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# Celebrating World Food Safety Day in Europe and Central Asia

What happened around World Food Safety Day in 2024  
in Europe and Central Asia



This regional report summarizes what happened around **World Food Safety Day (WFSD) in 2024 in Europe and Central Asia Region**. We hope it inspires you to join in celebrating food safety and raising awareness on important topics for our health, nutrition and well-being.



## Food safety saves lives

It is not only a crucial component to food security, but it also plays a vital role in reducing foodborne diseases and promoting economic development. Every year, 600 million people fall sick as a result of around 200 different types of foodborne illnesses. The burden of such illness falls most heavily on the poor and on the young. In addition, foodborne illness is globally responsible for 420 000 preventable deaths every year. In the European Region, WHO estimated (2019) that more than 23 million people fall ill every year because of foodborne diseases and 4700 people lose their lives.

## What is World Food Safety Day?

7 June was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly as World Food Safety Day in 2018 to “celebrate the myriad benefits of safe food”<sup>1</sup>. The first WFSD was celebrated in 2019 with the theme “Food safety, everyone’s business” and it has continued to be one of the unique opportunities to:

- making people aware of food safety issues;
- demonstrating how to prevent illness through improved food safety practices;
- discussing collaborative approaches to improve food safety across sectors;
- promoting solutions and ways of being more food safe.

## WFSD 2024 globally

“[Food safety: prepare for the unexpected](#)” was announced as the **theme** for **World Food Safety Day 7th of June 2024**. World Food Safety Day reminds us that safe food is a shared responsibility across entire food chain. Despite our best efforts, unexpected events can still compromise food safety — from power outages and local food poisonings to product recalls and global contamination crises. As our food supply becomes increasingly connected, even a small incident can quickly escalate, showing the need for readiness at all levels. **Are you prepared for the unexpected?**

The [World Food Safety Day Guide](#) in six languages provided ideas for all who wanted to join the celebration, participate and/or organize activities to promote food safety. Everybody was welcome to have their own way of celebration as [food safety is everyone’s business](#) and we can all play a part in improving food safety. Many [events](#) and activities were organized around the globe.

<sup>1</sup> [World Food Safety Day - Background | United Nations](#)

## WFSD 2024 in Europe and Central Asia

**Countries in Europe and Central Asia** presented great enthusiasm and organized many events. With this report, we would like to acknowledge the events communicated to FAO and WHO. We know there were much more happening on World Food Safety Day that is beyond our network and scope; so, make sure **you are not left out in 2025** and [let us know if you organize any activity](#). Photos, news pieces, videos and any creative ideas are welcome. **We are grateful for every feedback and contribution to this report.**

### Celebration of World Food Safety Day in Europe and Central Asia

Armenia	Hungary	Serbia
Austria	Kazakhstan	Spain
Azerbaijan	The Netherlands	The Kyrgyz Republic
Belarus	Poland	Türkiye
Belgium	Portugal	Ukraine
Croatia	Republic of Moldova	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northen Ireland
Denmark	Romania	Uzbekistan

## World Food Safety Day – Regional event in Europe hears from food safety experts

On 25 June 2024, a webinar organized by **FAO** and **WHO** brought together **food safety professionals** from Europe and Central Asia to discuss managing emerging food safety risks.

- **Raimund Jehle**, **FAO** Regional Programme Leader, highlighted the importance of investing in scientific research and collaborating with institutions to develop better practices for mitigating food safety threats. He stressed FAO's ongoing efforts to advise countries on emerging issues through publications and awareness-raising activities.
- **Nhu Nguyen Tran Minh** from **WHO** emphasized the need for investment in surveillance, laboratories, and institutional response capacities, noting WHO's work on a regional strategy for improving preparedness.
- **Dr. Ákos Józwiak** from the **University of Veterinary Medicine in Budapest** highlighted the value of multidisciplinary teams and cross-sectoral data sharing, essential for addressing emerging food safety risks.
- **Tatiana Calionchina** from **Moldova** stressed the role of digitalized systems, crisis management, and communication plans in food safety preparedness.
- **Svitlana Shlapatska** from **Ukraine** underscored that food safety remains a priority despite the war, with updates to zoonotic disease preparedness plans involving health, agriculture, and environmental experts.

