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# **REPORT ON THE EC FUNDED ACTIVITIES IN THE EUFMD PROGRAM (APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2013)**



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## SUMMARY

This Report is provided to the 86<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission as a summary of the activities undertaken under the EC funding agreement since the 40<sup>th</sup> Session in April 2013; at that Session a Report on the period since the 39<sup>th</sup> Session in April 2011 was given. The EuFMD/EC agreement is for 48 months, from September 2009 to September 2013.

The EuFMD Commission, at the 38<sup>th</sup> General Session in April 2009, adopted a four year Strategic Plan of activities, involving six components, with priorities for in-country actions being to support FMD control in Southeast Europe through greater management of the FMD risk in countries bordering to Turkey, in West Eurasia. These projects are coordinated with those of other Directorates of the EC and other funding agencies, to promote progressive control in the West Eurasian countries along a long term Roadmap.

Following signature of the financing agreement, specific activities of the EuFMD were initiated following response of the EC to proposals from the Secretariat or decisions of the Executive Committee at which the EC is represented.

The EC support is provided through a Trust Fund (TF), MTF/INT/003/EEC, with a total funding of € 8 million for the four year period to September 2013. Since September 2009, the EC has agreed funding of actions in six of the Strategic Plan components, with by far the largest being for in-country programmes in the Trans-Caucasus and Iran aimed at reducing the risk of new incursions of FMD into Turkey and Eastern Europe. Funding is also provided for training of European veterinarians, for surveillance in the African proximity, for short technical studies, and for surveillance for FMD in Egypt. At the 39<sup>th</sup> Session in April 2011, the EuFMD Commission recommended **three additional components**. These are indicated as Components 7-9 below.

The workplans of each of the 9 Components were scheduled for completion by the end of the funding agreement, ie September 2013, and most had been completed by the 40<sup>th</sup> Session, enabling the final 6 months to be spent in planning the detailed workplans for the Phase III Programme scheduled to begin in October 2013.

The main activities relating to completion of Phase II in this period were:

- Component 1: THRACE programme implemented in 3 countries, as per April agreement
- Component 1: Iran project, mission for finalization of national risk based strategic plan for FMD control, for the final project workshop
- Component 1: Monthly reporting by 3 TransCaucasus countries, Turkey and Iran
- Component 4, surveillance: Monthly Global Surveillance reports produced and circulated by 20<sup>th</sup> of each month
- Component 5, Technical Studies; contract holders urged to complete and report studies by 30<sup>th</sup> September, and a fund for Applied Research developed for Phase III;
- Component 7: Balkan Region; planning workshop held in Belgrade.

## The nine Components of the Programme

As summarized in the Update Report these are:

1. Risk reduction in South-East Europe through support to FMD control in West Eurasia;
2. Activities to reduce FMD risk in the South and East Mediterranean countries;
3. Field based FMD Training Programme;
4. FMD surveillance in the African proximity;
5. Technical studies;
6. Response to FMD Emergencies;
7. Strengthening FMD laboratories in the Balkan Region;
8. Improved Contingency Planning through use of decision support tools;
9. World Reference Laboratory (WRL) contract – FMD surveillance support activities.

## Implementation

As per the Agreement with the EC, the activities are implemented directly by the EuFMD Secretariat in FAO. The full time professional technical services to support the programme are provided by the EuFMD Secretariat (One P5 Officer and one P3 Animal Health Officer) plus the short term professionals (STP) officers seconded by Member States. These services are NOT charged to the EC programme, so the latter pays “on an additional cost basis” for the work with consultants being used as needed, since the EuFMD full time staff are few.

## Communication and Reporting

DETAILED reports are available for each of the six-month reporting periods, as indicated below.

All **field actions** are required to give **Monthly Reports** to EuFMD.

Those resulting in surveillance information are then reported TO MEMBER STATES in the Monthly FMD Global Report.

The field activities usually result in samples sent to FAO/OIE reference centers - and thus fulfill international reporting. Therefore, outputs of EuFMD support to surveillance should be publically available.

