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Capacity Building and Raising Awareness in Europe and in Third Countries to Cope with Xylella fastidiosa – "CURE-XF"



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What do we do?

We deal with different aspects of *Xylella fastidiosa* assessment and management (pathogen-hosts interaction, characterization, diagnosis, epidemiology, monitoring, etc.) by implementing various activities such as:

- Exchange of scientific capacities and novelties among the European Countries as well as between the EU and Third Countries, in particular sensitive neighbouring countries.;

- Strengthening the knowledge and the know-how on Xf in third countries having intense exchange of plant material with Europe.;

- Raising awareness in relation to Xf impacts and risks upon its establishment.

Why?

• Strengthening preventive measures by consolidating expertise and awareness of plant protection series, decision-makers and relevant stakeholders;

• Implementing the knowledge on the Mediterranean crops and other host species threatened by the further spread of Xf;

Who we are?

CURE-XF involves 18 partners from the following countries: Italy, France, Greece, Spain, Belgium, UK, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Lebanon, Palestine and Iran.

Two groups of countries:

Group 1: countries where the disease is already present Group 2: countries where the disease is still absent, but where the risk of its introduction is high

How do we work?

- Collaborative Research
- Training
- Summer Schools
- Staff Exchange
- Awareness and dissemination



- Promoting the use of advanced diagnostic tools for the detection and characterization of Xf and its vectors;
- Consolidating innovative approaches for disease prevention, monitoring and control of Xf and its vectors;
- Improving pest-risk analysis, phytosanitary legislations and contingency measures for a safer plant material commercial exchange;

• Integrating with current platforms for adequate communication and dissemination campaigns ensuring an effective transfer of knowledge among the various stakeholders involved.