The webinar was held under the **World Food Safety Day theme** “**Food safety: prepare for the unexpected**”.

Read more at: [World Food Safety Day | FAO-WHO Codex Alimentarius Website](#)



## European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

- In celebration of **World Food Safety Day on 7 June**, EFSA released a **podcast** episode titled **“Prepared for the Unexpected”**. It focuses on identifying the **sources of foodborne outbreaks**, ensuring **consumer protection**, and how teams stay prepared for food safety incidents. Hosted by **Edward Bray**, Communications Officer at EFSA, the episode features **Eleonora Sarno**, Scientific Officer at EFSA, and **Peter Sousa Hoejskov**, Technical Officer for Food Safety and Zoonotic Diseases at [WHO’s Regional Office for Europe](#).

[Click here to access the EFSA Podcast!](#)

- For **World Food Safety Day 2024**, [EFSA](#) highlights the importance of preparedness for food incidents and the need for rapid responses to protect consumers. This year’s theme, **“Prepare for the Unexpected”**, aligns with EFSA's release of new materials as part of the joint EFSA-Member [States Safe2Eat campaign](#). **Food safety** is a collective responsibility, and while the EU has **strict safety standards**, unexpected incidents still pose risks. The Safe2Eat campaign, recently launched, underscores the commitment of the EU and national authorities to raise **food safety awareness** and **provide guidance**. Eighteen Member States are collaborating with EFSA to help consumers make **informed food choices**.

Find here some extra **materials**:

- A [photo comic](#) on what EFSA would do in case of a **food-borne outbreak**.
- A series of [multimedia tools](#) as part of the **Safe2Eat campaign** that can be used by the EU countries across all social media platforms.

[EFSA WFSO 2024 Event page!](#)



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[Safe2Eat Toolkit!](#)

## ARMENIA

### Ready, Set, Safe: World Food Safety Day 2024-Prepare for the Unexpected!

On June 7, 2024, in Yerevan, **FAO** and **WHO**, alongside local partners, marked **World Food Safety Day** with the theme **“Prepare for the Unexpected”**. This year’s observance highlighted the urgency of food safety preparedness, particularly after recent flooding in Armenia’s Lori and Tavush regions, which contaminated water supplies, increasing foodborne illness risks. With **600 million people affected by foodborne illness globally each year**, Armenia’s commitment to enhanced food safety is vital. Supported by **FAO** and **WHO** to implement **One Health** approach, Armenia is advancing emergency response plans, risk analysis, and early warning systems. WHO’s Joint External Evaluation also identified key improvements, including antimicrobial resistance (**AMR**) control. The observance also honoured contributors to food safety, underscoring Armenia's dedication to safe food systems through national and global collaboration.

Read more on [UN Armenia webpage!](#) See their [X post!](#)



## AUSTRIA

### Joint Webinar - GHI and IFSA – World Food Safety Day 2024!

On June 7, 2024, the Global Harmonization Initiative (GHI) and the International Food Safety Association (IFSA) celebrated **World Food Safety Day** with a joint webinar emphasizing the global importance of **food safety**. The event highlighted food safety as vital for public health, food security, and economic growth, while promoting **consumer awareness, regulatory advancement, and international collaboration**. Discussions explored three key topics: the role of probiotics in gut health, the regulatory challenges surrounding human milk banks, and the potential of microbial bioeconomy in shaping the future global food supply. These dialogues underscored the collective commitment to advancing food safety standards worldwide.

Read more about the webinar on the [GHI](#) website! See full [webinar here!](#)

## AZERBAIJAN

### Raising awareness about food safety!

In celebration of **World Food Safety Day 2024**, [FAO Azerbaijan](#) shared **food safety** materials, marking the importance of emergency response plans in safeguarding lives, minimizing economic losses, and advancing progress toward achieving **SDG2** and related targets.

