

Progression of the dialogue

The first dialogue seminar initiated a very interesting discussion among affected stakeholders on their concerns and their situations

During the second dialogue seminar the participants had gained understanding usefulness of the dialogue process, and voiced serious concerns regarding their radiological situations

The third dialogue seminar has fostered valuable, forward-looking discussions, and has inspired stakeholders to join and to discuss their concerns and to develop plans to improve their situations

Some concerns

- Future demographic changes due to an acceleration in the younger generations leaving the prefecture. Awareness of responsibility for and worries for future discrimination of children.
- Marketability of Produce. Producers want to sell; many consumers want to show solidarity by eating the produce. But with reduction of product worth to Bq, risk of losing the status of a quality brand and of discouragement of farmers.
- There are different challenges in different regions of the prefecture: 1) Contaminated; 2) Evacuated; 3) Outside.
- Information and measurement data has become more available but this is still not always so relevant (Bq/kg v bowl of rice). Increasing focus on the internal v external exposures.
- Rumors and misinformation

Actions in progress

Residents: individual dosimeters, measurement of foodstuff, dissemination of information (role of consumer associations), importance to be involved in the overall strategy

Producers: managing strategies to regain the control of the quality of the production (monitoring, remediation, verification)

Distributors: collaborate with producers to manage the quality of foodstuffs to match the requirements of the consumers

Consumers: Proactive involvement of outside consumers

Priorities

- Regaining self-control to improve daily life
- By methods manageable by residents themselves
- Keeping memory is a condition for maintaining control
- Focus on individuals
- Rebuilt trust in local products

Recommendations

- Continue the monitoring of individuals and of the contamination of areas of production and products
- Continue to develop a strategy to manage the radiological quality in order to regain confidence in the products
- Create a forum for a permanent dialogue between all concerned parties
- Provide information and tools to help people to make their own judgement
- Help people better understand the link between contamination and dose
- Promote the involvement of parents, grand-parents and teachers to address the question of children
- To be more proactive vis-à-vis people outside