

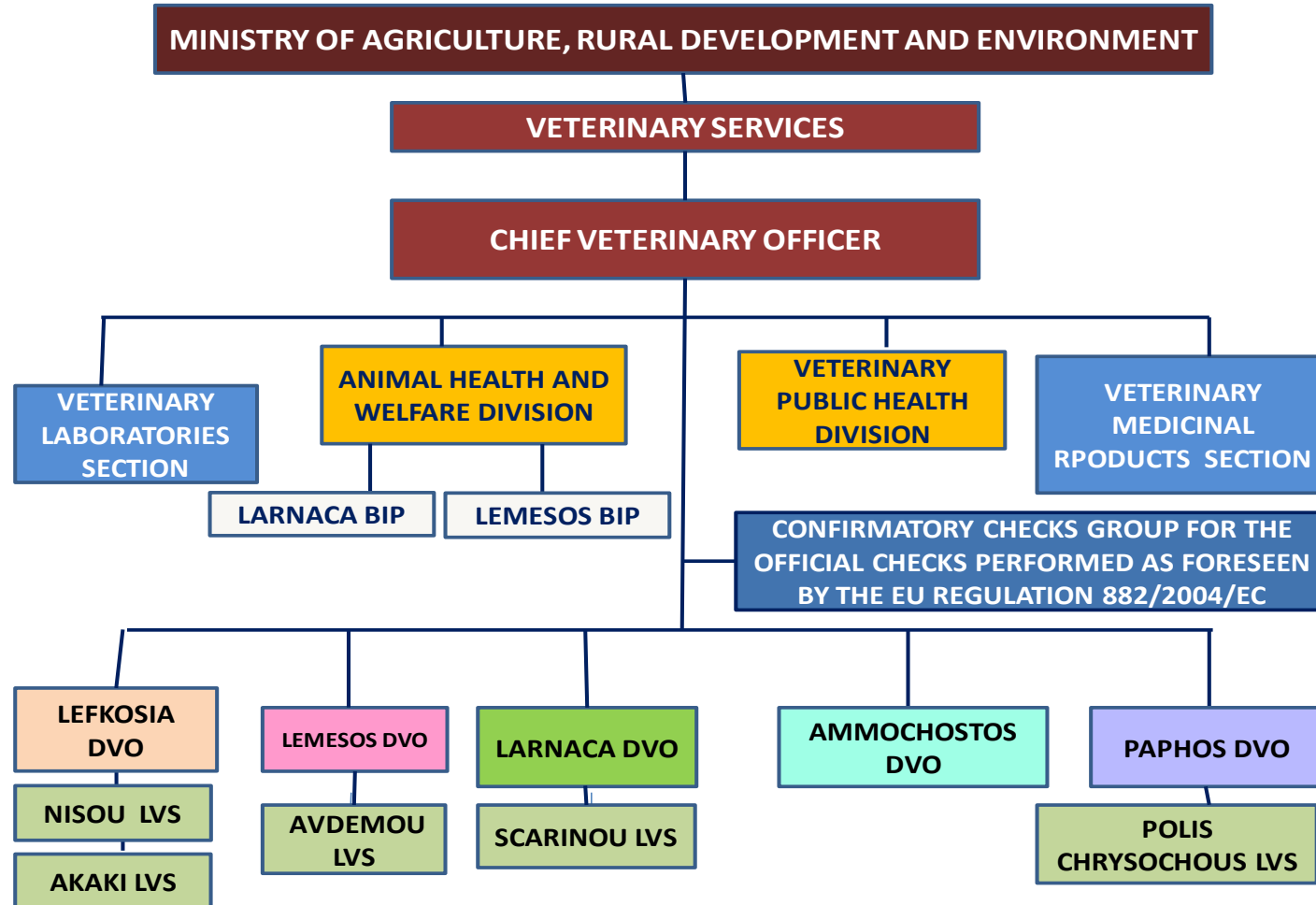


Recent PVS Achievements in Veterinary Services of Cyprus

PVS Sub-regional Orientation Training – Middle East - 2023



Structure/organisation of the Veterinary Services in Cyprus



Main strengths and weaknesses of the Veterinary Services in Cyprus

Strengths

- EU veterinary legislation
- Implementation and surveillance programs for certain diseases (AI, FMD, Infection with Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex, pig diseases, BTV)
- Disease-free status from infection with Brucella abortus, B. melitensis and B. suis in bovines, sheep and goats
- OIE BSE Negligible Status
- Disease-free status from FMD, Aujeszky's disease virus, PPR, AHS, Enzootic Bovine Leucosis, Rabies
- Animal registration and identification database for: Bovines (2001), Sheep and Goats (2003), Swine (2005), Dogs (2004)
- Two Border Control Posts for the control of all animals and animal products from third countries
- Registration, Supply and Distribution, Control and Inspection and Pharmacovigilance of Veterinary Medicinal Products
- Good laboratory practice - Diagnostic and Research Labs for Animal diseases (Virology, Bacteriology, Serology, Pathology, Microbiology and Parasitology, Histopathology, TSEs) and Diagnostic and Research Laboratory for the Control of Food of Animal Origin (LCFAO)
- Inspection and control of the food chain production, transportation, storing and placing on the market of products of animal of origin

Weaknesses

- Lack of human resources
- Lack of physical and financial resources due to economic austerity
- Development of technology and implementation of more advanced systems

Main priorities for the next 5 years of the Veterinary Services in Cyprus

- Control of AMR
- Disease-free status from infection with Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex (M. bovis, M. caprae and M. tuberculosis)
- Eradication of scrapie in goats
- Improvement of the implementation of animal welfare legislation at farm level
- Better communication with stakeholders
- Better communication with Medical Services / more operational One Health approach

Main achievements and outcomes following the recommendations of the PVS Evaluation (or any other PVS activities (if any) of the Veterinary Services in Cyprus

- Although there was not a PVS Evaluation from OIE in Cyprus, Veterinary Services always take in consideration the relevant OIE codes and guidelines

Main benefits and impact that the PVS Evaluation (or any other PVS activities (if any) had on your VS in Cyprus

- Benefits and impact cannot be assessed in the meaning of PVS Evaluation because there was not a PVS Evaluation in Cyprus