



Better Training for Safer Food for non-EU countries

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BTSF international training courses and capacity building



Previously since 2006

- Several BTSF programmes exclusively for non-EU countries, financed under the BTSF budget line (e.g. EU Food Standards, HPAI and other animal diseases, RASSF/TRACES, GMO, food testing)
- One specific programme targeting sub-Saharan Africa called BTSF Africa, paid by the European Development Fund and subdelegated by DG DEVCO
- Non-EU country attendance (10%) to EU Member State trainings



BTSF perspective and programme from 2013 onwards

⇒ *two new calls to train non-EU countries exclusively*

- BTSF – International Standards Setting Bodies (BTSF-ISSB): to train participants on how to set international SPS standards (training on process)
- BTSF – World, a global training programme covering all SPS issues (training on content)



Funding source

1. BTSF-ISSB: under "Aid for Trade", provides for activities of a multilateral nature with the aim to promote (global) trade, subdelegated by DG TRADE
2. BTSF-World: under "Food security thematic programme" of the Development Cooperation Instrument with the aim to promote food security in developing countries, subdelegated by DG DEVCO

1/ BTSF-ISSB

- Three International Standards Setting Bodies providing guidance to the SPS Committee of the World Trade Organisation (3 Sisters):
 - **For food safety, the Joint FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex)**
 - **For animal health, the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE),**
 - **For plant health, the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)**



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Objectives

- Strengthened technical capacity of country delegates to contribute to the development of ISSB standards based on science,
- Better preparation and more effective participation of country delegates in ISSB meetings, with a potential to come up with harmonised national and ultimately also regional positions.

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General requirements

- In the reporting it must be clear what results have been achieved, this may be done on the basis of a detailed evaluation form for the participants.
- The choice of the practical exercises must be done on the basis of realistic and actual cases, in order to demonstrate a link with (potential) trade
- Keep the financing source in mind

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- Lasts for 24 months
- Seven 3-day regional workshops:
 - 3 on effective participation in Codex activities,
 - 2 on effective participation in OIE activities,
 - 2 on effective participation in IPPC activities.
- Close collaboration with Commission staff and international standards setting bodies
- Tutors mainly from the above and EU Member States' experts

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Topics: training on process

- General background on nature and organisation of ISSB's, membership, positioning, development of standards, use of risk analysis, exchange of experience,
- Practical exercises: preparation of national/regional positions and mock general session.

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Locations

- Codex:
 - **Belgium (English - Arabic)**
 - **Thailand (English)**
 - **Ukraine (English – Russian)**
- OIE:
 - **Tunisia (English – French)**
 - **Russian Federation (English- Russian)**
- IPPC:
 - **Morocco (English – French)**
 - **Chile (English – Spanish)**

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Objectives

- **Provision of technical training to both authorities and private sector in order to have a better understanding of good practices thereby addressing any SPS issue:**
 - At regional level through the organisation of regional workshops or laboratory trainings
 - At local level, to develop a roadmap to improve or remedy a situation of non-conformity

General requirements

- Keep financing source in mind: FSTP
- Must focus on both authorities and private sector
- Must focus on the most food insecure countries and/or sectors
- Clear link with enhancing food security through food safety essential
- Need for indicators to demonstrate achievements before and after intervention (mainly STM's)

General requirements ⁽²⁾

- Need to mainstream cross-cutting issues such as gender equality and environmental and climate change
- Food security focuses on global public goods and challenges by supporting strengthening governance at various levels
- Close collaboration with other international donors and their programmes, coherence with EU policies

General requirements ⁽³⁾

- Principles of Busan on aid effectiveness
- Montpellier report on intelligent intensification of agriculture
- Complementarity or "in-between" activities encouraged
- Close link with existing information
 - FVO reports
 - Previous interventions
 - Previous BTSF reports (on all non-EU countries' trainings)

General requirements ⁽⁴⁾

Some examples:

- Training farmers to reduce pre and post-harvest crop losses
- Training farmers on how to take care of their working animals
- Health of bees
- Laboratory techniques
- Training authorities on how to inspect and verify compliance with legal provisions
- Etc.....

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- **Two subjects**
 - Food safety and plant health
 - Animal health and welfare
- **Six lots**
 - Geographically distributed over three distinct regions
 - Africa and ENP countries
 - South and Central America and the Carribean
 - Asia and the Pacific
- **Two types of activities**



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- **Regional workshops**
 - To train participants on a specific topic on a regional basis
 - Can include competent authorities only, or include private sector only or both,
 - Can consist of a hands-on laboratory training,
 - Can consist of a brainstorming session to work towards a regional action plan,
 - Can consist of gathering people involved in setting up regional bodies, e.g. the ASEAN risk assessment centre

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- **Sustained training missions**
 - Essential to work towards improvement of a situation
 - FVO reports constitute benchmarks
 - Targeting either authorities or private sector
 - Private sector ranges from farmers/fishermen organisations to food business operators
 - Consecutive training is promoted (5 to 6 missions)
 - In some cases (RASFF-TRACES) a one-off event
 - Hop-on potential with existing projects
 - Outlining a work plan/roadmap is essential



***Thank you for your
attention and above all
GOOD LUCK!***