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Regione Puglia Reinforces Its Leadership in International Cooperation for the Management of Plant Health Emergencies.

Launch of the RIGENESI Project Research Bootcamp

Regione Puglia is further reinforcing its leading position in international cooperation for the management of plant health emergencies with the launch of the **RIGENESI Project Research Bootcamp**. This training initiative aligns with the strategic objectives established during the **Ministerial Conference on Transboundary Plant Pests and Diseases (TPPD)**, held on **12–13 May** at CIHEAM Bari. The conference was jointly organised by **Regione Puglia**, **FAO**, **NEPPPO**, and **CHEAM Bari**. The event gathered Ministers of Agriculture, representatives of international donor organisations, institutions, and stakeholders from across the **NENA region** (North Africa and the Near East).

The experience gained in **Puglia** to face the *Xylella fastidiosa* crisis is now recognised internationally **as a reference model**. Developed and shared in collaboration with **CIHEAM Bari**, this expertise is being made available to **Mediterranean countries**, providing tangible support for the **institutional strengthening of plant health services**, aiming to **enhance crop protection**, and **prevent future plant health emergencies**.

The first edition of the **RIGENESI Project Research Bootcamp** (3–21 November), promoted by *Regione Puglia*, as part of the Extraordinary Plan for Olive Tree Regeneration, is hosted at CIHEAM Bari. The initiative marks a major step towards building a solid **Euro-Mediterranean scientific and institutional cooperation network** to address *Xylella fastidiosa*.

The **Bootcamp**, organised into two sessions for **plant health officials and technicians** from **Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Albania, and Kosovo**, combines **in person lectures, field visits, and applied research activities** in collaboration with the **Regional Plant Health Service (Osservatorio fitosaitario regionale)**. The programme is designed to deliver **operational protocols** and **shared technical and scientific outputs**.

Following the participation of the **Balkan countries**, the project's activities will next be extended to **participants from the Maghreb and Mashreq regions**.

