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COURSE 3 ON FOOD ON NON ANIMAL ORIGIN

INFORMATION TO NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS

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GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE COURSE ON HYGIENE REQUIREMENTS AT PRIMARY PRODUCTION OF FOOD OF NON-ANIMAL ORIGIN

1.1. Overall objective

Officials from MS are familiar with inspecting food establishments or operators and as Food and Veterinary Office auditing missions have detected the training needs in these inspections. Therefore it is important to raise awareness and to promote a common understanding of the rules to be complied with by food business operators operating at primary production level, disseminating best practices for official controls regarding primary production activities and enhance exchange of experience in order to identify practical solutions to implement official controls at primary production level (production, growing, harvest, including transport, storage and handling).

1.2. Specific Objectives

The course on Food hygiene at primary production of food of non-animal origin aims:

- To train professionals on how to design and implement adequate systems of hygiene official controls in the food of non-animal origin level;
- To promote risk based official controls at the level of primary level;
- To ensure the transmission of a solid understanding of the need for establishing procedures of coordination and coordination with competent authorities in related fields (agriculture, environment, health, municipalities, etc.), and in a bidirectional way (from farm to slaughtering house, and vice versa);
- To enhance the knowledge about the best practices and practical conditions of operation in the different types of primary production in the food of non-animal origin sector;
- To create awareness about the legal requirements in the field of food hygiene as an integrated approach including other related fields requiring further controls in the food business rearing land animals (e.g. handling of by-products and control of animal health);
- To identify less/most efficient practices in national systems of official control in the food of non-animal origin producers and therefore to contribute to improve and reinforce as necessary in each of their countries. The lectures, site visits to a green leave producer and to a seeds and seeds for sprouting production organisation, while additional information on, case-studies, videos and discussions shall ease the identification of gaps and best practices.

Participants will be invited to participate actively in discussions, debriefings and working groups. They will be given preparation tasks prior to the attendance to the session, updating their knowledge of EU Food Law in their sector and bringing examples of their national practices in their given sector.

1.3. Dates and locations

The Course 3 on hygiene requirements on **primary production of food of non-animal origin** will be implemented in 5 sessions, in the dates and locations indicated in the following table.

Participants will be requested to arrive by midday Monday and depart on Friday afternoon.

Deadlines for the application are in general 6 weeks before the starting date of the corresponding course.



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Name Course	Training session	Location	From	То	Deadlines
Fnao	C3-S1	Budapest, Hungary	2017-06-05	2017-06-09	2017-05-05
Fnao	C3-S2	Budapest, Hungary	2017-09-18	2017-09-22	2017-08-07
Fnao	C3-S3	Bologna, Italy	2017-11-27	2017-12-01	2017-10-16
Fnao	C3-S4	Alicante, Spain	2018-02-26	2018-03-02	2018-01-15
Fnao	C3-S5	Alicante, Spain	2018-05-21	2018-05-25	2018-04-09

1.4. Coverage of the project

The project will cover the entire cost for attending the sessions.

TRAVELS

For each supported participant, the project will provide a return flight ticket - in economy class or a return train ticket in first class using the most direct route.

Upon arrival, transfer from the airport or station to the hotel will be arranged by the event managers, as well as the transfer from the training site to the airport on the last day of the training.

Travel costs from the participants' homes to the nearest airport/bus station/train station are covered by the project budget if requested, prior presentation of corresponding receipt/invoice of the cost incurred.

Participants attending in their own vehicle, the reimbursable amount will be that one corresponding to the cost of an alternative public transport: return first class train or bus ticket, or economy return flight ticket.

For particular difficult transport / connection situations, the participants are kindly encouraged to contact the Event Manager in order to take the best travel arrangements/combination.

HEALTH AND REPATRIATION INSURANCE

The project also provides health and repatriation insurance for all the trainees.

ACCOMMODATION

The project will provide full-board accommodation for subsided trainees for the period of the training:

- on the 1st day of the training: lunch, afternoon coffee break, dinner and room charge (single occupancy);
- from the 2nd to the 4th day of the training: full board accommodation including breakfast, 2 coffee breaks, lunch, dinner and room charge (single occupancy);
- on the 5th day of the training: breakfast, 1 coffee break and lunch for participants departing before 19:00, dinner and room charge (single occupancy) as required for the participants departing later or the day after the training, depending on flights connections availability.

Important notice: Any additional expenses that may occur during the stay of the participants (e.g. phone calls, mini bar, etc.) will be directly payed by the participants, as they are costs not covered by the project.

