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and resilience to emergencies



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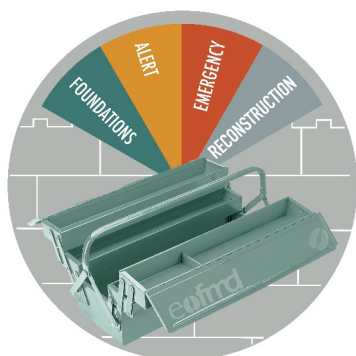
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The European Commission for the Control of Foot and Mouth Disease (EuFMD) is developing a toolbox called 'GET Prepared'. This toolbox will contain resources for contingency planners to assess and address gaps in different areas of preparedness for animal disease emergencies. GET Prepared is also aimed at facilitating networking between contingency planners.

The user interface

The user interface is shown as a wall (Fig. 1). Each component of emergency preparedness is represented by a brick in the wall. The wall conveys the idea of building preparedness, and the bricks indicate that the process is continuous. The coloured layers represent the foundations and different epidemiological phases of the animal disease event (alert – emergency – reconstruction).

The tools



The tools include resources already developed by EuFMD, such as the EuFMDis model (a multi-country, FMD outbreak simulation model), an FMD impact calculator and e-learning courses. New tools will be developed within the EuFMD workplan in collaboration with the European Commission and EuFMD Member Nations. During audits carried out in Member Nations, the European Commission (SANTE.DDG2.F.2) has identified good practices and resources, and countries are asked to share these. While existing tools focus mainly on FMD, many of the new tools will be generic and able to be adapted for similar transboundary animal diseases. A number of the tools will be of use to countries other than EuFMD Members, although some will be tailored to meet European Union legislative requirements.

Assessment tools

The GET Prepared toolbox will also include assessment tools to facilitate the identification of gaps and areas for improvement in preparedness, such as rubrics (scoring guides), online tools including calculators and questionnaires, or checklists.

Timeline and prioritisation of components

The development of the different components will be prioritised according to the needs of EuFMD Member Nations. The GET Prepared toolbox is expected to be fully available online by October 2021. Resources will be progressively

Access to the toolbox

RECONSTRUCTION		RECONSTRUCTION RECOVERY		Vaccination Exit Strategy		Recovery of Free Status		Resilience			
EMERGENCY	COORDINATION COOPERATION COMMUNICATIONS		Public-Private Partnerships	Coordination with operational partners	Cooperation with other stakeholders	Communication					
	SUPPORT FUNCTIONS		Legal	Financial	Procurement	Psychological Support					
	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		National Emergency Management	Central Decision-Making Unit	National Disease Control Centre	Expert Groups					
	RESOURCES		Personnel	Equipment	Facilities	Logistics	Resource & Impact Calculators				
	ADDITIONAL MEASURES			Vaccination	Preventive culling	Welfare slaughter					
	ZONES		Control Zones	Movement control	Zone Surveillance	Wildlife Controls					
	INFECTED PREMISES		Valuation	Killing	Disposal	Cleaning & Disinfection	Restocking				
ALERT	SUSPECT INVESTIGATION		Personal Biosecurity	Clinical Examination	Sampling	Epidemiological Investigation					
	EARLY DETECTION		Risk Assessment	Surveillance	Awareness	Farm Biosecurity					
FOUNDATIONS	FOUNDATIONS		Training	Simulation Exercises	Models	Information Management Systems					
	FOUNDATIONS		Outline Contingency Planning	Outline Operations Manual	Format for SOPs	Self Assessment	Prevention				
	FOUNDATIONS		Identification Registration & Traceability	Value Chain Analysis	Stakeholder Engagement	Laboratory					

Fig. 1. Steps towards preparedness. Peacetime preparation for the different stages of animal disease management

For more information, please visit the [GET Prepared web page](#)

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▶ NETWORK INITIATIVES

GET Prepared

A toolbox for emergency preparedness

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