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“The European Union is made up of 27 Member States who have decided to gradually link together their know-how, resources and destinies. Together, during a period of enlargement of 50 years, they have built a zone of stability, democracy and sustainable development whilst maintaining cultural diversity, tolerance and individual freedoms.

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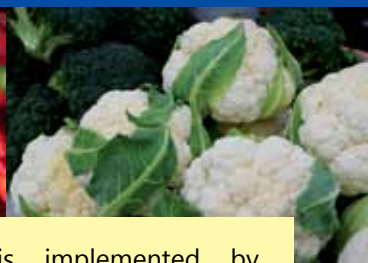
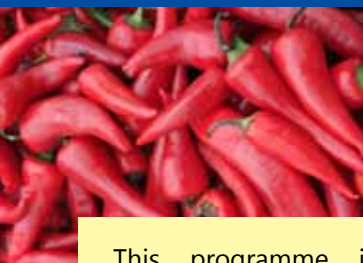
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Serbia – Lithuania – Hungary

Building Capacity
in the Areas of Food
Safety and Animal Welfare



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The concept

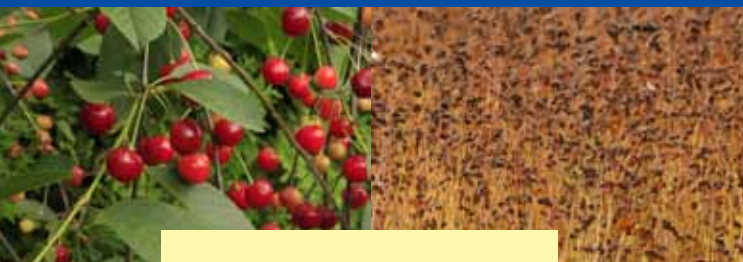
The Republic of Serbia has already started transposition and implementation of Acquis of the European Union in the areas of Animal Health, Animal Welfare and Food Safety.

Institutional capacities of Serbian Veterinary Services shall be improved in order to comply with official control procedures in the areas of Food Safety and Animal Welfare.

Food safety requirements across the food and feed chains as well as animal welfare requirements on animal keeping and use, transportation and slaughter shall be in compliance with EU requirements in order to meet customers' expectations on food safety.

Inspection procedures, knowledge and professional expertise of inspectors of the Veterinary Services involved in official control in the areas of Food Safety and Animal Welfare shall meet EU standards.

Public awareness on food and feed safety and animal welfare is very important throughout whole food supply chain.



Target groups

The Project will be implemented in a partnership with Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management Republic of Serbia – Veterinary Directorate and target groups are a staff of Veterinary Directorate, key stakeholders, animal keepers and transporters.



The objectives

An overall objective of the Project is to improve Food Safety and Animal Welfare in the Republic of Serbia.

Project purpose is to support implementation of the Food Safety Law as well as Animal Welfare Law in line with the EU requirements and best practice, providing assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic of Serbia – Veterinary Directorate.

Food safety component is focused on analysis and assessment of needs of the food and feed supply systems and regulatory framework for implementation of the food safety legislation and on updating of standards and regulations and development of guidelines and procedures using the best practices of the EU Member States. Necessary advisory assistance will be provided for development of food and feed information management system and standard operational procedures for implementation of RASFF system and communication of information for the management of food borne outbreaks, monitoring and control programmes and development of inspection and audit capacities of food establishments.

Animal Welfare component is designed for the development regulations, standards and procedures necessary for the implementation of animal welfare requirements for animal keeping, transportation, slaughtering and use for experimental purposes.

Both components foresee wide range of trainings in order to improve professional capacities of the inspectors.

Project Results

The main expected results of the Project are as follows:

- National legislation on Food Safety and Animal Welfare harmonized to EU legal requirements;
 - Food and feed supply chain conforms to EU legal requirements;
 - Organization of official control in the areas of Food Safety and Animal Welfare in compliance with EU requirements;
 - Food and feed information management system and standard operational procedures for implementation of RASFF system and communication of information for the management of food borne outbreaks in place; Crisis management plan drafted;
 - Recommendations on monitoring and control programmes on food and feed safety provided;
- Improved capacities of the staff of the Veterinary Directorate to carry out official duties in the areas of Food Safety and Animal Welfare;
- Recommendations on raising awareness among different stakeholders and sectors of society in areas of Food Safety and Animal Welfare provided.



Brief technical information:

Project duration – 30 months
Project terms – from 19th of March 2012 to 19th of September 2014
Budget – 2 000 000 EUR
Number of experts - 52
Number of working days - 1392