

IO2.2. Best practices on zoonoses interventions.

Type of practice	eLearning course (language Italian)
Best practice title	e-Learning course on Microbiological Criteria in food of animal origin and salmonellosis control
Period of implementation	2013-2014 (delivery period)
Location	eLearning platform
Geographical coverage	National (Italy)
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Link	NA
Target audience	The eLearning course was devoted to official operators of the National (Italy) Health System (veterinarians, biologists, chemists, lab technicians)
Background and objectives	<p>The control of microbiological risks in food is essential to protect public health; microbiological criteria are used to define the acceptability of food products. The elearning project aimed to satisfy a request coming from the Italian Ministry of Health to develop a course devoted to operators belonging to the National Health System on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European and national legislation and technical contents concerning microbiological criteria applicable to food products; • Appropriate measures to control the application of microbiological criteria and microbiological risk analysis; • Control plans for salmonellosis; • Information system on zoonoses; • European and national legislation and plans for reducing prevalence of some Salmonella serotypes in some sector of zoo technical production. <p>Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell’Abruzzo e del Molise (IZSAM) was in charge of the on line course planning, delivery and evaluation.</p>
Short description	<p>The eLearning course was planned and developed in 3 learning modules as follow:</p> <p>Learning Module 1: Introduction to microbiological criteria: the food safety system, microbiological criteria definition and legislative framework.</p> <p>Learning Module 2: Microbiological criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Microbiological risk analysis - Zoonoses information system <p>Learning Module 3: Salmonellosis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Salmonella and salmonellosis - Epidemiological approach - Control plans (2013) <p>Length of the course: 21 hours</p>

Activities	Planning, organisation, delivery and evaluation of the eLearning course
Products	eLearning training course
Impact	The course was planned in order to harmonise knowledge, skills and competencies of operators belonging to the National Health System.
Key words	Microbiological criteria, food of animal origin, salmonellosis control