

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Giulio di Piazza, Angel Ortiz Pelaez (Chair), Giuseppe Ru, Marion Simmons
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
- EFSA:
- Others:
Barbara Lanfranchi from RANDSTAD participated under the contract CP/IHUF2060/374

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies received

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

- In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 21st June 2024, via web-conference

The minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 26th June 2024.

¹ As defined in Article 34 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Draft report on the request for scientific and technical assistance to evaluate the application of Slovenia to be recognised as having a negligible risk of classical scrapie ([EFSA-Q-2024-00183](#))

The chair reviewed the actions agreed in the previous meeting. The codes of the two models used in the evaluation are ready and the results included in the draft report. Then the working group reviewed the draft report. The final wording of the results and conclusions were agreed, and so were the abstract and the summary, with a number of actions agreed. After amendments, the draft report will be presented at the 159th plenary meeting of the AHAW panel on 18-19 September 2024 for information.

VI. Any Other Business

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

VII. Next meeting

- The 4th working group meeting will be held on 20 September 2024, via web conference. The chair will call this meeting if considered necessary.
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21 June 2024

09:30-13:30

MINUTES – Agreed on 26 June 2024

Location: WEB conference

Attendees:

- **Working group members:**, Giulio di Piazza, Angel Ortiz Pelaez (Chair), Giuseppe Ru, Marion Simmons
- **Other:** Barbara Lanfranchi from RANDSTAD participated under the contract CP/IHUF2060/374

I. Welcome and apologies

- The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies received.

II. Adoption of the agenda

- The agenda was adopted without changes. A correction was made in the final agenda.

III. Approval of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on Monday 6 May 2024

- The minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 6 May 2024 were agreed by written procedure on Monday 13 May 2024.

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 discussion ([EFSA-Q-2024-00183](#))

- The working group reviewed the actions agreed in the previous meeting. The data and statistical models used to estimate the relative risk sheep/goats and NSHC/SHC and the sensitivity of the surveillance system were reviewed. A number of decisions were made on how to proceed with the analysis of the data. The draft scientific report was reviewed for the first time and amendments to the text were also agreed.

VI. Next meetings

- The schedule of the next meetings for 2024 was agreed as follows:

MINUTES – 21 JUNE 2024 09:30-13:30h

2nd working Group meeting on the application of Slovenia to
recognised as having a negligible risk of classical scrapie.



- 3rd WG meeting: web-conference on Friday 30 August 2024 09:30-11:30h CET.
- 4th WG meeting: web-conference on Friday 20 September 2024 09:30-11:30h CET.

VII. AOB

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

6 May 2024

10:00-16:00

MINUTES – Agreed on 13 May 2024

Location: WEB conference

Attendees:

- **Working group members:**, Giulio di Piazza, Angel Ortiz Pelaez (Chair), Giuseppe Ru, Marion Simmons
- **Other:** Barbara Lanfranchi from RANDSTAD participated under the contract CP/IHUF2060/374

I. Welcome and apologies

- The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies received.

II. Adoption of the agenda

- The agenda was adopted without changes. A correction was made in the final agenda.

III. 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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IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion ([EFSA-Q-2024-00183](#))

- The working group reviewed the dossier enclosed to the mandate and the reply by the Slovenian competent authority to the additional request for data submitted by EFSA on 30 April 2024. A number of decisions were made on how to proceed with the analysis of the data: the calculation of the relative risk sheep/goats and NSHC/SHC, the Slovenian population and tested data in the last seven years, future testing as declared in the dossier and the number of years to be analysed.

V. Next meetings

- The schedule of the next meetings for 2024 was agreed as follows:
 - 2nd WG meeting: web-conference on Friday 21 June 2024 09:30-13:30h CET.
 - 3rd WG meeting: web-conference on Friday 30 August 2024 09:30-13:30h CET.

MINUTES – 6 MAY 2024 10:00-14:00h

1st Working Group meeting on the application of Slovenia to
recognised as having a negligible risk of classical scrapie.



VI. AOB

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