

Mission Report

Twinning Project : BA05/IB/AG-01

Name of Expert: DR. BAMBAUER	THE ACTIVITY WAS WORKED TOGETHER WITH STE DR. REHM
Activity No.	Date(s) of visit: 14. – 18. 04.2008

1. Identification

Activities to be undertaken according to the Terms of Reference

1. Finalisation of the draft veterinary law
2. Assistance in the preparation of the FVO¹ mission in July
3. Assistance with view on the upgrading of the veterinary organisation in BiH² (strategy for harmonisation with EU legislation, organisation and management structure)

Persons visited:

- Dr. Drago Nedic, Director SVO³
- Mr. Darko Kobanov, Deputy Director SVO
- Mr. Sanin Tangovic, Deputy Director SVO
- Mrs Inga Dujmovic, animal welfare specialist, SVO
- Mrs. Zorana Mehmedbasic, animal health specialist, SVO
- Mr. Davor Milosevic, BIP⁴ coordinator, SVO
- Mrs. Magdalena Heric, Secretary
- Mr. Carsten Schuhmann, GTZ⁵ Project management
- Mr. Andre Schnur, GTZ Project management

¹ Food and Veterinary Office of the European Commission in Brussels, Inspection Body of the EU Commission.

² State of Bosnia and Herzegovina

³ State Veterinary Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, belonging to the State Ministry of Foreign Trade

⁴ Border Inspection Post

⁵ Gesellschaft fuer Technische Zusammenarbeit, Eschborn, responsible for financial management of the Twinning project

- Dr. Eberhardt Haunhorst, Project leader
- Dr. Norbert Rehm, STE⁶
- Dr. Karoline Schollmeyer, RTA⁷

2. Description of activities during visit

See results, working place was the office of deputy SVO Mr. Darko Kobanov, field trips have not been undertaken.

3. Results

A The draft Veterinary Law of the State of BIH was finalised and is added to Annex 1 of this report. It contains the following chapters:

Definitions, Organisation, structure and responsibilities; Information reporting certification; Veterinary chamber; animal health, veterinary public health, import export transit; animal movement, funding, compensation, revenues, supervision, sanctions

B The structure of the primary legislation concerned with veterinary issues was agreed with the counterpart. According to this the following primary legislation on the veterinary sector should be created and enforced (harmonising with the EU provisions):

- Veterinary law (contents see above)
- Animal welfare law
- Animal by product law
- Veterinary drugs and pharmaceuticals
- Feed law

A separate documentation specifying the proposed contents and the proposed secondary legislation which could be based on the named laws was delivered to the counterpart (see Annex 2); the same paper contains the referring EU legislation which should be transposed into the national provisions allocated to the different laws and proposed sub laws.

⁶ Short Term Expert

⁷ Resident Twinning Advisor

C The present regulation for animal identification and movement control was reviewed by the undersigned expert. On the experts opinion this present regulation contains SOPs⁸ of the agency for animal identification in Banja Luka and is build up as a kind of operational manual for the agency and misses the typical structure of a regulation, whereby the compliance with the pertinent EU provisions was not visible for the expert.

It is recommended to separate the SPOs and manual character from the regulation and to restrict the regulation to the legal provisions of the referring EU regulations, directives and Decisions. (i.e. Directive 92/102/EEC identification and registration of animals; Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 identification and registration of bovine animal, labelling of beef and beef products; Commission Regulation (EC) 911/2004 ear tags, holding registers, passports; Commission Regulation (EC) 1082/2003 minimum level of controls, bovine animals; Commission Regulation EC) 494/98 administrative sanctions, bovine animals;)

It is recommended to draft the regulation in the light of the above mentioned newly.

D The upgrading of the veterinary organisation and needs on the future enforcement of the legislation

A base paper describing the management, structural, organisational and personal needs on the headquarter and local level was started. The finalised paper will be delivered as Annex 3 to this report in app. 3 weeks.