To see more content, follow [AFSA official website](#) and [AFSA X!](#)

## BELARUS

[UN Belarus](#) on June 7<sup>th</sup> shared some useful information about the advantages of **following food safety rules** such as reducing risks of food-borne diseases, contribute to the healthy diet, helps to produce safe food, promotes new trade opportunities and opens new markets, as well as reduces food waste and loss.

Follow [@UNBelarus X!](#)

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**Production of safe food benefits the planet, including reducing food loss and waste**

**Benefits of safe food for people:**

- Better health and nutrition
- Increased school attendance
- Improved earning potential

**The consumption and production of safe food have immediate and long-term benefits for people, planet and the economy**

**Benefits of safe food for the economy:**

- Higher productivity
- Flourishing food markets
- Stable food exports and trade
- Lower medical expenses

**Преимущества пищевой безопасности**

1. Предотвращает болезни пищевого происхождения
2. Способствует здоровому питанию
3. Помогает безопасно производить и готовить еду
4. Способствует торговле и доступу к новым рынкам
5. Уменьшает потери и порчу продуктов

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## BELGIUM

**World Food Safety Day: 21 European Food Agencies discover in Belgium how artificial intelligence and robots can contribute to food safety!**

On **June 7 World Food Safety Day 2024**, directors from **21 European food agencies** convened at Belgium's Institute of Agricultural, Fisheries, and Food Research (**ILVO**) to explore how artificial intelligence (AI) and robotics can enhance food safety. The event showcased innovative technologies, such as **drones detecting crop diseases**, robots applying targeted crop protection, and smart cameras analysing food composition. Demonstrations highlighted their potential in ensuring safer production processes and modernizing inspections. Participants also discussed **integrating food safety culture** into company practices, emphasizing a mindset shift to reduce risks and protect consumers. Hosted by the Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain (**FASFC**), the event reinforced Europe's commitment to **advancing food safety** and **technological innovation**.

Read full article on [ILVO official website!](#)

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## CROATIA

The **Croatian Agency for Agriculture and Food (HAPIH)** held a round table in Osijek to mark **World Food Safety Day**, focusing on preparedness in the **"farm to fork"** chain. Supported by **FAO**, **WHO**, and **EFSA**, the event featured a discussion on the theme **"Food safety: Prepared for the unexpected"**. Key speakers included **Darja Sokolić**, HAPIH's executive director, alongside experts from Croatia's veterinary, public health, and food industries.

In her opening speech, Sokolić noted that **food safety** in the European Union, including Croatia, is at its **highest level ever**, thanks to **transparency** and **consumer education**. She pointed out that 75% of Croatians are interested in food safety, surpassing the European average. Sokolić emphasized that in today's globalized world, rapid movement of goods and information demands swift action and transparent communication **to prevent misinformation and panic** during food safety incidents.

Read full report in [Croatian!](#)

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## DENMARK

### Food Nation webinar, for World Food Safety Day in Denmark

The Danish Agriculture and Food Council for the **third consecutive year** celebrates **World Food Safety Day on June 7**. Known globally for high food quality and safety, Danish food products aim to stay at the forefront of industry trends. **World Food Safety Day** is an opportunity to spotlight ongoing efforts within the **Danish food sector** to ensure safe, healthy, and sustainably developed food products, with a unique theme highlighted each year to address evolving **food safety priorities**.

[Watch the recording of the online event of 2024](#) held in partnership with Food Nation: Denmark Agriculture & Food Council

Recordings of [2023](#) and [2022](#) webinars are available!



## HUNGARY

Get ready for the unexpected! — **World Food Safety Day 2024** in Hungary!

On June 7, 2024, **Hungary's National Food Chain Safety Office (Nébih)** celebrated World Food Safety Day with a video message from **Nébih President Dr. Imre Nemes**. In his address, Dr. Nemes stressed the **significance of food safety** at every stage of the food chain, from production to consumption, to ensure public health. The video featured **various food safety practices**, showing fresh produce at markets, families selecting food items, and the careful storage of perishables at home, including proper refrigeration. Viewers were reminded to wash fresh fruit and maintain strict hygiene in food handling. Dr. Nemes highlighted Nébih's role in aligning **Hungarian food safety** with national and **EU standards** and encouraged the public's active participation in applying food safety practices. The video closed with Nébih's logo and its slogan, "**From Farm to Fork**", underscoring the agency's commitment to safeguarding quality food for all.

