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Draft Plan for the Pre-Accession Programme 2008 for Turkey, Croatia and FYR Macedonia

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Introduction

- Turkey and Croatia – continuation of the Pre-Accession Programme 2006/2007
  - further in depth activities regarding risk assessment and risk communication and risk management
- Macedonia – get informed on EFSA's work and role for the first time

- Being part of the **information networks** will benefit these countries as they will be able to focus on **issues which are new to all Member States** and enable them to warn Member States of problems detected at an early stage which may in its turn **prevent food scares**.

The objectives

- to prepare the competent bodies in the beneficiary countries (active in the fields relating to the food safety risk management/assessment/communication framework) for their future participation in EFSA networks;
- enhancement of communication and information exchange systems enabling future participation of the three candidate countries in the EFSA networks;
- to transfer knowledge on methodologies used in the fields in the remit of EFSA, in particular on risk assessment and data collection;

Main activities

(a) Participation in EFSA meetings

- Specific meetings
- Science colloquia and other scientific/technical meetings
- EFSA Events
- Advisory Forum meetings - Working Groups and Plenary meeting (where relevant)
- Management Board (as observers)
- Observer ship to experts meetings with MS representation (e.g. PRAPeR experts groups meetings, Zoonoses data collection and other data collection etc.)

Main activities

(b) Meetings to be organised by EFSA in beneficiary countries or in the EU in co-operation with the beneficiary countries

- Seminars and Workshops
- Small and specific training events engineered to transfer knowledge on methodologies used in science e.g. on data collection and risk assessment.
- Study tours to the EU Member States

Proposed Methodologies

- Direction in accordance with the suggestions of the EFSA Pre-Accession Steering Committee
- Meetings and workshops led by moderators from EFSA and/or one of the Member State Competent Authorities
- Attendance by Turkish, Croatian and Macedonian experts as observers at EFSA meetings as far as allowed by current legislation and the EFSA Programme
- Seminars and workshops
- Priorities will be further defined following consultation with authorities in the beneficiary countries

Feedback from Turkey

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Topics of interest for the Programme 2008

- Animal welfare during feeding, maintenance, transportartion and slaughter,
- Microbiological Risk Assessment in foodstuff, determination of performance criteria and practice of performance criteria
- Risk Assessment of Mycotoxins
- Articles and Materials that Come into Contact with Food
- Novel Foods
- Authorization Procedure of Feed Additives
- Risk assessment models in some Member State
- Statistical evaluation of collected data
- Short term training with EFSA officer in EFSA premises

Feedback from Croatia

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Topics of interest for the Programme 2008

- Food packaging and Chemical contaminants
- Plant protection products and plant health
- Microbiological and chemical risk assessment
- Animal welfare
- Training on risk communication – improvement of communication on national and international level
- Data collection and analysis
- Study tours and training courses in the EU Member States

Future perspectives

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Future seminars and workshops have to address following issues:

	E	VG	G	F	P
EU Risk analysis framework	✓	☐	☐	☐	☐
EFSA Advisory Forum & Management Board	✓	☐	☐	☐	☐
EFSA's work on Communication	✓	☐	☐	☐	☐
EFSA's Scientific Activities	✓	☐	☐	☐	☐
- Dietetic products, nutrition and allergies					
- Plant protection products and plant health					
- Additives, flavorings, processing aids					
- Animal health and welfare					
Relations to Stakeholders	✓	☐	☐	☐	☐
National input to the EFSA's work	✓	☐	☐	☐	☐

The EFSA Programme is expected:

- To assist the Turkish, Croatian and Macedonian Competent Authority reaching a position to be able to participate in the work of EFSA,
- To build greater mutual confidence in order to encourage the future acceptance of research and development data and measures between these authorities,
- To encourage greater understanding between Turkish, Croatian, Macedonia and Member States' Competent Authorities, leading to future co-operation and harmonisation of technical procedures within the EU

The coordinating institutions are:

Turkey	**Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs** Akay cad. No:3 Bakanliklar; ANKARA
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Grazie !

Hvala!

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