



The Better Training for Safer Food initiative - BTSF -

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Legal background - Objective

The Better Training for Safer Food Initiative is a training programme established by the European Commission in order to contribute to achieve the aims set out in Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 and Directive 2000/29/EC

⇒ To provide high-quality training for EU Member State and Third Country control officials working in areas of food and feed law, animal health and animal welfare rules and plant health rules.

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The initiative started in 2006. 2015 will mark the 10th year of training within BTSF.

- BTSF is a key element of the European Commission's food safety strategy aiming at ensuring the highest safety standards in the control of food production and at increasing the levels of trade in safe food across the globe.*
- BTSF widely contributes to a better understanding of the EU Food Safety legislation and leads to more harmonised official controls across the EU.*
- BTSF is a very good tool for networking, for promoting the exchange of knowledge and experience among official control staff within and outside the EU.*



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- *From its launch the initiative has gradually expanded from 7 programmes in 2006 to training in more than 40 different subjects in 2014, all related to food, veterinary and plant health issues.*
- *So far approximately 42.000 official control staff have attended BTSF courses and seminars, involving EU Member States and participants from 120 countries in the world*



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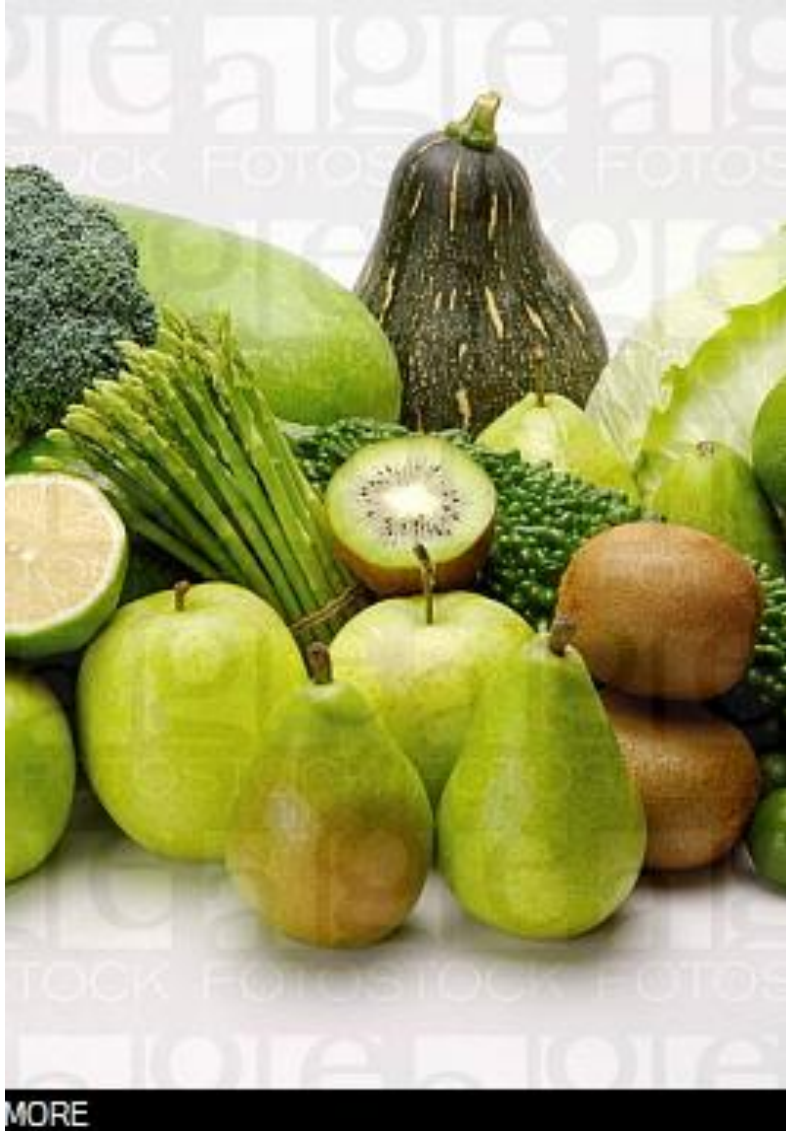


Budget and activities

- *Slow start in 2006 with a budget of 3,5 M€ and 1400 participants.*
- *Sharp budget increase from 2009 to 2013 to the level of 15M€ and 6000 participants annually on average (EU training only).*
- *Another 8,5 M€ (2013-2016) allocated for external training actions (BTSF WORLD and BTSF ISSB).*



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Six programmes to enhance food security

Two topics:

- 1/ food hygiene and plant health*
- 2/ animal health and welfare*

Three different geographical areas:

- 1/ Africa and European Neighbourhood Policy countries*
- 2/ Asia and the Pacific States*
- 3/ Latin America and the Carribean*

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Two types of activities

- 1/ *regional workshops* during 4 days**
- 2/ *sustained training missions*, several missions carried out consecutively throughout a learning pathway**



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In Africa, all BTSF activities are inspired by the first action plan of the new Joint Africa-EU Strategy with focus on strengthening the plant health system and guidance to the process leading to an African Food Safety Coordination Mechanism and RASFF,

Bilateral Agreements (such as in Latin American countries, EPA's etc...) inspire subjects of common interest,

Targeted requests via EU Delegations.



