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DAAC project No	9075
Mission period	9 to 20 September
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Report send to	Gunnar Sigurdsson, Klaus Bergulf

1 End of Mission Meeting

Date for end of mission meeting	12 October 2007
Participants in end of mission meeting	Anton Jagodic, Barbara Trunkelj
Agreed time for next mission	19 – 23 November

2 Status for Activities

Activity A.4.1: Elaborate cases

Indicators of achievement

- Three cases were elaborated; for a vegetable production, a pig farm and an apple plantation – they are included as annexes in the Blueprint.
- The Blueprint is now more elaborated and appears in a draft final form.

Problems/delay

None

Activity A.4.2: Organise the training

Indicators of achievement

- A programme for the theoretical part of the training was elaborated and speakers from VURS, Institute of Agriculture and MAFF were invited – Barbara Trunkelj will invite speakers from CAFS and from Agricultural Inspectorate.

Problems/delay

None

3 Coming actions

Agreed actions before date for	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gunnar Sigurdsson will ensure translation of<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ four cases (maybe the whole Blueprint) from English to
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next mission (specify action, deadline and responsible person)	Slovenian				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the Guideline (from Slovenian to English) ○ Two PowerPoint presentations 				
	Barbara Trunkelj will organise that				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Relevant persons are invited as speakers (except those mentioned below, who are already invited) and participants for the training course ○ the economic consequence of a shift to organic apple production for the visited apple plantation in the following way: 				
		2008 with continuation of present production		2008 with change to organic farming	
		1 ha	0,69 ha	1 ha	xx ha
	Yield		28 tonnes (as today) * €/kg = xx€	xx	28 tonnes (as today) * €/kg = xx€
	Establish of plantation (average for lifetime of trees)				
	fertilisers				
	pesticides				
	...				
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Gross Margin I					
Machien operation costs					
Gross margin II					
Provisional list of actions during next mission	Make final preparations for and conduct the training of advisers. Prepare the theoretical test.				
Provisional list of later actions	Test and certify trained advisers.				

4 Other comments and recommendations

Amending of the Guideline	It could be an idea to change the form in Annex D in the way so that the table will be added columns for the field/plot identification and for the harvesting date or period. In this way
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the same form can be used for all fields on the farm;• the harvesting date is more relevant than date of storage in relation to the withholding period; and• it is mentioned on the form that it shall be kept in the archives for five years.
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5 Major Documentation

Annex A: Meeting Report
Updated version of the Blueprint (separate annex)
Two PowerPoint presentations concerning food quality and risk assessment etc. (separate annexes)

Annex A: Meeting Report

Monday 8 October 2007

Visit to vegetable producer

The purpose of the visit was to draw up a case on vegetable production. The case is included in the Blueprint.

Tuesday 9 October 2007

Visit to pig producer and meat processor

The purpose of the visit was to draw up a case on pig production. The case is included in the Blueprint.

Wednesday 10 October 2007

Visit to apple producer

The purpose of the visit was to draw up a case on fruit production. The case is included in the Blueprint.

Meeting with CAFS

Decided that

- Henning write some explanatory notes about prevention of disease spreading when introducing new animal in the herd – see Annex B.
- Svend write additional notes about storage of fruit and about transport of harvested crop
- Svend will write about danger of plant diseases in the field and in the storage for animal and human health
- Henning will write about entrance rules for the guideline – see Annex C

Henning recalled the objective of the training.

Henning will write Gunnar that we unfortunately cannot provide presentations on a big meeting with the limited number of working days we have.

Barbara explained the need for a good introduction to the philosophy in the Guideline about processes, critical points and documentation.

Barbara recalled that the presentations should not include legislation, but emphasize on implementation.

Thursday 11 October 2007

Meeting with CAFS

In the meeting participated Igor Kodnik, Anto Jagodic, Stane Levart and Barbara Trunkelj.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Blueprint – what is done since last mission, what are next steps.

The following conclusions were made:

- Anton Jagodic said that the idea of an advisory committee has been well accepted in MAFF. He also said that there are considerations about make income taxation of Slovenian farmers, and this would also require book-keeping.
- Anton Jagodic said that the Blueprint will be one of the important tools to plan needed organisational and financial changes of the CAFS which they are standing in front of, triggered by announced declines in the legally based subscription fees farmers pays to CAFS. Adviser tools will be important as media for generation of self financing.

- Henning Foged will elaborate more on the secondary legislation as well as the ideas of a legalisation system.
- Henning Foged proposed in connection to a legalisation system that CAFS staff is given an addendum to their job contract stating that they work under professional secrecy.
- Henning Foged said that activities concerning book-keeping and gross margin calculation can start immediately and does not have to await issue of the legislation and easier access to the IACS data.
- Henning Foged will make a time plan for the implementation.

Friday 12 October 2007

End-of-mission meeting in MAFF

In the meeting participated Gunnar Sigurdsson, Ivna Lukecic, Tomislav Bosnjek, Barbara Trunkelj, Mette Tinggaard, and Svend Ramborg.

The following was concluded:

- Barbara Trunkelj proposed that the Blueprint should be listing up the stakeholders who participated in the meetings to discuss it. Gunnar Sigurdsson will after we have submitted the mission reporting ask stakeholders who took part in the meeting for written comments or approval of the Blueprint. This would ensure the maximal ownership from the stakeholders to the document.
- We should include Niko Sivic as speaker on the training course.
- Henning Foged emphasized that the 4 cases (included in the Blueprint) as well as the Guideline and 2 PowerPoint presentations from Mette Tinggaard needs to be translated before the training course.

