

EPPO Technical bodies



Panel members are nominated by their National Plant Protection Organizations and provide independent expertise at the meetings.

Working Party on Phytosanitary Regulations

- Panel on phytosanitary measures
- Panel on Global Phytosanitary Affairs
- Panel on quarantine pests for forestry
- EWG - Core members for reviewing PRAs
- Panel on phytosanitary inspections
- Joint EPPO/OIBC Panel on biological control agents
- Panel on phytosanitary measures for potato
- Panel on Invasive Alien Plants
- Panel on plant protection information
- Panel on diagnostics and quality assurance
- Panel on diagnostics in nematology
- Panel on diagnostics in bacteriology
- Panel on diagnostics in entomology
- Panel on diagnostics in virology and phytoplasmology
- Panel on diagnostics in mycology



Working Party on Plant Protection Products

- Panel for the efficacy evaluation of fungicides and insecticides
- Panel for the efficacy evaluation of herbicides and plant growth regulators
- Panel on general standards on efficacy evaluation
- EWG on resistance to plant protection products
- EWG on harmonization of data on plant protection products
- Ad hoc EWG on extrapolation tables for minor uses



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EPPO - Profile of an International Organization

Status



The European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) is an intergovernmental organization responsible for international cooperation in plant protection in the European and Mediterranean region. In the sense of the article IX of the FAO International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), it is the Regional Plant Protection Organization for Europe. Founded in 1951 with 15 member governments, it now has 52 member governments including nearly every country of Western and Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean region.



Current EPPO member countries are shown in green

EPPO Member Countries (2024)

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| Albania | Greece | Netherlands |
| Algeria | Guernsey | Norway |
| Austria | Hungary | Poland |
| Azerbaijan | Ireland | Portugal |
| Belarus | Israel | Romania |
| Belgium | Italy | Russia |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | Jersey | Serbia |
| Bulgaria | Jordan | Slovakia |
| Croatia | Kazakhstan | Slovenia |
| Cyprus | Kyrgyzstan | Spain |
| Czechia | Latvia | Sweden |
| Denmark | Lithuania | Switzerland |
| Estonia | Luxemburg | Tunisia |
| Finland | Macedonia (FYROM) | Turkey |
| France | Malta | UK |
| Georgia | Moldova | Ukraine |
| Germany | Montenegro | Uzbekistan |
| | Morocco | |

Aims

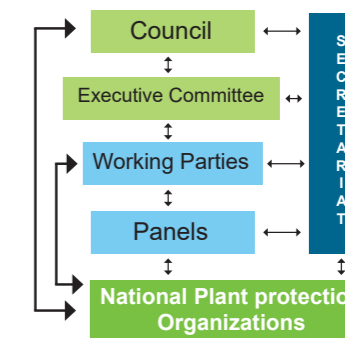


- To protect plant health in agriculture, forestry and the uncultivated environment.
- To develop an international strategy against the introduction and spread of pests (including invasive alien plants) that damage cultivated and wild plants, in natural and agricultural ecosystems.
- To encourage harmonization of phytosanitary regulations and all other areas of official plant protection action.
- To promote the use of modern, safe, and effective pest control methods.
- To provide a documentation service on plant protection.

Structure



The Organization is administered by its Executive Committee (7 governments elected on a rotational basis, meeting twice a year), under the control of its Council (representatives of all member governments, meeting once a year) headed by a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman, elected as individuals. A Secretariat of 20 persons is headed by a Director-General and Assistant Director. EPPO is financed directly by annual contributions from its member governments. Its official languages are English, French and for certain purposes Russian. EPPO is also hosting two networks: Euphresco (research funders) and the European Minor Uses Coordination Facility (MUCF).



EPPO Activities



EPPO's technical activities are directed by two Working Parties (on Phytosanitary Regulations, and on Plant Protection Products). Their respective programmes cover: limiting the spread of pests between countries (broadly plant quarantine) and harmonizing activities on plant protection products within countries. Each Working Party meets once a year. The meetings are held in member countries throughout the EPPO region.



