

	EUROPEAN COMMISSION RESEARCH AND INNOVATION DG	Periodic Report
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Project Acronym: EUPHRESKO

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COORDINATION II

Periodic Report

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PROJECT PERIODIC REPORT

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Declaration by the scientific representative of the project coordinator (1)

I, Dr. Alan Inman THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS , as scientific representative of the coordinator of the project EUPHRESCO and in line with the obligations as stated in Article II.2.3 of the Grant Agreement declare that:

The project has achieved most of its objectives and technical goals for the period with relatively minor deviations.

The attached periodic report represents an accurate description of the work carried out in this project for this reporting period.

The public website is up to date.

To my best knowledge, the financial statements which are being submitted as part of this report are in line with the actual work carried out and are consistent with the report on the resources used for the project (section 6) and if applicable with the certificate on financial statement.

All beneficiaries, in particular non-profit public bodies, secondary and higher education establishments, research organisations and SMEs, have declared to have verified their legal status. Any changes have been reported under section 5 (Project Management) in accordance with Article II.3.f of the Grant Agreement.

Name	Dr. Alan Inman THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS
Date	28/01/2014

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1. Publishable summary

Summary description of project context and objectives

The overall aim of EUPHRESKO-II is to produce a strong, durable and self-sustainable network that: fully incorporates existing and new members; coordinates 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.

The main objectives of EUPHRESKO-II are as follows:

- To strengthen the basis for a self-sustainable network through the testing of a model network structure and modus operandi such that a strong and fully self-sustainable network will emerge after 2013 with a critical mass and network structure that ensures a permanent dialogue and cooperation between funders.
- To consolidate, develop and deepen current activities that build on the successful cooperation and collaboration between national plant health research programmes in the first EUPHRESKO Project. This would be done through the following: improved process, platforms and linkages that are fit-for-purpose in the context of future self-sustainability; continued transnational research that further demonstrates and builds confidence in the mechanisms, processes, added value and benefits of transnational research for supporting Plant Health policy, operations (inspection services) and science; continued optimisation of limited (in many cases declining) national resources for plant health research.
- 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 potentially outside Europe (more international linkages with third countries and trading partners).

Description of work performed and main results

- WP1: The project started on 1 January 2011; all contracts have been signed, the first payment has been received and all partners have been paid.
- WP1: The Project website was re-launched (www.euphresco.org) in January 2011.
- WP1: The first project meeting (kick-off meeting) was held on 24-25 March 2011 in Copenhagen. The first Project Management Group (PMG) meeting was held on 24-25 February 2011 and the second PMG Meeting was held on 23 March (the day before the kick-off meeting).
- WP1: The third project management group meeting was held on 28 September 2011 and the fourth on 16 February 2012 (the day after the second annual project meeting).
- WP1: The second annual project meeting was held on 14–15 February 2012 in Rome.
- WP1: The EU Council Working Party of Chief Officers of Plant Health Services (COPHS) met on the 6 and 7 June to discuss EUPHRESKO's future. A poster session detailing EUPHRESKO's achievements and transnational projects past, current and future was held.
- WP1: Initial ideas and plans for the final dissemination conference have been gathered.
- WP2: the network is being implemented. The modus operandi for the future long-term sustainable network and the common strategic agenda continue to be developed.
- WP2: Discussions about EPPO and/or DG SANCO providing some support for the long-term EUPHRESKO network have taken place.
- A 'special' workshop to develop the details of possible future governance of EUPHRESKO will

was held on 15 May 2012 at JKI in Braunschweig.

