

GREASE partners' proposal on "One-Health in Asia" short-listed by EuropAid

5 organizations from the GREASE network have partnered to submit a Programme Proposal in response to the European Commission's call for proposals "One-Health Programme in Asia"

CIRAD, the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of Kasetsart University, Institut Pasteur du Cambodge, the Nabong Agriculture College of the National University of Laos and the Lao Oxford Mahsot Wellcome Trust Research Unit have joined efforts to design and submit a programme proposal in response to a call for proposals entitled "**One-Health Program in Asia**".

By launching this call for proposals, the European Commission intends to identify qualified organizations able to *"strengthen capabilities in notably the Least Developed Countries in Asia to address and prepare for risks related to infectious diseases via the promotion of innovative and regional cross-sectoral and multi-actor collaborations and networking through the implementation of the One Health approach."*

Considering its global experience and its needs GREASE's coalition of partners has designed an ambitious 4-year long Programme: "**ComAcross**" (**Companion Approach for cross**-sectoral collaboration in health risks management in South-East Asia).

ComAcross has for objective to improve health of SEA local communities through routine collaboration and communication schemes between One-Health traditional actors (human and animal health sector) and non-traditional actors (natural resources and rural development sector) at local, national and regional level in Southeast Asia (SEA).

Through the establishment of a self-sustainable One-Health community of practices **in Thailand, Cambodia and Laos, attractive to other SEA countries**, starting from existing One-Health regional and national initiatives, it aims to develop an operational and analytic framework for a true cross-sectoral collaboration.

Aligned with its goals and mission, this new programme would represent a great opportunity for GREASE members and concerned initiatives¹ to realize their full potential and answer the needs they had identified during their last Steering Committee early this year.

April 25, 2013

¹ 6 regional initiatives are concerned: GREASE research network, PENAPH network, SEAE research program, InterRisk "Assessment and management of health risks at the AHE interface" International Master/PhD Diploma, BioZoonoSEA platform and REVASIA research program