



GF-TADs

GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE
PROGRESSIVE CONTROL OF
TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES



Standing Group of Experts on Lumpy Skin Disease
in Europe
under the GF-TADs umbrella

First meeting (LSD1)
Brussels, Belgium, 4-5 July 2016

Austria - Report
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'Enabling environment' in place

- **Legal basis in place**
 - Rules of 92/119 are covered by the animal disease act.
 - Special LSD Regulation are not finalized
- **LSD Contingency Plan?**
 - NO
- **Organisation of VS ('national LSD Committee?')**
 - First meeting will take place on 07th of July 2016
- **Collaboration with other stakeholders**
 - Yes
- **Emergency budget availability**
 - No – but there is the possibility to implement a emergency budget, by legal procedure. – Discussion with the relevant ministry will start in July.
- **Laboratory capacity (serology/PCR/ Other)**
 - Serology - yes, PCR – yes, ELMI – yes and cell culture
 - Capacity in case of disease outbreak in the country 800 – 1000 per day.
 - Peacetime capacity – around 400 per day.
 - Close technical operation with Joint FAO/IAEA Division Austria
 - international ring trail is planned for end of October



Preparedness measures

- **Stakeholders awareness**
 - Yes; webinar was held on 22nd of June and is published on the website
 - further information campaign will start mid of July
 - Special focus farmers, livestock traders and veterinarians
- **Vaccine procurement (type; N° of doses requested)**
 - NOT yet; Waiting for the outcome of discussions!
- **Desinsectisation**
 - General desinsectisation is NOT foreseen because of environmental rules and low acceptance by the society.
- **Biosecurity in farms**
 - See information campaign – vector protection, reduce vector habitats at farm level, etc.
- **Import restrictions**
 - in line with EU Regulations – important issue are not processed skins !!
- **Risk assessment** is already finished for further preparation and discussions a simple **outbreak scenarios** following the BTV-outbreaks in the south east of Austria has been developed for this region.
- **Local authorities** are informed and have to start their preparation last week!



Key challenges faced by your country and support needed

- Cross border vaccination campaign
 - Availability of vaccines – legal procedures
 - Aim of vaccination:
 - Emergency/ ring Vaccination to stop the disease – animal health issue
 - Vaccination to reduce suffering of animals – animal welfare aspect
 - Vaccination to kill or vaccination to live?
- Culling strategy – total culling versus partial culling (legal bases?)
 - Culling capacity and transport capacities.
- Economic consequences for farmers and industry
 - Compensation funds ? – GAP or special emergency funds on EU level.

