

2-3, 8-10, 15-17, 30 May and 6 June 2024

MINUTES - Agreed on 6 June 2024

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Katharina DEHNEN-SCHMUTZ (10 May; 6 June)  
Gianni GILIOLI  
Pablo GONZALEZ (30 May; 6 June)  
Maria Luisa PARACCHINI (6 June)  
Alessandro PORTALURI (10 May, 30 May, 6 June)
- EFSA:  
PLANTS Unit: Maria RIBAYA, Sara TRAMONTINI

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes. The dates of 8 and 9 May initially planned as physical meetings were replaced by webmeetings due to logistic issues.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

This set of meetings was dedicated to the resolution of a series of methodological aspects involving both the general process and method applied to the production of data under the Priority Pests mandate. With this scope, a series of physical meetings was set in order to review and complete the guidance document "Report on the methodology applied by EFSA to provide a quantitative assessment of pest-related criteria required to rank candidate priority pests as defined by Regulation (EU) 2016/2031".

Another set of occasions was dedicated to the other methodological framework for assessing the environmental impact: this additional output will have a broader scope, allowing the provision for a methodology applicable to subjects also outside the specific mandate of priority pests.

A third type of meetings was set in order for the working group members to prepare material and tasks to be in place for next meeting working group event, when a number of hearing experts will join the working group at EFSA premises to test the new methodology on impact on ecosystem services.

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## **V. Next meeting**

The next meeting on environmental impact indicators will be held on 11-13 June 2024, at EFSA.

29, 30 April and 16 May 2024

15.00 – 18.00 | 15.00 – 18.30 | 15.00 – 18.30

MINUTES - Agreed on 4 June 2024

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
David MAKOWSKI
  
- Hearing experts:  
Thierry CANDRESSE  
Marc FUCHS  
Robert MARTIN  
Josef SPAK  
Ioannis TZANETAKIS
  
- EFSA:  
PLANTS Unit: Federica BALDASSARRE, Alexandre NOUGADERE (chair)

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The participants reviewed the available evidence provided in the dossiers on blueberry leaf mottle virus (*Nepovirus myrtilli*). Further literature and direct experience were shared. After the presentation and agreement of scenarios assumptions, the participants were involved in the expert knowledge elicitation process (Sheffield method) in order to obtain a quantitative assessment on i) range of expansion, ii) duration of the lag phase, iii) potential impact on the main pest hosts.

## V. Next meeting

The next meeting (on *Acleris minuta*, *A. semipurpurana*, *Choristoneura fumiferana*, *C. parallela*) will be held on 5 June 2024, online.

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18 April and 27, 29 May 2024

14.00 – 17.00 | 9.00 – 13.00 | 8.30 – 13.30

MINUTES - Agreed on 4 June 2024

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
David MAKOWSKI
  
- Hearing experts:  
Maria BERGSMA-VLAMI  
Jaime CUBERO  
Thomas DESLANDES  
Eva FORNEFELD  
Marine GUERRET  
Stéphane POUSSIER
  
- EFSA:  
PLANTS Unit: Federica BALDASSARRE, Alexandre NOUGADERE (chair)

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The participants reviewed the available evidence provided in the dossier on *Ralstonia pseudosolanacearum*. Further literature and direct experiences were shared. After the presentation and agreement of scenarios assumptions, the participants were involved in the expert knowledge elicitation (Sheffield method) in order to obtain a quantitative assessment on i) spread rate, ii) duration of the lag phase, iii) potential impact on the main pest hosts.

## V. Next meeting

The next meeting (on *Acleris minuta*, *A. semipurpurana*, *Choristoneura fumiferana*, *C. parallela*) will be held on 5 June 2024, online.

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16, 18, 22, 23 and 24 April 2024

9:00-13:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 24 April 2024

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Gianni GILIOLI
  
- Hearing experts:  
Irene BARNES  
Johanna BOBERG  
Paolo GONTHIER (except for 18 April)  
Hugo MAS  
Carla PIMENTEL  
Daniel RIGLING  
Cécile ROBIN (except for 22 and 23 April)  
Christelle ROBINET (except for 22-24 April)  
Joan WEBBER
  
- EFSA:  
PLANTS Unit: Federica BALDASSARRE, Sara TRAMONTINI (chair)

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The participants reviewed the available evidence provided in the dossiers on *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus*, *Bretziella fagacearum* and *Pseudocercospora pini-densiflorae*. Further literature and direct experience were shared.

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After the presentation and agreement of scenarios assumptions, the participants were involved in the expert knowledge elicitation process (Sheffield method) in order to obtain a quantitative assessment on i) range of expansion, ii) duration of the lag phase, iii) potential impact on the main pest hosts.

