
ALPHA UNIT

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on ASF

**Held on 7 Mar. 2014,
by web-conference**

(Agreed on 7 Mar. 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts¹:** have participated in the expert knowledge elicitation workshop on 22-23 Jan. 2014, and in the working group meeting on 24 Jan.2014
 - Frank Koenen (Chair)
 - Sergei Khomenko
 - Sihvonen Liisa
 - Vizcaino Jose Manuel
 - Sergei Khomenko
 - Hans Hermann Thulke
- **EFSA:**
 - AHAW Unit: Sofie Dhollander

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified

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during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

5.1 Update the significance of the occurrence and risk of endemicity of ASF in the countries neighbouring the EU at higher risk; ([EFSA-Q-2013-00834](#))

The comments from EFSA's Panel on animal health and welfare have been dealt with by the working group experts, and the conclusions and recommendations were formulated.

5.2 The evaluation of all the possible pathways of introduction of ASF into the EU, ranking them on the basis of their level of risk with a view to enhance preparedness and prevention ([EFSA-Q-2013-00834](#))

The comments from EFSA's Panel on animal health and welfare have been dealt with by the working group experts, and the conclusions and recommendations were formulated.

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on ASF

Held on 6 Feb. 2014,
in Parma

(Agreed on 6 Feb. 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts⁴:** have participated in the expert knowledge elicitation workshop on 22-23 Jan. 2014, and in the working group meeting on 24 Jan.2014
 - Frank Koenen (Chair)
 - Sergei Khomenko
 - Sihvonen Liisa
 - Vizcaino Jose Manuel
 - Sergei Khomenko
- **EFSA:**
 - AHAW Unit: Sofie Dhollander

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes⁵ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests⁶, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

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5.3 Update the significance of the occurrence and risk of endemicity of ASF in the countries neighbouring the EU at higher risk; ([EFSA-Q-2013-00834](#))

The comments from EFSA's Panel on animal health and welfare have been dealt with by the working group experts.

5.4 The evaluation of all the possible pathways of introduction of ASF into the EU, ranking them on the basis of their level of risk with a view to enhance preparedness and prevention ([EFSA-Q-2013-00834](#))

The comments from EFSA's Panel on animal health and welfare have been dealt with by the working group experts.

7. Next meetings

- Mar, 7, 2014: 5th Working group meeting by web-conference

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on ASF

Held on 22-24 Jan. 2014,
in Parma

(Agreed on 24 Jan. 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts⁷:** have participated in the expert knowledge elicitation workshop on 22-23 Jan. 2014, and in the working group meeting on 24 Jan. 2014
 - Frank Koenen (Chair)
 - Sergei Khomenko
 - Sihvonen Liisa
 - Vizcaino Jose Manuel
 - Sergei Khomenko
- **Hearing Experts:** have participated in the expert knowledge elicitation workshop on 22-23 Jan. 2014
 - Maria Luisa Arias
 - Daniel Beltran-Alcrudo
 - Sandra Blome
 - Klaus Depner
 - Vittorio Guberti
 - Claire Guinat
 - Anton Karaulov
 - Jonna Kyyrö
 - Tigran Markosyan
 - Iwona Markowska-Daniel
 - Dmitry Morozov
 - Külli Must
 - Carsten Potzsch
 - Dietrich Rassow
 - Mikheil Sokhadze
- **EFSA:**
 - AHAW Unit: Sofie Dhollander, Andrey Gogin and Justyna Jaskiewicz

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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5. Scientific topic for discussion

5.5 Update the significance of the occurrence and risk of endemicity of ASF in the countries neighbouring the EU at higher risk; ([EFSA-Q-2013-00834](#))

The expert knowledge elicitation was conducted and the experts agreed on the judgments and rationales for the risk estimates.

5.6 The evaluation of all the possible pathways of introduction of ASF into the EU, ranking them on the basis of their level of risk with a view to enhance preparedness and prevention ([EFSA-Q-2013-00834](#))

The expert knowledge elicitation was conducted, and the experts agreed on the conclusions of the workshop.

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7. Next meetings

- Feb. 6, 2014: 4th Working group meeting
- Mar 7, 2014: 5th Working group meeting by web-conference

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Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on ASF

Held on 3-4 Dec. 2013,
by WEB -conference

(Agreed on 4 Dec. 2013)¹⁰

Participants

- **Working Group Experts¹¹:**
 - Frank Koenen (Chair) has participated WEB-conference, on 4 Dec.
 - Sergei Khomenko has participated via WEB-conference, on 3 Dec.
 - Hans-Hermann Thulke has participated WEB-conference, on 4 Dec.
 - Sihvonen Liisa has participated WEB-conference, on 4 Dec.
 - Vizcaino Jose Manuel has participated WEB-conference, on 4 Dec.

- **EFSA:**
 - AHAW Unit: Sofie Dhollander and Justyna Jaskiewicz

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Sergei Khomenko.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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5. Scientific topic for discussion

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5.7 Update the significance of the occurrence and risk of endemicity of ASF in the countries neighbouring the EU at higher risk; ([EFSA-Q-2013-00834](#))

The draft outline of the scientific opinion was agreed upon and the activities concerning the experts' knowledge elicitation workshop that will take place in January 2014 were planned. The documents for the expert knowledge elicitation workshop were prepared.

5.8 The evaluation of all the possible pathways of introduction of ASF into the EU, ranking them on the basis of their level of risk with a view to enhance preparedness and prevention ([EFSA-Q-2013-00834](#))

The documents for the experts' knowledge elicitation workshop in January 2014 were discussed and agreed upon.

7. Next meetings

- 22-23 Jan. 2014: Expert Knowledge Elicitation workshop
- 24 Jan. 2014: 3rd Working group meeting
- Feb. 2014: 4th Working group meeting
- 6 Feb. 2014: 5th Working group meeting by web-conference (14.00-18.00)

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on ASF

Held on 18-19 Nov. 2013, Parma
with WEB -conference, 18 Nov. 2013

(Agreed on 21 Nov. 2013)¹⁴

Participants

- **Working Group Experts¹⁵:**
 - Frank Koenen
 - Bøtner Anette
 - Sihvonen Liisa
 - Vizcaino Jose Manuel
 - Hans-Hermann Thulke has participated via teleconference, on 18 Nov.

- **EFSA:**
 - AHAW Unit: Sofie Dhollander
 - SAS Unit: Olaf Mosbach-Schulz has participated via teleconference, on 18 Nov.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Sergei Khomenko.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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5. Scientific topic for discussion

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Update the significance of the occurrence and risk of endemicity of ASF in the countries neighbouring the EU at higher risk; ([EFSA-Q-2013-00834](#))

The methodological approach was discussed and agreed upon and a road map for planning the upcoming activities on the mandate was agreed upon. The documents for the expert knowledge elicitation workshop were prepared.

The evaluation of all the possible pathways of introduction of ASF into the EU, ranking them on the basis of their level of risk with a view to enhance preparedness and prevention ([EFSA-Q-2013-00834](#))

The methodological approach was discussed and agreed upon and a road map for planning the upcoming activities on the mandate was agreed upon. The documents for the expert knowledge elicitation workshop were prepared.

7. Next meetings

4 Dec. 2013: 2nd working group meeting by web conference (10.30-12.30)

22-23 Jan. 2014: Expert Knowledge Elicitation workshop

24 Jan. 2014: 3rd working group meeting

6 Feb. 2014: 4th working group meeting

18 Feb. 2014: 5th working group meeting by web conference (14.00-18.00)