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From Samarkand to Riga

Follow-up on Regional Recommendations and Priorities for Future Action

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Two forward-looking recommendations

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RECOMMENDATION 1

One Health & pandemic prevention and preparedness

The role of Animal Health and Veterinary Services in One Health and pandemic prevention and preparedness.

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RECOMMENDATION 2

Digitalisation of Veterinary Services

Advancements in Veterinary Services through digitalisation: data management, veterinary information systems, big data, meta language and artificial intelligence.

Both recommendations were unanimously adopted by the Regional Commission.

RECOMMENDATION 1

One Health and pandemic preparedness



Political support and ***advocacy*** for One Health, building **trust** across government, health, academic and private-sector stakeholders.



Legal frameworks enabling intersectoral collaboration and information sharing.



National One Health coordination mechanisms and platforms.



Sufficient, sustainable **funding** based on risk-based priorities.



Leadership and visibility of **Veterinary Services** within One Health.



Use of PVS, National Bridging Workshops and other **operational tools**.



Training, capacity building, monitoring, evaluation and simulation exercises.



Economic arguments on return on investment and the cost of inaction.

Follow-up on One Health



1. Strong engagement of Members and Quadripartite partners across regional One Health activities.
2. WOAH Seminar in Athens focused on operationalising the One Health Joint Plan of Action in the veterinary field.
3. Continued work through the Regional One Health Coordination Mechanism, with WHO, FAO and UNEP.
4. Practical focus on governance, preparedness, surveillance, AMR, zoonoses, vector-borne diseases, workforce and financing.

One Health: gaps and needs

Operationalisation of national coordination mechanisms remains uneven.

Legal mandates and institutional responsibilities are not always clear.

Sustainable financing and investment planning remain major structural gaps.

Data sharing, joint risk assessment and integrated surveillance need further development.

Monitoring and evaluation frameworks are still limited.

Workforce development and practical use of One Health tools need continued support.

Economic evidence on costs, cost of inaction and return on investment is still insufficient.

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RECOMMENDATION 2

Digitalisation of Veterinary Services



Include animal health and welfare in national digital transformation policies.



Improve data quality, harmonisation, metadata, data dictionaries and security.



Develop IT systems and legal frameworks for data collection, analysis and sharing.



Use data more effectively for risk assessment, communication and decision-making.



Promote multidisciplinary collaboration with data scientists, IT specialists, academia and the private sector.



Explore AI and machine learning for animal health data and real-time risk alerts.



Use PVS Information System data to identify priorities and support investment advocacy.



Continue WOAH's own digital transformation, promoting equitable and inclusive access for all Members.



Expand veterinary education support to include digitalisation.

Follow-up on digitalisation

Progress with ADIS–WAHIS interconnection and continued work on reporting efficiency and transparency.

WAHIS improvements and stronger regional discussions on reporting practices and data use.

Use of the PVS Information System to support strategic planning and investment cases.

Launch and development of digital tools supporting access to WOAH standards and technical information.

Development of the GF-TADs Europe SGE Data Platform through EU-funded activities.

The SGE Data Platform supports regional coordination without duplicating WAHIS/ADIS reporting.

Growing regional focus on epidemic intelligence, forecasting, foresight, AI and animal health intelligence.

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REMAINING GAPS

Digitalisation: gaps and needs

Uneven digital capacities among Members and Veterinary Services.

Interoperability between national, regional and international systems remains limited.

Data quality, comparability and metadata need further harmonisation.

Legal, ethical and governance frameworks for data use and AI continue to evolve.

Animal health data remain under-used for decision-making in many settings.

Veterinary Services need stronger skills in data science, epidemiology and digital risk communication.

The next step: move from isolated digital tools towards integrated animal health intelligence.

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Cross-cutting progress since Samarkand

GF-TADs Europe strengthened as a regional coordination mechanism, including Standing Groups of Experts.

Preparedness and emergency response have gained stronger visibility in regional work.

PVS Pathway and capacity-building activities continue to support Veterinary Services.

Reporting, transparency and standards implementation remain central regional priorities.

Cooperation with FAO, WHO, UNEP, the European Commission and other partners has continued to expand.

Regional work increasingly links technical action with investment, resilience and strategic planning.

AT A GLANCE

Qualitative dashboard: progress, gaps and follow-up

Area	Progress since Samarkand	Remaining gap	Riga follow-up
One Health	Strong regional momentum	Operationalisation and financing	One Health session
Preparedness	More regional activities	Uneven capacities	Biosecurity; emergency mgmt.; PPR/SGP
Digitalisation	WAHIS, ADIS, PVS IS, data tools	Interoperability and data quality	Reporting; epidemic intelligence; SGE
Sustainable financing	Recognised as a priority	Limited economic evidence	Economics and investment discussion
Standards	Active regional dialogue	Need stronger participation	Standard-setting; Code Commission
Monitoring	Follow-up exists	Need clearer indicators	8th Strategic Plan / Europe Roadmap

Conference in Riga should help move from descriptive follow-up to more measurable regional implementation.