Progress on all Components actions is reported every six months to the Executive Committee and after this, online to the Member States.

Information Outputs	Activities supporting	Communication to MS	Notes
<b><i>Immediate early warning messages</i></b>		e-mail to MS from Secretary	Used sparingly. May be joint with FAO as an early warning.
<b><i>Reports of Technical Studies</i></b>	#5, Technical Studies	Published Reports and EuFMD and other Open Sessions.	Significance of findings needs extra effort to communicate to policy makers.
<b><i>Monthly FMD Global Surveillance Report (EuFMD)</i></b>	Components 1, 2 and 4: <i>National Focal Points and Regional Animators supported under required to give monthly reports to EuFMD.</i>	Monthly reports e-mailed and placed online	FAO/OIE FMD Ref Centers are always asked to review and contribute (by mid-Month).
<b><i>Progress Reports and situation reviews</i></b>	All 9 components	Narrative Report every six months to ExCom/EC. <sup>1</sup>  Outputs: E-mail and online	Narrative Reports and financial reports formally sent to EC when funds requested, as per contract.
<b><i>ANNUAL reporting</i></b>	Principally #9, WRL Pirbright Components 1, 2 and 4 and 9 generate FMDV intelligence data and FMDV typing:	Online (Pirbright + EuFMD)	Annual Surveillance Report: WRL

<sup>1</sup> Narrative Reports on the EC funded programme are provided also when any call for installments of funds is made. The six month update reports to the Executive Committee were established after September 2011. Reports are available for periods 9/2009-9/2011; then each 6 months (a total of 5 Reports to 4/2013).

**ACTIONS SINCE APRIL 2013 ON THE NINE COMPONENTS OF THE PHASE II - FOUR YEAR PROGRAMME -  
PROGRAMME SINCE SEPTEMBER 2009**

**IN RELATION TO**

**REPORTS in period are given in the Annex (with links provided to full reports to reduce printing)**

Component	Subcomponent	Year 1 09/2009- 08/2010	Year 2 09/2010- 09/2011	Year 3 October 2011 to Sept 2012	ACTIVITIES– October 2012 to February 2013	STATUS April 2013	Actions May-Sept 2013	REPORTS in period	Comment
1. Risk reduction in South-East Europe through support to FMD control in West Eurasia	West Eurasia Roadmap – Secretariat  Collaboration with: FAO, OIE	1 <sup>st</sup> Roadmap Regional Progress Review  (10/09)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Roadmap Review  (11/2010)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Review  (2/2012)	4 <sup>th</sup> Review  (4/13)	Roadmap Platform established.  Integration with GfTADS workplans agreed.	Roadmap report published.  Received National Control Plans reviewed		<u>Actions</u> <u>stopped</u> /on hold after 40 <sup>th</sup> Session.
	West Eurasia – Risk assessment  Collaboration with: EMPRES-i	Monthly and 6 monthly	Monthly and 6 monthly	Monthly Surveillance Report (Output)	Monthly Surveillance Report (Output)	Functioning, in use with four countries.	Monthly Reports received and placed on database, 4 countries.		Pakistan (FAO project) may join datasharing agreement – FAO lead on this
	West Eurasia- training in progressive control				PeP-C Course 1 : 6 countries	Epi-Network established, 6 countries trained.	None		Follow-up in Phase III
	WELNET –lab network	Supported +++	Supported ++	Annual Meeting	Consultation only	Needs support.			Follow-up in Phase III
	Thrace – improved surveillance for early detection of FMD		Yes (outbreaks in BG)	Yes (Design)	Yes (on programme)	Operational from April 2013.	Operational in 3 countries. Online Database entry forms in Access.  Review meeting (GR/BG) Sept 2013	Progress Report (Annex 1)  MISSION report - Belgrade consultation	Follow-up in Phase III, Component 1.3
	Trans-Caucasus project	TCC Multi- Country Programme	TCC Multi- Country Programme	TCC Multi- Country Programme	END: 2/2013	Completed. PCP Stage 2 strategies need formal acceptance.	GEORGIA only – workshop on developing the national control plan.	WORKSHOP Report  (Annex 2)	GEORGIA:  Follow-up in Phase III, Component 2.1
	Iran project	Phase II Project	Phase III	Phase III Project	Phase III	To be completed	Bartels mission	Mission Report	Program will stop

