

EU-Project strengthens Israeli veterinary diagnostic capacities

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Supported by the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL), the FLI and the Central Veterinary Institute of Wageningen UR (CVI) in the Netherlands successfully applied for an EU Twinning Project for strengthening the diagnostic capacities of the Israeli Kimron Veterinary Institute. On September 12, the Department for Funding and Contracts of the EU Delegation in Tel Aviv granted the project that is expected to start in spring 2015.

The project is designed for a duration of 21 months and will be funded by the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP South). A FLI scientist will coordinate the project activities as Resident Twinning Adviser (RTA) on site. One focus will be the support of Israel to strengthen its veterinary diagnostics and to bring the animal health regime in line with EU and OIE standards.

Main object of the cooperation between FLI, CVI and Kimron Veterinary Institute (KVI) at Bet Dagan will be the protection of animal and public health from existing and emerging diseases, food-borne pathogens and residues. For this purpose, procedures for the improvement of veterinary diagnostic capacities in line with EU/OIE standards as well as the improvement of veterinary diagnostics are proposed. Further partners of the consortium are the Lower Saxony State Office for Consumer Protection and Food Safety (LAVES), the Joint Laboratory of the Länder Berlin and Brandenburg (LLBB), the Thuringian State Authority for Consumer Protection (TVL) and German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR).

The KVI is part of the Israeli Veterinary Services and Animal Health within the framework of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD). The contract negotiations of the participants will be initiated soon.

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