Expected Impacts

- A close collaboration and joint development betwen **EU** and **Chinese** animal health institutes
- A wide coordination of animal health research activities in EU and China, scaling-up EU-China collaboration.
- A systematic establishment of linkages between ongoing animal health research, training programmes and innovation projects in the veterinary field from the EU and China.
- Improved training opportunities for researchers, including capacity building, training events and exchange programmes.
- A wide-range networking of the relevant scientific communities and stakeholders, ensuring the maximum engagement of scientific, business and policy-making communities.

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Partnership

The project is carried out by a well-balanced consortium of 11 beneficiaries located in China (five partners) and the European Union (Italy, Hungary, France, United Kingdom, Sweden and Portugal). This wide geographic coverage is coupled with the presence of some of the major players in the field of animal health and cross border cooperation.

EUROPE

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Italy
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LinkTADs

Linking Epidemiology and Laboratory Research on Transboundary Animal Diseases and zoonoses in EU and China

This project has received funding from the European Union's Seventh Programme for research, technological development and demonstration under grant agreement No: 613804

What is LinkTADs?

China's exponential economic growth coupled with its rising population and urbanization has led to a sharp increase in the demand of animal products. The increased farming and international trade of animals and their products can have a major impact on the emergence and spreading of new pathogens Effective prevention, control and eradication of such transboundary animal diseases (TADs) are crucial to protect food supplies, local livelihoods and human health.

The European Union (EU) and China are two major worldwide players in animal health research, requiring cross-border coordination and networking of research to avoid duplication, while maximizing efforts.

LinkTADs brings together world-class research institutes and experts in cross-border cooperation with the aim to coordinate the development of new epidemiology and laboratory tools by linking researchers in China and Europe. It will facilitate research collaboration and bring down barriers, including regulations, policies, politics and language.

Main objectives:

Exchange of knowledge, as well as a close collaboration and joint development betwen EU and Chinese animal health institutes is crucial, in order to ensure a global livestock health, improve rural livelihoods, and ensure the access to animal protein to the population.

- Identify the priority areas, where joint actions are needed;
- Link the research activities carried out under European and Chinese research programmes;
- Ensure a wide-range networking of scientific communities and stakeholders;
- Provide a long term vision and achieve coordinated planning on future common research;
- Contribute to the international policies of the EU;
- Improve the research capacity of organizations by supporting young researchers through exchange programmes and training;
- Share the results and methodologies within and outside the consortium.

Methodology:

WP1	MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION
WP2	ANALYSIS OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND FOOD SECURITY RESEARCH
WP3	ANIMAL HEALTH SCIENCE - EPIDEMIOLOGY
WP4	ANIMAL HEALTH SCIENCE - LABORATORIES
WP5	POLICY DIALOGUE
WP6	PLATFORM DEVELOPMENT
WP7	EXCHANGES AND CAPACITY BUILDING
WP8	DISSEMINATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

A wide co-ordination of research activities from the **EU** and **China**, will scale-up **EU-China collaboration**, in line with the EU-China Science and Technology (S&T) co-operation agreement.

RELEVANT PROJECT INITIATIVES:

- Synergies with other ongoing EU and China initiatives
- Workshops and seminars for stakeholder engagement
- Exchange and training programmes

This project will serve as a platform for all stakeholders across governments, funders, practitioners, researchers and the private sector in the field of animal diseases and food security.