



Questionnaire on endorsement of official control programmes (common elements)

Virtual regional training workshop on the OIE procedures for the endorsement of official control programmes with regard to peste des petits ruminants and dog-mediated rabies

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Objectives/incentives of the endorsement



Submission of an application



Key question



Role of the questionnaire



Common shortcomings



Maintenance/withdrawal



Endorsement of official control programme – main objectives

- to progressively improve the situation and eventually attain official recognition of animal health status or be able to make a self-declaration (in case of dog-mediated rabies);
- to help the Veterinary Services to be provided some support from their government;
- for less developed countries, to help them to be provided some support from donors;
- countries are provided with technical guidance or recommendations on the progress of their programme through the annual reconfirmation process).



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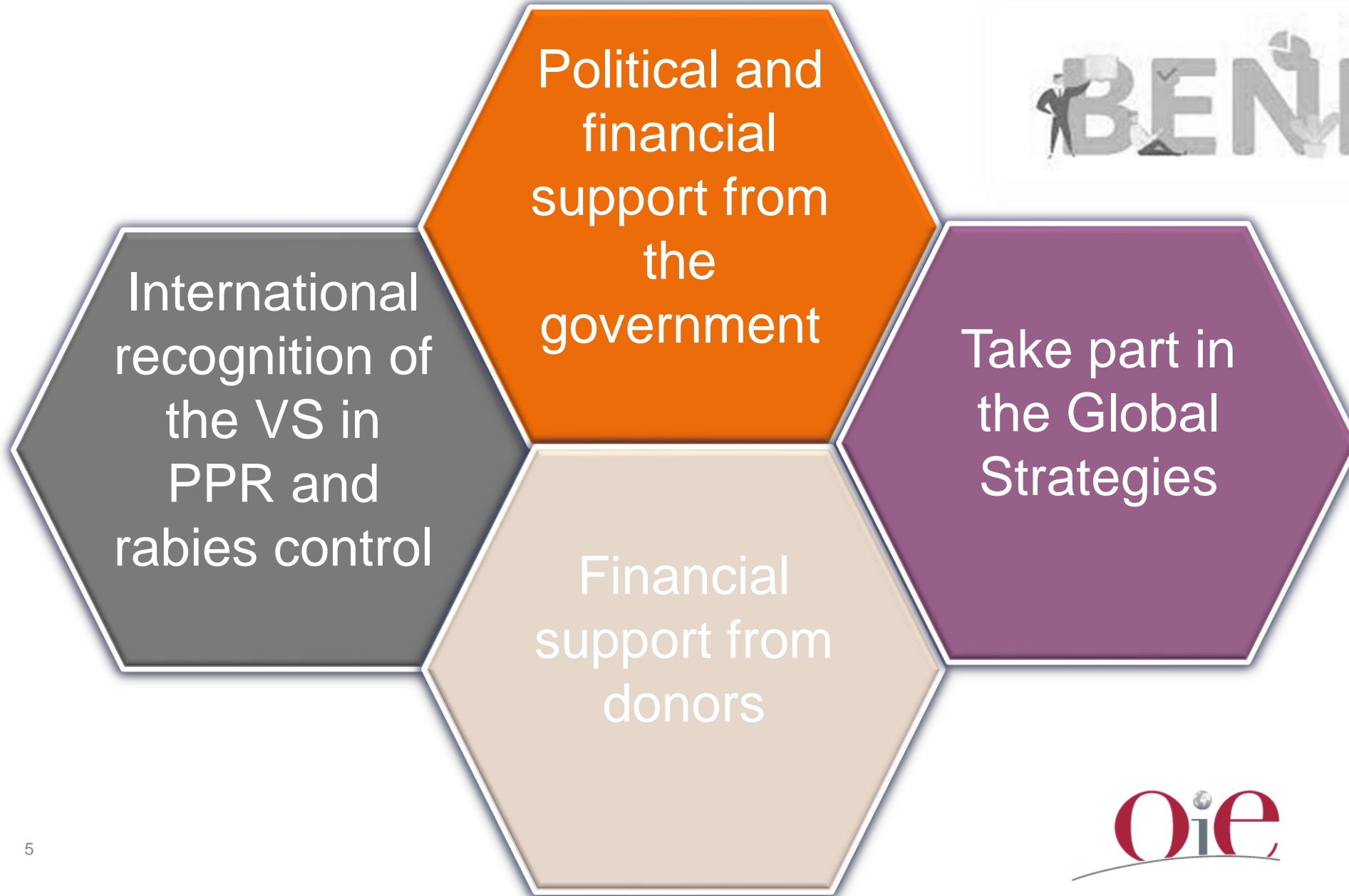
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OIE endorsed official control programme – Very important points

- On a **voluntary basis**
- Should be **applicable to the entire country** even if a zonal approach would be taken
- When **measures have been implemented** and with some evidence of positive progress and effectiveness



