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1. Identification of the programme

Member state: OESTERREICH

Disease avian influenza in poultry and wild birds

This program is multi annual :

no

Request of Union co-financing
from beginning of:

2016

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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) :

Under the supervision of the Federal Ministry of Health, the Austrian national reference laboratory for Avian Influenza, AGES IVET Mödling (NRL) is responsible on investigation, notification and reporting.

2.1.2 System in place for the registration of holdings

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(max. 32000 chars) :

According to the Avian Influenza Regulation BGBl II No 309/2007, any person who keeps birds (exception: pet birds that are always kept inside, without direct or indirect contact to other birds) has to be officially registered at the first administrative level (district). Holdings upon 350 chicken/turkeys are also registered within the Poultry Health Data (PHD), a database provided by the QGV (Quality Poultry Association)

2.1.3 *Design (risk based surveillance or surveillance based on representative sampling taking into account criteria in Annex I of Commission Decision 2010/367/EC)*

(max. 32000 chars) :

The programme was set up in consideration of the national circumstances according to the requirements of Commission Decision 2010/367/EU of 25 June 2010 on the implementation by Member States of surveillance programmes for avian influenza in poultry and wild birds. Surveillance in Austria is carried out based on representative sampling.

Taking into consideration the epidemiological circumstances, a random sampling plan is being set up for all federal provinces (Länder) in accordance with the Avian Influenza Regulation 2007 (Geflügelpestverordnung 2007, BGBl. II Nr. 309/2007) and notified in the "Official Veterinary Bulletin". When setting up the surveillance programme the risk assessment by AGES, which is routinely being updated, is taken into consideration. Coordination of the sampling and choice of testing method are also carried out by the NRL. Measures according to the sampling plan are within the competence of the provincial governor (Landeshauptmann). Sampling has to be done by official veterinarians and all samples are tested at the NRL exclusively. Said laboratory is in close contact with the Community Reference Laboratory in Weybridge and is obliged to send AI-virus isolates possibly positive for H5 and H7 to the EURL.

The Austrian NRL for AI forms part of the Austrian Agency for Health and Food Security (Österreichische Agentur für Gesundheit und Ernährungssicherheit, AGES). It is charged with coordination and implementation of the programme.

Sampling and transport of samples are carried out in accordance with the specifications of the diagnostic manual for AI which was published in the Official Veterinary Bulletin AVN No. 5/2007 of 18 June 2007.

[As described above and also in section 2.1.3.2, the Austrian programme of AI is following a representative sampling scheme, according to Commission Decision of 25 June 2010 on the implementation by Member States of surveillance programmes for avian influenza in poultry and wild birds (2010/367/EU).

The poultry blood samples are taken at the slaughterhouse as random samples, therefore it is not possible to provide a map with foreseen holdings and selection criteria.]

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

(max. 32000 chars) :

In the year 2015 the number of registered laying flocks was 1833 with 6.112.367 animals. The number of chicken breeder flocks was 93 with 978.262 animals and there were 143 fattening turkey flocks with 968.062 animals.
[There are 9428 duck-and geese holdings in Austria which are mostly backyard flocks with an average number of less than 10 birds per flock based on qualified estimation.
Maps of the poultry population density as well as federal states, Nuts 2 codes and main bodies of water are attached to this document ("Maps")]

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

(max. 32000 chars) :

There is no special risk based surveillance programm in Austria at the moment

(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) :

As said in Commission Decision 2010/367/EU: Poultry: layers, free range layers, chicken breeders, fattening turkeys, fattening ducks, fattening geese, ratites
Wild birds: also according to § 4 of the avian influenza regulation BGBL. II/Nr.309/2007 every dead found waterbird or raptor must be sent to the NRL for AI.

