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EU-FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECT

Generation of information and tools to support the management of the avian influenza crisis in poultry (Fluaid)

Time of action: FLUAID started in January 2006 and is scheduled to end in June 2008

EU budget (funding): €1.2 million

The main goal of this project, which complements AVIFLU, is the joint development and application of novel diagnostic tools and vaccines to combat avian influenza in poultry. Researchers will conduct pilot studies and trial candidate vaccines and build up a European vaccine bank from which appropriate vaccines can be selected and commercially produced in the event of an avian influenza outbreak in poultry.

On the diagnostic side, the partners will work together on technologies that are able to differentiate between vaccinated birds and those that have been infected with wild-type virus.

The project will also look into routes of virus transmission and its persistence in carcasses. The results of this study will be especially important to decision-makers as they design and implement strategies to manage avian influenza in European poultry.

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