



Better Training for Safer Food *Initiative*

**Prevention, control and eradication
of Transmissible Spongiform
Encephalopathies**



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A DG SANCO training initiative for EU and non-EU country officials who undertake controls on sanitary and phytosanitary issues.

Areas covered

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



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



Specific aims in non-EU countries

- Help non-EU countries to better understand and meet more easily EU rules/standards
- Reduce rejections at EU borders and facilitate access to the EU market
- Ensure fair trade with non-EU countries, particularly developing countries
- Contribute to safer food for non-EU country consumers and a more diverse range of safe food products in the EU
- Enhance SPS regulatory cooperation with non-EU countries



Characteristics of training

- *Training is organised by external contractors*
- *Training types*
 - *Traditional face-to-face workshops*
 - *Secondment of individual experts (Sustained training missions)*
- *Basic principles*
 - *To favour knowledge/experience sharing and networking*
 - *To follow a train-the-trainer approach*



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BTSF in figures from 2006 to 2013

Around 960 events

More than 41.000 participants

Budget of approx. € 98 million

Programmes up to 2014

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. EU Quality schemes
18. Audit systems
19. Support for EU controls
20. Food additives
21. Contingency planning and animal disease control
22. Emerging animal diseases
23. Risk assessment
24. Veterinary medicinal products
25. EU law enforcement in SPS fields

Programmes up to 2014 (EU-third countries)

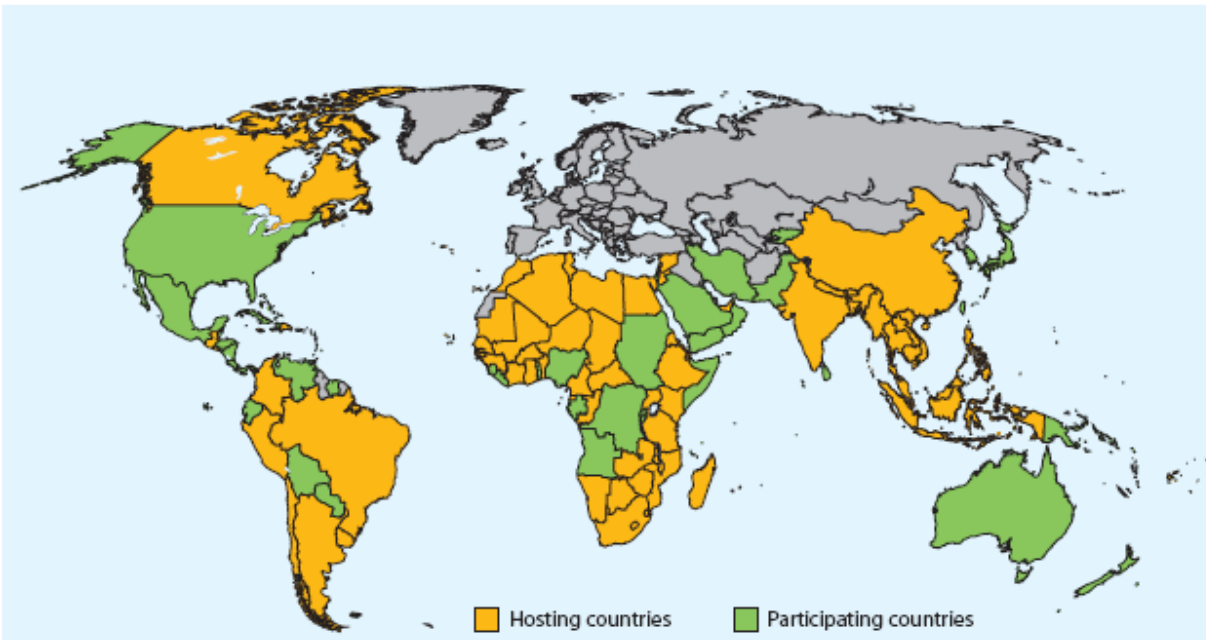
26. Animal identification, registration and traceability **NEW**
27. New and emerging plant health risk **NEW**
28. Strengthening MS responses to Union audits **NEW**
29. Sustainable use of plant protection products **NEW**
30. Food hygiene and flexibility **NEW**
31. New investigation techniques for official controls along the food chain **NEW**
32. RASFF **NEW**
33. Supervision of semen, ova and embryos **NEW**
34. EU food standards
35. Food Testing/SPS issues
36. GMO analysis
37. RASFF and TRACES
38. Feed rules and import requirements
39. International Standard Setting Bodies
40. BTSF World



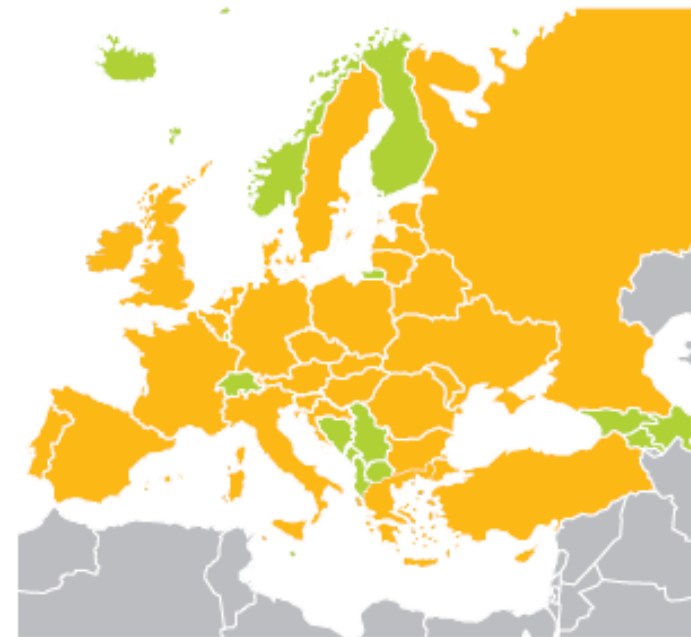
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Map of hosting and participating countries 2006-present

Overall BTSF



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Training 2014

***Around 160 events
30 activities approx.
Around 6200 participants
Budget of almost €15 million***

Prevention/Control/Eradication of TSEs

- *Organised under BTSF at first in 2008*
- *More than 15 events involving approximately 500 participants*
- *Main focus on:*
 - Control of the feed ban
 - Control of removal of Specified Risk Material
 - Monitoring and surveillance programmes
 - TSEs in small ruminants (e.g. breeding programmes)

Prevention/Control/Eradication of TSEs

- *8 three-day courses*
 - 2014: 4 courses in June (NL), Sept (NL), Nov (SI) and (PT)
 - 2015: 4 courses in Jan (SI), Mar (PT), May (SI) and Sept (NL)
- *30 participants per workshop*
- *Theoretical and practical sessions with exercises on implementing and verifying compliance with EU legislation, panel discussions, field visits on sampling (feed/TSE testing)*



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