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CAPACITY BUILDING REGARDING OFFICIAL CONTROLS, ANIMAL WELFARE, ZOOSES AND ANIMAL BY-PRODUCT MANAGEMENT EU TWINNING PROJECT

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The European Union Twinning Project for Turkey “Official Controls for Safe Food” (TR 13 IB AG 03, “Capacity Building Regarding Official Controls, Animal Welfare, Zoonoses and Animal By-Product Management”) will be carried out from May 2016 to May 2018.

The kick-off meeting will take place on next Tuesday, **26 July 2016**, in Ankara at **Mehmet Akif Ersoy Conference Hall** of the Ministry.

Background

Within the Turkey’s European Union accession process, under Chapter 12 “Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Policy”, there have been significant advances in the transposition and implementation of the EU acquis on the subject of food safety. Within this scope, Law No. 5996 “Veterinary Services, Plant Health, Food and Feed” has been adopted and a detailed strategy drafted for the purpose of the full harmonization with the EU acquis.

For the closure of the Chapter 12 negotiation, the *requirement for the setting-up and the development of an adequate administrative structure* has been laid down in order to establish a fully EU compliant system for official controls and, within this scope, the project entitled “Capacity Building Regarding Official Controls, Animal Welfare, Zoonoses and Animal By-Product Management” was launched on 23rd May 2016.

Objectives and content

The project aims to increase the capacity of the Turkish General Directorate for Food and Control (GDFC), Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Livestock, to comply with the EU requirements regarding Official Controls in the domains of Food Safety (products of animal and plant origin), Feed Safety, Geographical Indications, GMO, Animal Welfare, Zoonoses, and Animal By-Product Management.

The Laboratory and Provincial services are fully involved within the project, as users of the inspection procedures to be drafted and as target audience of the training courses that will be hold.





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Activities including the drafting of fully EU compliant inspection procedures and of a Multi-Annual National Control Plan, the control services' capacity building via trainings on food and feed safety, and laboratory practices, will be carried out. The collaboration with the French Ministry of Agriculture, Agrifood and Forestry as the main partner, and the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture, will allow to train approximately 1400 Official Controllers on a sectorial basis, on subjects linked to the EU legislation and its implementation, as well as on laboratory analysis.

The budget is of EUR 2.000.000, of which EUR 100.000 co-financed by Turkey.

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