See the original [video in Hungarian!](#)

Read more: <https://portal.nebih.gov.hu/vilagnap>



DR. NEMES IMRE  
elnök, Nébih

**Élelmiszerbiztonsági Világnap 2024**



## GERMANY

### German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) celebrates WFSD 2024!

Marking **World Food Safety Day 2024** under the theme **"Prepare for the Unexpected"**, the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (**BfR**) highlights its innovative **FoodChain-Lab** software. This open-source tool has become vital for tracing food supply chains and identifying contamination sources during foodborne outbreaks. First developed in response to the **2011 EHEC bacterial outbreak**, the software now supports global food safety efforts, with organizations like the European Food Safety Authority (**EFSA**) and the United States Federal Drug Authority (**USFDA**) using it for outbreak investigations. The recent international conference on global commodity chains in risk assessment, hosted by the BfR in May 2024, facilitated knowledge-sharing among food safety authorities, with abstracts and presentations available through the [BfR Academy](#).

Learn more on the [official website!](#)

Check out their [X post!](#)

### World Food Safety Day

Every year, **one in ten people** world-wide falls ill as a result of **impurities in their food.**



**#WorldFoodSafetyDay**



This year, **World Food Safety Day** is drawing attention to the importance of **safe food** and the challenges that still exist under the motto **"Be prepared for the unexpected"**. The day was **launched by the United Nations** in 2018 to raise awareness of the issue.



Created with FoodChain-Lab by BfR



**Food Chain Lab**  
Created by BfR



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## KAZAKHSTAN

**Nationwide seminars in Kazakhstan spread awareness on a range of issues.**

Under the **FAO/WHO Codex Trust Fund project**, Kazakhstan's **Codex Alimentarius Group** held workshops on “**Priority Food Safety Issues**” across eight regions. These sessions, attended by **436 participants** from health, veterinary, agriculture sectors, universities, and the food industry, covered critical topics such as the One Health approach, antimicrobial resistance (**AMR**), **Codex standards**, **HACCP**, **pesticide use**, **artificial food colors**, and **veterinary drugs**.

A post-workshop survey indicated strong support for future seminars on these subjects. The national Codex team expressed gratitude for the financial and technical backing from the **Codex Trust Fund Secretariat**, **FAO**, **WHO**, and regional health and expertise centers.

Read more on [Codex Trust Website](#)

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## THE NETHERLANDS

- **The Netherlands Food Partnership calls for awareness!**

The Netherlands Food Partnership (**NFP**) sharing their [X post](#) invited everyone to raise awareness about the **importance of food safety**, emphasizing how everyone's role in setting up agrifood systems can help us to get **prepared for the unexpected**.

Follow them on [NFP X](#) and [Facebook!](#)

- **The Netherlands Embassy in Kenya shares the WFSO 2024 celebration!**

The Netherlands embassy in Kenya joined the celebration of the **World Food Safety Day** 2024 by sharing in their [X post](#) a thought-provoking article, [“Push to Keep Milk Safe to Drink from Farm to Table”](#), shares a young farmer's perspective on ensuring safe milk production, exploring the challenges and opportunities in maintaining milk safety through proper handling, hygiene, and compliance with food safety standards.

For more news check out their [X!](#)

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## POLAND

### FoodFakty: Food Safety week in Poland 2024!

In 2024, for the **fourth consecutive year**, FoodFakty Poland proudly contributed to the global celebration of **World Food Safety Day** under the theme "**Let's Be Prepared for the Unexpected**". This theme underscores the need for readiness in managing **food safety events**, whether caused by errors, lack of control, fraud, or natural factors. **Preparedness** requires commitment and collaboration from policymakers, food authorities, farmers, and food business operators to prevent illness and **save lives**.

This year's **FoodFakty Safety Week** presented a robust program tailored to those influencing **food safety and quality** across all food chain stages. The event offered content suited to professionals in safety, compliance, quality, technology, marketing, and communication, as well as senior management. Organized under the **FoodFakty** mission – **Together We Build a Food Safety Culture** – the event invited all to share knowledge and encourage colleagues to participate.

