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Component 1.4 BALKANS

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Component 1.4: Objective

To improve emergency management capacity for FMD in the Balkan region.

Targets:

- 1.4.1. Coordination within the region and improvement of national emergency preparedness and FMD laboratory capacity
- 1.4.2. Improving contingency plans through simulation exercises
- 1.4.3. Integration of FMD laboratories into the emergency preparedness activates and providing regional diagnostic support for an FMD crisis.



Component 1.4: Success Stories

Balkan Management Meeting

Most of the countries attended.

The relevant issues regarding the components were discussed.

Also possible emphasis and de-emphasis for the components were touched upon.

Simulation Exercise Workshop

Eight out of ten Balkan countries attended (+ Ukraine)

Teaching participants on how to do simulation exercises.

After the workshop they are further mentored.



Component 1.4: Major issues

- It could be considered to add Ukraine as a beneficiary to this component, in order to help increasing their emergency preparedness for FMD.



Component 1.4: Next six months

- Conduct Balkan “road trip” in some of the countries to develop a better understanding of their overall emergency preparedness and to identify priority areas where EuFMD can provide support
- Plan, conduct and design national simulation exercises in May – June 2017 based on the knowledge gained during the SimEx workshop.
- A follow up workshop should also be held where the challenges and outcomes of the exercises can be shared



Component 1.4: Next 2 years

Lessons learnt

- There is an internal demand for CVO and a management level cooperation on emergency preparedness in this area.
- A desirable level of ownership of this component by the countries involved was not achieved up to this point, but this might improve in the future.
- The level of engagement of the countries varies



Component 1.4: Next 2 years

Changes suggested for the next 24 months

- Supporting regular (half a year) management meetings with countries involved to develop deeper ownership and improve outputs
- Support regular (once a year) high level (CVO / Tripartite) meetings on the progress of the component and to provide a platform to discuss regional emergency preparedness for FMD and other transboundary animal diseases.
- On the spot needs assessments (like the road trip initiative)



Component 1.4: Next 2 years

Changes suggested for the next 24 months

- Reaching out and training local experts in various topics (epidemiology, emergency preparedness, risk assessment or other) who can provide regional answers to regional problems.
- In connection to the above, STP positions should have a balance between Rome – home country with the focus of producing ready to use materials by the end of the placement.

There would be a connections of CVOs seeing the benefit of 1.4 and making sure that STPs are sent, trained and provide a benefit to the region.