

## SHORT TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSION (STSM) SCIENTIFIC REPORT

This report is submitted for approval by the STSM applicant to the STSM coordinator

**Action number: COST action 17110**

**STSM title: Develop a questionnaire to collect information about control programmes that are applied in the control of non-regulated cattle diseases in the EU**

**STSM start and end date: 05/08/2019 to 07/09/2019**

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### PURPOSE OF THE STSM:

(max.200 words)

The aims of this STSM was to develop a framework to collect information about characteristics of control programmes that are applied in the control of non-regulated cattle diseases in the EU, gather information on the strengths and weaknesses of the different programmes in terms of ability to prevent new infections, early detection, acceptance by the stakeholders and the different contexts in which these control programmes are applied and also to compile a list of the relevant stakeholders for the control programmes in each member state.

### DESCRIPTION OF WORK CARRIED OUT DURING THE STSMS

(max.500 words)

In the 33 days I have been in Inverness, I have converted the questionnaire in to a framework of discussion points. The framework is divided into two parts the first is a set of discussion points for the description of the cattle-rearing situation in each country and the second part serves as the basis for the description of actual control programmes. I wrote the narrative for Slovenia and the UK, which will serve as an example for other countries. When writing the narratives I had to go through a lot of legislation from both countries. Gathering the information from the organisations that implement the control programmes in the UK was hard to obtain as it was very scattered. I was supported in my efforts by George J. Gunn. I also helped finish the Deliverable 1.1 for Work Group 1 (WG1) by correcting and adapting the deliverable based on the comments received from representatives of other member states. I also added a discussion, which summarizes the information received and describes what will be considered a control programme for the purpose of this action. In addition, I made a set of instructions for member states to write a list of relevant stakeholders and sent them out by email. To date I have already received some replies. On the 5th of September, I presented my work at the WG1 meeting in Inverness.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE MAIN RESULTS OBTAINED

The main results are the framework, the narrative for Slovenia and the UK, the list of relevant stakeholders and Deliverable 1.1. The framework is divided into two parts the first is a set of discussing points for the description of the cattle rearing situation in each country and the second part serves as the basis for the description of the actual control programmes. It also includes a flowchart of what is considered as a control programme. The list is not yet finished but we are slowly receiving information from member states. The

narratives for Slovenia and the UK are written using the framework and I added the list of stakeholders at the end of each document. Deliverable 1.1 summarizes the information received from member states in the form of tables that were sent out in January.

**FUTURE COLLABORATIONS (if applicable)**

There will be some future collaboration as the framework I designed with George's and Carla's help will be used by countries to write their narratives, which will serve as chapters for the handbook describing the control programmes currently implemented in Europe. If need be I will assist in the efforts of writing the handbook. I will also be attending future work group 1 meeting and actively contribute to our cause.