



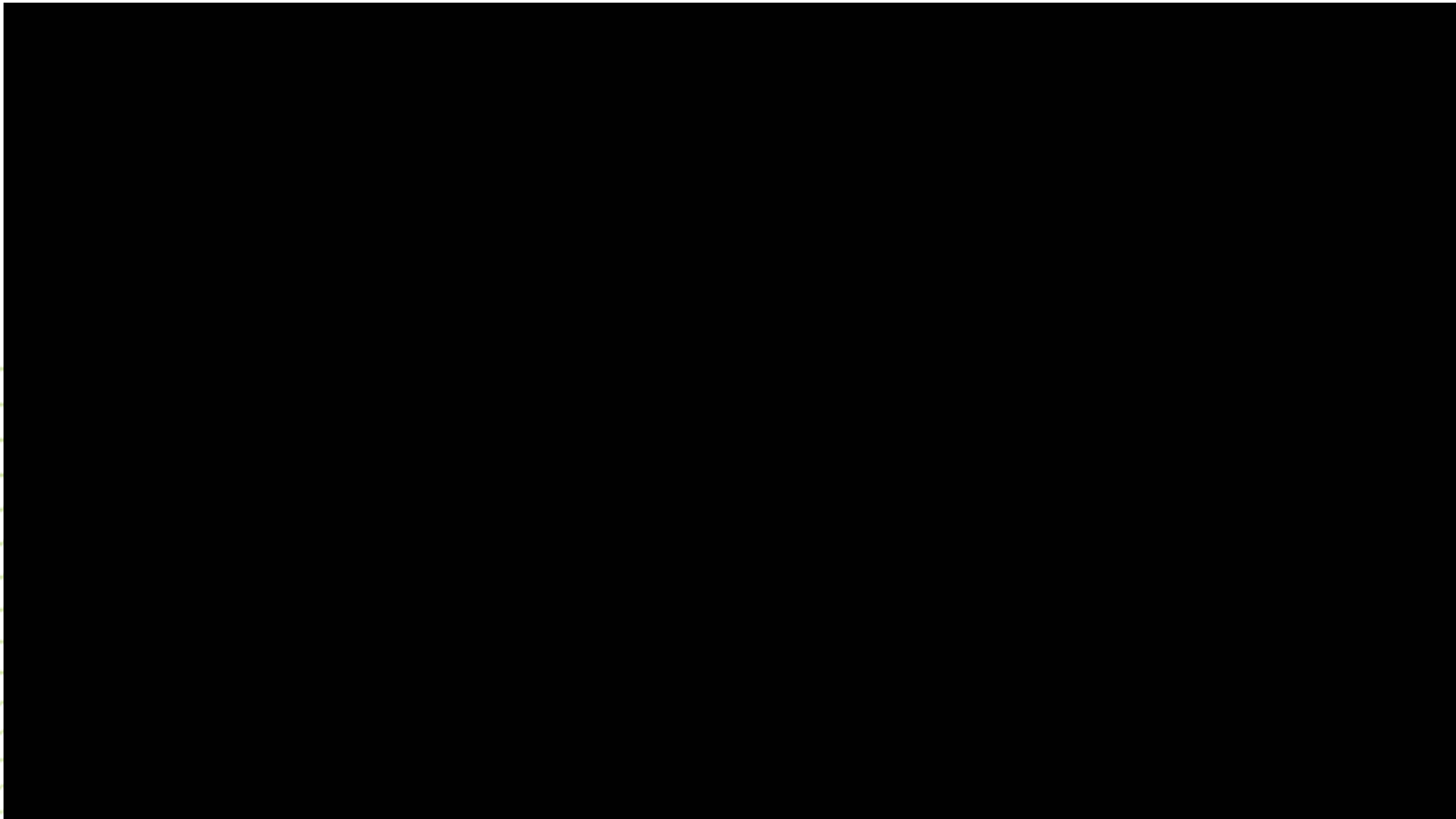
# Better Training for Safer Food

GMO analysis  
White River

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## Better Training for Safer Food

### *What is BTSF ?*



## Better Training for Safer Food



*A DG SANCO training initiative for EU and third country officials who are in charge of controls on food safety and veterinary issues*

# Better Training for Safer Food

## *Areas covered:*

- *Food law*
- *Feed law*
- *Animal health rules*
- *Animal welfare rules*
- *Plant health rules*





# Better Training for Safer Food

## General aims

- *High levels of competence and awareness of EU rules amongst official control staff*
- *Ensure more uniform, objective and efficient controls throughout the EU*
- *High levels of consumer protection, animal health and welfare and plant health*
- *Level playing field for food businesses*
- *Enhance trade of safe food*



