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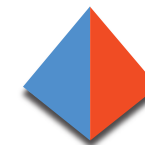


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## WOAH procedures for recovery of FMD free status without vaccination

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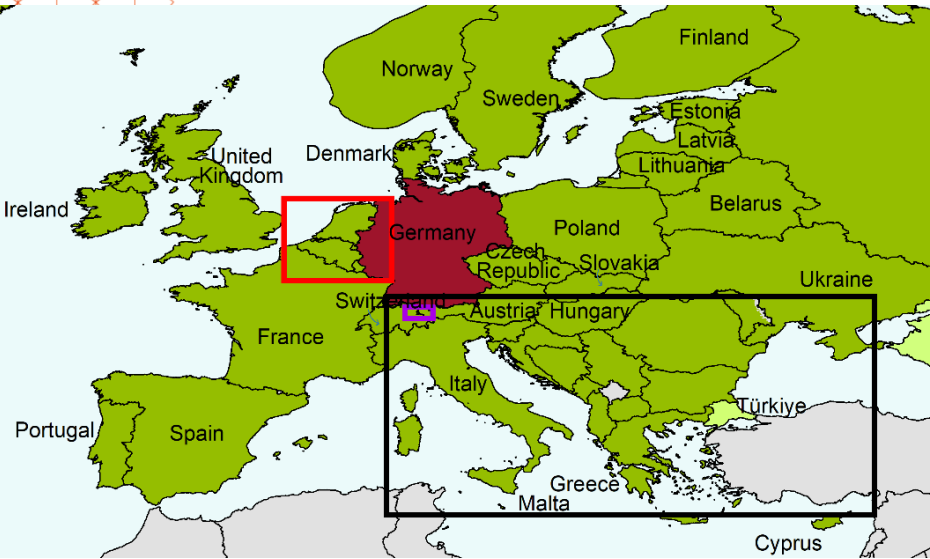
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## Outline



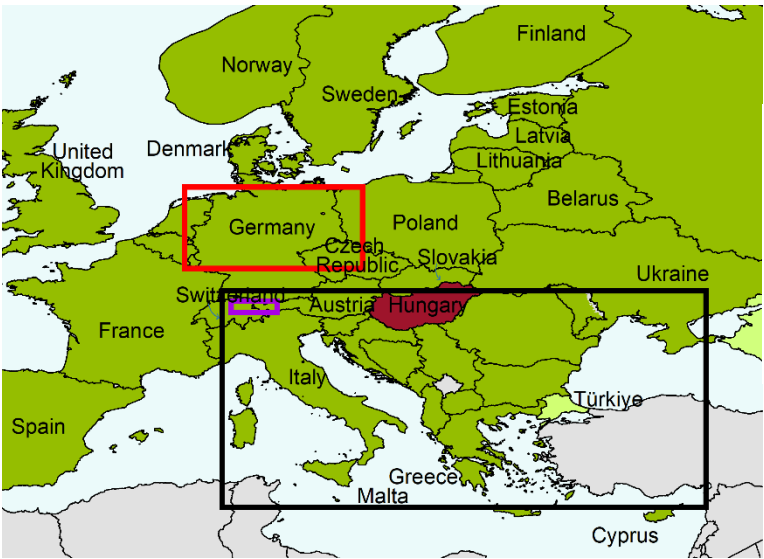
- ❑ Suspension and Reinstatement of FMD-free status
  - Germany
  - Hungary
- ❑ WOA *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*
  - Waiting time, use of vaccination, surveillance requirements
- ❑ SOP for Establishment of Containment zone & Recovery of WOA Official Animal Health Status

