



The 'Better Training for Safer Food' initiative

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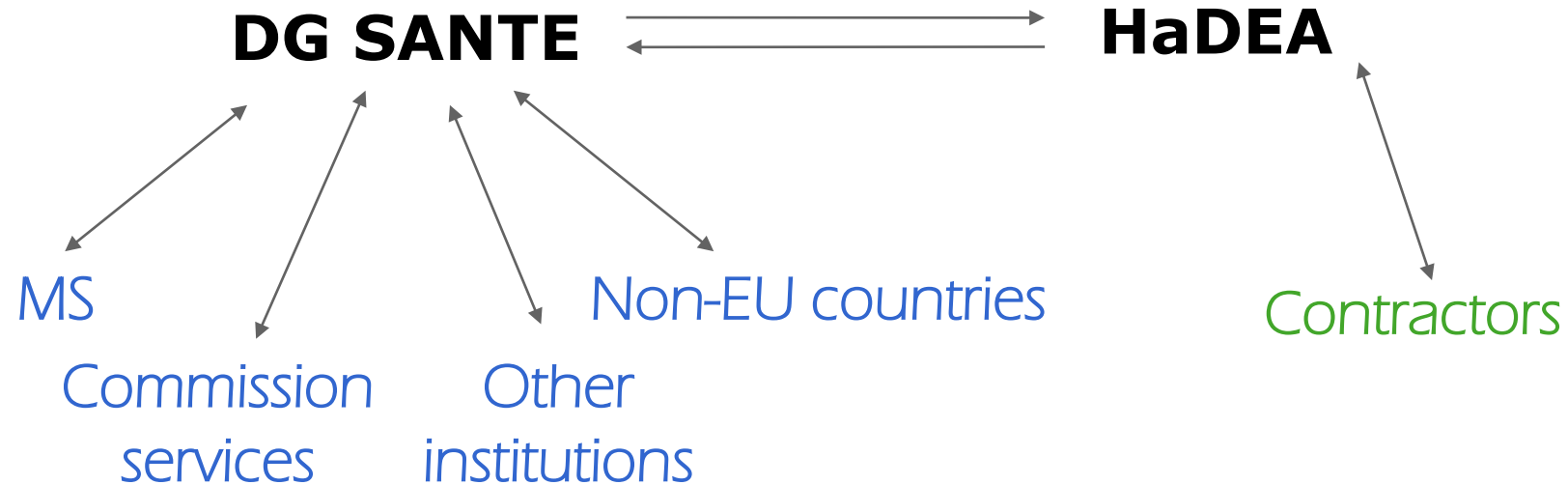
Background and evolution

What is BTSF?



- 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

BTSF management



BTSF today

- A **blended learning model**

Face-to-face training courses

- (Regional) training workshops
- *Ad hoc* assistance missions (STMs)

On-line training courses

- BTSF Academy
- E-learning courses, training material, videos
- Virtual Classroom training



BTSF Academy

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CONSUMER PROTECTION

Ensuring and maintaining a high level of consumer protection

About Better Training for Safer Food

"Better Training for Safer Food" (BTSF) is a Commission initiative aimed at organising a Community (EU) training strategy in the areas of food law, feed law, animal health and animal welfare rules, as well as plant health rules. [Read More](#)



BTSF EU

2021 Virtual Classrooms

- [Border Inspection Posts / 6 - 17 September](#)
- [Training National Experts - Imports Controls / 7 - 9 September](#)
- [Antimicrobial Resistance \(Phase II\) / 13 - 15 September](#)
- [Foodborne outbreaks / 14 - 16 September](#)
- [Transmissible spongiform encephalopathies animal by products / 21 - 29 September](#)
- [Microbiological Criteria and Zoonoses / 27 - 30 September](#)
- [BTSF workshop on FCM - / 4 - 6 October](#)
- [Foodborne outbreaks / 5 - 7 October](#)
- [Microbiological Criteria and Zoonoses / 11- 14 October](#)
- [Animal health audit training for Candidate Countries / 12- 14 October](#)



BTSF Non-EU

2021 Virtual Classrooms



BTSF Online

- [Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point](#)
- [Animal Welfare at slaughter and killing for disease control](#)
- [Food Contact Materials rules](#)
- [Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed](#)
- [Food hygiene and control on fishery products and LBM](#)
- [Prevention, Control and Eradication of TSE](#)
- [Animal Health Prevention and Controls for Aquaculture Animals](#)
- [Animal Nutrition](#)
- [EU plant quarantine regime for imports](#)
- [Animal Welfare at slaughter and killing for disease control for poultry](#)

BTSF Academy

<https://btsfacademy.eu/training/>

- Single Commission portal for
 - BTSF platform for virtual classrooms/webinars
 - BTSF e-learning modules
 - BTSF learning management system
 - Course registration
 - Course training information
 - Course feedback and evaluation modules
 - BTSF training resources- previous course material
 - BTSF forum
 - BTSF database, training calendar
 - BTSF Newsletters, reports, statistics
- **SANTE intends to give open access to all training materials to MS ASAP**
- **SANTE is working on giving open access to stakeholders in near future**



Organising 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 policy/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
- Training may be through virtual classrooms
- Tuition by experts from the 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, including virtual classrooms
- To develop the training material and ensure it is updated throughout the contract duration
- 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

Open BTSF Calls

New developments in Technical specifications common to the 3 Calls for Tender

Dissemination Kit/Activities

- Contents of dissemination kit – clearly specified- working syllabus with first training session for all participants to be able to use immediately after training
- The first Interim Report will include a first draft of the presentations, including the dissemination kit, the training information sheet and the working version of the syllabus
- In line with Commission policy/Green Deal: No paper copies of training material to be distributed - no pens, bags etc, only information on 8GB USB stick and BTSF pins.

