

Ref n°	Project title		"OIE Laboratory Twinning Project - Tunisia - "Bluetongue"					
Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (EUR)	Proportion carried out by legal entity (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/ end)	Name of partners if any
Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise "G.Caporale" (ICT)	Tunisia	€ 123.990,00	100%	14	World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) (Beneficiary : Institut de la Recherche Vétérinaire de Tunisie _ IRVT)	OIE	Oct. 2010 Oct. 2011	
Detailed description of project						Type of services provided		
<p>ICT will provide support to the Institut de la Recherche Vétérinaire de Tunisie (IRVT) to enhance capacity and improve scientific capabilities on Bluetongue.</p> <p>The twinning project aims to train IRVT laboratory staff in the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • serological diagnosis of Bluetongue disease (ELISA and serum neutralization); • procedures for isolation and identification of etiological agent; • establishment of a quality system in IRVT laboratory of Virology; • entomological study of vectors (<i>Culicoides</i>). <p>Diagnostic procedures will be standardized and validated according to OIE standards. Acquiring the status of the reference laboratory in the diagnosis of Bluetongue, IRVT will provide expertise in the neighbouring Countries.</p>						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training in Tunisia and Italy for laboratory staff • Training on the job • Practical implementation of method and techniques for serological diagnosis of Bluetongue 		