

# Pillar II Reduce

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#### E-learning

The three main courses launched in this period are:

##### Post Vaccination Monitoring

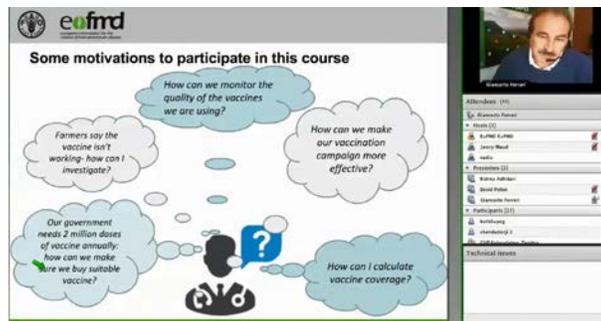
The course started in February 2018 and lasts six weeks with 72 participants from 21 countries of North Africa, Middle East, and West Eurasia. It applies a practical, step-by-step approach to design, monitoring and evaluation of vaccination programmes for the control of FMD.

##### FMD Investigation Training

This Course in Turkish is focused on field investigation of FMD outbreaks. The FITC started in March and lasts 4 weeks for 150 participants from Turkey and 20 participants from Azerbaijan. It covers field investigation of FMD outbreaks including clinical diagnosis, lesion ageing, sampling, laboratory testing, epidemiology, outbreak investigation, biosecurity, vaccines and vaccination.

##### Safe Trade and Foot-and-Mouth Disease Control Induction

This course has an e-learning component and a physical one. The e-learning induction course started in March and provides background knowledge on FMD, risk analysis and the provisions for safer trade within the OIE code. The course is preliminary to the workshop that will be organized in April for countries of European neighbourhood.



## Missions

The two main Missions carried out in this period are:

**In-country** missions for the implementation of an ongoing risk-based surveillance system in Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia. They were held by a EuFMD expert from December to January with the objective to discuss with veterinary services and stakeholders the specific needs to improve confidence on FMD early detection system in North Africa.

**Meeting with CIRAD in Montpellier** (France) to establish a partnership aimed to improve the development of a risk information and mapping tool for southern European neighbourhood.



## Workshops

The main Workshops carried out in this period are:

**Early detection and risk based surveillance** aimed to design and implement a risk based surveillance able to provide confidence on presence/absence of virus circulation in North Africa, held in Tunisia on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb- 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 with 25 participants from Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia from veterinary services and main national stakeholders' representatives (livestock keepers and veterinarians) to assess the effectiveness of the current FMD early detection system and identify areas for improvements.

**FMD control and Progressive Control Pathway** aimed to improve regional cooperation for FMD control in Transcaucasia and neighbouring countries, held in Georgia on 12 – 15 February 2018 with 10 participants from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Turkey and Russian Federation with the aim to share the progress of countries along the PCP for FMD control, to provide support for planning and implementation of progression to PCP Stage 3 in candidate zones and discuss results and improvements of activities implemented within the regional cooperation for the control of FMD in Transcaucasia and neighbouring countries.

**Risk Based Strategic Plan development** in Jordan, held in Amman, Jordan on 30<sup>th</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018 with the purpose to finalize the development of a Risk Based Strategic plan for FMD control and to build upon the lessons learnt from recent outbreaks, epidemiology and control measures already implemented.

**FMD outbreak investigation** in Turkey aimed to improve outbreak investigation and management, FMD clinical surveillance, biosecurity, and was organized in collaboration with the General Directorate for Food and Control (GDFC) of Turkey for 17 provincial veterinarians from 9 provinces and 2 members of central epidemiology and monitoring unit of GDFC. The workshop had the objectives to improve awareness, preparedness and capacity of the provincial veterinarians to control FMD and particularly to improve knowledge on outbreak investigation and management, FMD clinical surveillance, biosecurity.

