), the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organisation (EPPO) and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) through a Project Advisory Board.



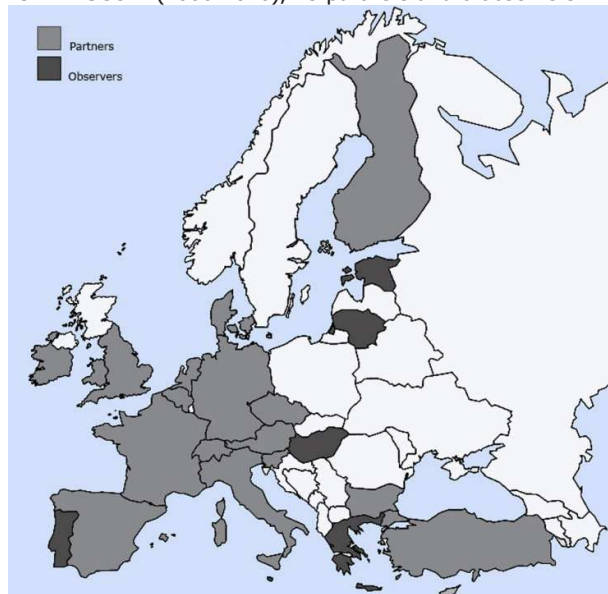
EUPHRESCO-2 – Objectives

- ❖ To consolidate, develop and **deepen** activities that build on the successful cooperation between national plant health research programmes in EUPHRESCO-1, principally:
 - Transnational research projects that extend beyond just pilot projects
 - Improved processes and tools for coordination, collaboration and communication.
- ❖ To **enlarge** the network to include additional partners both geographically and in terms of scope and commodity areas, e.g. an expansion of the representation of Forestry Plant Health and of players at a more regional level (e.g. Baltic/Nordic countries; Balkan and SE European countries), and outside Europe (more international linkages with third countries and trading partners).
- ❖ To test, refine and **strengthen** the model network structure and *modus operandi* such that a strong self-sustainable long-term network will emerge by the end of EUPHRESCO-2 in 2014.

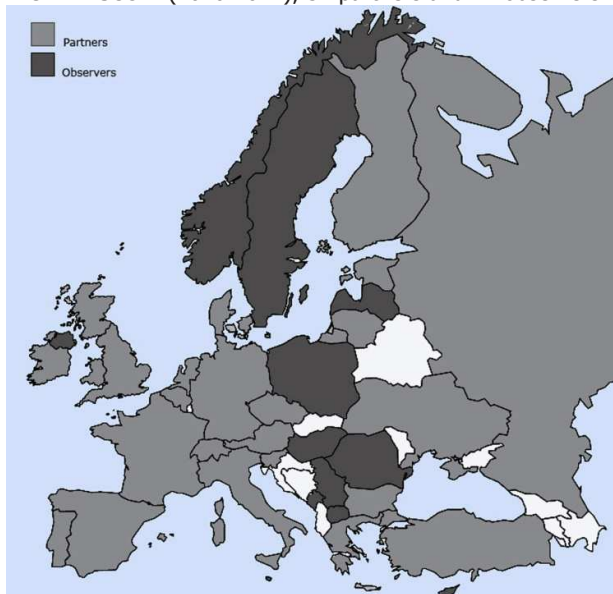
EUPHRESCO-2 – Participants

The EUPHRESCO Network has expanded from 23 partners in 17 countries (2006-2010) to 31 partners in 22 countries with 12 European Observers and 2 international Observers. Its partners are leading organisations involved with funding phytosanitary research in Europe. See Page 4 for a full list of partners.

EUPHRESCO-1 (2006-2010); 23 partners and 6 observers



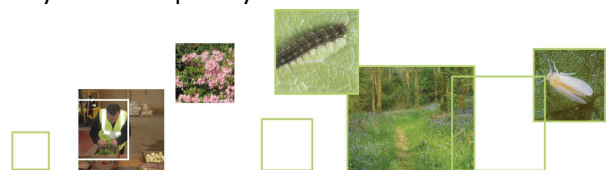
EUPHRESCO-2 (2010-2014); 31 partners and 14 observers



EUPHRESCO-2 – Launched

EUPHRESCO-2 was officially launched on 1st January 2011 and will run until April 2014. It aims to:

- ❖ Produce a strong, durable and self-sustainable network that fully incorporates existing and new members
- ❖ Coordinate national, transnational and EU funding for plant health research
- ❖ Implements joint, transnational research that best supports EU Plant Health policy (Community Plant Health Regime), operations (inspection services) and phytosanitary science capability



