



8th EUFRIN Peach and Apricot WG Meeting *On-line meeting – 22 June 2026*

The EUFRIN Apricot & Peach (A&P) Working Group aims to promote collaboration and facilitate the exchange of knowledge and expertise among researchers involved in the breeding and evaluation of new cultivars. Since its establishment in 2014, the A&P Working Group has developed a collaborative EU varietal evaluation framework for peach, including a standardized set of 48 descriptors designed to harmonize cultivar performance (VCUS) assessment across different evaluation sites. The EUFRIN Apricot & Peach WG convenes biennially..

During the 8th meeting, the most advanced results of the ongoing multi-site cultivar evaluation trials will be presented. Furthermore, new descriptors for peach and apricot— developed within the framework of the EU Innobreed project, will be proposed for validation. Finally, a new initiative involving a rootstock trial for peach will be introduced.

Institutions participating to the network





PROGRAMME

14:00 – 14:10 | Welcome & Opening Remarks

14:10 – 14:25 | Introduction & Seasonal Reports

- Brief introductions by all attendees (Country, Institution, and Role).

Note: Written reports must be submitted using the template provided on June 10th to compile the WG's 2026 collective seasonal overview

14:25 – 15:40 | Scientific Presentations

Format: 12-minute presentation + 3- minutes discussion

Time	Presentation	Speaker
14:25–14:40	Comparative Analysis of Chilling Requirement Models for Peach Bloom Prediction Across the EUFRIN Network	Pavlina Drogoudi
14:40–14:55	EUFRIN Peach and Nectarine Phenotyping Network: A Multi-Criteria Framework for the Evaluation and Identification of Resilient Cultivars	Julien Ruesch
14:55–15:10	Winter Phenotyping (2023–2025): Summary of Activities and Key Findings	Gemma Reig Córdoba
15:10–15:25	Multi-Site Evaluation of Leaf Nutrient Status and Its Relationship with Agronomic Performance and Fruit Quality Traits	Celia Cantín Mardones
15:25–15:40	Proposal for a New Comparative Peach Rootstock Trial within the EUFRIN Network	Daniela Giovannini

15:40 – 16:10 | Working Group Updates & Closing

Descriptor Harmonization and Innovation

- Update on the revision of peach descriptors and presentation of a proposed set of apricot descriptors developed through the **EU Innobreed Project**. (Daniela Giovannini & Julien Ruesch)

Future Meetings

- Discussion of the next in-person Working Group meeting during the **ISHS Peach Symposium**, Colorado, USA (**5–9 July 2027**)

Closing Remarks

- Summary of key outcomes and action points

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