



A.06: State of play of the situation on BTV

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Recent events on BTV

- **Animal Health Advisory Committee (20 November 2024)**
- **European Parliament- Agri Committee (2 December 2024)**
- **AGRIFISH Council (9-10 December 2024)**
- **FESASS Workshop at EP on vector borne diseases management (11 December 2024)**

Animal Health Advisory Committee

- Voice of various stakeholders
- Complaining about different attitudes of authorities in MS to combat BTV:
 - different levels of surveillance and/or disease control
 - For use of vaccination (or not),
 - For movement management (derogations!)
 - Regarding funding
- Need for a greater coordination between Member States
- Need for equal level playing field

European Parliament - Agri Committee

- Vaccines
 - availability
 - common strategy
 - research
- Need for a greater coordination
- Financial support
- Re-categorization of the disease

European Parliament - written questions

- E-1819/2024
- E-1845/2024
- E-1850/2024
- E-2019/2024
- E-2156/2024/rev.1
- E-2438/2024
- P-2410/2024
- Access search page:
<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/plenary/en/parliamentary-questions.html>

AGRIFISH Council

- Sectorial-political messages
- Vaccines
 - Availability - access to authorized vaccines
 - common strategy
 - preventive vaccination
- Need for a greater coordination
 - Between authorities and stakeholders?
 - Regional cooperations across borders?
- Ensure safe trade
- Financial support must be re-considered

FESASS Workshop at EP on vector borne diseases management (hosted by MEP Cassart)

- Different attitudes in MS to combat BTV (as in the AHAC)
- Need for greater harmonization in how MS implement catalogue of possible derogations for movements within EU
- Improve communication amongst relevant actors to set vaccine production priorities
- Financial support
- Some out-of-the-box novel ideas

Commission's role and input

Duly playing our role in coordination and better implementation:

- We explain applicable rules and epidemiological situations
- We reply to all and any questions
- We clarify mistakes, misunderstandings, possibilities and limits
- We take note and channell various information to whom it may concern:
 - especially key messages

Commission's role and input

- As regards vaccination (PAFFs October and November 2024), several MS were not supportive of a pragmatic approach concerning movements within the EU of vaccinated animals:
- Summary report of November's PAFF: [Summary report - Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed, Section Animal Health and Welfare - 18-19 November 2024](#)

The pragmatic approach related to that discussion was that if the competent authority at origin has grounds to ensure that the animals vaccinated against relevant BTV serotypes are within the immunity period guaranteed in the specifications of the vaccine the animal (that logically is longer than zero days) can be certified to move to another Member State. **As not all Member States supported this, some Member States would like more discussions on this topic.** The Commission took note of the comments, explained that this topic has also been discussed at CVO level in November and that it will be subject to further discussion at the Committee.

Questions, comments?