

Standard Summary Project Fiche – IPA centralised programmes
Animal Disease Eradication

1. Basic information

- 1.1 CRIS Number: 2008/020-319
1.2 Title: Support for the control/eradication of animal diseases
1.3 ELARG Statistical code: 03.12
1.4 Location: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia as well as Kosovo¹

Implementing arrangements:

- 1.5 Contracting Authority (EC) European Community represented by the Commission of the European Communities for and on behalf of the Beneficiaries². The project will be sub-delegated from DG Enlargement to DG Health and consumers.
- 1.6 Implementing Agency:
- 1.7 Beneficiaries: Western Balkans: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia as well as Kosovo.
The main beneficiaries of the project are the Ministries of Agriculture (and more precisely the veterinary offices) in the Western Balkans.

Financing:

- 1.8 Overall cost (VAT excluded)³: €1,000,000
1.9 EU contribution: €1,000,000
1.10 Final date for contracting: 2 years following the date of conclusion of the Financing Agreement.
1.11 Final date for execution of contracts: 2 years following the end date for contracting.
1.12 Final date for disbursements: 1 year following the end date for execution of contract(s).

2. Overall Objective and Project Purpose

¹ under UNSCR 1244/99.

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³ The total cost of the project should be net of VAT and/or other taxes. Should this not be the case, the amount of VAT and the reasons why it should be considered eligible should be clearly indicated

2.1 Overall Objective:

The overall objective is to control and eradicate animal diseases in the Western Balkans, in particular those diseases that continue to be a threat to EU Member States. The aim is to improve regional and cross-border cooperation in the Western Balkans and thereby ensure that the control and eradication of important animal diseases is harmonised and coordinated at a regional level with Commission support.

2.2 Project purpose:

- Improve regional and cross-boarder cooperation among the beneficiaries in the Western Balkans, neighbouring EU Member States and the Commission by sharing best practices and lessons learned in the control of animal diseases.
- Ensure a regionally harmonised implementation of animal disease control strategies.
- Support operational cooperation, and the intensification of communication and information exchange between the authorities in the Western Balkans.
- Control and eradicate important animal diseases such as rabies and classical swine fever in the Western Balkans so as to decrease the risk to EU Member States posed by these diseases and to facilitate the ability of the Beneficiaries to export live animals and animal products without disruption of regional trade.

2.3 Link with AP/NPAA / EP/ SAA

Although the implementation of disease control strategies is the responsibility of authorities in the beneficiaries, regional cooperation is instrumental in addressing the challenges facing Western Balkan authorities in their efforts to control transboundary animal diseases, in particular where the threat is also posed by animals in the wild.

Regional cooperation should ensure not only that the experience in the EU is taken into account in national programmes but also that experiences in other beneficiaries in the Western Balkans and neighbouring EU Member States are used to adapt any disease control strategy to local conditions. Furthermore, national programming should be harmonised to facilitate a coordinated approach among Beneficiaries.

Regional cooperation should also limit the risk of those beneficiaries in the Western Balkans that have been able to control diseases from any reoccurrence of such diseases arriving from other beneficiaries or countries in the region without an efficient control programme in place.

2.4 Link with MIPD

The effective and efficient eradication of important animal diseases such as rabies and classical swine fever in the Western Balkans appear as a priority in the Multi-Beneficiary MIPD 2008-2010 under Section 2.3.3.3.

2.5 Link with National Development Plan (where applicable)

N/A

2.6 Link with national/ sectoral investment plans (where applicable)

N/A

3. Description of project

3.1 Background and justification:

Certain animal diseases such as rabies and classical swine fever are endemic in the Western Balkans. Rabies has a serious impact on public health and swine fever has serious trade and economic implications. The presence of those diseases in the Western Balkans remains a serious threat to EU Member States.

In the national MIPDs, the eradication of animal disease is mentioned and control and eradication programmes have been prepared. However, to have the most impact, a harmonised approach to eradicate disease in the Western Balkans is necessary.

Rabies is a lethal viral disease that affects mammals, predominantly carnivores, and humans and is present as a reservoir in wildlife (mainly wild foxes). Fox populations infected with rabies act as a reservoir of the disease as they present a permanent risk to domestic and farm animals and humans. Humans contract rabies through animal bites and if not treated before it becomes active the disease is invariably lethal. Following a surveillance programme to check the extent of the problem, the control and/eradication of the disease may be achieved by the immunisation of the population at risk by means of vaccination.

