

ALPHA (Animal and Plant Health)Unit

Network on Echinococcus multilocularis surveillance
Minutes of the 4th meeting
TELE-conference, 06 November 2014
(Agreed on 14 November 2014)¹

Participants

- **Network Representatives of Member States (including EFTA Countries):**

Country	Name²
Finland	Antii Oksanen
Ireland	William Byrne
Malta	Noel Demicoli and Cristina Marino
Norway	Knut Madslie
United Kingdom	Helen Roberts

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit (Frank Verdonck): coordinator

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from H el ene Klein (EC), Karoline Mathisen (EFTA)

Apologies were received from Susan Chircop and Roberto-Andrea Balbo (Malta). They were replaced by Noel Demicoli and Cristina Marino (Malta).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Agreement of the minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Network on *Echinococcus multilocularis* surveillance held on 17 September 2014, Parma. If agreed by written procedure please insert "The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 04 November 2014.

4. Topics for discussion

Based on the discussions during the 3rd network meeting in September 2014, concrete changes in the reporting of 2014 *Echinococcus multilocularis* surveillance data were discussed and agreed. Interaction with local organisations is expected to provide the

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requested information on the target populations (wildlife or dogs). EFSA will liaise with the APHAEA project with the aim to facilitate interaction with the wildlife community.

5. Conclusions (s)

All five countries, agreed to provide detailed information on the methodology for sample size calculation, test method, (in house) test sensitivity and specificity provided that the EURL makes positive test material available, results of a proficiency (organised by the EURL) or ring test, epidemiological unit on geographical and animal level, target and sample populations , type of surveillance, used sampling plan and methods as specified in the 'Template – EM National Report – version 06 Nov 2014' ([link](#) or attachment).