



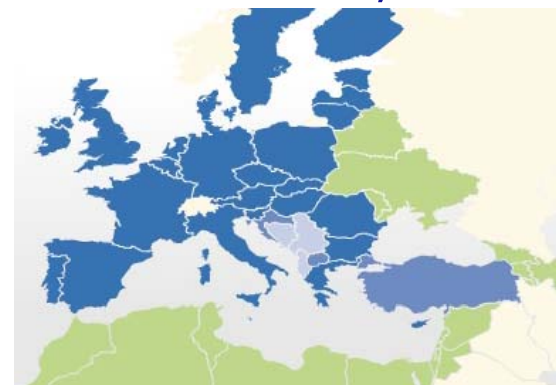
Pre-Accession Programmes today and what to expect in the future

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Over the last five years, the enlarged EU has demonstrated its capacity to work together to address the important challenges it faces. Enlargement is one of the most effective foreign policy instruments of the EU,

The purpose of the opening up of European Community Programmes and Agencies to the **Candidate and the Potential Candidate Countries** is;



- to help them become familiar with EU policies and instruments and to enhance co-operation before accession,
- the overall objective of EFSA Pre-Accession Programme is to promote the understanding of EFSA's work, share expertise and create information exchange mechanisms.

- The IPA programme replaces the previous pre-accession financial instruments - PHARE, ISPA, SAPARD, CARDS and the Turkish pre-accession instrument. The IPA came into force on 1 January 2007 bringing all pre-accession support into a single, focused instrument.
- Through the IPA programme, EFSA is working with the governments of Candidate and Potential Candidate countries on food and feed safety issues within EFSA's remit.
- Within EFSA, the Legal and Policy Affairs Unit is coordinating the implementation of the programme.

Objectives of the Pre-Accession Programme

- to prepare the food safety authorities in the beneficiary countries for future participation in EFSA networks,
- transfer knowledge of areas covered by EFSA,
- develop communication and information exchange systems,
- support national risk assessment and risk communication activities.



2005-2006 - Pre-Accession Programme for Bulgaria and Romania

2006-2007 - Pre-Accession Programme for Turkey and Croatia

2008 - Pre-Accession Programme for Turkey, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Croatia

2009-2010 - Programme for the Candidate and the Potential Candidate Countries



Total amount of **3 mil EUR over 5-year** period

Target groups

- The target groups were the Competent Authorities for food and feed safety in the beneficiary countries, in particular those with similar responsibilities as EFSA,
- Representatives of senior management, decision makers, service managers, scientific networks leaders, communication officers, and scientists took part in a range of activities within the programme.
- Focus was on development of the cooperation between authorities and the stakeholder groups.



Main activities

- series of seminars, workshops, trainings, colloquia, conferences,
- participation by experts from Candidate Countries in EFSA meetings with the technical or scientific issues of relevance for the beneficiaries, on the condition that participation to observers is allowed,
- Study tours to food safety competent authorities in EU Member States

