

Overview of MERACON: Aims, objectives and the way forward

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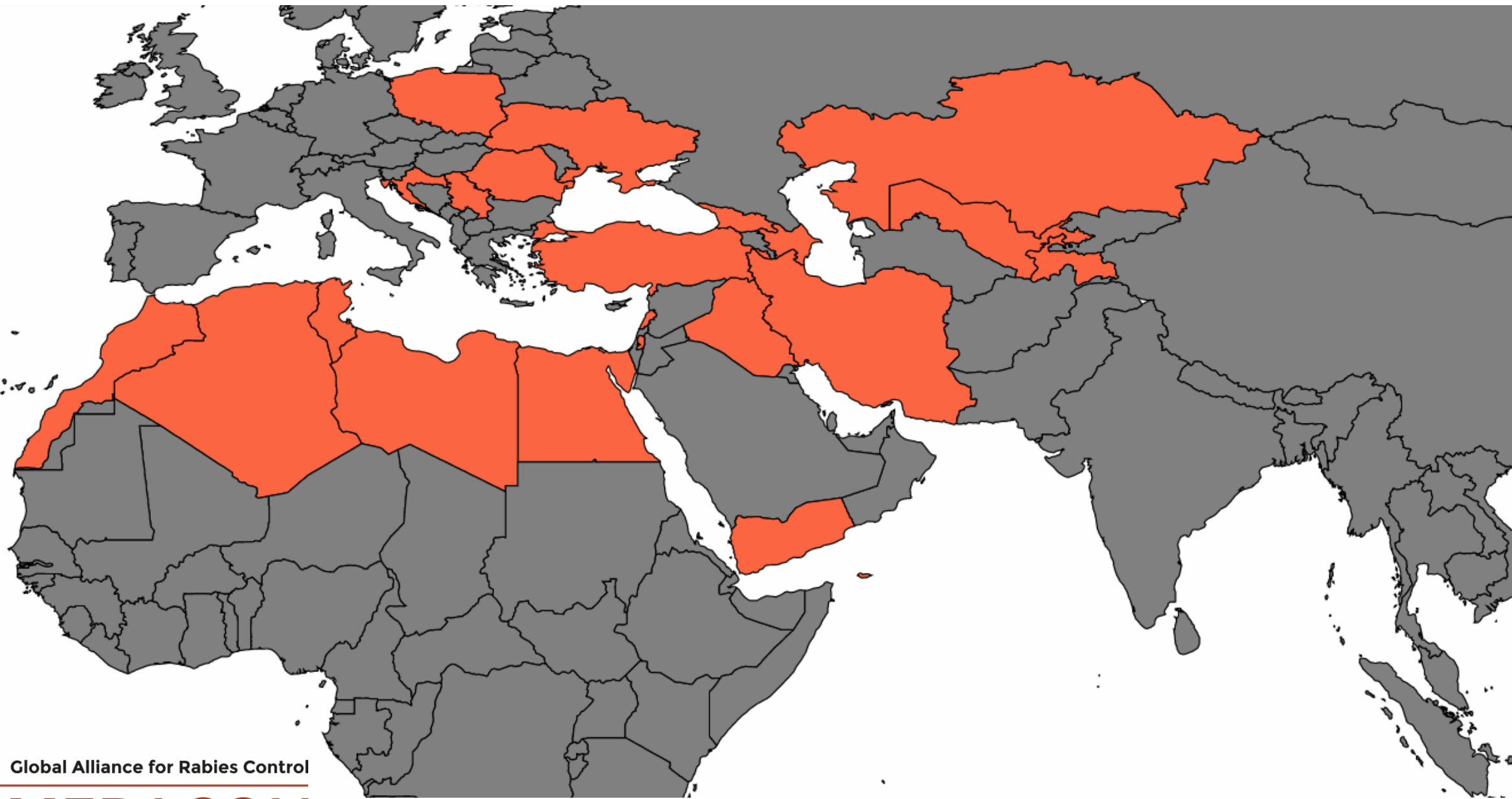
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What is MERACON?

MERACON

- The **Middle East, Eastern Europe, Central Asia and North Africa** Rabies Control Network (MERACON)
- Regional network dedicated to rabies – coordinated by GARC
- Continuing successes from the former MEEREB network
- Aligned with other regional rabies control networks and the Global Strategic Plan





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What are the aims of MERACON?