Better Training for Safer Food-ISSB

International Standards Setting Bodies

- ⇒ 2 workshops on Codex
 - Brussels, September 2014
 - Astana, October 2014
- ⇒ 2 workshops on OIE
 - Tunis, October 2014
 - Eastern ENP, 2015
- ⇒ 1 workshop on IPPC
 - Casablanca, 2015



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Working together

- *Non-EU countries may participate to EU Member States' BTSF trainings, according to certain quota's,*
- *Coordination with other capacity building activities within and beyond the EU (e.g. EDES and PIP, African Veterinary Governance, etc...),*
- *Collaboration with the private sector.*



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Adjust to new surroundings

- *Constant growth of the programme and budget, increase of training subjects and number of the participants, new needs, request continuous adaptations in terms of management, procurement strategy, reporting and accounting systems.*
- *Several new initiatives have complemented the trainings.*

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Looking to the future

- *The outcome of previous evaluations confirms the success of BTSF and highlights how the programme contributes to expanding individual and institutional capacity on food safety controls.*
- *Further possibilities for improvement and future demand for the programme are also identified.*
- *Differentiating and expanding the training offer by introducing e-learning support, embedding the train-the-trainer approach and developing a better dissemination strategy are key factors for the future success of BTSF.*





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Dissemination

EVALUATION AND REGISTRATION OF PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS

NEW Better Training for Safer Food Annual report 2012

BETTER TRAINING for SAFER FOOD Newsletter May 2014

Great strides in development of BTSF e-learning modules

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Work has continued on the development of the BTSF e-learning platform in 2014, with modules on animal welfare at slaughter and killing for disease control and food contact materials now being used by Member State participants. These modules are eventually to be made available in English, French and German and will each cover annually for some 5 000 participants during the 2014-16 period, of which around 80% will be from the EU.

National participant allocations are based on those for standard BTSF activities, with national contact points (NCP) selecting participants who are given a user name and password allowing them access to the BTSF e-learning content platform. The platform has a reserved area for NCPs and competent authorities and a section with the latest BTSF e-learning news. Participants have access to their own calendar and profile, which they can update with relevant information, an e-learning messaging system, their home page which lists the courses in which they have been enrolled and their e-learning activity reports.

Within the modules themselves, an introduction is provided comprising a welcome text and latest news on the course. There is also an e-finder with the main course documents, including the course brochure, information on the e-learning project, details of people involved in its development and a guide to using the platform. Participants take a preliminary test to assess their knowledge before starting the multimedia module. They then access the module which includes tests, interactive activities, quizzes and serious games and provides a glossary, a bibliography and useful links. Once they have completed the module, they take a post-module test to evaluate their progress, with a 75% score required to pass.

After this, participants provide feedback on the course using the satisfaction questionnaire. When this has been filled out, and assuming they have passed the post-module test, they download their attendance certificate which contains all information relevant to their participation.

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BTSF Videos

Animal Welfare	Food Law	Plant Health Controls
Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF)	Food Hygiene Control, Fishery Products	Zoonoses and Microbiological Criteria in Fermented
Animal Health, Bees	Food Testing Laboratory, Mycotoxins	HMCP

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eLearning

Already available

- Animal Welfare (slaughter and culling for disease control)
- Food Contact Materials rules



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eLearning campus

Food Contact Materials Rules
Welcome

information.

This module is dedicated to National Competent Authorities of European Member States, Candidate and Third Countries, as well to all interested stakeholders.

Audio Help Print

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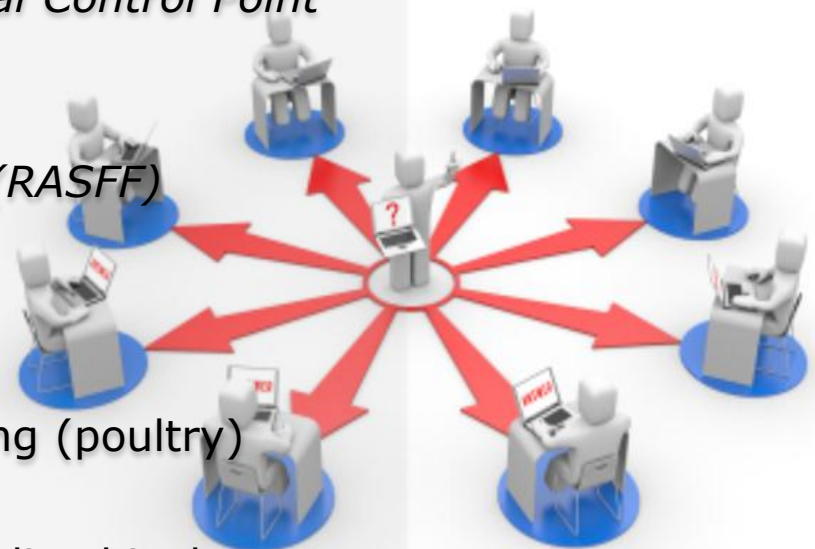
eLearning

Available soon (end 2014-early 2015)

- *Principles of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point audits (HACCP)*
- *Animal health for aquaculture animals*
- *Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF)*
- *Feed Law*

Available by mid 2015

- Animal welfare at slaughter and culling (poultry)
- Plant quarantine regime for import
- Food hygiene in fishery products and live bivalve molluscs,
- Eradication and Control of Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy's (TSE)



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http://ec.europa.eu/food/training_strategy/index_en.htm

<http://ec.europa.eu/chafea/food/index.html>

Thank you