## **V. Next meeting**

The next meeting (on *Ralstonia pseudosolanacearum*) will be held on 18 April 2024, online.

19–22 February 2024

09:00-18:00 | 09:00-18:00 | 09:00-13:00 | 14:00-15:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 22 February 2024

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Katharina DEHNEN-SCHMUTZ (Day 3)  
Gianni GILIOLI  
Pablo GONZALEZ (Day 3)  
Maria Luisa PARACCHINI (Day 3)  
Alessandro PORTALURI (Day 3)  
Bethan PURSE (Day 3)
- EFSA:  
PLANTS Unit: Sara TRAMONTINI

## **I. Welcome and apologies for absence**

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## **II. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

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## **IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

The first two days of meeting took place at EFSA premises, with the main scope of proceeding with the methodological framework and corresponding supporting document. Further *ad hoc* discussion sessions were organised in order to solve a number of aspects related to the calculation of the overall impact on ecosystem services and biodiversity. The definition of the structural biodiversity indicator was given and revised on Day 3 with the whole group of experts. Furthermore, during Day 3 Alessandro Portaluri presented the last version of the matrix to the group, describing theoretical framework, further improvements and new features.

During Day 4 a meeting with the JRC group was handled in order to present the finalisation of the indicators for the Environmental Domain of the I2P2.

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## **V. Next meeting**

The next meeting on environmental impact indicators will be held on May 2024, online.



01 February 2024

14:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 01 February 2024

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Katharina DEHNEN-SCHMUTZ  
Gianni GILIOLI  
Pablo GONZALEZ  
Maria Luisa PARACCHINI  
Alessandro PORTALURI  
Bethan PURSE
- EFSA:  
PLANTS Unit: Sara TRAMONTINI

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Bethan PURSE.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Further updates on the methodological document were shared and discussed.  
The matrix for *Popillia japonica* was continued discussing some specific aspects.

## V. Next meeting

The next meeting on environmental impact indicators will be held on 19-22 February 2024, first two days at EFSA and second two online.

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11 and 24 January 2024

09:00-11:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 24 January 2024

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Katharina DEHNEN-SCHMUTZ  
Gianni GILIOLI  
Pablo GONZALEZ  
Maria Luisa PARACCHINI  
Alessandro PORTALURI  
Bethan PURSE
- EFSA:  
PLANTS Unit: Sara TRAMONTINI

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Maria Luisa PARACCHINI and Bethan PURSE for both days and from Alessandro PORTALURI for the second day.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

During the first day the experts assessed the potential impact of *Popillia japonica* in the generator column and in some additional cells that could also work as generator cells in certain circumstances. The need to move from the concept of generator column to that of generator cells was evaluated.

During the second day the methodological document was reviewed by participants and points requiring improvement or clarifications were highlighted. A new version of the text will be made available to the group by the second part of February.

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## **V. Next meeting**

The next meeting on environmental impact indicators will be held on 1 February 2024, online.

10, 12, 15 and 17 January 2024

14:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 17 January 2024

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Stephen PARNELL
- Hearing experts:  
Jaime CUBERO  
Marianne LOISEAU  
Elena PEREZ  
Antonio VICENT CIVERA
- EFSA:  
PLANTS Unit: Federica BALDASSARRE, Maria RIBAYA MUÑOZ, Sara TRAMONTINI

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The participants reviewed the available evidence provided in the dossiers on *Candidatus Liberibacter*, *Phyllosticta citricarpa* and *Xanthomonas citri*.

Further literature and direct experience were shared.

After the presentation and agreement of scenarios assumptions, the participants were involved in the expert knowledge elicitation process (Sheffield method) in order to obtain a quantitative assessment on i) range of expansion, ii) duration of the lag phase, iii) potential impact on the main pest hosts.

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## **V. Next meeting**

The next meeting (on environmental impact indicators) will be held on 26 January 2024, online.

22 December 2023

09:00-16:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 22 December 2023

**Location:** EFSA, Parma

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Gianni GILIOLI  
Alessandro PORTALURI
- EFSA:  
PLANTS Unit: Sara TRAMONTINI

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The experts discussed the improvement of the matrix, finalised the review started during previous meeting, agreed on required amendments to the approach in order to achieve automatisation and harmonisation of impact assessment among different type of pests (e.g. forestry vs. agricultural pests). Tasks were agreed and distributed among participants in order to provide to all WG members an updated version of the files by the beginning of 2024.

## V. Next meeting

The next meeting on environmental impact indicators will be held on 11 and 24 January 2024, online.

