

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE**
170th AHAW Plenary meeting



28-29 January 2026
9:00-16:00
9:00-13:00
AGENDA

Location: EFSA

Chair: Søren Nielsen

No.	Item
1	Welcome and Apologies for absence
2	Adoption of the agenda
3	Declarations of interest
4	Agreement of the minutes of the 169th Panel plenary meeting held on 10 December 2025
5	Scientific outputs submitted for adoption/discussion
5.1	Vector Borne Disease (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)
5.2	Art. 29 - Request for a Scientific Opinion concerning the welfare of horses (EFSA-Q-2024-00188) donkeys and their hybrids (EFSA-Q-2024-00189)
5.3	Art. 29 - Scientific Opinion concerning the use of Diathermic Syncope® for stunning cattle (EFSA-2023-00085)
5.4	Art.29 – BSE Surveillance (EFSA-Q-2025-00443)
5.5	Art.29 – Specified Risk Material (SRM) removal (EFSA-Q-2025-00442)
6	Other scientific topics for information/discussion
6.1	Breakout sessions - Introduction and group formation
6.1.1	Animal health – Brainstorming on methodology to assess mitigation measures for vector borne diseases
6.1.2	Animal welfare –Brainstorming on improving assessment in practice
6.1.3	Information exchange from the breakout sessions and further discussion
7	AOB
7.1	Update on the measures for shortening EFSA opinion
7.2	Presentation of the new mandate “Scientific and technical assistance for the continuation of coordinated surveillance system under the One Health approach for cross-border pathogens that threaten the Union”
7.3	Information on Zoonoses workshop