

FESASS' Technical days

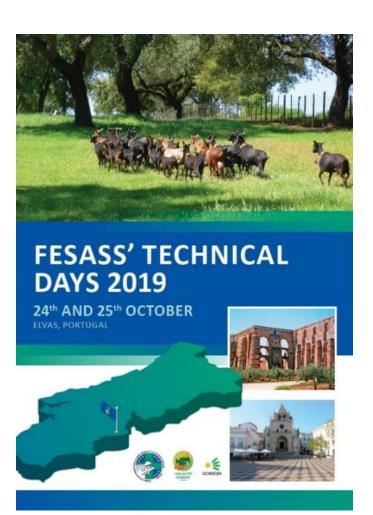
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Plan

- General overview
- > Technical challenges
- AHL implementation at farm and veterinarian levels





General overview

- > A technical and practical event
 - Aims: information, discussion and exchange of expertise
 - First day: 70 experts from our members, from other organizations and universities
 - <u>Second day:</u> 180 experts, farmers and veterinarian practicioners
- > A European event
 - 10 nationalities
 - 60% from Portugal and Spain, 40% from other MS
- > Involvement of Portuguese and Spanish Authorities
- Organised in Elvas with the support of Portuguese Members (UADS and UCADESA)





Technical challenges

- > Animal Health requirements for animals movements
 - <u>BTV:</u> strong concern about regional management / fears of regulated zones multiplication with multiplication of different serotypes
 - Wish for simplification = national approach
 - IBR: a disease mainly driven by trade
 - Improvement of trading patterns and strategy in problem herds are the key factors to achieve the eradication
- Johne's Disease
 - Numerous actions (voluntary or mandatory) undertaken, aimed at controlling the disease and, as far as possible, certification
 - Need of research for better knowledge and practical issues like use of bulk tank milk samples
- Food safety and Animal Health
 - Animal Health: a crucial factor for food safety and sustainable production





AHL implementation at farm and veterinary levels (1)

- General comments
 - A stronger prevention is a chaired priority
 - Awareness that AHL represents a starting basis for future legislation,
 - Concerns about the extent of the developments induced: EU regulations, flexibility at national and local levels (possibility of maintaining discussions with stakeholders, adapting to livestock specificities and health status)
 - Concerns about the nature of farmers and veterinarians' responsibilities

 Significant need for explanation, clarification and confidence
- First round table: Biosecurity in our farms
 Interesting contributions
 - Importance of good traceability to ensure a high level of biosecurity
 - Improve traceability using modern techniques (DNA traceability) and ensuring user-friendliness for farmers
 - Access to the market = good driver for traceability and biosecurity





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AHL implementation at farm and veterinary levels (2)

- Elements for feasibility and interest of biosecurity in extensive livestock farming
 - → Integrate biosecurity into a relevant health project (IBR and BVD programs)
 - → Awareness of the risks both at farm level and for the sector
 - → Adequacy of measures in relation to risk and production objectives
 - → Need for a collective and multidisciplinary approach
- Second round table: Individual and collective animal health management
 - Interest of the diseases categorisation for an effective eradication (roles and responsabilities)
 - Adaptation of strategies: FMD and preventive vaccination, One health approach and wildlife,
 - Use of technical progress: surveillance of TB with lab tests,
 - C diseases and demand for flexibility/ example of BVD different national strategies for the same result = eradication => obligation of result
 - Interest of the holistic approach of animal health at farm and collective level.

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Thank you



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