The Distributed European School of Taxonomy (DEST, http://www.taxonomytraining.eu), originally funded by the EC in the framework of the EDIT project, has launched two types of training courses at various European research facilities and universities.

The programme is open to participants from Europe and from outside of Europe. The Modern Taxonomy programme 2013-2014 offers intensive theoretical courses in subjects as varied as nomenclature and DNA-barcoding. The Expert-in-training programme 2013-2014 enables graduate students and early career researchers to develop and strengthen their taxonomic research skills through on-the-job-training. The programme includes a great diversity of topics and covers various groups such as diatoms, rotifers and tropical plants.