EUPHRESCO – Activities

Key Activities so far from EUPHRESCO-2

- ❖ EUPHRESCO-2 was launched on 1st January 2011
- ❖ EUPHRESCO's website was re-launched in 1st March 2011: it contains the key deliverables from EUPHRESCO-1, including information on completed and on-going transnational research projects, and information about EUPHRESCO-2
- ❖ The kick-off meeting and a workshop for new partners and observers were held in March 2011
- ❖ The selection of topics for the first round of transnational projects is near completion and the first projects are expected to start autumn 2011. We anticipate funding 10 separate projects at a total potential value of €2-3 million
- ❖ EUPHRESCO continues to advise on plant health research priorities for the EU 7th Framework Programme (2013 workprogramme) and Horizon 2010 (workprogrammes from 2014)

EUPHRESCO-2 – Integrating new and existing partners and observers

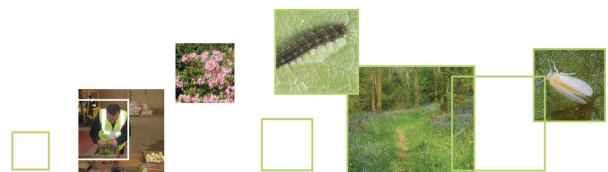
A kick-off meeting and one-day workshop was held to introduce existing and new partners and observers to themselves and to the project. The workshop was attended by 50 delegates from 27 different European countries and was opened by Niels Gøtke from the Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation (DASTI). New partners gave introductory talks about their organisations, programmes and their expectations of being part of EUPHRESCO. Old partners spoke about the achievements of EUPHRESCO-1, lessons learnt and future ambitions for EUPHRESCO-2. Niels Gøtke closed the meeting stating that it had been a great success and had provided the new partners and observers with the opportunity to better understand the benefits of EUPHRESCO.



EUPHRESCO – Advising on Plant Health research in FP7



EUPHRESCO continues to advise the European Commission on plant health research priorities for its Framework Programme (FP7 and Horizon 2020). Most recently, this resulted in a plant health call, for the 2012 FP7 Workprogramme, entitled "*Development of seed testing methods for pests and pathogens of plant health concern*" (KBBE.2012.1.2-05). Other previous plant health projects in FP7 whose inclusion was specifically proposed by EUPHRESCO include: QBOL (DNA barcoding for plant health), Q-DETECT (tools for plant health inspectors) and the recently completed PRATIQUÉ Project (pest risk analysis techniques).



EUPHRESCO – Partners

The Food and Environment Research Agency (Fera) - **COORDINATOR**

Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment & Waste Management (BMLFUW)

Austrian Agency for Health & Food Safety (AGES)

The Federal Public Service for Public Health, Food Chain Security & Environment (FPS)

Walloon Agricultural Research Centre (CRA-W)

Ministry of the Flemish Community, Institute for Agricultural & Fisheries Research (EV-ILVO)

Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry, National Service for Plant Protection (NSPP)

Ministry of Agriculture, National Agency for Agricultural Research (MZe)

Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, Danish Food Industry Agency (DFIA)

Ministry of Agriculture, Research and Development Department (MARDD)

Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry (MMM-FI)

Ministry of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries & Rurality, General Food Directorate (MAAP-DGAL)

National Institute of Agronomic Research (INRA)

The Federal Agency for Agriculture and Food (BLE)

Julius Kühn Institute (JKI)

Benaki Phytopathological Institute (BPI)

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (DAFF)

Ministry of Agricultural & Forestry Policy (MiPAAF)

Agricultural Research Council (CRA)

Ministry of Agriculture (MoA)

Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation (EL&I)

Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation, Plant Protection Service (NPPS)

Instituto Nacional de Recursos Biológicos (INRB)

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food (MAFF)

Ministry of Science and Innovation, National Institute for Agricultural and Food Research (INIA)

Federal Office of Agriculture, Division of Research & Extension (FOAG)

Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs, DG of Agriculture Research (MARA-GDAR)

Forestry Commission, Forest Research (FR)

Scottish Government, Science and Advise for Scottish Agriculture (SASA)

Institute of Plant Protection Ukrainian Academy of Agrarian Sciences (IPP UAAS)

All-Russian Plant Quarantine Centre (FGU VNIIEKR)

Country

UK



Austria



Austria

Belgium



Belgium

Bulgaria



Czech Rep



Denmark



Estonia



Finland



France



France

Germany



Germany

Greece



Ireland



Italy



Italy

Lithuania



Netherlands



Netherlands

Portugal



Slovenia



Spain



Switzerland



Turkey



UK



UK-Scotland



Ukraine



Russia



EUPHRESCO – Observers

EUPHRESCO-2 has 14 Observers: 12 governmental organisations from 11 European countries; and 2 international observers (CABI and USDA). See www.euphresco.org for more details.

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