BTSF Academy

- BTSF Academy is being developed on an ongoing basis to be the single portal for course administration/participation - not there yet-work/training to be done
- Don't require specialist BTSF contractor webpages as we want to channel all information via BTSF Academy
- Very important to upload accurate data on dates/locations for training etc on BTSF Academy - in contractors own interests to maximize participation rates

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Options for Virtual Classroom

- Option available to contracting authority to request 2 VCs with total of 75 participants
- If requested by the contracting authority, F2F sessions can be replaced by virtual classrooms and vice-versa. The unit prices provided in the financial offer form will be applied

Phase II Training Material Revision – mandatory - not on request of contracting authority

- Contractor requested to review and update the training materials according to any developments in the field so as to ensure the maximum accurateness of the information that will be presented to the trainees

PLANT DISEASE OUTBREAKS - CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR PRIORITY PESTS (HADEA/2020/BTSF/08)

General features (1,060,000€, two phases)

Training workshops

- 11 three-day workshops (+ VC option)
- 330 participants (around 30 participants per training)

Objectives

- Provide a common understanding of current state of play/suitable tools and approaches to address outbreaks of priority pests in the EU and identification of generic (and specific) reaction measures
- To allow the exchange of experience and disseminate best practices for control activities and procedures with particular emphasis on contingency planning with respect to possible outbreaks of priority pests on EU territory
- To ensure consistent and rigorous implementation of the regulatory requirements

Target

- Officials from EU Member States and neighbouring non-EU countries involved in development and implementation of plant disease outbreak contingency plans, including those performing official controls and other official activities.

PLANT DISEASE OUTBREAKS - CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR PRIORITY PESTS (HADEA/2020/BTSF/08)

Specific Tutor requirement

- In order to share best practice in the drawing up of the training programme and during its implementation through the workshops, the contractor is requested to provide, for each workshop, at least **one qualified and experienced** tutor from another sector that has experience in the development and implementation of contingency plans and disease outbreak controls e.g. animal health contingency planning or crisis management of food safety disease outbreaks.

FOOD SAFETY CRISIS PREPAREDNESS (Non-EU) (HADEA/2020/BTSF/09)

General features (1,051,000€, two phases)

Training workshops

- 11 four-day workshops (+VC option)
- 330 participants (around 30 per workshop)

Objectives

- To further improve EU and non-EU officials' collaboration through INFOSAN
- To reinforce networking between EU and non-EU countries' food safety crisis managers
- To allow the exchange of experience and disseminate best practices for control activities and procedures on food safety crisis management, taking into account the experience and achievements on food safety crisis preparedness and management in the EU and non-EU countries' institutions

Target

- Officials from competent authorities of non-EU countries, neighbouring countries and EU Member States

FOOD SAFETY CRISIS PREPAREDNESS (Non-EU) (HADEA/2020/BTSF/09)

Response to Questions on Technical Specifications

All “official/formal” response will be published in E-tendering

- There was a conflict/mistake in the number of geographical regions listed
- It should have been 5 not 6
- The EU region is the priority for the extra workshop – so 4 regions with 2 workshops and 3 in the EU region making a total of 11 listed overall for each phase
- On the spot visits for crisis preparedness workshops are NOT necessary

EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL WELFARE DURING TRANSPORT LEGISLATION (HADEA/2020/BTSF/10)

General features (1,051,000€, two phases)

Training workshops

- 11 four-day workshops (+VC option)- specific guidance on locations given
- 330 participants (around 30 per workshop)

Objectives

- To achieve a uniform and correct implementation of EU rules on animal welfare during road transport in the Union by having national authorities performing controls in a uniform manner and of consistently high quality leading, where necessary, to taking relevant enforcement action to rectify and/or sanction non-compliances,
- To reinforce networking between EU and certain non-EU countries' staff involved in prioritisation and implementation of official controls by bringing together participants from different Member States and certain non-EU countries,
- To allow the exchange of experience and disseminate best practices for risk targeting of control activities, implementing official controls, and effective enforcement and follow up of activities relating to EU rules on animal welfare during road transport in the Union and beyond.

Target

- Officials from competent authorities of EU countries, candidate countries and EFTA member countries, organising, implementing and enforcing legislation on animal welfare during road transport from all levels of the authorities and a small number of additional stakeholders.

EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL WELFARE DURING TRANSPORT LEGISLATION (HADEA/2020/BTSF/10)

Specific Tutor requirement

- AW tutor requirement - officials with enforcement experience - not University/researchers
- At least one, but preferably two, of the tutors per workshop should be drawn from the livestock road transport industry and NGO field

Specific Participant requirement

- Small number of additional stakeholders.
- Selected stakeholders from industry/NGO/other organisations with extensive experience in the subject area, subject to Commission approval and who have committed to disseminating training material within their organisations

Specific Equipment requirement

- The contractor will be required to provide suitable IT equipment to enable participants to review and analyse information relating to TRACES and SNS data.

COVID-19 impact

BTSF and COVID19

- BTSF face to face trainings suspended until 1 September 2021 (suspension under regular review)
- BTSF activities through virtual classrooms from 1 January 2021
- BTSF approach:
 - Exploring alternative options (virtual classrooms)
 - Developing adequate IT tools (BTSF Academy)



Thank you for your attention

[BTSF Academy webpage](#)
[Commission BTSF webpage](#)
[HaDEA BTSF webpage](#)