# Germany: timeline of events

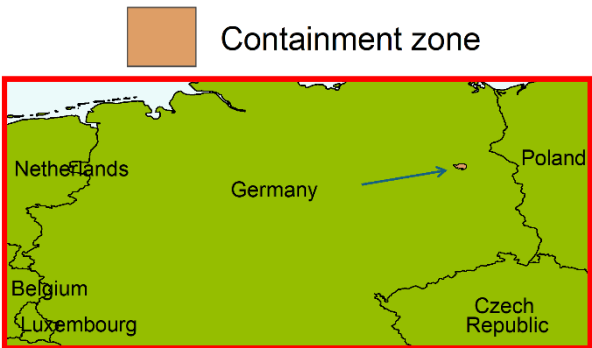


9 January 2025: Suspension

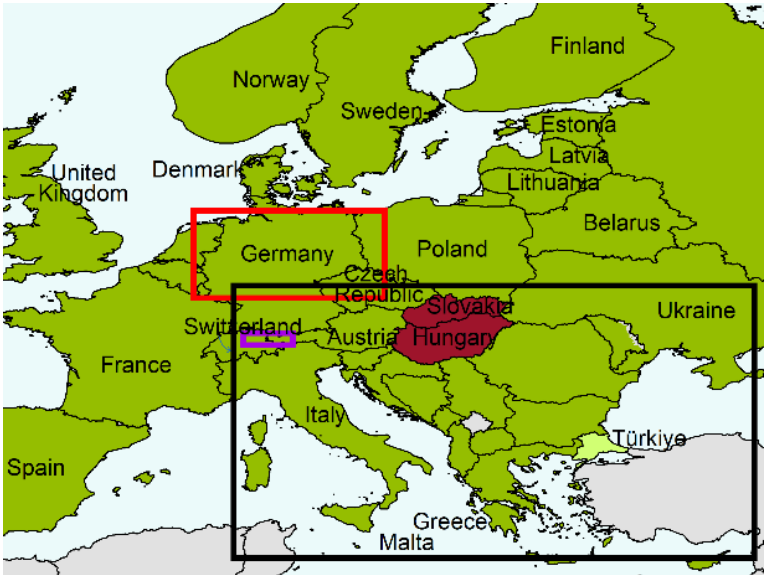
Suspension to full reinstatement: **95 days**  
Suspension to containment zone: **62 days**  
(~1 month advanced for the majority of the territory)



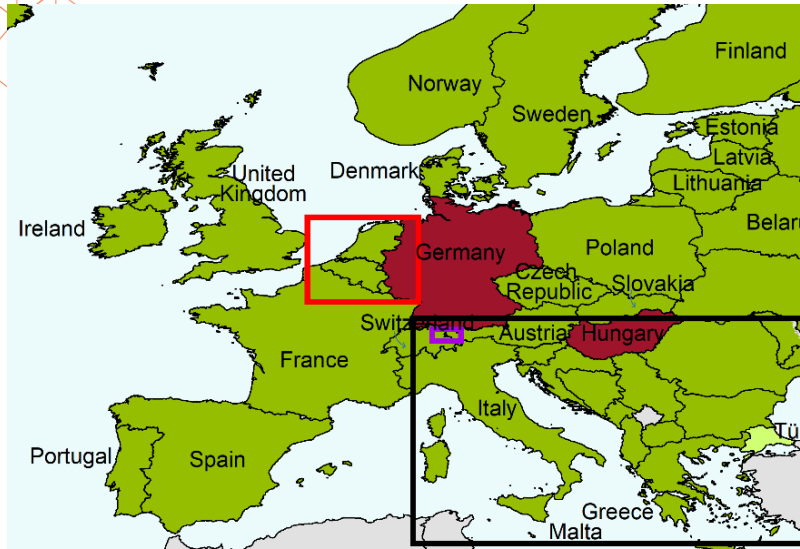
4 April 2025:  
Reinstatement of FMD-free country  
without vaccination status