Classical swine fever (CSF) is an infectious disease spread by pigs. When the disease circulates among wild boar it constitutes a threat for farm pigs in which case the disease causes serious economic losses and leads to trade restrictions. Although the eradication of CSF from farm pigs requires additional measures to be taken, the control of the disease among wild boar is an important factor in achieving this aim. Following a surveillance programme to verify the extent of the problem, the control and /or eradication of the disease may be achieved by the immunisation of the population at risk by means of vaccination.

3.2 Assessment of project impact, catalytic effect, sustainability and cross-border impact

The control and eradication of rabies will be beneficial to public health since it will result in a significant reduction of cases in domestic and farm animals and in the long term a reduction of the number of the post exposure treatments (PET) required in humans after bites from carnivores.

The control and eradication of classical swine fever in wild boar will reduce the risk of spread of the disease to farm pigs within the country and its spread to other countries and territories, thereby increasing the prospect of trade of pigs and pig meat to EU Member States.

The eradication of the two diseases in the wildlife population cannot be sustained if this is not done throughout the whole region.

The control and eradication of the two diseases will also reduce the risk of their introduction into the European Union.

The control and eventual eradication of rabies and CSF among wildlife are important, but measures and programmes against rabies and CSF affecting pets and domestic animals and farm-reared pigs respectively will also have to be taken in order to ensure that these diseases are eventually fully eradicated in the Western Balkans.

The programmes for the control and the eradication of those diseases in wildlife will provide a good basis for future animal health programmes. Any gaps identified and addressed during the implementation of these programmes will have a beneficial impact on the performance of veterinary services in animal health.

3.3 Results and measurable indicators:

Overall results:

- Improved epidemiological situation as regards rabies and CSF in the whole of the Western Balkans;
- Improved regional and international cooperation between veterinary services in the Western Balkans in animal disease control;
- Improved performance of veterinary services in the Western Balkans as regards the implementation of animal health programmes.

Results and measurable indicators in relation with activity 1:

Coordination of the exchange of information on the situation and evolution of CSF and rabies programmes in the Western Balkans by:

- Indicators for submission of the epidemiological data [such as data on the population affected (number of animals etc), number of samples taken and their results, Information on the vaccination campaigns undertaken already, number of doses used, results of the monitoring of the vaccination campaign] and using those to compare the implementation of the different national programmes;
- Preparing harmonised and shared information channels;

Results and measurable indicators in relation with activity 2:

Development of regional cooperation between the beneficiaries in the Western Balkans, neighbouring Member States and international organisations by:

- Regular coordination meetings in the region;
- Recommendations for enhanced regional cooperation;
- Specific cross-border activities between the Western Balkans and EU Member States.

Results and measurable indicators in relation with activity 3:

Support to the Western Balkans for a coordinated and efficient implementation of the CSF and rabies programmes by:

- Reports on gaps as regards the required human resources, the technical capability and the interaction with stakeholders;
- Regional and local meetings with veterinary services, laboratories and stakeholders.

3.4 Activities:

One service contract is to cover all activities to be performed under this project.

Activity 1:

Coordination of the exchange of information on the situation and evolution of CSF and rabies programmes in the Western Balkans by:

- (i) Harmonising the collection of data and results of the programmes
- (ii) Facilitating instruments of exchange of data and information on the control and eradication programmes, within EU and/or international context
- (iii) Providing support of the analysis of the data and results
- (iv) Follow-up of the progress of (i) to (iv)

Activity 2:

Development of regional cooperation between the beneficiaries in the Western Balkans, neighbouring Member States and international organisations by:

- (i) Organising coordination meetings in the region (at policy and at technical level)
- (ii) Drafting of recommendations for an enhanced regional cooperation following these meetings
- (iii) Organising regional and cross-border activities following the recommendations of (ii)
- (iv) Follow-up of the progress of (i) to (iv)

Activity 3:

Support to the Western Balkans for a coordinated and efficient implementation of the CSF and rabies programmes by:

- (i) Identifying any gaps as regards the required human resources, the technical capability and the interaction with stakeholders
- (ii) Proposing initiatives to mitigate those gaps
- (iii) Follow-up of the progress of (i) and (ii).

