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Joint EWRS workshop of the working groups  
“Weed Vegetation and Biodiversity” &  
“Biological Weed Control”

Dijon, France, 27 to 29 October 2026

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Dear Colleagues,

We invite you to a joint workshop co-organized by the EWRS working groups 'Weed Vegetation and Biodiversity' and 'Biological Weed Control'. The workshop will be held from 27 to 29 October 2026 at INRAE Burgundy-Franche-Comté center in Dijon, France. It is locally organized by the Agroecology research unit of the French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment.

### **Scientific program:**

This meeting will be held in the context of sustainable weed management. Its aim is to share the latest knowledge on:

- The role of weeds in the provision ecosystem services, for example through their position in food webs.
- The diversity of weed communities, its importance in promoting the balance between services and disservices, and its response to management practices.
- The use of natural enemies and ecological mechanisms for weed regulation.

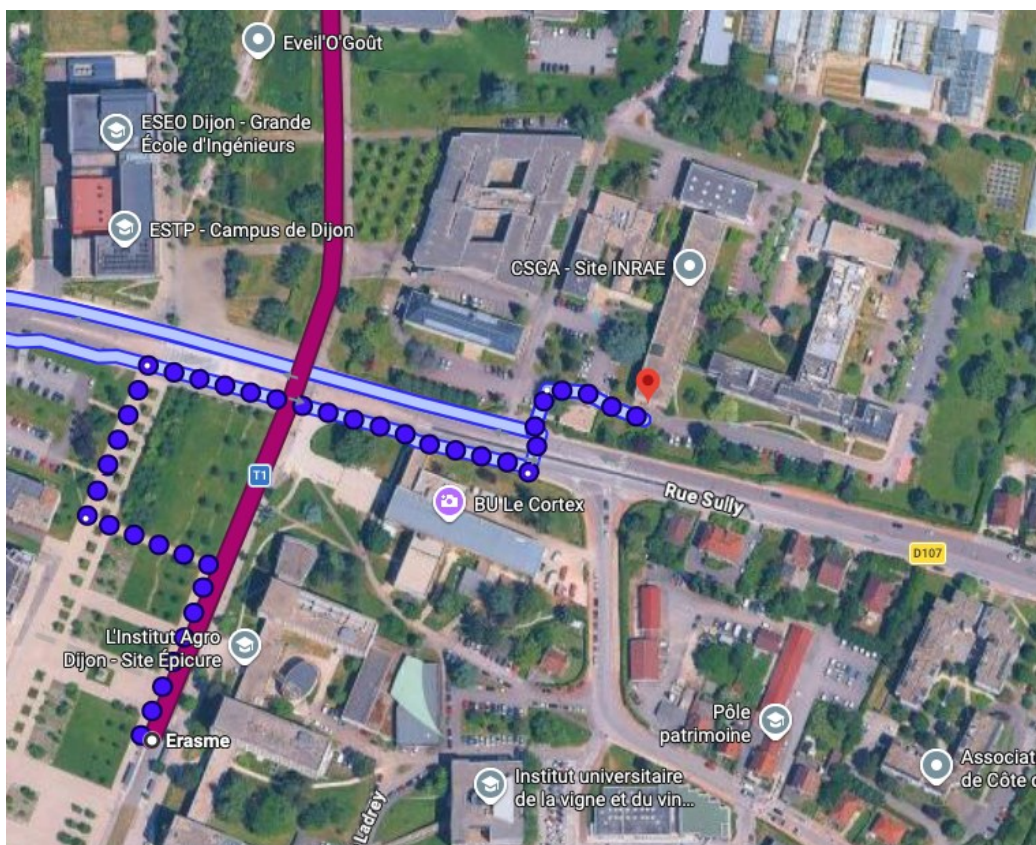
These topics may be addressed in relation to global changes (including climate change). The meeting aims to bring together scientists from different disciplines: Agroecology, Ecology, Agronomy, Biology, Genetics, etc.

In addition to keynote presentations, **the meeting will provide an opportunity to exchange knowledge through oral presentations and posters.** Interaction between participants and networking opportunities within the EWRS community will be encouraged during field trips (visit to the CA-SYS platform <https://eng-plateforme-casys.hub.inrae.fr/>) and a social event organized around the heritage of the Burgundy region.

