

31 March 2025

15:00-17:00

Minutes agreed on 11 APRIL 2025

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Network Participants:

Country	Member State Organisation
Estonia	Estonian Agriculture and Food Board
Greece	Ministry of Rural Development and food
Hungary	National Food Chain Safety Office
Italy	Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale Umbria Marche, National Reference Lab for Swine Fevers
Latvia	Food and Veterinary Service
Lithuania	State Food and Veterinary Service
Poland	National Veterinary Research Institute
Slovak Republic	State Veterinary and Food Institute, Veterinary Institute in Zvolen
Sweden	Swedish Veterinary Authority

- Observers:
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management - Veterinary Directorate (Serbia)
- Hearing Experts:
Stahl Karl
- European Commission:
Calvetti Francesca
- Other EU Agencies representatives:
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- EFSA:
BIOHAW Team Animal Health: Mur Lina, Papaleo Stella
COM Team Strategic Communications: Sousa Lourenco Joana Isabel, Andreani Giulia

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.
Apologies were received from Czechia.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes



3. African Swine Fever: Results EFSA's Flash Poll Survey with European Citizens

The members of COM Team Strategic Communications presented the results of a Flash Poll Survey made to 8,600 European citizens from 24 Member States.

The results revealed that one third of citizens were aware of the African Swine Fever (ASF) and the main source of information, the citizen's knowledge of the actors involved in the spreading of the disease and the different risk perception and willingness to support the security measures in affected/non affected countries.

Some additional data were included in the survey but were not showed in the presentation. These data are available and will be used to write a peer reviewed article on public perception of ASF and their risk measures.

4. ASF report 2024 – Discussion of main results and comments provided by the countries

The chair presented the draft of the latest Annual Epidemiological Report on ASF, giving an overview of the results, addressing all the sections, maps and highlighting the changes made from the structure of last year report.

Some of the participants discussed the matter of the different types of surveillance (PCR or ELISA tests) used in the different countries.

Latvia, Lithuania and Italy commented about ASF situation and surveillance strategies in their countries. They discussed about the changes in pig and wild boar population, the challenges in managing ASF and how the security measures affected the farms in their country.

The new plots (number of domestic pig samples analysed for ASF by reporting country per year, differentiating active from passive surveillance components and number of wild boar samples analysed for ASF by reporting country per year, differentiating for types of samples) drafted by the Working Group on ASF were discussed with the participants. The SubNetwork's members provided feedback on these figures suggesting modifications.

The new hunting bag data were briefly discussed, along with the trends of changes in wild boar population in various countries.

The members of the SubNetwork meeting were asked whether they wished to include any additional sections in the report, but no further addition was suggested.

5. ASF annual epidemiological report work plan

The chair reminded to the participants the timeline of the next steps for the report work plan. The participants will receive the report the 7th of April and will have time to review it and comment it till the 14th of April.