



14. BfR-Summer Academy 2026

Lecture Series

15–19 June 2026, Berlin

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The 14. BfR-Summer Academy from experts to experts will focus on food safety and appropriate risk assessment.

The first BfR-Summer Academy was held in 2012. In the last 14 years more than 1000 participants from over 80 different countries took part in this professional training. The 14. BfR-Summer Academy will be open to participants from public institutes engaged in risk assessment of food. Its learning objectives are that participants

- will be made familiar with the concept of food safety with a focus on Germany and Europe, particularly with regard to risk assessment and risk communication
- gain a sound understanding of hazard and exposure assessment within the risk assessment process, and understand the requirements for data generation and data collection
- gain knowledge in conducting risk assessment and risk communication
- are capable of interpreting results of exposure calculation, including the assessment of data quality and uncertainty

Theoretical background will be given to train participants on risk assessment and risk communication in food safety.

Programme

Time information: Berlin Time (UTC+2)

Monday, 15 June 2026

12:30–13:00

Welcome

Professor Dr Dr Dr h.c. Andreas Hensel and Team BfR-Summer Academy, BfR

13:00–13:30

From international to domestic rules: Germany's food safety framework and what's behind it

Anne Beutling, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity

13:30–13:45

Break

13:45–15:30

Introduction to risk assessment

Professor Dr Matthias Greiner, PD Dr Christine Müller-Graf, BfR

Tuesday, 16 June 2026

12:30–13:30 **COPLANT - a new study on plant-based nutrition**
Dr Christiane Ambs, BfR

13:30–13:45 Break

13:45–15:30 **Introduction to dietary exposure assessment**
Dr Anna Jäger, Dr Anna Kolbaum, BfR

Wednesday, 17 June 2026

12:30–13:15 **The toxicological evaluation of pesticides**
Dr Glenn Lurman, BfR

13:15–13:30 break

13:30–14:15 **Health risk assessment of chemical contaminants in the food chain**
Dr Ulrike Pabel, BfR

14:15–14:30 Break

14:30–15:30 **Toxicological assessment of food contamination by plastizisers**
Suna Nicolai, Dr Moustapha Sy, Dr Friederike Kühne, BfR

Thursday, 18 June 2026

12:30–13:15 **The unique world of microbiological risk assessment (MRA)**
Dr Anja Buschulte, BfR

13:15–13:30 **Introduction to the RAKIP-Web Model Repository**
Dr Petra Ganas, BfR

13:30–14:00 **FoodChain-Lab: an innovative tool for supply chain tracing during foodborne incident investigations**
Dr Marion Gottschald, BfR

14:00–14:15 Break

14:15–15:30 **Specifics of risk assessment of antimicrobial resistance (AMR)**
PD Dr Bernd-Alois Tenhagen, BfR

Friday, 19 June 2026

12:30–15:30

Introduction to risk communication

Johanna Geppert, Dr Frederic Müller, Claudio Canales, BfR

Breaks are included

15:30–15:40

Farewell

Team BfR-Summer Academy, BfR

Organisational information

Venue

The 14. BfR-Summer Academy will be a digital event. It will take place from 15 –19 June 2026, 12:30 – 15:30 Berlin time (UTC+2).

The link will be provided a few days prior to the event.

Registration

Registration fee: 125.00 €

Please apply online by May 31, 2026.

Application form: <https://akademie.bfr.berlin/385147>

After positive review of your application you will have to register in a separate link.

General contact

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Organiser

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