



INVITATION LETTER TO BTSF NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS

Dear Better Training for Safer Food National Contact Point,

We are very pleased to contact you with regards to the BTSF on **PLANT HEALTH SURVEYS, that will be implemented between October 2016 and March 2018**, financed by the Commission and managed by the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency, CHAFEA (Contract Num. 2015 96 03). The project is being implemented by a by AENOR Consortium, with AESA as partner.

The purpose of the training will be to increase the Member States participants' knowledge and common understanding of the **best practices of planning surveys, in particular, defining their objectives and statistical basis, their implementation and reporting, to allow efficient, effective and early pest detection supported by the administrative and financial resources the EC in making available.**

A key element will be to emphasize how vital is that a common approach is adopted throughout the Union.

We kindly ask your assistance and cooperation to identify participants fitting with the selection criteria, considering your support is basic for reaching the main objectives of the training: the dissemination of the training contents and the fulfilment of the places foreseen.

All the information regarding the programme is detailed in the enclosed document, trying to bring in all the necessary information to help you in the selection of participants, from your **Plant Health national organisations**. You are able to check the main information in the website www.btsf-aenor.es.

From the document enclosed I would like to bring your attention on **one issue**:

- Considering the first sessions will be implemented in a short timing, I would dearly encourage you to pass on the information stressing the **submission of candidacies for the first 2 sessions in 2016**:

Session	Date	Course	Location	Deadlines for submission of registrations
1	2016-10-24/27	Session 1	Puglia, Italy	2016-10-15
2	2016-11-21/25	Session 2	Galicia, Spain	2016-10-15

All the registrations will be managed from the project management unique e-mail:

20159603_planthealthsurvey@aenor.es

As always, we dearly encourage you to provide with **additional registration forms**, even if you have not been allocated specific seats to a training session. Seats move constantly according to your specific needs, and therefore we would like to know your extra needs in order to give you a better service.

It will be our pleasure to help you in any doubt or question you may have. You may contact the project e-mail address, and will do our best to satisfy you. All the team is willing to enjoy these new two years of relationship.

Kind regards,

AENOR BTSF team