3.5 Conditionality and sequencing:

For the execution of the project, the contractor will work together with DG Health and Consumers and TAIEX.

3.6 Linked activities

Animal health control and eradication programmes should run simultaneously in all the beneficiaries in the Western Balkans.

3.7 Lessons learned

Rabies and CSF were eradicated from most areas in Central and Western Europe through national eradication programmes approved and co-financed by the Commission, based on harmonised Community legislation and EU and international standards, implemented by the Member States' authorities.

4. Indicative Budget (amounts in EUR)

			TOTAL EXP.RE	SOURCES OF FUNDING								
				IPA COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION		NATIONAL CONTRIBUTION					PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION	
ACTIVITIES	IB (1)	INV (1)	EUR (a)=(b)+(c)+(d)	EUR (b)	%(2)	Total EUR (c)=(x)+(y)+(z)	% (2)	Central EUR (x)	Regional/ Local EUR (y)	IFIs EUR (z)	EUR (d)	% (2)
Activity 1												
Activity 2												
Activity 3												
One contract is foreseen for all three activities	x	–	€1.000.000,=	€1.000.000,=	100							–
TOTAL IB			€1.000.000,=	€1.000.000,=	100							
TOTAL INV												
TOTAL PROJECT			€1.000.000,=	€1.000.000,=	100							

Amounts net of VAT

- (1) In the Activity row use "X" to identify whether IB or INV
- (2) Expressed in % of the Total Expenditure (column (a))

5. Indicative Implementation Schedule (periods broken down per quarter)

Contracts	Start of Tendering	Signature of contract	Project Completion
Single service contract	Q1 2009	Q3 2009	Q2 2012

All projects should in principle be ready for tendering in the 1ST Quarter following the signature of the Financing Agreement

6. Cross-cutting issues (where applicable)

6.1 Equal Opportunity

Equal opportunities and non-discrimination will be respected as regarding gender as well as minorities.

6.2 Environment

Environmental considerations will be duly reflected in particular as concerns Environmental Impact Assessments in line with the European Principles for Environment.

6.3 Minorities

Furthermore **minority and vulnerable groups' concerns** will be reflected in all activities, in particular when it concerns public services, legislative matters and socio-economic development.

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ANNEX 1: Logical framework matrix in standard format

LOGFRAME PLANNING MATRIX FOR Project Fiche Support to animal disease control in the Western Balkan region	Programme name and number	2008/020-319
	Contracting period expires: 2 years following the date of conclusion of the Financing Agreement.	Disbursement period expires 1 year following the end date for execution of contract(s).
	Total budget : €1.000.000,=	IPA budget: €1.000.000,=

Overall objective	Objectively verifiable indicators	Sources of Verification	
The overall objective is to further enhance the regional and cross-border cooperation in the Western Balkans and to ensure that the control and eradication of important animal diseases is harmonised and coordinated at a regional level.	Number of meetings organised in the region. Harmonised approach of eradication programmes in the Western Balkans.	Veterinary authorities in the Western Balkans.	
Project purpose	Objectively verifiable indicators	Sources of Verification	Assumptions
To further enhance regional cooperation among The Western Balkans, neighbouring EU Member States and the Commission, through the sharing of best practices and lessons learned in the control of animal diseases. To ensure a regionally harmonised implementation of animal disease control strategies. To control and eradicate important animal diseases like rabies and classical swine fever in the Western Balkans.	Indicators for the regional epidemiological data and implementation results of the programmes are prepared. The animal health situation in the Western Balkans region is followed and reports on the situation prepared. The experience from EU Member States is taken into account when eradication programmes in the Western Balkans are prepared.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports prepared by the contractor. • Veterinary authorities in the Western Balkans. 	Animal health control and eradication programmes should run simultaneously in the Western Balkans.

