

## Short-Term Mission on

### **Activity 1.3 “Proposal with recommendations resulting from the assessment and the internships“**

#### **Mission report**

#### **1. Names of experts**

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#### **2. Objective and task of the mission:**

Preparation of a final report including recommendations for possible revisions of the Bosnian and Herzegovinian organization and command lines of veterinary institutions and related bodies, laboratories and agencies, including *aquis* alignment in the veterinary sector according to legislation, food control and animal health.

Workshop 2/2: The recommendations and proposals will be developed jointly between MS experts and BiH counterparts in working groups under consideration of the existing reports on previous relevant internships, workshops or seminars.

Date of visit: **02.04. - 04.04.2007**

#### **3. Identification and description of activities during the visit**

##### **Introduction**

To guarantee the safety of foods, the European Union assumes a crossed-process system of own controls by the food business operators.

On the other hand exists a system of crossed-process official controls from primary production of foods till contribution to the consumers (“from stable to table”). This system of official controls includes animal health and welfare, feed control as well as meat and food hygiene.

If there are different authorities responsible for official controls (which is currently the case in Bosnia Herzegovina), a close cooperation and coordination is essential to consider all aspect of consumer protection. For this reason, the primary challenge of the initiated 'Round Table' is to make clear this to all participants. Furthermore it has to be shown, that these guidelines of the EU are also realisable in Member States with federal structures.

a) **Participants:** see lists of participants

b) **Monday, 02.04.**

1.1 Meeting of PL with Mrs. Haeberle (German Embassy)

Terms of reference:

- I. Organisation and structure of veterinary service of Bosnia i Herzegovina  
(Situation in present)
- II. Discussion about the different responsibilities of FSA and SVO
- III. Agreement about a planed meeting on political level (Ministers) in May

1.2. Meeting of RTA and STEs

Discussion about the Round Table on Tuesday and Wednesday

c) **Tuesday, 03.04.**

Round Table  
Agenda:

Chairperson: **Mr. Eberhard Haunhorst**

**VENUES:**

09h00	<i>Sarajevo</i>	Welcome and opening of the workshop <b>Speaker: Mr. Eberhard Haunhorst</b> <b>Lower Saxony Federal State Office for Consumer protection and Food Safety</b>
09h05		<b>Speaker: Mr. Kjartan Björnsson</b> <b>ECD in BiH</b>
09h15		Veterinary Services in BiH: introduction and challenges <b>Speaker: Mr. Jozo Bagarić</b> <b>State Veterinary Office in BiH</b>
09h30		Introduction to Plant Health Agency in Bosnia and Herzegovina <b>Speaker: Mr. Miladin Zeković</b> <b>State Plant Health Agency</b>
09h45		Introduction to Food Safety Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

10h00	<p><b>Speaker: Mr Sejad Mačkić</b>  <b>State Food Safety Agency of BiH</b></p>
	<p>Consumer Protection within a Member State of the European Union - Organisation of duties and tasks</p>
	<p><b>Speaker: Mr. Christian Grugel</b>  <b>Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety, Berlin</b></p>
10h30	<p>Coffee break</p>
11h00	<p>Legislation framework and role of the MoFTER in food safety  <b>Speaker: Mr. Marijo Perc</b>  <b>Ministry for Foreign Trade and Economic Relations</b></p>
11h15	<p>Status of harmonisation procedure in plant health  <b>Speaker: Ms. Sabaheta Ćutuk</b>  <b>State Plant Health Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina</b></p>
11h30	<p>Implementation of the official control tasks in the Federal States on the basis of the Lower Saxony  <b>Speaker: Mr. Eberhard Haunhorst</b>  <b>Lower Saxony Federal State Office for Consumer Protection and Food Safety</b></p>
12h00	<p>Influence of zoonotic disease on the health of consumer in BiH  <b>Speaker: Ms. Nada Kisic-Sujica</b>  <b>State Food Safety Agency in BiH</b></p>
12h30	<p>Lunch break</p>
13h00	<p>Press conference</p>
14h00	<p>Cooperation between control and research in the field of Consumer Protection with special consideration of meat hygienic aspects.  <b>Speaker: Mr. G. Klein</b>  <b>Centre for Food Quality and Food Safety at the University of Veterinary Science Hanover</b></p>
14h30	<p>International cooperation and institutional coordination: from independency to interdependency  <b>Speaker: Mr N.Fejzic</b>  <b>State Veterinary Office in BiH</b></p>
14h45	<p>Implementation of EU food safety standards: industry and consumers views  <b>Speaker: Mr. Marjan Vučak,</b>  <b>Meggle, Bihać</b></p>

**Wednesday, 04.04**

Round Table, Second Day

Chairperson: **Mr. Eberhard Haunhorst**VENUES:

09h00	Sarajevo	Discussion
12h00		END OF THE ROUND TABLE

**4. Summary of the results of the mission, especially of the Round Table****Conclusions/recommendations:**

The European Union assumes the implementation of EU-legislation by the Member States and the acceding countries through a crossed-process system of official controls from the farm via food production until retail trade and catering.

This framework is regulated in EU-regulation 882/2004.

Insufficient controls (e.g. exception of feed law or other relevant areas) could lead to serious dangers for consumers, because potential risks are not identified at an early stage.

The Round Table has shown that the different organisations (especially SVO and the new established Food Safety Agency (FSA)) neither cooperate nor agree which authority is competent for the different controls.

Additionally there is no general view over the whole country in BiH. That means data of companies; products or animals which have to be controlled are inadequate. Furthermore there is no knowledge about the results of official controls and scrutinise.

If BiH intends to be member state of the EU or wants to achieve the export of special foods into the EU in near future, the competent authorities have to perform a concept to ensure food safety. It has to be assessed which authorities are responsible for which controls, which qualification the staff must have, which measures have to be taken in case of discovered deviancies and how the different authorities can cooperate and which decisional power they have. Moreover the results of official controls (inspections and scrutinise of samples) have to be combined and evaluated.

The first Round Table showed, that the responsibility of the EU concerning food and feed safety could be communicated to the involved parties. Unfortunately in particular the FSA showed only a small cooperativeness. The director neither joined the Round Table nor the meetings of the Steering Committee.

The EC-Delegation agrees with the above mentioned notes. At the latest by may it should be tried to amend cooperation through discussions at political level.



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