



# Implementation of the GF-TADs Action plan in the region

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# Regional coordination of priority TADs in Europe



# GF-TADs

GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE  
PROGRESSIVE CONTROL OF  
TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES



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# GF-TADs (General overview)



- **What is (GF-TADs)?**
  - Joint initiative of FAO and OIE for TADs, with the participation of WHO for the zoonoses
  - Launched on May 24, 2004
  - Global objective: to achieve the prevention, detection and control of TADs by coordinating activities across borders and sharing science-based best practice
  - GF-TADs is a facilitating mechanism for:
    - empowering regional alliances in the fight against TADs
    - providing for capacity building
    - assisting in coordinating and establishing programmes for the specific control of certain TADs based on regional priorities

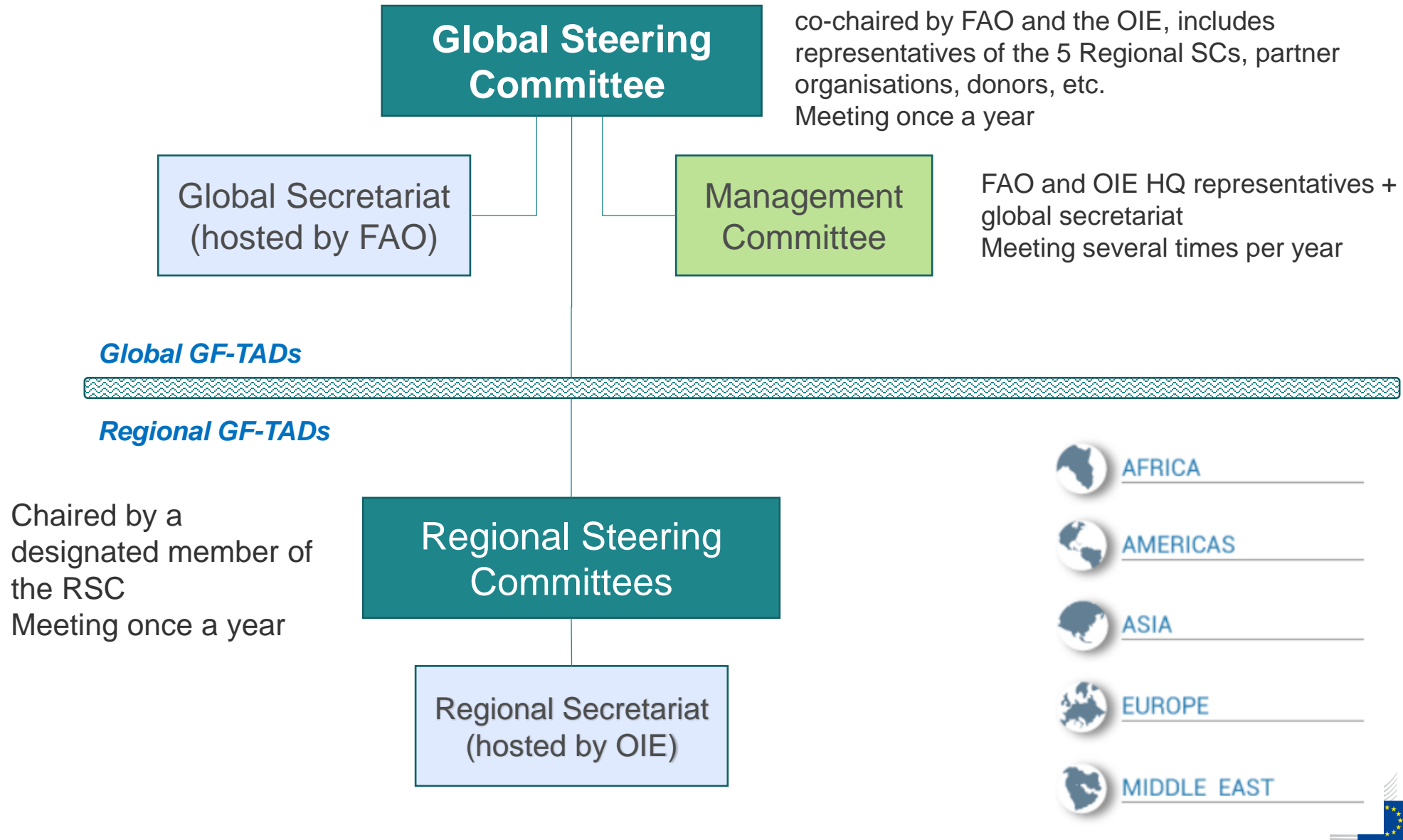
Driving idea: to build on the complementarities of FAO and OIE and find synergies while avoiding duplications

