



# The 'Better Training for Safer Food' initiative

**BTSF INFO-DAY**

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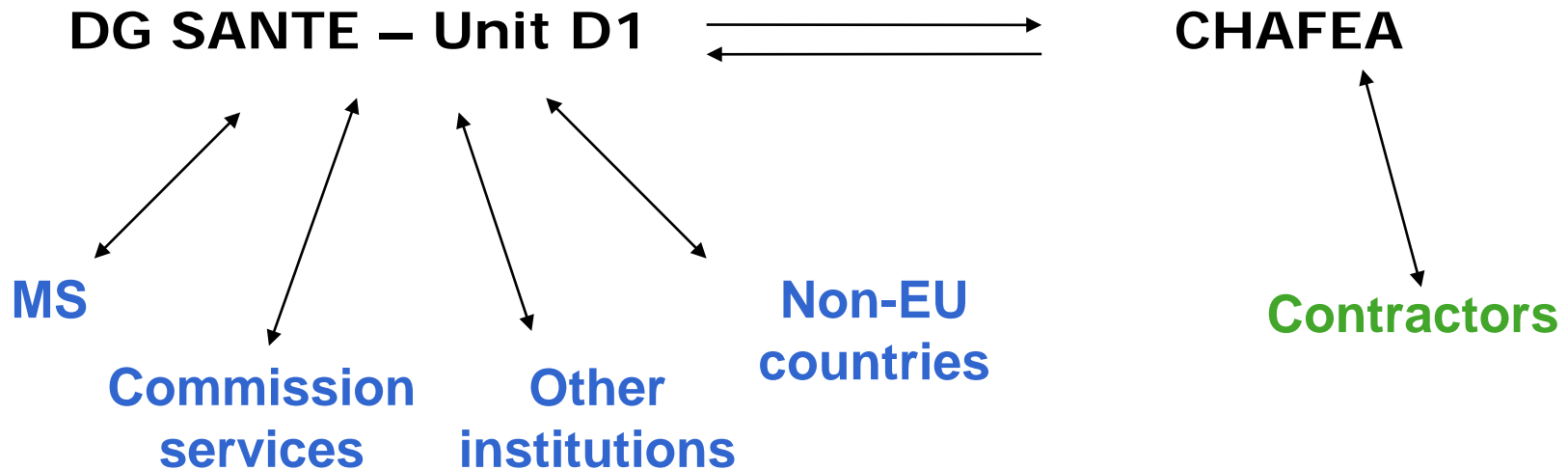
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# Background and evolution

# What is BTSF?

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- A DG SANTE training initiative for EU and non-EU country official control staff
  - Launched in 2005
  - Covering food safety, plant health and animal health and welfare
  - Aims: High levels of competence and awareness of EU rules leading to harmonised approach to control systems

# Two main actors





# BTSF: 15 years already

- Set up in 2005 on the basis of the OFFC Regulation
- Modest beginnings in 2006

## NOW

- at the **very heart** of the DG SANTE mission
- a **key player** in SPS enforcement
- a solid **capacity building programme** in the EU and across the world



# BTSF in figures from 2006 to 2019

## A comprehensive programme

- More than 2000 events
- Around 76.000 participants
- Budget of approx. € 185 million

Approx. 20% of this activity covers non-EU countries



## BTFSF today

- A comprehensive programme
- Based on a traditional learning model with
  - (Regional) training workshops where tuition is provided by EU experts
  - Ad hoc assistance missions (STMs) where an EU expert is seconded to a specific country to solve a specific issue

**= Face-to-face training courses**



## BTSF tomorrow

- Engaging in a more blended approach
- Reinforcing dissemination efforts
- Launch of a BTSF Academy

**= Increase on-line training offer**





# Organisation of training activities under BTSF



## BTSF principles

- Not to replace initial training for inspectors
  - ⇒ **MS responsibility for initial training**
- To complement initial training in areas where difficulties exist at EU level
  - ⇒ **EU message / Mix of tutors team**
- To favour knowledge sharing and networking to increase compatibility of control procedures throughout the EU
  - ⇒ **Mix of tutors and participants**
- To follow a train-the-trainer approach
  - ⇒ **Dissemination is a key factor for BTSF success**



## Main features

- Training is organised by external contractors
- Training consists of workshops and/or secondment of individual experts
- Tuition by experts from Member States, non-EU countries and international organisations



# Requested training services

- To recruit a qualified tutoring team
- To develop a training programme meeting the objectives of the course and the requested technical coverage
- To ensure a balanced mix of theoretical and practical sessions using interactive learning methodologies
- To develop the training material
- To promote the course and ensure appropriate participation through NCP network
- To identify appropriate training locations and organise all logistical aspects for participant attendance
- To test the understanding of the trained subjects and measure the impact of the training



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# Running BTSF Calls

## Chafea/2019/BTSF/03-04



# *New plant health regime (03)*

## *General features (2.580.000 €, two phases)*

- 14 courses on 2 fields:
  - 8 four-day sessions on the new plant health regime
  - 6 three-day sessions on the EU internal plant movement regime
- 420 participants (around 30 per course)

## *Objectives*

- spreading knowledge and disseminating best practices for official controls in the plant health area
- favouring exchange of experience

## *Target*

- Officials involved in policy making, planning and control activities (central or regional level)
- Field inspectors



## *Microorganisms used as pesticides or biocides (04)*

### *General features (1.220.000 €, two phases)*

- 6 three-day courses
- 210 supported participants in total (35 participants per course)

### *Objectives*

- support the development of expertise as regards risk assessment methodologies for microorganisms to be used in biocidal and plant protection products
- enhance competences in evaluating dossier admissibility/validity and risk assessment
- promote harmonisation of the procedures of evaluation and authorisation of such microorganisms within the EU

### *Target*

- staff of authorities in Member States involved in risk assessments and decision making of active substances and plant protection and/or biocidal products



# Thank you for your attention

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