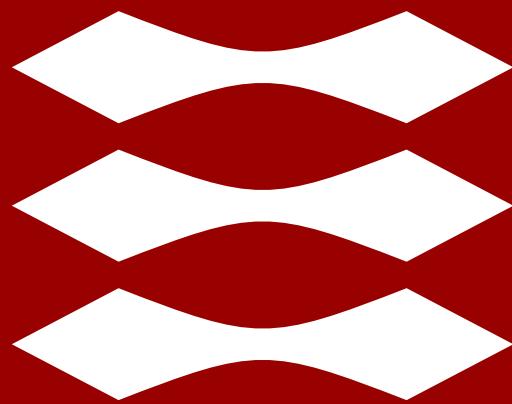


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Feedback on

# CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP

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# CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP in Parma, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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# Capacity building, education, continued education, training, life long learning.....

- Regulatory changes
- Technological Advancements
- Public Trust
- New methodologies and AI
- Climate change and environmental factors
- Generational Change
- International Cooperation

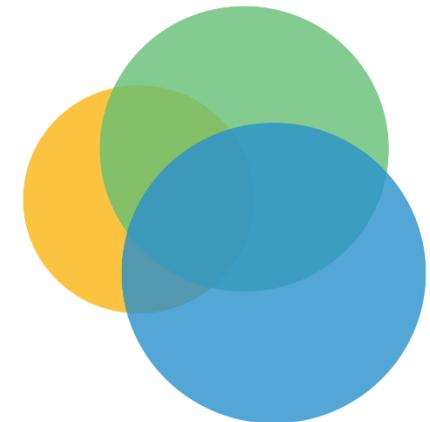
Widespread consensus that there is a great need for continuous learning throughout the career

Focus of the workshop:

**How can we collaborate and get synergy across different capacity building initiatives?**

# xORA - eXcellent One Health Risk Assessment education

[www.xoraeducation.eu](http://www.xoraeducation.eu)

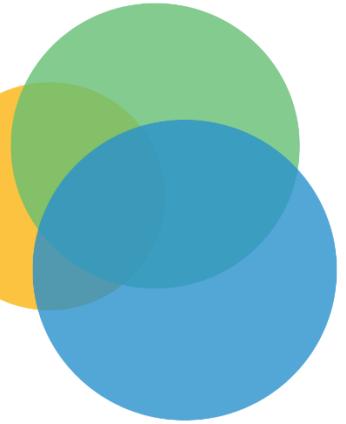
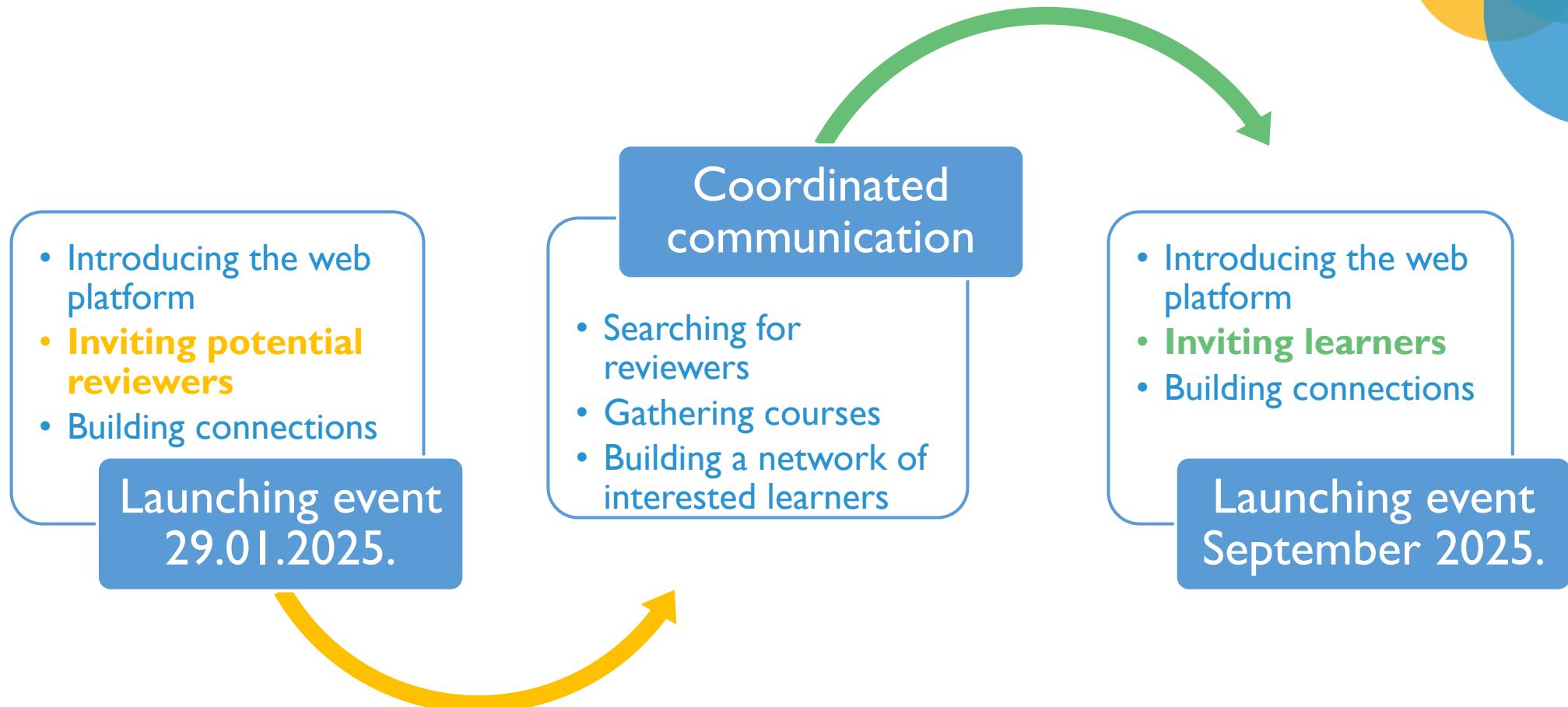


