



Farmers' needs regarding VBDs.

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Who are we?

FESASS gathers & represents farmers and their animal health services

Our members:

- are the national or regional federations,
- work in partnership with public authorities and private veterinarians,

FESASS also represents:

- 60 million cattle,
- 104 million pigs,
- 39 million small ruminants.
- A network of 2,500 veterinarians, engineers, and technicians,
- 10 laboratories,
- Serving 1 million farmers.

Driven by shared values:

Solidarity, collaboration, objectivity, and transparency

More than 85% of EU Livestock





VBDs in EU: A real patchwork

Different epidemiological situations

Between Member States



Inside infected Member States



- Different attitudes in infected Member States
 - Surveillance (vectors and diseases)
 - Vaccination (compulsory or free)
 - Movement management (national and EU)
 - Solidarity/compensation





- the diseases profiles and EU geographic and climate differences
- EU Categorization in CDE (BTV) or DE (EHD)
 - => Limits of subsidiarity
 - => Key role of the sector
- Long term eradication seems impossible
 - ⇒ Learn to live with them?
 - ⇒ Improve/adapt the management







Long term views: new paradigm?

The importance of thinking about long-termobjectives

- Eradication or control => EFSA opinion
- Recategorisation E or ED or EDC + different according to enzootic and exotic serotypes => EFSA opinion
- Reassess the list of sensitive species => need EHD data and EFSA opinion
- Requirements for animal movements.



Surveillance and knowledge

Adapting surveillance for early detection

> 3 priorities (vectors, epidemiology, vaccination efficiency)

- > Targeting the surveillance based on risks
- Create a specific data bank
- An updated map of EU situation
- Use other new technologies
- Secure financing = a shared responsibility
- Improve our knowledge of vectors and the pathogenicity of different serotypes



Preparedness and reaction







Long term views: vaccines availability and use

Vaccines: key tools in the context of emerging vector-borne diseases



Better and faster availability of vaccines

- The use of new vaccines at EU level before their marketing authorization should be granted (TUA = Reg (EU 2019/6))
- R&D for multivalent vaccines
- Creation of a data base to centralize of all genetic sequences of orbiviruses strains available
- More antigen, vaccine and diagnostic reagent banks
- Develop a partnership between CAs, stakeholders and producers to better precise and secure the vaccine demand

Individual choice and buffer zones





Additional proposals

- EU and international cooperation and coordination
 - Adapt the international standards on vector-borne diseases
 - Develop One Health cooperation on zoonotic vector-borne diseases to increase synergies in the research and surveillance



Key roles of WOAH and EU Commission

- > Increasing resistance
 - Develop genetic resistance ("Tropicalisation" of the herd)
- > Extending health funding to other stakeholders
- > Strengthening international cooperation, especially in the Mediterranean Basin





Dealing with VBDs:

- > A new paradigm
 - For surveillance
 - For vaccines and vaccination
 - For animal movements
- > International cooperation and coordination are crucial
- > Additional needs
 - Research and innovation (vectors, multivalent vaccine, resistance,...)
 - Financing (shared responsibility)









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