




The 'Better Training for Safer Food' initiative

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What is BTSF?

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- A DG SANTE training initiative for EU and non-EU country official control staff
 - Covering food safety, plant health and animal health and welfare

BTSF objectives



- High levels of competence and awareness of EU rules amongst official control staff
- Harmonised approach to control systems
- High levels of consumer protection, animal health and welfare and plant health
- Promote the EU food system and build confidence with trade partners
- Enhance SPS regulatory cooperation with non-EU countries





BTSF: Risk assessment

Following a request from EFSA advisory forum

- **First activities launched in 2012 (2012-13)**
 - **5 modules** on RA focused on microbiological, chemical, pest, nutrition and GMOs/other biotechnologies
 - 11 four-day courses with a global total of approximately 300 participants
- **Second series launched in 2014 (2014-18)**
 - **8 modules:** main focus on 5 topics above + RA applied to animal welfare, animal health and environmental issues
 - 32 four-day courses with a global total of 655 participants



BTSF: Risk assessment

New series from 2nd half 2019 (2019-21)

Main objectives

- To contribute to the harmonisation of RA approaches
- To build trust amongst MS authorities in each other's RA
- To upscale experts on the principles and methods of RA in order to enable them to undertake RA and to serve as members of various scientific committees and bodies at EU and national levels

Main features

- **8 modules** on RA focused on microbiological, chemical, pest, nutrition biotechnology, animal health and welfare, environmental issues and evidence collection, management and integration.
- 16 four-day courses with a global total of 320 participants



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Audience

- Experts with a scientific background and an interest in food safety risk assessment
- Selection process through BTSF National Contact Point network in cooperation with EFSA focal points

BTSF NCP list

https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/safety/docs/btsf_national-contact-points.pdf



Thanks for your attention

http://ec.europa.eu/food/training_strategy/index_en.html

<http://ec.europa.eu/chafea/food/index.html>