



ITEM 2 REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARIAT

October 2016-March 2017

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Summary

1. The 92nd Session of the Executive Committee was held at Maisons Alfort, Paris in September 2016, and the Report has been finalized, circulated for comment and published online. The recommendations and conclusions are given in **Appendix 1**.
2. The major FMD risk events of the period in the European neighbourhood region have been the evolution in the South-Asian FMD serotype A (G-VII genotype) situation in Turkey, the incursion of African lineage type O EA-3 into Palestine and Israel, and the risks associated with serotype O India 2001 most recently into Jordan). These events have come to light mainly through the Pillar 2 programme activities which have involved close working relationships with the national veterinary services in each country. A re-opening of working relations with Libya has occurred in February 2017 after a gap of 2 years which will assist given the risk posed to Tunisia/Algeria and Morocco.
3. Phase IV (10/2015 to 09/2019) of the EC funded work programme is in the 2nd year of the 48 month programme, with an extremely heavy program of activities in this period. The six month report is provided in summary form (**Appendix 2**). The progress made has very largely met or exceeded the milestones and indicators. The success stories, lessons learnt and proposals for change will be the subject of discussions in the 93rd Session. A summary document on this is provided for Item 4 of the Agenda.
4. The nine month delay in initial funding of the programme had the effect of squeezing the 24 month activity plan into a period of circa 12 months, from April 2016 to April 2017. This has placed a huge burden on a few staff, but is now largely on track over the three Pillars.
5. The composition of the Secretariat is indicated below, and Phase IV team for implementing the EC project activities is given in **Table 2**. Each Component has had a Manager, an operational budget and a clear work plan and targets, and this has assisted the entrance and effectiveness of short term (six months) professionals in the team.
6. ***EC program implementation, Phase IV, since 1st October 2016 :***
 - a. **Under Pillar I**, the focus has been upon
 - **Component 1.1: Training**; delivery of the training programme, including two Real-Time Courses in Kenya, and three face to face workshops on crisis management, simulation exercises and putting vaccination to practice; and five online courses delivered for NATIONAL level, and over all > 1000 vets trained in this online course.
the “FMD knowledge bank” has been developed as a tool to assist emergency planners and been well received;
 - **Component 1.2: Contingency Planning** – the main output is a draft guide for exercises and training (“GET Prepared”); modeling networks and contingency planners webinar series have continued;
 - **Component 1.3: THRACE**; Paolo Motta has been recruited to manage the surveillance activities, and a TRIPARTITE Meeting held in March for the three countries, to revise the programme for 2017. Confidence in disease freedom has stayed consistently >90%
 - **Component 1.4 the Balkans**: work component had a management meeting for the countries in January 2017, and following use of the self-assessment tool, design of the national simulation exercises has begun,, aimed to be conducted May–June 2017.
 - **Component 1.5 Fund for Applied Research**: a very successful Open Session was held in Portugal, with > 275 participants; a call for research proposals conducted, with expectation to award contracts in April 2017.
 - **Component 1.8 Risk communication**: the global monthly report (GMR) has been produced on time each month by Maria Scicluna, and is widely circulated and cited by PROMED in 2017 and others for value for risk information.

b. In support of Pillar II, of most significance has been :

- **Turkey:** the series of FOUR separate workshops for veterinarians from the five regions of Anatolia, each of which involve a real-time investigation of a live outbreak, to train on investigation and tracing.
- **TransCaucasus (TCC)** –a successful workshop held in Georgia, for six countries in the region, and also Russian Federation, FAO and OIE participation, to plan surveillance actions to monitor vaccination and to plan for evidence for disease freedom (GEO).
- **Egypt, Palestine, Israel, Jordan:** an intensive set of workshops and meetings, including national cascade training in Egypt for FMD investigation. This work led to better recognition of the type O EA-3 epidemic, and contributed to FMD being detected and reported in Jordan. An LOA (agreement) to deliver online training in Arabic to the region was concluded with JUST (Jordanian Institute for Science and Technology).
- **Libya:** with FAO and OIE, a first meeting held with Libyan VS after a gap of 2.5 years. Positive planning of activities in 2017.
- **Mauritania:** workshops concluded in the first drafting of a national plan (RBSP) was completed after the workshop in March 2017, with good involvement of FAO and OIE (PRAPS).
- **Pillar II training resources:** a major new development, with new online courses drafted for PCP, Field Investigation, and three others, now available for use (in English) in the region and for adaptation to other languages.

