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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 (EC) 882/2004

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Executive Agency for Health and Consumers monitors contracts, launches calls for tender and disseminates information on BTSF.



**Directorate-General for
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Areas covered:

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



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General aims:

- High levels of competence and awareness of EU rules amongst official control staff
- Harmonised approach to Community and national control systems
- 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

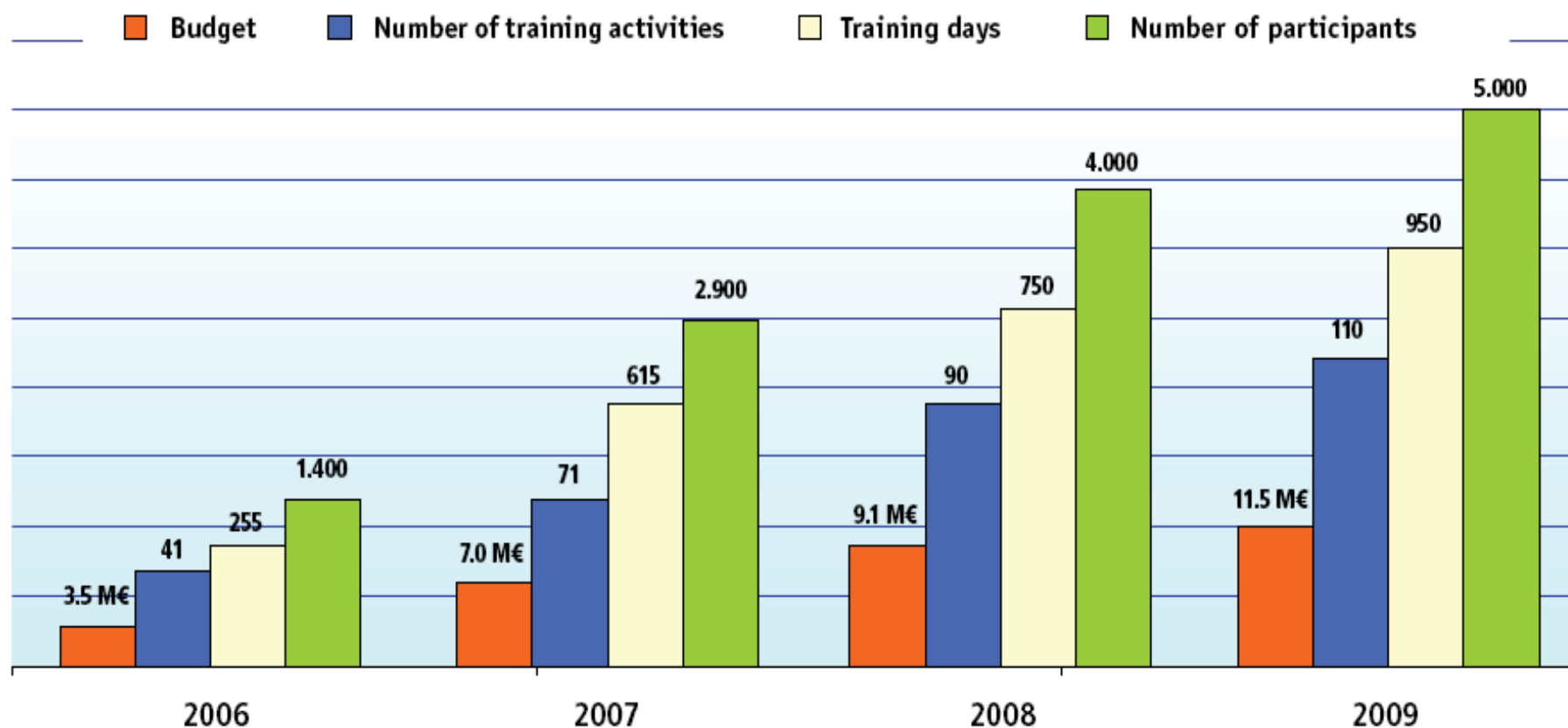
- Ensure fair trade with third and particularly developing countries
- Help third countries to better understand and meet EU standards
- Reduce rejections at the EU borders and the burden on EU border inspectors
- Better controls give third country consumers better food safety and EU consumers get access to a more diverse product range



