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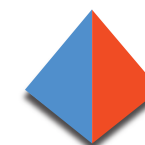
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Joint Workshop of the GF-TADs West Eurasia for Foot and Mouth Disease and Peste des Petits Ruminants Regional Roadmaps

Outcomes of the 1st GF- TADs Europe Conference



(Dr Vasili Basiladze) 11-13/November/2025, Dushanbe, Tajikistan



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GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE
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- 2 plenary Sessions, 6 priority disease specific sessions;
- Purpose: Share regional experiences, technical advancements, and collaborative strategies for TADs;
- Participants: Veterinary authorities, SGE members, regional networks; 42 countries, 110 participants. These included: CVOs, senior officials from across the region, as well as staff from FAO, WOAHA, and DG SANTE. Additionally, 180 connections online.
- Focus Areas, priority disease- PPR, HPAI, Rabies, ASF, FMD and LSD;



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1st GF-TADs Regional Conference of Standing Groups of Experts on priority transboundary animal diseases in the European region

22-25 September 2025, Belgrade, Serbia

Venue: Hotel Falkenstein, Bulevar Mihaila Pupina 10K, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia
<https://www.falkenstein.com/en/hotel-belgrade>

For online participants:
<https://join.zoom.us/j/92701846305>

Final draft Agenda

22 September			
Side Events by invitation			
Official Dinner			
Day 1, Tuesday, 23 September			
Opening Session	Time, CET	Title	Speaker
	8:30	Welcome remarks	Dr Budimir Plavšić
	8:30-8:50	Opening remarks	Dr Budimir Plavšić (WOAH IR), Regional GF-TADs Secretariat Dr Violet Gusu (FAO IR/IR), Assistant of DG of TAC Dr Bernard Van Goethem (DG SANTE, President of GF-TADs for Europe) Prof Dragan Glamocic, H.E. Minister of Agriculture of Serbia
		Group photo	
Session 1: Plenary 1			Chair - Dr Bernard Van Goethem
8:50-9:00	Report of activities under GF-TADs in Europe: 2024-2025		Dr Bernard Van Goethem
9:00-9:15	Update from 12 th RSC of GF-TADs for Europe		Dr Budimir Plavšić
9:15-9:25	Update from GF-TADs Management Committee		Dr Mehdiur Dinegar (FAO) and Dr Baba Soumare (DDG WOAH)
9:25-9:40	Update from WOAH - WAAHS: epidemiological situation of priority diseases, transparency in notification		Dr Peter Melens (WAAHS Department, WOAH)
9:40-9:55	Update from FAO - Activities in Europe and Central Asia		Dr Mark Hovatt (FAO)
9:55-10:10	Update from WOAH		Dr Alexandre Fedisevsky Interim Head of Preparedness and Resilience Department (WOAH)

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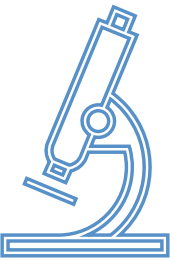


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- Regional coordination through SGEs and RAGs;
- Evidence-based, cross-border, multi-disease strategies;
- Integration of scientific, operational, and policy approaches;

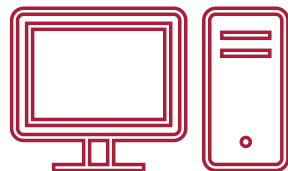


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- Regional Progress (SGE-LSD 2016–2025): Harmonized control strategies, improved surveillance, and knowledge exchange across countries;
- Country Experiences:
 - *Kazakhstan; Italy; France; Switzerland;*
- Lab Support: EU/WOAH RL advanced diagnostics, virus characterization & regional data sharing;
- Key Insights from Discussion: Vaccination Barriers; Surveillance Needs; Sample Sharing;
- Conclusion:
Sustained regional coordination, vaccination, surveillance & transparent data sharing are critical to effective LSD control under GF-TADs Europe.



