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Thematic portfolio



Strengthening preparedness  
and resilience to emergencies



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*The Nordic–Baltic Veterinary Contingency Group (NBVCG) was established in 2006 after an initiative from the Nordic Council of Ministers.*

The primary objective is to improve cooperation, communication and the exchange of information and experience between veterinary authorities within the Nordic–Baltic region and at the international level, in the context of contingency planning and during animal disease crises.

## Spreading knowledge

The secondary objectives are to increase awareness of epizootic diseases and zoonoses among professionals and stakeholders within the region, to identify areas for improvement in contingency planning and also to obtain and spread knowledge related to fighting infectious animal diseases.

## Harmonisation and sharing of resources

Through regional simulation exercises and workshops, the NBVCG shares experiences and harmonises its strategies in contingency planning and during animal disease crises. Through a memorandum of understanding, it is also possible to share personnel between countries in case of a major disease outbreak. Since every single country is small, such cooperation is vital for emergency preparedness.

## Epizootics in a wider perspective

Due to climate change and challenges to security in northern Europe, epizootic diseases must be seen in a wider perspective in the future, including the partnership between human and animal health, One Health, agro-crime and globalisation. These changing circumstances will have an impact on contingency planning and the need for cooperation and the exchange of experience and knowledge between adjacent countries.



FMD simulation exercise conducted in 2019 by the NBVCG



For more information, please visit the [NBVCG website](http://dx.doi.org/10.20506/bull.2020.2.3154)

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### ► NETWORK INITIATIVES

# Nordic–Baltic emergency preparedness through cooperation between authorities

The Nordic–Baltic Veterinary Contingency Group increases harmonisation in the response to epizootics

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