

Project Title:

Advancing work safety for pest control workers

QUESTIONNAIRE

Project's acronym: PEST PRACTICE

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SECTION 1: DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

1. Please define the **country** where your company/institute/ department is located.

- Greece
- Cyprus

2. Please define your **age group**:

- <35 years
- 35-50 years
- >50 years

3. What is your level of **education**?

- No formal education
- Primary Education
- Lower secondary education
- Upper secondary education
- Post-secondary non-tertiary education
- Bachelor or equivalent
- Post-graduate education

4. Currently, you are working in:

- Public sector
- Private pest control company
- Other (please specify):

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5. What **services** are offered by the company/organisation you work for? (you may choose more than one options):

- Public Services
- Pest Management in residential premises
- Pest Management in industries
- Pest Management in commercial services (food and beverage industry)
- Pest Management in area wide
- Pest Management in road, air and maritime transport
- Other (please specify):

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6. What is the number of **employees in the company you work for?**

- <5
- 5-10
- >10

7. How many years have you been working in the pest management sector?

- <5 years
- 5-10 years
- 10-15 years
- >15 years

8. **What are your current professional responsibilities? (you can choose more than one fields)**

- Issuing professional licenses
- Authorization of biocides products
- Methods of application of biocides
- Reporting application
- Supervision of workshop
- Training of technical staff
- Observance health and safety rules

9. **What is included in your current professional position? (you can choose more than one fields)**

- Fellow instructions of application
- Updating the scientific officer for issues/observation for take corrective measures
- Application based on the instructions provided by the producer of the biocide
- Efficiency of implementation
- Trading, marketing and sales issues
- Development of new methods of pest management

Other (please specify):

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11.3 Please select the option that best reflects your **training experience in pest management issues**:

Regular training courses (e.g. more than 3 days/year)	
Occasional training courses (e.g. 1 day/year)	
Rare training courses (e.g. less than 1 day/year)	

SECTION 3: CURRENT WORKING ENVIRONMENT

12. Are you currently working for a Pest Control Company?

- NO
- YES

If you answered **NO**, please go to question No. 16.

If you answered **YES**, please answer the following questions (Nos. 14 and 15) before going to question No. 16.

13. Have you been offered **any type of training** during the last years?

- NO
- YES

If **YES**, please define the kind of training:

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14. Have you, or someone you know, experienced a health problem that could be attributed to lack in safety measures?

- NO
- YES

15. Please rate your level of agreement to the following statements:

	Fully agree	Partially agree	Neither agree / neither disagree	Partially disagree	Fully disagree
Safety at work in pest management is of high importance in a pest control company.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety guidelines are required for those working in sites where Pest Control operations are implemented.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information / staff training is required for new services / methods.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information / staff training is required on issues relative to safety at work.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information / staff training is required on the safe use of biocides for public health and the environment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cooperation of Pest Control companies with external consultants / trainers is required (experts on specialized issues).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Every Pest Control company should have a responsible for health and safety issues.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION 4: TRAINING EXPECTATIONS

16. Would you be interested in **attending training courses** for pest management issues as

a:

- Trainer
- Trainee
- I do not have any interest for training courses.

17. Please Rate the appropriateness of the following training methods. Rate between 1 to

10. (1= not at all appropriate, 3=neutral, and 5=highly appropriate):

Training Method	Appropriateness				
	1	2	3	4	5
Classroom training (Instructor Led)	1	2	3	4	5
Participation to scientific workshops/conferences	1	2	3	4	5
Web-based training	1	2	3	4	5
Blended learning (Classroom and Web-based training)	1	2	3	4	5
Field training (demonstration of the available measures/methods)	1	2	3	4	5
Other (please specify):					



18. How important are the issues listed below regarding pests that you are managing? Rate from 1 to 5. (1= not at all important , 3=neutral, and 5= important):

PEST KNOWLEDGE	1	2	3	4	5
Identification of the pest species you are targeting					
Being aware of the pests' biology and ecology					
Being aware of the best control methods to apply to the pest species					
Being aware of non-chemical methods to be adopted for the prevention/management of the targeting pest species					
Other (please specify):					

19. How important are the issues listed below regarding pest control agents? Rate from 1 to 5. (1= not at all important , 3=neutral, and 5= important):

PEST CONTROL METHODS/AGENTS	1	2	3	4	5
Being updated on the various pest control methods/products on the market					
Understanding classification and labelling of biocides (category, toxicity, safety, etc.)					
Knowledge on the properties of the active substances in pest control products (biocides) and their possible effects on human health and the environment					
Knowledge on legislation regarding safe and proper use of biocides (active substances and commercial products) and operation of pest control companies					
Knowledge on precautionary measures when applying pest control products in order to efficiently protect the pest control operator, the non-users and the environment					
Knowledge on safety measures/methods concerning storage, transportation and handling of empty packaging of biocides					
Other (please specify):					