



From Farm to Fork European Food Safety Legislation (F⁴ESL)

EU authorities address the “farm-to-fork” approach by giving priority to consumer demand and the right to access to safe and high quality food. To achieve this, an efficient and effective food control system along the food chain should be established and implemented. At this point, Food Safety Legislation becomes very important to obtain food safety.

F⁴ESL, From Farm to Fork European Food Safety Legislation is a Transfer of Innovation project under LLP Leonardo da Vinci Program which is coordinated by Kalite Sistem Laboratories Group from Turkey. It is an innovative and integrated online training programme on EU Food Safety Legislation ensuring vocational education for stakeholders of food chain via newest learning methods. F⁴ESL project aims to fill the legislation knowledge gaps for each profession working in food sector with a common “from farm to fork” food safety approach covering all related EU regulations.

11 organizations from Turkey and five EU member countries participated in this project to share their knowledge and experience on food safety legislation and e-learning technology. The project partners are: Kalite Sistem Laboratories Group –Turkey (Coordinator), Slovak University Of Agriculture in Nitra –Slovakia, Instituto Tecnológico Agrario de Castilla y Leon –Spain, Ofis-Fr Consulting & Business – Turkey, Turkish Food Safety Association – Turkey, Accent Consulting Ltd. – Bulgaria, Sistem Kalite Management Audit &Consultancy–Turkey, General Directorate of Protection and Control–Turkey, Food And Veterinary Service Of Latvia –Latvia, Food Employers' Union of Turkey –Turkey, All Food Importers Association – Turkey.

The curriculum of the training program consisting 5 modules and 35 lectures, was prepared in 3 different languages (English, Bulgarian and Turkish) by a committee of food safety and legislation professionals. The main training modules are: Introduction, Legislation on product, Legislation on process, Labeling, Presentation and Advertising of Foodstuffs, and Public Powers.

Food producers and processors, official controllers/inspectors, members of unions, chambers and associations related with food and food safety, local bodies, importers & exporters, university and graduate students from relevant departments like food engineering, agricultural engineering, veterinary surgery, chemical engineering, chemistry etc. benefited from F⁴ESL training program free of charge. 3 pilot training sessions, each lasting 2 months, were organized by F⁴ESL. For the pilot sessions, 2026 applications received from 55 different countries and the training was given in three languages: English, Turkish and Bulgarian.

The main goal of the project is to give a holistic “farm to fork” food legislation point of view to all stakeholders working in the food sector. In the forthcoming months, F⁴ESL training is expected to be commercialized and draw more attention of the sector. The training applications now being received. www.f4esl.eu