



# **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.*



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## *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





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# *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*

## ***BTSF in figures from 2006 to 2013***

***Around 960 events***

***More than 41.000 participants***

***Budget of approx. € 98 million***

# *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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