



BTSF Info Day

INTRODUCTION

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What is BTSF

- Better Training for Safer Food is an initiative of the European Commission
- It provides high-quality training for officials control staff involved in verifying the compliance with EU Food and Feed Law, Animal Health and Welfare rules, and Plant Health rules
- Participants come from Member States and sometime from other countries (CC, EFTA, NPC, DC)



BTSF main objectives

- Convert food safety policy into action through training and education
- Better understanding of EU legislation related to food safety, animal health and welfare, and plant health rules
- Uniform enforcement of legislation and harmonised approach to official controls
- Know-how transfer on effective inspection methods and best practices
- Enhance trade and creating a level playing field for food operators



BTSF in a nutshell

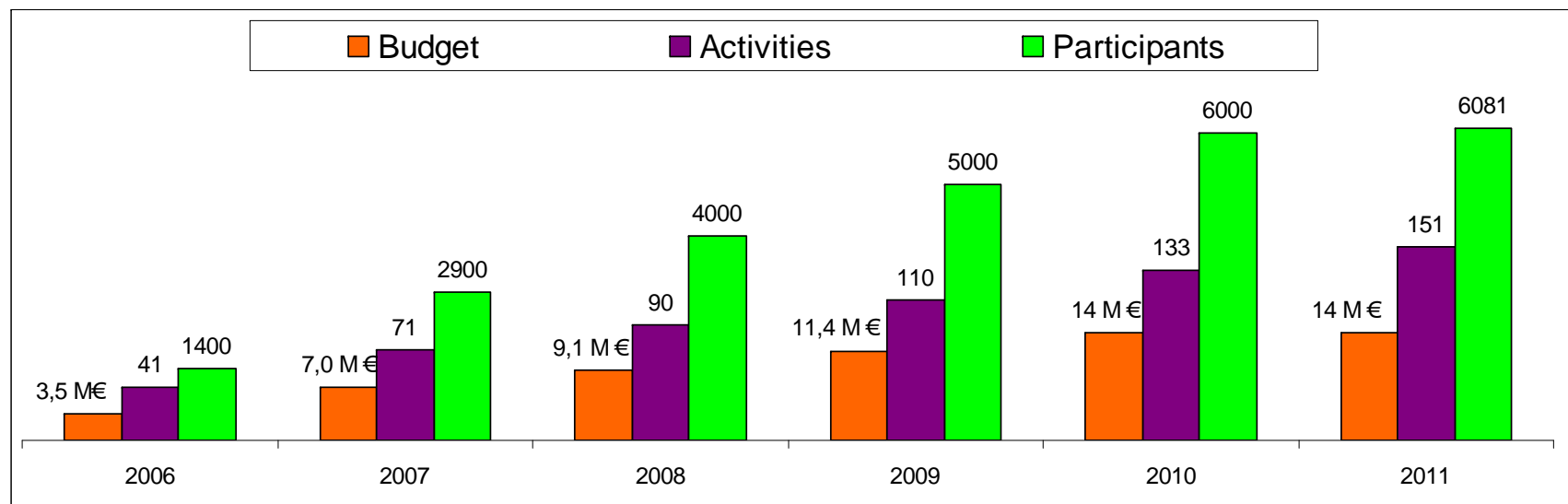
~ 80 Million € from 2006-2012

- 16 Million € 2012 FD/15 M€ Operational activities

~ 150 Training activities in 2011 across Europe and beyond

- More than 6000 participants in 2011; substantial increase expected in 2012

BTSF Figures





EAHC

- *Formerly the PHEA*
- *In 2008 the Agency's name was changed, the mandate was prolonged and expanded to include actions in consumer protection and training for safer food*
- *our mission is to deliver professional service, consistent high standard of technical and financial management, implementation of tasks and activities entrusted by the European Commission*



What we do

EAHC:

- carries out all the operations necessary for the management of the programmes

Manages all phases of projects, from launch of Cft to evaluation of offers, award contracts, monitoring and supervision of implementation

- helps disseminate know-how, feedback projects results to DG SANCO for policy making

- fosters networks, provide support for technical activities, studies, analysis



EAHC and Commission (DG SANCO)

Distinct responsibilities

- Commission set priorities in annual work plans, liaise with Member States
- EAHC execute programmes, launch proposals and tenders, manage and monitor projects, improve efficiency of management and ensure feedback and dissemination



EAHC and Commission (DG SANCO)

... but close coordination

- Steering Committee meetings
- Regular liaison meetings
- Regular meetings at technical level
- Participation in Evaluation committees
- Cooperation framework (SOPs)



BTSF: Future challenges

- *Consolidation and further development*
- *Improvement of training standards, focus on quality*
- *Research of best learning and training techniques*
- *Matching priorities and needs of beneficiaries*
- *Projects with big impact: what will be different when it is finished*
- *effective communication and dissemination*
- *evaluation and monitoring*



WE WANT YOU !

- *Looking for competent, efficient and strongly committed contractors*
- *Looking for highly qualified and experienced tutors*
- *Looking for quality and excellence in training projects organisation and implementation*
- *Best value for money*

INFO DAY AIMS

- *General information on BTSF Initiative and the new programmes as outlined in the FD 2012*
- *Advice and tips on preparing a good proposal*
- *Key implementing issues*
- *Contributions, networking*
- *Questions and answers*

Your participation and feedback is important for us



Thank you and...

*GOOD LUCK
WITH YOUR PROPOSALS*