



# Directorate-General for Health & Consumers

## **Evaluation of the EU rapid response network, crisis management, communication capacity**

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## The issue:

### Excerpt from the **EU Animal Health Strategy's Action Plan:**

„When an emergency does occur, the ability of the EU to take **fast-track decisions** is of high importance in limiting and controlling animal-related threats at EU level. The EU will continue to **improve measures** already in place and **strengthen** its rapid response network.”

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### ■ Action 23 of the Action Plan's Programming document:

[http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/diseases/strategy/pillars/action\\_en.htm#3](http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/diseases/strategy/pillars/action_en.htm#3)

### Evaluation of the EU

- rapid response network,
- crisis management,
- communication capacity

→ Key issue: contingency planning by Member States

Linked to action 22 :

*Improvement of DG SANCO crisis preparedness and management (animal health), to be evaluated by an internal audit (IA). **Action completed***

**IA Conclusions : some deficiencies or insufficiencies in DG SANCO Animal Health crisis preparedness and management plan.**

**SANCO reaction: the Manual of the AHES (Animal Health Emergency System).**

## *Methodology and players*

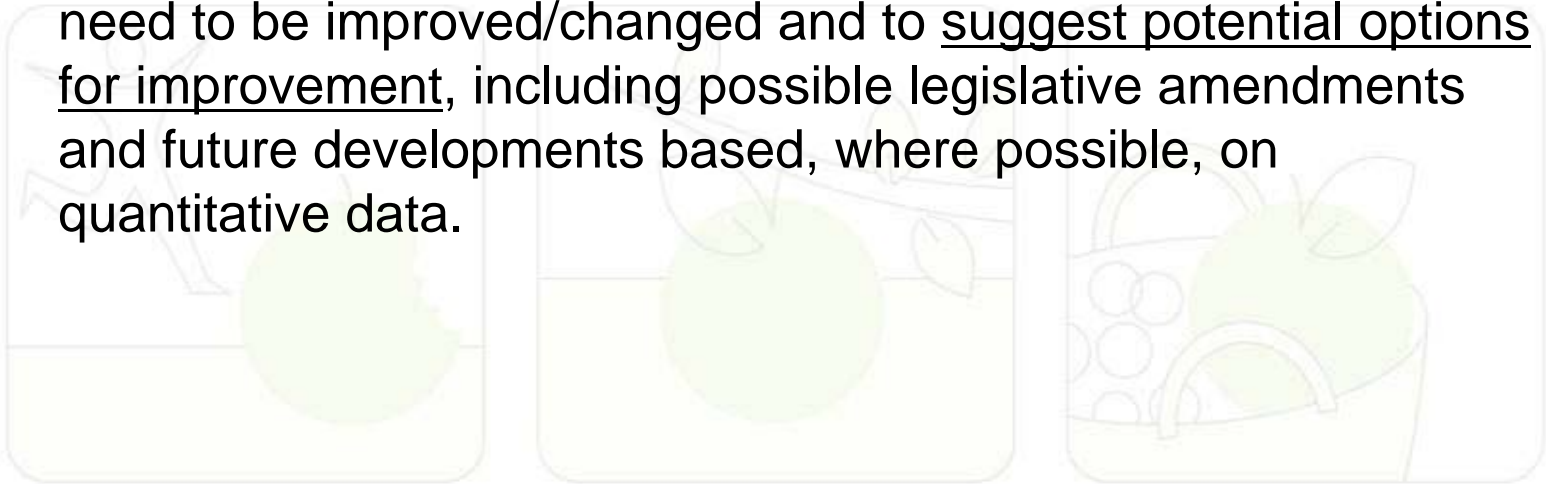
- **Evaluation** = *“independent judgment of public interventions according to their results, impacts and needs they aim to satisfy”*
- **Parties involved in an evaluation:**
  - Evaluation manager
  - Steering group ( Intra Comm)
  - Consultant team – Food Chain Evaluation Consortium(FCEC) and Agra CEAS Consulting Ltd.

## OBJECTIVES /1

1. To evaluate the **current state of preparedness and capacity** of the EU rapid response network, in particular :
  - a) EU emergency framework for tackling epizootics :
    - contingency planning and implementation in Member States
    - Commission action through SCFCAH
  - b) EU administrative/technical controls (including FVO inspections/audit) & assistance provided by COM to MS (e.g.CVET);
  - c) Other/additional framework and/or tools improving control of certain animal disease outbreaks (initiatives of MS and other actors, lessons learned based on existing examples or other prevention measures);
  - d) Communication strategy of Ms and the Commission to assess the effectiveness/efficacy of EU rapid response network.

