



# Better Training for Safer Food

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## Better Training for Safer Food



A DG SANCO training initiative for EU and third country officials who undertake controls on food safety and veterinary issues. Legal basis: Article 51 of Regulation (EC) 882/2004



## Better Training for Safer Food

### 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, particularly developing countries
- Help third countries to better understand and meet EU standards
- Reduce rejections at EU borders and the burden on EU border inspectors
- Safer food for third country consumers and a more diverse product range in the EU



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### BTSF in figures from 2006 to 2010

- Around 520 events
- More than 23.000 participants
- Budget of approx. € 54 million

*Approx 35% of this global activity covers third countries*

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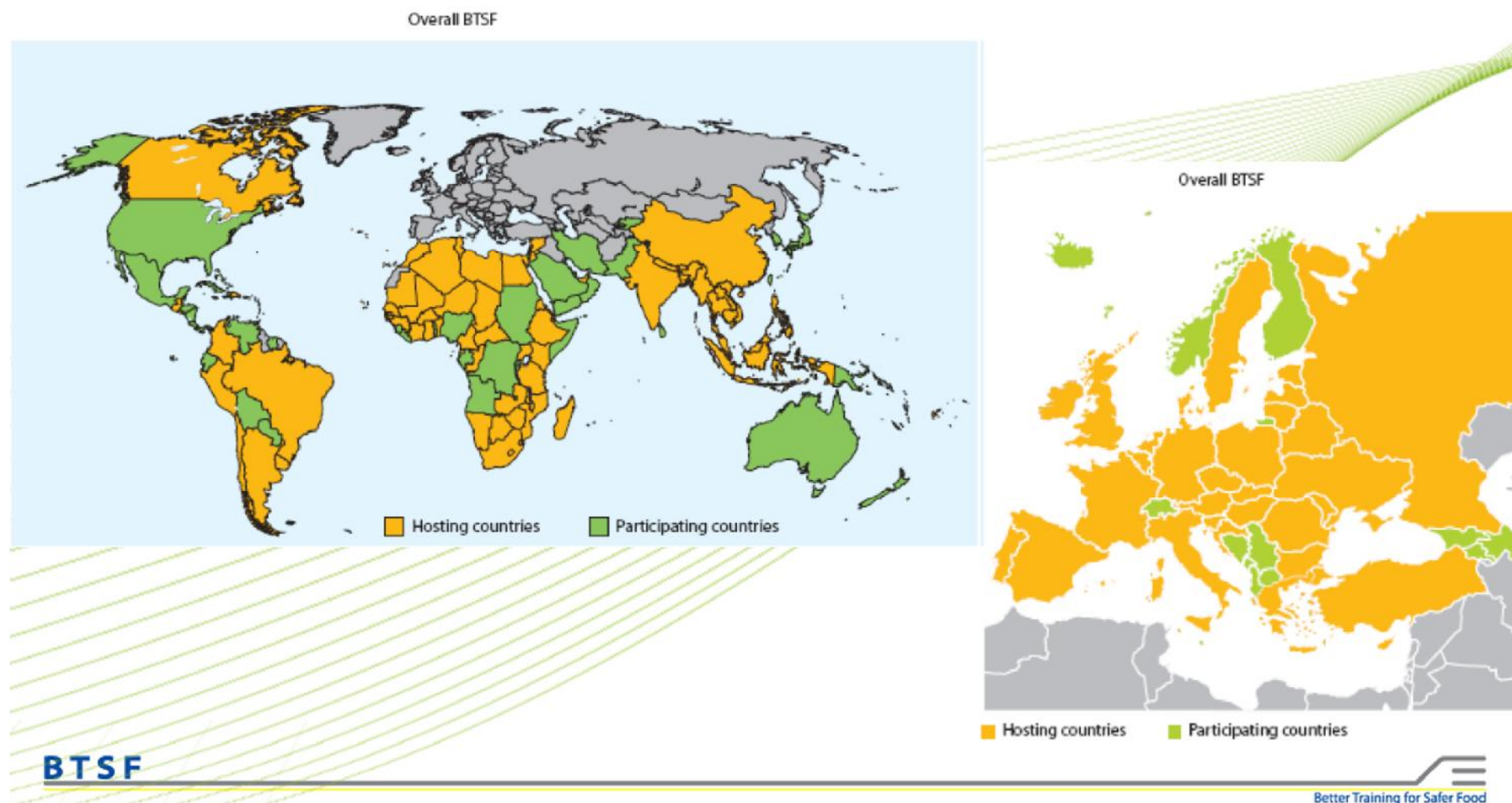
### Programmes launched up to present day (EU-third countries)