### **Venue**

The joint workshop will take place at the INRAE Burgundy-Franche-Comté center in Dijon, France. The address is: **17 Rue Sully, 21000 Dijon. (47.316802982071394, 5.0701175122135025)**

It is located next to the tram stop Erasme, on the T1 line, direct from the city center and the train station.



### Local Organizing Committee (UMR Agroécologie):

Delphine Moreau (delphine.moreau@inrae.fr), Bruno Chauvel (bruno.chauvel@inrae.fr), & Virginie Nowak

### Working group coordinators:

#### Biological Weed Control

Marion Seier & Philip Weyl

#### Weed Vegetation and Biodiversity

Alexander Menegat & Michaela Kolářová

### Costs:

|                              | <i>EWRS member</i> | <i>Non-member</i> |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Regular</i>               | 160€               | 220€              |
| <i>Student (BSc/MSc/PhD)</i> | 130€               | 160€              |

The difference in fees between members and non-members is the cost of a yearly membership to the EWRS.

The registration fee will cover the costs for the welcome reception, lunches, coffee breaks and the conference dinner. The registration fee won't cover accommodation and travel expenses.

### **Travel grants for early career scientists:**

To encourage early career scientists to attend the workshop, subsidies are being made available through the EWRS. They can be applied for by sending an e-mail to [alexander.menegat@slu.se](mailto:alexander.menegat@slu.se). Early career scientists (i.e. BSc, MSc and PhD students, and scientists younger than 35 years of age) can receive a refund that will cover part of their accommodation and travel expenses. The maximum amount of the refund will be based on the number of applicants but cannot exceed €600. If the applicant is not an EWRS-member, an amount equal to the yearly EWRS fee (€30 for students and €60 for regular members) will be deducted from the subsidy, and the applicant will be enrolled in EWRS.

The maximum number of subsidies to be awarded to one early career scientist is three in total. Applications will be evaluated by the Working Group Leaders (Alexander Menegat, Michaela Kolářová, Marion Seier, Philip Weyl) and the Scientific Secretary of the EWRS, Lynn Tatnell.

Applications need to include:

- A short motivation letter
- A curriculum vitae
- An estimate of the costs for travel and accommodation
- A statement from the home institute that they will cover the remainder of the expenses for travel and accommodation, should the travel grant be awarded.

### **Registration and deadlines:**

Registration and abstract submission will be opened **from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 until August 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**The maximum number of participants is 40.**

## Accommodation:

We recommend staying either close to INRAE or in the city center, where you will have easy access to the T1 tram line. In particular, we recommend the following hotels:

- [Campanile Dijon – Clémenceau](#): 3 tram stops away from INRAE, 6 tram stops away from the train station
- [Mercure Dijon Centre Clémenceau](#): 4 tram stops away from INRAE, 5 tram stops away from the train station
- [Hôtel des Halles Dijon](#): 7 tram stops away from INRAE, 2 tram stops away from the train station
- [Mama Shelter Dijon](#): 9 tram stops away from INRAE, next to the train station
- [Nomad Hotel Dijon](#): 9 tram stops away from INRAE, next to the train station

## Travelling to Dijon:

### By train:

There are direct trains from Paris (Gare de Lyon) and Lyon, as well as Switzerland. You can book your trains on the French train company's website, here: <https://www.sncf-connect.com/en-en>.

We encourage you to book your tickets in advance, as their prices can rise sharply closer to the departure date.

### By plane:

The closest airports are in Paris, Lyon, and Basel/Geneva. From there, there are direct trains to Dijon.

Be careful if you fly to Paris Charles de Gaulle, and make sure to plan enough time between your flight and train, as you will have to take the regional train and then the metro in order to reach the train station (Gare de Lyon) from which to take the Dijon train. The other airport, Paris Orly, is on the same metro line as the Gare de Lyon, making it a simpler choice.

**Getting around in Dijon:**

Dijon has a network of two tram lines and many bus lines, allowing you to easily get around in the city. You can find out more on the public transport company's website: <https://www.divia.fr/> (Click on "Langues & accessibilité" in the top right corner to switch to English).

One ticket costs 1.40€, and can be bought at every tram stop. For your first ticket, you need to buy a rechargeable card costing 0.30€. Alternatively, you can pay directly inside the tram or bus with your credit card. In that case, the ticket costs 2€.

If you prefer to get around by bike, there are city bicycles that can be rented for short trips. It costs 1€ for one hour. There is a station around 1km away from INRAE. You can find more information here:

<https://information.divia.fr/sinformer/velo/diviavelodi/>.