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2016 – *Projects Update*



Current Status EU Insights

February – launch of the tender to execute a Pan-European risk perception on the topic of AMR and Animal production.



June - The results of the EU Insights survey presented at June meeting in the Netherlands



December – finalize and start implementation of EU-Wide Communications plan on AMR based on survey results

Status Projects

- Finalise **Incident/Crisis Guidelines** – Guidelines validated, design almost complete, dissemination mid-February
- Publish new edition of **Risk Communications Guidelines** (When Food is Cooking up a Storm) with 1- 2 new case studies and chapter on Communicating Uncertainty

Status Projects

- Start-up Phase of a **Global Platform for Food Risk Communicators** – Steering Committee meeting to be set for Spring to define Terms of Reference and prepare launch in 2017
- **Closer Alignment with Advisory Forum** – concept paper to be discussed with the AF at June meeting
- Address improving **Preparing for Diverging Opinions** – project to define mechanism for better leveraging the AFCWG to improve consistency and preparedness

Baltic Crisis Workshop



- Riga, March 14- 17
- Crisis simulation for Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia
- Poland and Germany participation
- EFSA, ECDC, DG Sante
- To improve preparedness and cooperation in the case of an outbreak
- Awareness of best practice for crisis communications



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