





1st GF-TADs Regional Conference in the European region

Update on ADEWB II support to WB countries

Capacity Building of Veterinary and Plant Services in the Western Balkans - Lot 1 - Animal Health (ADEWB II-SANTE/2022/EA-OP/0001)
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ADEWB II Project: Basic information

- Project Title: "Capacity building of veterinary and plant health services in the Western Balkans Lot 1 Animal Health" ADEWB II
- ➤ Financing and Contracting Authority: European Union / EC DG SANTE and DG NEAR
- **▶ Procurement reference No:** SANTE/2022/EA-OP/0001
- Contractor: Agriconsulting Europe SA (AESA) in consortium with Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Ambruzzo e del Molise (IZSAM Teramo)
- ➤ Project stakeholders: Veterinary competent authorities of Western Balkan countries
- **Duration:** July 2022 − December 2025

ADEWB II Project

Overall objectives:

- >Improve animal health by strengthening veterinary capacity
- ➤ Develop an Animal Health Control system aligned with EU accession requirements
- ➤ Enable exports to the EU and achieve WOAH-recognized disease-free status

≻Support areas:

- ▶ Category A diseases surveillance, preparedness, control, eradication, biosecurity, public awareness, WOAH dossiers
- ➤ Laboratories networking, lab contingency plans and simulation exercises, NRL
- **≻Legislation** approximation
- ➤ Organization of veterinary services strengthen audit systems
- **➤** Regional cooperation

ASF; CSF

- Surveillance: Regional framework & national plans aligned with EU standards
- **WOAH dossiers**: Support for freedom-from-CSF status applications
- ➤ Biosecurity: Practical recommendations for pig farms and veterinary services
- **Emergency preparedness:** Development of contingency plans

PPR

- Risk countries: Serbia, North Macedonia, Albania ad-hoc surveillance support
- >Surveillance: Manual aligned with EU legislation (2025).
- **WOAH dossiers**: Guidance on freedom-from-PPR status

Emergency preparedness: Contingency plans & simulation exercises



- Surveillance: Gap analysis & regional webinars conducted
- ➤ National Plans: Preparation of surveillance plans underway
- **Emergency preparedness:** Development of contingency plans

Rabies

Rabies elimination programme – regional recommendations and

> Rabies vaccination

- ➤ Assessment of ORV campaigns in Western Balkans
- ➤ Support countries in regional coordination of ORV
- >Support countries in definition of technical specifications

| 2018 Autumn | AL | BiH | ко* | MN | MK | RS |
|-------------------------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|
| ORV Implemented | | | | | | |
| Bait denisty (baits/m2) | 20.1 | | 22.3 | 20.5 | 19.7 | 22.1 |
| Distance between baits | | | | | | |
| (median in metres) | 104 | | 83 | 95 | 93 | 88 |
| Non-covered target | | | | | | |
| area (in %) | 2.75 | | 6.85 | 2.32 | 8.27 | 2.19 |



Cross – cutting issues

Laboratories: SOPs, NRL designation, contingency plans, simulation exercises

- > Public Awareness: Manuals, campaigns, farmer/public engagement
- > Regional cooperation:
 - ➤ Western Balkan CVO Forum for communication and cooperation
 - ➤ Platform to support data collection for priority GF TADs

Platform to support data collection for priority GF TADs

- Purpose: Standardize data collection & analysis for priority TADs.
- **Objectives:**
 - Facilitate national-level data sharing with GF-TADs Secretariat.
 - >Provide predefined reports and analytical tools for decision-making
- ➤ Alignment: EC, WOAH, GF-TADs avoid duplication & ensure compliance
 - ➤ ADEWB II: Provide technical solutions, licensing, and funding. Support migration to WOAH infrastructure.
 - **WOAH**: Provide technical advise, confirm alignment with WOAH standards
 - **EC**: Monitor the implementation and assure alignment with EU standards.

≻Current status:

- ASF completed (application tested by four participating countries: Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia and Latvia)
- ➤ Rabies in advanced phase
- > Following confirmation, work will proceed with the other priority TADs

Thank you for your attention

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