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Submission date

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1. Identification of the programme

Member state :	SLOVENIJA		
Disease	avian influenza in poultry	y and wild birds	
This program is multi annual :	yes		
Type of submission	: New multiannual programme		
Request of Union co-financing from beginning of:	2015	To end of	2017

1.1 Contact

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- 2. Description and implementation of the surveillance programme in poultry
- 2.1.1 Designation of the central authority in charge of supervising and coordinating the departments responsible for implementing the programme

(max. 32000 chars):

Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for food safety, veterinary sector and plant protection (UVHVVR) is a body within the Ministry of Agriculture and of the Environment (MAE) and is the Competent Authority in charge of supervising and coordinating the departments responsible for implementing the programme. UVHVVR is among other things competent for:

- preparation of national control programmes;
- implementation of official controls;
- collection of data for the valuation of results, and for the annual submission of data to the European Commission.

Regional Offices of UVHVVR (10) are responsible for the implementation of checks, for the control of implementation of the national control programmes, for the implementation of official sampling, and for the implementation of measures in case of disease outbreaks. The map with Regional Offices and density of poultry holdings is attached.

Every year, the minister, responsible for the veterinary sector, issues the Decree on the compulsory

programmes of monitoring, surveillance and eradication of diseases, and on vaccination programmes, which are to be carried out during a particular year. For the implementation of the Decree UVHVVR (CA) prepares the compulsory instructions, laying down the methods of implementation, operators, and methods of informing and reporting on the progress made in carrying out such programmes. For the purposes of implementing the above programmes and animal health monitoring, UVHVVR has set up the information technology system called CIS VET EPI, which enables the traceability of samples from the point of sampling to a final assessment of test results.

Samples for serological examination shall be taken by private practitioners with concession. Samples collected for other purposes shall be used, whenever possible. Testing of samples shall be carried out at the NVI, Laboratory for contagious poultry diseases, functioning as the National reference laboratory for avian influenza (NRL for AI) of the Republic of Slovenia.

2.1.2 System in place for the registration of holdings

(max. 32000 chars):

The Veterinary compliance criteria act (UL RS No 93/05, 90/12 and 23/13) is laying down in Articles 7 and 11 that holdings under veterinary control must be registered or reported at UVHVVR. Legal and natural persons involved in rearing activity have to report any changes to UVHVVR.

The Rules on veterinary conditions for the trade in poultry, day-old chicks and hatching eggs in the territory of EU and on import from third countries (UL RS No 5/2004 as amended) which transpose Council Directive 90/539/EEC, lays down the conditions for approval of pedigree breeding, breeding and rearing establishments, and hatcheries.

The Rules on the protection of farm animals (UL RS No 51/10 and 70/10), which transpose Council Directive 2002/4/EC, lays down the conditions for registration of laying hens.

2.1.3 Design (risk based or surveillance based on representative sampling)

(max. 32000 chars):

Surveillance is based on a representative sampling scheme. The number of poultry holdings to be sampled shall at least correspond to those in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex I of Commission Decision 2010/367/EU, depending on the poultry species.

Sampling for serological testing for avian influenza shall be stratified throughout the whole territory of the Republic of Slovenia, so that samples can be considered as representative for the whole country. Density of poultry holdings shall also be taken into consideration.

2.1.3.1 Short description of predominant poultry population and types of poultry production

(max. 32000 chars):

There are approximately 33.500 poultry holdings in Slovenia. Majority of them are backyard flocks, many of them with more than one species of poultry. Regarding commercial poultry holdings the main part represent broiler holdings. Smaller part of commercial poultry holdings represent laying hens and fattening turkeys. There are also chicken breeders, but there are no grandparent flocks in Slovenia.

2.1.3.2 Criteria and risk factors for risk based surveillance(1)

(max. 32000 chars):		
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(1) Including maps showing target sampling sites identified as being particularly at risk for the introduction of avian influenza virus, taking into account criteria set out in point 4 of Annex I to Commission Decision 2010/367/EC.

2.2 Target populations (2)

(max. 32000 chars):

The target populations comprise the following categories and species of poultry: fattening turkeys, chicken breeding flocks, laying hens, and game poultry (pheasants, partridges). Because there are no commercial duck holdings in Slovenia, backyard duck holdings shall be included in the programme.