c. In support of Pillar III, support has been focused to the Gf-TADS Working Group through

- PCP expert assistance to the Regional FMD Roadmap for **SAARC Countries** (held December 2016);
- Roll-out of regional online training on FMD to **Southern Africa** (SADC countries), culminating in a decision by the SADC Livestock Technical Committee to commit funds to develop an e-learning hub for Southern Africa, using the FMD model (March 2017);
- Preparation for a roll-out of regional training on the same model, for South Asia (SAARC) countries, from April 2017; activities included adaption of the course, support to FAO and OIE to promote the PCP and online epi-training to the regional EpiNetwork (Delhi, Feb 2017);
- **Global Surveillance:** supporting the 11th OIE/FAO FMD Lab Network, and regional epi/lab networking (Eastern Africa) and the establishment of a francophone network (October 2016) at the Open Session;
- Delivery of online training for the Indian Ocean islands (inc Reunion) at risk or affected by the FMD incursions in 2016;
- **Launch of the Progressive Control practitioners network**, as a global network with a regular, monthly programme of training on planning or implementing FMD control.

Additional funding (Non-EC) pipeline

7. In line with EuFMD policy relating to full cost recovery (funding) of activities requested by MS or other parties, courses under the contract with Australia/New Zealand resumed in November 2015, and following agreement at the 92nd ExCom, the series of training s is expected to continue to 2019 under a new agreement. Courses in November-December 2016 went very well.

Administrative Report

8. The Secretariat staff are listed below (as of March 2017). *Italics indicate funded by MS (011) or non-EC funds*

Technical team:

Executive Secretary	<i>Keith Sumption</i>
Training Programmes Manager	<i>Jenny Maud</i>
Contingency Planning Officer	<i>Mark Hóvári</i>
Communications and Networks Officer	Nadia Rumich (20% MS)

Short Term Professionals	Teresa Scicluna (Malta) Maria de la Puente (Spain) <i>Natasha Antovska (FYROM)</i> Hendrik Camphor Karima Ouali (Pillar 2 STP, Algeria) <i>Paolo Motta (Italy/UK)</i> Wilmot Chikurunhe (Zimbabwe, Pillar 3 STP)
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Consultants (Component Managers)	Fabrizio Rosso, Gunel Ismayilova, Chris Bartels, Kees van Maanen, Nick Lyons, Carsten Potzsch, David Paton
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Administrative team:

Program Co-ordinator	Cecile Carraz
Finance Assistant	<i>Silvia Clementelli</i>
Operational support team	Erica Tomat, Emmanuela Pirrello, Maurizio Licastro
Training Support	<i>Chiara Addari</i>

9. **New STPs in pipeline:** recruitment decisions are pending, but expected that STPs in support of Training, Balkans, REMESA will be made in March 2017 for entry in mid-2017.

10. **Linkage of funding to positions** under EC funded Phase IV

Under GAF submitted to the EC, after signature of the new agreement the responsibilities for

- **Supervision and management** of each Output is summarized below.
Consultants 1-4 refer to those whose Terms of Reference were submitted to FAO for clearance, and would provide longer term (11 month contract) support.
- **Operational support:** the GAF was cleared by FAO based on 5-operation support positions, of which 4 would be supported under the EC and one by the MUL/11.

BOLD script indicates positions funded under the EC programme, and *italics* those funded by EuFMD under MTF/INT/011/MUL.

