

**PROJECT FULL TITLE:**  
**COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN REFERENCE COLLECTIONS OF  
PLANT PESTS AND  
DISEASES FOR EU PLANT HEALTH POLICY**

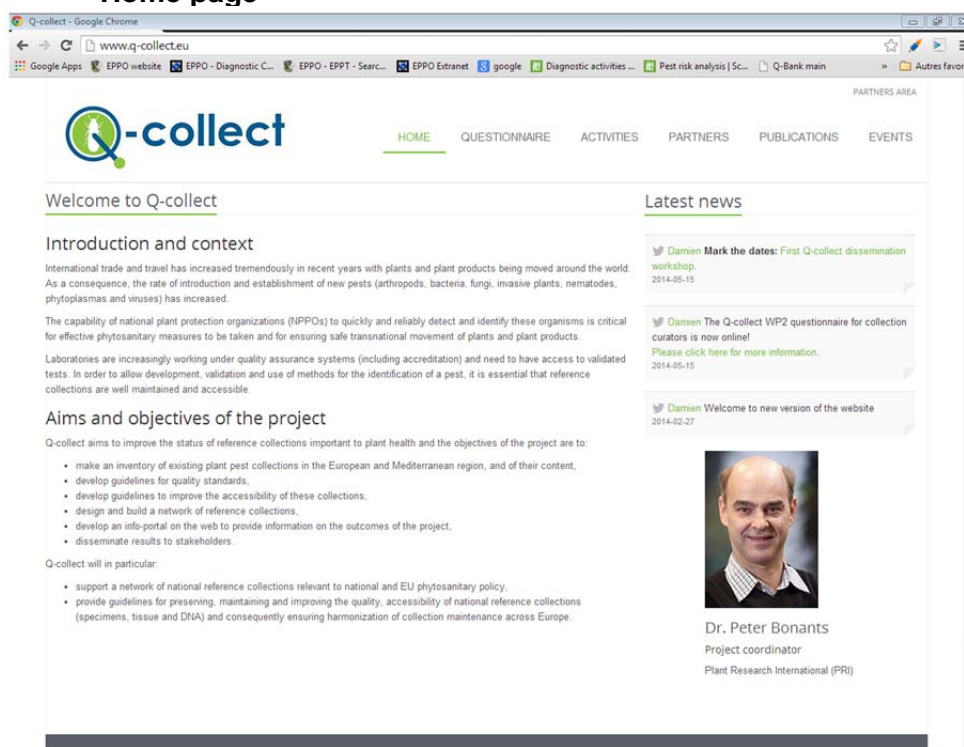
**GRANT AGREEMENT NO.: 612712**



Workpackage: WP7: Dissemination  
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A dedicated Website was established by the EPPO Secretariat. The beta version was prepared in January 2014 and was launched on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2014. The website includes general information on the project as well as links to the questionnaires organized in the framework of the project. It is regularly updated whenever needed (e.g. the section latest news was updated when the questionnaires were launched and the first project Workshop announced). It is structured as described below.

• **Home page**



- Page on the questionnaires

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### Q-collect questionnaire on collections

The survey is now closed

Q-collect has organized a questionnaire to make an inventory of collections which contain plant pests, in particular quarantine organisms, their taxonomically closely related species as well as other organisms with similar diagnostic features, also called look-alikes.

The questionnaire aimed to gather information on the nature, size, content, availability, and quality of phytosanitary collections. Based on the inventory, gaps within the collections and the quality and availability of key specimens of plant health importance will be listed with a series of proposals to address them. The results of the project will be disseminated to stakeholders.

An evaluation of the responses is being made, and results will be presented at the Q-Collect Workshop

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#### Work Package 1. Coordination

- 1.1. To coordinate project activities, including project meetings and reporting.
- 1.2. To develop and maintain the internal project webportal.
- 1.3. To manage all administrative, financial, legal and contractual aspects of the project.

