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## BETTER TRAINING FOR SAFER FOOD

# **ORGANISATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF TRAINING ACTIVITIES ON THE ORGANIC FARMING SCHEME** UNDER THE "BETTER TRAINING FOR SAFER FOOD" INITIATIVE **INFORMATION TO NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS**

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## THE ORGANIC FARMING SCHEME

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## 1. Training objectives

## General objective

The BTSF programme has been developed to ensure that staff of the competent authorities of EU Member States involved in official controls on food and feed businesses and on animal health have a uniform and up-dated approach as well as a high level of expertise with regards in particular to auditing and control techniques for the verification of compliance with EU legislation requirements.

## Specific objectives

The specific objectives of the BTSF training activities on Organic Farming Scheme are to further improve the knowledge of the control requirements by bringing together participants from different Member States and selected non-EU countries and to allow the exchange of experience and disseminate best practices for control activities and procedures.

Thereby, the programme will aim at ensuring consistent and rigorous implementation of the regulatory requirements and contributing to increase the effectiveness of the control activities implemented by the staff of competent authorities and of private bodies who are in charge of verifying the compliance of organic production and labelling of organic products with the EU legislative requirements.

All sector stakeholders (control bodies, consumers, producers etc.) will benefit from a more harmonised and effective control system (to which this BTSF project will contribute) ensuring fair competition within the organic production sector and confidence of the consumers on the products' quality.

## 2. Selection criteria for participants

Participant must: 1. Fulfil the eligibility criteria

- 2. Meet the minimum requirements
- 3. Be selected using the evaluation criteria

#### 1. Eligibility criteria for Course on the Organic Farming scheme

Participants who have previously completed the BTSF courses on the **Organic Farming scheme** should be assessed for their eligibility for this training based on the criteria below. Only **eligible participants** should be further assessed against the minimum requirements below.

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Participants must meet the minimum requirements below to ensure they can follow and fully participate in this course. Participants who do not meet the minimum requirements should not be proposed for the training.

2. Minimum requirements for Course on the Organic Farming scheme	Yes/No
Participant must have:	
<ul> <li>Relevancy to daily work: participants should have a technical background related to the area of training. It should be clear that the training activity will improve their daily work.</li> <li>Sufficient level of English language: in order to ensure the transfer of knowledge and opportunities to exchange views, participants should master the language of the training session for which they applied</li> <li>Ability to share their experience: priority will be given to participants whose working position will allow sharing with colleagues the outputs of the training session.</li> <li>Dissemination of training material: commitment of the participants to disseminate</li> </ul>	
the gathered information during the training session Specifically, they must:	
<ul> <li>Be staff of Competent Authorities for organic production and labelling of organic products involved in supervision, planning and coordination of control activities for organic production and labelling of organic products, as well as field inspectors in this/those authority/ies involved in carrying out such controls</li> <li>Be staff of public control authorities or in the sole case of EU Member States, of private control bodies to which specific responsibilities or tasks relating to control activities for organic products have been conferred (for control authorities) or delegated (for control bodies) by the competent authorities.</li> </ul>	

The evaluation criteria should be used as a tool to prioritise participation (higher score indicates higher priority), but there is no minimum score necessary.

3.	Enter Score	
a)	Experience in organic farming within a competent authority in areas of food/feed safety, animal health or animal welfare, in particular in areas such as organic production and labelling of organic products, and related activities	
	Scoring	
	less than 3 years = 2 points; $\geq$ 3 years = 5 points; 5 - 10 years = 10 points; > 10 years = 12.5 points	
b)	Experience in implementing of legislation about organic production and labelling of organic products within a competent authority in areas of food/feed safety, animal health or animal welfare, in particular in areas such as organic production and labelling of organic products, and related activities.	
	no experience = 2 points; < 2 years = 5 points; 2-5 years = 7.5 points; > 5 years = 10 points	
c)	Contribution towards supervision, planning and coordination of control activities for organic production and labelling of organic products.	
	Scoring	
	no experience = 2 points; < 2 years = 5 points; 2-4 years = 10 points; > 4 years = 12.5 points	
d)	During the course, participants will be provided with a training package to be used as support dissemination material. Commitment to disseminate the knowledge received is a prerequisite for course participation.	
	Scoring	
	<ol> <li>Commitment to distribute the training material among their colleagues = 5 points;</li> </ol>	
	<ol> <li>Point 1 plus preparing and giving presentations based on the training material for the staff of national competent authorities/uploading training material to national competent authorities' intranets/websites = 10 points</li> </ol>	
	<ol> <li>Points 1, 2 plus preparing informative articles in the professional national journals = 15 points</li> </ol>	
	4. no commitment = 2 points	
	Maximum total score	50

