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EUPHRESKO is an EU-funded ERA-NET (Coordination Action) which aims to increase cooperation and coordination of national phytosanitary (statutory plant health) research programmes at the EU level through networking of research funding activities.

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EUPHRESKO-2 is funded from the EU 7th Framework Programme (FP7) from 2011-2013. It is composed of 31 partners in 22 countries with 12 European Observer countries and 2 international Observers. Its partners are leading organisations involved with funding phytosanitary research in Europe.

EUPHRESKO aims to continue as a self-sustainable long-term network of European phytosanitary research funders after 2013.

The Eranet Euphresco initiates scientific project on regulated or emerging pest.

In this regard, a specific project is about to start on *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* and early methods of detection. The project would aim at validating published detection methods that could be used on many matrices and that could avoid nematodes extraction as such.

The PWD conference will be the best opportunity for a kick off meeting of this project including discussion with scientists and especially those involved in REPHRAME. This discussion would allow to avoid duplication of work.