



EFSA cooperation with EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood partner countries



EU Enlargement

IPA II – programming period 2014-2020

- The Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) is the tool by which the EU supports reforms in the 'enlargement countries' with financial and technical help,
- The IPA funds build up the capacities of the countries throughout the accession process, resulting in progressive, positive developments in the region,
- For the period 2007-2013 IPA had a budget of some € 11.5 billion; its successor, IPA II, builds on the results already achieved by dedicating € 11.7 billion for the period 2014-2020.

EU ENLARGEMENT

IPA II - Legal basis

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- The IPA II regulation came into force on 16 March 2014 and is applicable retroactively from 1st January 2014.
 - The IPA II regulation is complemented by the Common Implementing Regulation which is a set of simplified and harmonised implementing rules and procedures for all external action instruments, as well as the IPA II Implementing Regulation adopted by the Commission on 2 May 2014.

TARGET COUNTRIES AND GROUPS

Partner Countries

- **Candidate Countries**
- Albania, FYR of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey
- **Potential Candidate Countries**
Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo



Target groups: National food safety authorities, scientific, academic and civil society organisations, consumer protection NGO, food business operators and food producers.



EFSA PRE-ACCESSION COOPERATION

- 2006-2007 - Pre-Accession Programme for Turkey and Croatia
- 2008 - Pre-Accession Programme for Turkey, Croatia and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- 2009-2011 - Programme for the 8 Candidate and the Potential Candidate Countries
- 2011-2014 – Programme for the 8 Candidate and the Potential Candidate Countries
- 2015-2017 – NEW Programme for the 5 Candidate and 2 Potential Candidate Countries



EFSA PRE-ACCESSION COOPERATION

BACKGROUND

- Food safety issues play an important role in accession negotiations for EU membership (Negotiation Chapter 12).
- The objective of EFSA programme with enlargement countries is to help them to become familiar with EU policies and to enhance co-operation before accession,
- Extensive contacts have been established between EFSA and the food safety authorities in the beneficiary countries since the beginning of cooperation back in 2006.



EFSA PRE-ACCESSION PROGRAMME 2015-2017

Administrative support

- The Pre-Accession team within the AFSCO Unit in EFSA is coordinating the implementation,
- Seconded National Expert from Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Montenegro, full time in EFSA,
- Network of national coordinators in partner countries,
- Network of Assistant Coordinators financed by the programme,
- Total budget 600.000 € EFSA for 2015-2017



THE PROGRAMME

General objective

- To increase preparedness and involvement of the competent bodies in the beneficiary countries, active in the fields relevant to EFSA,
- to ensure that the national authorities can participate effectively in the activities of EFSA both prior to accession and following accession to the EU,



THE PROGRAMME

Specific objectives

- Improved communication and information exchange systems enabling closer cooperation and data exchange between IPA countries, Member States and EFSA.
- Improved capacity and transfer of knowledge on methodologies used in the fields within the remit of EFSA, in particular on risk assessment and risk communication, data collection and crisis handling.
- Increased awareness of EFSA's role and Programme's activities in IPA countries.

PRE-ACCESSION NETWORK

Country	Institution
Albania	National Food Authority
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Food Safety Agency
FYR of Macedonia	Food and Veterinary Agency
Montenegro	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
Serbia	Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection
Kosovo*	Food and Veterinary Agency
Turkey	Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock


*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence



MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Capacity building in area of risk assessment and risk communication via trainings, workshops, crisis handling exercise and study tours to EU Member States,
- Data exchange (Zoonoses, Anti-microbial resistance, Food-borne outbreaks and Veterinary Medicinal Products Residues – training sessions and participation in corresponding EFSA scientific networks,
- Networking and joint activities between EFSA, Pre-Accession countries and Member State on the food safety issues of common concern (Info sessions, promotion events).

INCREASED TECHNICAL COOPERATION

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- Regional project on Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) – Analysis of epidemiological data and strengthening of cooperation to contain further spread of LSD in Europe,
 - Zoonoses data collection – Participation of Enlargement Countries in EU wide reporting on occurrence of zoonosis,
 - EU food menu - EFSA support to Member States national dietary surveys



THE EFSA NEIGHBOURHOOD PROGRAMME

EFSA and EU Neighbourhood

- EFSA cooperation with the ENP countries dates back to 2009 when the first training seminar on EU food safety was organised in Brussels.
- Since February 2014, EFSA has been implementing a dedicated Programme funded from the European Neighbourhood Policy Instrument with 300.000 EUR

THE EFSA NEIGHBOURHOOD PROGRAMME

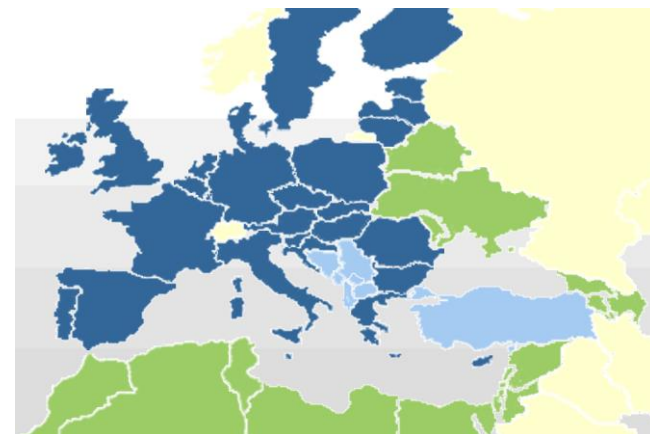
Partner countries

➤ Lead countries

Algeria, Azerbaijan, Israel, Jordan, Moldova, Morocco, The State of Palestine.

➤ Others

Armenia, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Lebanon, **Libya**, Tunisia, Ukraine, **Syria**



Target groups: National food safety authorities in ENP countries and scientific academic and civil society organisations and ultimately the entire population of each of the countries involved.



THE EFSA NEIGHBOURHOOD PROGRAMME

Overall objective :

- to describe the EU food safety system and EFSA's risk assessment and risk communication activities,
- to present EFSA scientific cooperation and networking with EU institutions and Member States, third countries and international risk assessment bodies.
- to share expertise and create information exchange mechanisms.





THE EFSA NEIGHBOURHOOD PROGRAMME

Main activities

- ENP network of national coordinators and contact points,
- ENP Conference in Parma, November 2014,
- Study tour to Belgium, March 2015,
- Workshop on cooperation in times of food crisis, Parma, November 2015
- ENP participation in EXPO, Milano, October 2015
- Workshop on common risk assessment issues in Cyprus, September 2015,
- EFSA visits and info sessions on risk assessment issues in Moldova, Morocco, Jordan, Azerbaijan, Palestine and Israel,
- Preparation of the ENP Almanac, in cooperation with BfR.



NEXT PROGRAMME - PRIORITY TOPICS

Key areas for future cooperation with ENP countries;

- Support capacity building for risk assessment and risk communication,
- Maintain and improve instruments and tools for cooperation in data collection and data sharing, especially during food safety crises,
- Promotion of networking and joint activities between EFSA, ENP countries and EU Member States



Thank you for kind attention