- WP3: The timetable and procedure for the second round (2012 round) of research initiation were established with assistance from PMG.
- WP3: EUPHRESKO partners, observers and advisors provided suggestions for research topics of the second round (2012 round) of research initiation through the newly developed online-tool on the EUPHRESKO homepage. Subsequently potential funders indicated a first prioritisation of research topics by joining topic suggestions using the online tool.
- WP4: Most EUPHRESKO partners have enlisted to collaborate in one or more of the task groups that will produce the deliverables; demonstrating commitment and interest.
- WP4: An internal workshop was organised to coincide with the second PMG meeting being held in Paris at the Eppo HQ at the end of September 2011. It primarily discussed issues relating to the use of the website as a platform.
- WP4: As previously reported, the WP4 description of work has been substantially revised and is included in this report. The revisions were agreed and finalised by the PMG as a number of the deliverables were seen to be duplicating work already carried out and some were deemed to be no longer urgent. The amendments focus on the facilitation of transnational cooperation to meet EUPHRESKO's main objective.
- WP5: A special workshop for new partners was held alongside the kick-off meeting. New partners have chosen mentors from the old EUPHRESKO-1 partners.
- WP5: Three further workshops have been held. One in Tallinn 1–2 December 2011, exploring regionalisation of specific plant health problems in the region of the Baltic Sea and Nordic countries. One in Vienna 17–18 January 2012, exploring EUPHRESKO partners mandates to fund forestry research and important forestry plant health threats and one in Sofia 28–29 February 2012, exploring regionalisation of specific plant health problems in the region of Balkan and Eastern Europe.

Expected final results and potential impacts

Expected results and potential impact

The main expected results and impacts are:

- A deeper collaboration through further transnational research commissioning through both national and EU funding (transnational research projects), facilitated by improved mechanisms, processes and tools.
- An enlarged collaboration and cooperation through an increased number of partners, and the formation of a long-term self-sustainable EUPHRESKO Network.

Strategic impact

The European added value of EUPHRESKO-II lies in supporting and enhancing the European research area that underpins the Community Plant Health Regime (CPHR). This Regime is currently being reviewed by the Commission and member states.

Impact on the Structure of the Phytosanitary Research Area

Prior to the first EUPHRESKO Project, there was no coordination of national plant health research programmes. This was despite plant health policy being determined at the EU level and the need to have policy underpinned by sound science. EUPHRESKO-II will have the following on-going or new impacts on EU-level structuring of the plant health research area:

- A continued systematic sharing of information between national programme funders/managers.
- The continued development of strategic research agendas based on shared priorities on which joint trans-national activities can be based.
- An effective coordination of national, trans-national and EU-funded research that ensures the optimal deployment and use of funds for plant health research.
- A strengthening of more regionally-based cooperation between countries with similar climates, plant species and problems, as well as including more EU border countries.
- A strengthening of cooperation and coordination of research on specific plant sectors, especially forest plant health that was previously under-represented.
- A strengthening of potential international cooperation with researchers (at the project level) or

national funders (at the programme level) in third countries that either face similar plant health problems, or are potential sources of quarantine pests for the EU.

- The continuing development of common, proven tools and instruments for initiating and delivering trans-national research projects.
- A proven model for a long-term, self-sustainable network that will facilitate a permanent dialogue between funders, key stakeholders and end-users of the research (a long-term, self-sustainable EUPHRESKO Network beyond 2014).
- EUPHRESKO-II will continue to identify and address barriers to trans-national research.

Impact on National Research Programmes and Science Programmes

EUPHRESKO-II will have significant impacts and benefits for existing and new national phytosanitary research programmes, phytosanitary science programmes/services and research providers, as follows:

- Optimisation of national programme funds by preventing duplication and by increasing funding power through the pooling of national resources to achieve best research results.
- Building national research capacity and scientific expertise through collaborative trans-national research projects.
- Contributing to the increased cooperation between diagnostic laboratories, national phytosanitary science programmes and inspection services through trans-national research and the sharing of research outputs.
- Encouraging and helping facilitate, where possible, the setting up of national phytosanitary research programmes in European countries where they do not currently exist.

Impact on EU Plant Health Policy

- EUPHRESKO-II will more effectively provide customised and rapid answers to policy-makers.
- It will also provide tools for inspection services dealing with regulated and emerging pests, thereby enabling more effective implementation of policy.
- EUPHRESKO-II will also involve policy-makers (and other key stakeholders and end-users) more directly in the process of identifying and prioritising research needs.

Impact on EU Exports and Competitiveness

Improved research coordination will contribute to:

- Better trade facilitation by: helping to prevent the introduction and establishment of new pests and diseases in the EU; providing diagnostic tools to facilitate the export of plant material.
- Reducing the socio-economic impacts of quarantine plant pests by helping prevent their introduction and spread with the EU and Europe.

