

Co-operation Protocol

between

Food Safety Agency of Bosna Hercegovina (BiH)

and

Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Regioni Lazio e Toscana
(IZSLT)

for

development of Authorized Testing Laboratories for Genetically modified
organisms (GMOs) in BiH

WHEREAS both parties are desirous of strengthening their scientific partnership as representatives;

WHEREAS both parties have already developed a mutual faith in the field of Food Safety and in detail during the successful completion of the contract;

WHEREAS both parties have a strong bi- and multilateral co-operation background in the European context;

WHEREAS both parties, after making some contacts, have duly explored the possibilities of establishing co-operation arrangements in several areas of common interest;

WHEREAS both parties, have already cooperated in the field of official controls on GMOs under the contract No.:BA-ARDP-4325BOS-IC-SA-CS-10-094/FSA, where IZSLT has provided services aiming at assisting the Government of BiH to strengthen the capacity of its State-level and Entity-level institutions to deliver more efficient and effective agricultural services and support programs as well as to contribute to an acceleration of BiH's eligibility for EU rural development funds in the



pre-accession period the after making some contacts, have duly explored the possibilities of establishing co-operation arrangements in several areas of common interest;

NOW, THEREFORE

On one hand, Doc.dr.sci. Sejad Mačkić on behalf of the Food Safety Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

On the other hand, Dr. Remo Rosati on behalf of the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Regioni Lazio e Toscana mutually recognise their capacity to sign this protocol, and

AGREE

To deepen the parties' contacts and enlarge their bilateral exchanges;


For the benefit of BiH, to share experiences and to develop its capacity building in the field of official controls on GMOs;

To strengthen the capacity of BiH on performing GMOs official controls according to Reg. EC 882/2004 and setting up and Reference Laboratories in Bosnia and Herzegovina;

That IZSLT will undertake for the benefit of BiH the following tasks:

- IZSLT will provide support to Bosnia and Herzegovina and serve as Confirmatory Laboratory for GMO analysis when needed.
 - Food safety Agency is obliged to collect samples for confirmatory testing's and send them to IZSLT by agreed route.
 - IZSLT will perform requested testing's and provide test results to Food safety Agency in shortest possible time.
 - Food Safety Agency in collaboration with authorities of BiH, entities and Brcko District in accordance to law ordinances will pay to IZSLT cost of analysis in shortest possible time.
- Training for decision makers
 - Implementation of EU legislation on GMOs
 - Drafting/Monitoring of national control plans
 - Study tour in Member State (Italy)
- Training for inspectors
- Training for laboratory staff (two modules, the first in Member State GMO Laboratory, the second in BiH GMO Laboratory)
- Short term mission of a Member State laboratory expert in BiH GMO Laboratories



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- Support in the preparation of BiH authorized official laboratories for participation to comparative testing schemes
 - Support in drafting National Control Plans on GMOs.

This co-operation protocol will take effect on its signature day.

Both parties have signed the present co-operation protocol in English.

Rome, 20/04/2011

**For Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale
delle Regioni Lazio e Toscana**

Signed by dott. Remo Rosati

Title: GENERAL DIRECTOR

For Food Safety Agency of Bosnia and Hercegovina

Signed by Doc.dr.sc. Sejad Mackic

Title: DIRECTOR

