

Mid-term evaluation of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014

Country: Belgium

VetEffect is awarded the Mid-term evaluation project of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014.

The main purpose for this evaluation is to assess at mid-term the implementation of the CFF (Common Financial Framework), whose results will feed into the final evaluation report to be presented to the European Parliament and to the Council by 31 July 2017.

The evaluation results will be subsequently used during the final evaluation of the CFF Regulation foreseen for 30 June 2022.

The evaluation will focus on the first three years of implementation of the CFF. It especially concerns veterinary programmes, veterinary emergency measures, phytosanitary survey programmes, phytosanitary emergency measures, European Union Reference Laboratories (EURLs) activities, and BTSF trainings in the food chain area. The evaluation will fully cover the first two years of the CFF implementation (2014-2015), while 2016 will be partially assessed based on preliminary data available. The evaluation will cover all 28 Member States and address specific case studies for food safety and veterinary eradication programmes: Salmonellosis, Bovine Brucellosis, Ovine and Caprine Brucellosis, Bovine Tuberculosis, BSE, and Rabies; Veterinary emergency measures for HPAI, Plant health eradication and surveillance programmes and emergency measures, and official controls (EURLs and BTSF).

Tasks under the assignment

The consultation strategy follows the Commission's Better Regulation Guidelines, and will assess the 5 criteria Relevance, European added value, effectiveness, Efficiency, and Coherence.

The evaluation study included extensive desk research, and, after an stakeholder mapping exercise, the set-up of a targeted on-line stakeholder consultation, an open public consultation, and targeted semi-structured interviews. The mapping of stakeholders was one of the crucial steps in the conduct of this consultation to permit, once accomplished, to better refine the strategy in a later stage.

