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## Experience of EUROPE in standard setting process with Lumpy Skin Disease, the role of RCG

Regional Webinar for Europe: OIE standards  
25 – 26 November 2021



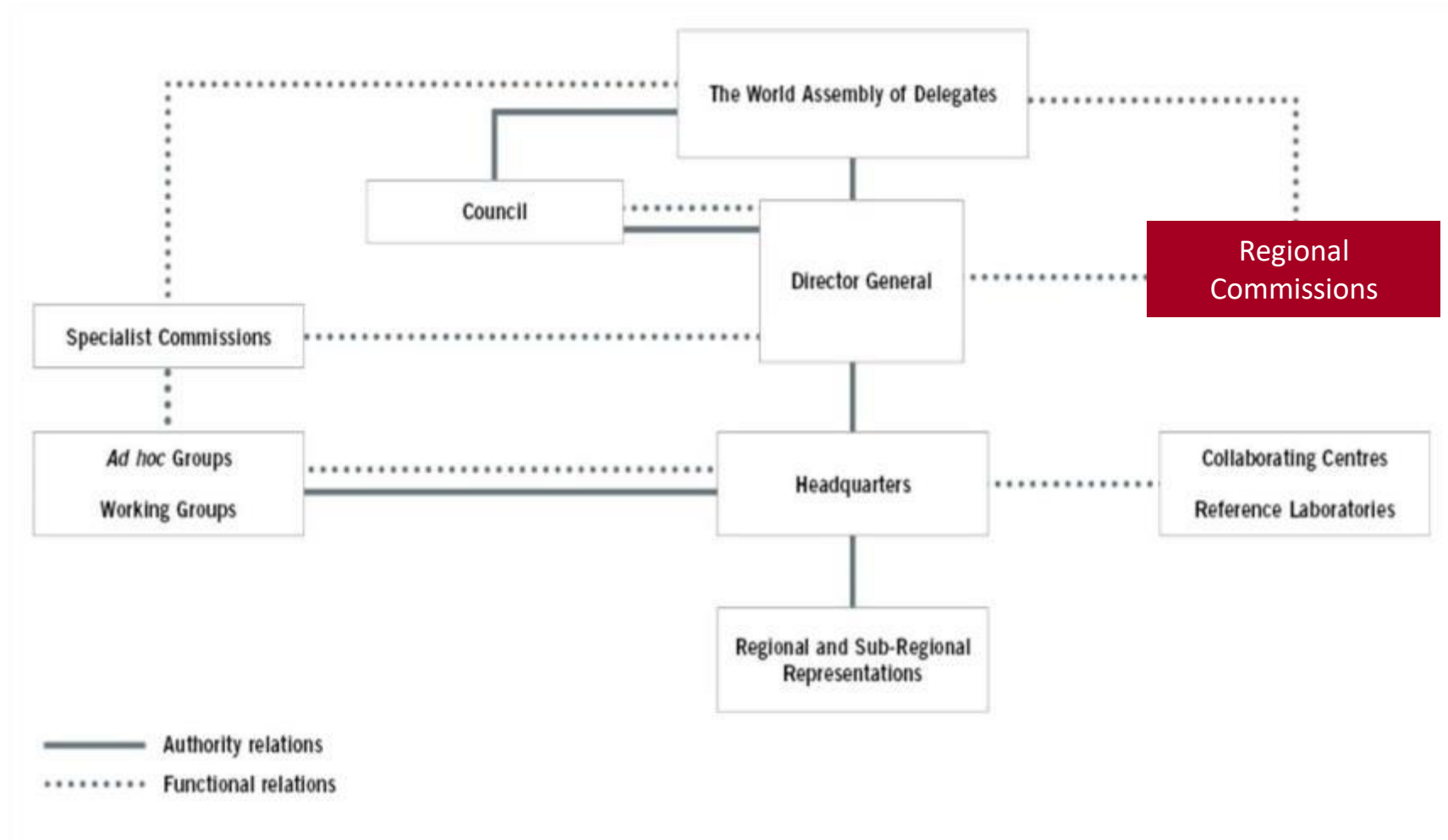
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# Institutional role of OIE Regional Commissions

# Governance structures of the OIE



# Regional Commissions

*Address specific local issues*



- Can be fully considered as **regional institutions**
- Board composed of **4** Delegates elected for a **3-year** term of office by the World Assembly
- **Regional Commission Conferences**
  - Every 2 years
  - In one of the countries of the region
- **Recommendations** submitted to the World Assembly for approval and implementation by the Director General
- Meet **annually** during the World Assembly

# TERMS OF REFERENCE AND INTERNAL RULES OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS

Established by decision of the World Assembly of Delegates of OIE

1. To hold Regional Conferences and
  - examine regional issues
  - produce recommendations
2. to propose adaptations of OIE decisions, programmes, strategies, policies and activities to the conditions and needs of the region;
3. to contribute to strengthening the capacities of the VS;
4. to contribute to the harmonisation of sanitary regulations relating to trade in animals and animal products between the Members;
5. to increase the contribution of livestock to national economies and participate in poverty alleviation;
6. to give an advisory opinion on the work of OIE headquarters, OIE RR and SRR when appropriate;
7. to examine applications from Members relating to the creation of new OIE Reference Centres and report their findings to the DG.

