

The Official Slovak Development Support Programme in food composition area for Central and Eastern European countries



Subject: Food databases



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Objectives

The Slovak Republic has created specialized workplace Food composition databank (FCDB) in Food Research Institute. FCDB has been working on collecting of food composition data and building up the food composition databases. Most of Eastern European Countries (CEE) have not built similar databases and therefore FCDB Slovakia in the frame of the Official Development support Program enhances and strengthens knowledge of potential food composition data producers and compilers and thus helps to enhance creation of the national food composition databases in CEE area.








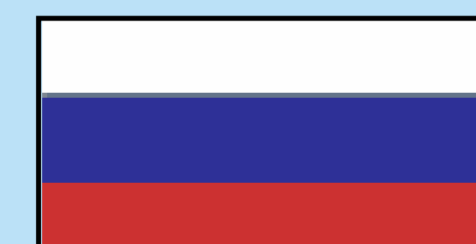


Materials and methods

Within this Program FCDB since 2004 have been providing grants to various training, workshops and capacity building activities for the region of Central and Eastern Europe. Following tools has been used on trainings activities: Slovak Food Composition Data Bank (SFCDB) methodology, generally accepted methodology on food composition databases management and use (harmonized within EuroFIR project European Food Information Resource Network), and nutritional Software Alimenta with the Slovak database.



Results



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| Armenia |  | The Fourth CEECFOODS Training Course, Bratislava, Slovakia, 2004 Joint EuroFIR/CEECFOODS/FAO Food Composition Database Workshop Sofia, Bulgaria, 2005 Workshop on strengthening capacity in CEEC, Bratislava, Slovakia, 2006 |
| Belarus |  | Individual training about Food Composition Database, Slovakia, 2007 EuroFIR Course on Production of Food Composition Data in Nutrition, Netherlands, 2008, 2009 |
| Ukraine |  | EuroFIR Course on Production of Food Composition Data in Nutrition, Slovakia, 2006 Training course about documentation of food composition data, Uzhhorod, 2011 EuroFIR Course on Production of Food Composition Data in Nutrition, Netherlands, 2011 |
| Macedonia |  | Workshop on strengthening capacity in CEEC, Bratislava, Slovakia, 2006 EuroFIR Course on Production of Food Composition Data in Nutrition, Slovakia, 2006 |
| Georgia |  | Joint EuroFIR/CEECFOODS/FAO Food Composition Database Workshop Sofia, Bulgaria, 2005 Workshop on strengthening capacity in CEEC, Bratislava, Slovakia, 2006 Individual training about Food Composition Database, Slovakia, 2005 Georgia provided with computer and printer, 2007 Technical and financial support in edition of the 1st Georgian food composition tables, 2008-2009 |
| Russia |  | The Fourth CEECFOODS Training Course, Bratislava, Slovakia, 2004 Joint EuroFIR/CEECFOODS/FAO Food Composition Database Workshop Sofia, Bulgaria, 2005 |
| Kazakhstan |  | Individual training about Food Composition Database, Slovakia, 2007 Training in Food Composition Database for Balkan Countries, Serbia, 2009 Training course about documentation of food composition data, Kazakhstan, 2010 |
| Serbia |  | The Fourth CEECFOODS Training Course, Bratislava, Slovakia, 2004 Joint EuroFIR/CEECFOODS/FAO Food Composition Database Workshop Sofia, Bulgaria, 2005 Workshop on strengthening capacity in CEEC, Bratislava, Slovakia, 2006 |

Conclusion

The support has been addressed to Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Macedonia, Russia, Serbia, and Ukraine. The target countries are expected to actively nurture and implement gained knowledge and experience to the local situation, which is a challenge in the CEE region. Pan-European objectives and recommendations in harmonization of the food composition database systems have been disseminated and a contact network enhances networking of experts working in food composition issues. In general, development support via training courses, visits and technical support is an important tool in capacity building and in disseminating our common goal, i.e. to produce quality data on food composition all over Europe.

