

Animal and Plant Health Unit (ALPHA UNIT)**Network on Porcine Epidemic Diarrhoea (PED)**

Minutes of the 3rd 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, 29 April 2015

(Agreed on 13 May 2015)¹

Participants

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

Country	Name²
Austria	Adolf Steinrigl
Belgium	Brigitte Cay
Denmark	Anette Bøtner, Bertel Strandbygaard
Estonia	Imbi Nurmoja
Finland	Laura London, Taina Laine
France	Nicolas Rose
Germany	Sandra Blome
Hungary	Ádám Dán
Ireland	John Moriarty
Italy	Antonio Lavazza, Giovanni Alborali, Beatrice Boniotti
Netherlands	Peter van der Wolf, Wim van der Poel
Spain	Luis Romero
Sweden	Cecilia Hultén
United Kingdom	Susanna Williamson, Falko Steinbach

- **Hearing Experts**

None

- **European Commission:**

None

- **EFSA:**

AMU Unit: Jane Richardson (chair), Marios Georgiadis

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

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Beatrice Grasland (France), Eoin Ryan (Ireland) and Marina Marini (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 2nd 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 31 March 2015, by web-conference. The minutes were agreed.

5. Topics for discussion

5.1 Completing the Data reporting template

A live demonstration was held on how to complete the template and to export an .xml file for data submission.

5.2 Submission to the DCF

A live demonstration was held on how to access and submit data to the EFSA DCF system.

5.3 Practicalities of data reporting

Network members should nominate a person who will be providing data to EFSA from their country for this project. This person will be given access to the EFSA DCF system for this purpose. Some concerns were raised about the reporting of data from individual farms. Since PED is not a notifiable disease, some data may be available only from private laboratories, organisations and farms. It is very probable that some countries will not be able to report herd-level data but only an overview of data that are summarised at the country level. EFSA can inquire about the willingness of private organisations or companies/farms to participate in the data collection, given that Network members can send to EFSA the contact details on the organisations/companies that need to be contacted. The issue of serological testing was also discussed. There are still concerns about the specificity of some of the serological tests that can be used. Some results are sometimes doubtful and it is not clear how they should be interpreted. It was mentioned that Dr. Berend Jan Bosch from the Department of Virology at Utrecht University might be contacted in order to inquire about a ELISA test (specificity>99%), based on purified part of S-antigen. Denmark indicated that the DTU National Veterinary Institute has a blocking ELISA with very high specificity, offering to retest samples that have yielded doubtful results for other Network members who might be interested. Further discussion of serological testing might be necessary within this Network.

6. Any Other Business

No other business was discussed.

6.1 Date for next meeting

Next meeting will be held on May 13, 2015.

7. Conclusion(s)

Data providers can start submitting the data to DCF. Any relevant questions can be addressed to EFSA.

8. Closure of the meeting

In case the Network participants have any further information that they would like to contribute to the discussion about serological tests and their associated performance characteristics, or if they need some assistance (for example in the form of exchanging positive/negative controls or having samples tested/confirmed) for this project, this information and/or inquiries or requests can be shared by e-mail with all the other Network participants and EFSA.