



## **Organisation and implementation of training activities to strengthen EU law enforcement in Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) fields under the "Better Training for Safer Food" initiative**

### **Notification to BTSF National Contact Points**

**Ref: BTSF Workshop on African swine fever surveillance and wildlife management scheduled to be held in Prague on 25-27 October 2017.**

**Dear Madame / Dear Sir**

We are writing to inform you about a forthcoming training workshop on African Swine Fever surveillance and wildlife management organised within the Better Training for Safer Food initiative and funded by the European Commission.

The workshop is part of a wider programme of activities that will involve EU Member States and neighbouring non-EU countries through eighteen separate workshops and a series of sustained training and technical assistance missions (STMs). The aim of these training activities is to strengthen the understanding, implementation and enforcement of EU rules in the fields of food and feed law, animal health and welfare rules and plant health.

Participants will come from Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia.

The present workshop will be held in Prague and is scheduled with a three-day duration commencing on 25<sup>th</sup> October and ending on 27<sup>th</sup> October. The workshop will be held at the Park Hotel Prague <https://www.parkhotel-praha.cz/en/rooms/>

The project will cover the entire cost of the workshop for participants, which includes:

- full board accommodation, including breakfast, lunch, dinner and coffee breaks
- travel expenses including visa, flight to/from Prague (economy) and transfer to/from the airport at the place of departure and at the place of training

The workshop will be held in English language.

Tutors will include high level experts and officials. Tutors will be supported by the officials from the European Commission.

Main topics to be addressed during the workshop will be:

- Legislation on AFS
- Active and passive disease surveillance
- Early detection in domestic pigs and wild boar
- Epidemiology and risk factors in wild boar

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- Sampling wildlife population
- Biosecurity
- Managing risk from animal products and by-products
- OIE and EU regionalization strategies
- Conclusions and debriefing

### Selection process

We would kindly request you to nominate the number of participants indicated for your country in the grid below to attend the workshop. Besides the requested number of official participants, you may also nominate 1 additional participant (reserve participant), which will be confirmed in a second phase should there be extra seats left vacant by other countries.

Country	Seats
Austria	4
Bulgaria	2
Czech Republic	4
Estonia	2
<b>Finland</b>	2
Germany	4
Hungary	2
<b>Latvia</b>	2
<b>Lithuania</b>	2
<b>Poland</b>	2
<b>Romania</b>	2
<b>Slovakia</b>	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>

Delegates from **Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia** already took part in the same training in Minsk from November 16th to 18th 2016. We kindly ask National Contact Points of these countries to send different participants from those who took part in Minsk. In case you need information about the delegates that attended in 2016, please contact us and we will provide you with their names and positions.

Participants should have the following requirements:

- ✓ At least 3 years' experience in animal health
- ✓ Professional background in the national central and/or regional competent authority for animal health

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- ✓ At least one participant: responsible for wildlife management (officials from national agencies dealing with forestry /wildlife management)
- ✓ Involved in animal disease control
- ✓ Fluent in English

The following qualifications will represent an additional asset:

- Decision making level
- Responsible for wildlife management
- Active player in definition of animal health policies
- Experience in enforcement of animal health standards at field level
- Experience in handling transboundary animal measures

### **Dissemination and assessment test**

Participants will be requested to commit themselves to disseminate the knowledge received via different dissemination methods, 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 staff of national Competent Authorities or other disseminating methods which could be appropriate to share the information received via the BTSF training. During the course participants will be provided with a training package to be used as supporting dissemination material in English language. Between two to three months after the respective training session, participants will receive a standard questionnaire requesting information of dissemination activities performed by the participant after the workshop, and details on differences in the approach adopted in day-to-day work after having undergone the training.

Furthermore, the program will include an anonymous knowledge test to be carried out at the beginning and at the end of each workshop in order to measure the impact of the training on the understanding of the taught subjects by participants.

Participants are expected to agree to carry out the above tests and to reply to the questionnaire

### **Registration of participants**

Please bear in mind that all applications forms should be submitted to [20159604eusps@btsftraining.com](mailto:20159604eusps@btsftraining.com) by **September 29<sup>th</sup> 2017**. We cannot guarantee that applications received after this deadline will be accepted.

Kindly ensure that full details of selected participants are supplied in accordance with the Registration Form enclosed herewith. These details are needed to send the relevant e-ticket to participants and ensure that they are informed by air carriers in case of delays/changes in the flight schedule.

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## **Project Management**

The workshop will be implemented by the company OPERA, that has been awarded a service contract by the EU agency CHAFEA - Consumers, Health Agriculture and Food Executive Agency that provides professional services in performing the tasks and activities entrusted to it by the European Commission, and works closely with the Health and Consumers Directorate General

For further details, you can revert by email to [20159604eusps@btsftraining.com](mailto:20159604eusps@btsftraining.com) or phone to + 39 06 96042652. Project Manager is Claudio BOMPARD, training coordinator is Vittorio Guberti.

Registration forms can be sent by e-mail to [20159604eusps@btsftraining.com](mailto:20159604eusps@btsftraining.com). Booking of flights and other logistical arrangements will be handled directly by OPERA staff. All participants will be accommodated in Park Hotel Prague.

Please feel free to contact us if you require clarification on any of the above information. I am looking forward to hearing from you or your colleagues.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation.

Best regards.

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Project Manager

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