

2026 Southern European Plant Protection Conference

Madrid, Spain

Thursday 28th- Friday 29th May 2026



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Programme Day 1 - Thursday 28th May 2026

Time in CEST



Session 1 | 09:00 - 11:00

Industry Updates: Current Regulatory Situation in the EU

- 08:00 - 09:00 Registration
- 09:00 - 09:15 Welcome and Introductions
Dr Irene McGrath
Kerona Scientific Ltd., Ireland
- 09:15 - 09:45 **Viewpoint on the current environment and upcoming developments for the regulation of PPP's in Spain**
Carlos Palomar
AEPLA, Spain
- 09:45 - 10:15 **Viewpoint of the Post-Patent Industry on the Food & Feed Safety Omnibus**
Paolo Marchesini
ECCA, Belgium
- 10:15 - 10:45 **Recent legal cases in the plant protection sector**
Adrián Parra García
Bird&Bird, Belgium
- 10:45 - 11:00 *Roundtable Q&A session*
- 11:00 - 11:30 *Coffee Break*



Session 2 | 11:30 - 13:15

Updates on Technical aspects for Consideration in Regulatory Submissions

- 11:30 - 12:00 **Challenges in soil ecotoxicological analytics and potential advances**
Ricardo Petersen Silva
ERM, Portugal
- 12:00 - 12:30 **Development of guidance documents For ecotoxicology**
José Paulo Filipe Afonso de Sousa
University of Coimbra, Portugal
- 12:30 - 13:00 **Regulatory hurdles on implementation of the new EFSA B&M guidance**
Manousos Foudoulakis
Corteva Agriscience, Greece
- 13:00 - 13:15 *Roundtable Q&A session*
- 13:15 - 14:30 *Lunch*



Session 3 | 14:30 - 16:15

The EU Southern Zone & National Considerations

- 14:30 - 15:00 **A feedback from France on the Zonal evaluation in Southern Zone**
Pierre-François Chaton
Anses, France
- 15:00 - 15:30 **Perspective from an evaluating institute in Italy**
Professor Alberto Angioni
University Cagliari, Italy
- 15:30 - 16:00 **Current developments in the regulation of PPP's in Spain**
Dr Elisa Capellán Montoto
Kaelfia Compliance Services, Spain
- 16:00 - 16:15 *Roundtable Q&A session*
- 16:15 *Finish*

Optional Dinner



After the first day of the conference, we invite you to join us for a delegates' dinner at the hotel Meliá (Avenida de América). Enjoy excellent food and some well-deserved downtime while continuing the day's inspiring conversations in a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere.

Programme Day 2 - Friday 29th May 2026

Time in CEST



Session 4 | 09:00 - 11:30

Other Related Topics

- 09:00- 09:15 Welcome back
- 09:15 - 09:45 **Legal update: Regulation of safeners and synergists**
Claudio Mereu
Bird&Bird, Belgium
- 09:45 - 10:15 **Highlights of EU 2019/1009 commercial strategy**
Ferran Soldevila
Sun Chemicals, Spain
- 10:15 - 10:45 **From Field to Tap: Assessing the Impact of Water Treatment on residues of active ingredients – The EFSA/ECHA 2023 Guidance**
Monica Locatelli
Team Mastery, Italy
- 10:45 - 11:00 *Roundtable Q&A session*
- 11:00 - 11:30 *Coffee break*



Session 5 | 11:30 - 13:30

Biocontrol Regulation in the EU

- 11:30 - 12:00 **Risk assessment for Biocontrol Pesticides**
Belén Guijarro Díaz-Otero
INIA, Spain
- 12:00 - 12:30 **"Desátame", untying the strings around biocontrol**
José Carvalho
Certis Biologicals, Portugal
- 12:30 - 13:00 **Update on biocontrol regulation**
Alessandra Moccia
IBMA, Spain
- 13:00 - 13:15 *Roundtable Q&A session*
- 13:15 - 13:30 *Closing remarks from the Conference*
Dr Irene McGrath
Kerona Scientific Ltd., Ireland
- 13:30 *Lunch*

