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EXPERT NETWORK ON BIOSECURITY RESEARCH PRIORITIES

Topic: EXPERT NETWORK ON BIOSECURITY RESEARCH PRIORITIES IN TERRESTRIAL LIVESTOCK

Dear Colleague,

We are writing to you on behalf of the newly formed, Horizon Europe funded, Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare. We are hoping that you will be willing to join our expert network on biosecurity research priorities. This network is devoted to identifying the ten most important diseases, and the highest priorities for research in biosecurity in livestock farming.

“The European Partnership on Animal Health & Welfare (EUP AH&W) intends to be a Research and Innovation Partnership set up in the context of Horizon Europe. Its general goals are to progress Europe towards healthy and sustainable livestock production systems (for both terrestrial and aquatic animals), including the reduction of antimicrobial usage, and to greatly improve production animal welfare, in line with the European Green Deal and farm-to-fork strategy.”

https://www.eupahw.eu/pdf/news/Press%20release%20launch%20EUPAHW_final_220424.pdf

A key element in this Partnership is to identify where gaps in research within biosecurity lie for each animal species and production system, and thus broad inputs from experts in the field and their peers are needed.

What - Are we intending to achieve?

The main aim is to create a dynamic network of experts of different aspects of biosecurity across the different livestock species, production systems and countries/geographic areas. For the different livestock and poultry production systems, we aim to prioritise ten diseases of importance in terms of biosecurity and identify research priorities on biosecurity.

How - Are we going to achieve this?

This relies on the recruitment of experts within different specific field and production systems to the network. Most of the activities within the network will be online, through e-mail correspondence and attendance in regular (mostly online) workshop meetings. Four specific workshops will be organised for the expert-network to discuss and define specific biosecurity needs and rank diseases, two of which will be in-person meeting in mayor European cities with easy airport access.

A vital contribution will be obtaining feedback from stakeholders and additional experts contacted by the network participants in different sectors among their peers.

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What – Are we asking from You/Proposing?

1. We would kindly ask you to provide your name, contact details and specific expertise in an expert list that will form the basis of the network¹.
2. Participation in workshops on research priorities in biosecurity. You must commit to participate in at least two online workshops, while it will be optional to participate in additional two face-to-face workshops.
3. Willingness to address peers working in your specific field or sector to collect impressions, needs or comments on biosecurity challenges and research that is needed.

When?

The first workshop is scheduled to take place september 23rd 2024, 10:00 to 14:00hrs am. This will be followed by three additional workshops during 2024 and early 2025. Thus, your prompt answer is greatly appreciated.

Interested?

Please follow this link where you can register for participation in the network and first online workshop <https://u9sk508ny4k.typeform.com/to/rLn2IcYH>

Thank You very much for your interest in shaping sustainable livestock and poultry production!

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