

Tool box and Strategic Research Agenda

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The tools developed for launching calls are open access on the Euphresco website

The address below has the full range of tools developed under both Euphresco I and II

<http://www.euphresco.org/public/publications/index.cfm?id=109>

The tools developed to trial all the mechanisms in Euphresco II are presented in the address below

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Strategic Research Agenda

A meeting was held to discuss the long term sustainability of the Euphresco Network

Considerations for the future EUPHRESCO network under the umbrella of EPPO

The role of the future network

- Coordination of plant health research in its partner countries and ensuring best use of national plant health funds
- Implementation of transnational research
- Ensuring the complementary with EU funded research
- Communication between different networks, projects and organisations to avoid doubling of work and to get best results from combined efforts

Needed for the implementation of the calls:

Call Secretariat – Even so most administrative work should be done via the website, personnel deployment will be necessary, e.g.

- Rejection of projects without additional partners or a topic coordinator
- Coordination of reviewers (allocation of topic to specific reviewers, forwarding of their comments to the project coordinator etc.)
- Supervising the deadlines

Advantages:

- EPPO has experience in coordination and administration of groups

- EPPO has experience in organising workshops etc.
- EPPO combines many members with a broader scope than the original EUPHRESKO
- EPPO members are national plant protection organisations with a good background in plant health issues
- EPPO and its members are important stakeholders of plant health
- For some EUPHRESKO members it could be easier to give fees (e.g. membership fees for the network) to an organisation as EPPO than to another country

Possible problems:

- EPPO members are national plant protection services – therefore stakeholders
- Conflicting interests could arise
- EUPHRESKO members are research funders! The autonomy of this role has to be retained.