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. Quality schemes
18. Audit systems
19. Support for EU controls
20. EU food standards
21. Avian Influenza
22. Food Testing/SPS issues
23. GMO analysis
24. RASFF and TRACES



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Map of hosting and participating countries 2006-present



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### EU-based training 2011 – global overview

Programme	Events	Participants
HACCP	26	520
ABP	4	260
Food hygiene/control	17	374
Animal health aquaculture	3	120
Animal health bees/zoo	3	120
Plant health	10	300
Feed law	5	150
Animal welfare	3	180

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### EU-based training 2011 – overview (continued)

Programme	Events	Participants
Zoonoses	4	140
BIPs	5	200
TSE	4	120
TRACES	3	90
Quality schemes	9	270
Feed/food of non-animal origin	5	250
Audit systems	6	180
Plant protection products	3	110
Support to EU controls	12	180



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### Training 2011

*Around 130 events*

*23 activities*

*approx 26 different thematic areas*

*Almost 6,300 participants*

*Budget of €14 million*

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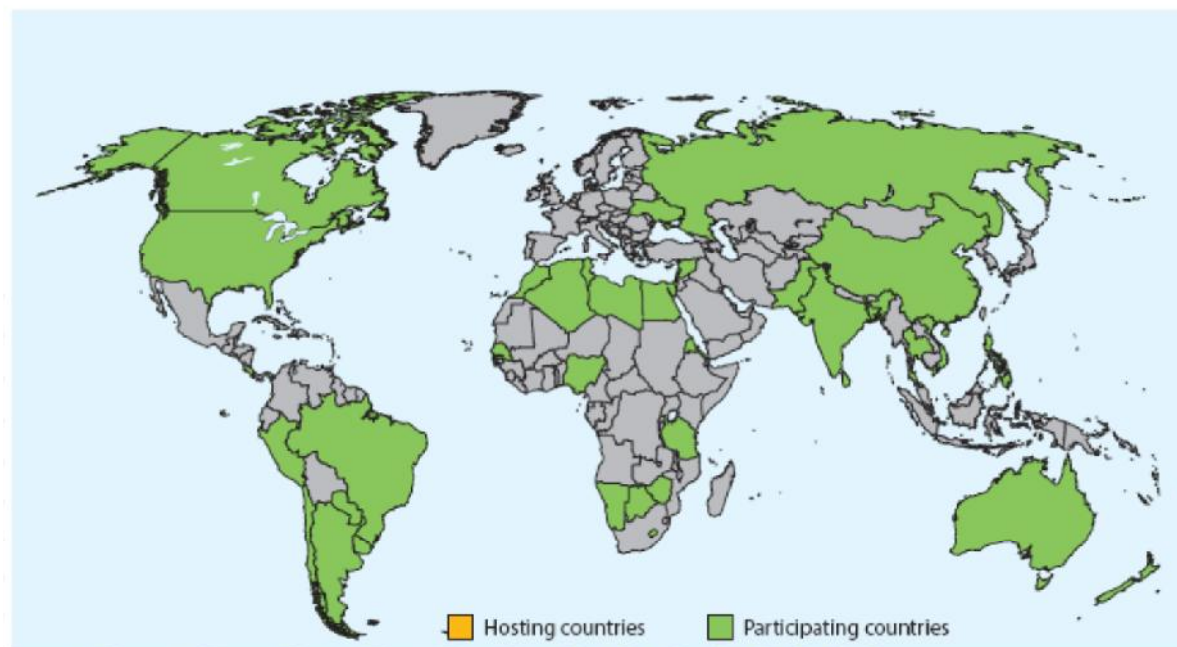
### BTSF: Animal welfare activities

- Among the first training activities organised (since 2007)
- Around 11 events involving almost 750 participants
- Main focus given up to now to slaughter/killing and transport
- Future activities:
  - focus on welfare at farm level
  - e-learning modules

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*Animal welfare hosting and participating countries 2007-present*

Animal Welfare



Animal Welfare





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### BTSF: Animal welfare activities in 2011-12

- 7 3-day workshops covering:
  - animal welfare at slaughter,
  - during transport,
  - at farm level (laying hens and broiler chickens, pigs)
- 60 participants per workshop
- Presentations and practical training in slaughterhouses, transport companies, vehicles, control posts, at farm level

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### BTSF: Animal Welfare activities in 2011-12