- 1. Fattening turkeys: ten (10) samples per holding shall be taken. In the case of several sheds on a holding 5 samples shall be taken from each shed.
- 2. Chicken breeding flocks: all chicken breeding holdings are included in the survey programme. The number of sheds varies from 2 to 36 sheds per holding. Most holdings have up to 8 sheds, with the exception of two bigger holdings: one with 36 sheds and the other with 18 sheds. Five (5) samples per shed shall be taken.
- 3. Laying hens: there are 228 registered or evidented holdings with laying hens in Slovenia. Ten (10) samples per holding shall be taken. In the case of several sheds on a holding 5 samples shall be taken from each shed.

4. Duck backyard holdings: there are approximately 4.155 holdings with ducks in Slovenia; at least 90 holdings shall be selected and 20 samples per holding shall be taken, if possible.

In the frame of AI surveillance programme for poultry the virological testing shall be performed on the holdings of poultry with positive serological results and/or on holdings with poultry or birds diseased or found dead (sudden deaths, increased mortality or dead birds which could have contacts with free-living birds (e.g. ZOO birds)). Cloacal and oropharyngeal swabs and/or organs shall be taken and samples shall be tested virologicaly. The same sort of samples from a holding shall be pooled (e.g. 5 cloacal swabs in one sample). Samples shall be tested by M-gene PCR and in case of positive result H5/H7 PCR shall be performed. In case of H5 and/or H7 positive finding analysis of the cleavage site shall be undertaken as soon as possible to determine whether or not it has a highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) or a low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI) motif and also virus isolation test on embrionated eggs shall be performed.

(2) including MS specific exceptional circumstances as described in Annex I point 3 of Commission Decision 2010/367/EU)

2.2.1 POULTRY HOLDINGS (a) (except ducks, geese and farmed game birds (waterfowl e.g. mallards) to be sampled

Serological investigation according to Annex I to Commission Decision 2010/367/EU

Targets for year 2015

Category: laying hens

delete this category

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of holdings(c)	Total number of holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis	
Slovenia	228	60	10	650	HI-test (H5)	X
Slovenia	228	60	10	650	HI-test (H7)	Х
Slovenia	228	2	5	10	ELISA test	X
Total				1 310		
					Add a new row	

Holdings or herds or flocks or establishments as appropriate.

Refers to the location of the holding of origin. In case NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics) can not be used, region as defined in the programme by the Member States is requested

Total number of holdings of one category of poultry in concerned NUTS 2 region.

Category: chicken breeders

delete this category

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of holdings(c)	Total number of holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis	
Slovenia	8	8	10	415	HI-test (H5)	X
Slovenia	8	8	10	415	HI-test (H7)	X
Total				830		
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Category: fattening turkeys

	NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of holdings(c)	Total number of holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis	
Slovenia		46	46	10	480	HI-test (H5)	X
Slovenia		46	46	10	480	HI-test (H7)	X
	Total				960		
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Holdings or herds or flocks or establishments as appropriate.

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Category: farmed game birds (gallinaceous)

delete this category

	NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of holdings(c)	Total number of holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis	
Slovenia		5	5	10	50	HI-test (H5)	X
Slovenia		5	5	10	50	HI-test (H7)	X
	Total				100		
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Holdings or herds or flocks or establishments as appropriate.

Refers to the location of the holding of origin. In case NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics) can not be used, region as defined in the programme by the Member States is requested

Total number of holdings of one category of poultry in concerned NUTS 2 region.

Category: backyard and other bird holdings

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of holdings(c)	Total number of holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis	
Slovenia	33 500	5	5	35	PCR test	X
Slovenia	33 500	5	5	3	Virus isolation test	X

Total	38
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Add a category

Totals	Total number of tests	
Total poultry 2015	3 238	

Targets for year 2016

Category: laying hens

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of holdings(c)	Total number of holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis	
Slovenia	228	60	10	650	HI-test (H5)	X

Slovenia	228	60	10	650	HI-test (H7)	X		
Slovenia	228	2	5	10	ELISA test	X		
Total				1 310				
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Category: chicken breeders

delete this category

	NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of holdings(c)	Total number of holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis	
Slovenia		8	8	10	415	HI-test (H5)	X
slovenia		8	8	10	415	HI-test (H7)	X
	Total				830		
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Holdings or herds or flocks or establishments as appropriate.

Refers to the location of the holding of origin. In case NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics) can not be used, region as defined in the programme by the Member States is requested Total number of holdings of one category of poultry in concerned NUTS 2 region.

