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**PILOT TRAINING COURSE ADDRESSED TO PEST CONTROL PROFESSIONALS:
CONTINUOUS AND PRACTICAL TRAINING TO EXPAND THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS**

According to the training plan elaborated by the International Partnership of the Pest Practice project, the pilot training course in Italy was held on 5th and 6th June 2015 at Futura Soc.Cons.rl, in San Giovanni in Persiceto (BO), involving professional operators in the field of pest control.

The course has involved 26 professionals from various parts of Emilia Romagna, operating in the public and private sectors. The course lasted 12 hours in total and provided information about the most common pests and the main means of control. Safety and proper use of these substances for the protection of the environment and the health of the operators themselves, was the central theme of the course.

The participants were introduced to the online e-learning platform that has been developed within the framework of the Pest Practice project with the aim to provide e-learning opportunities to more pest control professionals.

This tool was of added value to participants, who have expressed their satisfaction and enthusiasm, requesting to keep the platform online after the end of the project as a practical, valuable tool for self-learning and further training for pest control operators.

On their demand, the Italian group is considering the possibility of maintaining the work-network created to replicate the training in the future.