

SCIENTIFIC NETWORK ON RISK ASSESSMENT IN ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

23th meeting of the AHAW Network (AW topic)



20-21 March 2024

09:40h-17:30h / 09:00h-12:00h

FINAL AGENDA

Location: Online (Teams Platform)

Chair: Denise Candiani/Chiara Fabris

Day 1 - 20/03/2024 - Joint session AHAW Network (AW topic) + Scientific NCPs Network			
Chair: Denise Candiani			
Time	No.	Item	Presenter
09:40	1	Welcome and Apologies for absence	Chair
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the agenda • Agreement of the minutes of the 22nd meeting of the AHAW Network 	Chair
09:45	3	Presentation of the new EFSA engagement strategy with stakeholders for Animal welfare mandates Q&A	Yves van der Stede – AW Team Leader EFSA
09:55	4	EFSA Network Teams space groups	Chair
10:00	5	Revision of the EU legislation on the protection of animals in the context of the Farm-to-Fork (F2F) strategy and other contexts Revision for Transport, cats and dogs, European Citizens' initiative 'Fur Free Europe', roadmap for future mandates. Q&A	Christian Juliusson – G5 Unit, DG Sante
10:30	6	Training content available in the BTSF ACADEMY in multilingual format Q&A	Desmond Maguire – F2 Unit, DG Sante
10:50	<i>Coffee break</i>		
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Chair: Chiara Fabris			
11:05	7	Update on the 2023-2024 activities of EFSA on animal welfare:	
	7.1	Welfare of turkeys on farm:	
	7.1.1	Mandate on the welfare of turkeys on farm (link) Q&A	Oana Maria Balmos - EFSA
11:20	7.1.2	Mutilations on turkeys: feedback on EFSA survey Introduction	EFSA and Network representatives



	7.1.2.1	Statistical overview of the questionnaires	EFSA
	7.1.2.2	Clarifications and overall discussion	EFSA and Network representatives
13:20	<i>Lunch break</i>		
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14:20	7.2	Welfare of beef cattle:	
	7.2.1	Mandate on the welfare of beef cattle (link) Q&A	Sean Ashe - EFSA
14:35	7.2.2	Mutilations on beef cattle: feedback on EFSA survey Introduction	EFSA and Network representatives
	7.2.2.1	Statistical overview of the questionnaires	EFSA
	7.2.2.2	Clarifications and overall discussion	EFSA and Network representatives
16:10	<i>Coffee break</i>		
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	8	Exchange of information - Presentations by Networks representatives	
16:30	8.1	Pig tails <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • baseline measurement at slaughterhouses in NL; • a follow-up trial with image recognition of tails (Artificial Intelligence); • and implementation of open standards (Dutch working group). Plenary discussion	Winanda Ursinus (The Netherlands)
16:45	8.2	What are the obstacles to implement the EU legislation on pig farming? (e.g. castration, tail biting prevention, housing conditions... are supported by evidence and laws, but not implemented) Plenary discussion	Claire Diederich (Belgium, Wallonia)
17:00	8.3	Urban animals: how big the problem for coordinate actions? (police, green spaces, animal welfare, fight for space, hygiene, care/love of animals...) Plenary discussion	Claire Diederich (Belgium, Wallonia)



17:15	8.4	Animals in my life, animals in my heart: how to bring them together? (perception from animal protection vs. animal production) Plenary discussion	Claire Diederich (Belgium, Wallonia)
17:30		AoB and conclusions from Day 1	Chair
17:30	<i>End of the joint session</i>		

Day 2 - 21/03/2024 - AHAW Network (AW topic) Chair: Denise Candiani			
Time	No.	Item	Presenter
09:00		Welcome, Adoption of the agenda of Day 2	Chair
	9	Recent EFSA on-farm welfare mandates	
09:05	9.1	EFSA Scientific Report on welfare aspects related to housing and health of cats and dogs in commercial breeding establishments (link) Q&A	Denise Candiani - EFSA
09:25	9.2	Mandate on the welfare of fur animals (link) Q&A	Marika Vitali - EFSA
09:45	10	Exchange of information session AW Network	Network representatives
	10.1	Breeding/genetics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmfulness of (extreme) external characteristics and hereditary defects in companion animals and the relationship to allowing breeding/trading/keeping/exhibition of these animals, as a result of which these animals continue to exist (related to topic addressed in previous EFSA AW meeting in 2023); hereditary effects in horses including painful reproduction method ICSI/OPU. Plenary discussion	Winanda Ursinus (The Netherlands)
10:05	<i>Coffee break</i>		
10:25	10.2	Tethering of bovines Do you allow? Plan to forbid? Common practice? Plenary discussion	Ester Peeters (Belgium, Flanders)
10:45	10.3	Risk assessment for beak trimming of laying hens Countries may reduce beak trimming of laying hens as a routine measure (and some countries forbid this yet). Has	Ester Peeters (Belgium, Flanders)



		your country a risk assessment (with measurements to avoid beak trimming)? Plenary discussion	
11:05	10.4	Enrichment of poultry Do you promote enrichment of poultry? Is this a success? Plenary discussion	Ester Peeters (Belgium, Flanders)
11:25	10.5	One welfare concept How to use it and connect different professions together to raise animal and human welfare (in all kinds of settings, either in developed or underdeveloped countries) Plenary discussion	Hurska Kos (Slovenia)
11:45	11	Wrap-up and closure of the AW Network meeting	Chair
12:00	<i>End of the AW Network meeting</i>		