



BETTER TRAINING FOR SAFER FOOD
Training Course on
Contingency Planning and Animal Disease Control

Subject: Invitation to participate in training sessions on Contingency Planning and Animal Disease Control

Dear Better Training for Safer Food National Contact point,

The European Commission Directorate-General for Health and Consumers is organising a set of 14 training sessions in the field of **Contingency Planning and Animal Disease Control** as part of the Better Training for Safer Food initiative. The training sessions will be held in Latvia, United Kingdom and Italy in 2014/2015 and the calendar will be as follows:

Session	Dates	Location	Field visits	Number of Invited Participants for CZECH REPUBLIC
1	12-16 May 2014	Riga, LV	Pig farm, CSF addressed	
2	16-20 June 2014	Riga, LV	Pig farm, CSF addressed	2
3	7-11 July 2014	Cardiff, UK	Cattle farm, FMD addressed	To be confirmed
4	8-12 September 2014	Riga, LV	Pig farm, CSF addressed	To be confirmed
5	6-10 October 2014	Cardiff, UK	Cattle farm, FMD addressed	To be confirmed
6	3-7 November 2014	Padua, IT	Poultry farm, AI addressed	To be confirmed
7	1-5 December 2014	Padua, IT	Poultry farm, AI addressed	To be confirmed
8	26-30 January 2015	Padua, IT	Poultry farm, AI addressed	To be confirmed
9	23-27 March 2015	Riga, LV	Pig farm, CSF addressed	To be confirmed
10	4-8 May 2015	Padua, IT	Poultry farm, AI addressed	To be confirmed



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12	6-10 July 2015	Riga, LV	Pig farm, CSF addressed	To be confirmed
13	7-11 September 2015	Cardiff, UK	Cattle farm, FMD addressed	To be confirmed
14	5-9 October 2015	Padua, IT	Poultry farm, AI addressed	To be confirmed

A number of seats has been allocated to each country for each session. Please, find in the table above the number of seats allocated to your country for the **second training session**. **Seats allocated for other training sessions and general information about the course will be communicated to you later.** We would kindly ask you to nominate the participant(s) for the **second training session** to be held in **Riga, Latvia, from 16 to 20 June 2014** according to the number of seats allocated to your country for this training session. Please return the completed Training Application Form(s) of the selected participant(s) to us by email **at your earliest convenience but no later than by 18 April 2014.**

The programme of the training session is enclosed. Please note that the training session is considered a **medium-level course**: it is a course for participants with a working knowledge of contingency planning and animal disease control. **Field visit will be to a pig farm and will address disease suspicion and potential confirmation of Classical Swine Fever. All participants will be provided with protective clothing.**

The objective of the course is :

- To provide a common understanding of the current state of play of tools suitable to address emerging animal diseases (including Zoonoses) and the related veterinary interventions
- To increase the efficacy of veterinary services in protecting the EU territory against the occurrence of emerging animal diseases.
- To give the trainees the opportunity to compare key elements of contingency plans elaborated by their respective MS, in an interactive way, in order to identify and share best practices



Participants will be requested to **commit themselves to disseminate the knowledge** received via different dissemination methods¹.

The training session will be conducted in **English**. Please, make sure that each nominated participant has a good working level of English in order to actively participate in each activity.

Please return the completed Training Application Form(s) of the selected participant(s) **together with**
1) the contingency plan for CSF and
2) the operational manual and/or SOPs (Standard operational procedures) which describe human
killing of pigs in your country.

Contingency plan, operational manual and/or SOPs must be uploaded on our FTP platform

For standard users: Please copy/paste the link below in your FILE EXPLORER (not in the internet explorer)

ftp://ftpsher-RIG:sb391J32630v@ftp.ftpsher.be

For Filezilla users, please use the following details

- Address ftp.ftpsher.be
- ID ftpsher-RIG
- Password : sb391J32630v

In case of any problems, please send an email to 2013.96.07.contingency@jvl-c.com or call 0032 81 32 79 96

CHAFEA / DG SANCO will cover the expenses for flights, accommodation, meals and field visits in full. No daily allowance will be paid on top of this. Any other costs are to be paid by the participants. The training course will be organised by an external contractor, JVL Consulting, who will contact the participants for the practical arrangements.

¹ i.e. informing colleagues about the information received at the training, distributing (photocopying or sending via electronic way) the training materials among their colleagues, preparing informative articles in the professional national or, if possible, in international journals, preparing presentations based on the training materials for the obligatory national Competent authorities' professional trainings or other disseminating methods which could be appropriate to share the information received via the BTSF trainings.



All further information should be channelled through National Contact Points. This is particularly important regarding applications for participation in a training session, as they can only be officially submitted to the contractor through the intermediary of National Contact Points. All candidates must be experts with a professional background highly relevant to the subject of this training session.

Should you have any further queries, please, contact JVL Consulting at 2013.96.07.contingency@jvl-c.com.