



Better Training for Safer Food

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A training initiative of the European Commission Directorate-General for Health and Consumers for EU and third country officials who undertake controls on food safety and veterinary issues.

Legal basis: Article 51 of Regulation 882/2004

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BTSF principles

- Not to replace initial training for inspectors
 - ⇒ MS responsibility for initial training
- To complement initial training in areas where difficulties exist at EU level
 - ⇒ EU message / Mix of tutors team
- To favour knowledge sharing and networking to increase compatibility of control procedures throughout the EU
 - ⇒ Mix of tutors and participants
- To follow a train-the-trainer approach
 - ⇒ Dissemination is a key factor for BTSF success

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Areas covered

- Food law
- Feed law
- Animal health rules
- Animal welfare rules
- Plant health rules



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Programme definition

- **Assessment of results**
- **Consultation process / assessment of needs:**
 - Inputs from Commission services
 - Inputs from stakeholders (MS, EFTA countries...)
- **Decision process:**
 - BTSF scope
 - Activities already planned (scope/contents)
 - Community interest
 - Legal state of play / info from services
 - Budgetary constraints



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Structure of a one-year BTSF programme

- BTSF activities are usually run over a 2-year period
- A one-year training programme is composed of:
 - Activities continuing from year n-1
 - Activities finishing on year n-1 and re-launched on year n
 - New activities starting on year n

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Audience

- Training mainly destined for MS staff in charge of controls but open to third country participation
- Specific training for third countries

Application process

- Invited by contractors
- Through National Contact Points
- Responsible for participant selection



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General objectives

- High levels of competence and awareness of EU rules amongst official control staff
- Ensure more uniform, objective and efficient controls throughout the EU
- High levels of consumer protection, animal health and welfare and plant health
- Level playing field for food businesses
- Enhance trade of safe food



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Third country specific aims

- Ensure fair trade with third, particularly developing countries
- Help third countries to better understand and meet EU standards
- Reduce rejections at EU borders and the burden on EU border inspectors
- Safer food for third country consumers and a more diverse product range in the EU





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BTSF in figures from 2006 to 2010

- Around 520 events of 3 to 15 days
- More than 23.000 participants
- Budget of approx. € 54 million

Approx 35% of this global activity covers third countries

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BTSF programmes up to 2010 (EU - third countries)

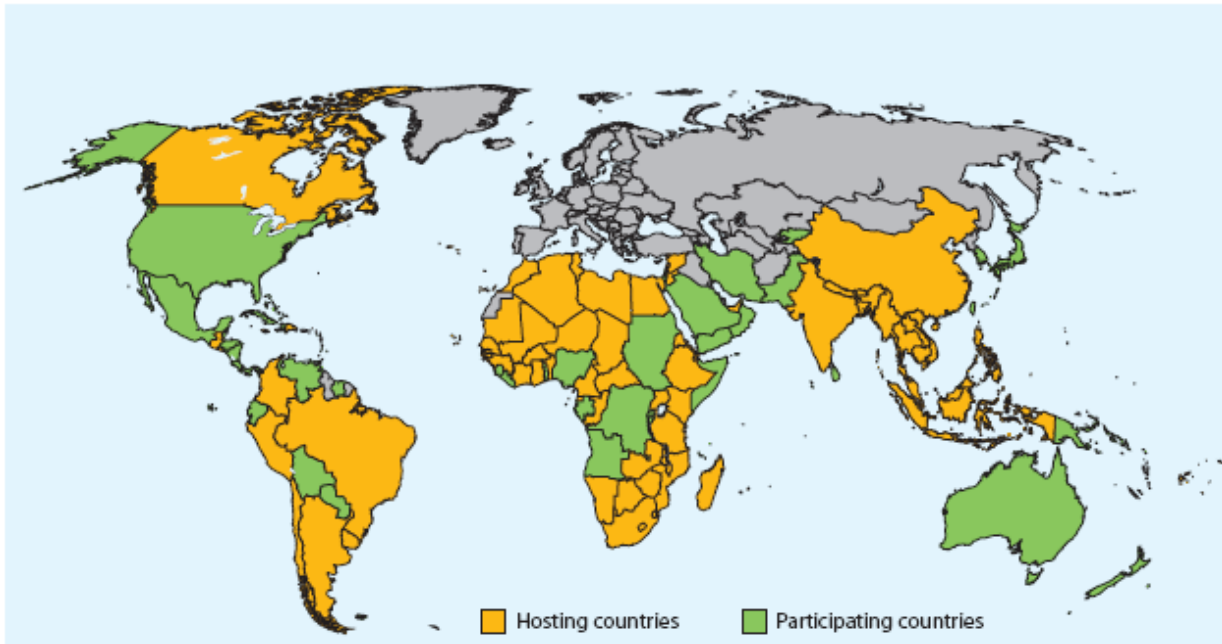
1. HACCP
2. Animal by Products
3. Animal Welfare
4. BIPs Airport
5. BIPs seaport/roads/rail
6. Zoonoses/microbiological criteria
7. Food Hygiene and Control
8. Food Contact Materials
9. Plant Protection Products
10. Plant Health Control
11. TSE
12. Food/feed of non-animal origin
13. Feed law
14. Animal Health Controls (Aquaculture)
15. Animal Health Controls (bees/zoo animals)
16. TRACES for EU Member States
17. Quality schemes
18. Audit systems
19. Support for EU controls
20. EU food standards
21. Avian Influenza
22. Food Testing/SPS issues
23. GMO analysis
24. RASFF and TRACES