# Global GF-TADs

- 5 year Action Plan
- External evaluation performed in 2017/2018
- Priority diseases of the Global GF-TADs:
  - current list: Rinderpest (**RP**) post-eradication, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (**HPAI**), Foot and Mouth Disease (**FMD**), Peste des Petits Ruminants (**PPR**), **Rabies**
  - New draft: **ASF**, **FMD**, **PPR**, **RP** post-eradication
- New draft Strategy (Nov 2020)



# General governance of the GF-TADs



# GF-TADs for Europe



## Regional Steering Committee

### Composition of Reg. Steering Committee:

- Representatives of OIE Delegates/ CVO's - 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, Austria, Montenegro and Belarus
- 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: 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Regional Secretariat

Provided by the OIE Regional Representation in Moscow

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# GF-TADs for Europe



- Highly effective: only regional GF-TADs that is really operational, with on-the-spot activities (according to external evaluations)
- Terms of reference (Established in 2010, to be revised in 2020)
- Action plans:
  - 2013, 2015 - with **One Health** approach already in practice
  - **New one** to be elaborated **2020** - feedback welcome today from members
- Priority diseases:
  - Initially **HPAI, FMD, CSF, Rabies + ASF, LSD, Brucellosis, RVF** added since
  - **New list** (RSC: Nov 2020) – we are keen to set Europe's priorities within priorities of Global GF-TADFS framework – feedback welcome today from members
- Standing Groups of Experts: **ASF** (2014), **LSD** (2016), **Rabies** (Feb. 2019)
  - Effective mechanism for regional coordination and engagement of Members
  - Thanks to contributors: EC financially and in kind; TOP experts involved

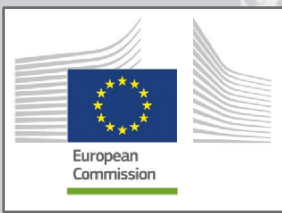
# GF-TADs for Europe



## Next meeting of Regional Steering Committee for Europe:

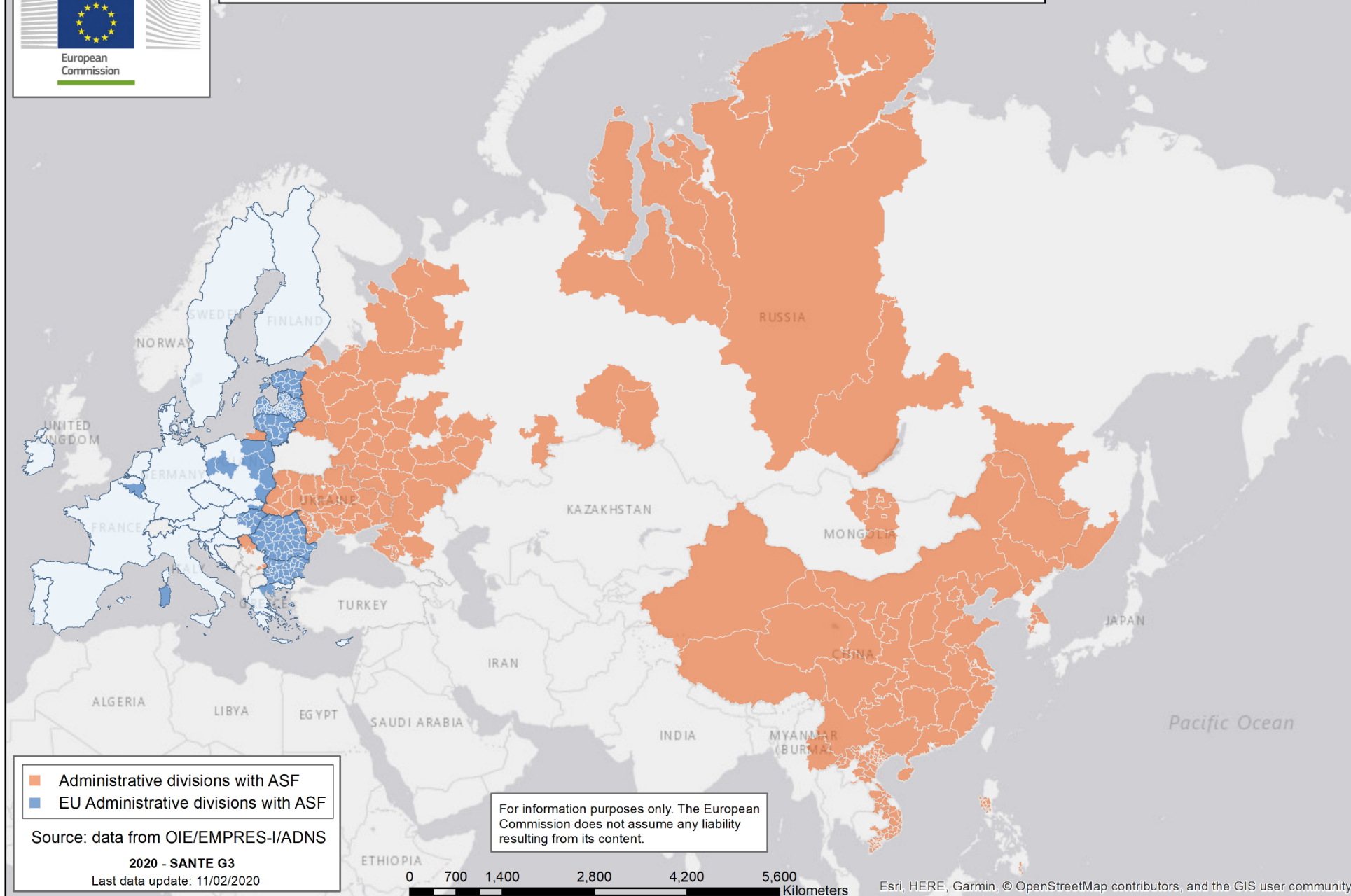
- Date: 18 November 2020. Videoconference meeting.
- New Regional Secretariat: RR in Moscow
- Provisional agenda for next meeting:
  1. New ToR
  2. New Action plan
  3. New priority diseases
  4. Election of new management (president, vice-presidents)
  5. Proposed global Strategy by GSC
  6. New SOP for labeling with GF-TADs logo
- Input and ideas of Members of crucial importance