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14, 15, 18 and 20 December 2023  
11, 16, 25 January 2024 (9:00-12:00)  
MINUTES - Agreed on 25 January 2024

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Member:  
David MAKOWSKI
- Hearing Experts:  
Natalia KIRICHENKO (except 14/12 and 15/12)  
Robert MEAGHER (14/12 and 15/12)  
Alejandro TENA  
Marja VAN DER STRATEN
- EFSA:  
PLANTS Unit: Federica BALDASSARRE, Alexandre NOUGADERE, Daria RZEPECKA

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Working Group performed an expert knowledge elicitation (EKE) on the potential spread and impact of the union quarantine pests *Spodoptera frugiperda*, *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* and *Dendrolimus sibiricus*, to prepare EFSA reports to support ranking of EU candidate priority pests.

The project and parameters to be assessed were presented by EFSA. The participants reviewed the evidence provided in the draft report. Further literature search and direct experience were shared. The experts were then involved in the EKE (Sheffield method) in order to obtain a quantitative estimation of a) Potential impact on the main pest hosts i.e. crop yield reduction, b) Duration of the lag phase, c) Rate of expansion.

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## **V. Next meeting**

The next meeting on environmental impact indicators will be held on 22 December 2023, online.



13-15 December 2023

09:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 15 December 2023

**Location:** EFSA, Parma

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Gianni GILIOLI  
Alessandro PORTALURI
- EFSA:  
PLANTS Unit: Sara TRAMONTINI

## **I. Welcome and apologies for absence**

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## **II. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

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## **IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

The experts worked in the methodological report, by reviewing the already published report, integrating with the new sections and harmonizing structure and content. The matrix functions and features were further discussed and corrected by introducing the concept of "generator column". Tasks were agreed and distributed among participants in order to provide to the WG members new material for discussion by the beginning of 2024.

## **V. Next meeting**

The next meeting on environmental impact indicators will be held on 22 December 2023, online.

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4 and 5 December 2023  
11:00-13:00, 09:00-13:00  
MINUTES - Agreed on 5 December 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Katharina DEHNEN-SCHMUTZ  
Gianni GILIOLI  
Pablo GONZALEZ  
Maria Luisa PARACCHINI  
Alessandro PORTALURI
- EFSA:  
PLANTS Unit: Sara TRAMONTINI

## **I. Welcome and apologies for absence**

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## **II. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

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## **IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

The experts rediscussed the methodology applied to the matrix and future advancements given by the automation of part of the process. Strengths, shortcomings and further aspects to be defined were discussed by the group, including the medium term planning for 2024.

## **V. Next meeting**

The next meeting on environmental impact indicators will be held on 13-15 December 2023 at EFSA premises.

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27 and 28 November and 4 December 2023

14:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 5 December 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Alexander MASTIN
  
- Hearing experts:  
Vicente DALMAU SORLI  
Antoon LOOMANS  
Charles VINCENT
  
- EFSA:  
PLANTS Unit: Federica BALDASSARRE, Daria RZEPECKA, Sara TRAMONTINI

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The participants reviewed the available evidence provided in the dossier on *Anthonomus eugenii* and *Conotrachelus nenuphar*.

Further literature and direct experience were shared.

After the presentation and agreement of scenarios assumptions, the participants were involved in the expert knowledge elicitation process (Sheffield method) in order to obtain a quantitative assessment on i) range of expansion, ii) duration of the lag phase, iii) potential impact on the main pest hosts.

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## V. Next meeting

The next meeting (elicitation on *Dendrolimus sibiricus*, *Spodoptera frugiperda* and *Thaumatotibia leucotreta*) will be held on 14, 15, 18, 20 December 2023, online.

22 and 23 November and 5 December 2023  
14:00-18:00, 9:00-13:00, 13:30-17:30  
MINUTES - Agreed on 5 December 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Gianni GILIOLI
- Hearing experts:  
Donato BOSCIA  
Domenico BOSCO  
Blanca LANDA  
Vicente DALMAU SORLI
- EFSA:  
PLANTS Unit: Federica BALDASSARRE, Alexandre NOUGADERE, Daria RZEPECKA, Sara TRAMONTINI

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The participants reviewed the available evidence provided in the dossier on *Xylella fastidiosa*. Further literature and direct experience were shared. After the presentation and agreement of scenarios assumptions, the participants were involved in the expert knowledge elicitation process (Sheffield method) in order to obtain a quantitative assessment on i) range of expansion, ii) duration of the lag phase, iii) potential impact on the main pest hosts.

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## V. Next meeting

The next meeting (elicitation on *Anthonomus eugenii* and *Conotrachelus nenuphar*) will be held on 27, 28 November and 4 December 2023, online.