Category: fattening turkeys

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of holdings(c)	Total number of holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis	
Slovenia	46	46	10	480	HI-test (H5)	X
Slovenia	46	46	10	480	HI-test (H7)	Х
Total				960		
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Category: farmed game birds (gallinaceous)

delete this category

	NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of holdings(c)	Total number of holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis	
Slovenia		5	5	10	50	HI-test (H5)	X
Slovenia		5	5	10	50	HI-test (H7)	X
	Total				100		
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 $Holdings\ or\ herds\ or\ flocks\ or\ establishments\ as\ appropriate.$

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Category: backyard and other bird holdings

delete this category

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of holdings(c)	Total number of holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis	
Slovenia	33 500	5	5	35	PCR test	X
Slovenia	33 500	5	5	3	Virus isolation test	X
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Add a category

Totals	Total number of tests	
Total poultry 2016	3 238	

Targets for year

2017

Category: laying hens

delete this category

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of holdings(c)	Total number of holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis	
Slovenia	228	60	10	650	HI-test (H5)	X
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Category: chicken breeders

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of holdings(c)	Total number of holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis	
Slovenia	8	8	10	415	HI-test (H5)	X
Slovenia	8	8	10	415	HI-test (H7)	X
Total				830		

Add a new row

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- (a) (b) Refers to the location of the holding of origin. In case NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics) can not be used, region as defined in the programme by the Member States is requested
- Total number of holdings of one category of poultry in concerned NUTS 2 region.

Category: fattening turkeys

delete this category

NUTS (2) (b)		Total number of holdings(c)	Total number of holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis	
Slovenia		46	46	10	480	HI-test (H5)	X
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Category: farmed game birds (gallinaceous)

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of holdings(c)	Total number of holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis	
Slovenia	5	5	10	50	HI-test (H5)	X

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Category: backyard and other bird holding

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NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of holdings(c)	Total number of holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis	
Slovenia	33 500	5	5	35	PCR test	X
Slovenia	33 500	5	5	3	Virus isolation test	X
Total				38		
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Add a category

Totals	Total number of tests	

Total poultry 2017	3 238	

2.2.2 DUCKS, GEESE AND FARMED GAME BIRDS (WATERFOWL e.g. MALLARD) HOLDINGS (a) to be sampled.

Serological investigation according to Annex I to Commission Decision 2010/367/EU

Targets for year 2015

Category: farmed game (waterfowl e.g. mallards)

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of duck and geese holdings	Total number of duck and geese holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis	
Slovenia	1	1	20	20	HI-test (H5)	X
Slovenia	1	1	20	20	HI-test (H7)	X
Slovenia	1	1	40	18	PCR test	X
Slovenia	1	1	40	1	Virus isolation test	X
Total				.59		
Add a new row						

Holdings or herds or flocks or establishments as appropriate.

Refers to the location of the holding of origin. In case NUTS (2) code can not be used, region as defined in the programme by the Member State is requested

Category: backyard duck holdings

delete this category

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of duck and geese holdings	Total number of duck and geese holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis	
Slovenia	4 155	90	20	1 800	HI-test (H5)	X
Slovenia	4 155	90	20	1 800	HI-test (H7)	X
Slovenia	4 155	1	40	18	PCR test	X
Slovenia	4 155	1	40	1	Virus isolation test	X
Total				3 619		
	•				Add a new row	

Holdings or herds or flocks or establishments as appropriate.

Refers to the location of the holding of origin. In case NUTS (2) code can not be used, region as defined in the programme by the Member State is requested

Add a category

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of tests	
Total ducks and geese 2015	3 678	
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Targets for year

2016

Category: farmed game (waterfowl e.g. mallards)

delete this category

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of duck and geese holdings	Total number of duck and geese holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis	
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Add a category

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of tests	
Total ducks and geese 2016	3 678	

Targets for year 2017

Category: farmed game (waterfowl e.g. mallards)

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of duck and geese holdings	Total number of duck and geese holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis	
Slovenia	1	1	20	20	HI-test (H5)	X
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	Total	59				
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(a) (b)	Holdings or herds or flocks or establishments as appropriate. b) Refers to the location of the holding of origin. In case NUTS (2) code can not be used, region as defined in the programme by the Member State is requested					

Category: backyard duck holdings

delete this category

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of duck and geese holdings	Total number of duck and geese holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis	
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Slovenia	4 155	1	40	18	PCR test	X
Slovenia	4 155	1	40	1	Virus isolation test	X
Total				3 619		
Add a new row						

Holdings or herds or flocks or establishments as appropriate.

