

3rd meeting of the working group on the request for scientific and technical assistance to evaluate the application of the Czech Republic to be recognised as having a negligible risk of classical scrapie

Location: Web-meeting.

Attendees:

- **Working group members:** Tapani Lyytikäinen (TL), Giulio Di Piazza (EFSA) (GDP), Giuseppe Ru (GR), Marion Simmons (MMS), Angel Ortiz Peláez (EFSA) (AOP) (chair)
- **EFSA:** Kateryna Chuzhakina, Ruben Barcia (BIOHAW)

I. Welcome and apologies

- The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies received.

II. Adoption of the agenda

- The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Approval of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 9 June 2023¹

- The minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 9 June 2023 were agreed by written procedure on 15 June 2023.

IV. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

- In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process.
- No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion²

- The chair provided feedback to the working group of the presentation of the report to the BIOHAZ Panel. There were no major comments to the draft report, the README file and the R code of the model, only a recommendation to present more clearly the results. A few changes were agreed to explain how the results were produced and presented in the report. The conclusions, recommendations, summary and abstract were also reviewed, and minor editorial changes were agreed.

¹ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2022-11/pigpap.pdf>

² <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2023-00059>



VI. Next meetings

- A two-hour extra provisional meeting had been scheduled for 14 September 2023 in case it was necessary to complete the draft before submission to the BIOHAZ Panel for endorsement. It was deemed unnecessary to keep the meeting since the report has been finalised during this meeting.

VII. AOB

- There was no other business. The Chair closed the last meeting thanking the working group members for their active participation in the working group and for their contributions to the production of the scientific report.

2nd meeting of the working group on the request for scientific and technical assistance to evaluate the application of the Czech Republic to be recognised as having a negligible risk of classical scrapie

Location: Physical meeting. Parma. EFSA headquarters

Attendees:

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- **EFSA:** Ruben Barcia (BIOHAW)

I. Welcome and apologies

- The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies received.

II. Adoption of the agenda

- The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Approval of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 3 April 2023¹

- The minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 3 April 2023 were agreed by written procedure on 12 April 2023.

IV. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

- In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process.
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V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion²

The review of the actions agreed in the previous meeting was done and each working group member explained the ones under their responsibility: the extraction of historical surveillance data and the calculation of the relative risks for the new time period 2009-2021; the code of the scenario tree modelling in R and its validation with the RiBESS tool and applying the data of the previous evaluations; the response by the Czech competent authority and how to use the information provided. Some decisions were made about the analytical approach and the results to present. The first draft of the scientific report was

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reviewed. Finally, preliminary results of the analysis were discussed during the meeting comparing them with those produced with the model parameters of 2015.

VI. Next meetings

- The schedule of the next meetings was reviewed and agreed as follows:
3rd WG meeting: Tuesday 29 August 2023. Half-day web-meeting. 14:00-18:00h CET.
4th WG meeting: Thursday 14 September 2023, as a short web-meeting: 15:00-17:00 CET.
The need for this meeting will be confirmed during the 3rd meeting.

VII. AOB

- There was no other business. The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

1st meeting of the working group on the request for scientific and technical assistance to evaluate the application of the Czech Republic to be recognised as having a negligible risk of classical scrapie

Location: Web-meeting

Attendees:

- **Working group members:** Tapani Lyytikäinen (TL), Giulio Di Piazza (EFSA) (GDP), Giuseppe Ru (GR), Marion Simmons (MMS), Angel Ortiz Peláez (EFSA) (AOP) (chair)
- **EFSA:** Ruben Barcia, Cezara Ancuta Simon, Kateryna Chuzhakina

I. Welcome and apologies

- The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies received.

II. Adoption of the agenda

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III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion¹

- After the introductions of the members of the working group, the chair informed about some administrative aspects of the mandate and of the platform in Microsoft Teams to be used for communications and for data and document storage. Then, he introduced the mandate, explained the differences between the legislation and the terms of reference, the previous evaluations conducted by EFSA in 2015, and the data included in the dossier submitted by the Czech Republic. The chair informed that there is no need to develop a protocol since this is a regulated procedure. A number of issues were discussed about the methodology, the new data, the tool to be used, etc. It was agreed: to use the scenario tree modelling used in previous assessments for Sweden, Denmark and Finland, as a minimum baseline; to estimate the relative risk associate to species (sheep/goats) and surveillance stream (non-slaughtered for human consumption (NSHC)/slaughtered for human consumption (SHC)) using the data for the 12 years: 2009-2021, and compare with those used in 2015; to apply the same scenarios as in the previous assessments for the diagnostic sensitivity of the rapid test; and to use the same tool as in 2015 for the moment. It was also decided to contact the Czech Republic and ask for additional information and clarification.

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V. Next meetings

- The schedule of the next meetings was reviewed and agreed as follows:
 - 2nd WG meeting: Friday 9 June 2023. Full-day physical meeting in Parma. 09:00-18:00h CET
 - 3rd WG meeting: Tuesday 29 August 2023. Hal-day web-meeting. 14:00-18:00h CET.
- The need for further meetings will be discussed during the third meeting.

VI. AOB

- There was no other business. The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.