21 November, 11 and 12 December 2023

9:00-13:00 | 8:00-14:00 | 8:00-14:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 15 December 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Member:  
David MAKOWSKI
- Hearing Experts:  
Antoon LOOMANS  
Shovon SARKAR  
Luciana TAVELLA  
Lucia ZAPPALA
- EFSA:  
PLANTS Unit: Federica BALDASSARRE, Alexandre NOUGADERE, Daria RZEPECKA

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Working Group performed an expert knowledge elicitation (EKE) on the potential spread and impact of the union quarantine pests *Bactericera cockerelli* and *Thrips palmi*, to prepare EFSA reports to support ranking of EU candidate priority pests.

The project and parameters to be assessed were presented by EFSA. The participants reviewed the evidence provided in the draft report. Further literature search and direct experience were shared. The experts were then involved in the EKE (Sheffield method) in order to obtain a quantitative estimation of a) Potential impact on the main pest hosts i.e. crop yield reduction, b) Duration of the lag phase, c) Rate of expansion.

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## V. Next meeting

The next meeting on *Xylella fastidiosa* will be held on 22 December 2023, online.

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13, 16, and 17 November 2023

09:00-13:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 30 November 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
David MAKOWSKI
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Sylvie MALEMBIC-MAHER  
Cristina MARZACHI  
Gudrun STRAUSS
- EFSA:  
PLANTS Unit: Federica BALDASSARRE, Alexandre NOUGADERE, Daria RZEPECKA, Sara TRAMONTINI
- Others:  
CREA: Luca FERRETTI

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Working Group meeting aimed to conduct an expert knowledge elicitation (EKE) on the potential spread and impact of the union quarantine pest *Grapevine flavescence dorée*, in order to prepare a EFSA Pest report to support ranking of EU candidate priority pests.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

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<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



The participants reviewed the evidence provided in the draft report. The context and objective of the project was presented by EFSA. The definitions of the parameters to be evaluated and the elicitation method were explained. The participants were then involved in the EKE (Sheffield method) in order to obtain a quantitative estimation of a) Potential impact on the main pest hosts i.e. crop yield reduction, b) duration of the lag phase, c) rate of expansion. The EKE considered both general and specific scenarios.

Further literature search and direct experience were shared. A review of the draft report, before and after the elicitation, was conducted.

## **V. Next meeting**

The next meeting (elicitation on *Bactericera cockerelli*, *Thrips palmi*) will be held on 21 November 2023, online.

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16 October 2023

09:00-11:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 16 October 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Katharina DEHNEN-SCHMUTZ  
Gianni GILIOLI  
Pablo GONZALEZ  
Maria Luisa PARACCHINI  
Alessandro PORTALURI
- EFSA:  
PLANTS Unit: Sara TRAMONTINI

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

This session has as a main scope the finalisation of the matrix dedicated to *Agrilus planipennis* and based on individual expert judgements reviewed by the whole group to reach a consensus credibility range for each combination ecosystem/ecosystem service. Further aspects to be clarified and defined were identified by the group.

## V. Next meeting

The next meeting on environmental impact indicators will be held on 4 and 5 December 2023, online.

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3, 4, 6 and 13 October 2023

9:00-13:00, 9:00-13:00, 14:00-18:00, 9:00-13:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 13 October 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Eduardo DE LA PEÑA
- Hearing experts:  
Marc DE MEYER  
Josep JAQUES  
Nikos PAPADOPOULOS
- EFSA:  
PLANTS Unit: Federica BALDASSARRE, Alexandre NOUGADERE, Daria RZEPECKA, Sara TRAMONTINI

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The participants reviewed the available evidence provided in the dossiers on *Anastrepha ludens*, *Bactroctera dorsalis*, *Bactroctera zonata* and *Rhagoletis pomonella*.

Further literature and direct experience were shared.

After the presentation and agreement of scenarios assumptions, the participants were involved in the expert knowledge elicitation process (Sheffield method) in order to obtain a quantitative assessment on i) range of expansion, ii) duration of the lag phase, iii) potential impact on the main pest hosts.

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## V. Next meeting

The next meeting (elicitation on *Grapevine flavescence dorée*) will be held on 13, 16, 17 November 2023, online.

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28 September 2023

15:00-17:30

MINUTES - Agreed on 28 September 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Katharina DEHNEN-SCHMUTZ  
Gianni GILIOLI  
Pablo GONZALEZ  
Maria Luisa PARACCHINI  
Alessandro PORTALURI
- EFSA:  
PLANTS Unit: Sara TRAMONTINI

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The individually filled matrices completed with the example of *Agrilus planipennis* were compared by participants in a single document. The assessment was then performed at group level taking into account the different perspectives and observations. Discussion and clarifications helped identifying the aspects to be better developed in the methodological guidelines. The exercise will be finalised within a second session.

## V. Next meeting

The next meeting on environmental impact indicators will be held on 16 October 2023, online.

