



**Activity Title and Number :** The EU Governance strategy to ensure food and feed safety A331-C3

**Beneficiary:** National People's Congress

**Location and Date:** Belgium, Spain and Portugal; 09-17 June 2014

**Stakeholders:** Agro-food Industry, Academic institutions.

## Brief Activity Report

### Relevance and Impact

The Food Safety Law of the People's Republic of China entered into force in 2009 but four years later, China still faces challenges to enforce food and feed safety. In response to these ongoing challenges, the Chinese government is reviewing the current Food Safety law. During this process, the Chinese National People's Congress (NPC) demonstrated interest in understanding different mechanisms and stakeholders involved in the development and enforcement of the EU Food Safety regulatory instruments.

In June 2014, EUCTPII held a study assignment to enhance NPC's understanding of the technical and legislative aspects related to development and enforcement of the laws that ensure food and feed safety in the EU.

### Activity Description

Six Chinese officials from the NPC and CFDA met with officials from relevant public, private and academic institutions in Belgium, Spain and Portugal. They interacted with parliamentary bodies responsible for food safety legislation, government departments for food safety supervision and regulation and food industry trade associations.

Key elements during the study assignment were:

- Risk surveillance and risk assessment
- Management of risk communication
- Grading risk and relevant management measures
- The responsibility of food producers
- How to guarantee traceability
- Food safety liability insurance
- The role of consumers, civil society, media and industrial associations in food safety
- Special food regulation (formula for infants)
- Special regulation on health food
- regulations on the production and sales of GMO
- Supervision on imported food



Delegates interact with the food safety parliamentary commission in Lisbon.

### Results and Dissemination

- ✓ Gained first-hand knowledge of the technical and legislative aspects related to development and enforcement of the laws that govern the assurance of food safety in the EU.
- ✓ Enhanced the creation of links between Chinese and EU institutions to support sustainable cooperation in the area of food safety legislation.
- ✓ The delegates understood the role of the academic, public and private sector in the development of food safety-related legislation and regulatory measures.