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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.



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



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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)

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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!

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