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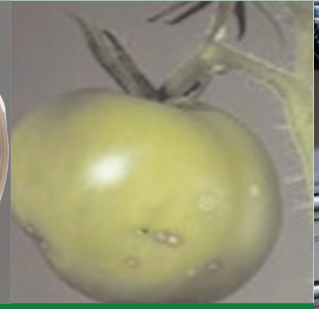

Testa, a three-year project, started in 2012

Although regulatory and quality controls are in place to reduce the risk of seed transmitted diseases and pests, Testa aims to support these by up-to-date underpinning methodologies for **risk assessment, sampling and detection of pests and pathogens in seed lots and disinfection treatments.**

Aims

Testa is led by the Food and Environmental Research Agency (Fera) and the consortium comprises 13 partners.

Among these are representatives of EPPO, ISTA seed health committee and ISHI working groups as well as research institutes, seed testing laboratories and SMEs involved in seed production and seed health. A member from South Africa who is an international expert on seed production in non-EU countries will provide insight into emerging risks.

High quality seed is the foundation of high quality crops producing high yields. A wide range of diseases and pests are carried by seeds produced and traded across the globe. Seeds may carry diseases and pest already present in the European Community but also introduce new ones.

There are currently opportunities to improve seed quality control by implementing emerging novel validated methodologies.

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To develop faster, more accurate validated methods to assess the mode of seed transmission, economic and practical sampling approaches for the detection of low levels in large seed lots, novel and efficient generic detection methodologies, non-destructive testing methods and improved, effective and sustainable disinfection methods.

Furthermore, a comprehensive web-based database as a global resource, detailing all known pests and diseases of crop plants transmitted by seed will be established.

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