

PRESS RELEASE

On September 29–30, 2026, training seminar “ Awareness and Preparedness: Detection of Emerging Diseases and Prevention of Cross-Border Epidemics ” will be held at Odesa State Agrarian University

The event is held within the framework of the project "SMS-RO-UA: DEVELOPMENT OF SCREENING AND MONITORING SYSTEMS FOR EMERGING DISEASES AND PREVENTION OF CROSS-BORDER EPIDEMICS IN THE CURRENT CONTEXT " (ROUA00136) , Activity 1.5 " Increasing awareness on emerging diseases and the prevention of cross-border epidemics ", funded by the European Union under the **Interreg VI-A NEXT Romania-Ukraine Programme 2021-2027** . The specific objective of the project is to expand the capacity for research on emerging diseases in the cross-border area to ensure surveillance of emerging diseases and prevention of epidemics in the Lower Danube region by improving the capacity of 2 research institutions from Romania and Ukraine, developing a joint screening and monitoring system and implementing joint actions across the border.

The organizer of the event is IE Svitlana Sergeevna Makarevich

The aim of the seminar is increasing awareness of emerging diseases and of the mechanisms for preventing cross-border epidemics; promotion of harmonized and standardized practices for collecting and managing epidemiological surveillance and monitoring data in the cross-border area; strengthening the practical capacity of participants in the use of laboratory equipment and pathogen identification protocols for joint preventive and liquidation measures.

Participation in the seminar is intended for representatives of local and regional public authorities, industry agencies, veterinary and medical institutions, higher education and scientific institutions, as well as public organizations in the relevant field.

September 29 — First day of the seminar, which will be held at Odesa, Panteleimonovskaya St., 13

The program includes the results of research on transboundary diseases within the project activities, the sampling plan and the results of project research on emerging diseases. Special attention will be paid to protocols for identifying sources of pathogens of African swine fever, West Nile virus, leptospirosis, toxoplasmosis and avian influenza.

Participants will also consider issues of cross-border data exchange and joint epidemic control, in particular state veterinary and sanitary control at the state border of Ukraine, cross-border epizootic surveillance, early warning systems for animal disease outbreaks , epizootic risks in the cross-border region of the Lower Danube, biosecurity in the field of wildlife, and risk-based approaches to food safety in the cross-border control system.

The day will conclude with a Q&A panel discussion and a recap of the first day.

September 30 — Second day of the seminar, which will be held at Odesa, Krasnova St., 3a .

Participants will work in small groups with rotation between practical stations dedicated to laboratory preparedness, early detection of cross-border infections, laboratory procedures, equipment handling, pathomorphological diagnostics, and biological material selection.

The seminar will conclude with a practical workshop-discussion of mechanisms for preventing and responding to new transboundary animal diseases, seminar results, presentation of certificates to participants, and closing remarks.

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PARTNERS OF THE "SMS-RO-UA"

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Participation in the event is provided offline and online.

Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. Event starts at 10:00 a.m.