Refers to the location of the holding of origin. In case NUTS (2) code can not be used, region as defined in the programme by the Member State is requested

Add a category

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of tests	
Total ducks and geese 2017	3 678	

TOTALS for Poultry (2.2.1) + Ducks and Geese (2.2.2) for year:

2015

Poultry +Ducks/Geese	Total number of tests
Grand Total	6 916
Grand Total ELISA	10
Grand Total agar	0
Grand Total HI tests (H5)	3 415
Grand Total HI tests (H7)	3 415
Grand Total Virus Isolation test	5
Grand Total PCR test	71
Grand Total Other test	0
Grand Total Samplings	0

TOTALS for Poultry (2.2.1) + Ducks and Geese (2.2.2) for year:

2016

Poultry +Ducks/Geese	Total number of tests
Grand Total	6 9 1 6
Grand Total ELISA	10
Grand Total agar	0

Grand Total HI tests (H5)	3 415
Grand Total HI tests (H7)	3 415
Grand Total Virus Isolation test	23
Grand Total PCR test	53
Grand Total Other test	0
Grand Total Samplings	0

TOTALS for Poultry (2.2.1) + Ducks and Geese (2.2.2) for year:

2017

Poultry +Ducks/Geese	Total number of tests
Grand Total	6 916
Grand Total ELISA	10
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Grand Total HI tests (H7)	3 415
Grand Total Virus Isolation test	5
Grand Total PCR test	71
Grand Total Other test	0
Grand Total Samplings	0

2.3 Sampling procedures, sampling periods and frequency of testing

(max. 32000 chars):

On the basis of annual Decree on carrying out of systematic surveillance of animal diseases and vaccination of animals, monitoring and survey programmes for each year are laid down. Blood samples for serological examination shall be taken by private practitioners with concession. Samples collected for other purposes shall be used, whenever possible. Samples for virological testing (sick or dead poultry or birds) shall be taken by private practitioners with concession or pathology expert from National Veterinary Institute (NVI). Testing of samples shall be carried out at the NVI, Laboratory for contagious poultry diseases, functioning as the National reference laboratory for avian influenza (NRL for AI) of the Republic of Slovenia.

Sampling shall be carried out once a year per holding in the programme.

2.4. Laboratory testing: description of the laboratory tests used and follow up investigations

Description of the used serological tests: (max 32000 chars)

Testing of samples shall be carried out at the NVI. In accordance with the avian influenza diagnostic manual (Commission Decision 2006/437/EC) the following tests will be used:

- haemagglutination-inhibition (HI) test for H5 and H7 subtypes;
- ELISA.

Molecular and virological tests:

- PCR, virus isolation, sequencing.

ANNEX 4 : Standar	rd requirements	for the submission	of surveillance	programmes for	avian
influenza in poultry	and wild birds	as referred to in Ar	ticle 1(d)		

- 3. Description and implementation of the surveillance programme in wild birds
- 3.1.1 Designation of the central authority in charge of supervising and coordinating the departments responsible for implementing the programme and relevant collaborating partners (e.g. epidemiologists, ornithologists, nature bird observation and hunter organisations).

(max. 32000 chars):

Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for food safety, veterinary sector and plant protection (UVHVVR) is a body within the Ministry of Agriculture and of the Environment (MAE) and is the Competent Authority in charge of supervising and coordinating the departments responsible for implementing the programme. UVHVVR is among other things competent for:

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- implementation of official controls;
- collection of data for the valuation of results, and for the annual submission of data to the European Commission.

UVHVVR Regional Offices (10) are responsible for the implementation of checks, for the control of implementation of the national control programmes, for the implementation of official sampling, and for the implementation of measures in case of disease outbreaks.

3.1.2 Description and delimitation of the geographical and administrative areas in which the programme is to be applied

max. 32000 chars):

The area in which the programme will be implemented is the whole territory of the Republic of Slovenia. The territory is divided into 10 Regional Offices for the needs of operations of veterinary inspection services.

3.1.3 Estimation of the local and/or migratory wildlife population

(max. 32000 chars):

In the table below there are some data on the bird population in the Republic of Slovenia from winter counting. The data are from the report Božič, L. Monitoring of population of selected target bird species, Winter counting of waterfowl, 2011 in Slovenia.

