



## STATEMENT

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# Achievements and future of EPSO

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The EPSO 14<sup>th</sup> General Meeting discussed the past achievements, present priorities and future challenges of EPSO. The very successful efforts that EPSO has made already in supporting and positioning plant sciences in Europe were approved and ongoing activities in supporting plant sciences in Europe were enthusiastically supported.

- EPSO has become a critically important and recognized voice in the public and in the policy arena for plant sciences globally.
- EPSO has a proven track record in efficiently engaging with EU policymakers for the benefit of plant sciences
- EPSO is today an important contributor to the evolution and improvement of EU Framework programs.
- EPSO has developed a strong partnership with national and international institutions on public outreach raising the visibility and recognition of plant science in Europe and internationally.

The General Meeting confirmed the commitment of EPSO members to the vision of EPSO to generate a strong and competitive plant science community for knowledge and innovation in Europe and endorsed the plans for continued efforts in the future based on the success of EPSO in the past.

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Members, EPSO General Meeting

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### About EPSO

EPSO, the European Plant Science Organisation, is an independent academic organisation that represents more than 227 research institutes, departments and universities from 30 countries in Europe and beyond. EPSO's mission is to improve the impact and visibility of plant science in Europe.  
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