



GF-TADS

GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE
PROGRESSIVE CONTROL OF
TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES



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Recommendation No.1

Governance Mechanisms of GF-TADS for Europe

CONSIDERING

- The importance of animal health on food safety and food security;
- The impact of Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs) on animal and public health, the agricultural sector, trade and the means of existence of small breeders and farmers, stressing the need to combine efforts to combat the diseases at national, regional and global levels involving all relevant stakeholders;
- The Cooperation Agreement for the promotion of the joint FAO-OIE initiative “Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases” (GF-TADS) signed in 24 May 2004 establishing a facilitating mechanism to empower regional alliances in the fight against TADs, providing capacity building and assisting in specific control of certain TADs based on regional priorities;
- The set up in October 2005 of the Regional Steering Committee of the GF-TADS for Europe (and its Secretariat) in order to ensure regional coordination and monitor progress for field interventions, laboratory strategic support, and epidemiological evaluation of disease events and control efforts; the RSC and regional Secretariat operate in accordance to their ToRs endorsed during the RSC3;
- The Regional Steering Committee of the GF-TADS for Europe is composed of representatives of Chief Veterinary Officers (OIE Delegates), representatives of the Regional Specialised Organisations (RSOs) involved with animal health, specific donors, and representatives of centralised and regional structures of the FAO and OIE;
- The outcomes of the previous GF-TADS Global Steering Committee meetings, notably of the 9th meeting (GS9) held in Paris in October 2016; and in particular, their recommendations with regards to the GF-TADS Action Plans at global and regional levels;
- The outcomes of the previous meetings of the GF-TADS for Europe Steering Committee, notably of the 6th meeting (RSC6) held in Brussels in October 2015 during which two recommendations were adopted and serve as regional guidance for the prevention and control of priority diseases in Europe;
- The FAO Regional Offices in Europe (Budapest and Ankara), the OIE Regional and sub-Regional Representations in Europe (Moscow; Brussels, Astana) have the mandate of promoting political will and commitment of the relevant Ministries of the countries that they oversee. As with the OIE Regional Commission for Europe, the FAO and the OIE representations are critical to participate in overseeing implementation of the GF-TADS objectives and developing additional financial support;

- The existing global tools such as the FAO-OIE-WHO GLEWS, FAO-OIE CMC-AH and OIE-FAO OFFLU to prevent, detect and control animal diseases worldwide; the Regional Networks of laboratories; the several initiatives on the prevention and control of animal diseases in Europe; the Regional Support Units (RSUs) and the need for institutional and financial arrangements to provide sustainability to such initiatives;
- The establishment of a joint FAO-OIE Global PPR Secretariat in 2015;
- The on-going 3rd Global GF-TADs Evaluation whose conclusions will become available in the first semester 2018;
- The establishment in 2016 of the Regional Core Group of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe, whose objective is to encourage OIE Member Countries of Europe to a greater involvement in the OIE activities, including GF-TADS activities.

THE GF-TADS FOR EUROPE STEERING COMMITTEE DECIDES

1. To endorse the amended composition of the GF-TADs for Europe Steering Committee (list of members in *Annex 1*), with (i) the new appointment of the Delegate of Switzerland who takes the seat left vacant by the Delegate of Austria¹; (ii) the new appointment of the Delegate of Georgia who takes the seat left vacant by the Delegate of Kazakhstan and (iii) the ‘transfer’ of appointment from former to incoming Delegate of Belgium;
2. To keep Dr B. Van Goethem (EC/DG SANTE) as Chairman of the GF-TADs for Europe Steering Committee and the OIE Delegates of Austria and Russian Federation as vice-Presidents of the GF-TADs for Europe Steering Committee.

THE GF-TADs FOR EUROPE STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT

1. The Terms of Reference of the Regional Steering Committee and Secretariat of the GF-TADs for Europe be possibly revised in light of the recommendations of the 3rd GF-TADS Evaluation, and also the needs expressed in terms of: (i) having RCS meetings on an annual basis, taking advantage of the Conference of the Regional Commission for Europe; (ii) strengthening the role of the RSC in between meetings; (iii) further improving the working relationship with GF-TADs Regional Support Units of Europe (OIE Collaborating Centers; OIE-FAO-EU Reference Laboratories; REMESA); (iv) possibly including additional Regional Specialised Organisations; and (v) aligning the duration and start of the mandates of the Members and the President in order to ensure continuity and increase the efficiency of the Regional Steering Committee;
2. The first GF-TADs for Europe Action Plan 2012-2016 continue to be implemented until the second edition is prepared and adopted (RSC8, September 2018);
3. The Secretariat start the preparation of the second Action Plan 2019-2023 in 2018, taking into account the recommendations of the 3rd GF-TADs Evaluation and the Key Performance Indicators Framework currently developed by FAO and OIE;
4. The second Action Plan make appropriate reference to the Regional Strategic Plan Framework of the Regional Core Group of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe, and seek support from it to enhance GF-TADs activities cost-effectiveness and coherence in the region;
5. The GF-TADs for Europe be allocated with sufficient resources (financial; human) to implement a growing regional agenda; for this, possible sources of funding to support GF-TADs for Europe be identified;
6. Stakeholders in Europe further continue to use the opportunity to request the GF-TADs label of regional events, to ensure greater visibility and consistency with regional strategies and policies

¹ The Delegate of Austria now stands in the RSC in his capacity as member of the Bureau of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe

for the region (the labelization process will follow the Guidelines adopted by the Global GF-TADs Steering Committee in 2015);

7. GF-TADs Europe strengthen its collaboration with REMESA on priority diseases common to all countries of the Mediterranean Basin, in particular on FMD prevention and control activities;
8. The GF-TADs make use of the Global Website to promote the work of the GF-TADs for Europe in Europe and beyond.

Annex 1 – Composition of the GF-TADs Steering Committee (RSC7, 2017)

Position	Name	Country
Chairman of the RSC	Bernard Van Goethem	European Commission
Country Representative and Vice Chairman of RSC (Delegate non-EU)	Evgeny Neplokonov	Russia
Country Representative (Delegate non-EU)	Lasha Avaliani*	Georgia
Country Representative (Delegate non-EU)	Hans Wyss*	Switzerland
Country Representative (Delegate EU)	Jean-François Heymans*	Belgium
Country Representative (President. Reg Commission Eur.)	Maris Balodis	Latvia
Country Representative and Vice Chairman of RSC (Vice-Pres. Reg Commision Eur)	Ulrich Herzog	Austria
Country Representative (Vice-Pres. Reg Commission Eur.)	Budimir Plavsic	Serbia
Country Representative (Secr. Gen. Reg Commission Eur.)	Aleksandr Subotin	Belarus
OIE HQ	François Caya	Head of RAD Department
FAO HQ	Eran Raizman	Head of EMPRES
OIE Reg Rep	Kazimieras Lukauskas Mereke Taitubayev	OIE Regional Representatives
FAO Reg Rep	Andriy Rozstalnyy	FAO Regional Representative
Donors	B. Borello L. Evain	Italy France
WHO	Hilde Kruse	WHO Regional Representative
Regional Specialized Organisations	E. Zamora JL. Angot	EC EuFMD

* New members appointed in 2017