- 1 session on AW during transport (21-24 June 2011)
- 2 sessions on farming pigs (Sept. 2011, Sept. 2012)
- 1 session on killing in slaughterhouses (Nov. 2012)
- 2 sessions on farming hens (March and Nov. 2012)
- 1 session on killing in the disease control situation (June 2012)

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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

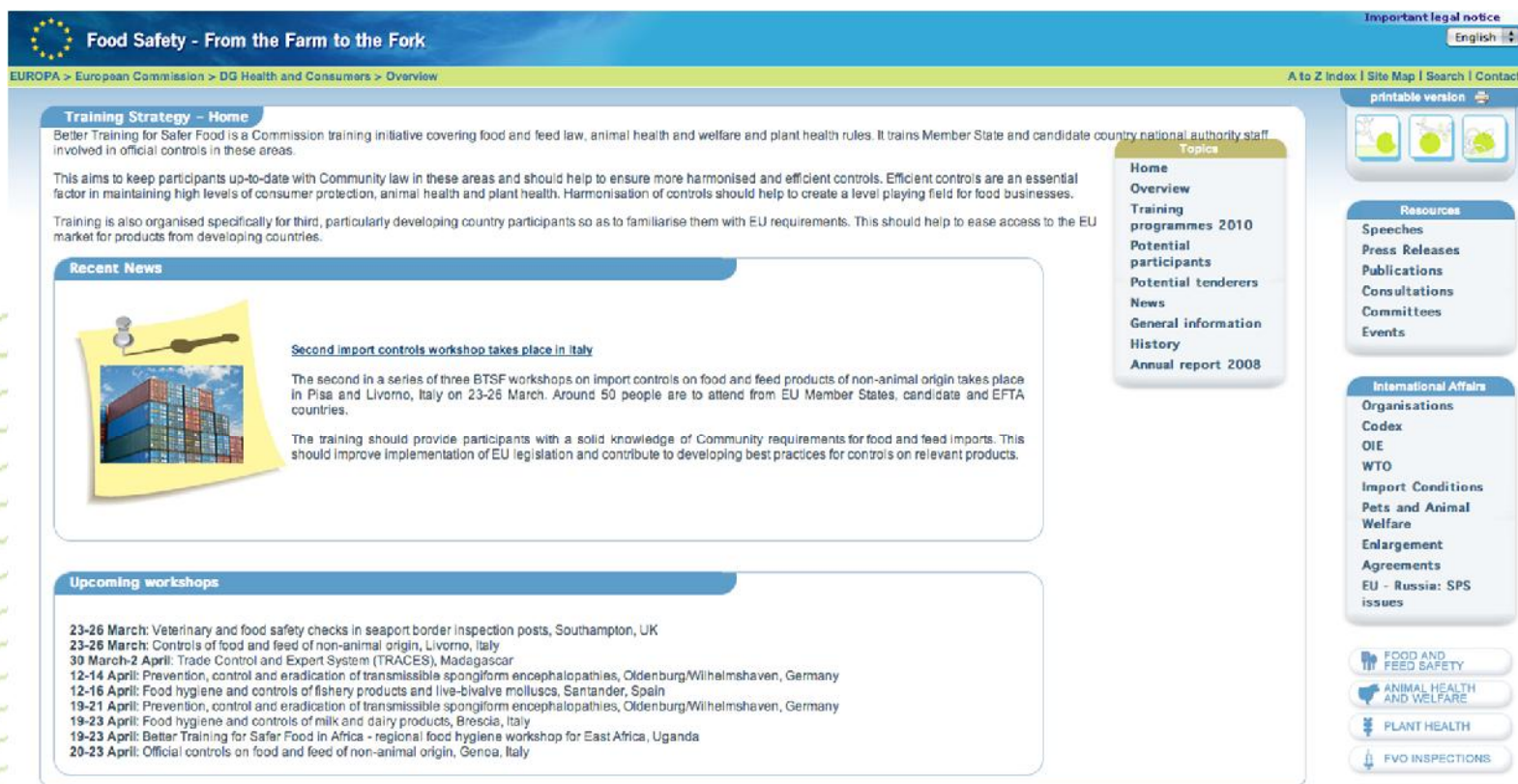




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[http://ec.europa.eu/food/training\\_strategy/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/training_strategy/index_en.htm)



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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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# Key messages

- On Better Training for Safer Food:
  - Use this opportunity well
  - You can count on us for trainings
  - Come back for more

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*Thank you*