Check out [Foodfakty portal!](#)

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## PORTUGAL

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2024 Portugal celebrated **World Food Safety Day!**

➤ **Sushi in the spotlight in Portugal event**

**World Food Safety Day** was celebrated at **Lusófona de Lisboa University, Portugal**, with discussions on the **risk of parasites in sushi**. Two parasitology experts explained how parasites spread in marine life and affect humans. In the laboratory, participants learned to identify nematodes in the viscera of Atlantic mackerel and horse mackerel.

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## PORTUGAL

### ➤ Portuguese beverages company opens doors to students

**Sumol Compal** celebrated **World Food Safety Day** for the **third year in a row**, hosting events in June at three sites. They welcomed students and graduates to raise awareness about **food safety** and engaged participants in a case study simulating a potential contamination incident. Feedback included praise for **Quality Control's essential role** and the enriching experience. A company representative noted that the celebrations have contributed to strengthening their **food safety culture**.

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### ➤ Food safety innovations webinar in Europe

The European Federation of Food Science and Technology (**EFFoST**) project **“Catalyzing Scientific Innovation into Food Safety Action”** (CATALYSE) held a World Food Safety Day webinar titled **“Driving Food Safety Innovations Across Europe”**.

In collaboration with the International Life Sciences Institute (**ILSI**) Europe and **Universidade Católica Portuguesa**, the event explored the needs and priorities for **food safety innovations** across six critical areas identified by the Flander’s Food innovation platform. CATALYSE, part of the **EU Horizon project**, aims to implement innovative **food safety** solutions that address the real needs of end-users in the food supply chain.

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**Driving Food Safety Innovations Across Europe**

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## REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

### The Faculty of Food Technology Celebrated World Food Safety Day with an Impactful Event!

The Faculty of Food Technology (FTA) at the Technical University of Moldova marked **World Food Safety Day** by gathering key food industry stakeholders, including representatives from **The National Agency for Food Safety (ANSA)**, food testing laboratories, industry, and students. **Dr. Andrei Cumpanici** opened with a presentation on food safety legislation and the necessity for the industry to align with **ISO 22000:2018** and **GLOBALG.A.P.** standards. **Marina Dintiu** from ANSA emphasized the agency's role in overseeing the entire food chain, while Tatiana Rotaru from the Central Phytosanitary Laboratory detailed testing protocols and compliance standards.

Industry representatives, like **Dumitrița Cojocaru** and **Zinaida Plămădeala**, stressed the value of food safety certifications for both domestic and international markets. Master's students presented **projects on food safety management**, and students ran a consumer awareness campaign in Chișinău's Cathedral Square. The event underscored the importance of food safety standards, with the Technical University of Moldova playing a vital role in preparing skilled professionals for the food sector.

Read more on [University website!](#)



## ROMANIA

### Youth And Food Safety competition in Romania!

The Faculty of Industrial Chemistry and Environmental Engineering, **University Politehnica Timisoara, Romania**, joined the **WHO** and **FAO World Food Safety Day** campaign by organizing the "**Youth and Food Safety Competition**". Students from middle school to college were invited to create posters on five food chain themes impacting food safety. From 7–28 May, 2024 **139 participants from 14 counties** submitted posters and presentation videos, with the final competition held on **7 June**.

Winners were awarded during a ceremony that also featured a symposium showcasing **food safety innovations** from 11 Romanian companies. Over 70 attendees engaged in discussions at company stands, encouraging connections with the industry. The event was promoted on social media, news websites, and TV.

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Newspaper coverage: [Express de Banat](#) | [Amos News](#) | [Gazeta dinvest](#)

Facebook: [Competition page](#)

TV Coverage: [Teleuniversitatea Timisoara](#)

## SERBIA

### World Food Safety Day 2024 in Serbia!

To mark **World Food Safety Day** on June 7, the **Foundation for Research and Development (FRD)** hosted a **webinar** and **practical workshop** to raise awareness about food safety under the 2024 theme, **“Food Safety: Prepare for the Unexpected”**. Established by the UN in 2018, this day calls for shared responsibility across the food supply chain. Following the previous year's event, FRD included educational initiatives through the **“Program and Advice for Street Food Hygiene – Food and Consumer Safety”** project, funded by the Secretariat for Economy and Tourism.

