

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE**
173rd AHAW Plenary meeting



27-28 May 2026

9:00-16:30

9:00-15:00

AGENDA

Location: EFSA, Parma

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 172nd Panel plenary meeting held on 29th April 2026

5 Scientific outputs submitted for adoption/discussion

5.1 Art 29. Risk posed by VBDs: mitigation measures ([EFSA-Q-2025-00186](#)). Discussion on methodology for risk assessment and preliminary results

5.2 Art 31 and 29 - New World Screwworm mandate

5.3 Art.29 – Specified Risk Material (SRM) removal ([EFSA-Q-2025-00442](#))

5.4 Art. 31 - Epidemiological Analysis of ASF in the EU during 2025

5.5 Art.29. Vector Borne Disease – Risk posed by VBDs: Risk intro, spread, impact ([EFSA-Q-2025-00185](#))

5.6 Art 31 - Scientific and technical assistance Keeping of Equidae –([EFSA-Q-2024-00187](#))

5.7 Art. 29 - Request for a Scientific Opinion concerning the welfare of horses ([EFSA-Q-2024-00188](#))

5.8 Art 29 - Request for a Scientific Opinion concerning the welfare of donkeys and hybrids ([EFSA-Q-2024-00189](#))

5.9 Art 29 - Scientific Opinion on the notification by Sweden of stricter national measures according to Article 26(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009. ([EFSA-Q-2025-00653](#))

6 Other topics for information/discussion

6.1 Current status of EFSA Weight of evidence and Biological relevance guidance- AHAW Perspective

6.2 DOI info session

6.3 Experts' feedback survey

6.4 EC's presentation on animal welfare updates

7 AOB

7.1 New Mandate: Newcastle Disease