Measuring impact and success

At the end of the Project, the success of EUPHRESKO-II will be measured against or by its:

- Objectives and Deliverables
- Success criteria and verifiable indicators.
- Independent evaluation of impact carried out under Workpackage 5.

Project public website address:

www.euphresco.org

2. Core of the report

Project objectives, Work progress and achievements, and project management during the period

The Project Summary Pdf document contains the core of the report.

3. Deliverables and milestones tables

Deliverables (excluding the periodic and final reports)										
Del. no.	Deliverable name	Version	WP no.	Lead beneficiary	Nature	Dissemination level	Delivery date from Annex I (proj month)	Actual / Forecast delivery date	Status	Comments
1	Governance bodies	1.0	1	THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS	Other	PP	3	25/10/2011	Submitted	
2	6-monthly interim reports	1.0	1	THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS	Report	PP	6	25/10/2011	Submitted	
3	E-newsletters	1.0	1	THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS	Other	PU	7	25/10/2011	Submitted	
4	Full Project meetings	1.0	1	THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS	Other	PP	12	25/10/2011	Submitted	
5	Project Management Group meetings	1.0	1	THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS	Other	PP	3	25/10/2011	Submitted	
6	Publicity leaflets	1.0	1	THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND R	Other	PU	8	03/04/2012	Submitted	

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7	1st Periodic project report and cost statements	0.0	1	THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS	Report	PP	18	30/06/2012	Not submitted	
8	2nd (final) Periodic report and cost statements	0.0	1	THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS	Report	PP	39	31/03/2014	Not submitted	
9	Final dissemination conference	0.0	1	THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS	Other	PU	38	28/02/2014	Not submitted	
10	Final project report	0.0	1	THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS	Report	PP	39	31/03/2014	Not submitted	
1	NMG portfolios	0.0	2	JULIUS KUHN-INSTITUT BUNDESFORSCHUNGSINSTITUT FÜR KULTURPFLANZEN	Other	PP	3	31/03/2011	Not submitted	
2	First evaluation of modulus operandi	0.0	2	JULIUS KUHN-INSTITUT BUNDESFORSCHUNGSINSTITUT FÜR KULTURPFLANZEN	Report	PP	15	31/03/2012	Not submitted	
3	Second evaluation of modulus operandi	0.0	2	JULIUS KUHN-INSTITUT BUNDESFORSCHUNGSINSTITUT FÜR KULTURPFLANZEN	Report	PP	27	31/03/2013	Not submitted	

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4	Final network structure and modus operandi	0.0	2	JULIUS KUHN-INSTITUT BUNDESFORSCHUNGSINSTITUT FUR KULTURPFLANZEN	Other	PU	38	28/02/2014	Not submitted	
5	Strategic research agenda and tool box	0.0	2	JULIUS KUHN-INSTITUT BUNDESFORSCHUNGSINSTITUT FUR KULTURPFLANZEN	Other	PU	38	28/02/2014	Not submitted	
1	First round of topics and calls	1.0	3	OSTERREICHISCHE AGENTUR FUR GESUNDHEIT UND ERNAHRUNGSSICHERHEIT GMBH	Other	PU	13	03/04/2012	Submitted	
2	Second round of topics and calls	0.0	3	OSTERREICHISCHE AGENTUR FUR GESUNDHEIT UND ERNAHRUNGSSICHERHEIT GMBH	Other	PU	25	31/01/2013	Not submitted	
3	Third round of topics	0.0	3	OSTERREICHISCHE AGENTUR FUR GESUNDHEIT UND ERNAHRUNGSSICHERHEIT GMBH	Other	PP	34	31/10/2013	Not submitted	
4	Time inputs for activities	0.0	3	OSTERREICHISCHE AGENTUR FUR GESUNDHEIT UND ERNAHRUNGSSICHERHEIT GMBH	Report	PP	38	28/02/2014	Not submitted	

