

Pre-launch meeting with EFSA Art 36 Organisations
30th April 2025

PREPARATION OF AN EFSA OPEN GRANT CALL ON BROILER CHICKEN WELFARE MONITORING (BROWARD)



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AGENDA

Time	No.	Item	Presenter/Comments
10:20	1	Connecting to the meeting	All participants
10:30	2	Welcome	Yves Van der Stede (EFSA, AW team leader, BIOHAW Unit)
10:35	3	Presentation of the draft grant project	Cristina Rojo Gimeno (EFSA, AW team, BIOHAW Unit)
11:00	4	Applying for the grant	Andrea Ferrara (EFSA, Strategic Outsourcing team, FIN Unit)
11:10	5	Plenary discussion	Collection of inputs, feedback, suggestions from potential applicants – All participants
11:30	<i>End of the meeting</i>		



Kindly note that **all information presented in this meeting is provisional and subject to change.** Applicants should rely **exclusively** on the Call for Proposals text as published on the Funding & Tender Portal when submitting their grant proposal.



Refinement of the grant project before the call launch

Overall objective of the meeting



OUTLINE

1 Main aspects of the draft grant project

2 Context and background

- “More Welfare” Roadmap
- EFSA Scientific Opinion on welfare of broilers on farm (AHAW Panel, 2023)

3 Project overview: activities and timeline – **Draft**

4 Administrative and financial specifics

5 Plenary discussion

- Feedback collection
- Q&A





From Q1
2026

To Q4
2029

WELFARE MONITORING: DATA DRIVEN RISK ASSESSMENT IN FAST- AND SLOWER-GROWING BROILER CHICKENS (BROWARD)

————— *Main aspects*

- Focus: **on-farm welfare of slower and fast-growing broiler chickens**
- All types of husbandry systems in EU MSs (and slaughterhouses)
- Development of an ***ad-hoc* protocol** to collect data
- Creation and population of a **dataset of broiler welfare data**
- **Training** of assessors
- **Experimental case studies** to be conducted

More welfare data needed: ABMs and related context data (resource-, management-, environmental- based) enabling quantitative on-farm welfare assessment



2. CONTEXT & BACKGROUND



More data is needed

"HARMONISED WELFARE DATA ACROSS THE EU"

Rapid assessment of key indicators should be used

"AUTOMATED COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT OF ICEBERG INDICATORS"

Need to understand changes and evolution of indicators over time

"DYNAMICS OF WELFARE OVER TIME"

Look for scientific solutions to integrate indicators and determine overall welfare

"EXPERT OPINION AND MINIMUM VALUES FOR INDICATORS"

Moving from 'Reducing suffering' to 'Life worth living'

"INDICATORS OF POSITIVE WELFARE AND MENTAL STATE"

<https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/sp.efsa.2024.EN-8566>

1B. Roadmap for Actions 'More Welfare' Main conclusions and related project proposals

