



Workshop Draft Programme

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EPSO 6th Workshop on Plants and Microbiomes

Malaga / Spain, 3 November 2025

(Satellite workshop of the 6th Plant Microbiome Symposium
Malaga/Antequera, Spain, 3-7 November 2025)

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The EPSO Working Group on Plants and Microbiomes announces that the sixth workshop will take place in Malaga on 3 November 2025 as a Satellite Workshop of the [6th Plant Microbiome Symposium in Malaga/Antequera, Spain, 3-7 November 2025](#). The originally planned workshop in Utrecht (8-9 April 2025) is cancelled.

This sixth workshop has four main themes:

1. Microbiomes of plants / crops – new projects, initiatives and scientific highlights
2. Development of best practices and recommendations - Minimum metadata requirements and pre-analytic parameters
3. New microbiome technologies
4. Coordination of plant microbiome research

The meeting intends to increase collaborations between the working group members. Recommendations from the workshop will be provided to the scientific community, the European Commission and national agencies.

To develop the programme further, we kindly ask you to contribute by submitting a very short outline and indicate to which programme theme / topic this refers, to c.m.j.pieterse@uu.nl until 31.7.2025.

The 6th EPSO Workshop on Plants and Microbiomes will be organized on Monday 3 November 2025, just prior to the opening of the 6th Plant Microbiome Symposium (Opening 3 November 2025; 18:00h), providing a nice opportunity to combine both events. Registration for the EPSO Workshop can be done via the conference website of the Plant Microbiome Symposium: <https://6thplantmicrobiomesymposium2025.com/registration/>. There you can register for a ticket for the EPSO Workshop, which will cost €72,05 for the whole day, including lunch and coffee breaks. For specific questions about the EPSO Workshop, please contact Corné Pieterse (C.M.J.Pieterse@uu.nl).

We look forward to meeting you in November
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Draft Programme Satellite EPSO 6th Workshop on Plants and Microbiomes

Monday November 3, 2025

- 10:00 Arrival, welcome
- 10:15 Session 1: Microbiomes of crops (cereals, fruits and vegetables, trees) – new projects, initiatives and scientific highlights
- 12:15 Lunch break
- 13:00 Follow-up discussions of “MICROBE/EPSO workshop on minimal **metadata requirements** and critical **pre-analytical parameters** for plant microbiome samples”
- 14:00 **New microbiome technologies** (including AI, machine learning) and discoveries
- 15:00 Coffee Break
- 15:30 How to better **coordinate plant microbiome research** in Europe? Plenary and group discussions, followed by report to plenary
- 16:30 Wrap-up and final discussion (next steps, future directions of WG etc.)
- 17:00 End of Workshop
- 18:00 *Opening of 6th Plant Microbiome Symposium*
<https://6thplantmicrobiomesymposium2025.com/>

Links

<https://epsoweb.org>

EPSO Plants and Microbiomes Working Group: <https://epsoweb.org/working-groups/plants-and-microbiomes/>

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