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13 September 2023

9:00-12:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 13 September 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Katharina DEHNEN-SCHMUTZ  
Gianni GILIOLI  
Pablo GONZALEZ  
Maria Luisa PARACCHINI  
Alessandro PORTALURI
- EFSA:  
PLANTS Unit: Roumiana KRUSTEVA, Daria RZEPECKA, Sara TRAMONTINI

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The new matrix structure and functionality was discussed with Alessandro Portaluri, joining the working group with the scope to develop the appropriate tool to the quantitative assessment of impact on ecosystem services caused by an invasive plant pest. The theoretical framework was shared with the working group members and the implementation discussed.

## V. Next meeting

The next meeting on environmental impact indicators will be held on 28 September 2023, online.

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7 September 2023

09:00-12:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 7 September 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Gianni GILIOLI
  
- EFSA:  
PLANTS Unit: Sara TRAMONTINI

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The proposal for a new methodology to assess the potential impact on ecosystem service and biodiversity caused by candidate priority pests was further developed, based on the feedbacks collected from the working group.

The expert worked on the preparatory material supporting presentations to hearing experts and working group members.

The biodiversity indicators connected to the effect on Natura2000 sites and species were defined further.

Preparatory work to the completion of the matrix calculator was discussed and tasks and deadlines distributed.

## V. Next meeting

The next meeting about environmental impact indicators will be held on 13 September 2023, webconference.

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21, 23 and 25 August 2023

16:00-18:00

MINUTES – Agreed on 25 August 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Eduardo DE LA PEÑA  
Gianni GILIOLI  
David MAKOWSKI  
Alex MASTIN  
Stephen PARNELL
- Hearing experts:  
Marteen DE GROOT  
Christian MACQUARRIE  
Deborah MCCULLOUGH  
Claire RUTLEDGE
- EFSA:  
PLANTS Unit: Alexia ANTONIOU, Roumiana KRUSTEVA, Alexandre NOUGADERE, Daria RZEPECKA, Sara TRAMONTINI

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The participants reviewed the available evidence provided in the dossiers on *Agrius anxius* and *Agrius planipennis*. Further literature and direct experience were shared.

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After the presentation and agreement of scenarios assumptions, the participants were involved in the expert knowledge elicitation process (Sheffield method) in order to obtain a quantitative assessment on i) range of expansion, ii) duration of the lag phase, iii) potential impact on the main pest hosts.

Working group members who will be assigned to the role of elicitors to next experts elicitation sessions participated as observers in order to get acquainted with the application of the methodology and procedure with the hearing experts.

## **V. Next meeting**

The next meeting (elicitation on *Anastrepha ludens*, *Bactrocera dorsalis*, *Bactrocera zonata*, *Rhagoletis pomonella*) will be held on 3, 4, 6, 13 October 2023, online.

14 and 17 July 2023  
14:00-16:00, 9:00-15:00  
MINUTES - Agreed on 17 July 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Gianni GILIOLI
- Hearing experts:  
Alessandro BIANCHI  
Maarten DE GROOT
- EFSA:  
MESE Unit: Selam ALEMU  
PLANTS Unit: Alexia ANTONIOU, Roumiana KRUSTEVA, Alexandre NOUGADERE, Daria RZEPECKA, Sara TRAMONTINI

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The participants reviewed the available evidence provided in the dossiers on *Anoplophora chinensis*, *Anoplophora glabripennis* and *Aromia bungii*.

Further literature and direct experience were shared.

After the presentation and agreement of scenarios assumptions, the participants were involved in the expert knowledge elicitation process (Sheffield method) in order to obtain a quantitative assessment on i) range of expansion, ii) duration of the lag phase, iii) potential impact on the main pest hosts.

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## V. Next meeting

The next meeting (elicitation on *Agrilus anxius* and *Agrilus planipennis*) will be held on 21, 23 and 25 August 2023, online.

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28-30 June 2023

16:00-20:00, 16:00-20:00, 14:00-20:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 30 June 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Gianni GILIOLI
  
- Hearing experts:  
Mariangela CIAMPITTI  
Davide MARTINETTI  
Daniel POTTER
  
- EFSA:  
MESE Unit: Selam ALEMU, Olaf MOSBACH-SCHULZ  
PLANTS Unit: Alexia ANTONIOU, Roumiana KRUSTEVA, Sara TRAMONTINI

## **I. Welcome and apologies for absence**

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## **II. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

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## **IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

The participants reviewed the available evidence provided in the dossier on *Popillia japonica*. Further literature and direct experience were shared.

After the presentation and agreement of scenarios assumptions, the participants were involved in the expert knowledge elicitation process (Sheffield method) in order to obtain a quantitative assessment on i) range of expansion, ii) duration of the lag phase, iii) potential impact on the main pest hosts.

