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Review of the recommendations of the last two GF-TADs Regional Steering Committees for Europe (Oct. 2005, Dec 2007)

**GF-TADs for Europe
Third meeting of the Regional SC
24-25 February 2010, Brussels, Belgium**

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INTRODUCTION

AGENDA

FAO-OIE GF-TADs Agreement signed on 24 May 2004

**1st Regional GF-TADs SC meeting for Europe
Paris, 13-14 October 2005**

**2d Regional GF-TADs SC meeting for Europe
Paris, 18 December 2007**

**1st Global GF-TADs SC meeting
Rome, 6 March 2008**

**2d Global GF-TADs SC meeting
Rome, 8-9 July 2009**

1st GF-TADs SC FOR EUROPE – Paris, 13-14 October 2005

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Support of Member Countries of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe to the projects identified under the FAO/OIE GF-TADs**

Considered:

Priority diseases for Europe : FMD, AI, CSF, Rabies, PPR

Recommended:

Support to the establishment of RSUs in neighbouring regions (Northern Africa, Middle East and Central Asia)

=>identification of primary endemic areas through lab and epidemiological networks

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. The role of wildlife in the spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza

Considered:

- Spread from South East Asia to Southern Europe
- Infections in wild birds and possible links with occurrence of the disease in poultry
- Scientific data on the role of wildlife

Recommended:

- Active surveillance (domestic poultry and wild birds) and biosecurity measures according to risk assessments
- Sharing of scientific information and virus isolates to trace their origin ; collaboration with OFFLU
- Preparation/update emergency management & risk communication plans
- Assistance to countries at risk ; support Vladimir lab to become OIE/FAO ref lab for AI
- Early detection, rapid response, farmers compensation
- Quality of VS considered a priority

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Prevention, control and eradication of rabies in Europe

Considered:

- Re-emergence of rabies in some European countries
- New scientific and technical knowledge for prevention/detection of rabies
- Need to assist countries to control/prevent the spread of rabies

Recommended:

- Implementation of rec. of OIE 1st Intl Conf on “rabies in Europe” *(Kiev, June 2005)
 - => epidemiology, rabies diagnosis, animal rabies control, human rabies prevention, vaccinology/immunology, bat rabies
- Provision by EC+ other bilateral donors of technical assistance to affected countries of the region

* this topic was further developed during the Joint OIE/WHO/EU Conference on rabies – toward the elimination of rabies in Eurasia held in **May 2007** in Paris

RECOMMENDATIONS

4. Collaboration between existing networks on activities related to animal health

Considered:

- Inadequacy of funding of research in animal diseases in some Europ. countries
- Need for proper coordination mechanism for optimal use of available resources
- Need for broadened collaboration in research

Recommended:

- Promotion of collaboration among OIE/FAO/EC Ref. Labs
- Increase of networking by OIE/FAO/EC Ref. Labs and Coll. Centres ; seek support of EC & other reg/intl organisations to this purpose
- Essential role of Russia & other bordering countries to protect European region from pathogens from other GF-TADs regions
- Support by EC to OIE/EC national seminars (in all 25 nonEU Members of the region)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Support to Regional Animal Health Activities under the regional GF-TADs Mechanism

Considered:

- Need for VS compliant with OIE intl standards for animal disease prevention and control
- Frequent (re)emergence of serious intl animal health crisis ; re-emergence of ASF, emergence of bluetongue ; necessity to achieve the goal of the GREP
- Importance of regional networks ; of integrating the control of animal diseases/zoonoses (incl. neglected) in the global context
- Support to be provided to mechanisms such as GLEWS and CMC-AH; to many OIE Members for prevention/control of animal diseases (incl. zoonoses)

Recommended:

- Reinforcement of VS after evaluation with OIE-PVS Tool ; support of FAO, EC ; dissemination of communication strategies on sound VS governance/crisis risk management by Adv.Com.of OIE AHW Fund and FAO, WHO, WTO
- Reinforcement of support to prevention/control of animal diseases programmes by OIE, FAO, donors (as EC) and assistance by GLEWS and CMC-AH to Members
- Engagement of OIE Ref. Labs of the region in twinnings ; support of FAO, EC
- Review/adaptation of vet. training curriculum (compliance with Dir 2005/36/EC) ; support of EC
- Participation of WHO in GF-TADs Regional SC meetings ; FAO/OIE/WHO support combating of pathogens at their animal source to prevent transmission to humans

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Support to Regional Animal Health Activities under the regional GF-TADs Mechanism (cond)

Recommended :

