

Animal and Plant Health Unit (ALPHA UNIT)

Network on Porcine Epidemic Diarrhoea (PED)

Minutes of the 5th meeting for the project: 'Request for scientific and technical assistance on the collection and review of updated scientific epidemiological data on porcine epidemic diarrhoea (PED)'

WEB-conference, 19 June 2015

(Agreed on 11 September 2015)¹

Participants

- Network Representatives of Member States (including EFTA Countries):**

Country	Name ²
Estonia	Triin Tedersoo
France	Beatrice Grasland, Clara Marcé
Germany	Sandra Blome
Italy	Giovanni Alborali, Beatrice Boniotti, Monica Cerioli
Spain	Beatriz Gonzalo Martínez, Luis Romero
United Kingdom	Helen Roberts, Susanna Williamson

- Hearing Experts**

Adolf Steinrigl, Lowiese Desmarests, Bertel Strandbygaard, Ádám Dán, Eoin Ryan, Antonio Lavazza, Peter van der Wolf

- European Commission:**

None

- EFSA:**

AMU Unit: Jane Richardson (chair), Marios Georgiadis

- Others:**

Anette Bøtner (observer)

¹ The publication of the minutes shall be made without delay in compliance with the Founding Regulation and no later than 15 working days following the day of their agreement.

² Indicate first full name and then surname (John Smith) all throughout the document

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Taina Laine (Finland), Laura London (Finland), Nicolas Rose (France), Cecilia Hultén (Sweden) and Marina Marini (European Commission, DG SANTE).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest

An Oral DOI was requested at the beginning of the meeting. No conflicts of interests were identified.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 4th meeting of the Network on Porcine Epidemic Diarrhoea (PED) for the project: 'Request for scientific and technical assistance on the collection and review of updated scientific epidemiological data on porcine epidemic diarrhoea (PED)', held on 13 May 2015, by web-conference. The minutes were agreed.

5. Topics for discussion

5.1 Draft Scientific Report of EFSA: comments and endorsement

A draft of the Scientific Report was sent to the Network members on June 12th, for their review and possible endorsement. The draft report was also sent to a peer-reviewer on the same day.

Several issues were discussed:

- Recommended to remove the Heatmap.
- Recommended to restructure the report, with the data on confirmed cases presented first and then the data on monitoring programmes presented. To ensure that is clear which countries contributed to which tables.
- Definitions of program type (e.g. monitoring-surveillance-active-passive, survey etc. have been provided in the data reporting guidelines in Annex A of the draft report.
- There is an additional paper 'in press' (Stadler et al.) reporting PED strains from case reports in Germany.
- PED is also notifiable in France, since 2014 and in Ireland.
- The impact of InDel strains of the virus in European outbreaks was discussed. No conclusive arguments can be made since there is no relevant experimental evidence.
- References to specific regions within countries should be removed from the tables.
- In order to assess the impact it is important to compare the situation in the farm, before, during and after the outbreak.
- Based on the reported information it could be considered to include a recommendation about the potential role of biosecurity practices and especially for vehicles, in the prevention of the introduction of the virus in the farm. Also, that increased awareness of pigs with clinical signs compatible with PED should exist and indicate the need for PEDV testing.

EFSA indicated that the draft report will be amended taking into consideration the comments that have already been received and that may be received within the next few days and that a new version of the draft report will be sent to the Network members for their review and their endorsement of the report and agreement for its publication in the

EFSA Journal. During this review the focus should be on any remaining critical issues and a quick response should be provided.

5.2 Issuing and publication of Scientific Report of EFSA

The Scientific report of EFSA should be issued by July 1st 2015 and published in the EFSA journal shortly thereafter.

5.3 Potential issues to be considered next

No discussion was undertaken on potential topics to be considered for the second PED EFSA Scientific Report, which should be issued by December 15, 2015.

6. Any Other Business

No other business was discussed.

6.1 Date for next meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2015.

7. Conclusion(s)

Several countries did not have any additional comments for the report. Some remaining issues were discussed during the current meeting and additional comments may still be sent to EFSA by e-mail.

8. Closure of the meeting

The draft Report will be revised and sent to the Network members for their endorsement of the report and their agreement for its publication in the EFSA Journal. It is important that any possibly remaining critical issues are identified and notified to EFSA quickly after that.