



TAIEX Multicountry Workshop on Emerging Food Safety Risks

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organised in co-operation with:

- EFSA – European Food safety Authority
- AECONSAN – Spanish Agency for Consumer Affairs, Food Safety and Nutrition
- IAMZ-CIHEAM – Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza / International Centre of Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies
 - SAMEFOOD – Mediterranean Network on Food Safety

Venue:

Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza

Avenida Montañana, 1005

50059 Zaragoza. Spain

Dates:

Tuesday 7th – Wednesday 8th March 2017

Beneficiaries:

Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Kosovo*, Lebanon, Montenegro, Morocco, Palestine*, Serbia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey

Aim of the workshop:

The successful identification of risks at their early inception is at the heart of public health and environmental protection. Improved identification of emerging food safety risks may become a major preventive instrument at the disposal of the competent authorities.

The task of early identification of emerging issues in a rapidly changing and global environment is extremely challenging and requires innovative and collaborative approaches that take advantage of easily accessible data and information.

The objective of the workshop is to provide a forum to exchange view and experiences among experts and risk managers from the Mediterranean countries to enhance cooperation for the identification, analysis and management of food safety emerging risks that represent common concerns in the region.

Specific objectives:

- To build capacities to develop a methodological framework and implement operational systems for emerging risk identification and early warning.
- To provide up to date scientific information on a number of emerging risks concerning Mediterranean countries.
- Inform non-EU participants on EFSA principles and operations on the field of emerging risks identification, assessment and communication.
- To deepen contacts among the Non-EU and EU Mediterranean countries experts and risk managers and the EFSA and the European Commission.

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TUESDAY, 7th MARCH 2017

08.30 – 09.00 Departure from Zaragoza city (Hotel Goya) to IAMZ-CIHEAM by bus

09.00 – 09.15 Registrations of participants

09.15 – 09.30 Opening of the workshop

DG SANTE, DG NEAR, EFSA, AECOSAN, IAMZ-CIHEAM

Presentation of the agenda and objectives

Mr Jan Baele, European Commission, DG SANTE, Head of Sector RASFF

09.30 – 09.45 Technical Assistance and Information Exchange instrument of the European Commission: mission, activities and achievements

Ms Raili Pall, European Commission, DG NEAR, Unit C3 tbc

09.45 – 10.15 Emerging risks, early warning and rapid alert systems: are we ready for the unexpected

Mr Jan Baele, European Commission, DG SANTE, Head of Sector RASFF

Block I: Methodologies for emerging risk identification

Moderator: Ms Ana Afonso, EFSA and Mr Cesar Casado, AECONSAN

10.15 – 10.30 EFSA process for Emerging Risks

Ms Ana Afonso, Emerging Risks Unit, EFSA

10.30 - 11.00 Information or knowledge

Ms Ana Afonso, Emerging Risks Unit, EFSA

11.00 - 11.30 Delivering on EU Food Safety and Nutrition in 2050 - Future challenges and policy preparedness

Mr Petros Maragkoudakis, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 12.30 Zoonosis risk identification

Mr Juan J. Badiola, University of Zaragoza, Spanish Representative at the EFSA emerging risk exchange network (EREN)

12.30 – 13.30 *Lunch break*

Venue: Aula Dei Research Campus, Hall of Residence self-service restaurant

13.30 – 14.30 Working groups / Presentations by participants

- What is the current situation on risk identification in the participating countries?
- Systems and methodologies used?
- Gaps to be filled, needs on technical capacities and on organizational/institutional framework?

14.30 – 15.30 Presentations by working groups and discussions

Block II: Emerging risks – scientific evidences and up to date

Moderator: (tbc)

15.30 – 16.00 *Coffee break*

16.00 – 16.45 Mycotoxins keynote

Ms Isabelle P. Oswald, INRA, France

16.45 – 17.15 Discussion on Mycotoxins

17.15 – 18.00 Norovirus keynote

Mr Albert Bosch, University of Barcelona, Spain

18.00 – 18.30 Discussion on Norovirus

18.30 *Return back to Zaragoza city (Hotel GOYA) by bus*

WEDNESDAY, 8th MARCH 2017

08.45 – 09.15 *Departure from Zaragoza city (Hotel GOYA) to IAMZ-CIHEAM by bus*

09.15 – 09.30 *Registrations of participants*

Block II (cont.) Emerging risks – scientific evidence and up to date

Moderator: (tbc)

09.30 – 10.15 *Chemical mixtures keynote*

Speaker: Dr Christer HOGSTRAND, King's College London, UK

10.15 – 10.45 *Discussions on Chemical mixtures*

10.45 – 11.15 *Coffee break*

11.15 – 12.00 *Marine bio- toxins keynote*

Ms Ana Gago, University of Vigo, European Reference Laboratory for Marine Biotoxins, Spain

12.00 – 12.30 *Discussions on Marine bio- toxins*

12.30 – 13.30 *Lunch break*

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Block III: Risk Communication and management of Emerging Risks

Moderator: Ms Lucia De Luca, European Food Safety Agency (EFSA), Communications and External Relations Department

13.30 – 14.00 *Food crisis protocols*

Mr Richard Hoskin, Food Standards Agency, UK

14.00 – 14.30 *Risk Communication*

Ms Lucia De Luca, European Food Safety Agency (EFSA), Communications and External Relations Department

14.30 – 15.00 Risk communication – Case of increased incidence of Salmonella Infantis in broiler meat in Croatia

Ms Sara Mikrut Vunjak, Croatian Food Agency

15.00 – 15.30 *Coffee break*

15.30 – 16.30 Working groups / Presentations by participants - *Current systems and gaps on risk management and communication of emerging risks.*

16.30 – 17.30 Presentations of working groups and discussions

17.30 – 17.45 Closing of the workshop

17.45 *Return back to Zaragoza city (Hotel GOYA) by bus*

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