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1	Tackling Phytosanitary Emergencies	0.0	4	EIGEN VERMOGEN VAN HET INSTITUUT VOOR LANDBOUW EN VISSE RIJONDERZOEK	Report	PP	8	31/08/2011	Not submitted	Merged with D4.12
2	Engagement with professional organisations	0.0	4	Ministere de l'alimentation, de l'agriculture et de la peche	Other	PU	11	30/11/2011	Not submitted	Deliverable revised
3	Website as a platform	0.0	4	Ministere de l'alimentation, de l'agriculture et de la peche	Report	PP	12	31/12/2011	Not submitted	
4	Addressing barriers to collaboration	0.0	4	EIGEN VERMOGEN VAN HET INSTITUUT VOOR LANDBOUW EN VISSE RIJONDERZOEK	Report	PP	12	31/12/2011	Not submitted	
5	Criteria for prioritization	0.0	4	Ministere de l'alimentation, de l'agriculture et de la peche	Report	PP	16	30/04/2012	Not submitted	Deliverable revised
6	Access to science infrastructure	0.0	4	PLANTENZIEKTENKUNDIGE DIENST	Report	PU	18	30/06/2012	Not submitted	Deliverable revised
7	PPP-Round Table	0.0	4	MINISTERIE VAN ECONOMISCHE ZAKEN, LANDBOUW EN INNOVATIE	Other	PU	18	30/06/2012	Not submitted	Deliverable revised
8	Novel cooperation	0.0	4	EIGEN VERMOGEN VAN HET INSTITUUT VOOR LANDBOUW EN VISSE RIJONDERZOEK	Report	PP	21	30/09/2012	Not submitted	

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9	Private sector involvement	0.0	4	MINISTERIE VAN ECONOMISCHE ZAKEN, LANDBOUW EN INNOVATIE	Report	PP	23	30/11/2012	Not submitted	Deliverable revised
10	Phytosanitary intelligence	0.0	4	Ministere de l'alimentation, de l'agriculture et de la peche	Report	PP	30	30/06/2013	Not submitted	Deliverable revised
11	Scientific workshops	0.0	4	Ministere de l'alimentation, de l'agriculture et de la peche	Other	PU	30	30/06/2013	Not submitted	Deliverable revised
12	Roles and responsibilities	0.0	4	MINISTERIE VAN ECONOMISCHE ZAKEN, LANDBOUW EN INNOVATIE	Report	PU	31	31/07/2013	Not submitted	Merged with D4.1
13	Benefits from adjacent research areas	0.0	4	PLANTENZIEKTENKUNDIGE DIENST	Report	PU	36	31/12/2013	Not submitted	Deliverable revised
1	Kick-off meeting for new partners/observers	1.0	5	MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DANISH FOOD INDUSTRY AGENCY	Other	RE	3	25/10/2011	Submitted	
2	'Forestry plant health' and 'regional' workshop	0.0	5	MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DANISH FOOD INDUSTRY AGENCY	Other	PP	14	29/02/2012	Not submitted	
3	Merging plan for 3rd countries	0.0	5	MINISTRY OF FOOD, AG	Report	PP	12	31/12/2011	Not submitted	

				RICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DANISH FOOD INDUSTRY AGENCY					
4	Cooperation concept report	0.0	5	MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DANISH FOOD INDUSTRY AGENCY	Report	PP	24	31/12/2012	Not submitted

Milestones

Milestone no.	Milestone name	Work package no	Lead beneficiary	Delivery date from Annex I	Achieved Yes/No	Actual / Forecast achievement date	Comments
1	Consortium agreement	1	1	31/03/2011	Yes	31/03/2011	Signed documents
2	Governing board and project advisory board	1	1	31/03/2011	Yes	31/03/2011	Confirmed
3	EUPHESCO website	1	1	31/03/2011	Yes	31/03/2011	Updated website
4	Kick off meeting	1	1	31/03/2011	Yes	31/03/2011	Minutes
5	1st Annual Meeting	1	1	31/12/2011	Yes	31/12/2011	Minutes
6	2nd Annual Meeting	1	1	31/12/2012	Yes	31/12/2012	Minutes
7	3rd Annual Meeting	1	1	28/02/2014	No	24/03/2014	
8	18 month periodic report	1	1	30/06/2012	Yes	28/01/2014	
9	39 month periodic report	1	1	31/03/2014	No	30/05/2014	
10	NMG and portfolios set up	2	15	01/01/2011	Yes	01/01/2011	Scope leadership and membership of portfolios finalised; MO operational
11	1st Review of network operations, management	2	15	29/02/2012	Yes	29/02/2012	Internal evaluation for GB consideration

