



ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

### MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON EARLY WARNING AND SYNDROMIC SURVEILLANCE

**TELE-conference, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020**

**(Agreed on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020)<sup>1</sup>**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:<sup>2</sup>

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Fernanda Dorea  
Saara Raulo  
Céline Dupuy  
Quirine ten Bosch

■ Hearing Experts<sup>3</sup>:

Gabriel Gargallo  
Jedrt Maurer Wernig  
Anouk Veldhuis  
Flavie Vial  
Gerdien van Schaik

■ EFSA:

ALPHA: Inma Aznar (Vice Chair), Yves Van der Stede (Chair), Elisabeth Dorbek-Kolin

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<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Ingrid van de Leemput, José Cortinas Abrahantes and Ana Afonso.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>5</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## 4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 4.1. Discussion on Gantt chart

Fernanda Dorea presented a Gantt chart made based on the initial indicators table provided to the experts to be completed for this meeting. The indicators were categorised into four groups: risk factors, unspecific indicators, suspicions and cases. A potential outcome of this Gantt chart and discussion could be a dashboard – combining the indicators – for early warning and syndromic surveillance.

The discussion focused on the structure and classification of the risk factors/indicators within Gantt chart for each disease. It was agreed that the focus during the discussion should be on risk factors and unspecific indicators as these are more related to the early warning system and syndromic surveillance.

### 4.2. Discussion on Risk factors/unspecific indicators for 3 diseases

Discussion was first started based on HPAI and every risk factor/indicator was discussed in detail. Rabies and LSD were covered in the same manner; for each risk factor/indicator also further steps were discussed.

For each disease proposals were identified and will be discussed in detail in the next working group meeting. For highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) there will be three proposals, for rabies there will be two proposals, and for lumpy skin disease (LSD) the possibility of a proposal will be discussed in a subgroup of experts based on a background information that they have access to.

## 5. Task distribution

### 5.1. Proposals

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Specific tasks were distributed among the WG experts. The proposals should be sent by 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020.

## **6. Next meeting**

A proposal for the next meeting has been made by EFSA; next meeting will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020.



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## WG ON ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

### MINUTES OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON EARLY WARNING AND SYNDROMIC SURVEILLANCE

**TELE-conference, 29 May 2020**

**(Agreed on 12 June 2020)<sup>1</sup>**

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### 4.1. Discussion of the proposed pilot projects, methodology, potential indicators and data sources and any other information needed

A presentation was prepared by EFSA introducing the project, background and objectives. Three presentations of the diseases to be considered for further discussion (lumpy skin disease, rabies and avian influenza) were presented by experts and EFSA as well as tools and data sources currently in use. The participants presented current early warning and syndromic surveillance systems in their country and/or organization.

Background document of the project and three diseases was prepared by EFSA and distributed to the experts before the meeting. This document and presentations were used as a base for discussion. During the discussion many experts listed LSD as their top choice for the pilot project. It was discussed that the focus should be on one disease rather than tackling all the three. A proposal to make a document for the diseases and their potential indicators and data sources was made.

### 4.2. Task distribution and deadlines

EFSA: to compile a table with the three proposed pilot project diseases potential indicators and data sources. This will be made available for the experts in June for comments. Based on this document a decision of which pilot project(s) will be selected to further exploration will be made in a short discussion meeting.

## 5. Next meeting(s)

WG members aimed to have a short discussion meeting of the output of the table mentioned before between July and October if possible. A proposal will be subsequently made by EFSA. The next official WG meeting will be held in October 2020.

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