## 3. Country allocations

A total of 238 seats will be allocated according to the tables below. Please note that the number of allocated seats for each country may be subject to variation.

		country / suggested allocation							
	Austria	5	Germany	8	Poland	9			
	Belgium	5	Greece	4	Portugal	8			
	Bulgaria	8	Hungary	5	Romania	8			
	Croatia	9	Ireland	7	Slovakia	7			
	Cyprus	5	Italy	7	Slovenia	5			
Member States	Czech Republic	4	Latvia	8	Spain	11			
	Denmark	4	Lithuania	10	Sweden	4			
	Estonia	10	Luxembourg	3	Reserve List	15			
	Finland	5	Malta	2					
	France	5	Netherlands	6					
				Total N	lember States	187			
Candidate	Albania	4	North Macedonia	4	Turkey	7			
Countries	Montenegro	3	Serbia	5					
			Toto	al Candia	late Countries	23			
Gl	obal participation	n EU Mer	mber States and	Candida	ite Countries	210			
EEA and EFTA Countries	Norway	1	Switzerland	1	Iceland	1			
			Total	EEA and	EFTA Countries	3			

#### Table 1: Suggested allocation for EU Member States and Candidate Countries

### Table 2: Suggested allocation for non-EU Countries

		со	ountry / sugges	ted allocatio	on		
Potential Candidate Countries and ENP	Kosovo	-	Belarus	1	Russia	1	
	Bosnia Herzegovina	1	Georgia	1	Ukraine	2	
	Armenia	1	Moldova	1	Reserve List	2	
		Total	Potential Can	didate Coun	tries and ENP	10	
Global participatio	Global participation EU + CC + EEA & EFTA + Potential Candidate Countries & ENP 223						

## Table 3: Suggested allocation for other non-EU Countries

	country / suggested allocation							
	India	2	Sri Lanka	1	Vietnam	1		
	China	2	Pakistan	1	Philippines	2		
Asian countries	Thailand	1	Taiwan	1	Reserve List	2		
	Indonesia	1	Malaysia	1				
				Total A	sian countries	15		
Global participation						238		

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Country	S 12	S 13	S 14	S15	S16	S17	S18
Member							
States (MS)							
Austria	1	1	1		1	1	
Belgium		1	1		1	1	1
Bulgaria	2		1		2	1	2
Croatia	1	1	1	1	2	2	1
Czech Rep.		1	1		1	1	
Cyprus		1	1		1	1	1
Denmark			1		1	1	1
Estonia	2	1	1	1	2	1	2
Finland	1		1	1	1	1	
France	1	1	1		1	1	
Germany	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
Greece	1	1		1			1
Hungary	1		1	1	1	1	
Ireland	2		1	2	1	1	
Italy	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Latvia	2		1	1	1	1	2
Lithuania	2	1	2	1	1	1	2
Luxembourg	1		1			1	
Malta			1			1	
Netherlands	2		1	1	1	1	
Poland	1	1	1	1	2	1	2
Portugal	1		2		1	2	2
Romania	2		1		2	1	2
Slovakia	1		1	1	1	1	2
Slovenia	1		1			1	2
Spain	1	2	2	1	1	2	2
Sweden	1		1	1		1	
Reserve List	2	2	3	2	2	2	2
Total MS	31	17	32	18	29	31	29
Candidate Countries (CC)							
North Macedonia	1		1		1		1
Montenegro	1				1		1
Serbia		2			1	1	1

## Table 4: Suggested allocation of participants per session

Turkey		2		1	1	2	1
Albania	1	-	1		1		1
Total CC	3	4	2	1	5	3	5
MS + CC	34	21	34	19	34	34	34
EEA & EFTA	•••		•••		-	-	
Countries							
Norway		1					
Switzerland		1					
Iceland		1					
Total EEA &							
EFTA Countries		3					
Potential							
Candidate							
Countries							
and ENP							
Kosovo							
Bosnia Herzegovina		1					
Armenia		1					
Belarus		1					
Georgia		1					
Moldova		1					
Russia		1					
Ukraine		2					
Reserve List		2					
Total							
Potential							
Candidate Countries		10					
and ENP							
Asian							
Countries				2			
India				2			
China				2			
Thailand				1			
Indonesia				1			
Sri Lanka				1			
Pakistan				1			
Taiwan				1			
Malaysia				1			
Vietnam				1			
Philippines				2			
Reserve List				2			

Total Asian countries	0	0	0	15	0	0	0
TOTAL/COU RSE	34	34	34	34	34	34	34

Should you consider that the number of allocated seats is insufficient to meet your country's training needs, please contact the Project Manager at <u>2015.96.01</u> <u>Organicfarming@aesagroup.eu</u> as soon as possible, providing an explanation.