Table: Bird populations during winter counting 2011

COMMON NAME (SCIENTIFIC NAME)	WINTER
Mute Swan (Cygnus olor)	1.582
Grey heron (Ardea cinerea)	936
Greater White-fronted Goose (Anser albifrons albifrons)	142
Tufted duck (Aythya fuligula)	995
Mallard (Anas platyrhynchos)	27.733
Eurasian coot (Fulica atra)	7.890
Black-headed Gull (Larus ridibundus)	4.979
Great cormorant (Phalacrocorax carbo)	2.650
Little grebe (Tachybaptus ruficollis)	1.625
Bean goose (Anser fabialis)	739
Wigeon (Anas penelope)	394
Eurasian teal (Anas crecca)	1.497
Pochard (Aythia ferina)	852

Moorhen (Gallinula chloropus)	152	
Common gull (Larus canus)	449	

3.2 Design, criteria, risk factors and target population(3)

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A risk-based surveillance is implemented as a 'passive' surveillance system with laboratory investigation of sick wild birds or birds found dead. If possible, mainly bird species reffered to as target species (TS) (Part 2 of Annex II of Commission Decision 2010/367/EU) shall be sampled. Samples will be taken from found dead or sick wild birds, specially if find close to poultry holdings or in poultry high density areas. If the epidemiological situation for the HPAI H5N1 virus so requires, surveillance activities shall be enhanced by awareness raising and active searching and monitoring for dead or sick wild birds, in particular for those belonging to TS. This could be triggered by the detection of the HPAI H5N1 virus in poultry and/or wild birds in neighbouring Member States and third countries or in countries which are linked via the movement of migratory wild birds, in particular those of TS, to Slovenia. In that case the specific migration patterns and wild bird species will be taken into account.

Veterinary hygiene service (VHS) of NVI shall collect dead wild birds found on holdings or public areas, when notified. In notifying such occurrences ornithologists, hunters and also perceptive public shall participate.

(3) Areas at risk (wetlands in particular where links with high density poultry populations), previous positive findings as referred to in point 2 of Part 1 of Annex II to Commission Decision 2010/367/EC should be taken into account and if possible complemented by a map.

3.2.1 WILD BIRDS focussed on target species

Investigations according to the surveillance programme set out in Part 2 of Annex II to Decision 2010/367/EC

Targets for year 2015

NUTS (2) code/region (a)	Total number of birds to be sampled	Estimated total number of samples to be taken for passive surveillance	Type of test	Number of tests	
Slovenia	200	400	PCR test	420	x
Slovenia	0	0	Virus isolation test	10	X
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- (a) Refers to the place of collection of birds/samples. In case NUTS 2 (Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics) can not be used, region as defined in the programme by the Member State is requested. Please fill-in these values directly in the field.
- b) General description of the wild birds are intended to be sampled in the framework of the active and passive surveillance.
- (c) Voluntary, to be included for information purposes, not eligible for cofinancing.

	Total number of tests
Total number of tests	430
Total Virus isolation tests	10
Total PCR tests	420
Total Other tests	0

Targets for year

2016

NUTS (2) code/region (a)	Total number of birds to be sampled	Estimated total number of samples to be taken for passive surveillance	Type of test	Number of tests	
Slovenia	200	400	PCR test	420	X
Slovenia	0	0	Virus isolation test	10	X
Total					

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Total Virus isolation tests	10
Total PCR tests	420
Total Other tests	0

Targets for year

2017

NUTS (2) code/region (a)	Total number of birds to be sampled	Estimated total number of samples to be taken for passive surveillance	Type of test	Number of tests	
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Slovenia	200	400	PCR test	420	X
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3.3 Sampling procedures and sampling periods

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On the basis of annual Decree on carrying out of systematic surveillance of animal diseases and vaccination of animals, monitoring and survey programmes for each year are laid down. Veterinary hygiene service (VHS) of NVI shall collect dead wild birds found on holdings or public areas, when notified. Samples could be also taken from sick birds in wild animal rescue centre. Cloacal and tracheal/oropharyngeal swabs and/or tissues from wild birds shall be taken by expert from National Veterinary Institute (NVI) or by veterinarian in wild animal rescue centre. Testing of samples shall be carried out at the NVI, Laboratory for contagious poultry diseases, functioning as the National reference laboratory for avian influenza (NRL for AI) of the Republic of Slovenia.