- **Digital market place:** Bringing together learners, training providers and employers in RA.
  - Note: xORA does not develop training material
- **Orientation towards good RA education:** Courses presented underwent a peer review process and obtained the xORA label, a seal of quality.
- **From risk assessor for risk assessors:** For the continuity of our vibrant, state-of-the-art educated and highly effective community in international RA.

Find out more on

<https://youtu.be/luSvIVJSdzY>

# xORA launching events



# What is BTSF?

## BTSF: Better training for safer food

A DG SANTE **training initiative** since 2005 for EU/EEA\* and non-EU official control staff, sometimes stakeholders

**Objective:** High levels of competence and knowledge of EU/EEA\* rules leading to harmonised approach to control systems and enforcement, facilitating trade and market access



## Principles

- Train the Trainer
- Multi-lingual Training Dissemination
- Knowledge/experience sharing and networking Commission approves training material submitted by contractor



# ACTIVITIES THAT BUILD CAPACITY

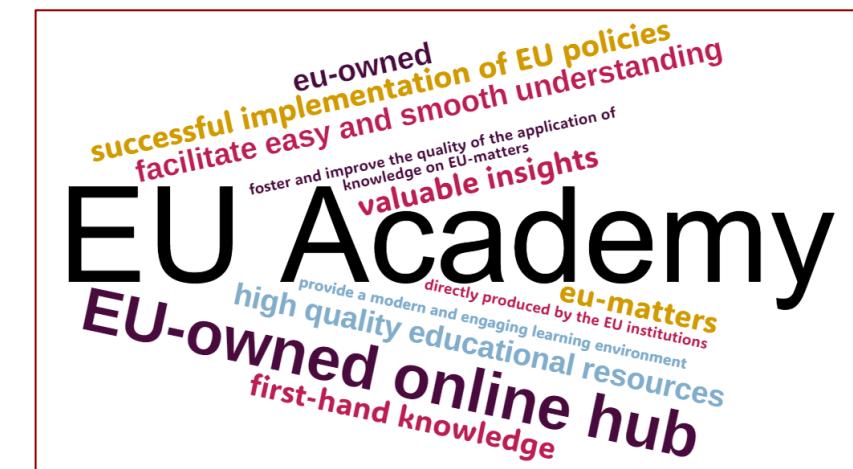
## Current main activities:

- Scientific Trainings
- EU Academy platform presence (eLearning)
- ISA Scheme – scientific collaboration
- EU-FORA – fellowship program
- Crisis preparedness exercise
- Guest Programme



## Plans for the future:

- Scientific training needs analysis at MSs level
- Scientific and training expertise localisation
- Co-branded trainings with MS



# Connection and synergy

	NEEDS	PLATFORM/ CONNECTION	TRAININGS	CONTENT
BTSF	BTSF Focal Points		BTSF	RA + legislation implementation
EFSA (EU-FORA + Roadmap)	EFSA Focal Points + Advisory Forum	EFSA	EU-FORA	RA
		EU Academy	EFSA staff & contractors	RA + Crisis preparedness
xORA	Employers / learners	xORA	Universities & other sources	RA

Better visibility of trainings → more students

EU Academy - EU-FOR A - BTSF - xORA - others

integrated parts of capacity building

- **Understanding need**
  - MS's capacity varies, and have different needs and levels of resources
  - European and international organisations and industry
  - Understanding the needs and facilitating knowledge transfer between experts
- **Existing training platforms:**
  - different training platforms
  - Actions might be required to connect training platforms
- **Sharing training materials and events**
  - making training information (open events, materials) available through widely used platforms
- **Flexible training formats**
  - artificial Intelligence can be used to create online trainings that are adapted to individual learners' needs and can be expanded to reach larger audiences.

Easier access for staff/employees incl. aspiring and experienced risk assessors to find good quality courses and training

- In the long run
  - more and better qualified risk assessors for EFSA and national organisations
  - more uniform assessments
  - **SAFER FOOD!**
- *What to do next:*
  - FOCUS ON COLLABORATION AND CONNECTION
  - Mapping current and potential future needs for capacity building – and the exciting offers
  - Exploring the best way to increase visibility and associability of Capacity Building initiatives
  - New and flexible Capacity Building activities – taking AI into account

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