OIE endorsed official control programme



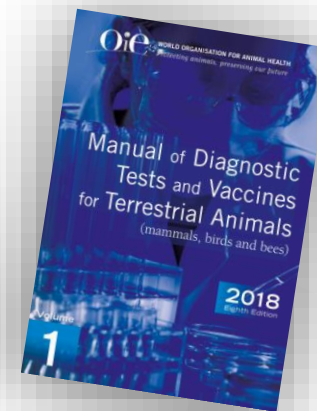
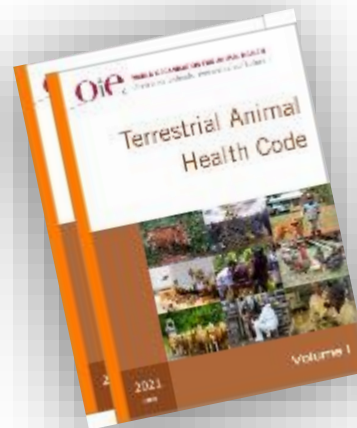
How to apply?



- In accordance with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) (www.oie.int/official-status)
- Following the relevant template questionnaires
- Following the requirements of the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*

Key question

How can I show in my dossier that what is requested in the *Terrestrial Code* is implemented in my country???



Demonstrate by



Role of Questionnaire

- ✓ To assist Members
- ✓ To assist experts
- ✓ To give more transparency to the evaluation process
- ✓ To standardise the evaluation among countries



Role of the Questionnaire

Guidance for providing comprehensive information

- Structure & flow
- Respond to each question
- Documented evidence



Common shortcomings identified during evaluation 1/2

- X Programme submitted before its implementation and having evidence of its effectiveness
- X National eradication/elimination plan submitted without following relevant template questionnaire
- X Not answering all questions of the relevant template questionnaire



Common shortcomings identified during evaluation 2/2



- X Description of the objectives for the next five years not clear or not progressive (e.g., repetition of same activities for the next 5 years without progressive aim)
- X Timeline & performance indicators not provided
- X Not clear evidence of implementation of the plan and funding

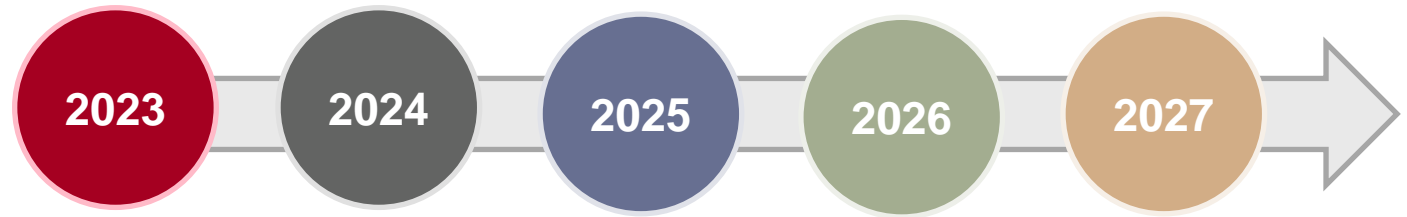
Activities	Timeline of target to be reached in years					
	Before 2022	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
NATIONAL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (NID)						
National system developed (eartags and database) for small ruminants (SR)	Bring into action.					
Regulation and policy in place for compulsory identification (eartags) for animals being moved	50% of SR were eartagged. 100% of animals being moved were eartagged					
Percent of SR are eartaged or implanted microchip	50%	75%	90%	100%		
NID database system developed and passed acceptable for national roll-out				Bring into action		
NID database can completely be linked with all animal health database such as animal movement, vaccination, surveillance system and livestock product traceability system.				Bring into action		
NID is compulsory for all SR- %SR recorded in the database				50%	75%	100% of SR are recorded in NID database



DON'T	DO
Omit the gaps identified	Acknowledge the gaps and explain how they are being (or will be) addressed
Fully rely on the expected range of error	Follow-up seropositive reactors
Presume all stakeholders are aware of what to notice, how to report and deal with suspicions	Conduct training and test your early warning system regularly
Submit incomplete information	Respond in full to all questions of the questionnaire
Assert and leave statements without explanation	Provide supportive data & info DEMONSTRATE BY EVIDENCE!
Presume the reader/evaluating experts will know	Describe in detail like explaining to a layperson Put yourself in the expert's shoes
Stay silent	Contact your RR/SRR or HQ Status Dept if you have any questions!

Maintenance of an OIE endorsed official control programme

- Submission of annual reconfirmation (by the end of November)
- Annual update on the progress made according to the timeline and performance indicators
- Information on significant changes related to official control programme



Withdrawal of the endorsement of the official control programme

- Non-submission of the annual reconfirmation, normally due in November each year, by January of the following year
- Negative assessment of the annual reconfirmation by the Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases
- Non-compliance of the Member with the requirements laid out in the relevant chapters of the *Terrestrial Code*



NON-COMPLIANCE

> Remember

- 🐾 Involvement of all relevant stakeholders & secure resources, i.e., dedicated team, time, and funds...
- 🐾 Put yourself in the experts' shoes
- 🐾 Be clear and concise in the descriptions
- 🐾 Provide documented evidence
- 🐾 Clear cross-references



Thank you for your attention!



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