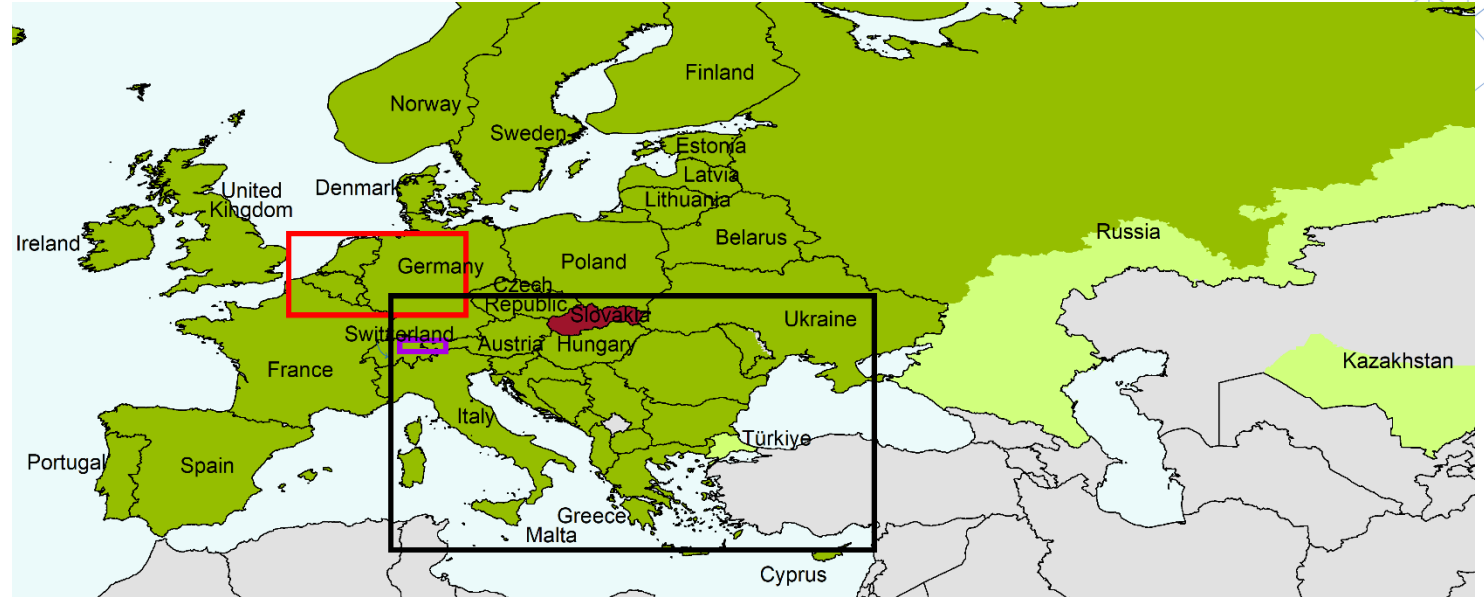
12 March 2025: Approval of CtZ



## Hungary: timeline of events



**3 March 2025: Suspension**



**10 September 2025: Reinstatement of  
FMD-free country without vaccination status**

Suspension to full reinstatement: **191 days (6.5 months)**

Confirmation of last case to reinstatement: **146 days (< 5 months)**

## Requirements for establishing a containment zone for FMD – Article 8.8.10.

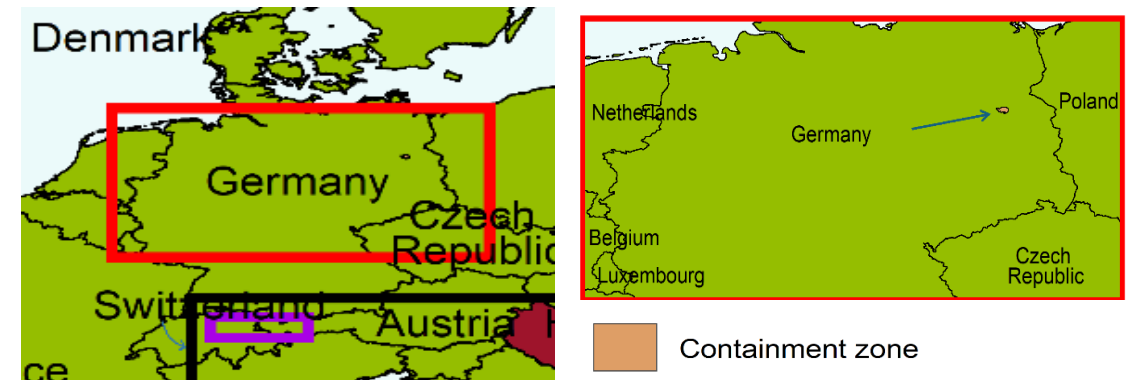
1. the outbreaks are limited based on:
  - rapid response
  - standstill of animal movements and effective controls on the movement of other commodities
  - epidemiological investigation
  - identification of the primary outbreak and the likely source of the outbreak investigated
  - all cases epidemiologically linked
  - **no new cases** have been found in the containment zone **with a minimum of two incubation periods (i.e. 28 days) after the stamping-out of the last detected case** is completed;
2. stamping-out policy or another effective emergency control strategy aimed at eradicating the disease have been applied;
3. the susceptible population within the containment zone is clearly identifiable
4. increased passive and targeted surveillance in the rest of the country
5. measures in place to effectively prevent the spread of the FMDV to the rest of the country
6. ongoing surveillance in place in the containment zone



