




<b>TOOLS</b>  <b>T 1</b>	  <h2 style="text-align: center;">ENDURE Information Centre (ENDURE IC)</h2>
	<b>Interactive</b>

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<b>WHAT IS...</b>	<p>The ENDURE Information Centre (ENDURE IC) is an interactive website which disseminates a European quality selection of validated Integrated Pest Management (IPM) measures. It is a central point of reference for extending expert knowledge, recommendations and advice for extension services, advisers, teachers, trainers and researchers concerning all aspects of IPM, including prevention and chemical pest and disease control as well as non-chemical alternatives such as biological control measures.</p> <p>ENDURE IC creates an overview of the ways sustainable crop protection can be implemented in European agriculture.</p>
<b>WHY</b>	<p>ENDURE IC provides advisers and farmers with knowledge on IPM based on a pan-European selection of national documents, summarised in English.</p> <p>Users can <b>search</b> for a combination of crop-pest/disease-control measures and select information about a given problem from different European countries. The results provided are ready to use, this means scientifically sound, tested in the field, practical to adopt and cost-effective. Furthermore, experimental results, which have the potential to provide a solution for a given problem but cannot yet be recommended as best practice, are also provided.</p> <p>ENDURE IC enhances the cross-fertilisation and possible adoption or adaptation of different national approaches in pest and disease control.</p>
<b>HOW</b>	<p>When preparing a <b>training session for regional problems</b> search ENDURE IC and find solutions used in other countries. Examine the results and check the sources, and if needed prepare more information from the original sources. In the follow up, scrutinise the applicability of the proposed measures labelled 'ready to use' for your region, and make adaptations which might be necessary for the farming system or region. Additionally use measures labelled 'experimental' as additional sources of knowledge.</p>

	<p>In your session with farmers you might discuss the options, adapted solutions and the <b>applicability of knowledge from different regions</b> and possible restrictions as well as the added value of increased accessibility of information on IPM in Europe.</p> <p>In a <b>training session for advisers</b> you can use the ENDURE IC for an 'Info hunt' (see Methodology sheet):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Select an example together with the group (for example, Integrated Weed Management in Orchards).</li><li>2. Each adviser works on keywords, and makes their own search in the ENDURE IC.</li><li>3. Analyse the results of all the participants: documents found, the need for new searches with refined keywords.</li><li>4. Each adviser has to give a summary (key points, highlights) on the topic with main conclusions and sources.</li><li>5. You make a comparison of each summary and write/discuss the main ideas of the summary in the group.</li></ol>
<b>SOURCES</b>	<a href="http://www.endureinformationcentre.eu">http://www.endureinformationcentre.eu</a>