

**First Meeting  
of the  
Regional Steering Committee of the FAO/OIE GF-TADs for Europe**  
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Recommendation No. 3

**Prevention, control and eradication of rabies in Europe**

CONSIDERING THAT

During the past few years, Europe has witnessed the re-emergence of rabies in some countries,

The rabies virus is capable of affecting many wildlife species and maintaining a permanent viral circulation,

New scientific and technological knowledge for the prevention and detection of rabies could contribute to the development of safer and more efficacious vaccines, diagnostic tests and preventive and control methods,

Some countries in Europe urgently need assistance to control the disease and prevent the spread to unaffected countries,

The OIE, FAO, WHO and the EC have recognised the important threat posed by the presence of rabies in Europe,

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RECOMMENDS THAT

1. Countries of the region implement the recommendations of the OIE First international Conference on “Rabies in Europe” held in Kiev, Ukraine from 15 to 18 June 2005
2. The EC and other bilateral donors provide through the FAO/OIE GF-TADs, necessary technical assistance for affected countries of the Region to control the disease in animals.