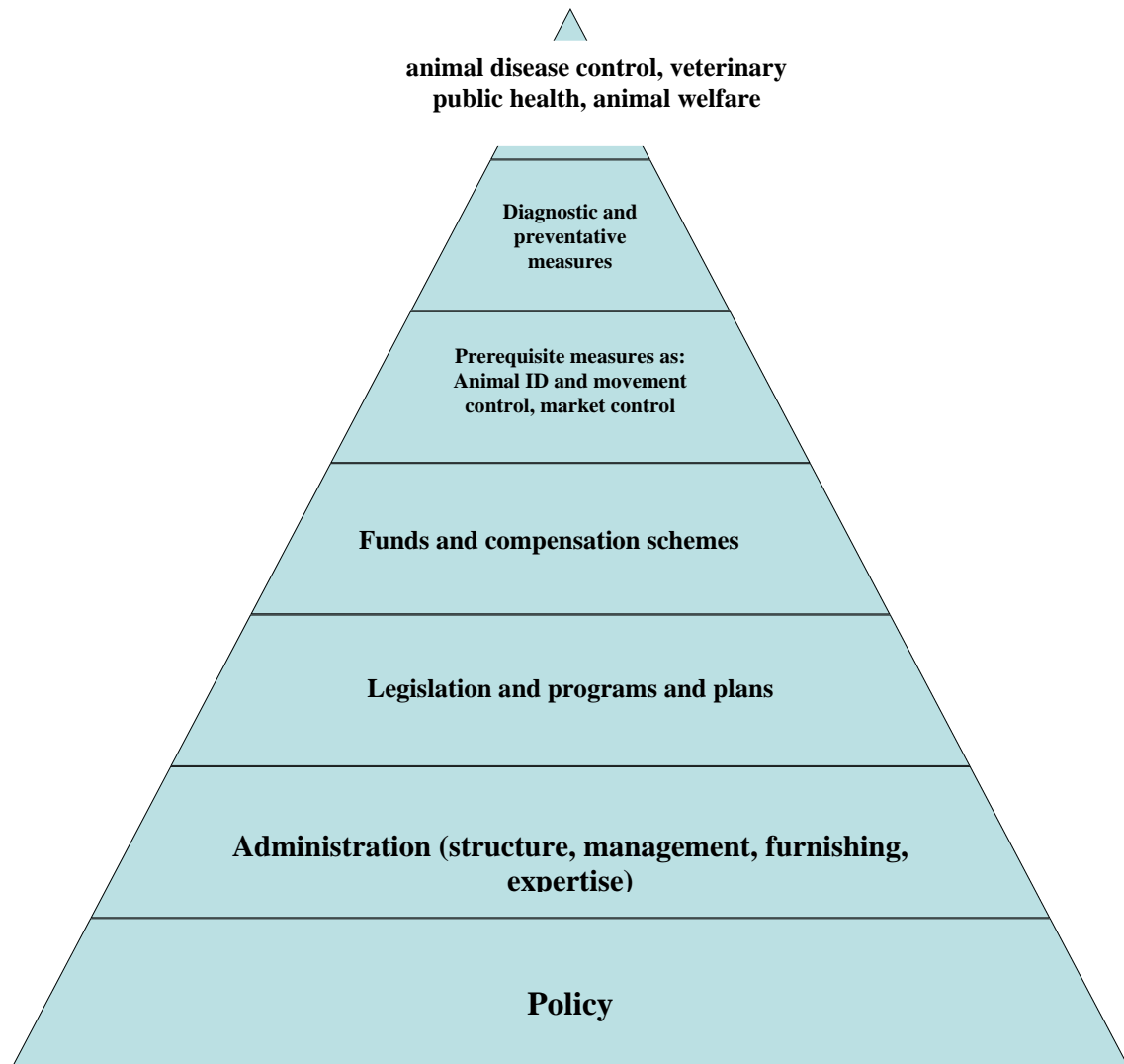
The following needs to be regarded in particular:

A) Graph 1 shows the cascade on prerequisites to be in place if the objectives or public veterinary services as : animal disease control, food hygiene (veterinary public health) and animal welfare should be operated effectively.

The graph shows as well that without political will and a well structured, neither organised and managed organisation, legislation can nor be enforced. **Most of the prerequisites still have to be created in BiH.**

⁸ Standard Operation Procedure

Graph 1⁹: Cascade of conditions to be in place for operational veterinary services.



Key issues connected to the single steps of the pyramid (from top to down:

- (a) Accreditation of diagnostic laboratories, Quality of vaccines, GMP, Embedment in international proceedings);
- (b) Tagging and registration of cattle on database, Forward and backwards tracing, Movement and trade control
- (c) Independent compensation body, Funds transparent and reliable,
- (d) EU requirements , Adopted, implemented and enforced,
- (e) Headquarter adopted to tasks, Effective local veterinary units, Chain of command established
- (f) Priorities defined, strategy developed
- (g) Government Policy, Implementation within SVO Comprising: trade, livestock development, consumer protection

The base paper will be build up in a way to allow continuous amendments and adoptions to the situation.

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E With view on the FVO visit in July the expert assisted to prepare a table of present legislation in use in BiH

4. Next steps

ACTIVITY NO.	DESCRIPTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DATE
	Read and work over draft law	SVO	
	Amend animal ID and movement control regulation	SVO	
	Deliver base paper	Bambauer	until 15.05.
	Nomination of personnell responsible for certain legislation areas	SVO	
	Implementation of base paper	SVO	
	Workshop on teamwork, change management, communication and auditing techniques	Bambauer	Autumn 2008

5. Conclusion

- **The SVO is on a good way to create the appropriate preconditions for harmonisation of the Veterinary Services in BiH with the EU requirements.**
- **The conclusions as discussed about the organisational adaptions on headquarter and local level (as outlined in the base paper) should be followed.**

6. Date and Signature of Expert

ANNEXES

ANNEX 1

Draft Veterinary Law (Version April 2008)

ANNEX 2

Proposal for structure of BiH veterinary legislation

ANNEX 3

Base paper for upgrading the veterinary system in BiH