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### *Third country specific objectives*

- *Help third countries to better understand and meet EU standards*
- *Give an easier access to the EU market by reducing the rejections number at EU borders*
- *Give EU consumers access to a more diverse range of safe products*
- *Enhance food standards in third countries to benefit local consumers*



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### *Characteristics of training in third countries*

- *Training is organised by external contractors*
- *Training consists of:*
  - *workshops at regional level*
  - *secondment of individual experts (= Sustained training missions)*
- *Exchange of experience and networking*



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### *BTSF in figures from 2006 to 2010*

- *Around 520 events*
- *More than 23.000 participants*
- *Budget of approx. € 54 million*

*Approx 35% of this global activity covers third countries*



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### *Activities organised in third countries*

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- *Avian Influenza and other animal diseases*
  - *RASFF/TRACES*
  - *EU food standards*
  - *Food Testing*
  - *GMO Analysis*
  - *BTSF AFRICA*

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### ***GMO analysis 2009-10***

- *Previous workshops in Brazil (Dec 2009), Turkey (April 2010) and Singapore (June 2010)*
- *66 participants at first 3 workshops*
- *Theoretical lectures and experimental work*

*Main subjects: EU GMO legislation, detection procedures, experiment planning, DNA extraction, qualitative and real-time PCR, laboratory requirements, method validation*

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### ***GMO analysis 2011-***

- *4 workshops + a global conference*
- *Around 30 participants per workshop*
- *Aimed at establishing regional networks outside the EU and providing training to enforcement laboratories*
- *Regional approach (South and central America, Asia, Africa, CC, PCC and ENP)*

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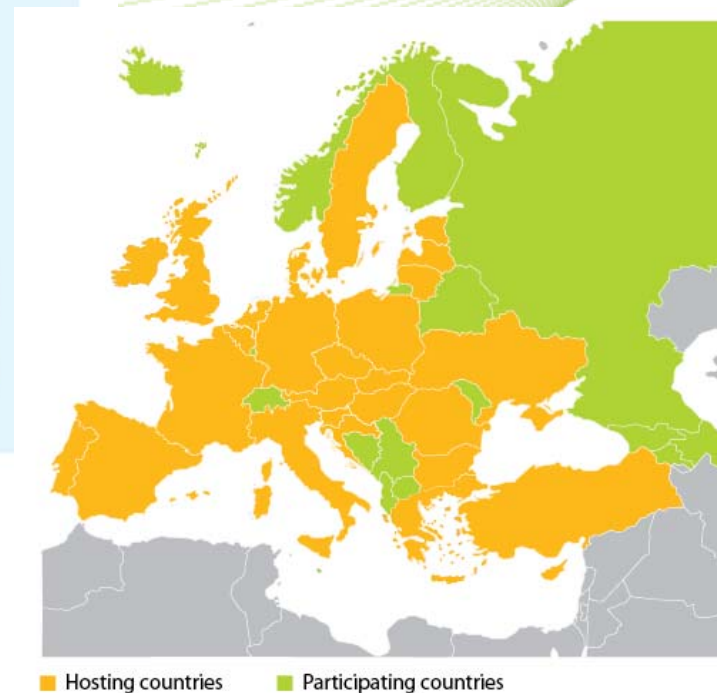
### ***BTSF Africa***

- *Help African countries produce agro-food products compatible with international standards*
- *Contribute to reducing food-borne disease*
- *Support food security through technical and policy advice*