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

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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

2016

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	
11	26	3	10	30	ELISA test	X
12	234	13	10	130	ELISA test	X
21	43	4	10	40	ELISA test	X
22	218	29	10	290	ELISA test	X
31	143	8	10	80	ELISA test	X
32	26	1	10	10	ELISA test	X
33	68	1	10	10	ELISA test	X
34	20	1	10	10	ELISA test	X

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Total				600	
Add a new row					
(a)	<i>Holdings or herds or flocks or establishments as appropriate.</i>				
(b)	<i>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</i>				
(c)	<i>Total number of holdings of one category of poultry in concerned NUTS 2 region.</i>				

delete this category

Category : **free range 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
11	11	1	10	10	ELISA test
12	109	10	10	100	ELISA test
21	36	3	10	30	ELISA test
22	438	28	10	280	ELISA test
31	157	15	10	150	ELISA test
32	16	1	10	10	ELISA test
33	34	1	10	10	ELISA test
34	20	1	10	10	ELISA test
Total				600	
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(a) Holdings or herds or flocks or establishments as appropriate.

(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

(c) 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
12	10	5	10	50	ELISA test
21	5	3	10	30	ELISA test
22	40	30	10	300	ELISA test
31	38	15	10	150	ELISA test
Total				530	
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(a) Holdings or herds or flocks or establishments as appropriate.
 (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
 (c) 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
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11	22	12	10	120	ELISA test	X
12	46	14	10	140	ELISA test	X
21	25	12	10	120	ELISA test	X
22	18	6	10	60	ELISA test	X
31	30	9	10	90	ELISA test	X
33	1	0	0	0	ELISA test	X
34	1	0	0	0	ELISA test	X
Total				530		
Add a new row						

(a) Holdings or herds or flocks or establishments as appropriate.

(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

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

Category : ratites

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
11	3	3	10	30	ELISA test
12	2	2	10	20	ELISA test
22	6	6	10	60	ELISA test
Total				110	

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Add a new row

(a) *Holdings or herds or flocks or establishments as appropriate.*
 (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*
 (c) *Total number of holdings of one category of poultry in concerned NUTS 2 region.*

Add a category

Totals	Total number of tests
Total poultry 2016	2 370

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 **2016**

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Category : fattening ducks

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
11	17	17	20	340	ELISA test
12	3	3	20	60	ELISA test
21	2	2	20	40	ELISA test
22	4	4	20	80	ELISA test
31	3	3	20	60	ELISA test
11	2	2	20	40	HI-test (H5)
11	2	2	20	40	HI-test (H7)
Total				660	
Add a new row					

(a) 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 : fattening geese

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
11	28	28	20	560	ELISA test
12	14	6	20	120	ELISA test
21	5	1	20	20	ELISA test
22	24	20	20	400	ELISA test

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31	4	4	20	80	ELISA test	X
11	2	2	20	40	HI-test (H5)	X
11	2	2	20	40	HI-test (H7)	X
Total				1 260		
Add a new row						

(a) 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

Add a category

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of tests	
Total ducks and geese and farmed game birds 2016	1 920	

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

2016

Poultry + Ducks/Geese /farmed game birds	Total number of tests
Grand Total	4 290
Grand Total ELISA	4 130

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Grand Total agar	0
Grand Total HI tests (H5)	80
Grand Total HI tests (H7)	80
Grand Total Virus Isolation test	0
Grand Total PCR test	0
Grand Total Other test	0
Grand Total Samplings	0

2.3 Sampling procedures, sampling periods and frequency of testing taking into account criteria set out in Annex I of Commission Decision 2010/367/EC

(max. 32000 chars) :

Birds are usually sampled at the abbatoire. Breeders, layers, turkeys and rataties are sampled during the whole year. Geese and ducks are sampled in autumn, at the end of the production period.

2.4. Laboratory testing : description of the laboratory tests used and follow up investigations taking into account criteria set out in the Diagnostic Manual for avian influenza (Common Decision 2006/437/EC)

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

Influenza A Virus Antibody Test Kit IDEXX [and HI test according Diagnostic Manual for avian influenza (Common Decision 2006/437/EC) is used].

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) :

Under the supervision of the Federal Ministry of Health, the NRL is responsible on investigation, notification and reporting. In case of suspicion of Avian Influenza in wild birds, all relevant collaborating partners are involved in the development of necessary measures.

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

(max. 32000 chars) :

The programme covers the whole Austrian territory.

