Epizone

For Better Control of Animal Diseases

Description	EPIZONE is the Network of Excellence for Epizootic Disease Diagnosis and Control and intends to function as a platform and provide a think-tank of highly qualified scientists that develop new strategies and tools to face new challenges in the future. EPIZONE covers all fields of interest concerning epizootic diseases of poultry, swine, fishes, sheep, cattle, horses, and wildlife. As a virtual institute the activities are organized in three horizontal integration themes (Virtual Institute, Strategic Integration, and Spreading Excellence) and four vertical scientific integration themes (Diagnostics, Intervention Strategies, Surveillance and Epidemiology, and Risk Assessment). EPIZONE brings scientists together and improves understanding in local situations concerning animal related food production in the various member states.
Purpose	EPIZONE aims to develop a network of scientists to improve research on preparedness, prevention, detection, and control of epizootic diseases within Europe and therefore reduce the economic and social impact of future disease outbreaks through increased excellence by collaboration.
Scope	International
Primary Funders	The European Union (EU) – the EU's Sixth Research Framework Program.
Participants & Key Collaborators	EPIZONE includes 19 partners: 17 institutes of veterinary science, health and agronomy (14 institutes from all over Europe, two institutes in China and one institute in Turkey), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and one Small and Medium Enterprise, Digital Value, for developing the website.
Definition of One Health	None
Monitoring & Evaluation Strategy	Epizone tracks the progress of each theme by identified work packages. Information on the progress of the work packages for the four vertical scientific integration themes is available online.
Sources of Information	Epizone Website: http://www.epizone-eu.net/epizone.aspx
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