



# GF-TADS

GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE  
PROGRESSIVE CONTROL OF  
TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES



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## **GF-TADS for Europe Sixth Meeting of the Regional Steering Committee**

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Recommendation No.1

### **Governance Mechanisms of GF-TADS for Europe**

#### CONSIDERING

- The importance of animal health on food safety and food security;
- 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;
- 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;
- 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;
- 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;
- The outcomes of the previous GF-TADS Global Steering Committee meetings, notably of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting (GS6) held in Paris in October 2014; and in particular, their recommendations with regards to the GF-TADS Action Plans at global and regional levels;
- The outcomes of the previous meetings of the GF-TADS for Europe Steering Committee, notably of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting (RSC5) held in Brussels in October 2013 during which, 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;
- The FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (Budapest, Hungary), the OIE Regional Representation for Eastern Europe (Sofia, Bulgaria), the OIE Regional Representation based in Moscow, the sub-regional FMD Coordination unit Office (Astana, Kazakhstan) 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

for Europe, the FAO and the OIE representations are critical to participate in overseeing implementation of the GF-TADs objectives and developing additional financial support;

- 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 recent Approach developed by the Global GF-TADs Secretariat to consolidate the GF-TADs mechanism at global and regional level, based on the Logical Framework Approach (results framework and indicator definitions);

## THE GF-TADS FOR EUROPE STEERING COMMITTEE DECIDES

1. To appoint Dr B. Van Goethem (EC/DG SANTE) as Chairman of the GF-TADs for Europe Steering Committee, for a second 4-year mandate, starting as of September 2015;
2. To endorse the amended composition of the GF-TADs for Europe Steering Committee (list of members in *Annex 1*), with (i) the new appointment of the Chief Veterinary Officer of Austria (as a EU member representative) who takes the seat left vacant by the CVO of Portugal; (ii) the new appointment of the Chief Veterinary Officer of Kazakhstan (as a non EU member representative) who takes the seat left vacant by the CVO of Serbia<sup>1</sup> and (iii) the 'transfer' of appointment from former to incoming CVO of Belgium;
3. To appoint the Chief Veterinary Officers of Austria and Russia as vice-Presidents of the GF-TADs for Europe Steering Committee;

## THE GF-TADS FOR EUROPE STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT

1. The first GF-TADs for Europe Action Plan 2012-2016 (*revised version*) continue to be implemented;
2. The Secretariat start the preparation of the second Action Plan 2017-2021 in 2016, to be submitted for adoption during the Seventh meeting of the GF-TADs for Europe Steering Committee (RSC7, 2017); the new Plan to be adopted will embrace the principles of the Logical Framework Approach, including notably the identification of risks and assumptions which may impact the results;
3. The GF-TADs for Europe contribute actively to the pilot phase of the use of GF-TADs key performance indicators and bring constructive advice to the Global Steering Committee to ensure the final approach be meaningful;
4. 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 (the labelization process will follow the new Guidelines proposed by the Global GF-TADs Secretariat);
5. GF-TADs Europe strengthen its collaboration with REMESA on common priority diseases, in particular on FMD prevention and control activities;

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<sup>1</sup> The Delegate of Serbia 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 (RSC6, 2015)

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Country</b>
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)	Ulrich Herzog*	Austria
Country Representative (Delegate non-EU)	Samat Tuylebayev*	Kazakhstan
Country Representative (Delegate EU)	Philippe Houdard*	Belgium
Country Representative (Pres. RC Eur.)	Ago Pärtel	Estonia
Country Representative (Vice-Pres. RC Eur.)	Siala Rustamova	Azerbaijan
Country Representative (Vice-Pres. RC Eur.)	Lucio Carbajo Goñi	Spain
Country Representative (Secr. Gen. RC Eur.)	Budimir Plavsic	Serbia
OIE HQ	Bernard Vallat	OIE DG Paris
FAO HQ	Juan Lubroth	FAO CVO Rome
OIE Reg Rep	Nikola Belev Kazimieras Lukauskas Mereke Taitubayev	OIE Regional Representatives
FAO Reg Rep	Andriy Rozstalnyy	FAO Regional Representative
Donors	C. Plante P. Facelli JJ Soula	WB Italy France
WHO	Hilde Kruse	WHO Regional Representative
Regional Specialized Organisations	A. Fuessel JL. Angot	EC EuFMD

\* New members appointed in 2015