3.1.3 Estimation of the local and/or migratory wildlife population

(max. 32000 chars) :

[Austria lies in the middle of Europe, therefore a lot of migratory birds can be found in addition to the native population. In our opinion a review by bird population would make good sense in an European context. A list of wild bird species in Austria is attached to this document ("Bird species list Austria Dec. 2014")]

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

(max. 32000 chars) :

All waterbirds and raptors found dead have to be sent to the NRL for laboratory investigation.

[According to the Austrian law which regulates the passive surveillance of wild birds (Geflügelpest-Verordnung 2007 § 4. (1). Every person who finds dead

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wild waterbirds or birds of prey has to report this to the administrative authority and the lokal official veterinarian has to organise the recovery and save sending to the national reference laboratory. This is due to the fact that we want the birds being handled by a trained person to minimise the risk of infection of persons with AI - virus.] The importance of reporting dead birds for sampling is communicated regularly. Furthermore, there are two big lakes in Austria which are resting places and destinations for a lot of migratory birds and breeding area for waterfowls. This is Lake Constance in the west and Neusiedler lake in the east of Austria. The local governments are aware of the higher risk due to the geographical situation.

There is still a active surveillance project on Lake Constance, financed by the Austrian Competent Authority. The laboratory tests are performed by the Austrian NRL for AI.

(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 conformity with Part 2 of Annex II to Decision 2010/367/EC

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
11		100	25	PCR test	100
34		200	25	PCR test	200

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12,21,22,23,31,32,33	50	50	PCR test	50	X
11,34	10	10	Virus isolation test	10	X
Total					
Add a new row					

(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.

	Total number of tests
Total number of tests	360
Total Virus isolation tests	10
Total PCR tests	350
Total Other tests	0

3.3 Sampling procedures and sampling periods

max 32000 chars :

The dead birds are sent to the NRL institute and organ samples as trachea, lung, brain, liver, intestine, kidney and pancreas are pooled and analysed for Avian Influenza Viruses. When several dead birds are sent simultaneously, pre-screening of cloacal/tracheal swabs will proceed, then positive and suspicious samples will be analysed in the organs to improve sensitivity. The sampling period is all over the year with focus in spring and autumn.

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3.4 *Laboratory testing : description of the laboratory tests used taking into account criteria set out in the Diagnostic Manual for avian influenza (Commission Decision 2006/437/EC)*

max 32000 chars :

RNA Extraction of swabs with either QIAmp Viral RNA Mini Kit (Qiagen) or Nucleospin Viral Kit (Macherey &Nagel); RNA Extraction of organ samples with RNeasy Kit (Qiagen) or Nucleospin RNA Tissue Kit (Macherey &Nagel); Prescreening of samples using real-time RT-PCR for the Matrix Protein of Influenza A Virus. Confirmation of positive samples using H5 and H7, N1 real-time RT-PCR (all are protocols recommended by the CRL in Weybridge, Diagnostic manual). H5 or H7 positive samples are pathotyped by classical RT-PCR and sequencing of the HA protein at the cleavage site.

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

max 32000 chars :

Austria has been free of disease in poultry during the last 5 years.

[Austria has been free of AI in poultry since 1946.

See attached document "AI Surveillance 2010 – 2014 AT" for a summary of the numbers reported to the European Commission the years before.]

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

(max. 32000 chars) :

Austria has been free of disease in wild birds during the last 5 years.

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[The last case of HPAI in wild birds occurred in 2006.

As reported positive swabs with LPAI H5 stains were found in the wild bird active surveillance on Lake Constance in 2011 and in winter 2013/2014 (H5N9 strain).

See attached document "AI Surveillance 2010 – 2014 AT" for a summary of the numbers reported the years before.]

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

(max. 32000 chars):

The Federal Ministry of Health gives regular information on the epidemiological situation within Austria and the other member states to local authorities stakeholders, epidemiologists and ornithologists, to keep them sensible.

Supporting legal acts are:

Avian Influenza Regulation BGBl. II No.309/2007

HPAI-Wild Bird-Avian Influenza Regulation BGBl. II No. 404/2006

Emergency plan for the eradication of Avian Influenza in Austria, GZ 74700/0020-II/B/6/2008, version 2008.

