

Animal and Plant Health Unit (ALPHA UNIT)

Network on Porcine Epidemic Diarrhoea (PED)

Minutes of the 2nd meeting for the project: 'Request for scientific and technical assistance on the collection and review of updated scientific epidemiological data on porcine epidemic diarrhoea (PED)'

WEB-conference, 31 March 2015

(Agreed on 29 April 2015)¹

Participants

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

Country	Name ²
Austria	Adolf Steinriegl
Belgium	Isaura Christiaens, Sebastiaan Theuns, Lowiese Desmarests
Denmark	Anette Bøtner
Finland	Laura London
France	Beatrice Grasland
Germany	Sandra Blome
Ireland	Eoin Ryan
Italy	Antonio Lavazza
Netherlands	Peter van der Wolf
Sweden	Cecilia Hultén
United Kingdom	Susanna Williamson

- Hearing Experts**

None

- European Commission:**

None

- EFSA:**

AMU Unit: Jane Richardson (chair), Marios Georgiadis

¹ The publication of the minutes shall be made without delay in compliance with the Founding Regulation and no later than 15 working days following the day of their agreement.

² Indicate first full name and then surname (John Smith) all throughout the document

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Bertel Strandbygaard (Denmark), Nicolas Rose (France), Spyridon Kritas (Greece) Ádám Bálint (Hungary), Beatrice Boniotti (Italy) and Francesco Berlingieri (European Commission, DG SANTE).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest

An Oral DOI was requested at the beginning of the meeting. No conflicts of interests were identified.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st meeting of the Network on Porcine Epidemic Diarrhoea (PED) for the project: 'Request for scientific and technical assistance on the collection and review of updated scientific epidemiological data on porcine epidemic diarrhoea (PED)' held on 20 March 2015, by web-conference. The minutes were agreed.

5. Topics for discussion

5.1 Draft reporting guidelines (discussion and approval)

It will be specified that clinical signs can be very variable and the ones described in the reporting guidelines are examples. Breed will be removed. The ability to list combinations of material/test will be added. Case definition will be expanded to include newly added sample materials and tests. In the reporting of the data in the EFSA Scientific Reports the presentation of region and size of a herd will not be linked for specific herds, in order to avoid the possible identification of specific herds. Appropriate fields will be added to indicate whether the testing referred to individual animal samples or pooled samples, and in the latter case, what was the number of individual animal samples included in each pool. Variable 'PriorY' will be removed and instead the information from the previously published Scientific Opinion of the EFSA Panel on Animal Health and Welfare will be used. In the list of possible control measures an option to report measures related to transportation (e.g. cleaning/disinfection of transportation trucks etc.) will be added.

5.2 Reporting serologic surveys

Experience with serological testing is variable among MS. Caution is required for the interpretation of serological test results, especially when the disease history in the farm is unknown. Participants will read again the part of the draft reporting guidelines on 'Reporting of serological surveys and other testing' and will send any comments they may have on it, by the beginning of next week.

5.3 Practicalities of data reporting

Some MS need a mandate from their competent authorities in order to be able to collect and report all the required data. EFSA staff will present the study and the reporting guidelines at a PAFF meeting in April, during which they will request from the MS CVOs to endorse the sharing of these data. Under-reporting and reporting bias are concerns for this data collection. The data collection scheme will be re-evaluated after the first data collection is complete and, if necessary, adjustments will be proposed for the second data collection.

6. Any Other Business

No other business was discussed.

6.1 Date for next meeting

Next meeting will be held on April 29, 2015.

7. Conclusion(s)

The draft reporting guidelines will be amended as agreed during the meeting.

8. Closure of the meeting

Any remaining comments on the current draft reporting guidelines will be sent by the middle of the week of April 6 and will be considered in drafting the final reporting guidelines.