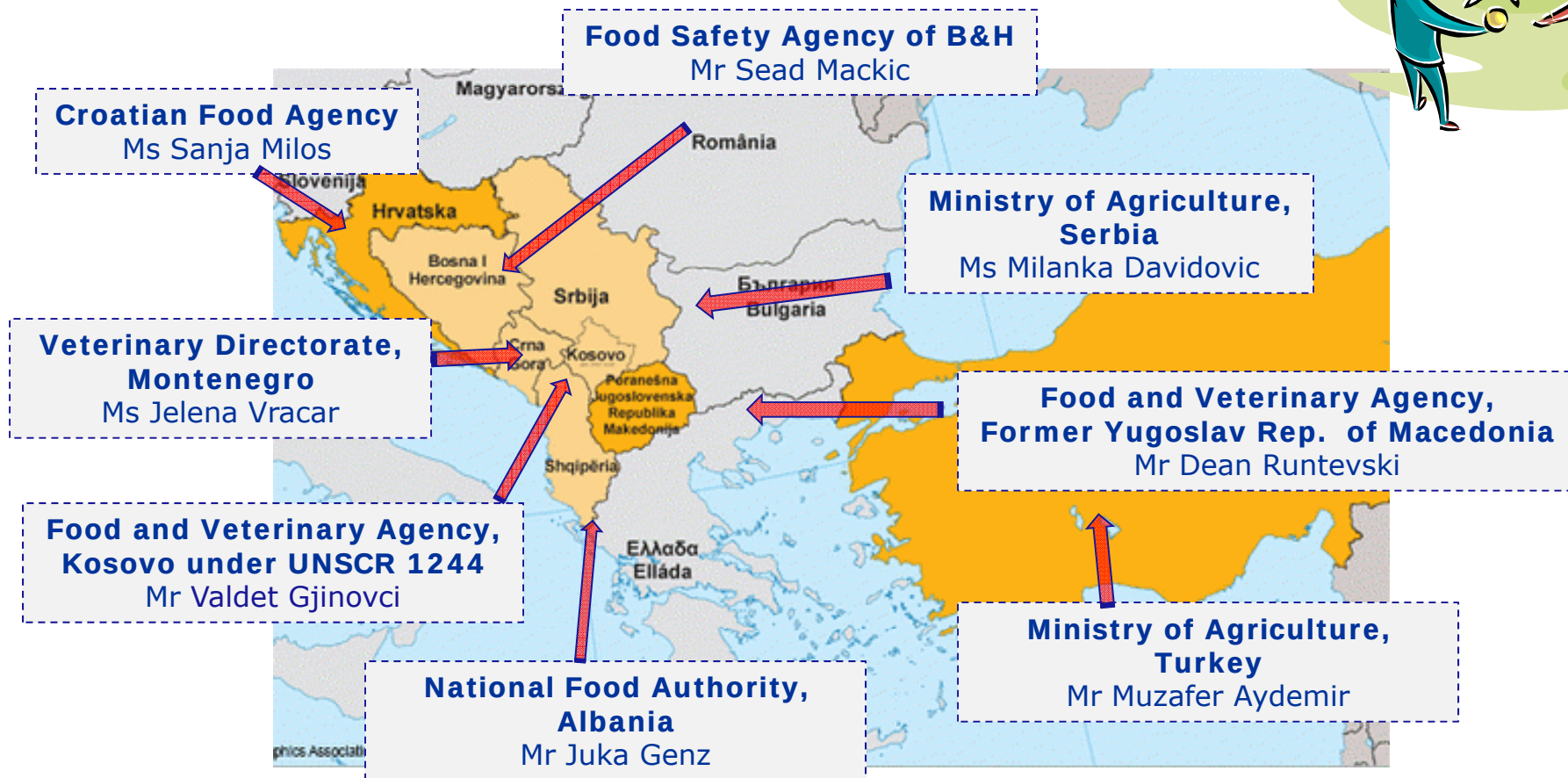


Staff involvement

- The implementation of the project is managed by the Pre-Accession Co-ordinator, a Policy Officer (END) and a secretary in the Legal and Policy Affairs Unit, supervised by a Programme Steering Committee,
- as required throughout the project EFSA staff from scientific, communications and administrative departments take part as speakers, together with speakers from the EU Member States and the European Commission,
- In the Candidate countries official coordinators for the Programme have been appointed by the national authorities (via the EU Delegations),
- the Programme is funding one assistant coordinator in each Candidate country to take care of the practical work on the Programme,



EFSA Pre-Accession Network



Food safety cooperation beyond borders

- The 2009/2010 Programme started officially 01.04.2009 and run up to **30 June 2011**
- **Candidate Countries**
Turkey, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro (since December 2010)
 - continuation of the work in 2008 including training seminars, study tours and participation in EFSA meetings, networks, colloquiums and conferences.
- **Potential Candidate Countries**
Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo (under UNSCR 1244), **and Serbia**
 - introduction to EFSA with seminars, a study tour to an EU Member State and observership in EFSA networks, colloquiums and conferences.

Training seminars foreseen for 2009/2010:

Candidate Countries

- Series of seminars on topics relevant for food safety authorities – AHAW, RA Methodology, Chemical Contaminants, Emerging risks, Food Additives and Flavourings, Dietetic products, nutrition and health claims
- Support to a national conference on food safety in CC

Potential Candidate Countries

- EU Food Safety system and EFSA (8 from each country) 4/5 November, 2009 in Budva, Montenegro,
- **Seminar on Handling Crisis** (6 from each country), 23/24 June 2010 in Parma



Study tours to EU Member States:

- **Study tour** for Croatia and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to Paris, France, October 2009
 - **Study tour** for Turkey and Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to Madrid, Spain March 2010
 - **Study tour** for the 5 Potential Candidate countries 2010 to a MS (to be confirmed)
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Key elements of success

- Beneficiary countries stay informed on recent developments in the EU food safety area,
- Participation in EFSA networks (Advisory Forum, Focal Points, BSE Network, Network for Risk Assessment of Nanotechnologies in Food and Feed, Microbiological Risk Assessment Network, GMO Network),
- Taking active part in EFSA initiatives on risk assessment and data collection (e.g. Task Force on Zoonoses Data Collection, Working Group on Chemical Occurrence Data),
- Taking part in training seminars on topics of relevance for competent food authorities in the context of accession negotiations,
- Further development of cooperation with MS institutions,
- Development of networks and collaboration with neighbouring countries – Candidates and Potential Candidates