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Evolution 2006-present:

Participation levels expected to reach an average of 6,000 per year



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List of programmes launched up to present day + EU-third countries

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| 1. HACCP | 11. TTta TSE |
| 2. Animal by Products | 12. Food/feed of non-animal origin |
| 3. Animal Welfare | 13. Feed law |
| 4. BIPs Airport | 14. Animal Health Controls (Aquaculture) |
| 5. BIPs seaport/roads/rail | 15. Animal Health Controls (bees, exotic zoo animals) |
| 6. Zoonoses and microbiological criteria | 16. EU food import standards |
| 7. Food Hygiene and Control | 17. Avian Influenza |
| 8. Food Contact Materials | 18. Food Testing |
| 9. Plant Protection Products | 19. GMO analysis |
| 10. Plant Health Control | 20. RASFF and TRACES |

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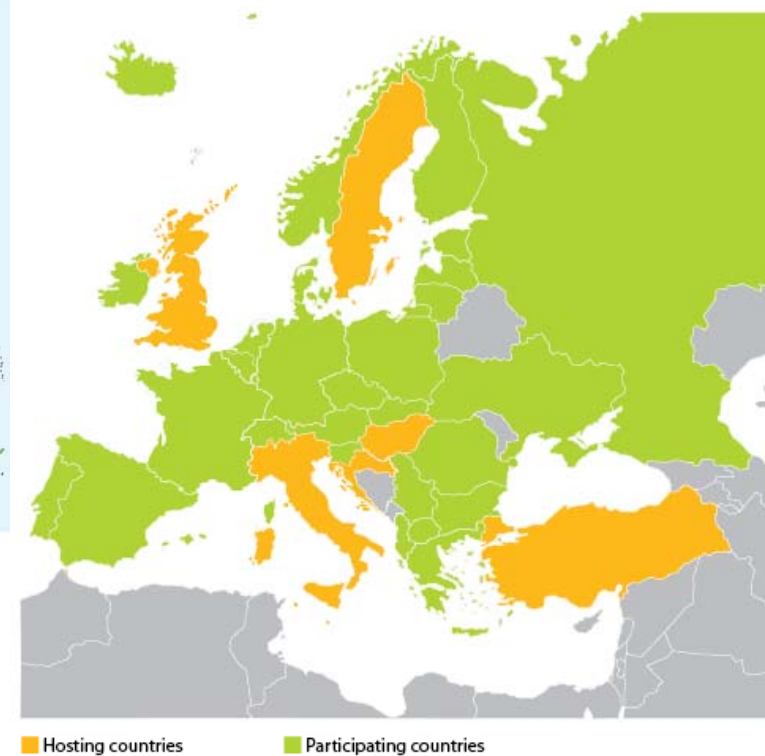
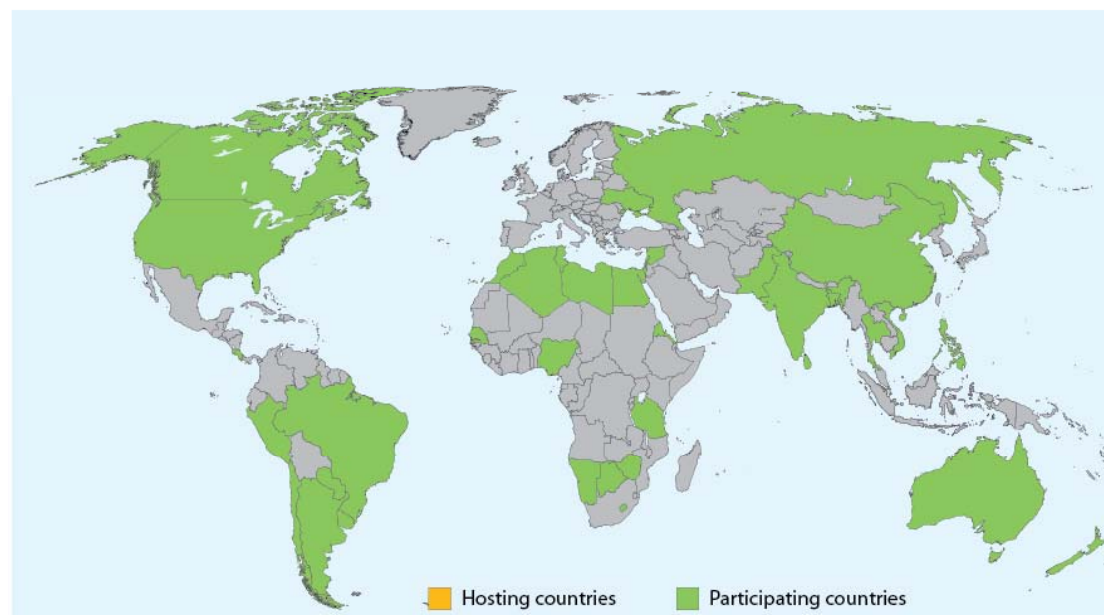
BTSF Africa