### Operational mechanisms in Europe (mandate, capacities, needs for change...)

- Regional Conferences for the purpose of studying problems relevant to the mandate of the OIE (every two years)
- The Bureau of Regional Commission
  - President
  - Two vice-presidents
  - Secretary-general
- Close cooperation with OIE Regional and Subregional Representations (RR in Moscow, SRR in Brussels, SRR in Nursultan)
- Additional supportive mechanisms in Europe:
  - **Regional Core Group (Ex-Task Force, from 2012)**
  - *Animal Welfare Steering Group for Europe (from 2012)*
  - *GF-TADs, Regional Steering Committee for Europe (from 2005)*

# Regional Core Group of the Regional Commission for Europe

## 11 Members



- Regional OIE Bureau:
  - Latvia
  - Austria
  - Montenegro
  - Georgia
- OIE Council:
  - The Netherlands
  - Russia
- Other Members:
  - Belarus
  - Spain
  - Switzerland
  - Ireland
  - Uzbekistan
- Observers

# Regional Core Group of the Regional Commission for Europe

Regular exchange  
of members

- **Regular meetings**
  - April
  - May (margins of General Session)
  - December
- **Regular exchange on priority topics**



20/05/2021  
RCG14 – 14th meeting of the  
Regional Core Gro...



20/01/2021  
RCG12 – 12th meeting of the  
Regional Core Gro...



FROM 02/12/2019 TO 03/12/2019  
RCG10 – 10th meeting of the  
Regional Core Gro...



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# 11 Members

- **Terms of References**



26/05/2019  
**RCG9 - 9th meeting of the  
Regional Core Group...**

PARIS, FRANCE  
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Regional Core Group...  
RCG9 - 9th meeting of the  
Regional Core Group...



FROM 29/04/2019 TO 30/04/2019  
**RCG8 - 8th meeting of the  
Regional Core Group...**

MADRID, SPAIN  
MADRID, SPAIN

Regional Core Group...  
RCG8 - 8th meeting of the  
Regional Core Group...



FROM 17/12/2018 TO 18/12/2018  
**RCG7 - 7th meeting of the  
Regional Core Group...**

BERN, SWITZERLAND  
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Regional Core Group...  
RCG7 - 7th meeting of the  
Regional Core Group...

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17/09/2018  
**RCG6 - 6th meeting of the  
Regional Core Group...**

TBILISI, GEORGIA



FROM 17/04/2018 TO 18/04/2018  
**RCG5 - 5th meeting of the  
Regional Core Group...**

MOSCOW, RUSSIA



FROM 20/12/2017 TO 21/12/2017  
**RCG4 - 4th meeting of the  
Regional Core Group...**

VIENNA, AUSTRIA

- **Transparency**
- **Reporting**

- **Experience and contribution to OIE standard setting process**
  - Terrestrial Code
  - Aquatic Code
- **Best practice of Europe-53: Lumpy skin disease (2017/18)**
  - Epidemics from 2016
  - Risk assessment
  - Rapid alert
  - Topic for meeting of RCG in 2016 and 2017

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RoUCCGLLeAtk>



21/05/2017  
**RCG3 - 3rd meeting of the  
Regional Core Group...**

PARIS, FRANCE



FROM 18/04/2017 TO 19/04/2017  
**RCG2 - 2nd meeting of the  
Regional Core Group...**

RIGA, LATVIA



23/02/2017  
**RCG TC-2017 - Teleconference of  
the Regional ...**

EUROPE

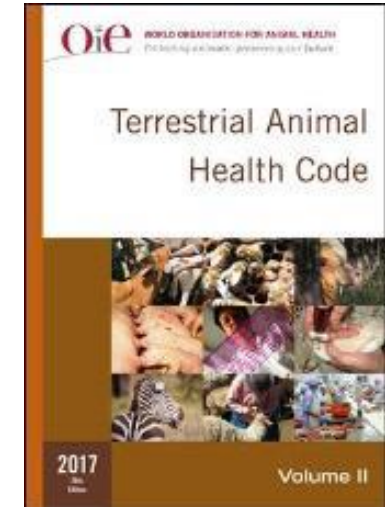


FROM 20/12/2016 TO 21/12/2016  
**RCG1 - 1st meeting of the  
Regional Core Group...**

BELGRADE, SERBIA

## ■ Modus operandi:

- Analysis and discussion of proposal by Code Commission
- Common position
- Proposal for Regional Commission
- Text of talking positions and Member to propose
- On behalf of Europe 53



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RCG2

## 2nd meeting of the Regional Core Group for Europe

up for Europe



Item No.	Texts for Member Countries' comments and proposed for adoption in May 2018 selected by the RCG	
Terrestrial animals		Report of the Code Com (September Report, Part A)
4.7	Infection with lumpy skin disease virus (Articles 11.9.4., 11.9.5., 11.9.6. and 11.9.15.)	Annex 6

RCG4

## 4th meeting of the Regional Core Group for Europe

Item No.	Texts for Member Countries' comments and proposed for adoption in May 2018 selected by the RCG at its RCG4	
Terrestrial animals		Report of the Code Com (February 2018, Part A)
4.7	Infection with lumpy skin disease virus (Articles 11.9.4., 11.9.5., 11.9.6. and 11.9.15.)	Full support

RCG5

## 5th meeting of the Regional Core Group for Europe

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**Product:**  
**common position during**  
**86<sup>th</sup> General Session in 2018**





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