



# OIE Regional Commission for Europe Task Force meeting

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# Set-up of Regional Work Plan Framework for the 2017–2020

# Justification

The draft is based on :

- Terms of Reference and Internal Rules of the Regional Commissions;
- the strategic objectives of the OIE Sixth Strategic Plan;
- **the regional needs**

# Strategic objectives of OIE

## 6th Strategic Plan

- Securing animal health and welfare, the sanitary safety of animals and animal products and foods derived from animals, and reduction in the transmission of diseases by managing risks at the human-animal-environment interface.
- Establishing trust between stakeholders, including trading partners, in the cross-border exchange of animals, animal products and foods derived from animals by transparency and good communication of the occurrence of diseases of epidemiological significance, and in OIE processes and procedures.
- Enhancing the capacity and sustainability of national Veterinary Services.

# Proposed regional objectives

- *Objective 1* - Contributing to the development of scientifically-based Standards and Guidelines
- *Objective 2* - Establishing trust through transparency and communication
- *Objective 3* - Ensuring the capacity and sustainability of veterinary services
- *Objective 4* - Prevention, Control and Eradication of Animal Diseases
- *Objective 5* - Antimicrobial Resistance and “One Health” Policy
- *Objective 6* - Promotion of Animal Welfare

# Proposed structure of the plan

- **Chapter 1. - Regional Directions**
  - ✓ 1.1. Introduction
  - ✓ 1.2. Vision
  - ✓ 1.3. Working Methods
- **Chapter 2. - Regional Objectives and Work Plan Components**
- **Chapter 3. – Activities for Achievement of the Regional Objectives**

# Chapter 1

- **Working methods**
- ✓ Organization of **regional conferences**.
- ✓ Convening of **meetings** – determination of regional priorities, reporting on activities, recommendations to the Assembly.
- ✓ Expressing the opinion of the region during the Assembly - if a **common approach** on OIE strategies, policies, work programs, standards and recommendations is agreed among all 53 members.

# Chapter 1

- **Working methods**
- ✓ Reinforcement of **collaboration** with OIE Regional and Sub-Regional Representatives.
- ✓ **Dissemination of information** on the activities undertaken at the regional level in co-operation with OIE Regional and Sub-Regional Representatives using OIE Regional Website for Europe.

## Chapter 2 - *Objective 1*

- **Contributing to the development of scientifically-based Standards and Guidelines**
- The Regional Commission will encourage its members
  - ✓ to contribute to the development of OIE policies and strategies taking into account specific situation in the region;
  - ✓ to engage in regular update and harmonisation of OIE standards, guidelines and recommendations;
  - ✓ to deliver opinions on the work programs of OIE bodies and structures;
  - ✓ to develop proposals for activities to be initiated and recommendations to be submitted to the General Assembly of Delegates.

## Chapter 2 - *Objective 1*

- **Contributing to the development of scientifically-based Standards and Guidelines**
- ✓ The Regional Commission will recommend experts in the Region as members of OIE Specialist Commissions, Working Groups and ad hoc Groups to expand Region's input into OIE risk analysis and standard-setting process.

## Chapter 2 - *Objective 2*

- **Establishing trust through transparency and communication**
- ✓ The Regional Commission highlights the importance of timely disease reporting and calls its members to perform their core duty in an open and accurate manner.
- ✓ The Regional Commission will promote the strengthening of the regional network of OIE Reference Centers with national reference laboratories in the Region.

## Chapter 2 - *Objective 3*

- **Ensuring the capacity and sustainability of veterinary services**
- The Regional Commission will encourage its members to
  - ✓ strengthen the capacities of their Veterinary Services by benefiting from their membership in the OIE and taking an active part in capacity development activities;
  - ✓ to utilise National Focal Points and its network in the respective areas of competence, mainly through active participation in training courses and workshops at regional and sub-regional level.
- The Regional Commission will advocate on activities facilitating the harmonisation and improvement of initial and continuous veterinary education.

# Chapter 1 - *Objective 4*

- **Prevention, Control and Eradication of Animal Diseases**
- The Regional Commission encourages its members
  - ✓ to strengthen regional cooperation in the control of animal diseases. The activities of EUFMD or REMESA can serve as a model for regional and trans-regional cooperation in different areas.
  - ✓ to engage in the activities of the Global Framework for Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs) for Europe to ensure the prevention and control of priority transboundary animal diseases in the region.

## Chapter 2 - *Objective 5*

- **Antimicrobial Resistance and “One Health” Policy**
- ✓ The Regional Commission encourages its members to support the OIE Strategy on Antimicrobial Resistance and the Prudent Use of Antimicrobials and develop National Action Plans thus promoting the “One Health” approach.

## Chapter 2 – *Objective 6*

- **Promotion of Animal Welfare**
- ✓ The Regional Commission encourages its members to get involved in the development of the second action plan and participate in the activities of the OIE Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe.

# Chapter 3 – Proposed activities

1. Re-establish the **Task Force** to improve cooperation within the Europe Region.
2. Develop a strategy to translate the relevant documents into **Russian language** to generate a better involvement of the eastern Russian speaking countries.
3. Together with OIE Headquarter and Regional and Sub-Regional offices **relaunch the Regional Website**.

# Chapter 3 – Proposed activities

4. Actively participate in the established GF-TADs working groups on **ASF and LSD**.

Support regional strategies to eradicate these diseases, e.g. regional vaccination strategy against LSD for the Balkan region and an eradication strategy for ASF in the affected areas of Europe.

OIE mechanism for regional vaccine banks should be promoted to ensure availability of the vaccines in order to support the implementation of LSD eradication programs.

## Chapter 3 – Proposed activities

5. Insist on the establishment of a further GF-TADs regional program for coordination of the control and eradication of **Rabies**.
6. Recommend the OIE to revise the Terrestrial Code Chapter on **Avian Influenza**.

# Chapter 3 – Proposed activities

7. Contribute to the enforcement of the **OIE Strategy on Antimicrobial Resistance and the Prudent Use of Antimicrobials** by facilitating
  - ✓ collection of the surveillance data on AMR and antimicrobial usage to support AMR risk analysis;
  - ✓ participation in the development and implementation of the National Action Plans on AMR;
  - ✓ improvement of awareness of the veterinarians, animal owners and entire public on prudent use of antimicrobials;
  - ✓ identification of the “best practice” cases as well necessary assistance to the Member Countries on the enforcement of the Strategy.

# Chapter 3 – Proposed activities

8. Promote high level of understanding and awareness of **animal welfare** thoroughly in the region. Strive for the enhancing of implementation of OIE animal welfare standards and achievement of sustainable improvements in animal welfare.

As specific welfare priorities for the region have been highlighted transport of animals, slaughter of animals for human consumption, stray dog population control, working equids welfare, disaster management.