

SCIENTIFIC NETWORK ON RISK ASSESSMENT IN ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

25th meeting of the AHAW Network (AW topic)



02-03 April 2025

10:00h-18:00h (02 April) / 09:00h-12:00h (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 - AHAW Network (AW topic) Chair: Denise Candiani			
Time	No.	Item	Presenter
09:00	12.a	Welcome, Adoption of the agenda of Day 2	Chair
09:05	13.a	Survey on fish husbandry systems in the EU Presentation on fish husbandry systems Overview of the EU survey questionnaire replies Discussion, wrap-up and conclusions	Joao Saraiva (hearing expert), EFSA and AHAW (AW) Network representatives
11:00		<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:20	14.a	Exchange of information Protection of decapod crustaceans. (5 min) Plenary discussion (15 min)	Sara Rota Nodari (Italy)
11:40		Wrap-up and closure of AW network meeting	Chair
12:00		<i>Closure of the AW Network meeting</i>	