

SCIENTIFIC NETWORK ON RISK ASSESSMENT IN ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

10th meeting of the Network of the National Contact Points (NCPs) for scientific support under Art 20 of Council Regulation (EC) 1099/2009



02-03 April 2025

10:00h-18:00h (02 April) / 13:00h-16:00h (03 April)

AGENDA

Location: EFSA - Parma (Meeting room: MTG SEAT 00/M08 and 00/M09) and Online (Teams Platform)

Chairs: Denise Candiani and Chiara Fabris

Day 1 - 02/04/2025 - Joint session AHAW Network (AW topic) + Scientific NCPs Network Chair: Denise Candiani			
Time	No.	Item	Presenter
10:00	1	Welcome and Apologies for absence	Chair
10:05	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption of the agenda, Agreement of the minutes: 23rd meeting of the AHAW Network and 9th meeting of the scientific NCPs 	Chair
10:10	3	Update on the revision of EU legislation on the protection of animals (20 min) Q&A (10 min)	G.3 Unit, DG Sante Christian Juliusson
10:40	4	Information on re-structure of AHAW Network and sub-groups (5 min)	Yves Van der Stede - AW Team Leader EFSA
10:45	5	EFSA's ongoing and planned activities as follow-up of the Roadmap for action 'More Welfare' (10 min) Q&A (5 min)	Yves Van der Stede - AW Team Leader EFSA
11:00	6	European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare (10 min) Q&A (10 min)	Sean Ashe - EFSA
11:20		<i>Coffee break</i>	
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11.40	7	Update on the EC ongoing activities inherent to the remit of the NCPs Network - Council Regulation (EC) 1099/2009 (15 min) Q&A (10 min)	G.3 Unit, DG Sante Ester ALAEZ-PONS
	8	Recently published EFSA scientific opinions:	
12:05	8.1	Scientific opinions on slaughter and on-farm killing: sheep and goats (link), horses (slaughter ; on-farm killing) (15 min) Q&A (5 min)	Denise Candiani - EFSA



12:25	8.2	Scientific opinion on the use of high expansion foam for stunning and killing pigs and poultry (link) (10 min) Q&A (5 min)	Aikaterini Manakidou - EFSA
	9	Update on ongoing mandates on animal welfare:	
12:40	9.1	Welfare of beef cattle (link), turkeys (link), animals kept for fur production (link), and use of DTS for stunning cattle (link) - update on the progress (20 min) Q&A (10 min)	EFSA staff - several presenters
13:10	Lunch break		
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14:00	9.2	Welfare of <i>Equidae</i> – new mandate (ToRs to be presented - link) (10 min) Q&A (10 min)	Michaela Hempen - EFSA
14:20	10	Update on the development of the Network Team shared space (10 min) Q&A (10 min)	Eleonora Caro - EFSA
	11	Exchange of information - Presentations by Networks representatives	
14:40	11.1	Tail docking piglets (5 min) Plenary discussion (15 min)	Thora Jonasdottir (Iceland)
15:00	11.2	Cleanliness in cattle (5 min) Plenary discussion (15 min)	Thora Jonasdottir (Iceland)
15:20	11.3	Keeping of goats at farm level (5 min) Plenary discussion (15 min)	Ester Peeters (Belgium-Flanders)
15:40	11.4	Mobile zoos/farms and itinerant events with animals (5 min) Plenary discussion (15 min)	Claire Diederich (Belgium - Wallonia)
16:00		Coffee break	
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16:20	11.5	Current scientific opinion of the Norwegian Scientific Committee Assessing welfare aspects of stunning and killing farmed fish (5 min) Plenary discussion (15 min)	Kristin Opdal Seljetun (Norway)



16:40	11.6	Fish farming and methods of common fish slaughter (5 min) Plenary discussion (15 min)	Simona Nincakova (Czechia)
17:00	11.7	High percentage of food pad dermatitis in broiler chickens (5 min) Plenary discussion (15 min)	Simona Nincakova (Czechia)
17:20	11.8	Personnel carrying out depopulation (5 min) Plenary discussion (15 min)	Sara Rota Nodari (Italy)
17:40		Introduction to the next day	Chair
17:50		AoB and conclusions from Day 1	Chair
18:00		<i>End of the joint session</i>	
18:30–20:30		Standing cocktail next to EFSA premises	

Day 2 - 03/04/2025 – scientific NCPs Network Chair: Chiara Fabris			
Time	No.	Item	Presenter
13:00	12.b	Welcome, Adoption of the agenda of Day 2	Chair
	13.b	Exercise on the assessment of ABM collected in slaughterhouses to monitor the level of welfare of Equidae in establishments (ToR-3)	EFSA and scientific NCPs representatives
13:05	13.1b	Survey “ABMs at slaughter indicative for on-farm welfare of Equidae” Statistical overview of the questionnaires	Marika Vitali - EFSA
13:30	13.2b	Exercise – part 1: Discussion on the <i>ante-mortem</i> and <i>post-mortem</i> ABMs	Marika Vitali - EFSA
14:15		<i>Coffee break</i>	
14:30	13.3b	Exercise – part 2: polls on scoring systems, easiness of and selection of ABMs	Marika Vitali - EFSA
15:50		Wrap-up and conclusions from the Exercise and closure of scientific NCPs Network meeting	Chair
16:00		<i>End of the meeting</i>	