



Section Potatoes – SPO

Annotated Agenda

10 October 2017

10h00 – 11h30

Riga, Latvia

Points of Agenda

I. Opening, welcome and approval of the agenda

Mr Jörg Renatus, SPO Chairman, will open the meeting and welcome the participants. The agenda (ESA_17.0518) will be proposed for approval. Participants will be asked for items to include under Any Other Business.

II. ESA Anti-Trust Guidelines

Participants will be reminded of the ESA Anti-Trust Guidelines (ESA_11.0246.1) and to act accordingly.

III. Minutes of SPO meeting 11.10.2016

The Chairman, with ESA Secretariat, will inform on the status of the minutes of SPO meeting (ESA_16.0718) held 11 October 2016. One minor editorial comment has been taken into account. Minutes can be, then, proposed to be considered as final.

IV. ESA Policy priorities

This item of the agenda covers updates of different horizontal issues of importance for the European seed sector. For each subject, participants are invited to take note of background documents. On most of the subjects, presentations will be given during one of the ESA crop section meetings as indicated.

SPO members interested in these subjects are invited to attend the respective Section meetings. All presentations will be published on ESA website after its annual meeting.

a) Focus on ePhyto

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on ePhyto (ESA_17.0629).

Participants will have the opportunity to have an insight on that topic thanks to presentations given during the meeting of the section for Potatoes (SPO):

- **“ePhyto, paperless solution for phyto certificate”** by Gerard MEIJERINK, Chair Industry Advisory Group ePhyto project

b) Plant Breeding Innovation

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on Plant Breeding Innovation (ESA_17.0632).

Participants interested in that subject are invited to attend presentations given during the General Assembly which is scheduled to take place on Tuesday October 10 from 14h00 – 16h00.

c) Intellectual Property Rights

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on Intellectual Property (ESA_17.0624) and on Brexit (ESA_17.0625).

Participants interested in that subject are invited to attend presentations given during the section for Cereals and Pulses (SCP) which is scheduled to take place on Monday October 9 from 8h30 – 10h30.

d) Research & Innovation

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on Research & Innovation (ESA_17.0626).

Participants interested in that subject are invited to attend presentations given during the section for Maize (SMA) which is scheduled to take place on Monday October 9 from 11h00 – 13h00.

e) Seed Treatment

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on Seed Treatment (ESA_17.0627).

Participants interested in that subject are invited to attend presentations given during the section for Oil and Fibre Crops (SOF) which is scheduled to take place on Monday October 9 from 14h00 – 16h00.

f) Plant Health

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on Plant Health (ESA_17.0628). Participants interested in that subject are invited to attend presentations given during the section for Fodder crops and Amenity grasses (SFG) which is scheduled to take place on Monday October 9 from 16h30 – 18h30.

g) Biodiversity

Participants are invited to take note of the background documents on:

- the Nagoya Protocol on access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization (ESA_17.0630);
- the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ESA_17.0631);
- the regulation on organic production and labelling of organic products (ESA_17.0633).

Participants interested in that subject are invited to attend presentations given during the section for Vegetable crops (SVO) which is scheduled to take place on Tuesday October 10 from 08h00 – 9h30.

V. Section specific issues

This item of the agenda covers updates of specific issues of importance for the section for potatoes.

a) Report on topics discussed this year in SPO

Participants will be invited to take note of the presentation on topics discussed this year in the section for potatoes.

b) SPO Factsheet

Participants will be reminded of the existing SPO Factsheet (ESA_16.0120).

The ESA Crop Factsheets have been developed with help of many Members, who contributed by providing facts, figures and info on several aspects of each crop. The Factsheets are available on the on the ESA website, on the crop sections.

The factsheets (4-page format) contain information on key production figures, research and development, environmental aspects as well as information on the ESA Members (both Direct and Association Members) active in those crops.

The ESA Secretariat collected feedback and comments on the first versions that were published and will update those factsheets in the coming months.

c) Priority topics to be addressed in the coming year

Participants will be reminded of the priority topics agreed for 2017.

	2017
1	Implementation revised annexes to the SMD
2	Enforcement Intellectual Property Rights – Toolkit
3	Evaluation EU legal frame work on Plant health - control measures regarding Epitrix
4	Developments on potatoes in 3rd countries

In the spring meeting, the ESA Section for Potatoes (SPO) has addressed those priorities.

It is proposed to amend the priority topics as follows:

	2018
1	Developments on potatoes in 3rd countries
2	Evaluation EU legal frame work on Plant health: - measure to Epitrix - follow up and lobby on plant protection product for seed potatoes
3	Lobby for Plant Breeding Innovation in the countries
4	Enlarge active membership from new countries: Turkey, Spain, Portugal

Participants will be invited to renew and/or amend the priorities for the coming year.

VI. International organisations

This item of the agenda covers updates of the outcomes of the latest meetings of international organisations of importance in the seed sector.

a) International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)

Participants will be invited to take note of the report by ESA Secretariat on the outcomes of interest for SPO section of the latest meetings of UPOV.

A presentation will be given by the Office of UPOV on the electronic Application Form during the meeting of the section for Oil and Fibre Crops (SOF) which is scheduled to take place on Monday October 9 from 14h00 – 16h00.

b) Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO)

Participants will be invited to take note of the report by ESA Secretariat on the outcomes of interest for SPO section of the latest meetings of CPVO.

c) United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) – international standard for certification and marketing of seed potatoes

Participants will be invited to take note of the report by ESA Secretariat on the outcomes of interest for SPO section of the latest meetings of UNECE.

VII. Any other business

Participants will be invited to share any information of interest.

VIII. Confirmation of next SPO meeting and Closure

Participants will be invited to note that the next SPO meeting is scheduled to take place on May 2nd, 2018 at ESA Office, Brussels, Belgium.

The next ESA annual congress will be held on October 8th – 9th, 2018 in Madrid, Spain.