



Executive summary

Report on management and review of grants including integration measures M23

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Content Summary

To date some 64 bursaries have been allocated in association with seven MoniQA Food Scientists' Training Workshops. These awards have made through a tailored application and review process, which includes representatives from WP2 – Mobility and Exchange, WP9 – Joint education programmes and training tools, and those organising the training event as well as the coordinator Roland Poms. Recipients include senior members of staff as well as graduate and PhD students from 16 countries, and 19 out of 33 of the MoniQA partners. This compares favourable with other networks, which at the same point in time (M24) had allocated between 7 and 115 bursaries. More specific information about the recipients is included as well as the distribution of financial benefits amongst the consortium across EU and non-EU regions. Specific issues encountered during the second reporting period are also summarised with some actions (e.g. limitation of funding) and other solutions (e.g. improved project guidelines), which ensure MoniQA has an Exchange and Mobility Programme that is not only fit-for-purpose but also value for money.

The exchange visits undergo a similar assessment exercise to that of the bursaries. But, every application is unique and currently reviewed by WP2 and the coordinator only. In the future, it will be necessary to recruit others from, for example, MoniQA's management board or our Advisory panel, to review the increasing number of exchange applications. The visits (one-way) and exchanges (two-way) achieved during Period 2 are summarised as well as those award during Period 2, which will be undertaken as part of next year's joint integration activities. Whilst it appears there are less issues associated with the implementation of this element of the programme it should be remembered that because each application is unique considerable time and effort is taken in developing the individual activities with the applicant; thus ensuring that applications are focused and relevant as well as carefully costed.



MoniQA ("Monitoring and Quality Assurance in the Food Supply Chain") is a Network of Excellence (NoE) funded by the European Commission under the 6th Framework Programme. The Network aims to make food safer by harmonising methods for food analyses. The project is coordinated by the Vienna-based International Association for Cereal Science and Technology (ICC). More than 155 researchers and scientist from 33 international partners from 20 countries are involved in MoniQA.

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