Annex B Explanatory notes about prevention of disease spreading when introducing new animal in the herd

27: Prevention of contagious diseases

Rule: Competent bodies should be informed if you suspect a contagious disease

The following measures are established to prevent spreading of contagious diseases (brucellosis, foot and mouth disease, TSE/BSE, tuberculosis, blue tongue, swine fever, african swine pest, aujezskys disease, bird flu, newcastle disease, etc.):

- The veterinary authorities have established requirements to the veterinary status of imported animals and run the border control to ensure that the imported animals are accompanied by the necessary veterinary certificates.
- The veterinary authorities visits livestock farm once per year and makes an official document about the livestock health status on the farm – the document must be used in connection to slaughter of livestock, and a buyer of breeding/alive livestock could ask the seller for this proof of the health status of the traded livestock.
- The herd registration and animal identification legislation requires that movements of cattle, small ruminants, horses and pigs are reported within 7 days from the movement, and that cattle passports are accompanying moved animals.

Additionally it is the responsibility of any livestock holder to take immediate contact to the veterinary authorities in case of any suspicion of outbreak of a contagious disease.

Annex C Recommendations for general entrance rules on Slovenian livestock farms

27: Entrance rules

Rule: Use entrance rules in order to prevent transmission of diseases

All involved in feed and/or food production should ensure that visitors are made aware of the entrance rules and good behaviour of visitors. This can for instance happen by placing the following sign at the place where most visitors arrive on the farm, for instance on the entrance door to the milk room at a dairy farm. Alternatively the entrance rules can be copied and distributed to visitors.

Entrance rules

Our farm is involved in food and feed production and we have therefore a wish to keep a high hygiene standard.

We also want to avoid that our visitors are getting diseases from animals.

Therefore, kindly respect the following good general visit behaviour:

- If you have been abroad within 48 hours you are not given access to stables and other facilities for livestock.
- If you have visited other livestock herds within 24 hours you are given access to the farm provided you wear boots that has been disinfected and you wear a clean working coat, alternatively disposable boots and coats.
- If you need or wish to touch the animals, then kindly wash your hands before and after.
- Pregnant women should avoid areas where animals are giving or has given birth (especially ewes). They should also avoid areas where cows are being milked.
- Wash hands prior to consumption of food in order to avoid hand to mouth transfer.

The following additional entrance rules could be relevant to apply for especially pig and poultry production farms:

#	Examples of rules
1	Mark at entrances of stables with a sign saying "STOP – NO ENTRANCE FOR UN-AUTORISED PERSONS. PLEASE CONTACT THE FARM MANAGER"
2	Establish foot baths at entrances to the stable with disinfectants
3	Always keep a stock of plastic dress and boots and ask the visitors to take it over their own dress
4	Establish an entrance channel for visitors, where visitors shall wash

		hands / take a bath / change footwear to the farms' own rubber boots and take on the farms coat / change to farms dress after bath.
	5	Ask visitors to sign a declaration, that they have not been in contact with other livestock in the last __ hours (for instance 12 hours), and specifically not in contact with other _____ (for instance pigs) in the last __ hours (for instance 24 hours) and not been abroad for the last _____ hours (for instance 48 hours).

Annex D Outline for training programme – theoretical part

#	Time	Subject	Lecturer
Thursday 22 November			
1	9:00	Introduction with presentation of the purpose, the programme and other practicalities	Barbara Trunkelj
2	9:15	Why food safety? - Understanding processes, critical points and documentation in relation to food and feed safety in primary production	Mette Tinggaard
3	11:00	Use of indicators and farm advisory tools for monitoring of the general food safety status in farming	Janez Jeretina
	12:00	Lunch	
3	12:30	Case on dairy production	Henning Foged
4	13.30 – 15:00	Case on apple production	Svend Ramborg
5	14:30 – 15:00	Consequence of switch to organic apple production / presentation of gross margin calculations for 2008 assuming continued conventional production and organic production	Alinka Caf
6	15:00 – 16:00	Experience with organisation of vegetable producers	Branka Majcen
	15:30 – 16:00	Case on vegetable production	Henning Foged
Friday 23 November			
7	9:00	Case on pig production	Henning Foged
8	9:15	Presentation of activities concerning development of the Prekmurska šunka	Damjan Jeric
9	10:00	Introduction to and group work on risk analysis in primary production	Mette Tinggaard
	12:00	Lunch	
10	13:00	Possible funding of food quality schemes in RDP	Ana le Marcharel
11	13:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do the inspectors prepare themselves for the farm inspections – which data do they seek about the farms on beforehand? What do the inspectors typically find of problems at the farms in relation to the issues included in the Guideline? How could the Guideline be interpreted in case of the points for which there are not mentioned any specific documentation? 	Ivan Ambrozic, Matjaz Gucek
12	14:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do the inspectors prepare themselves for the farm inspections – which data do they seek about the farms on beforehand? What do the inspectors typically find of problems at the farms in relation to the issues included in the Guideline? How could the Guideline be interpreted in case of the points for which there are not mentioned any specific documentation? 	Niko Sivic
12	14:45 – 15:00	Introduction to practical part of the training	Henning Foged