



GF-TADS for Europe Fifth Meeting of the Regional Steering Committee

AFSCA, Brussels October 8 – 9 2013

Recommendation No.1

Governance Mechanisms of GF-TADS for Europe

CONSIDERING

1. The importance of animal health on food safety and food security;
2. The impact of Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs) on animal and public health, the agricultural sector, trade and the means of existence of small breeders and farmers, stressing the need to combine efforts to combat the diseases at national, regional and global levels involving all relevant stakeholders;
3. The Cooperation Agreement for the promotion of the joint FAO-OIE initiative “Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases” (GF-TADS) signed in 24 May 2004 establishing a facilitating mechanism to empower regional alliances in the fight against TADs, providing capacity building and assisting in specific control of certain TADs based on regional priorities;
4. The set up in October 2005 of the Regional Steering Committee of the GF-TADS for Europe (and its Secretariat) in order to ensure regional coordination and monitor progress for field interventions, laboratory strategic support, and epidemiological evaluation of disease events and control efforts; the RSC and regional Secretariat operate in accordance to their ToRs endorsed during the RSC3;
5. The Regional Steering Committee of the GF-TADS for Europe is composed of representatives of Chief Veterinary Officers (OIE Delegates), representatives of the Regional Specialised Organisations (RSOs) involved with animal health, specific donors, and representatives of centralised and regional structures of the FAO and OIE;
6. The outcomes of the previous GF-TADS Global Steering Committee meetings, notably of the 5th meeting (GS5) held in Paris in October 2012; and in particular, their recommendations with regards to the GF-TADS Action Plans at global and regional levels;
7. The outcomes of the previous meetings of the GF-TADS for Europe Steering Committee, notably of the 4th meeting (RSC4) held in Brussels in January 2012; in addition to two recommendations , a GF-TADS for Europe 5-year Action Plan was adopted and serves as a collective framework for the prevention and control of priority diseases in Europe;

8. The FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (Budapest, Hungary), the OIE Regional Representation for Eastern Europe (Sofia, Bulgaria) and the OIE Sub-Regional Representation in Brussels have the mandate of promoting political will and commitment of the relevant Ministries of the countries that they oversee. As with the OIE Regional Commission, the FAO and the OIE representations are critical to participate in overseeing implementation of the GF-TADs objectives and developing additional financial support;
9. The existing global tools such as the FAO-OIE-WHO GLEWS, FAO-OIE CMC-AH and OIE-FAO OFFLU to prevent, detect and control animal diseases worldwide; the Regional Networks of laboratories; the several initiatives on the prevention and control of animal diseases in Europe; the Regional Support Units (RSUs) and the need for institutional and financial arrangements to provide sustainability to such initiatives;

THE GF-TADS FOR EUROPE STEERING COMMITTEE DECIDES

1. To endorse the amended composition of the GF-TADs for Europe Steering Committee (list of members at *Annex 1*), with (i) the new appointment of the Chief Veterinary Officer of Belgium (as a EU member representative) who takes the seat left vacant by the CVO of Spain¹ and (ii) the 'transfer' of appointment from former to incoming CVOs of Serbia and Portugal.
2. To submit the revised ToRs of the GF-TADs for Europe Secretariat and Steering Committee to the Global Steering of the GF-TADs for validation.
3. To endorse the revised GF-TADs for Europe 5-year Action Plan (2012-2016) – hereafter referred to as "the Action Plan" – notably with regards to (i) point 22 on the GF-TADs labelling of events, (ii) Annex 2 on Expected results and eligible activities, to ensure consistent alignment with the Global GF-TADs 5-year Action Plan, and (iii) Annex 3 on First year of implementation of the GF-TADs for Europe Action Plan (2012-2013).

THE GF-TADS FOR EUROPE STEERING COMMITTEE TAKES NOTE OF:

1. The establishment of the new OIE Representation in Moscow, Russia, which will play a role to support GF-TADs activities in Eastern Europe.
2. The establishment of a 'sub-regional FMD Coordination unit Office' in Astana, Kazakhstan, which will play a role to support FMD activities in Central Asia in cooperation with FAO.
3. The commitment of EuFMD, FAO and OIE to cooperate closely in matters of common interest pertaining to the international control of FMD, under the GF-TADs umbrella.

THE GF-TADS FOR EUROPE STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT

1. The Action Plan (*revised version*) continue to be implemented.
2. Stakeholders in Europe further use the opportunity to request the GF-TADs label of regional events, to ensure greater visibility and consistency with regional strategies and policies for the region.

Encl: revised GF-TADs for Europe 5-year Action Plan

¹ The CVO of Spain now stands in the RSC in his capacity as member of the Bureau of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe

Annex 1 – Composition of the GF-TADs Steering Committee (RSC5, 2013)

Position	Name	Country
Chairman of the SC	Bernard Van Goethem	European Commission
Vice Chairman of SC (Delegate non-EU)	Evgeny Neplokonov	Russia
Vice Chairman of SC (Delegate EU)	Teresa Villa de Brito*	Portugal
Country Representative (Delegate non-EU)	Slobodan Sibalic*	Serbia
Country Representative (Delegate EU)	Pierre Naassens*	Belgium
Country Representative (Pres. RC Eur.)	Ago Pärtel	Estonia
Country Representative (Vice-Pres. RC Eur.)	Ivan Bisiuk	Ukraine
Country Representative (Vice-Pres. RC Eur.)	Lucio Carbajo Goñi	Spain
Country Representative (Secr. Gen. RC Eur.)	Nihat Pakdil	Turkey
OIE HQ	Bernard Vallat	OIE DG Paris
FAO HQ	Juan Lubroth	FAO CVO Rome
OIE Reg Rep	Nikola Belev	OIE Regional Representative
FAO Reg Rep	Andriy Rozstalnyy	FAO Regional Representative
Donors	C. Plante P. Facelli P. Steinmetz / JJ Soula	WB Italy France
WHO	Hilde Kruse	WHO Regional Representative
Regional Specialized Organisations	A. Laddomada U. Herzog	EC EuFMD

* New members appointed in 2013