

## 1. Content of the 'Topic Description' document

# 1.1. Topic area

Diagnostics, field detection, surveillance

# 1.2. Links to the Euphresco Strategic Research Agenda

The topic addresses the following objective(s) of the 2017-2022 Euphresco Strategic Research Agenda

Objective 2017 R 4.1: to velidate risk based compling methodologies for phytosopitery

Objective 2017-R-4.1: to validate risk-based sampling methodologies for phytosanitary inspections

Objective 2017-R-4.3: to test and validate the use of volatile organic compounds for early detection and pest management

Objective 2017-R-6.1: to test and validate methods for in situ detection and identification of pests

# 1.3. Topic title

Developing and assessing surveillance methodologies for Agrilus beetles

## 1.4. Description of the problem the research should solve

With the exception of emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) there is relatively little information published within the scientific literature on surveillance and monitoring protocols for the wood boring insects of the *Agrilus* genus. However, across Europe and North America there have been scattered trials and research projects undertaken in the past decade, along with anecdotal evidence of current ongoing research programmes that have started to investigate methodologies for capturing and assessing *Agrilus* spp. in a variety of contexts. This proposed Euphresco project would aim to consolidate the European/North American studies that have been conducted, and with collaboration from North American researchers start to develop monitoring tools for either specific *Agrilus* species (e.g. *A. anxius*, *A. bilineatus*, *A. biguttatus*, *A. auroguttatus*) and/or develop a more generic trapping technique for this group of wood boring insects. As well as gathering together the current knowledge on available trapping/monitoring techniques employed for *Agrilus* species, we would encourage collaborators to test trap designs with and without volatile lures in a variety of forest/woodland settings to assess the efficiency and species diversity of captures.

#### 1.5. Description of the expected results

- Collated evidence from previous European and North American Agrilus species surveillance and monitoring studies
- Progress on designing and evaluating species-specific and generic Agrilus trapping techniques
- Validated detection methods to determine specific Agrilus species presence; lures and traps will be developed, deployed and assessed to effectively trap invasive Agrilus species and allow early detection by deployment at high risk sites.

# 1.6. Beneficiaries of this research product

The project will be of benefit to NPPO's, plant health inspectors, research scientists.

#### 1.7. Research funders and research contribution/ distribution

Funding organisation	Research activity and researchers involved
Department for Environment Food and	-Project co-ordinator;
Rural Affairs, United Kingdom	-Research on trapping effectiveness in UK;



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10. Research Group for Organic	-Research on the monitoring and the control
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## 1.8. Research project partnership outside Euphresco

Euphresco funding ensures a certain level of transnational collaboration among Euphresco member countries. It is possible, if the funding consortium is interested, to contact funding organisations or research groups outside the geographical area covered by Euphresco members. The Euphresco coordinator could advertise the research topic in order to have an enlarged collaboration. If funders are interested in this possibility, please check the case below:

☐ The funding consortium of the topic mentioned in section 1.2 requires that the topic is advertised outside the Euphresco network

## 1.9. Any other relevant information on content

None



# 2. Euphresco management aspects of the project

# 2.1. Indication of the topic budget

Funding organisation <sup>a</sup>	Mechanism <sup>b</sup>	Total Budget <sup>c</sup>
1. Defra (GB)		€
2. AGES (AT)		€
3. FPS (BE)		€
4. BMEL (DE)		€
5. MOAG (IL)		€
6. INIAV (IL)		€
7. MAFF (SI)		€
8. APHIS (US)		€
9. CFS (CA)		€
10. GRAB (FR)		€
11. INSECTRONICS (GR)		€
total		€

## 2.2. Expected duration of the project (only for non-competitive topics)

24 months

2.3. Identification of project coordinator
Has the research project coordinator been identified?
⊠ Yes
□ No

# **2.4.** Any other relevant information on topic organisation and management None

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> First member is project coordinator. A minimum of two partners are necessary for each proposal. Add lines as needed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Please indicate the preferred mechanism (e.g. real pot RP; virtual pot VP; non-competitive NC), or several mechanisms if there is flexibility.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Optional, as this amount can still change in the next phase. In-kind contribution should also be indicated in this column.