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## JOINT PROGRAMMING ON VECTOR-BORNE DISEASES

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# BACKGROUND

- Vector-borne diseases (VBDs) are an emerging threat
- MSs are not aware of which VBD risk assessment (RA) neighbouring countries are doing
- March 2025 AF meeting:  
Agreement to select 'joint programming on VBDs' as a pilot to facilitate partnering between MSs and EFSA



# JOINT PROGRAMMING – WHAT?

The Joint programming aims to **facilitate the optimization of the capacity available in terms of risk assessment around VBDs**

**The objectives are:**

- build long-term capacities and partnerships for risk assessment of VBDs in the EU
- develop a roadmap of scientific topics that, if addressed, could help in enhancing the support to decision makers when dealing with challenges posed by VBDs
- enhance the coordination of activities in a manner that guarantees resource optimization and increase resilience against VBDs
- address gaps in knowledge relevant to all countries within the same geographical area

**Duration:** 4 years

**Estimated budget:** 6M euro



# DRAFT OUTLINE OF THE FPA

## Who can apply?

- **Art36 organisations which are performing risk assessment on VBDs to inform risk managers at the national level**  
evidence to be provided: statement by the CVO
- **There will be 4 lots in the call, representing 4 different areas in Europe** in which there are similar conditions on vector survival and epidemiological situation
  - Northern Europe: Lithuania, Denmark, Latvia, Ireland, Finland, Estonia, Sweden, Norway, Iceland
  - Southern Europe: Spain, Greece, Malta, Italy, Croatia, Slovenia, Portugal, Cyprus
  - Western Europe: Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, France, Germany, Austria
  - Eastern Europe: Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Romania(based on <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/4793>)

Organisations could apply to multiple lots!



## NEXT STEPS

- Launch call (planned for first week of Oct)
- Webinar to explain the call (approx. 3 weeks after it has been launched)
- Submission of tenders (early Jan 2026)
- Signature of the FPA (spring 2026)



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