

FAO organizes a regional workshop on

“Development of animal identification and recording systems for veterinary surveillance and livestock development in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe”.

The event will be held at the **FAO Subregional Office for Central and Eastern Europe in Budapest, Hungary on 29-30 May, 2008.**

Participants from 13 countries of Central and Eastern Europe are invited for the event.

The objective of the workshop is to elaborate recommendations for policy and institutional changes for the introduction of animal identification and record systems in the participating countries as a prerequisite for a functioning veterinary surveillance and livestock development. The workshop outputs will be preparation of the guidance on:

- Requirements for enabling policies and strategies for setting up an animal identification and recording system;
- Requirements for competent national authorities and implementing institutions;
- Identification of stakeholders and sharing of responsibilities;
- Financing of the systems;
- Utilization of animal identification and recording within a veterinary information system for veterinary public health and animal disease control;
- Utilization of animal identification and recording for livestock breeding;
- Experiences in development of the animal identification and recording system in the Central and Eastern Europe: problems and perspectives.