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## V. Next meeting

The next meeting (elicitation on *Anoplophora chinensis*, *Anoplophora glabripennis*, *Aromia bungii*) will be held on 14 and 17 July 2023, online.

12 June 2023

9:00-13:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 12 June 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Katharina DEHNEN-SCHMUTZ  
Gianni GILIOLI  
Pablo GONZALEZ  
Maria Luisa PARACCHINI  
Bethan PURSE
  
- EFSA:  
MESE Unit: Olaf MOSBACH-SCHULZ  
PLANTS Unit: Alexia ANTONIOU, Roumiana KRUSTEVA, Sara TRAMONTINI

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The working group analysed the completed matrix on *Anoplophora chinensis* including all the individual scores provided by the different experts. Shortcomings and points to be improved were identified during the review.

## V. Next meeting

The next meeting (elicitation on *Popillia japonica*) will be held on 28-30 June 2023, online.

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22 May 2023

11:00-16:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 22 May 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Katharina DEHNEN-SCHMUTZ  
Gianni GILIOLI  
Pablo GONZALEZ  
Maria Luisa PARACCHINI  
Bethan PURSE
- EFSA:  
MESE Unit: Olaf MOSBACH-SCHULZ  
PLANTS Unit: Alexia ANTONIOU, Roumiana KRUSTEVA, Sara TRAMONTINI

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Maria Luisa PARACCHINI.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The working group members defined the scoring system to be adopted after considering a number of options. For the testing phase a double approach will be used: i) the credibility range for quantifying the percentage of reduction in ecosystem service flow, ii) the chance of having an impact above a certain threshold (in this case 5%).

The matrix will be tested on *Anoplophora chinensis* taking into account the most updated report provided by the contractor, amending the previous report produced during the first mandate on priority pests<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>3</sup> EFSA, Baker Richard, Gianni Gilioli, Behring Carsten, Candiani Denise, Gogin Andrey, Kaluski Tomasz, Kinkar Mart, Mosbach-Schulz Olaf, Neri Franco Maria, Preti Stefano, Rosace Maria Chiara, Siligato Riccardo, Stancanelli Giuseppe, & Tramontini Sara. (2019). *Anoplophora chinensis*—Pest Report and Datasheet to support ranking of EU candidate priority pests [Data set]. Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.2785766>





## **V. Next meeting**

The next meeting about environmental impact indicators will be held on 12 June 2023, online.

8 and 12 May 2023  
9:00-16:00, 12:00-16:00  
MINUTES - Agreed on 12 May 2023

**Location:** Webconference (day 1), University of Brescia (day 2)

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Katharina DEHNEN-SCHMUTZ (day 1)  
Gianni GILIOLI (day 1 and day 2)  
Pablo GONZALEZ (day 1)  
Maria Luisa PARACCHINI (day 1)  
Bethan PURSE (day 1)
- EFSA:  
MESE Unit: Olaf MOSBACH-SCHULZ  
PLANTS Unit: Alexia ANTONIOU, Roumiana KRUSTEVA, Sara TRAMONTINI

## **I. Welcome and apologies for absence**

EFSA welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Maria Luisa PARACCHINI.

## **II. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## **IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

After having shared the new methodology to the JRC and DG SANTE representatives, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April, and having received a preliminary positive feedback, the working group is now required to finalise the methodological framework and test it on a series of case studies.

The main point of discussion for the meeting at day 1 was the definition of the calculation system. Two potential levels of resolution were considered:

- Quantify the credible range of the expected change in the average flux of ecosystem services
- Identify those ecosystem services that are affected by the pest in the relevant ecosystems

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The working group considered pros and cons of the two alternatives and will check feasibility towards dedicated case studies.

The working group members endorsed the new proposals and agreed on its presentation to JRC and DG SANTE representatives during next meeting organised by EFSA on 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2023. During day 2 (when only the external expert Gianni Gilioli participated) further advancements were made in the preparation of the methodological framework and a new draft was finalised for circulation to the other experts.

Further meetings are planned in order to apply the methodology on different pests.

## **V. Next meeting**

The next meeting about environmental impact indicators will be held on 22 May 2023, online.

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30 March 2023

14:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 30 March 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Katharina DEHNEN-SCHMUTZ  
Gianni GILIOLI  
Pablo GONZALEZ  
Maria Luisa PARACCHINI  
Bethan PURSE
  
- EFSA:  
MESE Unit: Olaf MOSBACH-SCHULZ  
NIF Unit: Ana MARTIN CAMARGO  
PLANTS Unit: Alexia ANTONIOU, Roumiana KRUSTEVA, Sara TRAMONTINI

## **I. Welcome and apologies for absence**

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## **II. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

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## **IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

An advanced version of the methodology including the new indicators on biodiversity losses was presented and discussed among participants,.

