

# **Disease Emergency Preparedness**



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# Are we ready?

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# What is Contingency Planning?

A contingency plan (CP) is a course of action designed to help an organization to respond effectively to a significant future event or situation that may or may not happen.

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#### "Prevention is better than cure"

Investment in prevention Direct and indirect costs

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# What is the <u>aim of a Contingency Plan?</u>

- Protect animal and human health
- Minimise economic loss e.g. culling of animals, movement restrictions
- Minimise the disruption of the food supply chain
- Minimise damage to environment

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# Legal Base for Contingency Plans

- EU Framework
- National laws
- All necessary powers to implement actions
- Broad enabling powers to allow for flexibility
- Problems of legal and political challenge

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## **Contingency planning must cover:**

- •The pre-epidemic period ("Peace time")
- •The epidemic period ("Wartime")
- •The post-epidemic period (Time of rehabilitation)

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### Pre-epidemic period ("Peace time")

#### **Disease preparedness**

- Veterinary services,
- Procedures
- Risk or threats assessments,
- IT-System,
- Surveillance,
- Diagnostic capability and capacity,
- International relations,

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### Pre-epidemic period ("Peace time")

- Command chain
  - **Clear and efficient command chain**
- Procedures

Clear and validated procedures for outbreaks management, animal culling, carcass disposal, etc. Need for training and simulation exercises

- Risk assessments
  Evaluation of introduction and spread scenarios
- Surveillance
  Early disease detection

Diagnostic capabilities

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## The epidemic period ("Wartime")

- Measures at farm level after disease confirmation:
  - valuation of animals,
  - epidemiological investigation,
  - culling of animals,
  - disposal of carcasses,
  - cleansing and disinfection.

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# Tools for the management of epidemic emergencies

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ACTION should follow DECISION rapidly

- Command chain must be short
- Procedures tested during simulations
- **Resources** availability (financial, equipments, personnel)

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#### Information system for emergency management

Decision-makers and in-field personnel must have quick access to updated and reliable information

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Easy to access and good speed performances

- Friendly-user system
- Collecting all information needed and make available all useful data from other existing systems (e.g. I&R system)
- Alert system available
- GIS component

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#### Tools for emergency management: Web GIS

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# Representation of animal movement networks

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To quickly visualize all connections directly and indirectly linked to a specified herd/flock (outbreak) during a specified time period

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## **In-field applications**

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Tablets

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#### **Applications for Veterinary Services**

- Controls of animal movements
- Holdings geo-location
- On-line queries on herd registers
- Check-list / forms compilation
- etc.

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#### An example: control of animal movement

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## **Holding geo-location**

- Coordinates verification and registration
- Buffer
- Displaying herds/flocks on the map
- Access to holding data
- Access to other applications

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## **Checklists – forms compilation**

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# The post-epidemic period (Time of rehabilitation)

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- Post epidemic screening,
- Compensation,
- Re-population,
- etc.

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