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Report

Summary

The objective of this extraordinary RSC meeting was to provide an update to its members half way between the last regular RSC which took place in Brussels in October 2017 (RSC7) and the next, which should be convened in September or October 2019.

A summary of the recent and upcoming activities of the Standing Groups of Experts on ASF and LSD was provided; the success of the vaccination strategy against LSD was particularly emphasised.

The upcoming annual meeting of the global steering committee of the GF-TADS, next November, will have a strategic discussion on the conclusions of the 3rd evaluation of the global GF-TADS; it will be reported back to the Regional Core Group during its next meeting, in December.

Lastly, the RSC approved a recommendation regarding the governance mechanism of GF-TADS for Europe, including an update of its formal composition.

Minutes

The eighth meeting of the Regional Steering Committee of the GF-TADS Europe (RSC8) took place in Tbilisi / Georgia on 19 September 2018, upon invitation of the President of the GF-TADS Europe, Dr Bernard Van Goethem.

This extraordinary meeting, organised in the margins of the Conference of the OIE regional commission for Europe, was convened to:

- update the members on the latest activities of the Standing Groups of Experts (SGE) on ASF and LSD,
- share some information on the next GF-TADS global steering committee,
- review the composition of the RSC.

Participation in the RSC8: see attached list of participants.

Latest activities of the Standing Groups of Experts (SGE) on ASF and LSD

- ASF: the SGE ASF₉ took place in Kiev, Ukraine, on 22-23 March 2018; a short meeting (SGE ASF₁₀) was also organised in the margins of the general session in Paris, on 22 May 2018. The next meeting (SGE ASF₁₁) is convened in Warsaw on 23-24 September 2018: it will focus on the biosecurity at hunting ground and the disposal of wild boar carcasses in the forest; it will also discuss the GF-TADS Handbook on ASF, with the objective of making it available to all as soon as possible. As usual, all countries are welcome to attend.
- LSD: the SGE LSD₅ was organised on 19-20 October 2017 in Budva, Montenegro, where the discussions confirmed the efficiency of the vaccination strategy implemented in the region. The SGE LSD₅ was followed by a

teleconference on 26 February 2018 and a short meeting (SGE LSD6) on 23 May 2018 in the margins of the OIE general session in Paris, which both aimed at checking that all vaccine needs for the upcoming vaccination campaign were being covered. The next meeting (SGE LSD7) will take place on 18-19 October in Ohrid, FYROM and will discuss the vaccination exit strategy. Considering the success of the vaccination strategy implemented in the region, the termination of the activities under this SGE LSD may now be envisaged in the near future.

Upcoming global steering committee of GF-TADs

The annual meeting of the global steering committee of the GF-TADs will take place on 13 and 14 November 2018 in Rome. It will be largely focussed on the conclusions of the 3rd evaluation of global GF-TADs. According to the preliminary results already mentioned in a GF-TADs meeting in the margins of the last OIE General session, the conclusions are globally positive, even though some issues need to be addressed. The discussion should particularly cover the operational structure of the GF-TADs, including the global secretariat. The orientations expected from this meeting of the global steering committee will be instrumental to update the ToRs and to prepare the second action plan of the GF-TADs for Europe.

It has been agreed that a report of the global steering committee of the GF-TADs will be provided during the meeting of the Regional Core Group of the OIE regional commission for Europe (Berne, Switzerland, 17 and 18 December 2018).

Composition of the Regional Steering Committee of the GF-TADs

A draft recommendation regarding the governance mechanism of GF-TADs for Europe was presented, including an update of the formal composition of the RSC as follows, as a consequence of the recent movements of some of its members and according to the rules established in the ToRs of the RSC:

- transfer of appointment from the former to the new Chief Veterinary Officer of Russia, as a non-EU member representative, and his endorsement as vice-Chairman of the GF-TADs for Europe Steering Committee;
- appointment of the Chief Veterinary Officer of Switzerland as a donor;
- appointment of the Chief Veterinary Officer of The Netherlands (also a European member of the OIE Council), as an EU member representative;
- update of the representatives of the FAO at the central and regional level.

The recommendation was unanimously approved by the RSC8.

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