Main expected deliverable: internal webportal

#### Work Package 2. Inventory

- 2.1. To make an inventory of existing relevant phytosanitary collections, by means of a questionnaire to institutions.
- 2.2. To describe the main phytosanitary relevant collections and their characteristics.
- 2.3. To identify gaps within the content of phytosanitary important collections.
- 2.4. To define strategies to fill the gaps previously identified.

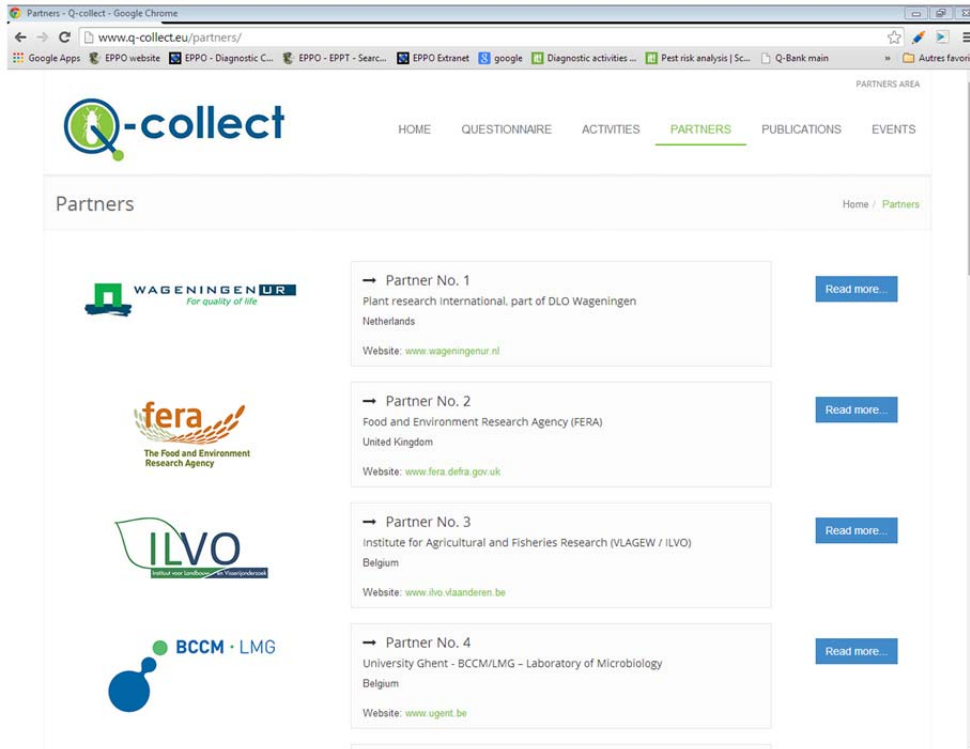
Main expected deliverable: descriptive inventory of relevant phytosanitary collections with gap analysis

