

Minutes of the Bilateral Meeting - ERFP Steering Committee and FAO 23rd August 2013 in Nantes, France

Chair: Catherine Marguerat-König

Participants: Oya Akin, NC Turkey; Elzbieta Martyniuk, NC Poland, Tamas Szobolevszki, NC Hungary; Nina Sæther, NC Norway; Frank Begemann, Sebastian Winkel, Holger Göderz, ERFP Secretariat; Irene Hoffmann, Roswitha Baumung, FAO

Catherine Marguerat-König opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

CGRFA-14 implications for ERFP

In connection with the FAO Trust Fund, Irene Hoffmann was asked, why the evaluation of the different projects, done by ERFP, was not considered when the relevant projects were chosen. The question of the ERFP Steering Committee was, if a prescreening by ERFP is useful and wished by the FAO in future. Ms Hoffmann answered that this work would be helpful for FAO, provided that other Regional Focal Points can accomplish the same. It should be no ranking but a categorization of the projects. She explained the situation of other Regional Focal Points that are not that active and networked as in Europe.

Country reports for the SoW and the GPA progress report

Ms Hoffmann mentioned the deadline for the delivery of the two questionnaires for The SoW and the GPA progress report. That should be not later than 31st January 2014. The update of the EFABIS/DAD-IS should be done till the 30th April 2014. As the GPA progress report appears every 4 years, the countries should be informed, that important developments can be published anytime.

To avoid double work for the countries, the Steering Committee asked to link the country reports on FAO-homepage to ERFP-homepage. In this case there would be no need for the countries to prepare a separate country report for ERFP. Ms Hoffmann and Ms Baumung agreed with this idea. They reported that the FAO-homepage had been revised. The new structure is more easy to navigate and the country reports can be found easily.

EFABIS / DAD-IS data collection

The ERFP Secretariat reported about the feedback to the Letter of Agreements (concerning data upload in EFABIS) that have been sent to the National Coordinators. At the moment, 17 countries have signed this agreement.

Furthermore the Secretariat told the FAO about the testing of an uploading tool in cooperation with Zhivko Duchevev. This tool should enable countries which are not members of EFABISnet to upload their national data directly to EFABIS. The Secretariat will inform all National Coordinators as soon as the tool is functional.

Roswitha Baumung explained the processes to improve the documentation of transboundary breeds. Furthermore the ERFP Working Group on Documentation and Information should check the degree of completeness of the uploaded descriptive data of the countries.

The meeting was closed by Catherine Marguerat-König.