INTERACTIVE SESSION · 5–7 MINUTES

From follow-up to future priorities: Members' feedback

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QUESTION 1

Where do you see the most visible progress since the Samarkand recommendations?

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QUESTION 2

Where should WOAH Europe and Members focus stronger follow-up after Riga?

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One concrete suggestion to improve follow-up of Regional Conference recommendations.

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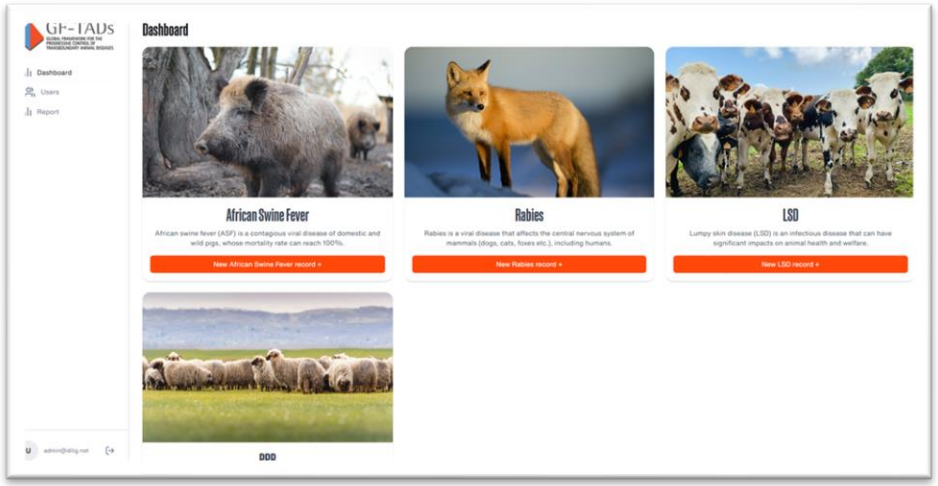
FROM GAP TO ACTION

How Riga builds on Samarkand

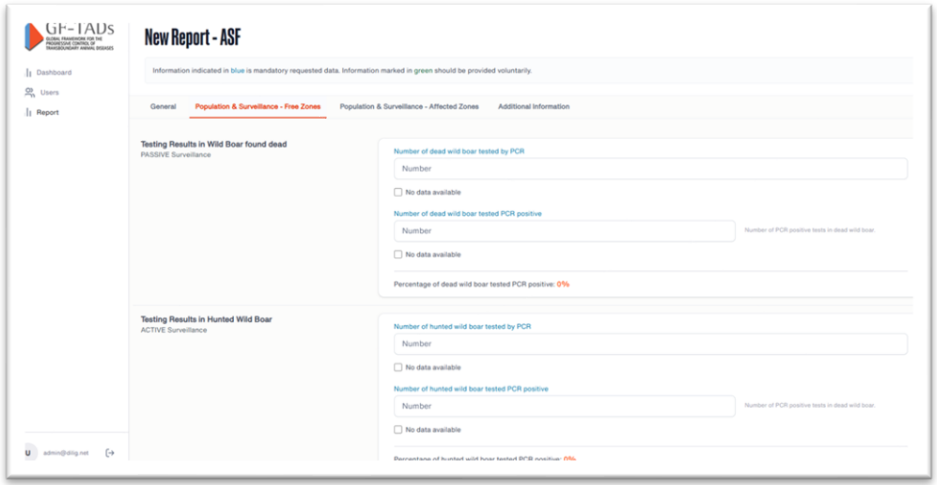
One Health and pandemic preparedness	→	Dedicated One Health session
Sustainable financing and cost of inaction	→	Investment in Animal Health / economics discussion
Digitalisation and animal health data	→	ADIS-WAHIS, reporting, epidemic intelligence, SGE Data Platform (GF-TADs-Europe)
Preparedness and emergency response	→	Biosecurity, emergency management, PPR/SGP
Standards and implementation	→	Standard-setting process and Code Commission update
Measurable follow-up	→	8th Strategic Plan / Europe Regional Roadmap

The Conference programme in Riga is designed as a continuation of the Samarkand agenda.