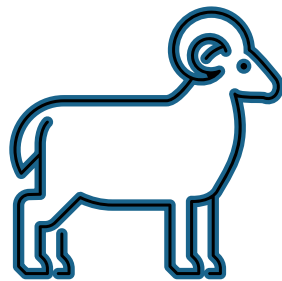
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- Regional Roadmap activities (Western Eurasia);
- Country experiences: Romania, Albania, Türkiye, Georgia, Azerbaijan and Kosovo*;
- Challenges: Animal movement, early detection, stakeholder engagement, funding;
- Recommendations: Harmonized vaccination, strengthened surveillance, SGE

establishment;

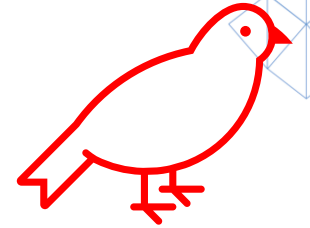


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- National experiences: Serbia, France, Netherlands;
- Global coordination: OFFLU, WHO One Health framework;
- Challenges: Wildlife surveillance, vaccination acceptance, trade restrictions;
- Recommendations: Evidence-based surveillance, One Health integration, regional cooperation;

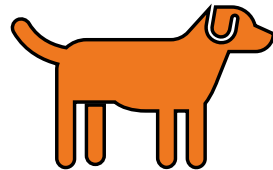
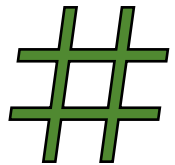


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- ORV campaigns and surveillance success stories;
- Re-emergence risks in eastern Europe highlighted;
- Key factors: Passive surveillance, cross-border cooperation, sustainable ORV;
- Recommendations: Maintain rabies-free status through integrated control measures;



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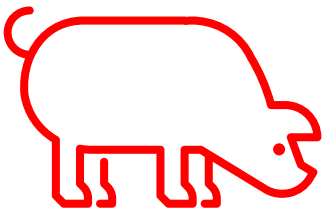


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- Regional collaboration via SGE ASF;
- Key control measures: Biosecurity, wild boar management, contingency planning;
- Digital tools for surveillance and outbreak management;
- Recommendations: Integrated farm-level biosecurity, stakeholder engagement, simulation exercises;



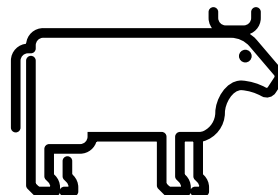
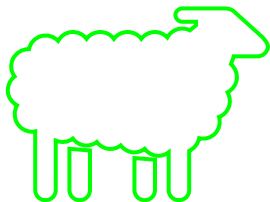
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- Member experiences: Hungary, Slovakia, Türkiye;
- Virus genomics & strain comparison for targeted interventions;
- WOAH guidance on regaining FMD-free status;
- Key risks: Livestock movement, poor biosecurity;
- Recommendations: Early detection, movement control, vaccination, stamping-out

strategies;



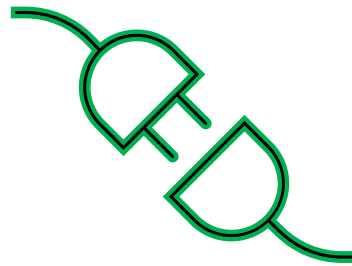
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- **High-risk factors per disease:** Livestock movement, wildlife reservoirs, poor biosecurity;
- **Most effective measures:** Early detection, rapid response, integrated biosecurity, vaccination;
- **Cross-cutting themes:** Human-mediated risks, regional coordination, adaptable contingency plans;



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- **FAO Virtual Learning Centre (VLC):** Remote training & knowledge dissemination;
- **EuFMD Training:** Technical competencies, outbreak response;
- **REMESA Network:** Regional coordination for TADs & zoonoses;
- **ADEWB II:** Support for Western Balkans (surveillance, vaccination, lab strengthening);
- **FAO/IAEA APH Section:** Operational support & regional preparedness;

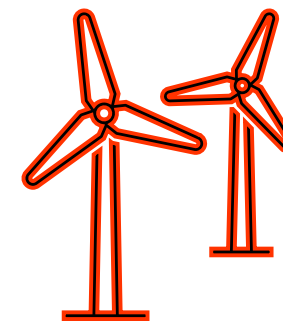


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- Regional collaboration and SGEs as cornerstone;
- Surveillance & genomic tools for evidence-based action;
- Biosecurity & movement control critical for outbreak prevention;
- Vaccination strategies context-specific;
- One Health approach for zoonotic threats;

