



1st Virtual Meeting for Epidemiology Network for West Eurasia Region, 2022

Background and objectives of the meeting

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Background

Foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) is one of the most important transboundary animal diseases globally, where it affects the productivity of livestock, disrupts regional and international trade in animals and animal products.

It is against this background that the FMD Working Group (FMD-WG), under the umbrella of the FAO/OIE Global Framework for the progressive control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs), and with technical support from the European Commission for the control of FMD (EuFMD) initiated the meeting for epidemiology and laboratory experts (Epidemiology and Laboratory Networks meeting) in the West Eurasian region.



*Regional FMD
roadmap meeting
in Shiraz, Iran
March 2019*



**Epidemiology and Laboratory
networks meeting – Tbilisi GE,
Sept 2017**

3rd Meeting for
Epidemiology and
Laboratory Networks for
West Eurasia Region

Virtual
17-18 August 2021



Approving the EPINET work plan for 2021-2023 plan in the previous virtual meeting in August 15-17, EPINET members was planning to organize facilitating regular meetings (Face to face meeting- once a year, virtual meeting twice a year with member countries WEA).

Agenda

Schedule	Topic	Speaker
10:00-10:10	Welcome of the participants.	OIE/ EuFMD/GF-TADs
10:10-10:15	Official opening, background and objectives of the meeting.	S. Kharatyan, EpiNet
10:15-10:25	Updates since the last meeting, including the work plan 2021-2023	EuFMD/EpiNet
10:25-10:35	Summary on information sharing of FMD (based on the templates provided)	S. Kharatyan, EpiNet
10:35-10:55	Discussion	Participants
10:55-11:25	Regional situation, recent circulating strains & Vaccines and vaccine selection in support of FMD prevention and control programs & Discussion	WRLFMD/ARRIAH/SAP
11:25-12:00	Breakout group discussion on FMD-PCP: current situation, national plans and support needed	2 groups (English/Russian speaking c.)
12:00-12:10	Health break	
12:10-12:30	Group summaries; Discussion	Leaders of each group
12:30-12:45	Updates on FMD situation on the region - (situation on Kazakhstan):	Kazakhstan, OIE
12:45-12:55	Introduction of the SOI platforms for information sharing.	S. Kharatyan, EpiNet
12:55-13:15	Regional discussion on EpiNet opportunities. Identifying regional needs/priorities for EpiNet	Participants
13:15-13:30	Summary, next steps and closure of the meeting.	S. Kharatyan, EpiNet

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- To review progress in the implementation of the work plan;
- To share information on the current FMD situation in the region including data on virus circulation, vaccine selection, vaccination strategies and vaccine effectiveness and FMD control plans risks hotspots;
- To identify needs of the countries in the control of FMD;

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- To gather information on the national FMD control plans;
- To agree on support mechanisms to progress along the FMD-PCP;
- To identify mechanism and tools that can assist and support the network and data sharing, especially in the summary and analysis of the information, including on vaccine matching data (WELNET leader of WRLFMD);
- To look for trends and formulate hypothesis to better address challenges within the region.



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