TRAINING COURSES

The following costs related to the implementation of the training courses will be covered by the project:

- Access to fully equipped meeting rooms;
- Transportation to the training centre, if it was different from the hotel;











The project will also provide the following material:

- Stationary (notepad, pen, notepad-holder);
- A folder including hand-outs of all the lectures, hand-outs, background information of tutors, guidance documents and other reference material for further study;
- USB key containing all the training material in electronic version;
- A group photo;
- A bag for keeping all materials and documentation;
- Training instructions package, to facilitate participants the dissemination of the learnings and contents.

Prior to each session, detailed information will be displayed on www.btsf-aenor.es

2. SELECTION PROCESS

The training program is opened to participants whose application form is submitted by the corresponding BTSF NCPs, following the selection process described in the following paragraph.

The targeted audience should comply with the following criteria:

- Be officers of national Competent Authorities, and other government officers, involved in official controls and/or their planning and reporting (preferably at headquarters' level);
- Be field inspectors with working knowledge on hygiene requirements at primary production official controls, in food of non-animal origin;
- Be compromised to disseminate the learning's of the training once they finalize the training session;
- Be proficient in the English language.

Besides, participants will be requested the following:

- Participants will be asked to follow a test at the beginning and at the end of each session, to
 assess their knowledge gained. The assessment will be generic, anonymous as the objective is to
 measure the impact of the training on the understanding of the taught subjects by participants.
- Participants, when submitting their registration forms, will 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 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.
- Between two or three months after each session, participants will receive an e-mail submitted by the corresponding Event Manager with a link to a standard questionnaire designed specifically to address the use of the knowledge acquired during a training in the participants' daily work







practice and the type and level of further dissemination done following the training sessions.

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

2.1. Responsibilities of National Contact Points, Project Management Unit and Event Managers

The management of the selection process and allocation of seats is a responsibility shared between NCPs and the Project Management Unit.

The places allocated to the countries will be strictly respected until the deadlines. Individual allocation of seats can be found in next section.

TASKS OF NCPS

The National Contact Points are kindly requested to:

- Select the participants considering the profile participants attending should have, and fill in the registration form using the standard BTSF Template. (FHPP_Op14_Registration form_CHAFEA_2017_2018). The template is included in excel form in the communication submitted to NCPs. In the same form, specify the type of course and session. The name of the file created should indicate the number of the session, country and name of the applicant.
- Send the registration form to the Project Manager respecting the deadlines indicated in section 1.3. to the centralized e-mail address 20139612_primaryproduction@aenor.es
- In order to ensure some flexibility to the allocation of places, National Contact Points are kindly invited to send additional registration forms that will be included in a reserve list. After the deadline, those countries that have not submitted a registration form will be contacted to confirm that their place can be given to another country included in the reserve list. Once they confirm the availability of the seat, the NCP of the country that has submitted a reserve candidate, will be informed and will receive an additional seat.

TASKS OF THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT

All general communications and submission of registration forms of participants will be managed centrally submitting them to the e-mail address:

20139612_primaryproduction@aenor.es

Tel.: +34 91432 5935

The Project Management unit will:

- Verify the compliance of the participants proposed with the selection criteria on the basis of the fully completed registration form;
- Inform NCP if the application has been accepted or if it has been included in the reserve list;
- Once the deadline for the training session expires, inform the reserve list candidate NCPs of the availability of seats.
- Provide the information of the participants by the corresponding Event Manager.
- Contact the participants two or three months after the seminar and submit them a questionnaire asking which dissemination measures they have taken, considering this is a pre-condition request for participating in the training.

TASKS OF EVENT MANAGER







The Event Manager will:

Contact directly the participant in order to make further logistic arrangements and all practical arrangements of the training: preparation for the training, submission of the technical and logistical information, and delivery of training pack.