The contractor will evaluate your request and pass it to the Contracting Authority for consideration.

The time schedule of session 15 will be changed in order to allow the participation of candidates from Asia.

## 4. Training dates

Seven Virtual Classroom (VC) training courses with a duration of five half-days will be delivered from March 2021 with approximately 34 people in each session.

#### Training Year **Proposed dates Course Title** Location session 2021 12 ONLINE 22-26 March Organic Farming Scheme 13 12-16 April ONLINE Organic Farming Scheme 14 3-7 May ONLINE Organic Farming Scheme 15 10-14 May ONLINE Organic Farming Scheme 16 24-28 May ONLINE Organic Farming Scheme ONLINE 17 To be decided Organic Farming Scheme 18 To be decided ONLINE Organic Farming Scheme

#### Table 5: Training dates

#### Annex 1: Background and main topics covered in training

#### Background:

Organic agriculture is gaining more significance throughout the globe each year. Prices are increasing and the danger that credibility of organic products will be damaged is becoming increasingly larger. The more money is in the game, the greater the incentive to avoid applying the rules. Given this background, it is highly important that applicable rules and regulations are interpreted in the same manner throughout all of Europe and their partner states and that possible room for interpretation is uniformly discussed and implemented. The suggested course serves the harmonisation of the enforcement of the EU organic legislation.

The course, among other things, lay the foundation for a more harmonised understanding of the relevant EU legislation. It provides access for trainees to different operational procedures in their own countries in order to achieve the same outcomes and promote a more harmonised delivery of such activities.

#### Main topics covered in the training:

#### • Basic Principles and Development of Organic Agriculture:

As an introduction, the development of the organic movement, the basic principles of organic agriculture and the production of processed foods according to the rules of organic legislation will be portrayed. Products which do not lie within the scope of the legislation and their significance will be highlighted. A further section will concentrate on the processing of organic food and limitations in the area of additives. Participants should be able to judge whether a product can be labelled according to organic regulation.

• Labelling:

The labelling of products in the description and/or the list of ingredients, as well as information on accompanying documents and specifications will be presented. An important factor is also the labelling of loose goods, sealing, accompanying documents for goods, and checking of incoming goods. Import rules for organic products are complex and will be specifically highlighted, and special cases will be discussed.

#### • Control and Certification:

The course will present the control system, the types of control, whether announced or unannounced, the frequency of random sampling; the evaluation of risks will be discussed and advantages and disadvantages of these different systems will be highlighted. New systematic approaches will be also introduced. The question of control of end products versus control of processing shall be discussed.

#### • New legislation considerations:

The training course will take into consideration any recent and future changes of the EU organic regulations.

## Annex 2: Legislation and guidance

- The topics to be addressed in the workshops will include the requirements for the set-up and functioning of the control system on organic production and labelling of organic products, with regard to the general control rules for all food and feed sectors according to the official controls regulation (No 882/2004) and the additional, specific sector control rules in the organic legislation (No 834/2007, 889/2008 and 1235/2008);
- Member states have a national legislation for implementation of the EU Regulation 834/2007. Organic food should not only conform to the organic regulation 834/2007, but also to the conventional food standards in terms of e.g. hygiene, traceability, food safety and/or nutrition claims. The embedding of the organic regulation in the conventional food regulation will be illustrated.

A further section will concentrate on the processing of organic food and limitations in the area of additives.

- Import rules for organic products are complex and settled in detail in regulation 1235/2008. These rules are specifically highlighted and special cases are discussed.
- The training course will take into consideration the new EU organic legislation (2018/848).

## Annex 3: Agenda

On the previous Thursday a group test will be done to verify that everyone is able to use Zoom and therefore to follow the session.

