

Summary of the round table 2 – Nursery protocols

We presented a protocol for the management of rootstock mother vines to reduce cutting infection by grapevine trunk diseases

The protocol serves as a guideline for grapevine nurseries

We have the intention to publish it and to translate the protocol into other languages

Disinfection of pruning tools is a critical point and the possible ways of dissemination in mother blocks have been discussed

Pruning wound protection is scarce and few chemical products are available

A production of higher-quality plants implies a methodology that can increase the cost of the final product (plants sprawled on the ground vs cultivated on a trellis)

Soaking cuttings in water before cold storage is a controversial step because: 1) this can induce cross-contamination; 2) no fungicides are available in Europe and some of them (i.e., Chinosol) are not effective against GTD pathogens and 3) the use of BCA is still limited at this stage

We discussed the increasing interest of BCA for use in the propagation process