Key Results – Training Seminars

	2006	2007	2008	2009
Jan				
Feb				
Mar		Seminar on Crisis Handling Split	Seminar on BSE Zagreb	Seminar on EFSA in the EU Food Safety, Brussels ★
Apr				
May				
Jun				
Jul		Seminar on Stakeholders Relations, Dubrovnik		
Aug				
Sep		Seminar on Advisory Forum Opatija	Study Visit to FSA and DEFRA London ★	Seminar on Risk Assessment, Dubrovnik
Oct		Seminar on GMO Istanbul		Study Visit to AFSSA, Paris
Nov		Data Collection Workshop Parma	Seminar on Microbial RA Zagreb	
Dec	Seminar on Risk Communic. Osijek ★	Seminar on EFSA and work of Panels, Parma		

Key Results – Participation in EFSA meetings

	2006	2007	2008	2009
Jan		PRAPeR meeting Parma		
		AF Comm WG, Brussels		Pesticide Steering Committee, Parma
		AF IT WG Sofia	Conference on Feed Additives, London	Chem. Occurrence Data, Parma
		Advisory Forum, Berlin	AF Comm WG, Dublin	
			Scientific Colloquium on Acrylamide, Tabiano	
			Chem. Occurrence Data, Parma	Advisory Forum, Prague
Jun		Scientific Colloquium on GMO, Tabiano		
Jul		PRAPeR meeting Parma		
Aug				Advisory Forum, Stockholm
Sep	Management Board meeting, Parma	Task Force on Zoonoses Parma	Advisory Forum, Paris	EFSA Focal Points, Parma
	AF Comm WG Hague	Conference with Stakeholders, Toulouse	Task Force on Zoonoses, Brussels	BSE Contact Points meeting, Parma
Oct				
	Symposium on Nutrition and Health Bologna	PRAPeR meeting Parma	AF Comm WG, Parma	Food Consumption Data Collection, Parma
Nov				
	Management Board meeting, Helsinki	Advisory Forum, Hague	Scientific Colloquium on Campylobacter, Rome	Zoonoses Reporting Training, Parma
Dec				



Working Alongside the EFSA

- Signing up to the **expert database** to potentially join the pool of experts assisting EFSA in its work, **ongoing project, no deadline**,
- Application to new calls for EFSA Panel membership (3 years mandate),
- Call for expressions of interest for **Seconded National Experts** within EFSA, **fix term agreement**, work in Parma,
- Programme supports **national food safety events/conferences** on organised by public sector – providing speakers from EFSA or EU MS,
- **Traineeship in EFSA**



Expected results

- the Competent Authorities in the beneficiary countries will be able to participate in the work of EFSA, before and after the accession,
- greater mutual confidence established,
- acceptance of research data and measures between the beneficiaries and EFSA,
- greater understanding between national food safety authorities in current and potential EU Member States,
- future cooperation and harmonisation of food safety approaches across the enlarged EU.



Enlargement Outlook 2011-2013

- New 2-3 years EFSA IPA Programme for the Candidate and the Potential Candidate countries,
- Funds is expected to be available in May-June 2011,
- Discussion on the content between EFSA and the beneficiary countries,
- Decision on the Programme by EFSA Pre-Accession Steering Committee,
- Further involvement of the Potential Candidate Countries.



- European Neighbourhood Policy - ENP

- ENP aims to forge closer ties with countries to the South and to the East of the EU.
- Through this policy, the EU seeks to promote greater economic development, stability and better governance in its neighbourhood,
- Priority area No.5 - **“Promoting cooperation between ENP partners and EU agencies”**, has an objective of to facilitate enhanced sector cooperation in areas such as food safety, drugs, disease prevention, aviation, environmental protection and maritime safety.
- **16 countries in direct EU neighbourhood**
Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Moldova, Morocco, Occupied Palestinian Territory, Syria, Tunisia, Ukraine



European Neighbourhood Policy

Programme 2009

Seminar on the Food Safety and the role of the European Food Safety Authority - 1st and 2nd July in Brussels;

- the first meeting of the EU food safety bodies with the ENP countries
- jointly organised by EFSA, DG SANCO, DG Relex and TAIEX
- the starting point for a new cooperation between the EU and ENP-countries in the area of food safety

Plans for 2010

- 2 regional seminars on Handling Emergencies/Crises in the Food Chain – one for the East ENP countries (28 April, Kiev, Ukraine) and one for Mediterranean countries (14/15 Oct, Parma)

Plans for 2011/2012

- Programme for ENP countries following the best practices of the Pre-Accession Programme



Thank you for your attention

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