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PEST CONTROL PROFESSIONALS SAY 'YES' TO CONTINUOUS AND PRACTICAL TRAINING, EXPANDING THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

The international consortium of Pest Practice, on its way to develop an integrated training curriculum for pest control professionals in Greece, Cyprus, and Italy, has carried out research activities to collect data and information on aspects which are equally important to design and develop a training model for pest control professionals, responding to the actual training needs in the sector. Desktop research findings and the outcomes of bilateral meetings with actors in the pest control sector have been cross-fertilized with primary research findings obtained through a specially designed questionnaire, collecting more than 200 responds in total.

Our goal was to acquire clear understanding of the attitudes of pest control professionals towards the importance of specialized training, as well as their personal training experiences and their expectations; firm knowledge of pest management practices already applied; valuable insights on the extent of awareness of professional users in pest control companies with respect to the dangers that exist during the performance of their work.

According to the main results of the research, the majority of pest control professionals are highly valuing training on crucial aspects such as available pest control methods and biocidal products, health and safety issues, precautionary measures, etc. They have training experiences, however, the training provisions across Greece, Cyprus and Italy vary in terms of their mandatory nature, and their implementation as public or private sector initiatives, further stressing the need for a harmonized approach at EU level.

You can read the full report in English [here](#).

In the meantime, stay in tune, while we are working our way towards the development of the Pest Practice training material for pest control professionals.

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'PEST PRACTICE - Advancing work safety for pest control workers' is an EU co-funded project coordinated by the Benaki Phytopathological Institute in Greece, developing training material for pest control professionals and users, promoting work safety and better understanding of the risks associated with pest control operations, and heightening awareness among pest control business owners and their staff. This will be achieved by building on former knowledge on health and work safety issues in small businesses, as made available by the European project LABITAS.