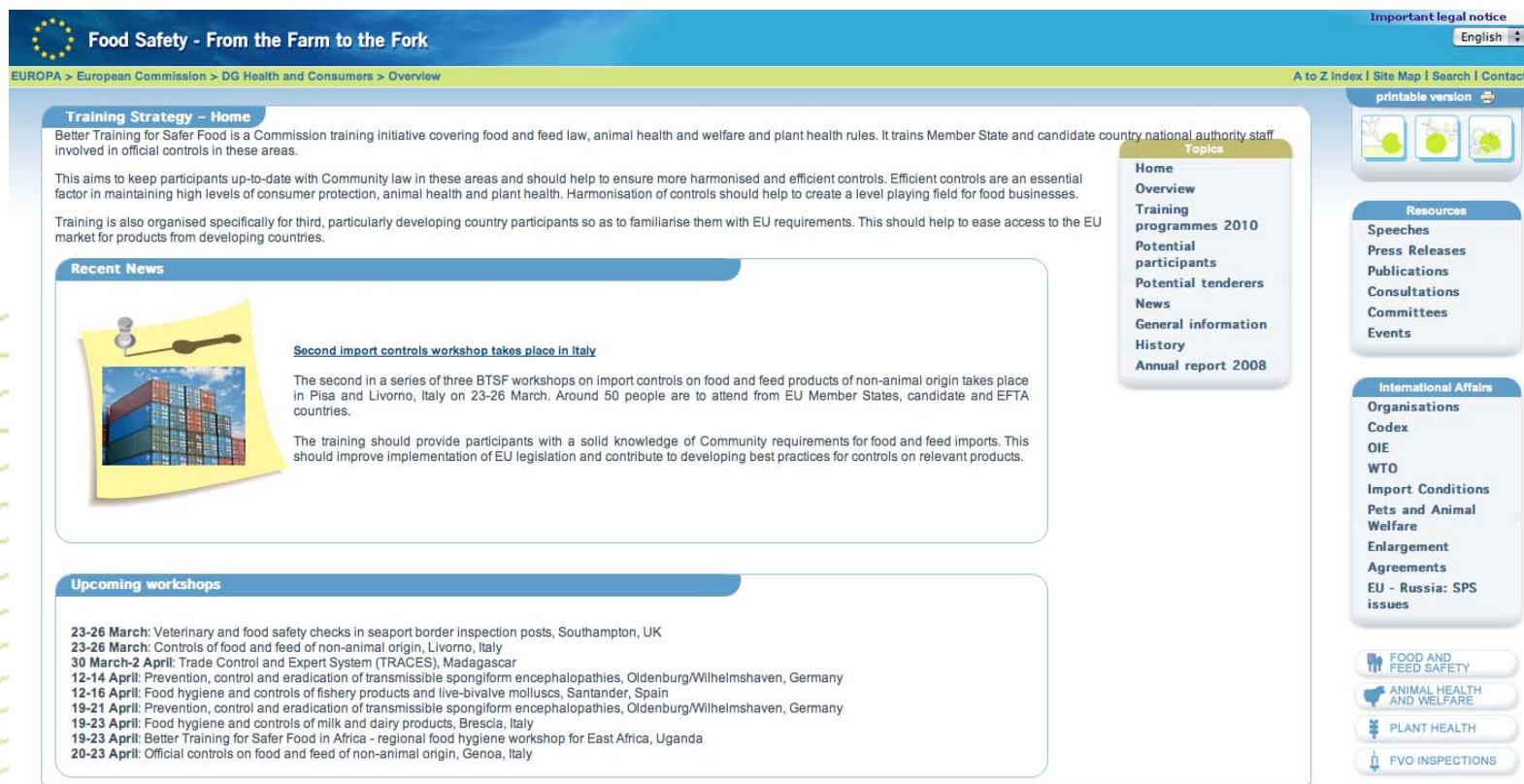
## Hosting and participating countries 2006-2009



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## More information?

[http://ec.europa.eu/food/training\\_strategy/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/training_strategy/index_en.htm)



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### Training Strategy - Home

Better Training for Safer Food is a Commission training initiative covering food and feed law, animal health and welfare and plant health rules. It trains Member State and candidate country national authority staff involved in official controls in these areas.

This aims to keep participants up-to-date with Community law in these areas and should help to ensure more harmonised and efficient controls. Efficient controls are an essential factor in maintaining high levels of consumer protection, animal health and plant health. Harmonisation of controls should help to create a level playing field for food businesses.

Training is also organised specifically for third, particularly developing country participants so as to familiarise them with EU requirements. This should help to ease access to the EU market for products from developing countries.

#### Recent News



**Second import controls workshop takes place in Italy**

The second in a series of three BTSF workshops on import controls on food and feed products of non-animal origin takes place in Pisa and Livorno, Italy on 23-26 March. Around 50 people are to attend from EU Member States, candidate and EFTA countries.

The training should provide participants with a solid knowledge of Community requirements for food and feed imports. This should improve implementation of EU legislation and contribute to developing best practices for controls on relevant products.

#### Upcoming workshops

**23-26 March:** Veterinary and food safety checks in seaport border inspection posts, Southampton, UK  
**23-26 March:** Controls of food and feed of non-animal origin, Livorno, Italy  
**30 March-2 April:** Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES), Madagascar  
**12-14 April:** Prevention, control and eradication of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies, Oldenburg/Wilhelmshaven, Germany  
**12-16 April:** Food hygiene and controls of fishery products and live-bivalve molluscs, Santander, Spain  
**19-21 April:** Prevention, control and eradication of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies, Oldenburg/Wilhelmshaven, Germany  
**19-23 April:** Food hygiene and controls of milk and dairy products, Brescia, Italy  
**19-23 April:** Better Training for Safer Food in Africa - regional food hygiene workshop for East Africa, Uganda  
**20-23 April:** Official controls on food and feed of non-animal origin, Genoa, Italy

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