EPPO Panel on Quarantine Pests for Forestry

The Working Parties draw up their programmes subject to the approval of the Executive Committee and Council. They assign specific tasks to Panels, composed of specialists from Member Countries nominated as individuals, which prepare detailed draft recommendations for the Working Parties. Every year, 20-25 Panel meetings are held in Paris or in scientific centres throughout the region. The technical work of the Organization depends on the active and continued participation of experts from Member Countries in the Working Party and Panel meetings. The Secretariat prepares and runs all meetings, and coordinates the activity which arises from them. It is responsible for all publication and documentation services (including computer databases).

Administration



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| Chairman | M. Kurzweil |
| Vice-Chairman | S.M. Sultanov |
| Executive Committee | |
| Cyprus, Finland, Georgia, Ireland, Netherlands, Slovakia, United Kingdom. | |
| Director-General | N. Horn |
| Assistant Director | V. Grimault |

EPPO Standards



As a result of the work being done within the different technical bodies of the Organization, EPPO makes recommendations to the National Plant Protection Organizations of its Member Governments. These recommendations are considered as Regional Standards in the sense of the IPPC. In order to ensure an international acceptance, the draft standards go through an agreed approval procedure.

All EPPO Standards are first published, as they are approved, in the EPPO Bulletin. They are also available from the EPPO website (except efficacy evaluation standards – see PP1 database) and the EPPO Global Database.

- Efficacy evaluation of plant protection products
- General phytosanitary measures
- Phytosanitary procedures
- Production of healthy planting material
- Pest Risk Analysis (PRA)
- Safe use of biological control
- Diagnostic protocols for regulated pests
- Commodity-specific phytosanitary measures
- National regulatory control systems
- Phytosanitary treatments

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EPPO Publications & Databases



EPPO Bulletin

A journal of regulatory plant protection, published by Wiley (about 560 pages per year in 3 issues). It contains:

- invited or submitted papers on topical scientific subjects
- new or unusual pest reports
- papers presented at EPPO Conferences
- EPPO Standards

EPPO Reporting Service

A monthly information report on events of phytosanitary concern (outbreaks, new pests ...). It can be obtained freely by e-mail.

EPPO Global Database

EPPO Global Database is a free online database which contains all EPPO pest-specific information: pest and plant names and their associated computer codes (EPPO Codes), geographical distributions with world maps, host plants, vectors, Standards, Reporting Service articles, datasheets & pictures.

<https://gd.eppo.int>

EPPO Platform on PRAs

This online platform includes Pest Risks Analyses (PRAs) produced by EPPO, EFSA, NPPOs and other related agencies of EPPO member countries. The aim of this platform is to share documents and information on PRA activities within the EPPO region.

<https://pra.eppo.int>

EPPO Platform on Communication Material

The aim of this platform is to share communication material prepared by NPPOs during their communication campaigns on plant health.

<https://media.eppo.int>

PP1 Database

All EPPO Standards on Efficacy Evaluation of Plant Protection Products (PP1) are now published as a web-based database. All general Standards can be accessed free of charge. Access to specific Standards (e.g. on herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, plant growth regulators) is provided for an annual fee.

<https://pp1.eppo.int>

Database on Resistance Cases

This database contains information (documented cases) on the development of resistance of pests to Plant Protection Products in the EPPO region.

<https://resistance.eppo.int>

Database on PPP Data Extrapolation

This database provides detailed lists of acceptable extrapolations in the context of the registration of plant protection products for minor uses.

<https://extrapolation.eppo.int>

Database on Diagnostic Expertise

The expertise of the EPPO member countries concerning the diagnostic of regulated pests can be retrieved from this online database (lab addresses, expert names with details about pests diagnosed and methods used).

<http://dc.eppo.int>

EPPO-Q-bank

The aim of the EPPO-Q-bank is to support diagnostic activities of NPPOs, general inspection bodies and private laboratories. It contains DNA sequences and information on specimens.

<https://qbank.eppo.int>