Results	Objectively verifiable indicators	Sources of Verification	Assumptions
<p>Overall results:</p> <p>Improved epidemiological situation as regards rabies and CSF in the whole territory of the Western Balkans.</p> <p>Improved regional and international cooperation between veterinary services in the Western Balkans in the area of animal disease control.</p> <p>Improved performance of veterinary services as regards the implementation of animal health programmes.</p>	<p>Indicators for submission of the epidemiological data [such as data on the population affected (number of animals etc), number of samples taken and their results, Information on the vaccination campaigns undertaken already, number of doses used, results of the monitoring of the vaccination campaign] and using those to compare the implementation of the different national programmes;</p> <p>Recommendations for an enhanced regional cooperation are prepared.</p> <p>Regular coordination meetings are held in the region.</p> <p>Regular meetings with veterinary services, laboratories and stakeholders are organised.</p> <p>Specific cross-border activities between the Western Balkans and EU Member States are organised.</p> <p>Reports on gaps as regards the required human resources, the technical capability and the interaction with stakeholders are prepared.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports prepared by contractor. • Indicators and overview for the Western Balkans prepared. • Meetings organised, in the region but also between the Western Balkans and neighbouring Member States. • Gap analysis prepared. 	<p>Animal health control and eradication programmes should run simultaneously in the Western Balkans.</p>

Activities	Means	Costs	Assumptions
<p><u>Activity 1:</u></p> <p>Coordination of the exchange of information on the situation and evolution of CSF and rabies programmes in the Western Balkans.</p> <p><u>Activity 2:</u></p> <p>Enhancement of the regional cooperation between the Western Balkans, the neighbouring Member States and international organisations.</p> <p><u>Activity 3:</u></p> <p>Support the Western Balkans for a coordinated and efficient implementation of the CSF and rabies programmes.</p>	<p>Harmonising the collection of data and results of the programmes.</p> <p>Facilitating instruments of exchange of data and information on the control and eradication programmes, within EU and/or international context.</p> <p>Providing support for the analysis of the regional data and results.</p> <p>Organising coordination meetings in the region (at policy and at technical level)</p> <p>Drafting of recommendations for an enhanced regional cooperation.</p> <p>Organising regional and cross-border activities.</p> <p>Identifying any gaps as regards the required human resources, the technical capability and the interaction with stakeholders</p> <p>Proposing initiatives to mitigate those gaps</p> <p>Follow-up of the progress made.</p> <p>Service Contract</p>		<p>Animal health control and eradication programmes should run simultaneously in the Western Balkans.</p>
			<p>Pre-conditions:</p> <p>For the execution of the project the contractor will work together with DG Health and Consumers and TAIEX.</p>

ANNEX 2: amounts (in €) Contracted and disbursed by quarter for the project

Contracted	2nd 2009	3rd 2009	4th 2009	1st 2010	2nd 2010	3rd 2010	4th 2010	1st 2011	2nd 2011	3rd 2011	4th 2011	2nd 2012
Contract	1.000.000											
Cumulated	1.000.000											
Disbursed												
Contract		250.00 0				250. 000				250. 000		250.00 0
Cumulated	0	250.00 0	250. 000	250. 000	250.00 0	500. 000	500. 000	500. 000	500. 000	750. 000	750. 000	1.000.0 00

ANNEX 3: Description of Institutional Framework

All the Beneficiaries covered by this project have instigated national eradication programmes for animal diseases, in particular classical swine fever and rabies. This project brings added value through ensuring a regional aspect by which eradication of important animal diseases is harmonised and coordinated in the Western Balkans. Furthermore, it will be possible to take account of the experience available within DG Health and Consumers, which has supported the Member States in controlling these diseases on their territory.

ANNEX 4: Reference to laws, regulations and strategic documents:

- Multi-Beneficiary Multi-annual Indicative Planning Document (2007/2009)
- Council Directive 2001/89/EC on Community measures for the control of classical swine fever
- Report of the Scientific Committee on Animal Health and Animal Welfare on "The oral vaccination of foxes against rabies"
- Report of the Scientific Committee on Animal Health and Animal Welfare on "Classical Swine Fever in Wild Boar"
- Bosnia and Herzegovina 2007 Progress Report
- Croatia 2007 Progress Report
- Proposal for a Council Decision on the principles, priorities and conditions contained in the Accession Partnership with Croatia and repealing Decision 2006/145/EC COM 2007 (658) final
- The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 2007 Progress Report
- Proposal for a Council Decision on the principles, priorities and conditions contained in the Accession Partnership with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and repealing Decision 2006/57/ EC COM (2007) 659 final
- Montenegro 2007 Progress Report
- Serbia 2007 Progress Report
- Kosovo 2007 Progress Report

ANNEX 5: Details per EU funded contract

Technical Assistance will be provided through a service contract of up to €1,000,000.