

Seminar on EFSA in the EU food safety system

4/5 November 2009
Budva, Montenegro, Hotel Splendid

Agenda

This seminar was organized within the EFSA Pre-Accession Programme 2009/2010 for the Candidate and Potential Candidate countries* financed by the European Commission under the IPA Component. Representatives from EFSA explained how EFSA co-operates with the EU Institutions in Brussels and about the legal aspects of the EU Food safety legislation. Risk Analysis framework with an accent on dividing the risk management from the risk assessment was presented. EFSA's role in risk communication was explained. A speech on the Member State experience and the work of EFSA Focal Points was delivered. The audience consisted of 30 representatives from the competent authorities in the 5 Potential Candidate countries.

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13.30 - 14.00	Registration
14.00 – 14.10	Welcome and Introduction by the chair <i>Mr. Finn Sheye</i> , Pre-Accession Coordinator, Legal and Policy Affairs Unit, EFSA
14.10 – 14.20	Welcome by <i>Mr. Ivan Popović</i> , CVO of the Veterinary Administration, Montenegro.
14.20 – 15.40	“From field to plate” Integrated approach to EU food safety Part 1: Perspectives of the risk manager by <i>Mr. Xavier Pavard</i> , DG SANCO, The European Commission Part 2 Perspectives of the risk assessor by <i>Mr. Goran Kumrić</i> Policy Officer, Legal and Policy Affairs Unit, EFSA
15.40– 16.10	Coffee break
16.10 – 17.00	Presentations on the latest developments in Risk Assessment, Risk Communication and Risk Management by the Potential Candidate Countries: Albania, Bosnia, Kosovo, Montenegro and Serbia authorities (each country 10 minutes).
17.00 – 17.40	The Member States and their Cooperation with the EU Institutions and EFSA on Food Safety by <i>Dr. Eirini Tsigarida</i> , Directorate of Nutrition Policy & Research, Hellenic Food Authority and EFSA Focal Point
20.00	Dinner

* **Candidate countries:** Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey

Potential Candidate countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo (Under UNSCR 12/44), Montenegro, Serbia

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09.00 – 09.30	Progress toward accession: Croatian experiences on cooperation with the EU institutions on food safety as a Candidate Country by <i>Dr. Zorica Jurković</i> , Croatian Food Agency Directore
09.30 – 10.15	Why do we need risk communications? by <i>Karen Talbot</i> , Communications Advisor in the Communications Directorate Executive Office, EFSA
10.15 – 11.00	European Food Safety System and Pan-European Cooperation: views from the EFSA Advisory Forum by <i>Mr. Jeffrey Moon</i> , Scientific Officer, Scientific Committee and Advisory Forum, EFSA
11.00 – 11.20	Coffee break
11.20 – 12.00	EFSA Fostering the scientific collaboration in Europe by <i>Mr. Bernhard Berger</i> , Head of Unit, Scientific Cooperation Unit, EFSA
12.00 - 12.30	The Pre-Accession Programmes today and what to expect in the future by <i>Finn Sheye</i> , Pre-Accession Coordinator, Legal and Policy Affairs Unit, EFSA
12.30 – 12.45	Discussion and Conclusions of the meeting by <i>Mr. Bernhard Berger</i> , Head of Unit, Scientific Cooperation Unit, EFSA
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch