

MoniQA **(International Association for Monitoring and Quality Assurance in** **the Total Food Supply Chain)**

Mission Statement

MoniQA is an international and interdisciplinary network of professionals from institutions working in food research, regulatory bodies and trade, providing solutions to promote a safer and secure food supply worldwide. MoniQA facilitates international research collaborations to enable services and products for food safety & quality assurance. MoniQA contributes to the development and validation of analytical methods, provides training and continuous professional development (CPD), consultancy and socio-economic impact assessment.

To achieve our mission:

- We foster an international pool of experts with multidisciplinary expertise
- We provide privileged information
- We provide a portal for facilitating guidelines, protocols, links, and scientific publications
- We offer membership to interested institutions in all countries
- We participate in Technical Committees (ISO, CEN, Codex, etc.)
- We organise training workshops, webinars, and educational courses
- We organise scientific conferences and provide a platform for networking and cooperation
- We conduct research and enable collaborative research projects, consortia, funds, project management services, and mobility and exchange programs
- We provide Reference Materials and manage validation studies

History:

MoniQA Association was launched in 2011 succeeding the highly rated EU-funded Network of Excellence on Monitoring and Quality Assurance in the total Food Supply Chain (MoniQA, 2007-2012). With a proven record of international collaboration (involvement of more than 500 experts from over 40 countries on 5 continents) and successfully developing harmonized guidelines, tools and services to improve food safety and quality worldwide, MoniQA Association was founded to improve global collaboration in food safety & quality assurance, by facilitating research cooperations and industry consultancy, serving international organisations, governments, local authorities by providing expertise, tools and services to ensure a safer and secure food supply. MoniQA Association is registered as a non-profit-distributing association established in Vienna, Austria.