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**Regional workplan objective 4: *Prevention,
Control and Eradication of Animal Diseases***

Seventh meeting of the Regional Core Group (RCG7), Bern

17-18 December 2018

2.4. Prevention, Control and Eradication of Animal Diseases (objective 4)

- a. The Regional Commission encourages its Members to strengthen regional cooperation in the control of animal diseases. The activities of EuFMD or REMESA (Mediterranean Animal Health Network) can serve as a model for regional and trans-regional cooperation in different areas;
- b. The Regional Commission encourages its Members to engage in the activities of the Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs) for Europe to ensure the prevention and control of priority TADs in the region, including their contribution to the Global Strategies/Programmes to control/eradicate FMD, Rabies and PPR;
- c. The Regional Commission supports GF-TADs for Europe to establish a better coordination and harmonisation of animal health policies in the Region. This will be contingent on the identification of sufficient financial and human resources to support these regional activities.

GF-TADs for Europe

Regional Steering Committee

Regional Secretariat

- Representatives of Chief Veterinary Officers - 2 EU members / **Belgium and the Netherlands**, and 2 non EU members / **Russia and Georgia**
- The 4 Members of the Bureau of OIE Regional Commission for Europe: **Latvia and Austria**
- 1 Representative of OIE and FAO Headquarters each
- 1 Representative of OIE and FAO Regional representation each
- 1 Representative of WHO
- Representatives of Donors: **France, Italy, Switzerland**
- Representatives of Regional Organisations: **European Commission and EuFMD**

Full meeting every 2 years – next meeting in October 2019

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http://web.oie.int/RR-Europe/eng/Regprog/en_GF_TADS.htm

- Terms of reference established in 2010, revised in 2013
 - Initial priority diseases:
 - **Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)**
 - **Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)**
 - **Classical Swine Fever (CSF)**
 - **Rabies**
- Current initiatives:
 - **African Swine Fever (ASF)**
 - **Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD)**
- Possible future initiative: new SGE to coordinate the rabies vaccination campaigns of foxes in the Balkans

ASF activities of the GF-TADs for Europe

- Standing Group of Experts
 - **Chaired by the President of the RSC and funded by the European Commission**
 - **Members:** all 13 countries affected by ASF – **BE, BG, BY, CZ, EE, HU, LT, LV, MD, PL, RO, RU, UA.**
 - **Observers** from any other country welcome
 - **Regular meetings since 2014:**
 - **2014: Minsk**
 - **2015: Tallinn – 7 members and 0 observer**
 - **2016: Moscow, Paris, Lisbon and Vilnius**
 - **2017: Paris, Chisinau**
 - **2018: Kiev, Paris, Warsaw – 13 members and 13 observers**
 - **2019: Prague – 11 and 12 March**



Warsaw, September 2018

- Collection of ASF resources, including ASF Awareness Material in many different languages for farmers, hunters, travelers...
 - All available in a **e-depository** on the website of the **GF-TADs for Europe**

1. ASF outbreak and distribution maps worldwide (WAHIS), animation of ASF epidemiological spread since 2007 **RECENTLY UPDATED**
2. ASF Technical Card and Summary (OIE)
3. OIE International Standard on ASF
4. [ASF Diagnosis](#) **RECENTLY UPDATED**
5. ASF Contingency Plans
6. ASF Control Strategy
7. ASF simulation exercises (reported to the OIE)
8. ASF Recommendations (GF-TADs events; OIE events)
9. ASF Scientific and Technical Papers (EFSA; FAO; etc) **RECENTLY UPDATED**
10. ASF projects in Europe
11. CMC-AH Missions on ASF
12. ASF Tools
13. ASF websites
14. OIE Reference Experts and Laboratories on ASF (and annual reports)
15. [OIE weekly reports on the situation of ASF worldwide](#) **NEW**
16. [ASF Awareness campaign material from European countries](#) **RECENTLY UPDATED**
17. [GF-TADs Handbook on African Swine Fever in wild boar and biosecurity during hunting](#) **UPDATED on 15 October 2018**

Austria, Germany, Estonia, Romania, United Kingdom, European Commission, FAO...

GF-TADs Handbook on African Swine Fever in wild boar and biosecurity during hunting

- Epidemiology of ASF in wild boar populations
- Some aspects of wild boar biology and demography relevant to control of ASF
- Approaches to wild boar population management in the areas affected by ASF
- Biosecurity in infected forests
- Biosecurity during hunting
- Data collection

Effective Communications
Between Veterinary Services and
Hunters



Standing Group of Experts on African swine fever in Europe
under the GF-TADs umbrella



(Courtesy Adriano De Faveri, ISPRA)

Handbook on African Swine Fever in wild boar and biosecurity during hunting

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■ Organisation of experts missions in the countries affected by ASF

- Teams include experts from East and West
- 2 - 3 days missions, funded by the European Commission with logistic of host country
- Deliverable: written report with recommendations

- 2015: Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Ukraine
- 2016: Moldova
- 2017: Czech Republic, Romania
- *2019: Bulgaria (January), Belgium (May, tbc)*

LSD activities of the *GF-TADs* for Europe

- Standing Group of Experts on LSD in South East Europe
 - **Chaired by the President of the RSC and funded by the European Commission**
 - **Members:** all 21 countries affected or directly threatened by LSD: from Austria and Hungary to Turkey and Israel, + Russia, Ukraine, Moldova and Kazakhstan.
 - **Observers** from any other country welcome
 - **Regular meetings since 2016:**
 - **2016: Brussels, Lisbon, Istanbul**
 - **2017: Paris, Budva**
 - **2018: Paris, Ohrid**



Ohrid, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, October 2018

- Organisation of experts missions in the countries affected by LSD
 - Only 1 so far, in Kazakhstan, February 2018
 - Experts from Israel, Bulgaria and Belgium
 - 3 days mission, funded by the European Commission with logistic of Kazakhstan
 - Deliverable: written report with recommendations

Human and financial resources of the GF-TADs for Europe?

Human resources?

- Secretariat: 1 - OIE sub-regional representation in Brussels
- ... and the European Commission!

Financial resources?

- Countries hosting the events
- ... and the European Commission!

**Is the
situation
sustainable**



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