

# **TERMES OF REFERENCE FOR THE JOINT PERMAMENT COMMITTEE (JPC) OF THE MEDITERRANEAN ANIMAL HEALTH CENTRE (MAHN / REMESA)**

1. The JPC is REMESA's decision making body and operates according to the principles of GF-TADs.
2. The JPC is composed by:
  - The CVOs of the participant countries or their formally nominated representatives;
  - A representative of FAO;
  - A representative of OIE;
  - Permanent observers: UMA, EC,...
  - Other observers according to the JPC's agenda;
  - The JPC composition may be amended by decision of the JPC during its regular meetings.
3. **Strategic Role :**
  - The JPC defines the general objectives of REMESA and determines the thematic priorities;
  - It validates the annual REMESA Action Plan, and eventually its pluri-annual Action Plan;
  - It evaluates the general impact of the ongoing activities and therefore revises priorities and action plans;
  - It settles the eventual disagreements concerning the implementation of activities.
4. **Technical Role:**
  - The JPC establishes the technical working groups ;
  - It validates the Action Plans of the working groups ;
  - It validates the protocols for the implementation of activities;
  - It assesses and validates the results on the basis of, at least, every six months reports submitted by the RAHC-NA in its role of Regional Coordination Unit (RCU).
5. **Meetings**
  - The JPC meets at least once a year and if needed when requested by the RCU.
  - The venue of the JPC meetings will be proposed by the RCU's, taking into account the regional balance between the REMESA participating countries;
  - The minutes of the JPC meetings will be prepared and transmitted to the participants by the RCU;
  - The decisions will be taken by the participating countries, in consultation with FAO and OIE.
6. **Presidency**
  - The JPC is jointly presided, for a one year period, by two CVOs, each coming from one of the two shores of the Mediterranean. This presidency will follow the principle of rotation between countries.
  - The RCU ensures the secretariat of the JPC.
7. **Fund raising**

The JPC ensures the active lobbying for the mobilisation of financial resources from donors.