2.2. Invited countries and allocation of places

175 seats, approximately 35 participants per training session, are distributed among the invited countries according to the table below:

Country	Contract for C3
Alphabetic	Total Food Non
order	Animal Origin
Member States and Candidate Countries	
Austria	4
Belgium	4
Bulgaria	6
Croatia	6
Cyprus	4
Czech Republic	6
Denmark	4
Estonia	3
Finland	3
France	6
Germany	9
Greece	6
Hungary	6
Ireland	8
Italy	9
Latvia	6
Lithuania	6
Luxembourg	1
Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Rep. of	4
Malta	4
Montegro	1
Netherlands	4
Poland	9
Portugal	8
Romania	4
Serbia	1
Slovakia	5
Slovenia	4
Spain	9
Sweden	6
Turkey	4
UK	9
Total MS & CC	169
EFTA / EEA Countries	
Iceland	2
Norway	2
Switzerland	2
Total EFTA / EEA	6
Countries TOTAL Participants	175
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C3-S1	C3-S2	C3-S3	C3-S4	C3-S5
2017-06- 05/09	2017-09-18/22	2017-11-27 to 12-01	2018-02- 26/03-02	2018-05-21/25
Budapest /Hungary	Budapest /Hungary	Italy/Bologna	Alicante/ Spain	Alicante / Spain
1	1	1	1	
1		1	1	1
1	2	1	1	1
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National Contact Points are kindly invited to contact the project manager if they require any modification of the list or if they would wish to submit additional registration forms for the reserve list.









3. TRAINING PROGRAMME COURSE 3 ON PRIMARY PRODUCTION OF FOOD OF NON-ANIMAL ORIGIN

	Day 1 - Monday						
Time		Title of the session		Method of Training / Name of responsible tutor			
o9hoo	16h30	Welcome and registration	n of participants				
16h00	16h30 16h45	Welcome address	Welcome addressed: introduction, objectives and expected results Delivery of the material BTSF background presentation Tutors and participants introduction	Introductory remarks Questions and Answers Media: BTSF Video Project Manager or Event Manager Training Coordinator / Mr. Gino Cecchini Interactive Q&A			
101130	101145	Initial assessment – Pre- training test	Participants pre-training knowledge Self-Assessment test • Measure the group of participants' knowledge at the beginning of the training	(ARS System) Participants Training Coordinator			
16h45	17h15	Current status on primary production controls in EU	Provide the participants with insight to the current status on primary production controls in EU, especially the results of the controls carried out.	Presentation Training Coordinator / DG SANCO Brussels / FVO			
17h15	18h3o	Definition of Primary production in the food of non-animal origin Welcome drink and dinne	Participants will be guided through a brainstorming on defining primary production and their key principles in the field of food hygiene of plants origin. What is primary production?	Brainstorming session Training Coordinator / Mr. Gino Cecchini			

	Day 2 - Tuesday					
Т	ime	Title of the session	Training Objective / Subjects Covered	Method of Training / Responsible		
oghoo	09h05	Introduction to the day's activities	Introduction	Training coordinator - Mr. Gino Cecchini		
09h05	09h50	Overview of EU Legislation on primary production and supporting guidelines	 EU legislation with regards to primary production – current situation. What is primary production: Relevant requirements in Regulations 178/2002 and 852/2004 – Hazards, registration, documental control, record keeping, precautionary measures, storage EU legislation on seeds intended for sprouting and sprouts: A brief overview of the requirements set up in Regulations 208/2013, 209/2013, 210/2013, 211/2013 and 704/2014 with special focus on requirements of establishments producing sprouts. Guidance documents and national guides 	Presentation / Q&A Mr. Gino Cecchini		











			Day 2 - Tuesday	
Т	ime	Title of the session	Training Objective / Subjects Covered	Method of Training / Responsible
			 Background information on main risks Flexibility provisions – recapitulation of provisions in Regulation (EC) 852/2004 	
09h50	10h00	The primary production process in the food of non-animal origin	Summary: Flow diagram for the production process – and cross sectorial legislation for official controls, an overview.	Presentation / Q&A Mr. Gino Cecchini
10h00	10h30	Cross sectorial legislation applying to primary production in food non-animal origin	The legislation applying to FBO and, in particular horizontal issues concerning: Fertilizers, Plant Protection Products, Waste Management, Seeds, Organic production, GMOs It will be presented the duties of the Competent Authorities with regards to controls applying to primary production, from a general perspective.	Presentation / Q&A Mr. István Ecsedi
10h30	10h50	Coffee Break & Photo gro	pup	
10h50	13h00	Bests official control practices in primary production of food of non-animal origin	 Introduction to official controls at primary production on food of non-animal origin and introduction to the working group. Working group session: Participants will be divided in 5 groups of 6 persons. The following discussion topics will be distributed among the participants for discussion among them focusing on pre-harvest, harvest and post-harvest: Designation of Competent Authorities for PP of food of non-animal origin: Ministry of Agriculture versus Ministry of Health, Central and Regional Competent Authorities – training, cooperation and collaboration arrangements Registration / approval of establishments Organisation and scope of official controls: planning (risk based), documented procedures, methods and techniques Presentations of group conclusions and outcomes 	Working group session Participants Mr. Gino Cecchini Mr. István Ecsedi
13h00	14h00	Lunch		
14h00	15h00	Official controls based on risks – identification of risks	Official controls based on risks: Introduction to the process of risk assessment. Brainstorming session in groups: Identification of biological hazards in pre-harvest, harvest and post-harvest production phases. Presentations of group conclusions and summary by the tutor.	Interactive session of participants and tutors Ms Liesbeth Jacxsens
15h00	15h30	Risks assessment EFSA Mandates	EFSA Mandates, current recommendations and positions	Interactive session of participants and tutors Ms Liesbeth Jacxsens
15h30	16h00	Official controls based on risks – planning	Elements to be considered in the risk categorization and subsequent planning of official controls based on them: participants, based on their own national guides will determine best practices for proportional and	Interactive session of participants and tutors