## OBJECTIVES /2

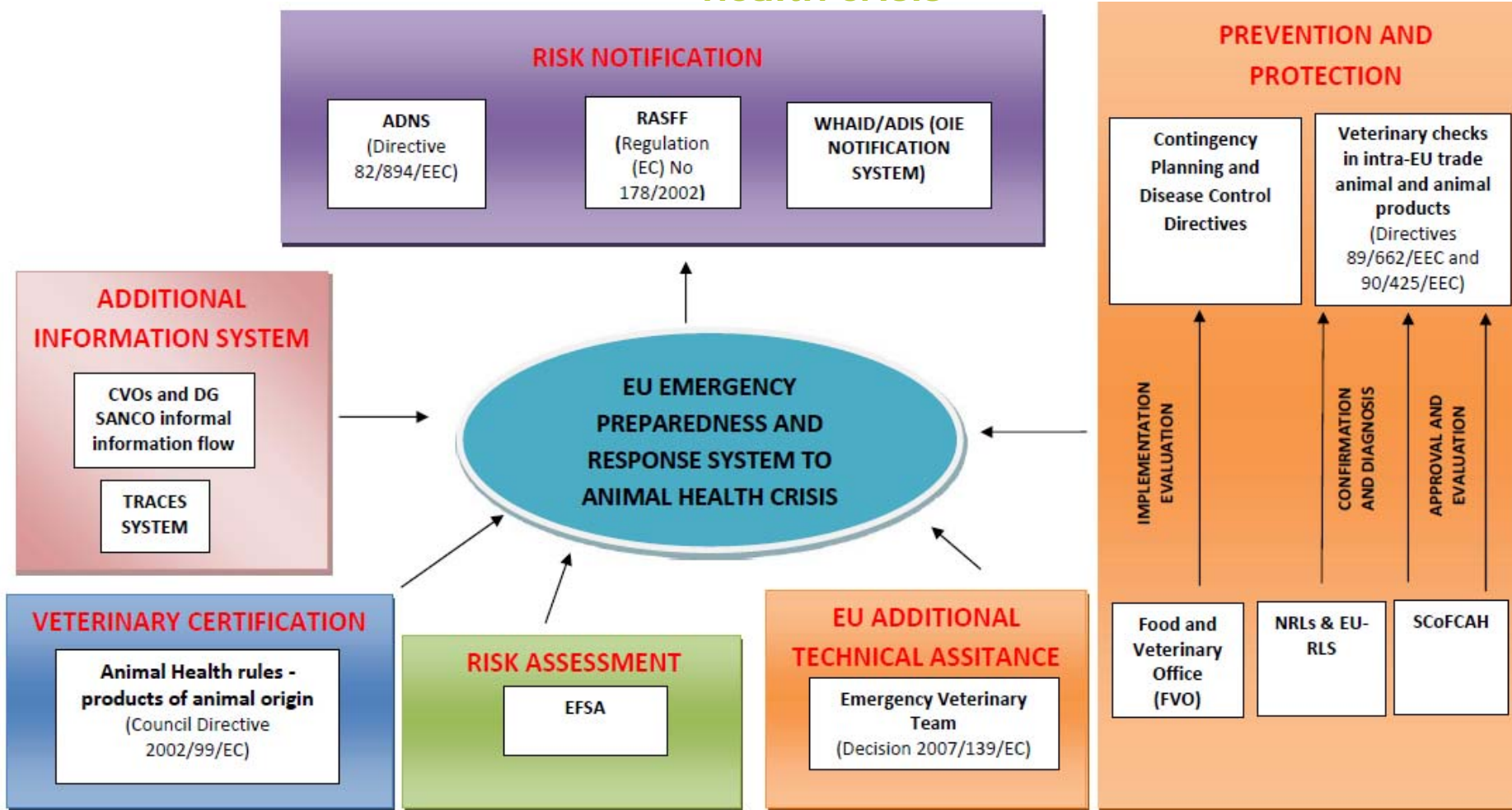
2. **Looking forward:** to clarify which aspects of current measures need to be improved/changed and to suggest potential options for improvement, including possible legislative amendments and future developments based, where possible, on quantitative data.



## SCOPE (*reference period 1998-2009*)

- Evaluate the performance of the network (**systemic analysis**), i.e. the contribution of the individual components/participants to the smooth functioning of the network and meeting their role and objectives in the system;
- Evaluate the EU emergency preparedness and response to emergency occurrence including peacetime preparedness i.e. having in place effective and operational Contingency Plans.

## COVERAGE: EU emergency preparedness and response system to animal health crisis



## Methodology

- Desk research and literature review :
- Exploratory interviews (~10) with selected DG SANCO officials and possibly from other DG's as well as with key stakeholders
- FCEC will send questionnaire survey with ~ 45 questions to all 27 Member States
- Case studies of specific outbreaks
- Field visits to 10 Member States
- End of the evaluation by end July 2012

## Main evaluation concepts

- **Relevance**  
The extent to which an intervention's objectives are *pertinent* to the needs and problems identified;
- **Effectiveness**  
The extent to which objectives pursued by an intervention are achieved;
- **Efficiency**  
Best relationship between the resources employed and the results achieved in pursuing a given objective through an intervention;
- **Sustainability**  
The extent to which the results of the intervention last in the long term and after its end

# Thank you for your attention!

- Any questions?
- Any suggestions?

