

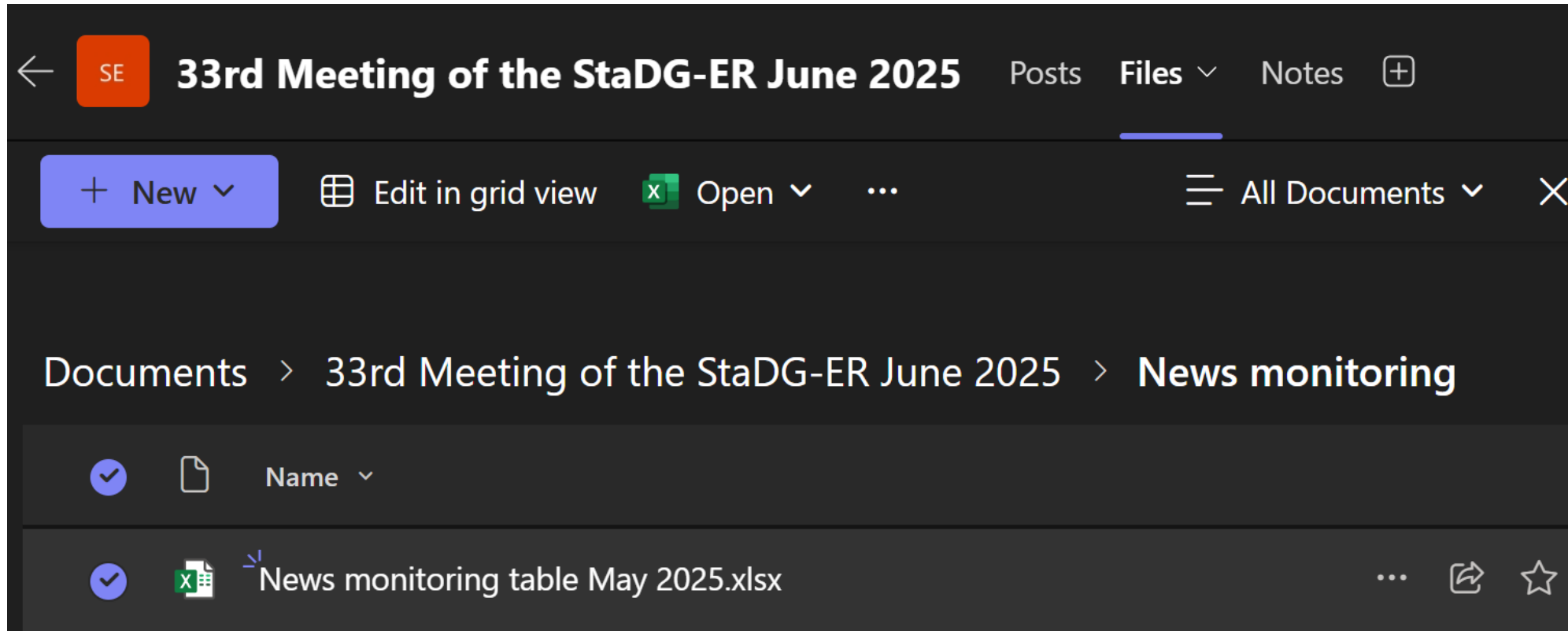


# NEWS MONITORING

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# WHERE IS STORED IN MICROSOFT TEAMS?



Link: [News monitoring table May 2025.xlsx](#)



# INFO: AMR, VIRUSES, AND PRIORITIES

- The Rise of Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacterales

Diverse and rapidly spreading resistance genes; Limited surveillance and data gaps and Only a third of EU/EFTA countries have specific contingency plans for CPE control

- Emerging Foodborne Viruses: Staying Ahead of the Curve

FAO expert (Jeffrey Lejeune) calls for attention on foodborne viral disease risks. ....not possible to predict the type, timing or location of the emergence of the next important foodborne virus

- HPAI in Wild Birds & Poultry Across Europe

In the USA, as of 10 April 2025: 70 reported cow-to-human infections; 24 reported poultry-to-human infections; GB Notably, H5 was detected in lactating sheep in the UK on 21 March.

- UK Identifies 24 Infectious Diseases as Future Public Health Threat

A new watch list of 24 infectious diseases that could pose the greatest future threat to public health.



# BABY HERBAL TEA: ESTRAGOLE AS A PROBLEM

- Risk from the harmful substance estragole
  - EMA updated its recommendations. Children up to the age of eleven , along with pregnant and breastfeeding women , are a sensitive consumer group for whom the risk from estragole is particularly high.
  - (AGES) called for estragole levels to be reduced below the detection limit, if possible, especially in products for children, such as baby or children's teas.
- EFSA is currently reviewing the safety of foods containing fennel , including infusions, herbs, and spices (expected in September).
- Current study is using the EMA's reference value for medicinal products to evaluate the baby teas in 'own' test.



# DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS CONTAINING GARCINIA CAMBOGIA EXTRACT

## Des coupe-faim à base de plante *Garcinia cambogia* possèdent des effets secondaires mortels, alerte l'Anses

Par Le Figaro avec AFP

Le 5 mars 2025

Weight-loss pills with deadly side effects. "*Appetite suppressants*" based on the *Garcinia cambogia* plant promise to "*reduce fat storage*" or "*the feeling of hunger*"

ANSES has advised against taking pills made from this plant after discovering cases of acute hepatitis or psychiatric disorders in many patients, some of whom had no medical history.



# VIAGRA-LACED 'ERECTILE HONEY'

- FR seized record quantities of illegally imported “erectile honey”
- Shipped from Turkey, north Africa and southeast Asia, and it is sold on the black market and at night shops
- Found to contains hidden pharmaceuticals like sildenafil or tadalafil, the main substances in the erectile dysfunction drugs Viagra and Cialis
- Drugs can be dangerous if they interact with other medications, such as those treating high blood pressure.



The United States' Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a public warning in 2021 and 2022 about honey-based supplements promising "sexual enhancement." | intek1/iStock

<https://www.politico.eu/article/france-warns-of-viagra-laced-erectile-honey-flooding-into-the-country/>



# WEREWOLF SYNDROME IN DOGS LINKED TO CONTAMINATED CHEWS FROM CHINA

- Precautionary advice issued to pet owners on dog chews linked to illness
- FSA is urging dog owners to avoid specific dog chews from China following EU reports linking them to 'Werewolf Syndrome' (WS)
- Affected dogs have shown symptoms such as panic attacks, aggression, spasms, and epileptic fits—some with fatal outcomes.
- Denmark has reported over 15 cases, while additional incidents have been documented in the Netherlands, Germany, Finland, and Estonia.



<https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/news/precautionary-advice-issued-to-pet-owners-on-dog-chews-linked-to-illness>





# ANTS SMUGGLING

- Growing trend of trafficking 'less conspicuous' creatures such as insects
- Niche world of ant-keeping and collecting
- The market is thriving, and there has been a growth in ant-keeping shows.
- Concerns that the burgeoning trade in exotic ants could pose a significant biodiversity risk

*"Ants are traded as pets across the globe, but if introduced outside of their native ranges they could become invasive with dire environmental and economic consequences"*

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/apr/24/kenya-teenage-smugglers-ants-two-belgian-lornoy-david-seppe-lodewijckx-wildlife-piracy-trade>





# COTTONY SCALE SPREADS IN EUROPE

## **Oprez, stiže nam nova pošast, brsti ukrasne drvorede i Dubrovčanima omiljena stabla, evo koja najviše napada**

- Croatian daily Slobodna Dalmacija reports on the spread of the invasive Asian string cottony scale (*Takahashia japonica*) in Europe 1. First found in Italy in 2017, it has since been reported in the UK, Ukraine, and Croatia, infesting plants like maples, magnolias, and fruit trees.
- While *T. japonica* is not yet classified as a quarantine pest, a recent assessment by EFSA suggests that it meets the necessary criteria for such regulation 2. Surveillance efforts in Croatia during the past year found the pest only in the Pula area, suggesting that its spread within the country is still limited.
- The positive sentiment from Slobodna Dalmacija reflects cautious optimism that timely monitoring and containment strategies could prevent further proliferation of this pest in Croatia. However, its growing presence across Europe calls for increased awareness and collaboration to mitigate potential threats to plant health.

<https://dubrovacki.slobodnadalmacija.hr/dubrovnik/zupanija/dubrovnik/oprez-stize-nam-nova-posast-brsti-ukrasne-drvorede-i-dubrovcanima-omiljena-stabla-evo-koja-najvise-napada-1448221>



# VARIETY OF INFO

Scientists say Fukushima water discharge risk is 'underestimated'

- The migratory behavior of some marine species and the international distribution of seafood, the migration speed of radionuclides carried by organisms may exceed that of ocean currents.

Mirror Bacteria: A Revolutionary Risk?

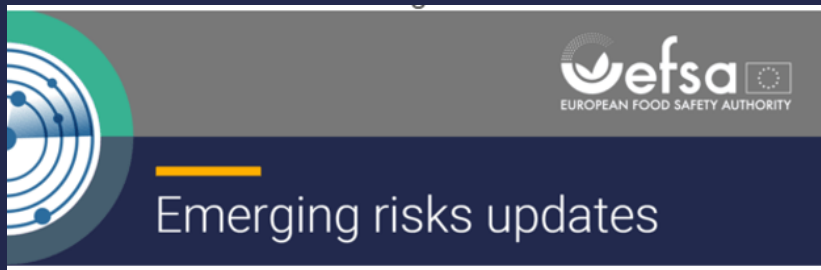
- Experts warn that mirror bacteria, constructed from mirror images of molecules found in nature, could put humans, animals and plants at risk of lethal infections

Emerging Cyber Risks in Food: Ransomware and the Future of Food Safety

- The Food and Ag-ISAC 2024 Ransomware Report highlights a significant trend: while the sector has traditionally seen fewer ransomware attacks compared to other critical infrastructures, the number of incidents is on the rise. In 2024, ransomware attacks against food and agri organisations increased from 167 to 212 incidents, representing 5.8% of total attacks



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