

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Marc Aerts, Antonio Battisti, Valeria Bortolaia, Majda Golob, Sophie Granier, Rene S. Henriksen, Suvi Nykäsenoja, Bernd-Alois Tenhagen, Kees Veldman
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- Applicants participating in a technical hearing²:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
BIOHAW Unit: Beatriz Guerra, Pierre-Alexandre Beloeil, Raquel García-Fierro, Valentina Rizzi, Megan Tumulty (trainee), Anna Zdanowicz (trainee)
I-DATA Unit: Anca Stoiescu
RAL Unit: Cristiana Ventura
- Others (observers)
Zoltan Kunsagi (EMA), Therese Westrell (ECDC)

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting and the preparatory meetings listed under agenda item "Preparatory meeting/s with Risk Assessment". No

¹ As defined in Article 34 of the document "Implementing Rule of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority laying down the rules on the selection, appointment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups": <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/paneloperation.pdf>

² As defined in the "EFSA's Catalogue of support initiatives during the life cycle of applications for regulated products": <https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.2903/sp.efsa.2021.EN-6472>

³ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/independence-policy-2024.pdf

⁴ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf



conflicts of interest related to the issues discussed in these meetings have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the Working Group members at the beginning of these meetings.

IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft Scientific report on Technical specifications on harmonised monitoring of antimicrobial resistance in zoonotic and indicator bacteria from food-producing animals and food for the period 2028-2034. ([EFSA-Q-2025-00631](#))

EFSA provided an introductory presentation on: a) EFSA's scientific process, administrative and logistical matters and b) the use of Microsoft Teams as the platform for communications and data repository; c) the technical and scientific support provided by EFSA. The chair of the working group (WG) presented the background and Terms of Reference (ToR) of this Mandate which has been allocated to EFSA's BIOHAW Unit. Clarifications of the ToRs were done, and on-going activities identified as potential data source were presented. The former technical specifications published in 2019⁵ were revisited during the meeting and will serve as the basis for the new scientific report. The preliminary table of contents of this new draft scientific report were agreed. Experts were distributed into different SubWGs that will deal with the specific topics covered by the Mandate. These SubWGs will held preparatory meetings, and the developed sections will be presented at the WG plenary meetings. SubWG-leaders and contributors was assigned and tasks were allocated to EFSA staff and WG experts. The work plan and timelines for approval of the mandate, planned WG meetings and SubWG meetings were presented. Deadline for the scientific report is 31.12.2025.

V. Next meeting

The dates for the next WG meeting are under discussion, with a plenary meeting foreseen in March/April 2026 in Parma.

⁵ <https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/j.efsa.2019.5709>