

EFSA Pre-Accession Programme 2009-2010

Seminar on Risk Assessment Methodology

Croatia, 14-15 September

Radisson Blu Resort & Spa, Dubrovnik Sun Gardens, Orašac

Agenda

Introduction: This seminar was organised as a part of EFSA Pre-Accession Programme 2009-2010 for Candidate and Potential Candidate Countries. Participation in this Programme may further enable the beneficiaries to familiarise themselves with the EU policies and working methods particularly focusing on “from field to plate” integrated approach to food safety. The overall objective of the Programme is to promote the understanding of EFSA’s work, share expertise and create information exchange mechanisms in order to ensure that the national authorities of the beneficiary countries can participate effectively in the activities of EFSA both prior to accession and following accession to the EU.

Aim of the meeting: The work of EFSA Assessment Methodology Unit (AMU) in providing technical support in the field of statistics, modeling, data management and risk assessment was presented. Presentations of the new initiatives in the area of harmonisation of quantitative and qualitative scientific risk assessment methods and the development of new risk assessment approaches were delivered. Representatives from AMU Unit presented the workflow for scientific reports and opinions by using practical examples. Presentations by experts from the Member States were foreseen.

Participants: The audience in this seminar consisted of 20 representatives from the competent authorities in Croatia and 20 representatives from the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Monday 14 th September 2009	
14.00 – 14.10	Welcome by <i>Mrs. Zorica Jurković</i> , Executive Director of Croatian Food Agency
14.10 – 14.40	Update on EFSA work and activities by <i>Mr. Goran Kumric</i> Policy Officer, Legal and Policy Affairs Unit, EFSA
14.40 – 15.20	The state of art in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia by <i>Mrs. Marina Popovska-Domazetova</i> , Director, Food Directorate, Ministry of Health and <i>Mr. Viktor Arsov</i> , Associate expert, Risk Analysis Department, Food Directorate, Ministry of Health

15.20 – 15.40	Coffee break
15.40 – 16.20	Food Consumption Data Collection in France by <i>Dr. Philippe Verger</i> , Head of Research Unit on Food Risk Analysis Methodologies, National Institute for Agricultural Research, Paris, France, Member of EFSA CONTAM Panel
16.20 – 17.00	Data collection, validation and warehousing by <i>Dr. Jane Richardson</i> , Database manager, Assessment Methodology Unit, EFSA
17.00 – 17.20	News from DG Enlargement: Update on the Pre-Accession Programmes by <i>Mr. Henk Visser</i> , DG Enlargement, the European Commission
17.20 -17.40	Questions and comments
19.30	Pick-up time
20.00	Dinner

Tuesday 15th September 2009	
09.30 – 10.15	The state of art in Croatia by <i>Mrs. Andrea Gross Bošković</i> , Head of Risk Assessment Unit, Croatian Food Agency
10.15 – 11.00	Statistics: extracting knowledge from data by <i>Dr. Billy Amzal</i> , Epidemiologist, Deputy Head of Assessment Methodology Unit, EFSA
11.00– 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 12.00	Cooperation with the Member States in the area of Zoonoses Data Collection by <i>Dr. Antonia Ricci</i> , Head of National Reference Laboratory for Salmonella, Istituto Zooprofilattico delle Venezie, member of EFSA BIOHAZ Panel, member of EFSA Task Force on Zoonoses Data Collection,
12.00-12.40	Risk assessment: use the information available to support decision making by by <i>Dr. Billy Amzal</i> , Epidemiologist, Deputy Head of Assessment Methodology Unit, EFSA
12.40 – 13.00	General discussion, conclusions and action points by <i>Dr. Billy Amzal</i> , Epidemiologist, Deputy Head of Assessment Methodology Unit, EFSA
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch