Project under the Better Training for Safer Food initiative for the organisation and implementation of training sessions on Integrated Pest Management

The European Commission awarded AENOR and its partner, the Netherlands Consumer Product Safety Authority, NVWA, the management of 14 training sessions on the Sustainable Use Directive with special focus on Integrated Pest Management. Each session is focused on a different crop and geographical area within the EU, aiming to see how the principles of the integrated pest management can be applied for each crop and climate.

The training is addressed to multiple actors, to those authorities that prepare national guides on integrated pest management in sector crops, to those responsible of verifying compliance with the sustainable use directive on farms, to public and private advisors, who provide technical advice on how to enforce these principles, to research centres, which develop alternative crop management and carry out studies to learn about new practices that reduce the use of pesticides.

AENOR is in contact with research entities, producer associations, public administrations and experts from different EU countries who provide key information on factors that intervene in the sustainable management of crops, putting in contact relevant actors in each case, promoting the exchange of experiences and good practices. As a result of the training activity, guides to control the IPM production are being drafted. They facilitate the analysis of the different forms of intervention, justified from a legislative, ecological and economic point of view, facilitating the decision-making process, and therefore, understanding better the mechanisms that reduce or minimize the use of pesticides, and therefore the risks to human health and the environment.

Thanks to dedication and good work, the Commission has confirmed the second phase of the project which will run until August 2023.