Each year of the programme 200 wild birds shall be examined.

3.4 Laboratory testing: description of the laboratory tests used

max 32000 chars:

Laboratory tests shall be carried out in accordance with the avian influenza diagnostic manual (Commission Decision 2006/437/EC) laying down the procedures for the confirmation and differential diagnostic of avian influenza. The tests will be done at NVI.

All samples shall be tested for the presence of Influenza A virus using initial screening for M-gene PCR as soon as possible. All positive results shall be subsequently tested by H5 and H7 PCR. In case of H5 and/or H7 positive finding, analysis of the cleavage site shall be undertaken as soon as possible to determine whether or not it has a highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) or a low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI) motif and N1 PCR shall be performed as well. Virus isolation test on embrionated eggs and determination of virus subtype shall also be performed.

4. Description of the epidemiological situation of the disease in poultry during the last five years

max 32000 chars:

Avian influenza has never been recorded in poultry in the Republic of Slovenia. The examinations on avian influenza were only carried out at major mortalities of poultry as differential diagnosis.

Since 2004, the survey programmes for avian influenza are carried out each year. All the examination results were negative.

In 2013, some ducks on one holding were weakly positive in HI test H5. Therefore 20 ducks were sampled on that holding and 20 cloacal and 20 oropharinegeal swabs were taken. The swabs were pooled, so 8 pooled samples (4 cloacal and 4 oro-tracheal samples) were tested in M-gene PCR, H5 PCR and H7 PCR. The results for H5 and H7 were negative.

In the table below there are some data on results of the survey programmes for poultry.

Table: Number of tests and results (2009 – 2013)

Year No. of tests (H5/H7) No. of positive 2009 5.458 0 2010 4.550 0

5. Description of the epidemiological situation of the disease in wild birds during the last five years

(max. 32000 chars):

In 2008 there were no positive results for AI H5 or H7 viruses. However, 16 samples (15 birds) were positive in M-gene PCR: 11 mallards (Anas platyrhynchos), 1 mute swan (Cygnus olor), 1 white stork (Ciconia ciconia) and 2 yellow-legged gulls (Larus argentatus cachinnans). One mallard turned out to be positive on PMV-6, at all other samples virus isolation was negative.

In 2009 there was one positive result for LPAI H5 (not N1) in mallard (Anas platyrhynchos) and one for LPAI H7N7 in mute swan (Cygnus olor). Ten other samples from mallards (Anas platyrhynchos) were positive in M-gene PCR: one H2, one H3 and H4, other subtypes were not identified.

In 2010 there were no positive results for H5 or H7 viruses. However, 6 mallards (Anas platyrhynchos) were positive in M-gene PCR: two H1, two H10 and two subtypes were not identified.

In 2011 there was one positive result for LPAI H5 (not N1) in mute swan (Cygnus olor). Beside that five birds were positive in M-gene PCR: 2 mute swans (Cygnus olor) and 3 mallards (Anas platyrhynchos), but were not H5 or H7 subtype.

In 2012 there were no positive results for H5 or H7 viruses. However, 2 wild birds (Anas platyrhynchos and Cygnus olor) were positive in M-gene PCR, but the subtypes were not identified.

In 2013 there were no positive results for H5 or H7 viruses. However, 1 white storck (Ciconia ciconia) was positive in M-gene PCR, but the subtype was not identified

In the table below there are some data on results of the survey programmes for wild birds.

Table 2: Number of tested wild birds (2009 – 2013)

Year	No. of tested	No. of H5 positive	No. of H7 positive	Total No. of positive	
2009	412	1	1	12	
2010	283	0	0	6	

2011	244	1	0	6
2012	129	0	0	2
2013	92	0	0	1

6. Measures in place as regards the notification of the disease

(max. 32000 chars):

On the basis of the Rules on animal disease (UL RS No 81/07 and 24/10) which are also transposing Council Directive 82/894/EEC of 21 December 1982 on the notification of animal diseases within the Community, Avian Influenza is a compulsorily notifiable disease in Slovenia.

When the presence of Avian Influenza is suspected, the veterinary organisation having established the suspicion shall immediately notify thereof by telephone and by fax or e-mail, on a form which must include the prescribed data, UVHVVR Headquarters (UVHVVR HQ) which, in turn, shall immediately convene a meeting of the National Disease Control Centre (NDCC) members. The UVHVVR HQ provides for a 24-hour service line for these purposes. The designated laboratory shall immediately communicate the results of diagnostic investigations by telephone (via the 24-hour service line) and by fax or e-mail to the UVHVVR HQ.

