



GF-TADs

GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE
PROGRESSIVE CONTROL OF
TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES



**Standing Group of Experts on Lumpy Skin Disease
in Europe**

under the GF-TADs umbrella

First meeting (LSD1)

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**Presentation of the GF-TADs
Standing Group of Experts for LSD (SGE LSD)**

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GF-TADs for Europe

- Global GF-TADs
- **GF-TADs for Europe**
 - Steering Committee (meetings every 2 years; RSC6 September 2015)
 - Chair: B. Van Goethem (until 2019); Vice-chair: RU and AU
 - Secretariat
- Action Plan (2012-2016)
- 7 regional priority diseases: ASF; FMD; PPR; rabies; CSF; HPAI; Bruc.
- Labelisation of activities
- Specific activities:
 - FMD Roadmap for West Eurasia
 - PPR Roadmap for West Eurasia
 - Regional cooperation between TransCaucasus and neighbouring countries in the prevention & control of FMD and other major TADs
 - SGE ASF

In RSC6, LSD emerged as a priority





SGE ASF

- Since 2014
- 7 affected countries: BY, EE, LT, LV, PL, RF, UA + MO, RO
- FAO, OIE, EC
- 5 renowned experts
- Chair: President of GF-TADs for Europe
- Secretariat: Secretariat of GF-TADs for Europe
- Achievements:
 - 4 SGE meetings (specific topics addressed ; recommendations)
 - Dialogue among countries and exchange of best practices
 - 7 SGE ASF Expert country missions
 - Tailored capacity building programmes (mostly using BTSF)



SGE LSD → Proposal for discussion

- Under the GF-TADs for Europe
- All European affected and at risk countries/territories: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Kosovo*, Montenegro, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia and Turkey
- Chair: President of GF-TADs for Europe
- Vice-chair: President of the Bureau of the OIE Reg. Com Europe; Vice-chair of GF-TADs for Europe
- Observer country: Slovakia (EU Presidency)
- FAO, OIE, EC
- Renowned experts invited on an ad hoc basis
- Secretariat: GF-TADs for Europe Secretariat

* This designation is without prejudice to position on status, and is in line with UN Security Council Resolution 1244/99 and the International Court of Justice Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence



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- Objectives:

Strengthening mid-term regional cooperation and regional dialogue on LSD control through:

- Regular exchange of information on LSD situation and control measures
- Regular review of national control strategies by experts based on scientific risk assessments, experience and best practice in the region, to harmonise control policies and building a science-based regional control strategy
- Collaboration on laboratory diagnostics (exchange of best practice on methodology; support and training / capacity building as needed)
- Collaboration on awareness raising campaigns in the affected countries (exchange of best practice and communication tools)
- Communication of outcomes of the SGE work to other countries in Europe and the public



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- Proposed activities:
 - Regular meetings (on selected topics) at least twice a year [official launching SGE LSD1]
 - As needed,
 - Country strategy assessment (implementation)
 - Tailored capacity building activities at national and regional level



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- Important points:
 - Systematic participation of countries
 - Presence of decision-makers (CVO/Delegate level) in SGE LSD meetings (for immediate decisions)
 - Full transparency (http://web.oie.int/RR-Europe/eng/Regprog/en_GF_TADS%20-%20Standing%20Group%20LSD.htm)
 - In line with OIE standards (Terrestrial Code and Manual)

