

Foresight on Food Safety  
Collaboration between EU and  
ASEM countries

SELAMAT Seminar

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# Food Quality in Europe

- Food industry is a significant business dominated by multi-nationals
- Added value in food chain – convenience and ready-prepared foods
- Growth in organic foods
- Growth in functional foods
- Innovation in packaging and distribution

# Food Safety in Europe

- Media-driven food scares
- Strong consumer awareness of food safety
- Lack of public confidence in food safety
- Tough food regulations applied to internal market and EU imports
- Development of good traceability systems

# EU projects on food safety

- Large integrated projects €10-20M  
e.g. SAFE FOOD, BIO COP, TRACE
- Networks of Excellence  
e.g. EuroFirs
- Specific Support Actions (SSAs)  
e.g. SELAMAT

# Objectives of the meeting

- Gain a common understanding of food safety issues as perceived in EU and ASEM countries
- Introduce EU-funded SELAMAT project as a means to stimulate dialogue
- Identify shared interests that might be the basis for collaborative research

# Programme for Seminar

- Introduction – partnerships
- SELAMAT
- EU food safety risk assessment
- Food safety issues in  
    Korea, Vietnam, Philippines, Malaysia
- Research priorities – break-out groups
- Feedback