The experts reviewed also the reference table on the ecosystem services connected with CICES V5.1 framework.

The working group members endorsed the new version and agreed on its presentation to JRC and DG SANTE representatives during next meeting organised by EFSA on 13 April 2023.

Based on the received feedbacks, the working group will decide how to develop further the approach and the amount of resources to be dedicated to the activity.

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## **V. Next meeting**

The next meeting about environmental impact indicators will be held on 2 May 2023, webconference.

17 March 2023

14:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 17Mach 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Gianni GILIOLI
  
- EFSA:  
PLANTS Unit: Sara TRAMONTINI

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The proposal for a new methodology to assess the potential impact on ecosystem service and biodiversity caused by candidate priority pests was further developed, after the previous meeting of 1-3 March.

The expert worked on the integration of the different components and combination with the other steps of the priority pest methodology.

The biodiversity indicators connected to the effect on Natura2000 sites and species were investigated further.

A new draft to be circulated to all working group members at the beginning of next week.

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## **V. Next meeting**

The next meeting about environmental impact indicators will be held on 30 March 2023, webconference.

1-3 March 2023

14:00-18:00 / 08:30-17:30 / 09:00-13:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 3 March 2023

**Location:** EFSA - Parma (Meeting Room 00/M04)/Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Katharina DEHNEN-SCHMUTZ  
Gianni GILIOLI  
Pablo GONZALEZ  
Maria Luisa PARACCHINI  
Bethan PURSE
  
- EFSA:  
MESE Unit: Olaf MOSBACH-SCHULZ  
NIF Unit: Ana MARTIN CAMARGO  
PLANTS Unit: Alexia ANTONIOU, Roumiana KRUSTEVA, Sara TRAMONTINI, Sybren VOS

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

During Day 1 the experts reviewed the approach applied during the previous mandate on priority pests. Specific requirements linked to the resources and time constraints were highlighted, underlying the importance of developing a methodology consistent and integrated with what already put in place by the JRC during the previous mandate.

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During Day 2 the new approach and concepts were integrated in a matrix considering the combination of the ecosystem services and different ecosystems, in line with already recognized frameworks.

Between Day 2 and Day 3 the method was tested on the two regulated priority pests *Anoplophora chinensis* and *Spodoptera frugiperda*. Strengths and shortcomings were identified and discussed by the group.

At the end of the meeting, tasks were distributed among participants in order to finalize the methodological framework to be presented to the JRC.

## **V. Next meeting**

The next meeting about environmental impact indicators will be held on 17 March 2023, via web.

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06 February 2023

10:30-12:30

MINUTES - Agreed on 06 February 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Gianni GILIOLI
  
- EFSA:  
NIF Unit: Ana MARTIN CAMARGO  
PLANTS Unit: Sara TRAMONTINI

## **I. Welcome and apologies for absence**

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## **II. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

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## **IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

The tables for the evidence extraction and review used as supporting tool during the expert knowledge elicitation (EKE) activity were analyzed considering potential aspects for improvement. The opportunity to integrate changes and potential consequences to the contractor's activity were taken into account.

The agenda for the meeting dedicated to the review and definition of potential environmental impact indicators to be included in the I2P2 was defined. Tasks in support to the organization of the meeting were agreed and distributed among participants.

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## **V. Next meeting**

The next meeting about environmental impact indicators will be held from 1 to 3 March 2023, at EFSA.

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30 January 2023

9:00-18:00

MINUTES – Agreed on 03 February 2023

**Location:** Parma, EFSA, Meeting Room 00/M03) + Hybrid

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Gianni GILIOLI
  
- Hearing experts from CREA:  
Francesco BINAZZI  
Concetta CARDILLO  
Flavio LUPIA  
Giuseppe MAZZA  
Iraj NAMDARIAN (online)  
Francesco PAOLI  
Nicoletta PUCCI  
Giuseppe PULIGHE  
Chiara SCIANDRA  
Antonio TIBERINI (online)  
Francesco TURILLAZZI
  
- EFSA:  
MESE Unit: Olaf MOSBACH-SCHULZ  
NIF Unit: Ermolaos VERVERIS  
PLANTS Unit: Alexia ANTONIOU, Melanie CAMILLERI, Alice DELBIANCO, Ciro GARDI,  
Ignazio GRAZIOSI, Agata KACZMAREK, Tomasz KALUSKI, Roumiana KRUSTEVA, Julia  
LOPEZ, Andrea MAIORANO, Marina MARTINO, Sara TRAMONTINI, Sybren VOS  
TS Unit: Alexandre NOUGADERE

**I. Welcome and apologies for absence**

EFSA welcomed the participants.