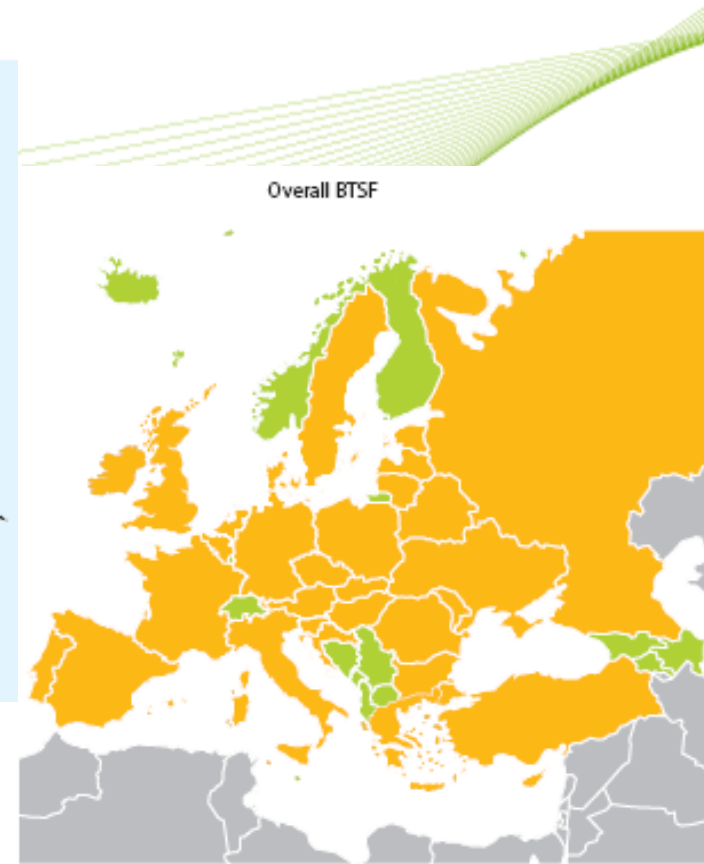
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Map of hosting and participating countries 2006-present

Overall BTSF



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Training 2011

Around 130 events

23 activities

approx 26 different thematic areas

Almost 6,300 participants

Budget of €14 million



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Continuing EU programmes

HACCP
(Implementation/Audit)

Animal By Products

Food Hygiene and Control
(Meat/Milk/Fishery products)

Animal Health Controls
(Aquaculture)

Animal Health Controls
(bees/exotic zoo animals)

Plant Health Control
(plant quarantine
regime/Emergency decisions)

EU programmes to be re-launched

Feed Law

Animal Welfare
(Slaughter/farming)

Plant Protection Products
(Registration/Use)

BIPs controls
(Seaports, road/rail, airports)

TSEs
(Feed ban/SRM/Scrapie)

Micro criteria/zoonoses

Feed/food of non-animal origin



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EU new programmes

1. Quality schemes (organic farming/geographical indications)
2. TRACES
3. Audit systems/internal auditing
4. FVO Pool of EU inspectors
5. E-learning (5 modules)

EU programmes: 18 activities- approx 21 thematic areas

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Third Country programmes

1. Food testing
2. EU food import standards
3. AI and other animal diseases
4. RASFF/TRACES
5. GMO Analysis

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BTSF main challenges in future

- Better respond to demand
- Improve networking
- Better identify priorities
- Ensure greater participant homogeneity
- Improve training quality
- Increase dissemination

⇒ **Commission Staff Working Document (November 2010)**

⇒ **BTSF High level conference (November 2010)**

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