- Preparation of emergency plans for bluetongue, ASF, HPAI in all European countries ; review of zoonoses control plans (incl. rabies) ; studies intensified on preventive and control measures ; + ref. to HPAI conf in New Delhi, OIE/FAO future global conf. on FMD, EC future conf. on Bluetongue vaccination
- Members' support to GREP to seek global free Rinderpest status
- Members's review of their animal health budget (incl. compensation) ; disease surveillance in all natl territories ; strengthening identification/traceability capacities for bov, ov, cap, por ; development of public/private partnership for animal health & food safety systems ; review/monitor upgrading of food-processing plants (incl. residue controls) ; review of legislation on vet. pharmaceutical products ; review of organisation & functions of Vet. Stat. Bodies ; review system of vet. border control (anls & anl products) ; review of approach on animal welfare standards

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. Support to the Control of ASF and CSF under the Regional GF-TADs Mechanism

Considered:

- ASF & CSF outbreaks reported in several Eastern European countries and Balkan region ; risk of spread to other countries
- Need for appropriate surveillance & early warning programmes in neighb. countries ; necessity of sound governance of VS ; need for countries at risk to mobilise resources to counteract the diseases using vet. inspection at borders

Recommended:

- Urgent reinforcement of VS of countries affected (Caucasus) after an OIE-PVS evaluation to be followed by a PVS-Gap analysis (in collaboration with FAO and EC / submission to international donors, incl. EC for financial support)
- Funds made available for ASF be also used when appropriate for control of FMD
- Control measures for CSF in Balkan region be overseen by OIE Reg/Sub-Reg Representations for Europe, in coll. with FAO
- OIE Ref. Labs to provide guidance to countries at risk in the surv. of ASF, CSF and FMD
- Making Governments of East European countries aware of the urgent necessity to provide resources to VS, in particular for vet. border controls, and compensation of farmers ; OIE letter to relevant Ministers of concerned countries
- Compliance with prompt reporting obligations of animal diseases to OIE (=> WAHID)

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OIE Guidelines on veterinary legislation

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Forthcoming regional events

- GF-TADs for Europe - 3d meeting of the Regional Steering Committee
Brussels, Belgium, 24-25 February 2010
- OIE Seminar for Aquatic Animal Diseases focal points
Croatia, 21-23 April 2010
- OIE Seminar for New Delegates
Belarus, 30 June-2 July 2010
- OIE Seminar for Veterinary Medicinal Products focal points

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GF-TADs for Europe

The GF-TADs (Global Framework for the progressive control of Transboundary Animal Diseases) is a joint FAO/OIE initiative which combines the strengths of both organisations to achieve agreed common objectives. It is a facilitating mechanism which endeavours to empower regional alliances in the fight against transboundary animal diseases (TADs), to provide for capacity building and to assist in establishing programmes for the specific control of certain TADs based on regional priorities. It has been signed on 24 May 2004, in relation with the general Agreement signed the same day between OIE and FAO. [>>View the document](#)

Since December 2007, the GF-TADs Steering Committee for Europe is chaired by Dr Van Goethem, Head of Animal Health and Welfare Directorate in DG SANCO (European Commission). An update on on-going and planned actions was made at the occasion of the 77th OIE General Session on 25 May 2009. [>>View the document](#)

First Regional Steering Committee of GF-TADs for Europe (Paris, OIE Headquarters, 13-14 October 2005) :

The meeting of the 1st Regional Steering Committee of GF-TADs for Europe was the third of the five regional meetings scheduled to take place under the GF-TADs launching programme. The first two meetings were held in Asia and the Americas in March and April 2005 respectively. The meetings for the Middle East and Africa were held in 2006.

The roles, membership, duties and responsibilities, objectives of the GF-TADs Regional Steering Committee of Europe, as well as examples of activities (AI, rabies, FMD, diagnostic laboratories), are described in the report.

Report

List of participants

Agenda

Recommendation 1: Support of Member Countries of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe to the projects identified under the FAO/OIE GF-TADs

Recommendation 2: The role of wildlife in the spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza

Recommendation 3: Prevention, control and eradication of rabies in Europe

Recommendation 4: Collaboration between existing networks on activities related to animal health

Second Regional Steering Committee of GF-TADs for Europe (Paris, OIE Headquarters, 18 December 2007) :

Report (including list of participants and recommendations)

Agenda

Recommendation 1 : Support to Regional Animal Health Activities under the regional GF-TADs Mechanism

Recommendation 2: Support to the Control of African swine fever and Classical swine fever under the Regional GF-TADs Mechanism



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