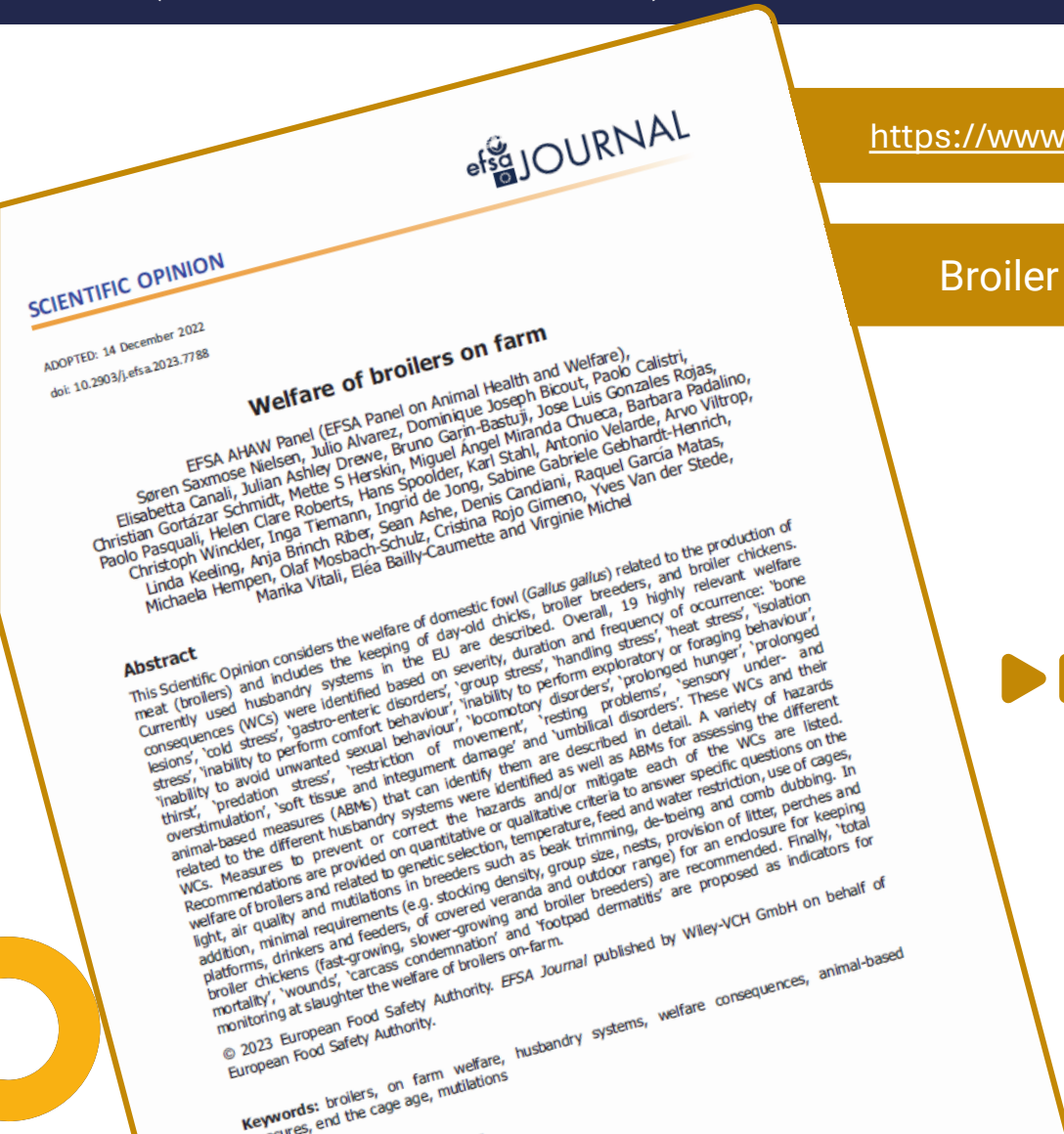


2. EFSA SCIENTIFIC OPINION ON THE WELFARE OF BROILERS ON FARM (EFSA AHAW PANEL, 2023)

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/7788>

Broiler chickens kept for meat production

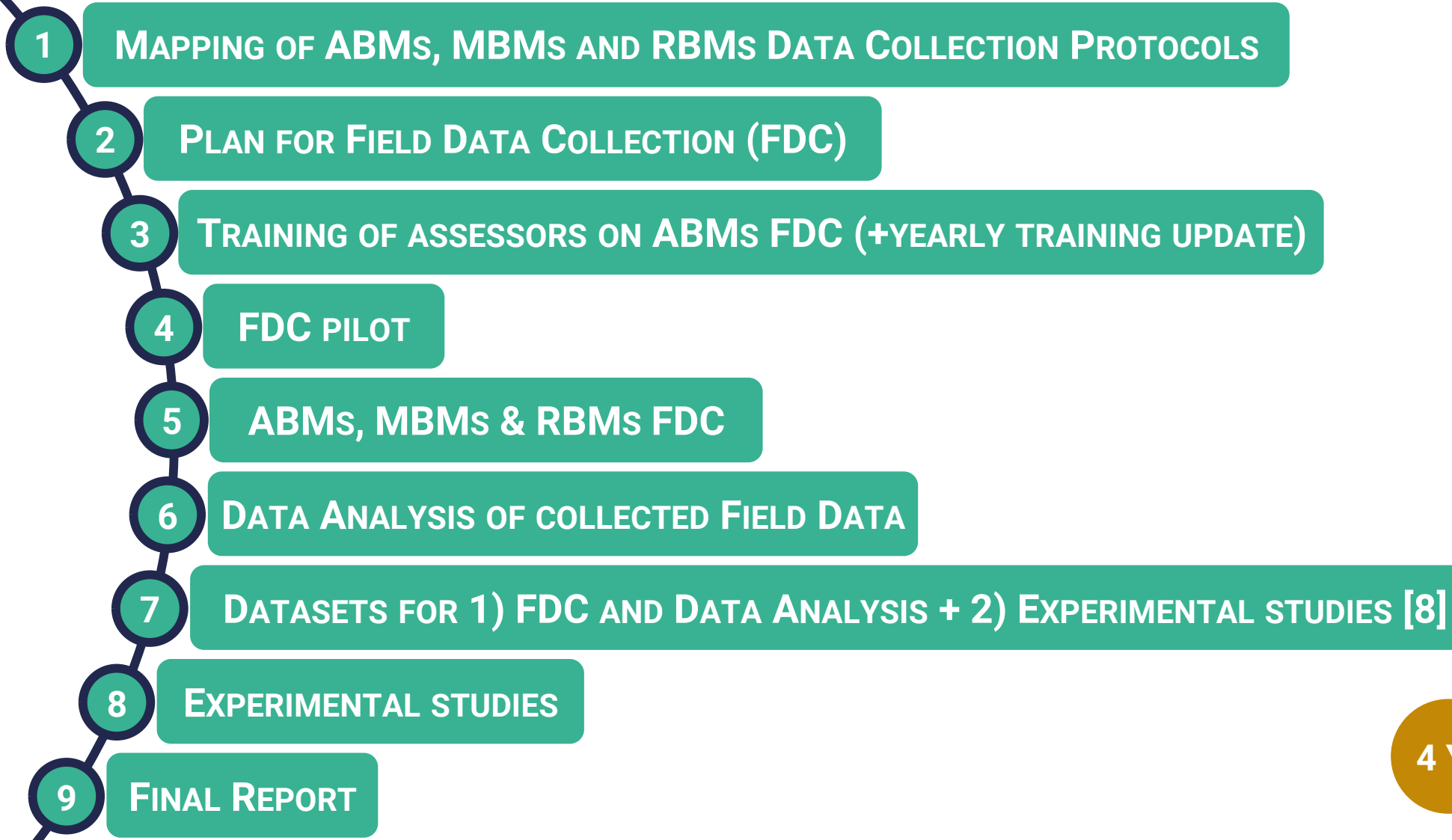
▶▶▶ Lack of available data on ABMs linked to RBMs and MBMs



