

# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION



In the globalised world, animal and zoonotic diseases easily cross borders and panzootics are more likely to occur

## WHO WE ARE

The Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie (IZSve) is a public veterinary health and research institute operating under the Italian Ministry of Health. Headquarters are located in Legnaro (Padua), with satellite laboratories in the North East of Italy.

Our mission is to protect animal health, ensure food safety, and support public and environmental health, following the One Health approach, which recognizes the interconnection between animals, humans, plants, and ecosystems.



## WHAT WE DO

Through international projects, technical assistance, and scientific research, IZSVe:

- develops and transfers diagnostic methods and surveillance tools;
- provides training and mentoring for veterinary and laboratory staff;
- supports risk assessment, outbreak response, and GIS tools;
- strengthens laboratory networks and reference systems;
- Promote knowledge exchange between institutions and professionals.

The **International Cooperation Unit**

plans and manages international cooperation projects which have research, capacity building and development components.

### Main activities

- collaborating with international partners and agencies, and veterinary institutes of developing countries
- managing and administering projects
- scaling down to the field level in developing countries for implementing field/applied research

## Key Projects

(2020-2025)



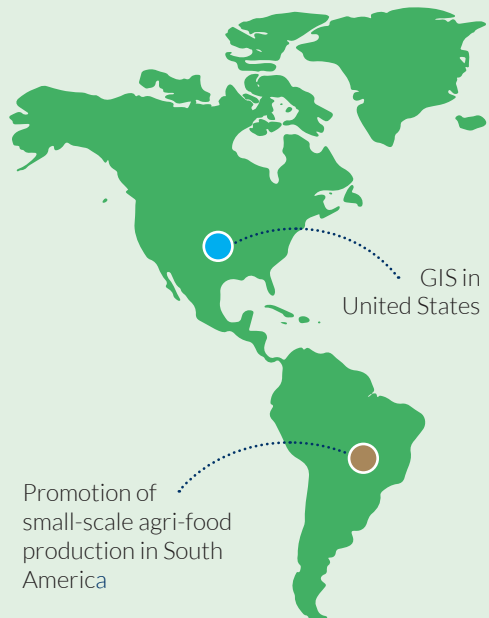
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International  
Projects



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Countries involved





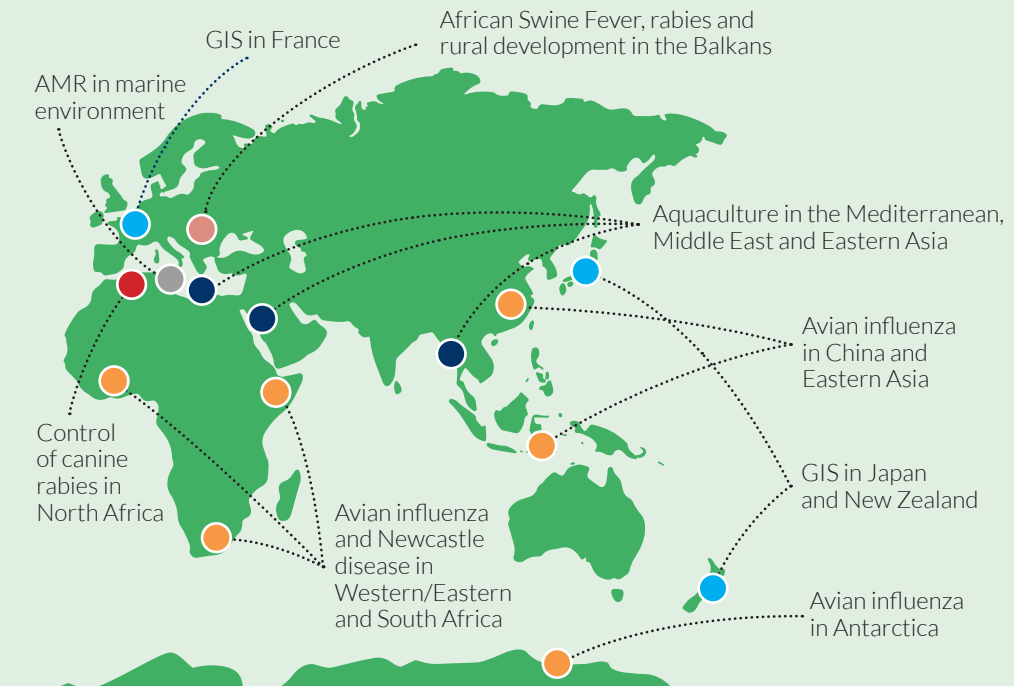
## WHERE WE WORK

IZSve collaborates with partners and institutions in Europe, Africa, Asia, and Latin America, supporting capacity building, scientific exchange, and surveillance systems.

From Africa to South America, from the Balkans to Central Asia, we bring expertise, training, and technology to improve animal and human health, with significant benefits for local economies and communities.

Our teams work in close cooperation with **FAO** (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations), **WOAH** (World Organisation for Animal Health), **WHO** (World Health Organization), **EFSA** (European Food Safety Authority) and **European Union**.

IZSve contributes to global initiatives to strengthen veterinary services and improve health security worldwide.





## WHAT WE OFFER

As a recognized International Reference Centre (WOAH, FAO, EU), IZSve offers:

- technical expertise in virology, bacteriology, parasitology, food safety, and epidemiology
- training programmes and study visits tailored to institutional partners
- reference diagnostic services and proficiency testing for laboratories worldwide
- collaborative research opportunities within One Health networks
- project design and implementation support for capacity development initiatives

Our multidisciplinary teams of veterinarians, biologists, epidemiologists, chemists and laboratory scientists combine scientific excellence with a practical approach to global health challenges.

### International Reference Laboratories

#### EU Reference Laboratory (EURL)

- Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease

#### FAO Reference Centres

- Animal Influenza and Newcastle Disease
- Beekeeping
- Rabies
- Zoonotic Coronaviruses

#### WOAH Collaborating Centres

- Diseases at the Animal/Human Interface
- Epidemiology, Training and Control of Emerging Avian Diseases

#### WOAH Reference Laboratories

- Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease
- Mycoplasmosis
- Rabies
- Salmonellosis
- Viral Encephalopathy and Retinopathy of Marine Fish

## Get in touch



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