



GF-TADs for Europe

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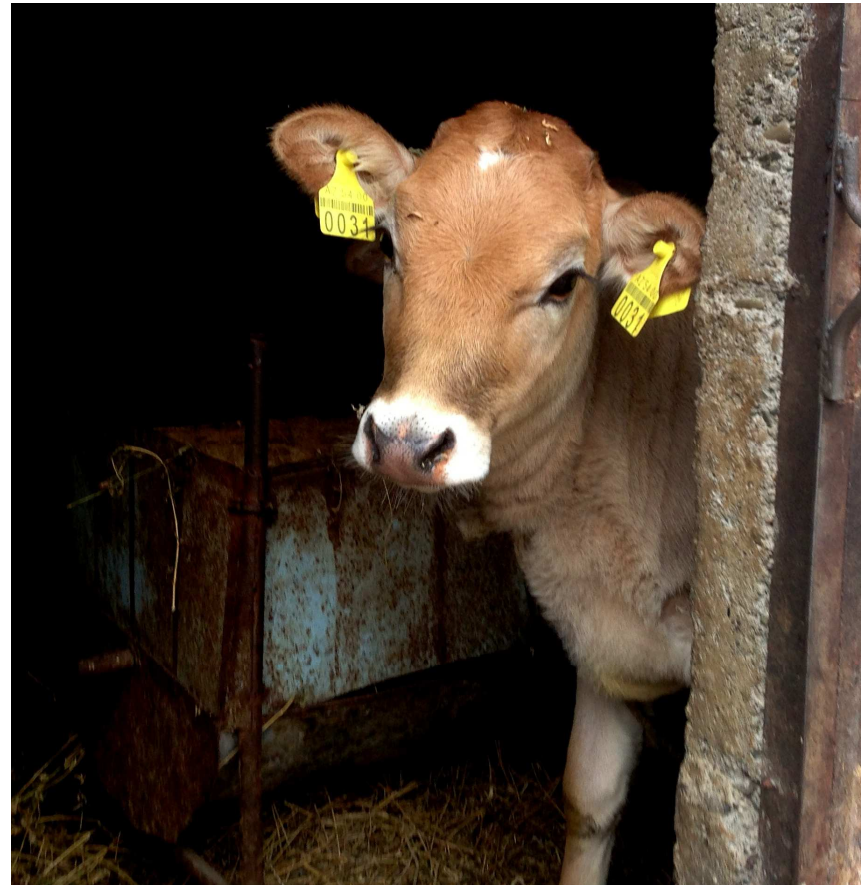
Background

- West Eurasian Countries have participated in 7 RRM aiming to monitor their progress along the PCP.
- Limited Progress between consecutive years
- Need to revitalize the Regional Epidemiology & Laboratory Networks (established in 2008)



Overall Objective

- **Make the Epi
& the Lab
networks
Operational**



Specific Objectives

- **Develop annual work plans for the regional epi & lab networks, addressing the regional needs for 2018-2019**
- Share information on FMD virus circulation within the region & share expertise of countries on their control initiatives



- Lab capacity to contribute effectively in the PCP in the areas of designing and implementation of SP, NCP, vaccination strategy etc.
- Link the Lab & Epi networks for continuous support to the national & regional objectives for FMD control



- Gather, generate, analyse and make available information on the regional occurrence and spread of FMDV and on the characterization of circulating FMD strains.





The meeting

- Countries delivered short presentations on the FMD situation and on their progress along the PCP.
- The objectives and activities of the Epi and Lab Networks were presented & discussed
- The leaders and co-leaders of the EPINET and WELNET were elected

- Roundtable discussions to develop Epi & Lab Network Workplan 2018-2019



Conclusions (selected)

- The 2018-2019 work plans for the regional Epi & Lab networks were drafted
- The Members of EPINET and WELNET agreed on sharing information on FMD virus circulation and control activities in the region using a tool that is still to be developed.
- Countries' knowledge of vaccination and post vaccination monitoring need to be enhanced, further training is suggested.
- Simulation exercises conducted in Georgia and Kazakhstan have proven useful and should be regularly conducted to validate the national contingency plan to make it operational.