			Day 1 (Monday)		
Time	(CET)	Title of Session	Training Objective / Subjects Covered	Method of Training	Responsible
09h00	09h30	Zoom check	Participants check Zoom to gain confidence on it	-	EM and TC
			Presentation of the Programme "Better Training for Safer Food" -	Media: BTSF Video	Event Manager
			BTSF background presentation	Introductory remarks	Event manager
09h30	10h15	Welcome session	Presentation of objectives, the main topics, and the expected results of training – peculiarities of working in VC environment (ex. breakout rooms) Introduction by each participant and tutor	Presentation Tour de table	Dimitris Sotiropoulos Tutors and participants
10h15	10h30	Knowledge test	Anonymous test on the main topics of the course to evaluate initial knowledge of each participant	Media: e-voting system	Dimitris Sotiropoulos and participants
10h30	10h55	Organic Agriculture and legal regulations	<ul> <li><u>Highlighting of:</u></li> <li>Basic principles and development of organic agriculture</li> <li>Framework and structure of EU regulations for organic agriculture</li> <li>incl. scope</li> <li>Roles of the Commission incl. "Policy Unit"</li> <li>Reference to the general food &amp; feed regulations (particular focus on Reg. 625/2017)</li> </ul>	Presentation incl. Q&A	Dimitris Sotiropoulos
10h55	11h10	Organic Agriculture and legal regulations, part 2	Introduction, expanded scope and key changes in Regulation 848/2018	Presentation incl. Q&A	Dimitris Sotiropoulos and participants

	Day 1 (Monday)								
Time	(CET)	Title of Session	Training Objective / Subjects Covered	Method of Training	Responsible				
11h10	11h30	Coffee Break							
11h30	12h15	Setting up a system of controls/designating a Competent Authority (CA)	Tasks of the CAs and resources to be mobilised for its implementation Internal control mechanisms and audits (internal/external) over the CA Design of the control system incl. system of countries with federal organisation Reporting requirements of CAs towards EC in the framework of the MANCP List of operators to be published by CAs	Presentation incl. Q&A	Serge Massart				
12h15	13h00	Setting up a system of controls/designating a Competent Authority (CA), part 2	Study based on real cases with regard to set up a system of controls	Group activity in breakout rooms and plenary discussion of the results	Serge Massart and participants				
13h00	13h10	Conclusions	Summary of contents	Debate/Q&A	Dimitris Sotiropoulos and participants				

Tir	ne	Title of the session	Day 2 (Tuesday) Training Objective / Subjects Covered	Method of Training	Responsible
		Wrap-up	Main ideas and learnings achieved in regard to topics presented yesterday	Debate	Dimitris Sotiropoulos and participants
09h15	09h45	Control I: own measures of operators	Assessment of the operators' activities and their own precautionary measures (controls of production process, quality assurance, training, etc.) Regular system of risk-based traceability checks	Presentation incl. Q&A and plenary group activity	Reda Butkeviciute Ruizand participants
09h45	10h30	Control II: procedures of CB/CTrIA	Assessment of information submitted by operators (sufficient operator profile, precautionary measures applied etc.) Risk assessment/planning (focus) taking into account also role of control environment – extraordinary measures for COVID-19 Effectiveness of controls (including unannounced, control methods) to detect irregularities – particular reference to Reg. 625/2017	Presentation incl. Q&A	Reda Butkeviciute
10h30	10h50	Coffee Break		I	
10h50	11h15	Control III: special procedures	Subcontracting Groups of Operators in the context of Regulation 848/2018	Presentation incl. Q&A	Reda Butkeviciute (Subcontracting) & Maria Quintana (Group Certification/Groups of Operators)
11h15	12h15	Control IV: risk based control procedures	Study based on real cases with regard to risk-based control procedures	Group activity in breakout rooms and plenary discussion of the results	Reda Butkeviciute (case study & group activity), Maria Quintana (discussion) and

	Day 2 (Tuesday)								
Tir	ne	Title of the session	Training Objective / Subjects Covered	Method of Training	Responsible				
					participants				
12h15	12h45	Summary of contents	Q&A	Debate/Q&A	Dimitris Sotiropoulos and participants				

Day 3 (Wednesday)							
Tir	ne	Title of the session	Training Objective / Subjects Covered	Method of Training	Responsible		
09h00	09h15	Wrap-up	Main ideas and learnings achieved in regard to topics presented yesterday	Debate	Dimitris Sotiropoulos and participants		
09h15	10h00	Control V: animal husbandry	Principles of organic animal husbandry (animal welfare) Risk of routine non-compliance Implementation of production rules Lack of adequate, dissuasive measures in case of irregularities	Presentation incl. Q&A	Maria Carmen Quintana Ruiz		
10h00	10h45	Import regulation I	Guidance issued by the CA/updates of Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 to officials in charge. Import Procedures from Non-EU countries Equivalent Control Bodies and authorities – Introduction of the system of Compliance Commission audits and findings	Presentation incl. Q&A	Serge Massart		
10h45	11h00	Coffee Break					
11h00	11h45	Import regulation II	Study based on real cases with regard to import regulation	Group activity in breakout rooms and plenary discussion of the results	Serge Massart and participants		

