PVS self-evaluation of the Belgian Veterinary Services

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Veterinary Service in Belgium

- **FASFC**
- **FPS PHSFCE** (incl. CODA/CERVA & WIV/ISP)
- **FAMHP**
- **Regions (Wildlife)**

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**Public Service (Veterinary Authority)**

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**Private Service**

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**Veterinary Statutory Body**
- **Animal Health Associations**
- **Approved Veterinarians**
Preparations

• PVS course December 2011
  – 3 day training course by OIE on the “OIE PVS Tool”

• Composition of evaluation team
  – 2 experts from the FASFC
    • certified to perform OIE PVS Evaluation missions
    • Veterinarians
      – 1 veterinary policy officer
      – 1 internal auditor
Methodology

• Information taken into account
  – Gathered over the internet
  – Documentation given during interview or sent by the different organisations / authorities
  – Interviews
  – Visits
  – Results of internal audits and FVO missions

• 14 sites were visited in 15 days
• 73 persons were interviewed
General conclusions

• Evaluation

  – Done by 2 non-experienced PVS-auditors
  – Very time consuming
  – General satisfaction of all parties involved – first time (during closing meeting) that all parties were together in one room
  – Perceived as a tool for self improvement
General conclusions

• Evaluation
  
  – High level of advancement of PVS in Belgium
  – Not all authorities perform internal/external audits
  – Internal Audit Department of the FASFC plans a follow-up of the recommendations.
General conclusions

• PVS-tool
  – The tool itself is well documented, practical and easy to use
  – Seen the high level of advancement, details and in-depth evaluation are important
  – Seen the variety of aspects considered (cfr. OIE Terrestrial Code) it is not feasible to have an in-depth evaluation of every aspect in a reasonable time frame
  – PVS is a severe tool. A low score of one critical competence VS determines the score for the whole critical competence. There is no average score.