7. *Costs*

7.1 *Detailed analysis of the costs*

7.1.1 *Poultry including ducks, geese and farmed game birds*

(max. 32000 chars):

see 7.2.1

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7.1.2 *Wild birds*

(max. 32000 chars) :

see 7.2.2

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7.2.2 Wild bird surveillance

Detail analysis of the cost of the programme - wild birds

Targets for year **2016**

Laboratory testing				
Methods of laboratory analysis	Number of tests	Unitary test cost (per method) in € (*)	Total cost (€)	
Virus isolation test	10	37.88	378.8	
PCR test	350	19.74	6909	
Other cost	0	0	0	
Delivery of wild animals				
Delivery of wild animals	No of wild birds	Eligible cost in € (*)	Total cost (€)	
	350	6	2100	
Other measures				
Other measures	Number	Unitary cost in €	Total cost (€)	

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C. Financial information

1. Identification of the implementing entities - financial circuits/flows

Identify and describe the entities which will be in charge of implementing the eligible measures planned in this programme which costs will constitute the reimbursement/payment claim to the EU. Describe the financial flows/circuits followed.

Each of the following paragraphs (from a to e) shall be filled out if EU cofinancing is requested for the related measure.

a) Implementing entities - **sampling**: who perform the official sampling? Who pays? (e.g. authorised private vets perform the sampling and are paid by the regional veterinary services (state budget); sampling equipment is provided by the private laboratory testing the samples which includes the price in the invoice which is paid by the local state veterinary services (state budget))

(max. 32000 chars):

The blood sampling of the chicken, turkeys and most of the ducks and geese at the abattoir is carried out by authorised veterinarians and paid by the regional veterinary services (state budget). Parts of the blood sampling of ducks and geese is carried out by private samplers and paid by the Federal Ministry of Health.

Sampling of the wild birds is performed by official veterinarians and paid by the regional veterinary services (state budget).

The sampling equipment as sample tubes is provided by the NRL.

The transport charges are paid by the central veterinary authority.

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- b) Implementing entities - **testing**: who performs the testing of the official samples? Who pays?
(e.g. regional public laboratories perform the testing of official samples and costs related to this testing are entirely paid by the state budget)

(max. 32000 chars) :

The National Reference Laboratory for Avian Influenza, the AGES, Institute of Veterinary Disease Control in MÖdling performs the testing of official samples and costs related to this testing are entirely paid from official funds.

- c) Implementing entities - **compensation**: who performs the compensation? Who pays?
(e.g. compensation is paid by the central level of the state veterinary services,
or compensation is paid by an insurance fund fed by compulsory farmers contribution)

(max. 32000 chars) :

In case of an outbreak in domestic poultry, compensation is directly paid to the owner by the Federal Ministry of Health.
The technical part of taking care of an infected flock is the responsibility of the official veterinarian as well as the provincial government in charge.
The national legal basis for compensation is the Austrian Animal Disease Act (ADA) RGGI I 1909/177 as amended.

- d) Implementing entities - **vaccination** : who provides the vaccine and who performs the vaccination? Who pays the vaccine? Who pays the vaccinator?
(e.g. farmers buy their vaccine to the private vets, send the paid invoices to the local state veterinary services which reimburse the farmers of the full amount and the vaccinator is paid by the regional state veterinary services)

(max. 32000 chars) :

According to European and national legislation, vaccination is not allowed.

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e) Implementing entities - **other essential measures**: who implement this measure? Who provide the equipment/service? Who pays?

(max. 32000 chars) :

A multinational (AT, CH, DE) surveillance programme of wild ducks was established in a high risk area several years ago. The sentinel ducks are kept in a fenced area in the Rhine delta, samples are taken regularly and analysed by the NRL. This is considered a very useful and important part of the national surveillance programme as it is well known, that wild birds do not always show clinical signs of infection. Furthermore in "times of peace" it can be difficult to get enough dead birds (waterbirds and predators) for passive surveillance.

2 Co-financing rate (see provisions of applicable Work Programme)

The maximum co-financing rate is in general fixed at 50%. However based on provisions of Article 5.2 and 5.3 of the Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, 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

Up to 100% for the measures detailed below

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3. Source of funding of eligible measures

All eligible measures for which cofinancing is requested and reimbursement will be claimed are financed by public funds.

yes

no

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