## Establishment of a containment zone for FMD

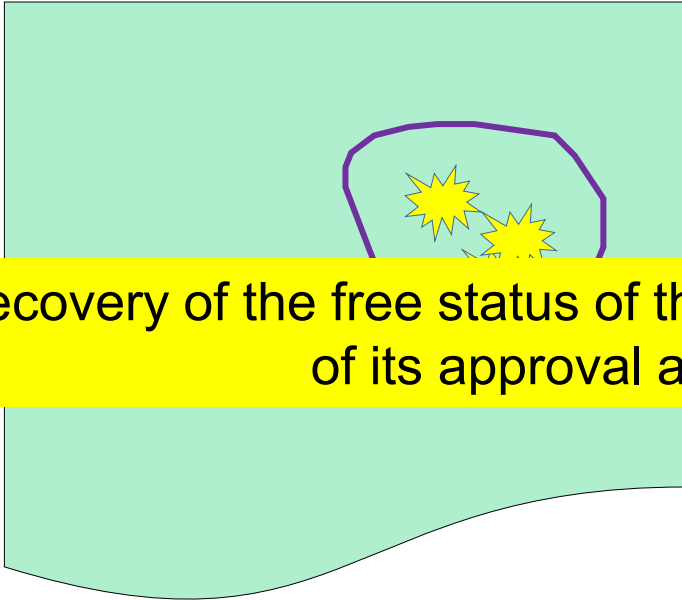
- an infected zone defined within a previously free country or zone, which includes **all suspected or confirmed cases that are epidemiologically linked** and where movement control, biosecurity and sanitary measures are applied to prevent the spread of, and to eradicate, the infection or infestation (*Terrestrial Code Glossary*)
- Chapter 8.8. Infection with FMDV - **Article 8.8.10.**
- Chapter 4.4. Zoning and compartmentalisation - **Article 4.4.7.**

►► **Establishment of a containment zone  
& Reinstatement of the free status  
of the rest of the country or zone**



## 2 OPTIONS for establishing a containment zone – Article 4.4.7.

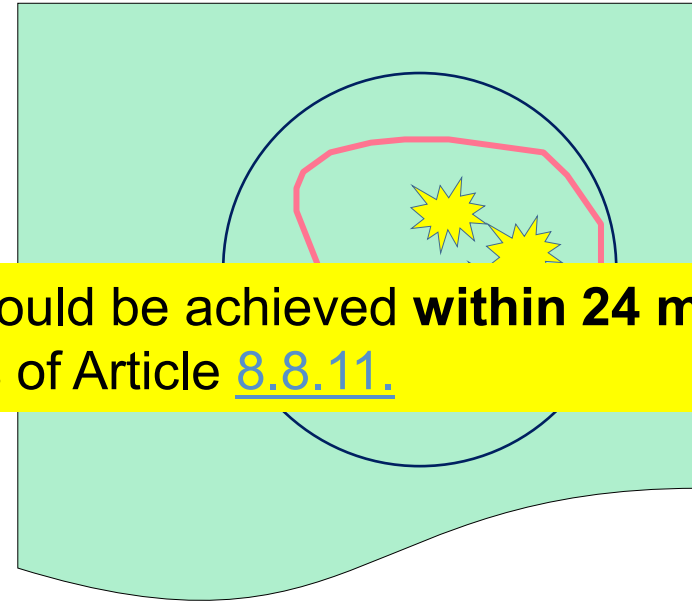
Option 4.4.7. a)



The recovery of the free status of the *containment zone* should be achieved **within 24 months** of its approval and follow the provisions of Article [8.8.11](#).

