

**List of Seminars within the EFSA Pre-Accession Programme 2008
for Turkey, Croatia and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

1. Seminar on BSE and other TSEs – ZAGREB

General work in EFSA on BSE, other TSEs and ABPs and the future role of EFSA in the TSE area as well as its collaboration with member states will be presented. The representatives from 3 Member States will share information on their work and organization on BSE and other TSEs in their countries. Presentation of the work and organization of the BSE systems in the Candidate Countries is also foreseen.

- 26-27 March, Zagreb – *experts from the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Croatia*

2. Seminar on the EFSA Advisory Forum and Management Board – IZMIR

The role of the Management Board in evolving of EFSA's strategy and future direction as well as assuring EFSA's independence from the political process will be presented. The Advisory Forum is the main formal interface between EFSA and the national bodies therefore this programme will give special consideration to the role of Member States in the Advisory Forum and the work of the AF working groups plus information on the scientific networks and ongoing projects.

- 24-25 April, Izmir - *experts from the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey*

3. Seminar on Handling Crises - SKOPJE

This seminar will include presentation of the EFSA crisis handling plan, how to manage communication in a crisis, a crises exercise and information on RASFF. In addition to this speeches by experts from the Member States on specific crises and how they had been handled are foreseen.

- 27-28 May, Skopje - *experts from the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*

4. Seminar on GMO – OHRID

The seminar will provide an overview of how GMO risk assessment is carried out in the EU and inform about the close collaboration between EFSA and the EU Member States. Experts from the Member States will share their experiences with the representatives from the Candidate Countries.

- 25-26 September, Ohrid – *experts from the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*

5. Seminar on Microbial Risk Assessment - ZAGREB

Introduction to the microbial risk assessment carried out by EFSA as well as an in-depth overview on the risk assessment of mycotoxins in food and feed will be presented by scientists from EFSA BIOHAZ and CONTAM Unit. Reports from the Member States on their experience as well as presentations from the Candidate Countries are foreseen.

- 26-27 November, Zagreb– *experts from the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Croatia*

6. Seminar on The EU Institutions working on Food Safety – BRUSSELS

The Commission and the European Parliament will explain what they are doing in the area of Food Safety and EFSA will explain how we co-operate with the EU Institutions in Brussels and about the legal aspects of the EU Food safety legislation. Risk Analysis framework with an accent on dividing the risk management from the risk assessment will be presented.

- 11-12 March 2009, Brussels - *experts from the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Croatia*