

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE**
164th Panel Plenary meeting



21-22 May 2025
9:00-18:00 – 09:00-13:00
AGENDA

Location: Parma

Chair: Søren Nielsen

Day 1 – 21 May

No.	Item
1	Welcome and Apologies for absence
2	Adoption of the agenda
3	Declarations of interest
4	Agreement of the minutes of the 163rd Panel plenary meeting held on 9 April 2025
5	Report on written procedure
6	Scientific outputs submitted for discussion/adoption
6.1	Art 29 – Scientific opinion concerning the welfare of Beef Cattle - (EFSA-Q-2023-00535)
6.2	Art. 31 – Annual report on the epidemiological analysis of African swine fever in the European Union– (EFSA-Q-2022-00380)
6.3	Art.29 – Fish diseases’ introduction in free areas (EFSA-Q-2024-00668) – updates on the mandate
6.4	Vector Borne Diseases: Update on methods and planning (EFSA-Q-2024-00178 , EFSA-Q-2024-00179 , EFSA-Q-2024-00180 , EFSA-Q-2024-00181 , EFSA-Q-2024-00182 , EFSA-Q-2024-00183 , EFSA-Q-2024-00185 , EFSA-Q-2024-00186)
6.5	Art. 29- GMO unit: Scientific opinion on new developments in biotechnology applied to animals -(EFSA-Q-2023-00050) – update on the aspects related to AW assessment
6.6	Risk of infection with HPAI virus affecting dairy cows in the USA (H5N1, Eurasian lineage goose/Guangdong clade 2.3.4.4b. genotype B3.13) (Art 31 EFSA-Q-2024-00715), Art 29 EFSA-Q-2024 00712)
6.7	Art. 29 - Request for a Scientific Opinion concerning the welfare of horses – Update - (EFSA-Q-2024-00188). Art. 29 - Request for a Scientific Opinion concerning the welfare of donkeys and their hybrids – Update - (EFSA-Q-2024-00189). Art. 31 - Request for a Technical Report on common husbandry systems for the keeping of Equidae – Update - (EFSA-Q-2024-00187).
7.	Updates of Scientific Committee
7.1	Structure and shortening of Scientific Opinions



8. Other scientific topics for information/discussion

8.1 AHAW Panel: way of working and practicalities

End of Day 1

Day 2 – 22 May

No. Item

6 Scientific outputs submitted for discussion/adoption (continuation)

- 6.8 Art 29 – Scientific opinion concerning the welfare of animals kept for fur production – ([EFSA-Q-2023-00869](#)) - Deep reading mink sections and conclusions and first reading foxes sections and conclusions.
- 6.9 Art. 29- Draft Scientific Opinion on the welfare of turkeys (*Meleagris gallopavo* gallopavo) on farm ([EFSA-Q-2023-00647](#))
- 6.10 Art. 29- Scientific Opinion concerning the use of Diathermic Syncope for stunning cattle – ([EFSA-Q-2023-00085](#))

7 Update on new mandates

- 7.1 Communication campaign on poultry biosecurity against avian flu

8 Other scientific topics for information/discussion (continuation)

- 8.1 Burden of zoonoses in the EU

9 Any other business

End of day 2