



Inspection Methodology and Fundamentals in Veterinary Services

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Dates: 13th – 22th May, 2026

Registration Deadline: 9th March, 2026

Duration: 1.5 weeks

Location: Marcy l'Etoile (Lyon). During the course, a field and study trip will be proposed (including visits to Brussels and Paris).

Target audience:

- Official veterinarians with technical coordination at national level
- Official veterinarians and inspectors at local level

Number of Participants: 15 to 20

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Speakers: Experts from public and private sectors, representatives of veterinary services.

Language: Professional English level is required.

Assessment: Quiz and self-assessment.

Certificate: Attendance certificate will be delivered upon completion of the course.

Continuing Education Credits: Not applicable.

Fees: 7,500 €

The tuition fee does not include the following expenses: Living expenses in Lyon, travel to/from France, insurance coverage or visa fees. Living expenses in Lyon are about 140 € a day (for food and lodging).

Need-based scholarships are available. Please contact us if you wish to apply.

Accessibility: Field visits are scheduled. Specific adjustments may be arranged for people with disabilities.

Registration:

<https://ensv-fvi.fr/en/residential-courses/>

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CONTEXT

Veterinary services inspections constitute a pillar of a country's food safety. Inspectors are trained in technical knowledge about control points. Inspections are a high-stakes process, which can create tension between the inspectors and those who are being inspected. The smooth implementation of an inspection is conditioned by the reactions of those being inspected in a stressful situation and therefore depends on the way the inspection is carried out by the state agent. The agent could face potentially threatening or violent situations.

Openness to the human sciences approach will enrich the conventional inspection methods through sociology, psychosociology and communication.

This training is based on experience sharing and multidisciplinary approach that bring benefits to the inspectors, with the aim of enabling the inspectors to acquire new skills to carry out inspections with ease.

PROGRAMME

Main Objective:

Learn the fundamentals necessary for carrying out a veterinary inspection for its smooth implementation (routine inspections or specific inspections).

Learning Objectives:

- To understand the theoretical and operational aspects of sociology during an inspection.
- To understand and implement a structured inspection plan according to predefined methods (before, during, after), ensuring safety throughout the process.
- To understand the theoretical and operational aspects of psychosociology during an inspection.
- To understand the theoretical and operational aspects of communication during an inspection.

Course Content:

- Concepts and application of sociology elements that are useful for inspection.
- Inspection methodology: Preparation, smooth implementation, follow-up. Ensuring security throughout the process.
- Concepts and application of psychosociology elements that are useful for inspection: personality typology, interaction patterns.
- Concepts and application of communication elements that are useful for inspection: active listening, conflict management techniques.

Teaching Methods:

Lectures, practical training based on case studies, group work, experience sharing, field visits and a study trip.

Prerequisites

- Knowledge of national (and international) regulations related to inspection in Veterinary Services (ex. EU Regulation 2017/625 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products).
- Experience in routine inspections (slaughterhouses, fishery products, agri-food industries, etc.) or specific inspections (establishment carrying out animal experiments, pharmaceutical industry, etc.).