

Report on the outcomes of a Short-Term Scientific Mission¹

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Details of the STSM

Title: Overview of Control Programmes for Cattle Diseases in Categories C, D or E in the AHL in Serbia and a comparison with Slovenia

Start and end date: 01/02/2022 to 22/02/2022

Description of the work carried out during the STSM

Description of the activities carried out during the STSM. Any deviations from the initial working plan shall also be described in this section.

Chronological:

1. 2. Arrival in Novi Sad

2. 2. Meeting with the host, determination of the system of data collection and organisation of a meeting with the person in charge of the Serbian Veterinary Administration - Department of animal health

3. 2. Meeting with Mr. Boban Đurić, DVM, Head of the Department of Animal Health in the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, VETERINARY DIRECTORATE - investigation of the availability of data needed for this STSM, submission of an official request for the use of data collected by the Ministry

4. 2. Presentation of the SOUND control COST action to the colleagues of the Veterinary department in Novi Sad; networking support instruments of COST association were presented as well

5. & 6. 2. Weekend - visit of cultural sites (Gallery of Matica Srpska and Museum of Vojvodina) and city tour of Novi Sad

7. 2. Conceptualization of the manuscript

8. 2. Internet research of data on demography of Serbia

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9. 2. Visit of colleagues in the city of Čačak (230 km south of Novi Sad) and discussion of cattle disease control and the situation from the point of view of local veterinary services; introduction to COST association and SOUND control COST action to colleagues in Čačak

10. & 11. 2. Obtaining legislation and other documents from the Serbian Veterinary Administration, which also gave me permission to use their official data. Study of Serbian veterinary legislation; discussion on future cooperation opportunities with colleagues from the Department.

12. & 13. 2. weekend - visit to Sremski Karlovci (nearby historical town) and Petrovaradin Fortress (the largest fortress on the Danube)

14. - 18. 2. Writing of manuscript on cattle diseases and daily discussions on problems and peculiarities that I did not understand from legislation and other documents (reports on cattle population and results of active surveillance) received from Veterinary Administration; collection of reports (PhD thesis, papers in Serbian language, conference papers) on diseases that are not included in official disease surveillance but are of interest for SOUND control and research data exist in grey literature; filling in the Serbian data in data collection matrix of SOUND control

18. 2. draft of the manuscript sent to Serbian colleagues to check if I interpreted the documentation correctly (most of the documents were in Serbian) and if it reflects current Serbian situation

19. & 20. 2. weekend - visit to Novi Sad synagogue and Novi Sad Museum

21. 2. corrections and comments to the manuscript were discussed, preparation of draft manuscript.

Description of the STSM main achievements and planned follow-up activities

Description and assessment of whether the STSM achieved its planned goals and expected outcomes, including specific contribution to Action objective and deliverables, or publications resulting from the STSM. Agreed plans for future follow-up collaborations shall also be described in this section.

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- The most important achievement of the STSM is the draft manuscript on the control of diseases listed in categories C, D and E of the AHL in Serbia.
- Differences between the Slovenian and Serbian situation of the diseases control in cattle sector were identified, which can be presented at a future SOUND control meeting.
- Completion of the list of stakeholders in Serbia (the document is ready to be submitted for uploading to SOUND control website).
- The data collection tool of SOUND control was filled in.
- Final editing and preparation of the manuscript for submission will be done via online communication.

The SOUND control COST action was promoted in the Department of Veterinary Medicine as well as the COST association.

I have made new connections in Serbia and future collaboration is already planned.

All goals of the STSM were achieved.