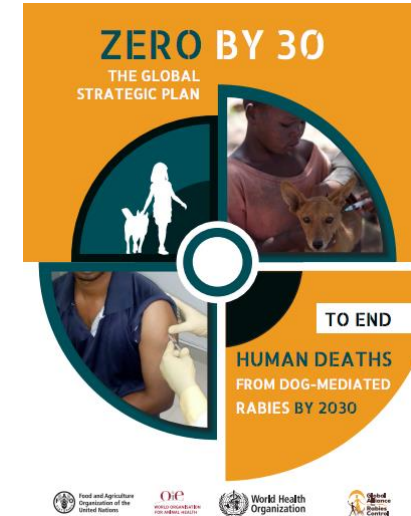
MERACON Aims

1. **Align** countries with the **Global Strategic Plan**

- Provide support to countries working towards rabies elimination
- Unite countries with the common goal of rabies elimination



2. **Generates advocacy and awareness**





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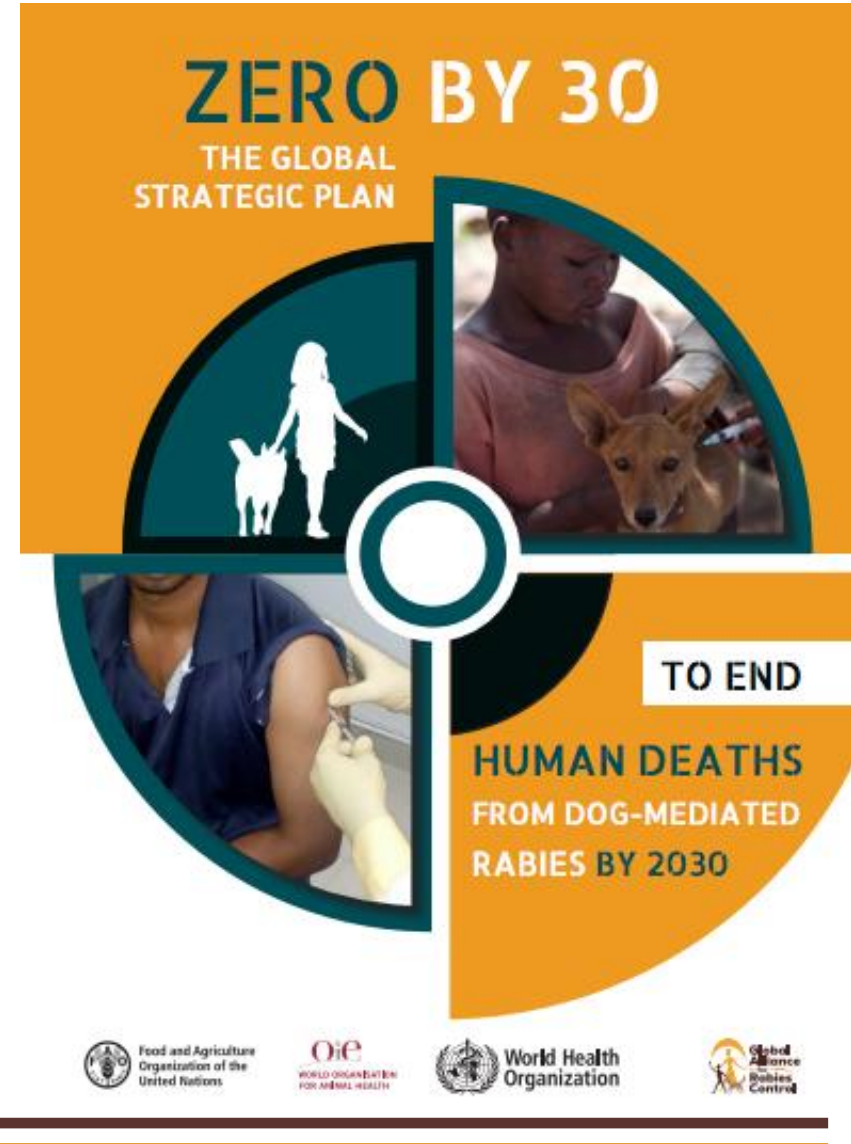
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1. How does MERACON fit in with the Global Strategic Plan?

1. MERACON and the Global Strategic Plan

- **Country-centric approach**
- Means to **share knowledge** and lessons learnt
- Provide **training** and means to **disseminate latest tools, technologies and strategies**.
- Support and enhance **collaboration** – both nationally and at the regional levels





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GSP desired Outcome:

A means to share ideas and knowledge to develop a shared vision.



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- **Addresses transboundary nature of rabies**