	and functions						
12	2nd Review of network operations, management and functions	2	15	28/02/2013	No	28/02/2013	Internal evaluation for G B consideration
13	Final review of network operations management and functions	2	15	31/12/2013	No	31/12/2013	Internal evaluation for G B consideration
14	Strategic research agenda and revised tools agreed by Partners	2	15	28/02/2014	No	31/03/2014	Discussed at final project meeting
15	Funding consortia for first round topics	3	3	31/07/2011	Yes	31/07/2011	List of funders per topic
16	Topic descriptions for 1st round of topics	3	3	30/11/2011	Yes	30/11/2011	Completed descriptions with funding mechanism; letters of intent from funders
17	Launch calls for 1st round of topics	3	3	31/01/2012	Yes	31/01/2012	Calls published or non-competitive projects initiated
18	1st round of projects commissioned	3	3	30/06/2012	Yes	30/06/2012	Signed contracts
19	Funding consortia for 2nd round of topics	3	3	31/07/2012	No	31/07/2012	
20	Topic descriptions for 2nd round of topics	3	3	30/11/2012	No	30/11/2012	
21	Launch calls for 2nd round of topics	3	3	31/01/2013	No	31/01/2013	
22	2nd round of projects commissioned	3	3	30/06/2013	No	30/06/2013	
23	Topic descriptions for 3rd round of topics	3	3	31/10/2013	No	31/10/2013	
24	Analysis of network inputs for transnational calls/projects	3	3	28/02/2014	No	28/02/2014	
25	List of criteria for prioritising organisations	4	21	31/08/2011	No	31/08/2011	Deleted
26	Report on how to deal	4	21	28/02/2014	No	28/02/2014	

	with emergency problems						
27	Report and recommendations on accessibility to, and improving of, plant health research/science information	4	21	31/08/2011	No	31/08/2011	Deleted
28	Final validation of functions or modules of the web-based platform	4	21	31/12/2011	No	30/09/2012	
29	Report on identifying and addressing barriers to trans-national cooperation	4	21	28/02/2014	No	28/02/2014	
30	Presentation to professional science networks association	4	21	31/12/2011	No	31/12/2011	Deleted
31	National round tables held between public and private stakeholders to explore areas of research related	4	21	30/06/2012	No	30/06/2012	
32	Report on novel ways for transnational research collaboration	4	21	30/06/2013	No	30/06/2013	
33	Scientific workshops held between NPPO scientists and other science suppliers	4	21	31/10/2012	No	31/10/2012	Deleted
34	Engagement of (semi) public stakeholders (eg EC SANCO EPPO and EFSA)	4	21	28/02/2014	No	28/02/2014	
35	Module for enabling early warning of pest problems for fast track research	4	21	30/09/2012	No	30/09/2012	Deleted
36	Report on linkages and potential cooperation between plant health and similar research	4	21	30/09/2013	No	30/09/2013	Deleted

	domains						
37	A kick off workshop for new partners observers	5	33	31/03/2011	Yes	31/03/2011	
38	Action plan for forestry plant health collaboration	5	33	29/02/2012	Yes	29/02/2012	
39	Merging plan for 3rd countries	5	33	31/12/2011	Yes	31/12/2011	
40	Contacts established with 3rd countries that are key sources of pests	5	33	31/12/2011	No	31/12/2011	

4. Explanation of the use of the resources

The **explanation on the use of resources** was removed from the scientific periodic reports in SESAM. These details now have to be entered in the cost statement forms in FORCE instead.

Attachments	EUPH2 - 18-month report FINAL - 03 04 13.pdf
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