	Day 3 (Wednesday)						
Tir	ne	Title of the session	Training Objective / Subjects Covered	Method of Training	Responsible		
11h45	12h15	Import control I: TRACES	Overview of Organic E-certification use at import Role of Competent Authorities (EU and Third Countries), Control Bodies and Control Authorities and operators, Border Control Points. Completeness of certificate of inspection (CoI) - COI workflow Risk based control procedures (related documents, physical checks)	Presentation incl. Q&A	Serge Massart		
12h15	13h00	Import control II	Study based on real cases with regard to import control	Group activity in breakout rooms and plenary discussion of the results	Serge Massart and participants		
13h00	13h15	Summary of contents	Q&A	Debate/Q&A	Dimitris Sotiropoulos and participants		

	Day 4 (Thursday)					
Ti	me	Title of the session	Training Objective / Subjects Covered	Method of Training	Responsible	
09h00	09h15	Wrap-up	Main ideas and learnings achieved in regard to topics presented yesterday	Debate	Dimitris Sotiropoulos and participants	
09h15	10h15	Pesticide testing within organic controls	Designation of accredited laboratories by CAs Sampling plan Methods and scope of tests Follow up given to positive results (reporting, investigating obligations, measures/sanctions) Additional official controls on organic products Imported from Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Turkey and Russian Federation in 2021	Presentation incl. Q&A	Reda Butkeviciute	
10h15	11h00	Practical activity: Pesticide testing within organic controls	Study based on real cases with regard to residue findings	Group activity in breakout rooms and plenary discussion of the results	Reda Butkeviciute and participants	
11h00	11h20	Coffee Break		·		
11h20	12h00	Measures/sanctions in case of irregularities / infringements (I = principles)	General principles and the importance of measures/sanctions in control systems Definition of irregularity/infringement (not regulated at EU level), establishment of an irregularity Types of measures/sanctions Assessment of measures/sanctions (focus) Corrective controls Handling of Measures with the New Organic Regulation	Presentation incl. Q&A	Maria Quintana	
12h00	12h30	Measures/sanctions in case of irregularities / infringements (I = principles), part 2	Study based on real cases with regard to various national catalogue of measures	Group activity in breakout rooms and plenary discussion of the results	Maria Quintana and participants	
12h30	13h00	Measures/sanctions in case of irregularities / infringements (II = EU requirements)	EU requirements / Responsibilities of operators EU requirements / Responsibilities of CtrIA/CB Functionality of OFIS	Presentation incl. Q&A	Maria Quintana	

	Day 4 (Thursday)						
Tir	me	Title of the session	Training Objective / Subjects Covered	Method of Training	Responsible		
13h00	13h30	Organic Agriculture Control System in Croatia	Legislative and its development Players in the organic sector Sanctioning irregularities Subsidy measures Statistics Remarks to the control system	Presentation incl. Q&A	National tutor		
13h30	13h45	Summary of contents	Q&A	Debate/Q&A	Dimitris Sotiropoulos and participants		

Day 5 (Friday)					
Time		Title of the session	Training Objective / Subjects Covered	Method of Training	Responsible
09h00	09h15	Wrap-up	Main ideas and learnings achieved in regard to topics presented yesterday	Debate	Dimitris Sotiropoulos and participants
09h15	09h30	Host country, part 2	Presentation and discussion based on real case with regard to catalogue of measures of host country	Plenary group activity	National tutor and participants
09h30	10h00	Measures/sanctions in case of irregularities / infringements (III = communications)	Responsibility and communication of irregularities Important aspect that surrounds measures/sanctions Follow-up of irregularities Key changes with the New Organic Regulation	Presentation incl. Q&A	Reda Butkeviciute
10h00	10h45	Measures/sanctions in case of irregularities / infringements (III = communications), part 2	Study based on real cases with regard to measures in case of irregularities/infringements	Group activity	Reda Butkeviciuteand participants
10h45	11h00	Coffee Break			
11h00	11h30	Measures/sanctions in case of irregularities / infringements (III = Communications), part 3	Plenary discussion of the results	Group activity in breakout rooms	Reda Butkeviciuteand participants
11h30	12h00	Delegation of control tasks to Control Bodies (CBs) and conferral of control competences onto Control Authorities (CtrlA)	Differences between a CB and a CtrlA Roles that can/cannot be delegated <u>Supervision by CA over CBs:</u> CA's own risk assessment (overall/CBs) Communication from CA Cooperation between CA - Accreditation Body (AB) Witness/review audits, and other types of CA control activities Impartiality of CB/and its staff and effectiveness of controls CBs' staff performance/competence and appropriateness of resources Communications from CBs, assessment of the information received and follow up actions to be taken by CAs Delegation of control tasks with the New Organic Regulation	Presentation incl. Q&A	Serge Massart
12h00	12h15	Supervision by CA over CBs	Study based on real cases with regard to supervision of a CB by a CA	Group activity in breakout rooms and plenary discussion of the	Serge Massart and participants

