



## Better Training for Safer Food

### 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 a new **BTSF** training sessions on **PLANT HEALTH CONTROLS**. The European Commission Directorate-General for Health and Consumers is organising a set of 14 sessions between January 2020 and August 2021 under the contract Num. 2018 96 06. There will be three different types of courses, and will be implemented in the locations and calendar that follows:

- Course 1: EU plant quarantine regime for imports (IMP),
- Course 2: EU quarantine regime for non-timber forest products (NTFP),
- Course 3: Identification and control of outbreaks of harmful organism:
  - 3a: HO for agriculture and horticulture (HO - AH),
  - 3b: HO for forestry natural environment and urban areas (HO - FNEU)

Course / Session	Date	Location	Country	Language	Registration deadline
HO-AH - S1	2020-01-20/24	Bari	Italy	EN	10/01/2020
IMP - S1	2020-02-24/28	Valencia	Spain	EN	18/01/2020
NTFP - S1	2020-04-20/24	Tallinn	Estonia	EN	15/03/2020
HO-FNEU - S1	2020-05-25/29	Santiago C.	Spain	EN	15/04/2020
HO-AH - S2	2020-09-14/18	Coruña	Spain	EN	03/08/2020
IMP - S2	2020-10-05/09	Riga	Latvia	EN	05/09/2020
HO-AH - S3	2020-10-26/30	Bari	Italy	EN	15/09/2020
HO-FNEU - S2	2020-11-16-20	Nice	France	EN	05/10/2020
HO-FNEU - S3	February 2021	Santiago C.	Spain	EN	tbc.
IMP - S3	February 2021	Marseille	France	EN	tbc.
HO-FNEU - S4	March 2021	Munich	Germany	EN	tbc.
NTFP - S2	April 2021	Tallinn	Estonia	EN	tbc.
HO-AH - S4	April 2021	Naples	Italy	EN	tbc.
IMP - S4	May 2021	Valencia	Spain	EN	tbc.

(\*) Further information with exact dates for 2021 will be provided in fall season 2020.

**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.

Even though the present courses have been going in previous contract, contents have been adapted. The team of tutors is composed with solid experience in the EU Plant Health regulatory framework, Import controls for plant products, specific provisions and procedures for non-timber forest products, HO biology, detection and control/eradication of outbreaks.

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. You are able to check the main information in the website [www.btsf-aenor.es](http://www.btsf-aenor.es).

There are some **relevant issues** that may be worthwhile to underline:



- Participants will be **assessed their knowledge** at the beginning and at the end of the sessions, to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of course. The assessment will be generic, **anonymous** as the objective is to obtain a global percentage.
- At the beginning and at the end of the session, the applicants will have **to take a test** (Knowledge Questionnaire). The purpose is not to evaluate their knowledge but to evaluate the efficacy of the training. This questionnaire will be anonymous.
- Participants will be requested **to commit themselves to disseminate the knowledge** received via different dissemination methods. Two or three months after the training participants will be asked to comply an on-line survey, a *dissemination questionnaire*, indicating the **dissemination actions** implemented to evaluate the usefulness to their daily work and the dissemination they have done of the learning.
- The sessions will be implemented in **English**, and therefore, the nominated participants are requested to have a good level of the language in order to participate actively in each activity.
- !!! The training course is mainly addressed to representatives from central competent authorities involved in general planning and policy making as well as for senior field inspectors involved in the practical implementation of the Plant Health legislation and controls, and those in direct contact with producers/stakeholders/importers.
- !!! Specific training will be covered among the 3 different program courses addressed to the following target sub-groups of official staff and inspectors:
  - Involved in import controls or in charge of planning/targeting import controls
  - Controlling imported WPM and non-timber forest products, and/or supervising the treatment and marking of WPM or in charge of planning/implementation of official controls on WPM and non-timber forest products.
  - Responsible (or responsible official bodies) in charge of organising and implementing harmful organism outbreak control and surveys of harmful organisms.

The project financed by DG SANTE / Chafea will cover the expenses of flights, accommodation, meals and any other visits in full. No daily allowance will be paid on top of this. Any other costs are to be paid by the participants. The training sessions are arranged by AENOR as external contractor, who will contact the participants for the practical arrangements through the unique e-mail:

[20189606PHC@aenor.com](mailto:20189606PHC@aenor.com)

All information should be channelled through you, BTSF National Contact Point, as being the one officially entitled to submit applications from participants. All candidates must be experts with the professional background highly relevant to the subject of this training programme.

**Disclaimer treatment of personal data:** The personal data collected throughout the project “Plant Health Controls” will be treated confidentially and processed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of individuals with regard



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to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data.

Personal data shall be processed solely exclusively for the purposes of the performance, management and monitoring of the Contract by AENOR acting as data controller without prejudice to possible transmission to the bodies in charge of prevention, investigation, detection and prosecution of serious criminal offences.

As always, we dearly encourage 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 BTSF team in AENOR is willing to enjoy these new two years of relationship.

Kind regards,

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