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A training initiative of the European Commission Directorate-General for Health and Consumers for EU and third country officials who undertake controls on food safety and veterinary issues. Legal basis: Article 51 of Regulation (EC) 882/2004

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Executive Agency for Health and Consumers monitors contracts, launches calls for tender and disseminates information on BTSF.

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Areas covered:

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

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General aims:

- High levels of competence and awareness of EU rules amongst official control staff
- Harmonised approach to Community and national control systems
- 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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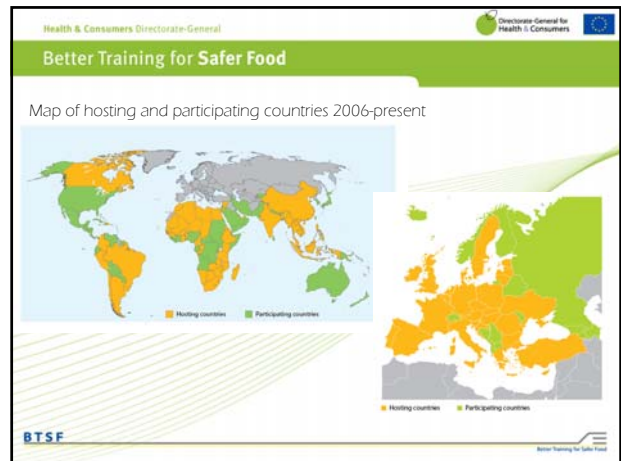
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Third country specific aims

- Ensure fair trade with third and particularly developing countries
- Help third countries to better understand and meet EU standards
- Reduce rejections at the EU borders and the burden on EU border inspectors
- Better controls give third country consumers better food safety and EU consumers get access to a more diverse product range

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- Strengthen capacity of African countries on health and plant health
 - Support food security through technical and policy advice on food safety, animal health, animal welfare and plant health
 - Help African countries produce agro-food products compatible with international standards
 - Contribute to reducing food-borne disease
 - Support competitiveness of the agro-food sector and contribute to rural development and employment in Africa
 - €10 million for the period 2008/2010
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- Specific topics in relation to animal health are:
- Evaluation of performance of Veterinary Services
 - Improvement of national / regional legal framework on animal health
 - Laboratory capacity
 - Training of veterinary staff
- Target groups:
- Public (e.g. trade and technical ministries)
 - Private sectors (e.g. farmers, livestock producers, processors, distributors, retailers), etc. who play a role in the agro-food sectors in Africa
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- ### Better Training for Safer Food
- Organisation of training**
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- Subjects chosen according to needs identified following broad consultation with Commission services and stakeholders
 - Training is held in the EU and third countries
 - Training consists of workshops and secondment of individual experts to countries across the globe to carry out sustained training sessions and assistance to national authorities
 - Tuition from experts from the Commission, Member States, third countries and international organisations
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More information?
http://ec.europa.eu/food/training_strategy/index_en.htm

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