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		(END)	Project		Project	Sept 2013. PCP Stage 2 strategy needs formal acceptance.	August 2013; Workshop planned September 2013, postponed to Nov 2013	(Annex 3)  Monthly FMD report.  (Annex 4)	11/201 with final workshop -the launch of the new long term national control plan
2. Activities to reduce FMD risk in the South and East Mediterranean countries	Egypt		Project (150 k USD)	Project end Feb 2012.  Emergency programme (to 09/2012)	None except Training (PeP-C)	Activities completed.  Further PCP progress at risk.	Report on post-vaccination monitoring of the 2012 campaigns completed	PVM study report.  (Annex 5)	Phase III PLANNING mission did not occur – security reasons.
	Co-ordination in FMD response and progressive control programme development			TAIEX Meetings	FAO Regional Strategy Meetings	At risk. Needs programme agreed and supported.	TWO Phase III Planning missions to Israel/Palestine occurred.	Ryan/van Maanen MISSION report.  Annex 6	Component 2.2 Workplan developed, consulted.
3. Field based FMD Training Programme	Real-Time Training programme (NTC)	Yes (in Turkey)	Yes (Turkey +Kenya)	Yes (Kenya)	Yes (Kenya)	Cycle of training completed (EC program).	E-learning modules developed, under evaluation  SURVEY of MS training demands conducted  PLANNING for new Training Programme	SURVEY Report  (provided separately)	Component 1.1 Workplan developed, consulted.
4. FMD surveillance in the African proximity		Yes (shipments)	ExCoM decision to support Lab Networking.	Yes (EARLN-FMD, RESOLAB-FMD )	Support Co-ordination only	Established networks and information sharing.  At risk.	Skeleton level.  Facilitated EARLN-FMD meeting in Ugnada.  Monthly Reports from Network co-ordinators	Circulated MONTHLY reports  (provided separately)	FAO (Italian funds) supported EARLN-FMD workshop, not follow-up..  RESOLAB-FMD at risk..

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							received and reported.		
5. Technical studies	Projects funded through Concept Note Review Process	YES	YES	YES	YES	Several ongoing for completion by September.	FGI-ARRIAH contract to undertake wild boar infection experiment ( non-invasive FMD sampling project)  Danish/Pirbright project on PCR delayed - to be completed Dec 2013.	Reported to STC, Oct 16th	Phase III : Research Fund established, call for proposals in August 2013.
6. Response to FMD Emergencies			YES - Bulgaria	YES- SAT2 multicountry response		Response activities completed.			
7. Strengthening FMD laboratories in the Balkan Region				Tender	Gap analysis	Reported. Decision on follow-up needed.	PLANNING: workshop held September 2013, Belgrade.	WORKSHOP REPORT (Annex 7)	Planned as Component 1.4 in Phase III
8. Improved Contingency Planning through use of decision support tools			Consultation, survey – identify need and scope	Europe-wide Workshop (Denmark) Workshop in Turkey (endemic regions)	Training Workshop (8 countries, Vienna)	Reported.  At risk some countries will not use. Future support on demand (Menu of training options).	PLANNING: E-learning course content identified		Courses offered in Phase III under the Training Programme
9. WRL contract +PTS		YES- Annual (EUFMD TF)	YES- Annual (EUFMD TF)	YES- Annual (EU TF)	YES- Annual (EU TF)	Extension to cover 2013 agreed.	Contract ongoing	Sample results reports; Pirbright – 3 month reports	PLANNING: Phase III WRL contract .



