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First Meeting of the Standing Group of Experts on Rabies in Europe (SGE RAB1) Brussels, Belgium 13 February 2019

Information Sheet

We would like to sincerely thank the European Union and the Government of Belgium for kindly supporting and hosting the SGE RAB1

Please confirm your participation by **28 January 2019**
to Fabien Schneegans (f.schneegans@oie.int) and Rina Kostova (r.kostova@oie.int)



1) USEFUL CONTACTS

For any query on the organization of the meeting, please contact F. Schneegans (phone: +32 2211 83 41; f.schneegans@oie.int) or Rina Kostova (r.kostova@oie.int).

2) VISA REQUIREMENTS

All participants are responsible to enquire on the visas and/or transit visas required and obtain them for the full round trip.

Belgium is part of the Schengen area, which visa policy is described at https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/borders-and-visas/visa-policy_en (Kosovo* is subject to the formality of entrance visa in Belgium).

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence

3) **AIR TICKETS**

The European Commission (EC) will cover travel costs (economy class with most direct route) for 2 representatives of the invited countries only – Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Greece, Hungary, Kosovo*, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Slovenia.
This will be confirmed by a formal invitation letter from the EC.

4) **AIRPORT TRANSFERS**

Please note that no transfer will be organized from and to the Airport in Brussels.
Participants can refer to <https://www.brusselsairport.be/en/passengers/access-parking> to find the best option for their transfer to and from Brussels (train, bus or taxi), and to <http://www.stib-mivb.be/index.htm?l=en> to find their way in the public transportation system of Brussels.

5) **MEETING VENUE**

The SGE RAB1 will be held in AFSCA (Belgium Federal Agency for Security of the Food Chain), in the conference room N° K05/120319 on 5th floor.

AFSCA-FAVV
Food Safety Center
Boulevard du Jardin Botanique 55,
1000 Brussels, BELGIUM
<http://www.afsca.be/>



Access with the STIB transportation network: metro lines 2 and 6, or tramway lines 92 and 93, station 'Botanique / Kruidtuin'.

All participants will be provided with individual badges at the entrance of the AFSCA building.

6) **WORKING LANGUAGE**

The working language of the meeting will be English. There will be no interpretation.

7) **ACCOMMODATION: BOOKING AND PAYMENT**

Please note that all participants are responsible to find, book and pay their hotel accommodation in Brussels. Participants could easily consult and book a hotel using following websites: www.booking.com or www.hotel.com.

However, one option is to book a room in Motel One, just 5 minutes away on foot from the AFSCA building:

Motel One Brussels
Rue Royale/Koningsstraat 120
1000 Brussels
<https://www.motel-one.com/en/hotels/brussels/hotel-brussels/>

The price in Motel One for a room (single) during the target period will be 93,24€/night (including VAT and a 4,24€ charge). Breakfast is not included and costs an additional 11,50€ (when first opening an account on www.motel-one.com/beone, one can obtain a code which provides 1 free breakfast upon reservation).

8) **MEALS**

The Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain (AFSCA) will kindly offer the coffee breaks as well as the lunch on 13 February 2019 at the Cafeteria.

Please, inform Rina Kostova (r.kostova@oie.int) in advance in case you are on a specific diet.

9) **FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO PARTICIPANTS**

According to EC procedures, reimbursement in accordance with EC rules will be provided to the invited participants after the meeting, as detailed in the invitation to be issued by the EC.

10) **CURRENCY**

The local currency is Euro.