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Joint workshop to strengthen regional networks for crisis preparedness and communication in times of crisis

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in collaboration with EFSA-COMMS
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Joint Crisis Preparedness Workshop 2019



Joint simulation exercise/workshop
to strengthen regional networks
for crisis preparedness and communication
in times of crisis

BfR, Berlin, 28th-30th August 2019

Participants:
Risk assessors, Risk managers, Risk communicators

- 6 from Belgium
- 4 from France
- 10 from Germany
- 4 from Luxembourg
- 5 from The Netherlands
- 2 from EC
- 4 from EFSA



Acknowledgements

- BfR team – local organizer
- BfR – FoodChain Lab team
- BfR – Risk Communication team
- BVL – Scenario development
- EFSA – RACE tool team
- EFSA – Communications
- Instinctif Partners – Facilitation/ overall concept
- MS experts (BE, DE, FR, LU, NL)



- Strengthening regional networks for crisis preparedness & communication in times of crisis
- Gain experience, share insights and further enhance capability in four key areas of crisis response:
 - Use of tools in Risk Assessments
 - Decision-making under Uncertainty
 - Collaboration between MS/ Institutions
 - Risk communication with the public

Day
1

Presentations

Day
2

Crisis simulation
exercise

Day
3

Debriefing
Workshops

- feedback and exercise debriefing session
- 2-hour hands-on workshops
 1. FoodChain-Lab tool
 2. Rapid Assessment of Contaminant Exposure (RACE) tool
 3. Communicating uncertainty in risk communication
 4. Media/interview training

Positive feedback expressed

- ✓ organization of the event
- ✓ insights in crisis handling structures of other MS
- ✓ networking with colleagues from other countries
- ✓ tools



Related contracts



Concept & facilitation

- EFSA contract on 'Food & feed safety crisis preparedness trainings'
- 9th (external) training since 2012

▪ Rapid risk assessment	2012
▪ Data collection	2013
▪ Crisis communications	2014
▪ End-to-end table-top exercise	2015
▪ Food safety-Public health	2016
▪ Plant health	2017
▪ Coll. with ENVI Agencies	2017
▪ Genotyping (ECDC / AGES)	2018
▪ Tools (BfR / BVL)	2019

- ...to be continued



Local organiser

- EFSA Framework partnership
 - Participant management
 - Secretarial support
 - Technical support
 - Meeting facilities
- 4 areas of collaboration:
 - Map & analyse food supply chains: 3 FoodChain-Lab trainings in 2019
 - Food safety model repository: Intern. Workshop in May 2019
 - Uncertainty in RA: Intern. Conference in Feb. 2019
 - Crisis preparedness: Exercise in August 2019

Next steps

- Publication of event report in EFSA Journal in October 2019
- Feasibility study to re-use the scenario for the federal structure in Germany
- Update of EFSA procedures for responding to urgent advice needs in October 2019, publication in EFSA Journal
- EFSA internal crisis preparedness training 11 Nov 2019 to rehearse EFSA procedures
- Next EFSA external crisis preparedness training mid 2020

- Interest to host EFSA's joint crisis preparedness event 2020 or to participate in it ?
- Topics/capabilities that should be the subject of future joint crisis preparedness activities ?

Thank you for your attention



legitimate decision-making processes

(Detail of the Nordic Pavilion by Terike Haapoja at 55th Venice Biennale, 2013, photograph by Olaf Mosbach-Schulz)

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