

16th AHAW network - subgroup Echinococcus multilocularis meeting



12-13 May 2026

14:00-18:00 / 09:00-13:00

Minutes agreed on 22 May 2026

Location: EFSA - Parma (Meeting Room M04)/Webconference

Attendees:

- Network Participants:

Country	Member State Organisation
Finland	Finnish Food Authority
Ireland	Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
Norway	Norwegian Veterinary Institute

- International Organisations:
Efta Surveillance Authority
- EFSA:
BIOHAW Team Animal Health:
ZANCANARO Gabriele, RUSINA Alessia, AZNAR Inma



1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Discussion on the Draft Annual Report

The sections of the draft report concerning the information provided by the reporting countries and the EFSA assessment were discussed, comments were addressed, and amendments were incorporated into the text.

4. Conclusions of the first day

All the points raised during the discussion of the draft report were discussed and agreed upon by the experts.

5. Welcome back and Apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed back the participants. Apologies were received from AZNAR Inma.

6. Scientific exchange on the performance of the national laboratory tests for the detection of *E. multilocularis*

Experts provided detailed information on the methodologies used in their laboratories for detecting *E. multilocularis* and thoroughly explained their approaches for assessing the probability of detection (test sensitivity).

7. Any other business

NA

8. Conclusions and final remarks

The final version of the report will be shared with the experts by EFSA before publication.

The countries committed to networking with the aim of publishing a scientific paper.