

# NATIONAL BVD ERADICATION PROGRAMME BUSINESS PLAN



# 2023

*To contribute to an economically, socially and  
environmentally sustainable farming and agri-food sector  
through improved animal health and welfare.*



**Programme Objective:** To achieve conditions for recognition of a BVD-free status under the EU Animal Health Law by 2023.

## KEY DELIVERABLES

Q1

Q2

Q3

Q4

### COMMUNICATIONS

Develop and implement quarterly communication plans in support of the programme.

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Maintain and refine helpdesk support facility for farmers and veterinary practitioners.

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Present programme outputs at national and international conferences.

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### PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT

Develop and implement the necessary database and communication changes to implement the 2023 programme.

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Implement the necessary changes to the programme, including assigning of statuses to non-breeding herds, to maintain the EU programme approval.

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Continue programme co-ordination, review and refinement through the BVD Implementation and Technical Working Groups in support of achieving the requirements for recognition of freedom.

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To contribute to a report to the Commission for the maintenance of approval of the programme.

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Co-ordinate delivery of BVD herd investigations through the Targeted Advisory Service on Animal Health to farmers and monitor findings.

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Maintain routine testing of imported animals.

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Conduct regular analyses of key programme performance indicators to provide an evidence base for TWG and BVDIG decisions and identify key communications arising from these, including publication as appropriate in peer-reviewed journals.

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Taking account of modelling outputs and objectives (case detection, proof of freedom), develop immediate and longer-term post-eradication surveillance strategies.

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| PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT (continued)   |   |    |    |    |    |
| To evaluate and pilot post-eradication surveillance strategies in parallel with continued tag testing, including but not limited to bulk tank milk testing, young stock check testing and abattoir surveillance, and develop protocols to follow up positive results.                           | • |    |    |    |    |
| Develop and implement the necessary training, awareness and communications and database changes to implement the agreed surveillance elements.  | • |    |    |    |    |
| Pursue the analysis of the results from bulk tank milk surveillance to identify and address risk factors for positivity and to support the development of a bulk milk surveillance strategy.  | • |    |    |    |    |
| Through the Technical Working Group and Implementation Group to agree timelines for introducing these strategies, and their modification over time.   | • |    |    |    |    |
| In conjunction with DAFM and other stakeholders to make the necessary preparations for transition to the post-eradication phase, including piloting of surveillance strategies, limitations on vaccine usage, revising programme legislation, database modifications and laboratory activities. | • |    |    |    |    |
| Contribute to sectoral sustainability through actions assigned to AHl within AgClimatise Roadmap and iNAP2  | • |    |    |    |    |