#### Work Package 3. Quality Standards

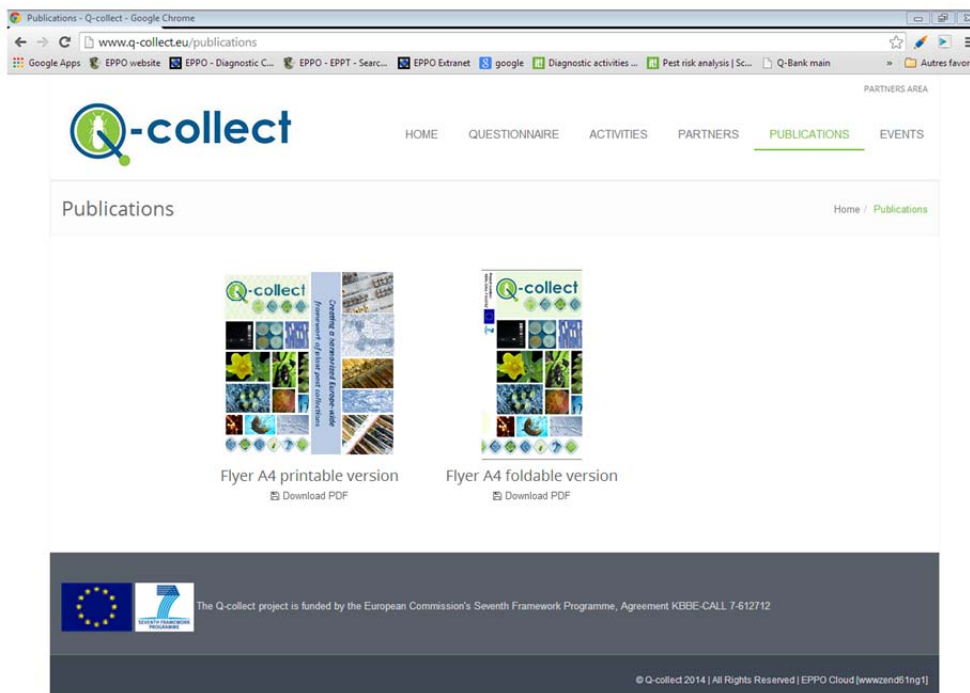
- 3.1. To review current quality control standards in the main EU collections of quarantine organisms.
- 3.2. To define and agree minimum quality standards that can be applied within the main EU collections of quarantine organisms involved in the project.
- 3.3. To produce harmonised guidelines towards achievement of recommended quality standards during preparation, conservation, shipment/access and use of reference materials of all quarantine organisms.
- 3.4. To facilitate consultation with other collections and end-users in EU Member States and EPPO countries to harmonise and increase their awareness of quality standards in provision and use of reference materials of quarantine organisms.

Main expected deliverable: harmonized guidelines on quality standards

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- Page on publications including the downloadable versions of the leaflets



- Page on events

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## Events

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### MARK THE DATE: First Q-collect dissemination workshop

2014-11-27/28 Braunschweig, Germany




Q-collect will organize two dissemination workshops. The first workshop will aim at presenting the preliminary plans toward a sustainable collaboration, coordination for the maintenance of transnational reference collections and databases. It will be organized in Braunschweig (DE) on 2014-11-27/28.

### "Kick-off" meeting EU project Q-collect

Coordination and Collaboration between reference collections of plant pests and diseases for EU Plant Health Policy

2 December 2013 Leiden, Netherlands



The first Q-collect meeting took place in Leiden (NL) on 2013-12-02. All Q-collect partners were present. All partners were reminded of their role in the project and to recall the main project objectives. The Q-collect leaflet was presented and approved as well as the logo for the project. All workpackage leaders presented their work plans for the next months. A brainstorming session was organized to determine the main subjects that should be covered in the questionnaire for collections. The questionnaire is expected to be launched in March 2014 so that the first analysis of results can be carried out before summer. The questionnaire will be made available on the Q-collect website.

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## Introduction and context

International trade and travel has increased tremendously in recent years with plants and plant products being moved around the world. As a consequence, the rate of introduction and establishment of new pests (arthropods, bacteria, fungi, invasive plants, nematodes, phytoplasmas and viruses) has increased.

The capability of national plant protection organizations (NPPOs) to quickly and reliably detect and identify these organisms is critical for effective phytosanitary measures to be taken and for ensuring safe transnational movement of plants and plant products.

Laboratories are increasingly working under quality assurance systems (including accreditation) and need to have access to validated tests. In order to allow

development, validation and use of methods for the identification of a pest, it is essential that reference collections are well maintained and accessible.



## Aims and objectives of the project

Q-collect aims to improve the status of reference collections important to plant health and the objectives of the project are to:

- 1) make an inventory of existing plant pest collections in the European and Mediterranean region, and of their content,
- 2) develop guidelines for quality standards,
- 3) develop guidelines to improve the accessibility of these collections,
- 4) design and build a network of reference collections,
- 5) develop an info-portal on the web to provide information on the outcomes of the project,

Q-collect will in particular:

- support a network of national reference collections relevant to national and EU phytosanitary policy,
- provide guidelines for preserving, maintaining and improving the quality, accessibility of national reference collections (specimens, tissue and DNA) and consequently ensuring harmonization of collection maintenance across Europe.

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## Creating a harmonized Europe-wide framework of plant pest collections