- Strengthens capacity of African countries on health and plant health
- Supports food security through technical and policy advice on animal health, food safety and quality
- Help African countries produce agro-food products compatible with international standards
- Contribute to reducing food-borne disease
- Support competitiveness of the agro-food sector and contribute to rural development and employment in Africa



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Map of Animal Welfare



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Organisation of training

- Subjects chosen according to needs identified following broad consultation with Commission services and stakeholders
- Training is held in the EU and third countries
- Training consists of workshops and secondment of individual experts to countries across the globe to carry out sustained training sessions and assistance to national authorities
- Tuition from experts from the Commission, Member States, third countries and international organisations

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Future strategies

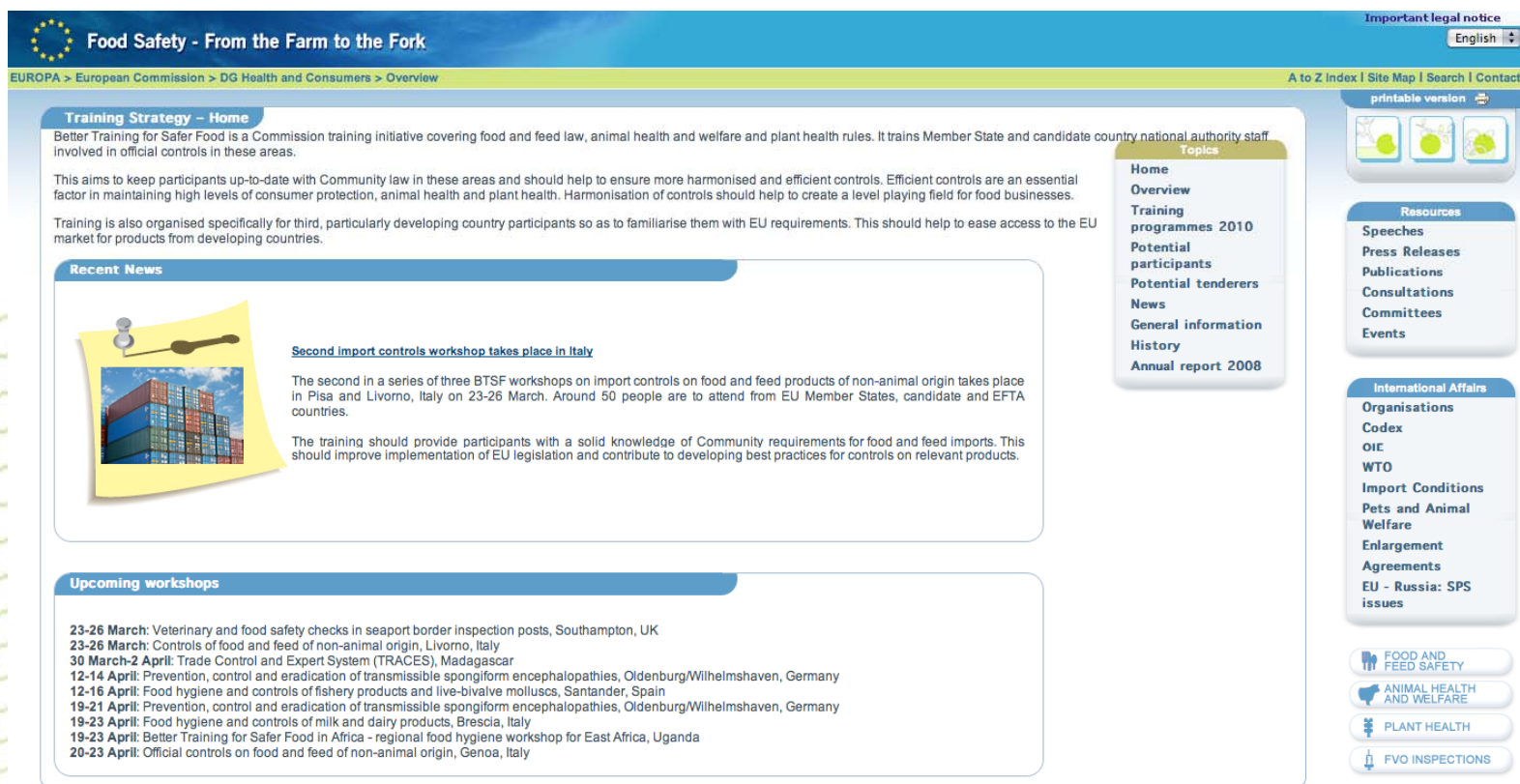
- E-learning for basic-level training, workshops on advanced training to increase supply
- Organise co-financed training jointly with national authorities, international organisations and possibly private sector
- Tutors summer school and expert network
- Alumni network for experience exchange between past participants
- Guide to best training practices and standard operating procedures
- Regular evaluation of BTSF
- Exchanges between national authority staff