**II. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without major changes.

**III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

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#### **IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

The main scope of the meeting was to define in detail the collaboration between EFSA and CREA in the context of the mandate of Priority Pests. For this reason, activity plan, tasks and final products were thoroughly reviewed and discussed among participants as a follow up of the grant agreement kick-off meeting conducted online in December 2022.

Furthermore, the occasion allowed EFSA presenting a series of activities and projects within CREA remit and on which participants expressed specific interest: climate suitability analysis for plant pests, pest risk assessment, toolkit for plant pest surveillance, high risk plants, insects as a novel food source.

Finally, further tasks and deadlines were distributed and agreed among participants.

#### **V. Next meeting**

The next WG meeting will be held on 6 February 2023, online.

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16 January 2023

14:00-16:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 20 January 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Katharina DEHNEN-SCHMUTZ  
Gianni GILIOLI  
Pablo GONZALEZ  
Maria Luisa PARACCHINI  
Bethan PURSE
- Join Research Center (JRC-Seville):  
Jesus BARREIRO HURLE  
Fabiola DI BARTOLO  
Emilio RODRIGUEZ-CEREZO  
Berta SANCHEZ  
Kevin SCHNEIDER
- EFSA:  
MESE Unit: Olaf MOSBACH-SCHULZ  
NIF Unit: Ana MARTIN CAMARGO  
PLANTS Unit: Alexia ANTONIOU, Roumiana KRUSTEVA, Sara TRAMONTINI, Sybren VOS

## **I. Welcome and apologies for absence**

EFSA welcomed the participants.

## **II. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

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#### **IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

This was the first meeting dedicated to review the environmental impact indicators of I2P2 for this second mandate of Priority Pests.

The mandate and specific tasks of this group were presented by EFSA.

The I2P2 structure and details about the environmental impact indicators applied during the first mandate were presented by the JRC. Clarifications about specific aspects were provided to participants.

#### **V. Next meeting**

The next meeting of the mandate will be held on 30 January 2023, at EFSA.

The next meeting about environmental impact indicators will be held from 1 to 3 March 2023, at EFSA.

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UNIT of Plant Health and Pesticides Residues

## PLANTS UNIT

### MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PRIORITY PESTS

**Held on 6 December 2022, Parma (IT)**

**(Agreed on 6 December 2022)<sup>1</sup>**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:<sup>2</sup>  
Gianni GILIOLI
- Hearing Experts<sup>3</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Not Applicable
- EFSA:  
PLANTS Unit: Alexia ANTONIOU, Roumiana KRUSTEVA, Sara TRAMONTINI, Sybren VOS
- Others:  
Not Applicable

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

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<sup>2</sup> Indicate first full name and then surname (John Smith) all throughout the document.

<sup>3</sup> As defined in Article 15 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work:

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## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## 4. Scientific topics for discussion

### 4.1. Definition of steps after TASK A

The participants reviewed the feedbacks and further requests received from the Joint Research Centre (JRC) concerning the dataset provided by EFSA under Task A. Additional tasks and supporting activity were defined.

## 5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 6. Next meeting(s)

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UNIT of Plant Health and Pesticides Residues

## PLANTS UNIT

### MINUTES OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PRIORITY PESTS

**Held on 8 November 2022, Parma (IT)**

**(Agreed on 8 November 2022)<sup>1</sup>**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:<sup>2</sup>  
Gianni GILIOLI
- Hearing Experts<sup>3</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Not Applicable
- EFSA:  
MESE: Olaf MOSBACH-SCHULZ  
PLANTS Unit: Alexia ANTONIOU, Roumiana KRUSTEVA, Andrea MAIORANO, Eugenio ROSSI, Sara TRAMONTINI, Sybren VOS
- Others:  
Not Applicable

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA welcomed the participants.

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## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## 4. Scientific topics for discussion

### 4.1. Review of the mandate

The participants reviewed the mandate considering the experience gained during the previous mandate on priority pests (2017-2019).

### 4.2. TASK A of the mandate

The data extraction of all the hosts of currently regulated Union quarantine pests was presented to the participants: methodology and resulting dataset, already shared with the JRC, were reviewed and discussed.

### 4.3. TASK B of the mandate

A preliminary overview of the parameters requiring further analysis by EFSA was given: in the coming months EFSA will provide JRC with its proposals for amendments, in particular on spread, time to detection and environmental impact.

### 4.4. TASK C of the mandate

The last step of the mandate, involving Expert Knowledge Elicitation methodologies (EKE) was discussed, considering in particular

- the contribution expected from the contractor
- climate suitability analysis
- EKE dossier to be applied

## 5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 6. Next meeting(s)

Next working group meeting is scheduled for 6 December 2022.

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