

# Food Law Enforcement Practitioners (FLEP)

An Introduction

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# Who are we?

- An informal group of food control practitioners from across the European Union
- Established in 1990

# What are our aims?

To improve food control by

- Sharing information
- Seeking solutions to common problems
- Spreading good practice
- Providing a practitioner perspective to policy makers

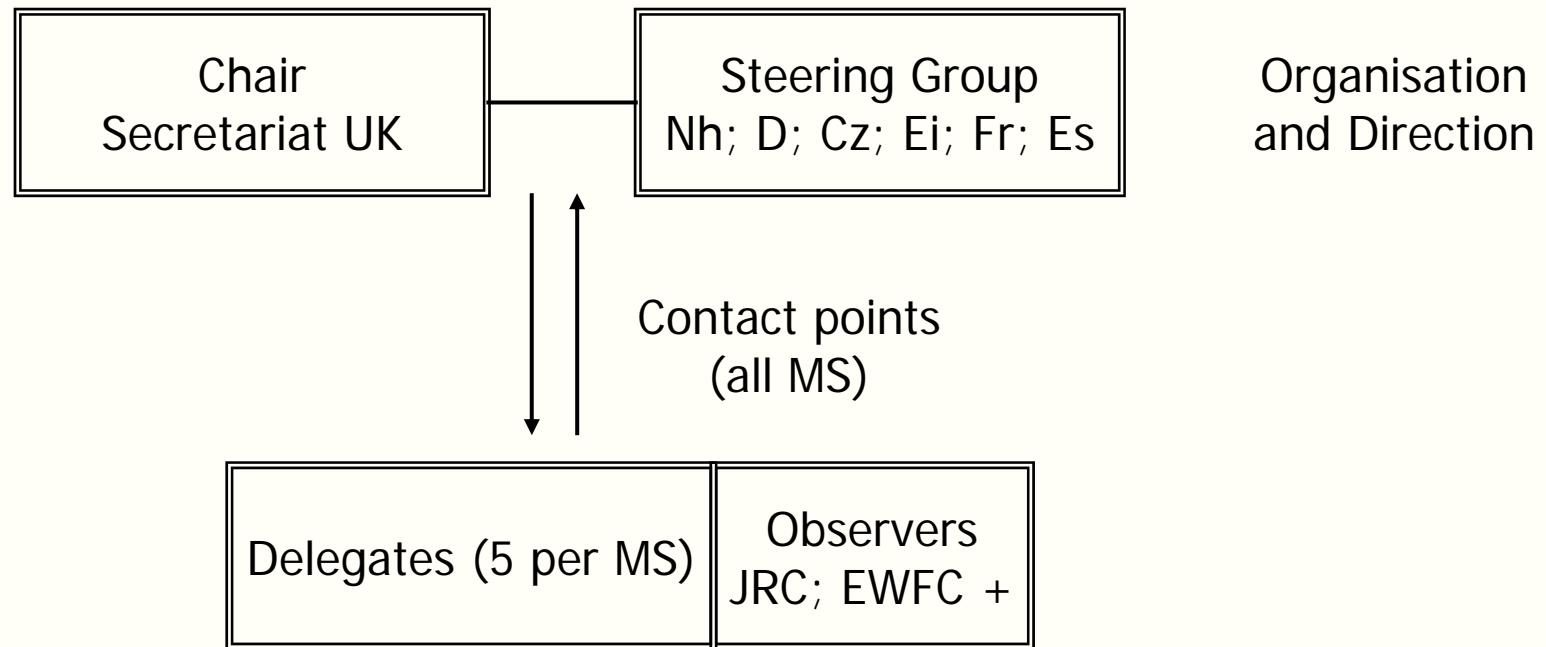
# Who can be a member?

- Representatives of nominated food law enforcement organisations
  - from within the European Community
  - within the European Free Trade Area
  - EC accession States  
(Maximum of 5 per country)
- Observers approved by the Steering Group

# How is FLEP organised?

- Steering group – directs FLEP
- Contact points
  - Co-ordinate Member States attendance at meetings
  - Provide first point of contact for other Member State queries
  - Co-ordinate representation in working parties
- Secretariat
- Members
- Observers

# How is FLEP organised?



# How do we operate?

- Forum meetings (every 8 months)
- Working group meetings
- Focused seminars

# Forum meetings

- 1.5 days (focus on non-animal origin food control)
- External speakers
- Workshops
- Working party reports
- Networking/social events

# Current working parties

- Managing on effects
  - Identifying good practice in achieving compliance
- Import controls
- Benchmarking laboratory provision
- Implementing HACCP in small business
- Inspector training

# Previous reports

Some examples:

- Acrylamide
- Food authenticity
- Gluten
- Food labelling

# Who benefits from FLEP?

- Members – old and new
- Policy makers, eg new legislation assistance
- Food safety authorities
- Trade and industry
- Consumers

# What is FLEP planning next?

- Meeting – November 2006 in Ghent
  - Regulatory reform; implementing the hygiene package
- Transparency workshop
- New working groups and finalised reports

# How can FLEP be contacted?

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Grazie mille

We hope to see you at  
the next meeting

Arrivederci!