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**COST Action**  
**“Biosecurity Enhanced Through Training**  
**Evaluation and Raising Awareness”**  
**(Acronym: BETTER)**  
**CA20103**

**Second training school**  
**18-19 March 2024 at the**  
**Swedish University of Agricultural**  
**Sciences (Sweden)**

***“Biosecurity Assessment and Motivational***  
***Interviews”***

**Deadline for registration: January 12, 2024**  
**Deadline for selection: January 30, 2024**  
**Training school: 18-19 March 2024**

## **Short presentation of the training school**

The objective of this training school is to gain knowledge and practical skills on how to assess biosecurity in farmed animals and to improve communication skills.

During the first day, the training will cover aspects related with which aspects have to be included in a biosecurity assessment also considering the feasibility of measures, the acceptability of changes and the compliance of measures.

In the second day, we will target good communication skills to promote positive attitudes against biosecurity and to implement biosecurity measures. This will include an introduction to motivational interviewing with emphasis on how to communicate information as well as a session on communication in herd health management.

The training will include some theoretical classes in combination with a dairy cattle farm visit, group work and facilitated discussions by the trainers.

Participants will be selected following criteria approved by the BETTER Management Committee.



## Programme

Day 1		18th March 2024	
Time allocated (CET)	Topic	Speaker / Facilitator	
9:00-9:15	Welcome to Uppsala and course outline	Lena-Mari Tamminen (SLU)	
9:15 – 10:00	The process of biosecurity assessment and developing a biosecurity plan in practice	Lena-Mari Tamminen (SLU), Mattias Delpont (ENVT) & Alberto Allepuz (UAB)	
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break		
10:30 – 10:40	Brief presentation of the dairy farm	Mats Persson (SLU)	
10:40 – 12:30	Dairy cattle farm visit in small groups	Lena-Mari Tamminen (SLU) & SLU colleagues	
12:30pm –1:30pm	Lunch		
1:30pm – 2:00pm	Feedback of students and trainers on the assessment	Lena-Mari Tamminen (SLU) & Alberto Allepuz (UAB)	
2 :00pm – 2 :15pm	How to perform a good report on biosecurity	Mattias Delpont (ENVT)	
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm	Group work: Analyse the results of the assessment and suggest areas of improvement	ALL	
3:30pm – 4:00 pm	Coffee break		
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Group presentations and discussion on possible improvements	Lena-Mari Tamminen (SLU) & Mattias Delpont (ENVT) & Alberto Allepuz (UAB) & personell from the farm	
Day 2		19th March 2024	
Time allocated (CET)	Topic	Speaker / Facilitator	
9:00 – 10:00	Implementing change – Key factors for successful herd health management	Catarina Svensson (SLU)	
10:00 – 10.30	Coffee break		
10:30 – 12:30	Introduction to motivational interviews Practical exercises	Catarina Svensson (SLU)	
12:30pm –1:30pm	Lunch		
1:30pm – 3:00pm	Exercise: Improving herd biosecurity in practice	Lena-Mari Tamminen (SLU) & Alberto Allepuz (UAB)	

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3:00pm – 3:30 pm

Coffee break

3:30pm - 5:30pm

Group presentations

Lena-Mari Tamminen (SLU) &  
Alberto Allepuz (UAB) &  
Catarina Svensson (SLU)

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## How to apply?

Send a **letter of motivation** and a **curriculum vitae** to the Grant Awarding Coordinators: [joze.staric@vf.uni-lj.si](mailto:joze.staric@vf.uni-lj.si) and [zahra.ardakani@unibo.it](mailto:zahra.ardakani@unibo.it) to the coordinators of the training school [alberto.allepuz@uab.cat](mailto:alberto.allepuz@uab.cat) and [lena.mari.tamminen@slu.se](mailto:lena.mari.tamminen@slu.se) **before January 12, 2024.**

## How candidates will be selected?

The following criteria will be assessed by the Grant Awarding coordinators and the host of training school:

- COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy:
  - a. Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) members (+ 1 point)
  - b. Young Researchers (<40years) (+2 point)
- Motivation letter + c.v. (+ 4 points)
- Active contribution of the applicant in the COST working groups (+ 3 points)

## Important dates

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**Fees:**

The participation to the training school is **free** of charge for the participant. Each participant will support its travel, daily allowance and hotel booking. The COST-Action will reimburse each participant after completion of all the training school and after the claim of expenses in the eCOST website.