No outbreaks > 2 incubation periods (28d)  
after the disposal of the last detected case  
Case in the containment zone (**purple**)  
will result in suspension

Option 4.4.7. b)



Cases may continue to occur (inner zone; **pink**)  
Case in outer zone (**dark blue** circle) will result  
in suspension

## Requirements for Recovery of FMD-free without vaccination status – Article 8.8.11. Point 1 & 2

### 1. Minimum 3 months waiting period:

- stamping-out policy
  - disposal of the last animal killed, **without** emergency vaccination,
  - disposal of the last animal killed or the slaughter of all vaccinated animals, whichever occurred last, **with** emergency vaccination

### 2. Minimum 6 months waiting period:

- stamping-out policy
  - disposal of the last animal killed or the last vaccination, whichever occurred last, serological survey based on the detection of antibodies to NSP of FMDV to demonstrate no transmission of FMDV in the vaccinated population
- Reduced to 3 months – submit sufficient evidence demonstrating absence of infection. (Art. 8.8.43.7)

► **FMD-free with vaccination:** continued vaccination policy has been adopted. Adoption by World Assembly of Delegates at WOAHA General Session



## SOP on Suspension and Recovery of Officially Recognised Animal Health Status

- Fast-track assessment by the Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases

*“ World Assembly decides to delegate to the Scientific Commission the authority to recognise, without further Assembly consultation, reinstatement of a Member or a zone within its territory...”*
- Preliminary screening by Status Department → Evaluation by the Scientific Commission
- Scientific Commission may request the input of FMD ad hoc Group experts, based on different factors, e.g. distribution of the outbreaks, the nature and quality of the data...etc.



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### Suspension\_SOP

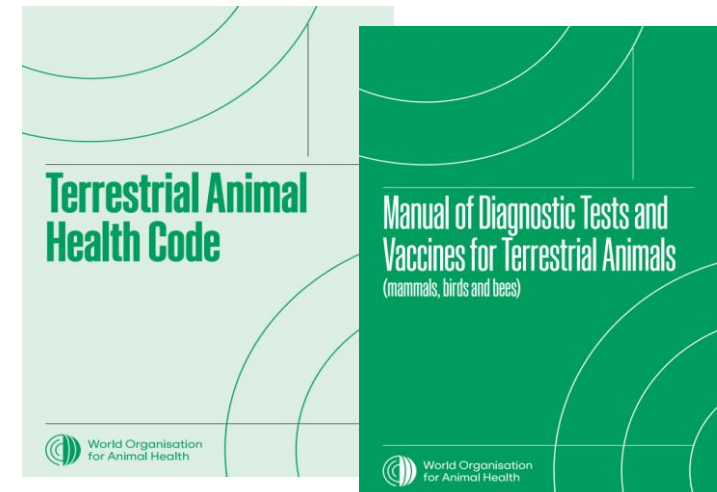
#### Standard Operating Procedures on suspension, recovery or withdrawal of officially recognised animal health status and withdrawal of the endorsement of official control programmes of Members

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## Final remarks

- Ensure regular submission of **WAHIS** follow-up reports & closing of outbreaks and event.
- Consult the **SOP on suspension, recovery of officially recognised animal health status**
- Refer to the **WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code**.
- Contact WOAHP Status Department ([disease.status@woah.org](mailto:disease.status@woah.org)) for any clarification or confirmation regarding the procedures, provisions or relevant documented evidence to be provided.