	Day 2 - Tuesday					
Time		Title of the session	Training Objective / Subjects Covered	Method of Training / Responsible		
			reasonable official controls. Tutors will guide the participants in their presentation and will jointly elaborate a best practice guide	Ms Liesbeth Jacxsens		
16h00	16h20	Coffee Break				
16h20	17h30	Official controls based on risks – planning	Continuation. The tutor will finalize with a summary of main requirements set in Regulation 882/2004 on official controls and conclusions will be drawn by the tutor on risk based official controls.	Interactive session of participants and tutors Ms Liesbeth Jacxsens		
17h30	18hoo	Best official controls practices	Theme: Implementation of best official control practices in primary production of food of non-animal origin Discussion and summary of best practices will be introduced with the electronic vote. Participants will be given the electronic voting system and tutors will formulate specific questions with regards to previous considerations. It will serve three aspects: as a survey system, identifying best practices, as confirmation that key aspects of the subject details have been well understood, and as a recap and conclusion to the activities of the training day.	Interaction between tutors and participants All		
20h00		Dinner				









			Day 3 - Wednesday	
Time Title of the session		Title of the session	Training Objective / Subjects Covered	Method of training / responsible tutor
oghoo	o9ho5	Introduction	Introduction and presentation of the objectives of the day	Mr. Gino Cecchini
09h10	09h20	Biological hazards in	Food borne outbreaks and pathogens related to fresh produce	Presentation
		fruits and vegetables		Mrs. Catherine Jacquin
09h20	09h50	Biological hazards in	Biological hazards and control of pathogens in the pre-harvest stage of production	Presentation
		primary production of		Mrs. Catherine Jacquin
		fruits and vegetables		
		and their prevention.		
		Pre-harvest		
09h50	10h15	Preparation of the	Preparation of an inspection grid: what evidence should be taken during an on-site inspection on pre-harvest	Presentation
		study visit on pre-	phase to demonstrate and guarantee that the product is safe and compliant with food safety requirements	Mr. István Ecsedi
		harvest official controls	Preparation of a site visit: Participants will be given the necessary information to proceed for the site visit	
				Event Manager
10h15	10h50	Transport to the site visit		
10h50	13h30	Site visit – grower of	Visit to fruit / vegetal grower – visit to the growing area: Overview and analysis of farming activities inputs,	Site visit
		fruits or vegetal	conditions and harvesting practices in relation to biological hazards	All
		grower	The participants will be guided by a local expert and tutors	
			The participants will simulate an inspection, taking note of the evidences in the farm and its conformity against	
			their national guide	
			The supporting documents for the visit are::	
			Grid developed by the tutoring team	
			National guide of reference	
13h30	15h00	Lunch and transport		
15h00	16h15	Pre-harvest official	Based on the observations made during visits, working groups will discuss, prepare and present their	Working groups – study case
		controls	conclusions according to their group assignment. Discussion will focus in:	Participants
			Pre-harvest Official Controls	Mr. István Ecsedi
				Mr. Catherine Jacquin
16h15	16h30	Afternoon break		
16h30	17h15	Pre-harvest official	Debriefing session	Working group – debriefing
		controls	Presentation of the working group discussions and conclusions	Mr. Catherine Jacquin
				Mr. István Ecsedi