UVHVVR must notify the disease immediately or no later than within 24 hours to the World Organisation of Animal Health (OIE), the European Commission, and the competent veterinary authorities of all neighbouring countries.

In case of an outbreak of Avian Influenza in poultry, the measures prescribed in the Rules on measures for the detection, prevention and suppression of avian influenza (UL RS No 47/07 and 42/10) which are transposing the Council Directive 2005/94/EC shall be implemented.

In case of wild bird the European Commission shall be immediately informed according to Commission Decision 2010/367/EU. If the HPAI H5N1 is confirmed, the measures of Commission Decision 2006/563/EC shall be implemented.

7. Costs

7.1 Detailed analysis of the costs

7.1.1 Poultry

(max. 32000 chars):

Costs of tests
HI test H5: 5,18 €
HI test H7: 5,18 €
ELISA: 8,19 €
M gene PCR: 68,92 €
H5 PCR: 39,06 €
H7 PCR: 39,06 €
Sequencing: 67,44 €
Virus isolation: 66,97 €

7.1.2 Wild birds

(max. 32000 chars):

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Other costs

Refund for wild animal rescue centre sampling: 16,00 €

7.2 Summary of the annual costs:

7.2.1 Poultry surveillance

Detailed analysis of the cost of the programme - poultry

Laboratory testing			
Methods of laboratory analysis	Number of tests	Indicative unitary test cost (per method) in €(*)	Total cost (€)
ELISA test	10	3.26	32.6
agar gel immune diffusion test	0	1.8	0
HI-Test for H5 (specify number of tests for H5)	3 415	9.64	32920.6
HI-Test for H7 (specify number of tests for H7)	3 415	9.64	32920.6
Virus isolation test	5	37.87	189.35
PCR test	71	19.74	1401.54
Other test	0	0	0
Sampling			
	Number of samples	Unitary cost in € (*)	Total cost (€)

Samples	3 520	2.81	9891.2	
Other measures				
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Other please specify here	0	0	0	X
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Total poultry Testing + Sampling + Other measures	10 436		77 355,89 €	

^(*) as per cofinancing decision for 2014 programmes

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7.2.2 Wild bird surveillance

Detail analysis of the cost of the programme - wild birds

Laboratory testing				
Editoratory testing				
Methods of laboratory analysis	Number of tests	Unitary test cost (per method) in € (*)	Total cost (€)	
Virus isolation test	10	37.89	378.9	
PCR test	420	19.74	8290.8	
Other cost	0	67.44	0	
Delivery of wild animals				
	No of wild birds	Eligible cost in € (*)	Total cost (€)	
Delivery of wild animals	200	5	1000	
Other measures				
	Number	Unitary cost in €	Total cost (€)	

Other please specify here	0	0	0	X
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Total wild birds Testing + Delivery + Other measures	630		9 669,70 €	

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TOTALS for Poultry (7.2.1) + Ducks and Geese (7.2.2) for year:

2015

	Total Cost
Grand Total Poultry + Ducks/Geese	87 025

TOTALS for Poultry (7.2.1) + Ducks and Geese (7.2.2) for year:

2016

	Total Cost
Grand Total Poultry + Ducks/Geese	87 025

TOTALS for Poultry (7.2.1) + Ducks and Geese (7.2.2) for year: 2017

	Total Cost
Grand Total Poultry + Ducks/Geese	87 025

7.3 Co-financing rate:

The maximum co-financing rate is in general fixed at 50%. However based on provisions of Article 5.2 and 5.3 of the Common Financial Framework, we request that the co-financing rate for the reimbursement of the eligible costs would be increased:

●Up to 75% for the measures detailed below

Oup to 100% for the measures detailed below

O Not applicable

Please explain for which measures and why co-financing rate should be increased (max 32000 characters)

In Slovenia, gross national income per inhabitant based on the latest Eurostat data is less than 90 % of the Union average.

7.4 Source of national funding
Please specify the source of the national funding:
⊠public funds
□food business operators participation
□other
Please give details on the source of national funding (max 32000 characters)
The programme will be funded from the national budget - allocations for preventive animal health measures (Article 45 Veterinary Practice Act).

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