# African Swine Fever by administrative divisions affected in the period 2014-2020

February 2020



# Standing Group of Experts on ASF in Europe (**SGE ASF**)



- **The Standing Group of Experts on African swine fever in Europe (SGE ASF)** set up in 2014, under the GF-TADs umbrella. It aims at building up a closer cooperation among countries affected by ASF and thereby, addressing the disease in a more collaborative and harmonized manner across Europe.
- Members of the SGE ASF (as of May 2020)
  - Countries: Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Ukraine
  - Organisations: European Commission – OIE – FAO
  - Secretariat: OIE Sub-Regional Representation in Brussels ([rsr.bruxelles@oie.int](mailto:rsr.bruxelles@oie.int))

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best practises – sharing of knowledge, success stories and exchanges with other regions worldwide

# Standing Group of Experts on ASF in Europe (**SGE ASF**)



- **15 meetings of the SGE ASF in Europe since 2014**
  - The most recent (videoconference) meeting: May 2020 (*Update on the countries' situation and ASF management in the framework of the Covid-19 crisis*)
  - The next (remote) meeting: 23 November 2020 (to update on countries' situation and early reaction and emergency control measures in case of ASF detection in wild boar and domestic pigs)
- **12 field visits** by experts in Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, the Czech Republic, Romania, Bulgaria and Belgium
- **e-depository of the SGE ASF** access to many resources on ASF, including ASF Awareness Material and the "GF-TADs Handbook on African Swine Fever in wild boar and biosecurity during hunting"

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# Standing Group of Experts on Lumpy Skin Disease in South-East Europe (**SGE LSD**)



- **The Standing Group of Experts on Lumpy Skin Disease in South-East Europe (SGE LSD)** was launched in July 2016, under the GF-TADs umbrella. It aims at building up a closer cooperation among countries affected by Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) and thereby addressing the disease in a more collaborative and harmonised manner across the region.
- Members of the SGE LSD (as of October 2019)
  - Countries: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kosovo\*, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, Turkey and Ukraine
  - Organisations: European Commission – OIE – FAO
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# Standing Group of Experts on Lumpy Skin Disease in South-East Europe (**SGE LSD**)



- **10 meetings of the SGE LSD since 2016**
  - The most recent (videoconference) meeting: February 2020
    - Meeting objective was to confirm that vaccination will continue in several countries in 2020 (in line with the recommendations of GF TADS SGE LSD9 - Athens, 16 October 2019).
  - The next (videoconference) meeting: January 2021
    - Meeting objective: to update on countries' disease situation, on the status of implementation of the 2020 LSD vaccination and surveillance programmes by the member countries and decide on the 2021 LSD strategy for the region.

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# Standing Group of Experts on Rabies for Europe (SGE RAB)



- **The Standing Group of Experts on rabies for Europe (SGE RAB)** was set up in 2019, under the GF-TADs umbrella. It aims at coordinating the oral rabies vaccination activities in wild carnivores with the overall goal to accelerate the final eradication of rabies. It is focused on the Balkan area.
- Members of the SGE ASF (as of May 2020)
  - Countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, UNMIK/Kosovo\*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia
  - Organisations: European Commission – OIE – FAO
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# Standing Group of Experts on Rabies for Europe (SGE RAB)



- **3 meetings of the SGE rabies for Europe since 2019 (two full meeting and one side session)**
  - The most recent (videoconference) meeting: July 2020
  - The meeting objective was to verify the possibility to phase out oral rabies vaccination of wild carnivores in the region
  - Following transparent discussions on the way forward, the consequent recommendations imply that vaccination is still required in view of the recent outbreaks and of the insufficient passive surveillance.

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# Thank you

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