



ONE HEALTH
SEMINAR FOR THE
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WORKING GROUP 4

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OBJECTIVE 1: Advocate for Enhanced Collaboration and Commitment to Translate the One Health Approach into Policy Action Throughout the Region

Key obstacles:

No policy framework for OH

Different institutions with different responsibilities , but funding is not defined

Lack of human resources

Guidelines are necessary

Environmental sector is not included

Successful examples for integration the One Health approach into policy action?

Reduction of brucellosis in North Macedonia

How can regional cooperation be enhanced to ensure that the One Health approach is consistently translated into actionable policies across countries?

- **Balkan One Health Network**

Objective 2 Raise Awareness and Understanding of One Health as an Approach to Address Health Issues Originating at the Human-Animal-Environment Interface and Facilitate Knowledge Exchange and Capacity-Building

Successful initiatives:

Action plan for health security 2024-2030 in North Macedonia,

Education for One Health in undergraduate studies for human and veterinary medicine in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Challenges of operationalizing the One Health approach at the national and local levels

- **Data sharing across sectors with establishing integrative electronic database, legal obligations for data sharing, personal data protection, use of AI**
- **Capacity building of human resources and funding of the activities**

What specific strategies have proven effective in fostering collaboration on between human, animal, and environmental health sectors

Plan for preparedness and management of crisis and disasters, simulation exercises,

How have you addressed the challenges of operationalizing the One Health approach at the national and local levels?

Important to identify stakeholders, to educate and engage, we can use social media,

conferences, workshops, through professional associations



Objective 3: Explore and Identify Opportunities for Strengthening Cross-Border Collaboration to Operationalize the One Health Approach

3.1. Mechanisms or platforms currently exist for cross-border collaboration on One Health issues – **RASFF, INFOSAN, EFSA collect data, ECDC, CVO forum,**

3.2. How can we improve cross-sectoral surveillance and data sharing to better address health issues at the human-animal-environment interface?

Data selection, legal obligation for data sharing, role of NRL

3.3. What are the main challenges in knowledge exchange and dissemination across borders, and how can we overcome them?

- **Cross border project among BIH, CR, MN with online education platform for zoonoses and vector borne diseases**
 - **Medipiet (for field epidemiology)**
 - **Epidemiology and Epizootology conference in Serbia with regional participation**
 - **Sharing of best practices**
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Objective 4: Provide Inputs for Member States, Quadripartite Organizations, and Partners for Embedding the One Health Approach into Relevant Priority Areas of Work and Resource Mobilization Across Sectors

4.1. What specific inputs or recommendations would you suggest to better embed the One Health approach

- **Training for OH, Knowledge sharing across sectors**
- **Inclusion of environmental sector in training**
- **Proper allocation of financial resources for equipment and testing**

4.2 How can we mobilize resources more effectively to support One Health initiatives at the regional and national levels?

- **Environmental taxes to reduce environmental pollution**

4.3. What areas of work or sectors require the most attention and resources to effectively implement the One Health approach?

Further development of coordination and communication among sectors, inclusion of IT specialist in human health and veterinary sector, and strengthening of human resources in labs



Objective 5: Emphasize the Importance of Integrating the One Health Concept into the Curricula for Professionals and Encourage National Authorities to Develop Activities to Implement It

5.1. What are the current gaps in One Health education and training for professionals in your country?

Insufficient knowledge for OH on local level

5.2 Can you provide examples of successful educational programs or curricula that integrate the One Health concept? **BIH education for OH as part of curriculum for medical and veterinary doctors. Moldova is performing regional training for OH**

5.3. How can national authorities be encouraged to develop and support activities that strengthen collaborative efforts among professionals in human health, animal health, and environmental sectors? **For new generations to create enabling environments to implement OH.**

To support participation in national and international conferences

We need high level policy for introducing OH approach