The webinar, joined by **Zorica Radišić** of Dairy Farmer, presented **good production practices**, while the hands-on workshop included **hygiene-focused food preparation** demos. Eleven participants attended, receiving educational materials and tasting demonstration dishes.

Read more about the event on the [official website!](#)

Watch the full [webinar recording on YouTube](#) in Serbian!



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## SPAIN

### Artificial Intelligence and Food Safety in Spain!

This year, **Integralim** and **Veraliment** joined forces for the **sixth** annual celebration of **World Food Safety Day**, themed “**Let's Prepare for the Unexpected**”. The event highlighted the dedication of organizations and professionals who work to anticipate and manage unforeseen challenges, safeguarding lives through **proactive food safety measures**. **Artificial intelligence** — one of today’s most transformative and unpredictable tools — was featured prominently, underscoring its role in shaping the **future of food safety** and influencing daily operations across industries.

Find more about the event on [Veraliment website!](#)

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## THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

### FAO teams up with Kyrgyz Economic University for awareness raising workshop!

On the **World Food Safety Day**, a workshop organized by **FAO** and **Kyrgyz Economic University on food safety** was held in Bishkek. It aimed to raise **awareness** among **consumers, producers,** and officials about **food safety**, which is often overlooked. **Kuvatbek Bapaev** from **FAO** emphasized the importance of staying informed about food safety, especially in a globalized food supply. The event featured experts from the food industry, trade, and academia, who discussed current food safety challenges and solutions.

This workshop supported by the **FAO** project on improving food safety in **Kyrgyzstan's fruit and vegetable sector**, funded by the Standard Trade Development Facility (STDF). Speakers highlighted how **food safety** can be maintained through proper **handling, labelling,** and proper use of **food additives**, despite the complexities of modern food supply chains. **FAO** food safety expert **Bermet Jurupova** emphasized that food safety should be a **priority at every stage** of food production and handling.

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## TÜRKİYE

**Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Türkiye to promote importance of food safety!**

**Türkiye's Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MoAF)**, responsible for food safety from farm to fork, celebrated **World Food Safety Day on 7 June 2024** with a large-scale event. Co-hosted by **MoAF and Türkiye's Federation of Food & Beverage Industry Associations (TGDF)**, the gathering took place at the MoAF Conference Hall, with the **Minister İbrahim Yumaklı** presiding.

The event emphasized **food safety's critical role**, showcasing MoAF's commitment to food safety regulations and crisis readiness. The Chief Scientist of EFSA shared insights on **"Science, Safe Food, Sustainability"** from a European perspective. Additionally, chairs from Türkiye's seven Scientific **Risk Assessment Commissions** led sessions on scientific applications in food safety. Panels discussed **misleading information on Food Safety** and **"Food Literacy"**, featuring TGDF, FAO Türkiye, and MoAF's Food and Control Directorate.

Approximately **500 attendees**, including policymakers, national and international partners (**EFSA, FAO**), producers, academia, and consumer groups, gathered to strengthen collaboration across the food chain.

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## UKRAINE

### World Food Safety Day — Activities in Ukraine!

On 7 June 2024, **WHO Ukraine**, in collaboration with **FAO Ukraine** and national health authorities, organized a **food safety webinar** for students and the public which over **480 people attended**. The two-hour session featured national and international food safety experts. Topics discussed included preventing seasonal foodborne illnesses, what to do in case of food poisoning, the importance of clean water, risks of trans fatty acids in food, and a presentation of the **WHO FEEDcities project**. WHO Ukraine have also translated and shared myth busting materials on social media to raise awareness about food safety.

