



Better Training for Safer Food

Perspectives and 2014 programme

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Future strategies and Evaluation

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First general evaluation of BTSF

- *Carried out in 2008-09*
- *Main aims: to verify what has been achieved in terms of:*
 - **Quality**
 - **Impact**

⇒ **Allowed to identify main challenges**

BTSF main challenges in future

- Respond better to demand
- Improve networking
- Identify better priorities
- Ensure greater participant homogeneity
- Improve training quality
- Increase dissemination

⇒ Commission Staff Working Document from November 2010

2010 High-level conference on BTSF

Conclusions

- BTSF must continue as it provides knowledge and expertise which contribute to increasing consumer protection and fostering trade.
- Stronger collaboration with MS and TC authorities is desirable for identifying needs, ensuring quality, impact and dissemination.
- Dissemination is a key factor in training success.

Second general evaluation of BTSF

- *Carried out in 2011-13*
- *Main aims: to verify what has been achieved in terms of:*
 - **Quality**
 - **Impact**
 - **Dissemination**

Second general evaluation of BTSF

Recommendations

- To establish a more structured approach to dissemination at Member State level (introduction of MS dissemination plans, fine-tuning the selection process)
- To expand the reach of the programme through a mixed model of learning (e-learning, STMs, on-line platform, etc.)
- To target staff who occupy senior management or specific training positions
- To develop more precise performance indicators to measure outcome and impact more effectively

Where are we?

Better response to the demand

- *Size of demand* (⇒ **Estimation extremely difficult**)
- *Increased supply of training activities*
 - ⇒ **E-learning tools for basic training (Pilot project)**
 - ⇒ **Other learning tools (work on development of videos, webinars)**
 - ⇒ **Favour basic-advance level training (already running for certain programmes)**
 - ⇒ **Towards a blended learning offer (mix of e-learning and traditional face-to-face trainings)**

Where are we?

Better networking

- *More info-sharing with Commission services (EEAS, TRADE, AGRI, DEVCO, etc.)* ⇒ **Follow all other capacity building actions to look for synergies**
- *BTSF training for other DGs which have some involvement in the food and feed sectors (DEVCO, TRADE)* ⇒ **e.g. BTSF ISSB and BTSF World**
- *Co-financed training with Member States* ⇒ **Modification of legal framework (R882/2004)**
- *Ad-hoc assistance missions for MS* ⇒ **already included in BTSF activities**

Where are we?

Better identification of priorities

- *Needs assessment process every year* ⇒ **Set of criteria to define priorities**
- *Systematic input and feedback* ⇒ **From participating colleagues and from other stakeholders (MS, contractors, etc.)**
- *Training back-to-back with important international events (Codex, IPPC, OIE, FAO...)* ⇒ **e.g. Animal Welfare in Thailand**
- *Easier and more regular communication of MS training plans and priorities* ⇒ **Development of an on-line platform**

Where are we?

Greater participant homogeneity

- *Accurate definition of required knowledge levels and profiles*
 - ⇒ **Already requested for all programmes**
- *Checks of applicant technical skills*
 - ⇒ **Pre-course questionnaires in all programmes**
- *Basic-advanced course **in certain programmes***
- *Principle of regional-level training for BTSF in non-EU countries*
 - ⇒ **Implemented in all non-EU country programmes**
- *New selection criteria in the future*
 - ⇒ **Use of e-learning basic courses**

Where are we?

Improve quality of the training

- *Appropriate format*
 - ⇒ **Pre-course questionnaires to get expectations**
 - ⇒ **Inclusion of a pedagogical review**
- *Greater audience homogeneity*
- *Availability of high qualified tutors*
 - ⇒ **Participation of training coordinators in training with FVO**
 - ⇒ **Summer school to be established**
- *Knowledge sharing and networking*
 - ⇒ **Development of an on-line platform**
 - ⇒ **Alumni network**

Where are we?

Increase dissemination

- Further develop the train-the-trainers principle
 - ⇒ **Creation of a training centre**
 - ⇒ **Collaboration with a network of MS training centres**
- Clear and simple learning tools ⇒ **Already implemented**
- E-learning platform ⇒ **Hosted on the on-line platform**
- Expert training database
- More formal commitment for dissemination implementation
 - ⇒ **At participant level: formal statement**
 - ⇒ **At MS level: develop dissemination plans**
- Check dissemination implementation
 - ⇒ **FVO inspections**
- Inclusion of BTSF knowledge in trainings at national level
 - ⇒ **Modification of the legal framework (R882/2004)**

Where are we?

Evaluation procedure

- Electronic evaluation system
 - ⇒ **Initiative by Chafea**
- Regular general assessment
 - ⇒ **Cost-benefit study to be launched in 2014 on long term-strategies and recommendations by 2nd general evaluation**

Long term actions

- *E-learning*
- *Co-financing*
- *Tutors summer school*
- *Post-graduate training centre*
- *On-line platform*
- *Alumni network*
- *Tutor network and database*
- *Dissemination*

Training for 2015 onwards

***Around 170 events
40 activities approx.
Around 6300 participants
Budget of almost €15 million***

Re-starting EU programmes

Animal By-Products
Feed law
Control of contaminants
Checks at BIPs
Import control on FNAO
TRACES
Control of movements of pets
Microbiological criteria
Food borne outbreaks investigations
Food information and composition
Animal welfare rules
Plant health controls

New EU programmes

Food contact materials
Pesticides application
equipment control
Zoonoses/Anti-microbial
Resistance
Food testing
+
Series of conferences within Milan
Expo

Plant health controls 2015-16

General features

- 14 courses (3 to 5 day-courses)
- 3 modules: EU Import regime, Wood packaging material at import and Plant health surveillance and outbreak control
- 390 participants in total

Objectives

- Smooth operation of the internal market;
- Respond to threats rapidly;

Target

- Officials involved in import controls;
- Officials involved in controlling imported WPM;
- Officials in charge of organising/implementing harmful organism outbreak control and surveillance

PPP application equipment 2015-16

General features

- 6 three-day courses
- 115 participants in total

Objectives

- *provide for practical, up-to-date and harmonised knowledge regarding PAE and their inspection, including the application of relevant ISO standards;*
- *improve the harmonisation of inspection practices between MS and support the recognition of certificates systems*

Target

- *official staff involved in designing inspection programmes of PAE;*
- *official staff directly involved in inspections of PAE;*
- *trainers of professional users of plant protection products.*

Food testing 2015-16

General features

- 7 ten-day laboratory courses
- 3 modules (Mycotoxins, Microbiology and Residues)
- 105 participants in total

Objectives

- *to provide technical assistance in the analytical area;*
- *to provide hands-on training on analytical techniques at EU accredited laboratories,*
- *to help reduce the current difficulties being experienced by developing countries in this field.*

Target

- *Laboratory technicians from non-EU countries.*

Next steps

- *Publication of other calls in November 2014*
- *Organisation of 5 conferences within the Milan Expo framework*
- *Celebration of BTSF 10th anniversary during Milan Expo*

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