	Day 5 (Friday)					
Tir	ne	Title of the session	Training Objective / Subjects Covered	Method of Training	Responsible	
				results		
12h15	13h00	Complexity of Organic Regulation	Study based on real cases: Host country	Group activity and plenary discussion of the results	All tutors and participants	
13h00	13h15	Summary of main topics covered	Final conclusions and training outcome Training Recommendations and Dissemination tools	Presentation	Dimitris Sotiropoulos Event Manager	
13h15	13h30	Knowledge test	Assessment of understanding of covered subject	Media: e-voting system	Tutors and participants	
13h30	14h00	Conclusion	On-line evaluation Certificates award	-	Event Manager Dimitris Sotiropoulos and all tutors	

## **Annex 4: Technical requirements**

The VC sessions will be organised with the use of the Zoom web conferencing tool. The participants will take part in a short Zoom test training session the week before the actual session. The Zoom test training will help participants to become familiar with the Zoom platform. They will also receive some general information on the course and have the opportunity to ask questions.

The participants should have <u>a computer with a working camera and audio system (speaker and</u> microphone) as well as a good internet connection (minimum 5Mbps upload and 3Mbps download).

To avoid delays, the registered participants will be contacted for a technical test of their equipment a few days before the training sessions. This will allow participants to test their equipment and view the main features of the VC application platform. During this brief test, participants will have the chance to learn all the tools of the VC platform.

During this meeting, the Event Manager and Assistant Event Manager will also go through the main aspects of the agenda and different sessions that are foreseen. <u>Additionally, in the morning of Day 1</u> of the VC, as well as on the previous Thursday, time will be dedicated to a technical session to refresh participants on the main features of the platform, and ensure connections are working properly.

# Annex 5: Training material, outcomes and dissemination activities

#### Training material

All participants will receive the training material well in advance of the training. The material will include additional pre-recorded material for offline studies. Preparatory videos will introduce the specific topic and provide background information to participants.

#### **Dissemination questionnaire**

Two to three months after the respective training session, participants will receive a standard questionnaire requesting information on the dissemination activities of the participant after the training, and details on differences in the approach adopted in day-to-day work following the training.

#### Self-assessment test

Furthermore, the programme will include an anonymous knowledge test to be carried out at the beginning and at the end of each training session in order to measure the impact of the training on the understanding of the participants of the subjects taught.

Participants are expected to agree to carry out the above tests and to reply to the surveys and questionnaires. Participant agree to be registered in the BTSF Academy and agree to be recorded during Virtual Classroom Training sessions and to take a group photo of the participants and tutors at the end of the training. Videos and photo will be published in the BTSF Academy in the corresponding Training course section and will be visible only to the registered participants in that Training course.

Please find more information regarding data protection here:

https://btsfacademy.eu/training/mod/page/view.php?id=417

## **Annex 6: Contractor contact details**

The project is managed by Agriconsulting Europe SA.

Project Manager is Mr Lorenzo Grazioli.

Training Coordinator is Mr Dimitris Sotiropoulos.

Separate notifications will be sent to National Contact Points for each course and will contain the names and contact details of the Event Manager (Elias Artigas / Aurelie Berson) and Assistant Event Manager (Andrea Colalongo / Tania Sánchez) as well as logistical details on the event.

All official communication between National Contact Points and the project will be maintained through the functional e-mail address 2015.96.01 Organicfarming@aesagroup.eu or by phone to + 32 2 737 92 75 / + 32 494 52 57 94.

The project website is <u>http://www.btsf-agriconsulting.eu/project/training-2-organic-farming-scheme</u>. The website will be regularly updated with details of forthcoming courses.