Check them out on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#) and [LinkedIn!](#)

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<p>Чи можу я захворіти від їжі, яку я їв / їла 3 дні тому?</p>	<p>Можна визначити за виглядом і запахом їжі, чи вона безпечна для споживання?</p>	<p>Чи потрібно мити фрукти та овочі перед чищенням?</p>
<p><b>Так!</b> Деяким шкідливим мікроорганізмам потрібно більше кількох годин, щоб ви захворіли</p> 	<p><b>Ні!</b> Більшість хвороботворних мікроорганізмів не змінюють вигляду чи запаху їжі</p> 	<p><b>Так!</b> Чиста вода змиває ґрунт та інші забруднення</p> 
		

## UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

### Celebrating World Food Safety Day with Soroptimist International!

**Kam Britland** from SI Midland East Region shared a message in honor of **World Food Safety Day on June 7, 2024**, with this year's theme, **"Food Safety – Prepare for the Unexpected"**. Britland, drawing from her cultural roots in the Far East where food holds central importance, reflected on her passion for safe food practices globally, especially in areas lacking robust standards. Her message highlighted the importance of **food safety measures**, such as proper storage, food preservation techniques, and the **4Cs** of food hygiene — **cleaning, cooking, cross-contamination prevention, and chilling**. She emphasized the role of Soroptimists in educating women and girls on safe food handling, as well as on allergen awareness through legislation like Natasha's Law. Britland concluded with a call to action for **preparedness and awareness**, reminding us that **food safety is everyone's responsibility**, especially in the face of unexpected challenges.

See the full message on [Soroptimist website!](#)



## CELEBRATING WORLD FOOD SAFETY DAY

7th June 2024



Join us in promoting safe and healthy food practices on this important day to raise awareness globally.

#WorldFoodSafetyDay2024  
SI Midland East Region



## UZBEKISTAN

**Workshop in Uzbekistan raises awareness on the role of the Codex Alimentarius in improving food safety!**






**On 3–4 October 2024**, a workshop in Samarkand brought together food safety officers and research institutes as part of the **“Strengthening National Capacities for Sustainable Implementation of the Codex Alimentarius in Uzbekistan”** project, funded by the **FAO/WHO Codex Trust Fund**, **Dr. Peter Hoejskov** of **WHO** highlighted the role of Codex Alimentarius in enhancing food safety and international trade. Participants shared insights and set priorities for aligning Uzbekistan's food safety systems with the **WHO Global Strategy**, focusing on Codex standards.

Read more on [Codex Trust Fund](#) webpage!

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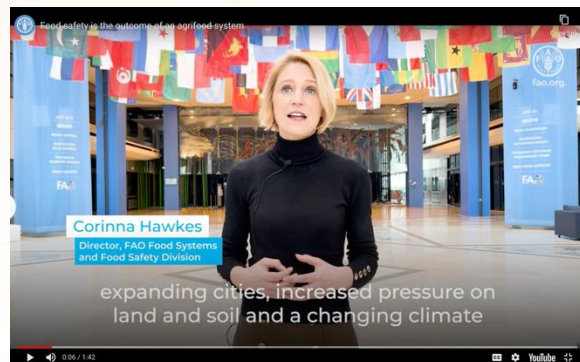
# Want to explore more?

Find out more about food safety on the [FAO](#), [WHO](#), [Codex Alimentarius](#), [INFOSAN](#) and [EFSA](#) websites.

-  [World Food Safety Days News](#)
-  [World Food Safety Day 2024 website](#)
-  [World Food Safety Day 2024 Communication Toolkit](#)
-  [World Food Safety Day 2024 Promotional Material](#)
-  [Food Safety: Myths and Facts!](#)

# Want to explore more?

## VIDEO MESSAGES



[FAO Food Systems and Food Safety  
Director, Corina Hawkes](#)



[FAO Director-General,  
Mr. Qu Dongyu](#)



[Ensuring the safety of cell-based food](#)



[WHO Assistant Director-General,  
Dr. Maria Neira](#)



[“Food safety is everyone’s busines!”  
Leaflets](#)

[World Food Safety Day Asset Bank  
\(posters, virtual backgrounds, email  
signatures\)](#)

[World Food Safety Day 2024 Trello Board](#)

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# Good luck with celebrating World Food Safety Day 2025!

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[www.who.int/world-food-safety-day](http://www.who.int/world-food-safety-day)