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Ongoing Lumpy Skin Disease activities

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Presentation outline

- Lumpy skin disease (info)
- ▶ Work concluded in 2016
- ► GF-TAD's
- On going scientific cooperation with IPA on LSD (EFSA ALPHA panel)

Lumpy skin disease

- Lumpy skin disease (LSD) is a pox disease of cattle caused by the LSD virus (genus Capripox) and characterized by fever, nodules on the skin, the mucosal membranes and the internal organs. The disease can cause a reduction in milk production, sterility in bulls, abortion and damage to hides, leading to a significant loss of income.
- Originally affecting cattle across Africa, the disease has spread outside the continent with outbreaks in Israel, Egypt and Lebanon in 2012-13 and from 2013 epizootics are recorded in Turkey, Russia, Cyprus, Greece, Bulgaria, FYROM, Serbia, Kosovo, Albania and Montenegro.



31 Focal point meeting, Helsinki 17-18 May 2017



Work concluded in 2016

- May 2016 -a two-day workshop with scientists and participants from the countries affected and at risk of introduction of lumpy skin disease (LSD) from south-eastern Europe and Middle East. Workshop was organised by EFSA in cooperation with DG SANTE, under the EFSA Pre-Accession Programme 2015-2017.
- July 2016 Standing Group of Experts on Lumpy skin disease (LSD) for South-East Europe under the GF-TADs meeting held in Brussels - Experts assessed the effectiveness of different measures to control the spread of the disease in the EU.



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August 2016 - EFSA issued an urgent advice on lumpy skin disease.



Standing Group of Experts on Lumpy skin disease for South-East Europe

- Aim is to build up a closer cooperation among countries affected by Lumpy Skin disease (LSD) and thereby, address the disease in a more collaborative and harmonised manner across the region.
- Initiative launched in July 2016 under the GF-TADs umbrella
- 3 meetings held up to date:
- Kick off meeting SGE LSD1, 5-6 July 2016, Brussels / Belgium
- SGE LSD2 (September 2016, Portugal)
- SGE LSD3 (December 2016 Istanbul/Turkey)
- SGE LSD4 (May 2017, Paris / France in the margins of the OIE 85th General Session)
- ► SGE LSD5 (Montenegro, TBC)



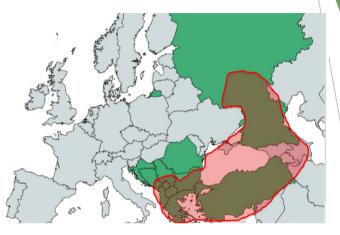
On going scientific cooperation with IPA on LSD (EFSA ALPHA panel) - learning from epidemics

- September 2016 EFSA received a new mandate on lumpy skin on data collection for spatial and temporal analysis of LSD outbreaks and related risk factors. Two reports to be delivered, one on 2017 another in 2018.
- Technical meeting on data collection on Lumpy Skin Disease 20 December 2016, Parma
- April 2017 First report EFSA experts conclude that the mass vaccination of cattle implemented in south-eastern Europe successfully contained the outbreaks of lumpy skin disease in the region in 2015-16 -

https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press/news/170420

Objectives and countries involved

- Learn from current outbreaks
- Strengthen collaboration between EFSA and MSs and neighboring countries
- Harmonise and increase efficiency of data collection
- Improve RA quality



Greece, Bulgaria, Albania, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Turkey, Romania, Croatia, and Kosovo.

Next activities

- SGE LSD5 (Montenegro, TBC)
- Back to back with the meeting EFSA to arrange the workshop with SGE LSD representatives (tackling also other transboundary animal disease important for the region)
- Joint work to produce the second report in 2018, as per ALPHA panel mandate

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Thank you for your attention! Questions?