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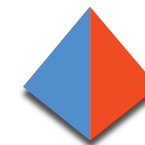
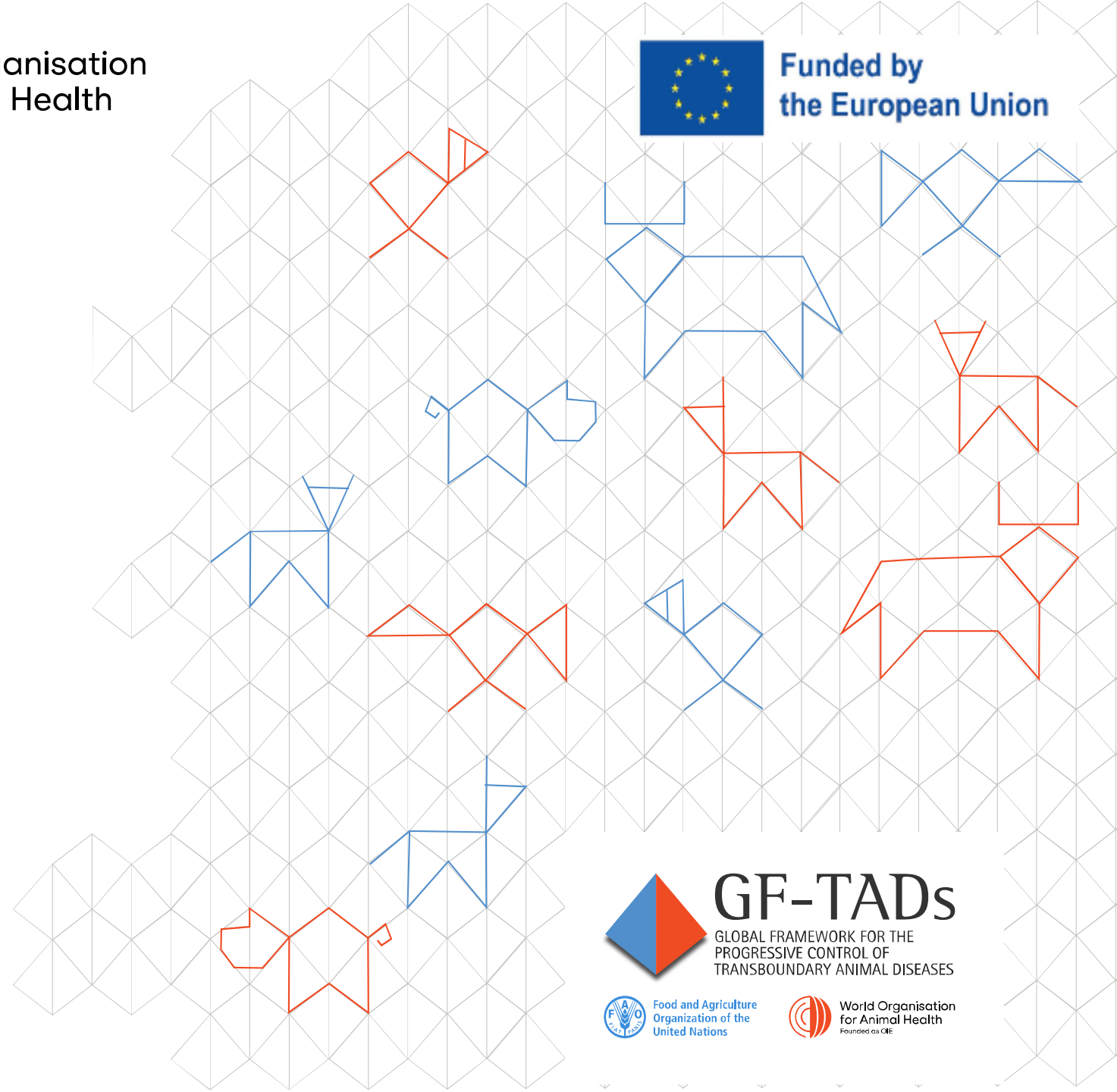


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