



Regional action on animal disease eradication in the Western Balkan

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Objectives:

To control and eradicate important animal diseases in the Western Balkans, in particular those diseases that continue to be a threat to EU Member States.

To establish a solid cross border cooperation platform with the veterinary services in neighbour countries and EU Member States.

To improve the access of agriculture products from the Western Balkans to the internal market and to non-EU countries markets.

If the Western Balkans have a different animal health status to the rest of the EU at accession they cannot safely trade (internally) with the other parts of the EU .

An important focus of this project actions is to support to disease eradication efforts between countries, including domestic projects in the Western Balkans.

The actions is expected to generate the following results:

Ensure that the West Balkan countries are ready for accession to the EU from a sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) perspective.

Ensure capacity building of the veterinary services including the laboratories of the beneficiary countries.

Ensure that it becomes possible to achieve official disease free status recognised by the OIE.

Ensure that the region has developed a closely integrated cooperation with their neighbouring countries, both in the Western Balkans and with the EU.

Specific work

Improvement of the epidemiological situation as regards important animal diseases in the whole of the Western Balkans

Improvement of the regional multi country and international cooperation between veterinary services in the Western Balkans in animal disease control

Supporting the performance of veterinary services in the Western Balkans

Activities:

To avoid duplication of the work from other projects in the region one of the task was to establish a general overview of ongoing projects in the region and to set up cooperation where appropriate and possible.

As part of the interregional cooperation activities the CVO`s of the beneficiary countries have agreed to establish: "The Western Balkan CVO Forum".

The intension is to hold 2 yearly meetings where mutual animal disease control strategies are discussed as well as other relevant issues,

Other activities:

To review existing legislation in the beneficiary's countries and suggest recommendations so the existing legislation will conform the EU legislation with a special focus on the animal health law.

Technical assistance to achieve disease free status recognized by OIE.

Evaluation of existing contingency plans
on transmissible animal disease with
suggestions for improvement.

This current project is ending ultimo April 2022.

We are waiting for the approval of a new three-year project in the Western Balkans.

”Capacity building of veterinary and plant health services in the Western Balkans”

Hopefully the project action plan will be approved by DG NEAR ultimo December 2021.

The intention is that this project continues the work of the current work.

Web page:

<https://www.adewb.eu/Brochure%20ADEWB%20project%206319%20FI%2030%2003%202020.pdf>