3. PROJECT OVERVIEW AND TIMELINE (DRAFT)



PROJECT ACTIVITIES (DRAFT VERSION)



4 YEARS



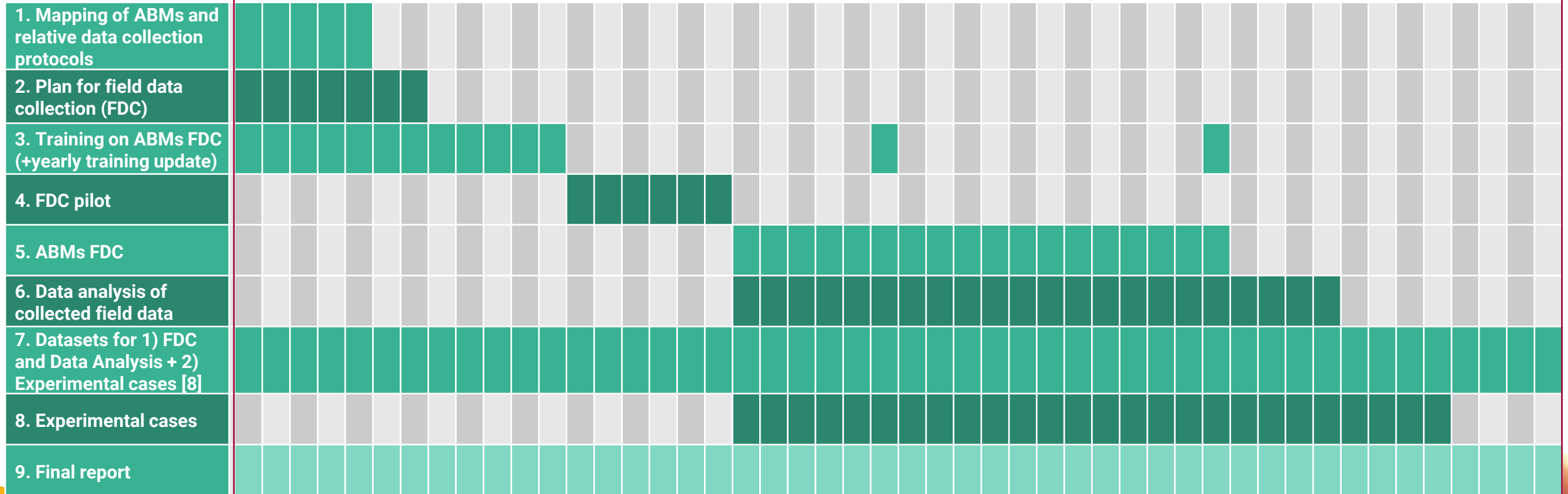
PROJECT TIMELINE – GANTT CHART (DRAFT VERSION)

TIMELINE FROM KICK-OFF MEETING

T0 Kick-off • Q1 2026

T Final • Q4 2029

ACTIVITIES



4. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SPECIFICS



ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS



Call expected to be launched in June 2025



Overall estimated budget: **EUR 2 million**

Finance Not Linked to Costs: no need to justify incurred costs



Time to prepare proposals: **~6 months**

Aim to start activities in **2026**



Applications in **consortium** from several Art. 36 organisations is compulsory



Estimated agreement duration: **48 months**

Only **Art. 36 organisations** can apply as partners – full list [here](#)



CALL FOR PROPOSALS – Use of EU funding & tender opportunities portal



N.B.: any organisation can access the portal and its “Partner search announcement” section, but remember **that only Art. 36 organisations** (full list [here](#)) can apply to this call as partners (other organisations can be involved as subcontractors for non-core tasks).



Launched on the EU Funding and Tender Opportunities portal.



Hard copy paper applications will **not be accepted**. Only electronic applications using the EU Funding and Tender Opportunities portal will be accepted.



The EU Funding and Tender Opportunities portal includes a feature allowing for the search of partners.





GRANT CALL TIMELINE



5. PLENARY DISCUSSION – FEEDBACK FROM ATTENDEES



Feedback on the target populations: slow and fast-growing lines broiler chickens

Representativeness of broiler chickens **housing systems**

Minimum number of ABMs in FDC collected around 20

Experimental studies

5. Plenary Discussion - feedback from attendees



ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?



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