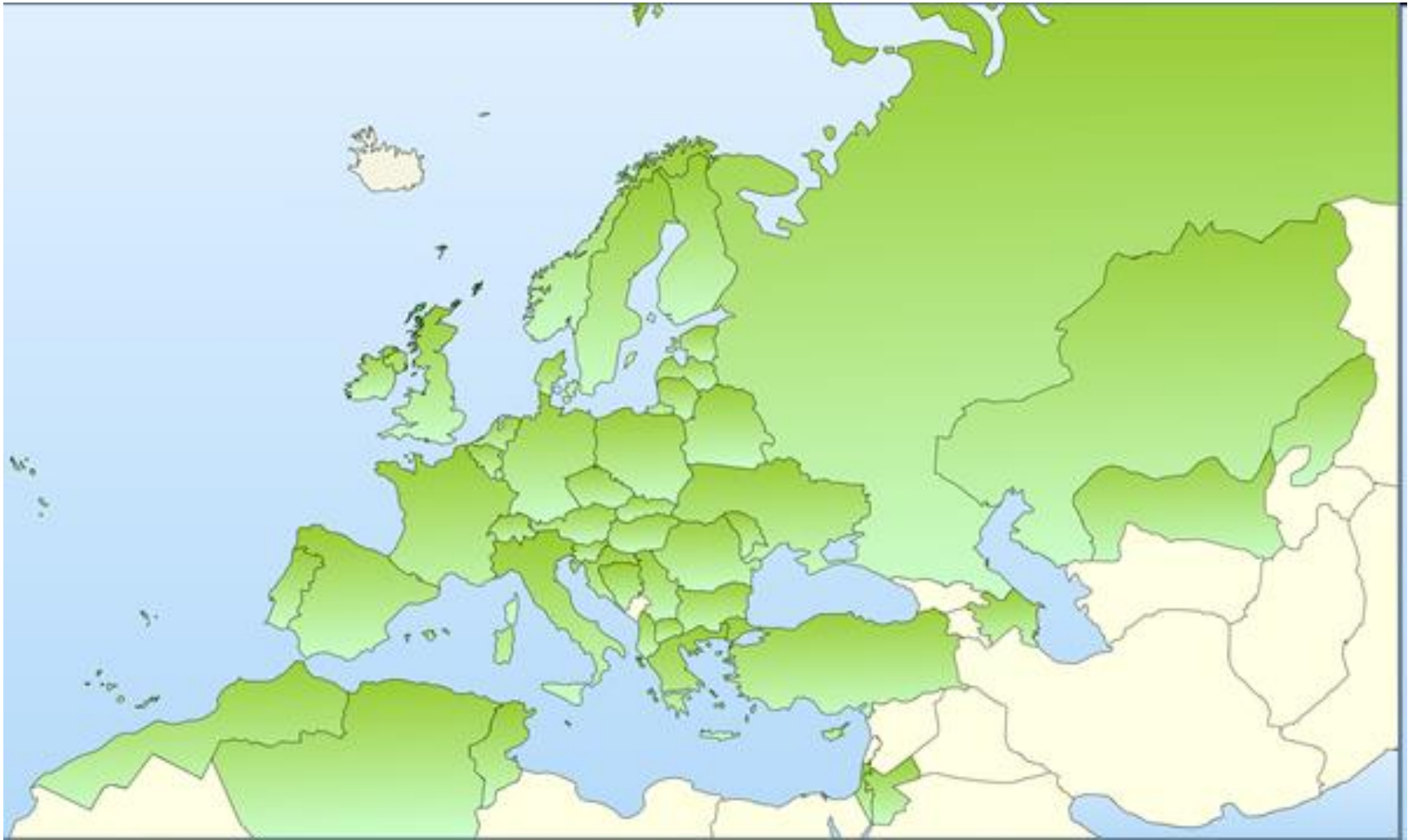




# **The European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) status ePhyto**



# EPPO's 50 member countries





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## Workshop on Electronic Certificates and associated IT Systems

Baku, AZ, 2014-04-29/30

The EPPPO Workshop on '**Electronic Certificates and associated IT Systems**' took place in Baku, Azerbaijan, from the 29th to 30th of April. More than 30 experts from 14 countries, the EU Commission and the Eurasian Economic Commission participated in this Workshop ([download a list of participants](#) )

The aim of this Workshop was to exchange experience and views about the current and future implementation of electronic phytosanitary certificates and their associated IT systems. All participants presented the existing systems that are in place in their respective countries to manage phytosanitary certificates and elaborated on how these could relate to electronic certificates (at present or in the future). The IPPC activities on the harmonization of format, content and exchange mechanisms of ePhyto were presented by Mr Horn (Chair of the IPPC steering group on ePhyto) and the participants



# Main conclusions

- ePhyto will benefit NPPOs, Customs and trade
- Harmonisation of ePhyto by IPPC is essential
- Harmonisation is essential also when not using Hub
- Use of EPPO codes for scientific names strongly encouraged
- Use of both CN codes and IPPC commodity classes needed





# Main conclusions (continued)

- Link ePhyto to other developments (animal health, food safety)
- Make use of other facilities (UNCTAD, STDF)
- For many EPPO countries EU developments are important (link with TRACES)
- Start small and develop further
- NPPOs should know what they need and IT should follow
- ePhyto does not solve all problems, e.g. link to consignment, availability of import requirements and fulfilling them



# ePhyto developments in the EPPPO region

- Many countries have a national system that produces paper certificates not ePhytos
- ePhyto under development in the EU
- The Netherlands is exchanging ePhytos with several countries
- Conclusion:

There is still a lot of work to do in ePhyto in the EPPPO region



# ePhyto developments in the EPPO region

Many thanks for your attention