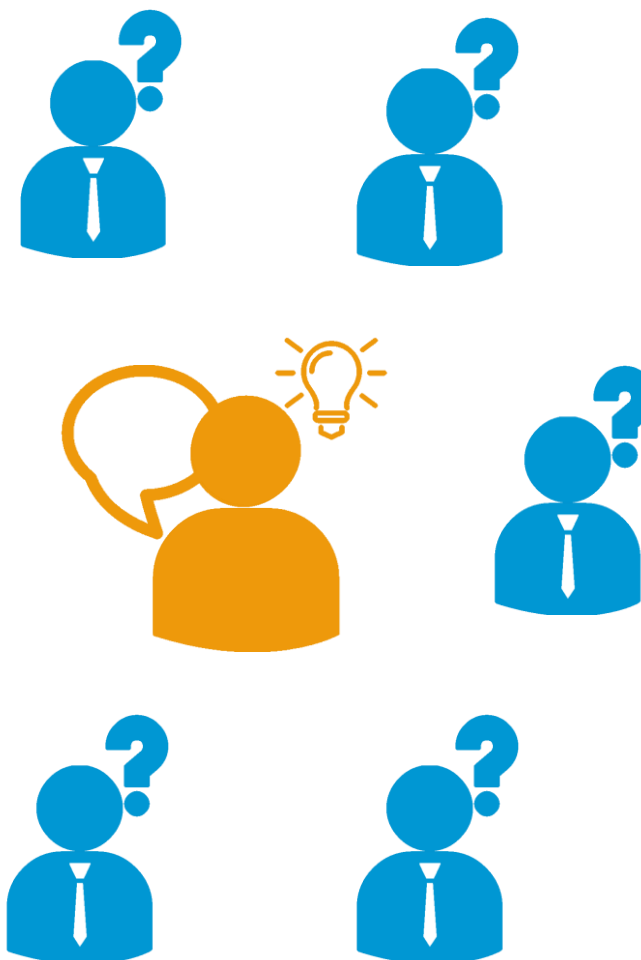


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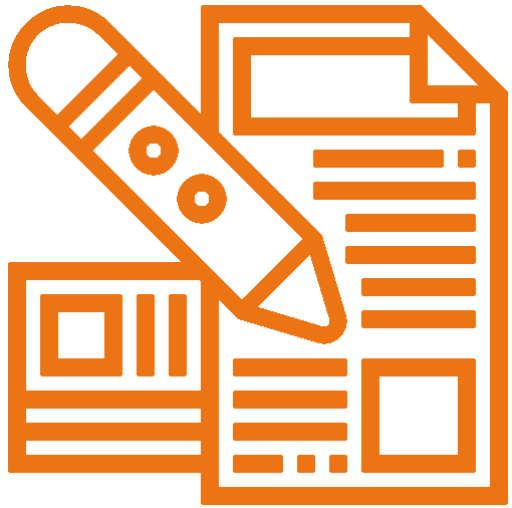
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What MERACON offers countries:



**Guidance with
National
Strategies**



**Surveillance
tools**



**Education
and Training**



**Awareness
and Advocacy**

Developing and Revising National Strategies:

SARE workshops

SARE Workshops

The SARE tool will help you to:



**Develop or revise
your national strategy**



**Develop a medium-
term workplan**



Demonstrate progress



Highlight successes

Education and Training

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MERACON provides education materials and training on the following:



**Online rabies
certificate courses**



**Dog population
management**



**Mass dog
vaccination**



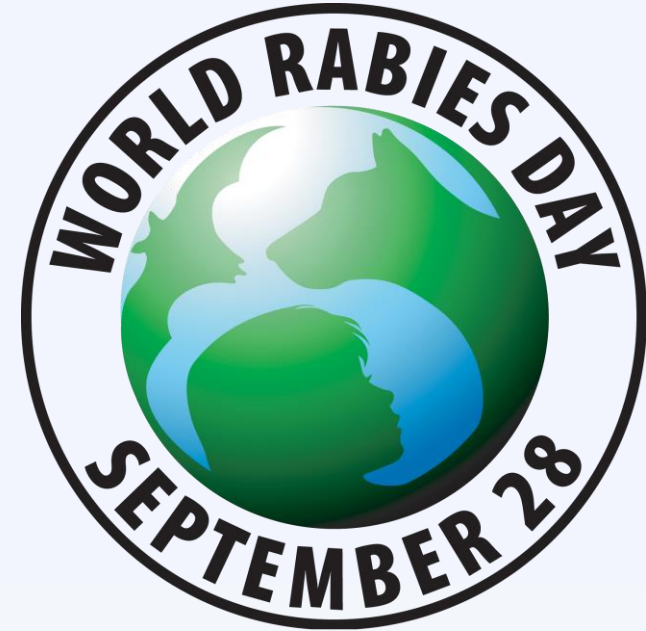
**Surveillance and
data reporting**



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2. Generates **Advocacy and Awareness**

Advocacy and Awareness

- Celebrate World Rabies Day



- Advocate for support



- Raise awareness about rabies regionally and internationally



- Share stories to raise awareness





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The way forward

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 - **Learn** about available tools
 - **Understand** how they can **help you**



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- **Advocate** for rabies elimination and **raise awareness**



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- **Advocate** for rabies elimination and **raise awareness**
 - **Share your stories.**
 - **GARC** can help **disseminate stories** about achievements, progress, no matter how small.
 - Put your **country** on the **global radar.**



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- **Request training and assistance**

- MERACON can only help you if you **request assistance**.
- **Ask for detailed training** on a tool of interest.
- Request **assistance in developing a strategy**.
- **Send an email** and we will help wherever possible.



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Conclusion



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- Creates a **regional approach** to control rabies.
- **Shares knowledge, tools, training**, ideas and creates a shared vision.
- **Aligns** countries in a region **with the Global Strategic Plan of Zero by 30**.
- A network to **support your efforts** to achieving rabies elimination.

Thank you

For more information on MERACON visit:

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