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Multi-Partner Collaborations: Building Resilience Against Pest Outbreaks in the Mediterranean Basin

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The Challenge: Why Collaboration Matters

The Mediterranean Basin: A biodiversity hotspot and agricultural powerhouse.

Increasing Pest Threats: Climate change, globalization, and trade are intensifying pest pressures.

- Pests know no borders.
- Complex challenges require integrated solutions.
- Collaboration is key to effective prevention and mitigation.



Defining Multi-Partner Collaboration

What is it? A strategic alliance of diverse stakeholders working together to address pest management challenges.



Who's Involved?

National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs)	Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs) (EPPO, NEPPO)	Research Institutions and Universities	Farmers and Grower Associations	Industry (e.g., agrochemical companies, technology providers)	Government Agencies (e.g., agriculture, environment)	International Organizations (FAO, EFSA)
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Key Benefits of Multi-Partner Collaboration

Enhanced Knowledge Sharing: Pooling expertise and data from diverse sources.

Improved Resource Mobilization: Combining financial, technical, and human resources.

Increased Innovation: Fostering creativity and the development of novel solutions.

Enhanced Capacity Building: Strengthening skills and knowledge at all levels.

Greater Policy Coherence: Aligning regulations and strategies across borders.

Increased Impact: Achieving more effective and sustainable outcomes.

Successful Examples of Multi-Partner Initiatives

Example 1:

The BeXyl

Project: Integrated Management Strategies for Mitigating Xylella fastidiosa Impact in Europe.

Focus: Combating Xylella fastidiosa through research, innovation, and knowledge transfer.

Partners: Research institutions, universities, industry, and end-users.

Example 2:

Euphresco: European Phytosanitary Research Coordination.

Focus: Coordinating research projects to address critical plant health issues.

Partners: National research funding organizations.

EPPO's Role in Fostering Collaboration

Facilitating Communication: Providing platforms for knowledge exchange and networking.

Developing Standards: Harmonizing phytosanitary measures and diagnostic protocols.

Supporting Research: Promoting collaborative research projects.

Building Capacity: Organizing training workshops and expert consultations.

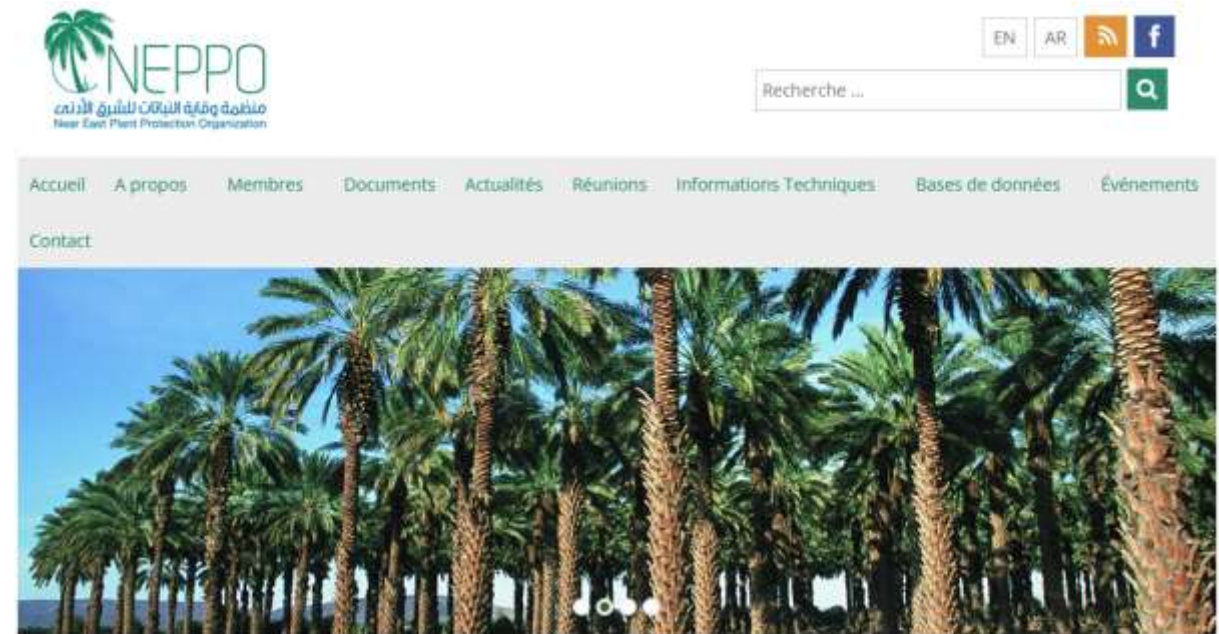


NEPPO's Role in Fostering Collaboration

Capacity Building: Enhancing the abilities of member countries to handle pests

Collaboration: working with different groups to improve plant health

Regional Standards: Developing accepted parameters for the growth of plants in that region



FAO Role in Fostering Collaboration

Global mandate for food security, agriculture, and sustainable development.

Provides overarching framework, technical expertise, and resource mobilization.

Advocates for plant health at the global level.



FAO, EPPO, & NEPPPO: A Collaborative Approach to Plant Health

Joint Projects: Implementing joint research and technical assistance projects in priority areas, such as *Xylella fastidiosa* or others.

Expert Consultations: Organizing expert consultations on specific plant health challenges facing EPPO and NEPPPO countries.

Training Workshops: Conducting training workshops on PRA, diagnostics, IPM, and other relevant topics.

Exchange Programs: Facilitating the exchange of experts and professionals between EPPO and NEPPPO national plant protection organizations.

Policy Dialogue: Participating in policy dialogue and consultations on plant health issues.

The Path Forward: Strengthening Collaboration

Enhance Regional and International Cooperation.

Invest in Collaborative Research.

Promote Knowledge Exchange and Technology Transfer.

Strengthen Capacity Building Initiatives.

Engage NPPOs, Farmers and Other Stakeholders.

Call to Action

"Let us work together to build a more resilient Mediterranean Basin, free from the devastating impacts of pest outbreaks."