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More information?

http://ec.europa.eu/food/training_strategy/index_en.htm



Food Safety - From the Farm to the Fork

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Better Training for Safer Food is a Commission training initiative covering food and feed law, animal health and welfare and plant health rules. It trains Member State and candidate country national authority staff involved in official controls in these areas.

This aims to keep participants up-to-date with Community law in these areas and should help to ensure more harmonised and efficient controls. Efficient controls are an essential factor in maintaining high levels of consumer protection, animal health and plant health. Harmonisation of controls should help to create a level playing field for food businesses.

Training is also organised specifically for third, particularly developing country participants so as to familiarise them with EU requirements. This should help to ease access to the EU market for products from developing countries.

Recent News

 **Second import controls workshop takes place in Italy**

The second in a series of three BTSF workshops on import controls on food and feed products of non-animal origin takes place in Pisa and Livorno, Italy on 23-26 March. Around 50 people are to attend from EU Member States, candidate and EFTA countries.

The training should provide participants with a solid knowledge of Community requirements for food and feed imports. This should improve implementation of EU legislation and contribute to developing best practices for controls on relevant products.

Upcoming workshops

- 23-26 March:** Veterinary and food safety checks in seaport border inspection posts, Southampton, UK
- 23-26 March:** Controls of food and feed of non-animal origin, Livorno, Italy
- 30 March-2 April:** Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES), Madagascar
- 12-14 April:** Prevention, control and eradication of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies, Oldenburg/Wilhelmshaven, Germany
- 12-16 April:** Food hygiene and controls of fishery products and live-bivalve molluscs, Santander, Spain
- 19-21 April:** Prevention, control and eradication of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies, Oldenburg/Wilhelmshaven, Germany
- 19-23 April:** Food hygiene and controls of milk and dairy products, Brescia, Italy
- 19-23 April:** Better Training for Safer Food in Africa - regional food hygiene workshop for East Africa, Uganda
- 20-23 April:** Official controls on food and feed of non-animal origin, Genoa, Italy

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- Next workshop on animal welfare 2010:
- Religious slaughter
 - Turkey 5- 8 October

