

Lessons from the EC-funded PREPARE Project (Management of Food, Stakeholder Involvement)

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The presentation is focused on the Working Package 3 (WP3) of the projects PREPARE (2013-15), devoted to the management of contaminated goods in post-accident situations. Eleven European countries established panels to gather the voice of relevant stakeholders (consumers, associations, producers, retailers, experts, authorities, administrations, industries, universities). They were completed by testimonies from Japanese stakeholders and experts. The lessons from the consultation cover five thematic topics: monitoring strategies; market, trade, economic aspects; information strategies; management of goods other than foodstuffs; and preparedness (including stakeholder participation). Several key messages were expressed: post-accident situations are disturbing and complex, the consumer must be in confidence, the producer should be committed with accountability, maximum permissible levels are useful but questionable, goods other than foodstuffs are not really a health issue, specific guidance is more needed about them than generic thresholds (need of a case by case basis), the lifting of countermeasures is delicate, the protection is the result of compromises based on health, economic and ethical considerations. The results of PREPARE/WP3 have been presented in workshops, seminars and one article. They are taken into account in subsequent European research projects and NERIS programmes.

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