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Object: CEPA offers the knowledge of its professional trained pest managers to protect the health of European citizens during COVID-19

Dear Stakeholder,

We are CEPA the Good Pest Manager, the association of trained European pest control representatives. As the association's President, I am contacting you on behalf of all CEPA members who have asked to express our readiness to share our knowledge with you and our willingness to be a key partner during COVID-19.

We are very aware of the emergency of the current situation. There is an urgent need to limit the spread of the virus in the EU and beyond, to provide any medical equipment to countries that need it the most and to tackle the socio-economic consequences of the crisis, which is, and should be, the priority.

With this in mind, we would like to highlight the importance of the trained pest management industry in avoiding any risk of pest-related issues on top of this viral pandemic that we are already experiencing. The control of pests and harmful organisms is essential to guarantee public health and food safety in cities, hospitals, schools, homes, farms and much more.

The many ways in which COVID-19 may spread are under ongoing investigation, however there are certain precautions that we can take. The pest management industry is key to avoiding pest-related issues that pose a threat to other industries such as the food and medical industries. In the past, we have been a key partner for national authorities during epidemics such as Swine Flu, SARS and Avian Flu.

We are an association of nearly 10,000 SMEs with around 50,000 employees throughout Europe that are ready to offer our help and know-how in relation to hygiene and disinfection in all indoor environments. Professional trained pest managers already confront the task of sanitary prophylaxis against pests on a daily basis. Through our work, we contribute to the maintenance of modern standards of health (via hygiene maintenance and disinfection), which dramatically reduces the presence and spread of diseases. The pest management industry holds the knowledge, techniques and trained manpower to use a complete range of tools to provide the most effective services. We are committed to using the responsible approach of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), where the most effective tools are carefully selected to minimise harm.

We take our role very seriously and that is one of the reasons why we are fighting for the recognition of professionally trained pest managers to be one of the pillars of public health. We would be very pleased to offer our help and put our expertise at your service for the protection of the health of European citizens.

We would be very grateful if you could let us know how we could support you in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Henry Mott, on behalf of all CEPA members
President of CEPA