

## Ministerial Conference

*Biosecurity and vaccination:  
essential tools in prevention,  
control and eradication of animal diseases*

24 January 2024  
8.30 - 16.30  
Albert Borschette  
Congress Center,  
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**Chair :** David Clarinval, Deputy-Prime Minister and Belgian Federal Minister of Agriculture, and Stella Kyriakides, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

**Interpretation:** EN/DE/FR/NL/ES/IT

8.30 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.	Registration and welcome breakfast
10.00 a.m. – 10.15 a.m.	General introduction, <b>David Clarinval</b> , Deputy-Prime Minister and Belgian Federal Minister of Agriculture
<b>I. Biosecurity awareness – chaired by Ir. Herman Diricks, CEO of the Belgian Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain</b>	
10.15 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	The importance of biosecurity, <b>Pr. Jeroen Dewulf</b> , Full professor in Veterinary Epidemiology at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of Ghent University in Belgium
10.30 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	Biosecurity tool and its use by the veterinary services in Belgium (pigs and poultry), <b>Dr. Chantal Rettigner</b> , Chief Veterinary Officer of Belgium
10.45 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	Biosecurity tool and its use by the veterinary services in Italy, <b>Dr. Ugo Della Marta</b> , Chief Veterinary Officer of Italy
<b>II. Status of vaccination – chaired by Dr. Chantal Rettigner, Chief Veterinary Officer of Belgium</b>	
11.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.	African swine fever: current epidemiological situation and future prospects, <b>Pr. Frank Verdonck</b> , Head of Unit Biological Hazards & Animal Health and Welfare (BIOHAW) at European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Avian influenza: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State of vaccination and policy possibilities in this area, <b>Pr. Ian H. Brown OBE</b>, Scientific Services Director at Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), United Kingdom</li> <li>Update on EU legislation, <b>Dr. Barbara Logar</b>, Unit Animal Health, DG SANTE, EC</li> </ul>
12.30 p.m. – 12.45 p.m.	Time for questions
12.45 p.m. – 2.15 p.m.	Lunch break
<b>III. Feedback from Member States – chaired by Dr. Francisco Reviriego Gordejo, Head of Unit Animal Health, DG SANTE, EC</b>	
2.15 p.m. – 2.35 p.m.	Dutch experience on HPAI vaccination, <b>Piet Adema</b> , Dutch Minister of Agriculture
2.35 p.m. – 2.55 p.m.	French experience on HPAI vaccination, <b>Marc Fesneau</b> , French Minister of Agriculture, and <b>Dr. Emmanuelle Soubeyran</b> , Chief Veterinary Officer of France
<b>IV. Round table on Avian influenza – moderated by Em. Pr. Etienne Thiry, Veterinarian and virologist (Univ. of Liège)</b>	
2.55 p.m. – 3.55 p.m.	<b>David Clarinval</b> , Deputy-Prime Minister and Belgian Federal Minister of Agriculture <b>Dr. Monique Eloit</b> , Director General of the World Organisation for Animal Health <b>Dr. Wim Pelgrim</b> , Chief Veterinary Officer of the Netherlands <b>Dr. Emmanuelle Soubeyran</b> , Chief Veterinary Officer of France <b>Dr. Bernard Van Goethem</b> , Director of crisis preparedness in food, animals and plants at the Directorate General for Health and Food Safety, DG SANTE, EC <b>Dr. Mary Jane Ireland</b> , Chief Veterinary Officer of Canada <b>Jean-Michel Schaeffer</b> , Chairman of the COPA COGECA poultry working group
3.55 p.m. – 4.10 p.m.	Time for questions
<b>V. Closing session</b>	
4.10 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Conclusion, <b>Claire Bury</b> , Deputy Director General, DG SANTE, EC