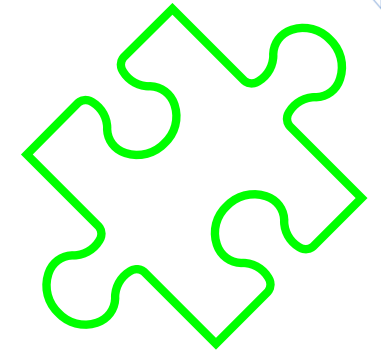


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- Strengthen cross-border coordination & regional networks
- Harmonize vaccination and contingency strategies
- Invest in digital platforms & training for veterinary services
- Prioritize early detection & rapid response
- Maintain stakeholder engagement & public awareness

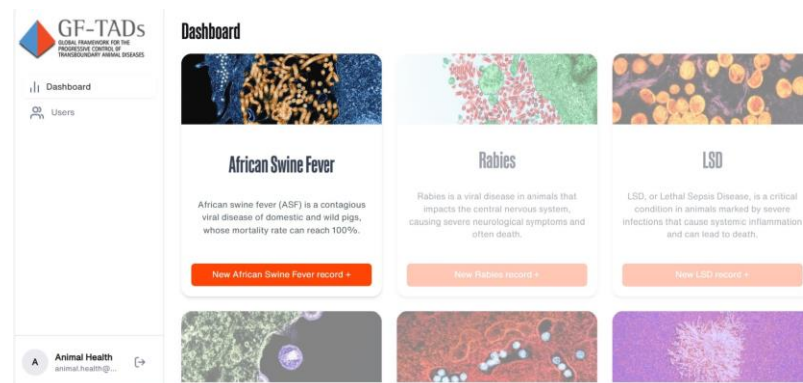


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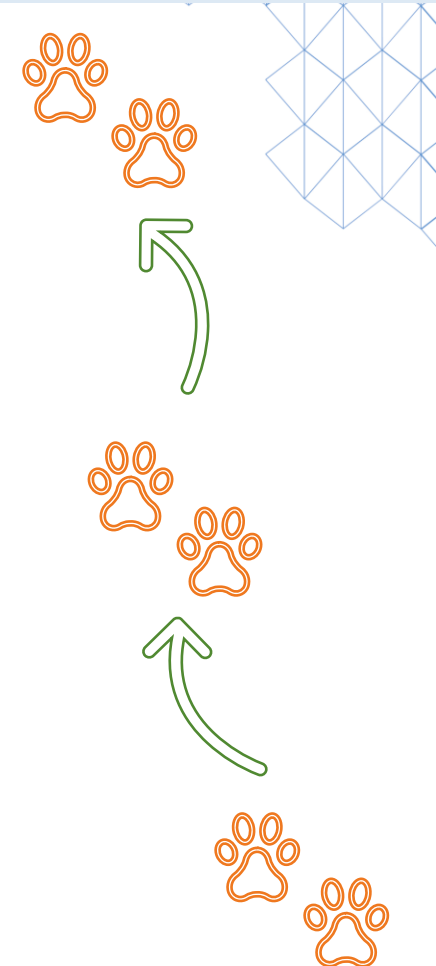
- Implementation of regional roadmaps;
- Expand SGE and RAG coordination;
- Continue capacity-building programs (VLC, EuFMD, REMESA, ADEWB II);
- Monitor emerging threats and adapt strategies;



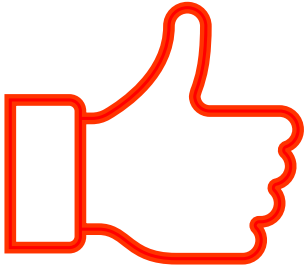
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- GF-TADs Europe, FAO, WOAHA, DG-SANTE, member countries, SGE & RAG participants;
- Technical partners and presenters;



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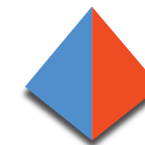
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