	Day 3 - Wednesday					
Time		Title of the session	Training Objective / Subjects Covered	Method of training /		
				responsible tutor		
17h15	17h30	Pre-harvest official controls in seeds and seeds for sprouting producing establishments	Particularities of an inspection to seeds for sprouting and sprouting producing establishments: additional requirements on pre-harvest	Brainstorming / presentation Mr. István Ecsedi		
17h30	18hoo	Discussions	Theme: Pre-harvest Official Controls Discussion and summary of best practices will be introduced with the electronic vote. Participants will be given the electronic voting system and tutors will formulate specific questions with regards to previous considerations. It will serve three aspects: as a survey system, identifying best practices, as confirmation that key aspects of the subject details have been well understood, and as a recap an conclusion to the activities of the training day.	Interaction between tutors and participants Mr. Gino Cecchini Mr. István Ecsedi Mrs. Catherine Jacquin		
20h00		Dinner				

Day 4- Thursday						
Time		Title of the session	Training Objective / Subjects Covered	Method of Training /		
				Responsible		
oghoo	09h05	Introduction	Introduction and presentation of the objectives of the day	Mr. Gino Cecchini		
09h05	09h45	Biological hazards in	Biological hazards and control of pathogens in the harvest and post-harvest stages of production.	Presentation		
		primary production of	Microbiological testing for fruit and vegetables	Mrs. Catherine Jacquin		
		Harvest and Post-				
		harvest				
09h45	10h00	Preparation of the	Preparation of an inspection grid: what evidence should be taken during an on-site inspection during the	Presentation / working group		
		study visit on sprouts	harvest and post-harvest to demonstrate and guarantee that the product is safe and compliant with food safety	Ms Ute Messelhaeusser		
		and seeds intended for	requirements			
		sprouting producing	Preparation of a site visit: Participants will be given the necessary information to proceed for the site visit to a			
		establishment	farm, crops and facilities – control of biological contaminants.			
10h00	10h45	Coffee Break – transport to the site visit				
10h45	13h30	Site visit – seeds and	Visit to a seeds for sprouting or sprouting producing establishment: The participants will be guided by a local	Site visit		
		seeds for sprouting	expert and tutor.	All		











Day 4- Thursday						
Time		Title of the session	Training Objective / Subjects Covered	Method of Training / Responsible		
		producing establishment	The participants will simulate an inspection, taking note of the evidences in the harvesting and post-harvesting process and its conformity against their national guide The supporting documents for the visit are: • Grid developed by the tutoring team			
			 National guide of reference During the visit special attention will be drawn to major routes of contamination during harvesting and post harvesting. 			
13h30	15h00	Lunch & transport				
15hoo	16h00	Harvest and Post- harvest official controls	Based on the observations made during visits, working groups will discuss, prepare and present their conclusions according to their group assignment (Processing aids, food contact materials, intelligent materials, plant protection product). Discussion will focus in: • Harvest and post-harvest Official Controls	Working groups – study case Participants Tutors		
16hoo	16h20	Coffee Break	<u>'</u>			
16h20	17hoo	Harvest and Post- harvest official controls	Debriefing session Presentation of the working group discussions and conclusions	Working groups – study case / Participants / Tutors		
17h00	17h15	Harvest and Post- harvest official controls on seeds and sprouts premises	Particularities of an inspection to a seeds and sprouts establishment: additional requirements on harvest and post-harvest	Brainstorming / presentation Ms Ute Messelhaeusser		
17h15	17h30	Sampling and testing sprouts	Sampling and microbiological testing of seeds for sprouting and sprouts	Presentation Ms Ute Messelhaeusser		
17h30	18hoo	Discussions	Theme: Harvest and post-harvest official controls Discussion and summary of best practices will be introduced with the electronic vote. Participants will be given the electronic voting system and tutors will formulate specific questions with regards to previous considerations. It will serve three aspects: as a survey system, identifying best practices, as confirmation that key aspects of the subject's details have been well understood, and as a recap and conclusion to the activities of the training day.	Interaction between tutors and participants Tutors		
20h00		Dinner		1		









