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Animal and Plant Health Unit (ALPHA UNIT)

**Network on Porcine Epidemic Diarrhoea (PED)**

**Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> 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, 13 May 2015**

**(Agreed on 19 June 2015)<sup>1</sup>**

**Participants**

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

<b>Country</b>	<b>Name<sup>2</sup></b>
Belgium	Brigitte Cay, Lowiese Desmarets, Sebastiaan Theuns
Denmark	Bertel Strandbygaard
Estonia	Imbi Nurmoja
Finland	Laura London, Taina Laine
France	Nicolas Rose
Ireland	Eoin Ryan
Italy	Antonio Lavazza, Giovanni Alborali
Netherlands	Peter van der Wolf, Wim van der Poel
Norway	Carl Andreas Grøntvedt
Spain	Luis Romero
Sweden	Cecilia Hultén
United Kingdom	Helen Roberts, Falko Steinbach

- **Hearing Experts**

None

- **European Commission:**

None

- **EFSA:**

AMU Unit: Marios Georgiadis (chair), Eugen Christoph

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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 Adolf Steinrigl (Austria), Beatrice Grasland (France), Sandra Blome (Germany), Ádám Dán (Hungary), Beatrice Boniotti (Italy), Marius Masiulis (Lithuania), Miroslav Mojzis (Slovak Republic), Susanna Williamson (UK) 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 29 April 2015, by web-conference.** The minutes were agreed.

## **5. Topics for discussion**

### **5.1 Data reporting and potential issues**

The deadline for submission of the data to EFSA is May 29, 2015. It is important to keep this deadline for data submission so that the EFSA Scientific Report can be issued on July 1, 2015. A draft will be sent to the Network members before the next Network meeting (scheduled for 19 June 2015) so that at that meeting the draft report can be discussed and endorsed by the Network members. The draft report will be also peer-reviewed. No particular problems have been encountered so far during the preparation of the data for submission.

It was indicated that an additional field should be added in the herd-level data collection, providing information about the strain of the PED virus that was confirmed. It was agreed that this information is important and during discussions the following classification of strains was proposed: 'Colorado/2013-like', 'Ohio851-like' and 'other'. It was also indicated that the characterisation of the strain as an 'INDEL' or a 'non-INDEL' strain is important. The consensus was for EFSA to add a new field for 'strain' in the data reporting template, defining this as a free-text field. The proposed options: 'Colorado/2013-like', 'Ohio851-like' and 'other' will be offered in the field, this, however, being a free-text field, it will be possible to insert the INDEL/non-INDEL or any other information concerning the implicated virus strain, by typing it directly in the field. If additional suggestions exist on this issue they should be send by e-mail to all Network members.

Norway asked if also historic data from surveillance programs on PED in 1997-1999 could be reported. EFSA indicated that for the 'Reporting of serological surveys and other testing' data collection results can be reported for any time period of testing.

### **5.2 Possible need for support**

Some countries indicated that, on several occasions, sequences of confirmed virus (linked to confirmed cases for which data will be submitted to EFSA for this project) exist but have not been submitted to any databases. In case a country wants to submit such sequences to EFSA for inclusion in the Scientific Reports on PED it is not possible technically to do this using the current XML data submission, while there are no sequence ID numbers available to include in the current data reporting template. In these cases, one possible solution is to send these sequences by e-mail to EFSA, indicating the willingness to have those sequences included in the EFSA Scientific Reports for this PED project. This issue will be

discussed further, internally at EFSA, and an e-mail will be sent to the Network members, with instructions on what to do in such cases.

### **5.3 Serological testing**

No specific issues were raised. Some relevant information has been exchanged by e-mail. Any further information or inquiries should be sent by e-mail to the entire Network.

### **5.4 Data from industry**

EFSA has contacted Copa-Cogeca in order to explain the objectives of the project and to inquire about their willingness to participate by providing data. If any of the Network members would like EFSA to contact any members of the pig industry they can send the relevant contact details by e-mail to EFSA.

### **5.5 Draft Scientific Report of EFSA**

A very preliminary draft of the Scientific Report was sent out before the current meeting in order to be discussed at the meeting, especially the report and tables outline. No specific issues were raised concerning this draft during the meeting. Any comments that the Network members may have on the draft can still be shared with the Network by e-mail after the meeting.

## **6. Any Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

### **6.1 Date for next meeting**

Next meeting will be held on June 19, 2015.

## **7. Conclusion(s)**

Data providers should start submitting the data to the EFSA DCF. Any relevant questions or issues can be addressed to EFSA by e-mail.

## **8. Closure of the meeting**

It is very important that data are submitted within the specified deadline. Any problems or issues should be reported to EFSA and effort will be expended for them to be resolved as quickly as possible.