<i>Component (Output) Number</i>	<i>Output Supervisor</i>	<i>Output Manager</i>	<i>Lead - Network and training support</i>
1.1	<i>TPM (P3 EQUIV)</i>	STP 1	P2 (80:20 EC AND MUL/11)
1.2	<i>ExSec (EXSEC (P5))</i>	CPO (P3 EQUIV)	P2 (80:20 EC AND MUL/11)
1.3	<i>CPO (P3 EQUIV)</i>	<i>STP 2</i>	
1.4	<i>CPO (P3 EQUIV)</i>	<i>STP 2</i>	
1.5	<i>EXSEC (P5)</i>	Consultant-2	P2 (80:20 EC AND MUL/11)
1.6	<i>EXSEC (P5)</i>		
1.7	<i>EXSEC (P5)</i>	Consultant2	
1.8	<i>EXSEC (P5)</i>	CPO (P3 EQUIV)	
2.1	<i>EXSEC (P5)</i>	Consultant-3	
2.2	Consultant-1	Consultant-3	
2.3	Consultant-1	STP3	
2.4	<i>TPM (P3 EQUIV)</i>	Consultant-4	P2 (80:20 EC AND MUL/11)
3.1	<i>EXSEC (P5)</i>	Consultant	
3.2	<i>EXSEC (P5)</i>	Consultant-4	
3.3	<i>EXSEC (P5)</i>	Consultant-2	
3.4	<i>TPM (P3 EQUIV)</i>	STP4 Consultant-4	P2 (80:20 EC AND MUL/11)

Key: EXSEC (P5 Animal Health Office, Executive Secretary)
P2 (Network and Training Support Officer)
TPM (Training Programmes Manager, consultant with experience/terms equivalent to P3)
CPO (Contingency Planning Officer, consultant with experience/terms equivalent to P3)

11. Financial position

The Secretariat manages three Trust Funds, for the Administration of the Secretariat (MTF/INT/011/MUL, contributions from the Member States), EC Program (MTF/INT/003/EEC) and an Emergencies and Training Fund into which additional contributions have been received for provision of training (MTF/INT/004/MUL).

The financial position for each Fund will be reported in a separate paper (Agenda Item 14).

A financial verification ("audit") of the expenditure under Phase III (2013-15) programme will take place between 28-30th March (in FAO HQ).

Table 2

Table 2 – Management Responsibility: Pillar and Component Managers 2015 - EuFMD /EC Action 2015-19 (Phase IV)

BOLD= Continuity. Red= change. TSO: Training Support Officer. STP: Short term professionals. KS: Keith; NR: Nadia; FR: Fabrizio; JM: Jenny

Pillar	Comp	Comp.	Output Supervisor	Component (Output) Manager	2016	October 2016-March 2017	Comment
					Previous period (6 months)		
I	1.1	Training-RT	Mark HOVARI	STP	Malin Grant (SWE)	Maria de la Puente	
	1.2	Contingency Planning	KS	CPO: Mark Hovari (MH)	Marius Masiulis	Mark Hovari	
	1.3	THRACE	MH	STP	Miriam Casey	Natasha Antovska	
	1.4	Balkans	MM	STP	Miriam Casey	Paolo Motta	
	1.5	Res Fund	KS		K Sumption	K Sumption	
	1.6	Crisis	KS				
	1.7	PTS	KS	Home-based consultant	Kees	Kees	
	1.8	Surveillance Rep	KS	TBD	Teresa	Teresa	
II	2.1	Turkey/GEO	KS	HQ based Consultant	Gunel Ismayilova	Gunel Ismayilova	
	2.2	Israel/Cyprus	KS	Home-based consultant	Kees	Kees	
	2.3	REMESA	KS	Part-time officer	Fabrizio	Karima Ouali	
	2.4	P2 Training	Jenny Maud	STP	Karima Ouali	Karima Ouali	
III	3.1	Monitoring	KS	TBD	Not filled		
	3.2	PCP	KS	Home-based consultant	Chris	Chris	
	3.3	Global Lab	KS	Home-based consultant	Kees	Kees	
	3.4	P3- Training	Jenny Maud	STP	TBD	Wilmot Chikurunhe	