Day 5- Friday					
Time		Title of the session	Training Objective / Subjects Covered	Methods of Training / Responsible	
08h30	o8h35	Introduction to the	Introduction and presentation of the objectives of the day	Mr. Gino Cecchini	
		day's activities			
o8h35	09h30	Effectiveness of the	A brainstorming session will bring forward the elements to have an efficient system.	Working group discussion	
		system	The conclusions will be presented by the tutors, summarizing the elements that make the system be effective	Participants	
				Mrs. Isabel Verde	
09h30	10h30	Action plan to	Cont. brainstorming. Focus on root cause identification and elaboration of an action plan that better ensures	Working group session	
		improvements	the effectiveness of the system.	Mrs. Isabel Verde	
			Feasible cases will be drawn from the previous days' field visits and discussions		
10h30	11h00	Coffee Break			
11h00	12h00	Study cases – action	Feasible cases will be drawn from the previous days' field visits and discussions.	Working group discussion	
		plan for the		Mrs. Isabel VERDE	
		improvement of official			
		controls – food of non-			
		animal origin			
12h00	12h15	Summary of main	Lessons learned and topics covered. Wrap up discussions	Presentation from discussions	
		topics covered in		Mr. Gino Cecchini	
		relation to hygiene of			
		plants			
12h15	12h30	Initial assessment –	Participants post-training knowledge Self-Assessment test	Interactive Q&A (ARS System)	
		Post-training test	Measure the group of participants' knowledge at the end of the training	Participants	
				Training Coordinator	
12h30	13h00	Conclusions	Final conclusions. On-line evaluation and training certificates. Farewell.	Training coordinator – Mr. Gino	
				Cecchini	
		Lunch and travel back home			

Note: the order of the visits could be switched depending on the availability of the premises.



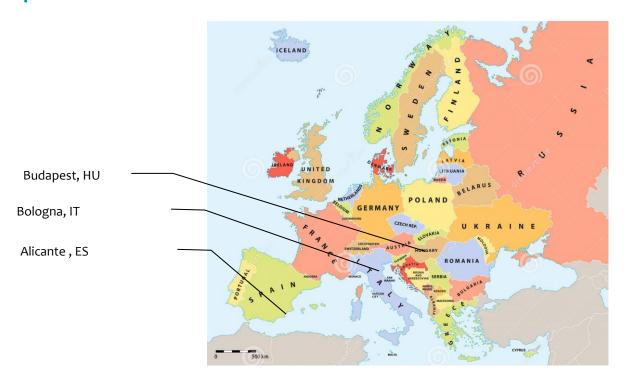








4. VENUES



The training venues will be the following:

Course on Food of non animal origin	C ₃
Locations / Num. sessions	5
Budapest (Hungary)	2
Bologna (Italy)	1
Alicante (Spain)	2

Hungary

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Geography

Budapest or pearl of Danube is the biggest and capital city of Hungary. Budapest has a story both beautiful and painful. How many invaders do not they coveted and occupied the Danubian River which is located on the road to Vienna, as an imaginary line between East and West.

Means of transport and accessibility

Budapest has an international airport with connection with other important international airports (as Zurich) and connect all Europe with Budapest Transfers from the airport to the hotel are arranged with a private shuttle









company. A taxi driver with the sign board of the BTSF logo will wait for them at the arrival hall.

Hotel

Hotel NH Budapest City is a 4-star hotel located in the Újlipótváros business district on the Pest side of the river. Some of Budapest's star attractions are right on the doorstep, and the nearby metro station whisks you to more tourist hotspots: a 10-minute walk to the Danube River and famous Parliament building; close to Margaret Island, for tranquil walks and cycle rides and a metro ride away from the castle and synagogue.

The hotel's 160 rooms are all of a Standard type – they're simply furnished but very comfortable. They have satellite TVs, tea and coffee-making facilities and free wireless access.

Social event

A site visit to the city will be organized during the session.

Spain

Alicante - AC Hotel by Marriott Avda. Elche, 3 03008 Alicante

Tel: +34 965 120 178

Email: acalicante@ac-hotels.com

Web: www.ac-hotels.com | www.hotelacalicante.com

Geography

Spain is the primary producer and exporter of fruits and vegetables for fresh consumption in Europe, and the Mediterranean regions is the principal area of intensive, irrigated horticulture.

Alicante is located in south-eastern Iberian Peninsula, and the vegetable and fruit sector is a very dynamic and has become the primary agricultural production sector, basically in Orange trees, orchard fruits, rice, and vegetables.

Means of transport and accessibility

The nearest airport is situated 8 km. in the city of Alicante, very well communicated and easily accessible from many of the European cities.

Venues

AC Hotel by Marriott is fantastically situated in the city, just in front of the sea. The hotel counts with all facilities and services that a high four star hotel has, and further to that, is just beside the harbour and other leisure and shopping area of the city of Alicante. During the first, second and fifth day of the session, the meeting premises at the hotel will be used.

Social event

A tour to the city of Alicante will be organised, ending with a special dinner at a typical Mediterranean restaurant

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