

Selected projects



Official title of the project

National Animal Identification and Registration System

Country

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Region/ City

Skopje

Sector

Agriculture

Budget/EC contribution

3,491,033 EUR

Implementation period

2002 - ONGOING

Expected results

Established integrated animal identification, holding registration and movement control system in compliance with EU requirements

Coordinator

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Beneficiary

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In 2002 the European Agency for Reconstruction launched a national animal identification programme consisting of three phases. The total value of this programme amounts to €3.5 million. The aim is to establish a bovine identification system in line with EC regulation in order to improve animal health surveillance and support disease, drug and residue-monitoring programmes.

Under the first phase of this EU-funded project, hardware and software equipment, ear tags and printed materials were provided to the central database. This phase made it possible for the the launch of identification of cattle in the field to take place.

The second phase of the project started in November 2004. Its aim is to consolidate the I&R system for cattle, and to establish an I&R system for small ruminants (sheep and goats).

The third phase started in mid-2007 and is to assist the Veterinary Directorate to complete the establishment of an integrated animal identification, holding registration and movement control system for small ruminants in compliance with EU requirements.

Benefits of the system

Animal identification and registration serves as a central system that can provide information for related applications – including animal breeding, subsidy payments, and veterinary procedures dealing with the treatment, vaccination and epidemiology of animal diseases.

Animal identification leads to traceability of livestock, which makes it possible for animal products to be traced all the way back to the place of production. This not only improves disease prevention, but also protects consumers.

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