

# Workshop on animal health and incl. regional policies to support trade

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## **Aim of the meeting**

This workshop is organized and financed by the TAIEX financial instrument of the European Commission, in close cooperation with DG SANCO, EFSA and EEAS.

The objective of the workshop is to take stock of ongoing and planned activities in animal disease management that are aimed at expanding trade in products of animal origin in the Southern Mediterranean region. The workshop will provide an opportunity to strengthen collaboration between the different veterinary services and organisations and to identify shared priorities that can guide future programming under the EU Neighbourhood Policy.

The audience will consist of approximately 25 representatives from the competent veterinary authorities in the 10 Mediterranean Neighbourhood countries.

The Mediterranean ENP countries are invited to inform about their ongoing programs for animal disease control, and to identify their priority issues in domestic production, export and import. Speakers from OIE and FAO will present their ongoing programs and activities in animal health control in the Southern Mediterranean Region, including the relevant programs under the Global Framework for the progressive control of Trans-boundary Animal Diseases (GF-TAD). DG SANCO will explain the legal aspects of animal health control measures relevant for EU market access and EFSA will present its mechanisms on risk assessment and communication.

## 8 September 2011

**Chair: Mr Etienne BONBON, DG SANCO**

<b>09.00 – 09.15</b>	Registration
<b>09.15 – 09.25</b>	<b>Introduction</b> by the chair
<b>09.25 – 09.40</b>	<b>TAIEX instrument of the European Commission</b> <i>Ms. Elisabeth BEDERT - DG Enlargement , European Commission</i>
<b>09.40 – 10.40</b>	<b>How to export to the European Union</b> <i>Ms. Ines ESCUDERO SANCHEZ- DG TRADE, European Commission</i> <b>Animal Health as a prerequisite for trade in products of animal origin and regulatory aspects for EU market access</b> <i>Mr. Wolf MAIER - DG SANCO G7, European Commission</i>
<b>10.40 – 11.00</b>	Coffee break
<b>11.00 – 11.30</b>	<b>EFSA risk assessment work on animal health and products of animal origin – recent examples</b> <i>Mr. Franck BERTHE -Animal Health and Welfare Unit, EFSA</i>
<b>11.30 - 12.00</b>	<b>EFSA risk assessment work on animal welfare and scientific cooperation</b> <i>Mr. Franck BERTHE -Animal Health and Welfare Unit, EFSA</i>
<b>12.00 – 12.45</b>	<b>Animal identification and certification systems (TRACES) to support animal health control</b> <i>Mr. Kaido KROON - SANCO G2, European Commission</i>
<b>12.45 – 13.00</b>	<b>Questions and brief discussion</b>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
<b>14.00 – 14.45</b>	<b>Stocktaking of ongoing and planned activities</b> State of works with OIE PVS Pathway, next steps. Other activities in animal health control <i>Dr Alain DEHOVE - OIE Paris</i>
<b>14.45 – 15.15</b>	<b>Activities in animal health control (Cross-border cooperation, REMESA)</b> <i>Prof Mohammed BENGOUNI, Sub-regional Office for North Africa, FAO</i>
<b>15.15 – 15.30</b>	Coffee break
<b>15.30 – 16.15</b>	<b>Ongoing and planned activities: EuFMD Commission and support for FMD control in the Eastern and Southern Mediterranean region</b> <i>Mr. Keith SUMPTION, Secretary, EUFMD Commission, FAO</i>
<b>16.15 – 16.40</b>	<b>Export Help desk - practical example</b> <i>Ms. Ines ESCUDERO SANCHEZ- DG TRADE, European Commission</i>

<b>16.40 – 17.00</b>	<b>Presentation of TWINNING instrument: ongoing &amp; planned activities</b> <i>Ms. Maria ROCA DEL MAR -DG DEVCO, European Commission</i>
<b>17.00– 17.30</b>	<b>Questions and brief discussion preparing the working groups for day 2</b>
<b>17.30</b>	End of day 1

## 9 September 2011

**Chair: Mr Finn SHEYE, EFSA**

<b>08.30 - 08.45</b>	Registration
<b>08.45 -09.00</b>	Introduction day 2 by chair
<b>09.00 – 11.00</b>	<p><b>Discussion Parallel Working groups</b></p> <p><b>1/ Cross border cooperation for animal health</b> – (PPR and Food and mouth disease) – Chair FAO</p> <p><b>2/ Diagnostic capacity in the region</b> – current situation and opportunities for regional cooperation - chair EFSA</p> <p><b>3/ Trade</b> – current situation import / export of live animals and animal products, opportunities and certification – Chair OIE.</p> <p><i>The discussion should identify priorities to further support domestic production, export and import.</i></p>
<b>11.00 – 11.30</b>	Coffee break
<b>11.30 – 12.00</b>	<b>Presentation to the plenary of working groups - 10 min each</b>
<b>12.00 – 12.45</b>	<p><b>Panel Discussion with inclusion of the audience</b></p> <p>Panel: SANCO, EFSA, OIE, FAO</p> <p>Identification of priorities</p>
<b>12.45 – 13.00</b>	<p><b>Final Conclusions</b></p> <p>by DG SANCO</p>
<b>13.00</b>	<b>End of the workshop</b>

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