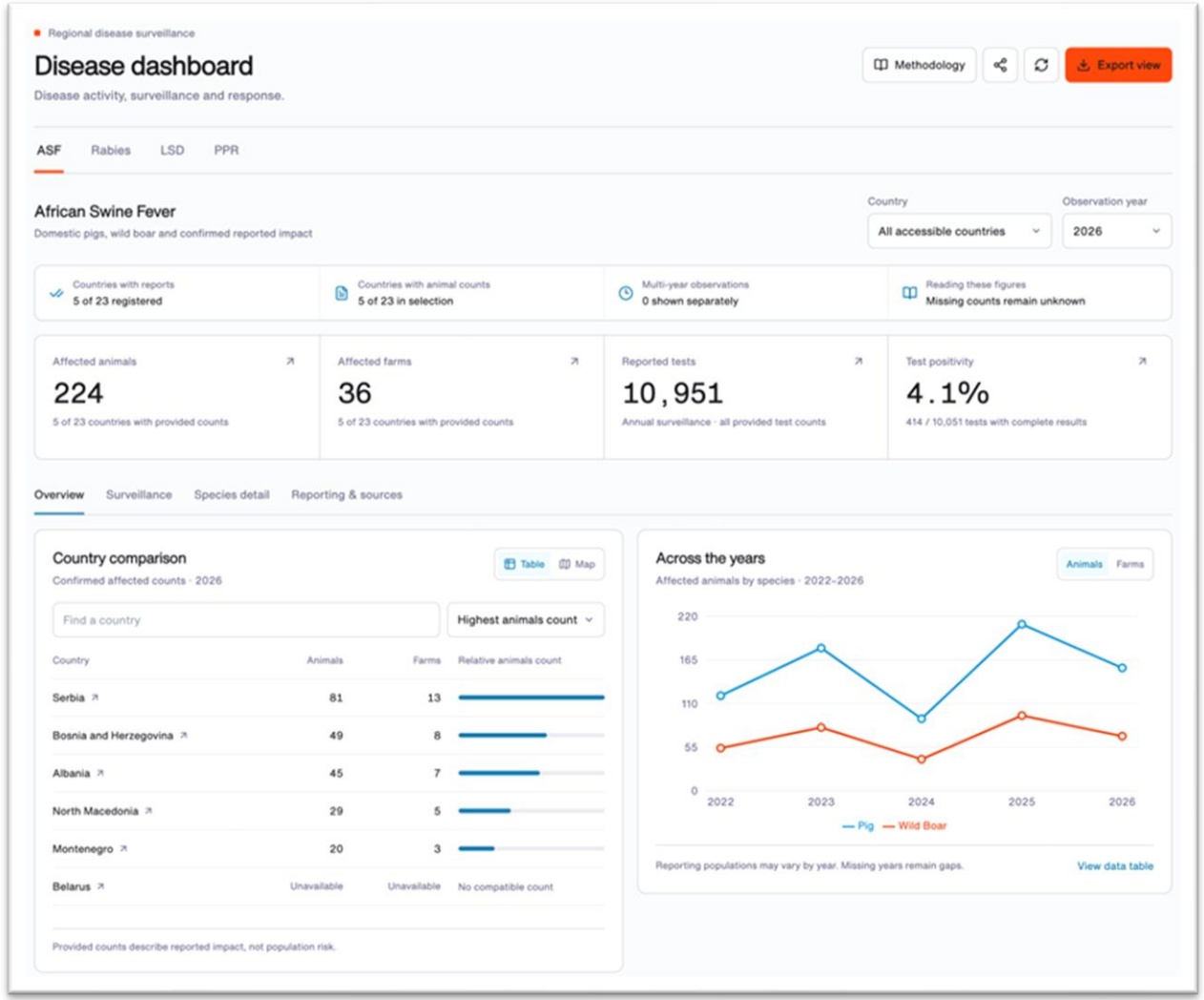
SGE Data Platform (GF-TADs Europe)



Multi-disease dashboard (ASF, Rabies, LSD, PPR)



Structured country reporting form



Regional disease dashboard – cross-country surveillance analytics

From recommendations to regional roadmap

2024

WOAH 31st Conference, Samarkand

Gave the region its direction.

2026

WOAH 32nd Conference, Riga

Moving from recommendations towards measurable implementation, aligned with the 8th Strategic Plan.

2027–2031

Europe Regional Roadmap

Translating regional priorities into the Regional Work Plan Framework.

Thank you

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3 takeaways from Riga

1 One Health momentum

Stronger regional coordination since 2024 — financing and operationalisation remain the key gap.

2 Digitalisation is advancing

Progress with WAHIS/ADIS and new data platforms — interoperability is the next frontier.

3 A roadmap, not just recommendations

Europe moves next towards a measurable Regional Work Plan Framework 2027–2031.