



32nd Conference of the Regional Commission for Europe
Riga, Latvia, 21-25 September 2026

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2026

Arrival of participants

MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2026

- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Arrival of participants / Conference registration
- 9:00 a.m. Opening ceremony
- 10:00 a.m. Group Photo/Break
- 10:30 a.m. Approval of the Programme
Appointment of the Conference Committee
(Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and General Rapporteur)
Appointment of session chairpersons and rapporteurs (Technical items)
- 10:45 a.m. Building an Organisation Fit for the Future: Delivering greater impact for our Members (Dr Emmanuelle Soubeyran, WOAHD Director General)
- 11:15 a.m. Discussions
- 11:45 a.m. Keeping the system running: State veterinary authorities facing financial, human, and legal pressure (Dr Maris Balodis, WOAHD Delegate of Latvia)
- 12:15 p.m. Administrative session (Dr François Caya, WOAHD Deputy Director General – Institutional Affairs and Governance)
- 12:45 p.m. GF-TADs Europe: Progress, Priorities and Preparation for the 2nd GF-TADs Europe Conference (Dr Bernard Van Goethem, Chair of the GF-TADs)
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch break
- 2:00 p.m. From Samarkand to Riga: Follow up of Regional Conference recommendations and Priorities for Future Action (Dr Budimir Plavsic, WOAHD Regional Representative for Europe)
- 2:30 p.m. Strengthening Early Warning, Reporting and Preparedness in Europe:
 - Regional animal health situation;
 - Reporting status (early warning, six-monthly and annual, and ADIS interconnection;
 - Wildepi reporting
 - Benefits Of Reporting
 - How to improve disease reporting: group work(Dr Jenny Hutchison, Head of the World Animal Health Information Department); (Dr Claire Cayol, Project Manager – WOAHD Emergency Preparedness and Resilience Department (virtual))
- 4:00 p.m. Break
- 4:30 p.m. Epidemic Intelligence, Forecasting and Foresight in Animal Health to Improve Members' Preparedness (virtual) (Dr Paolo Tizzani, Senior Veterinary Epidemiologist, WOAHD Data Integration and Analytics Department)
- 5.00 pm. Enhance Members participation in the Standard-Setting Process (virtual) (Dr Charmaine Chng, Head of WOAHD Standards Department)



5:30 p.m.	Outcomes of the September Code Commission Meeting (Dr Etienne Bonbon, President of the Code Commission)
6:00 p.m.	Discussion
6:30 p.m.	End of the day

TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

9:00 – 9:50 a.m.	Session: Harmonisation of biosecurity measures: • Technical Item I: Harmonisation and effectiveness of biosecurity measures for emerging and reemerging transboundary animal diseases (Dr Silvia Bellini, Vice President of the Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases (SCAD) (35 min) • Members' experience on harmonisation of biosecurity measures to prevent and control emerging and re-emerging transboundary animal diseases – Lessons learned from France and Ireland (Dr Nicolas Ponçon, Representative of Delegate of France; Dr June Fanning, Delegate of Ireland) (15 min) • Discussion (30 min)
10:20 a.m.	Break
10:45 – 11:30 a.m.	Session: Veterinary Emergency Management • Whole government approach and veterinary emergency management (Dr Alexandre Fediaevsky, Head of the Emergency Preparedness and Resilience Department (virtual)) (25 min) • Discussion (20 min)
11:30 a.m.	Investing in Capacity, Collaboration and Capital for enhanced prevention and control of emerging and re-emerging transboundary animal diseases (Ms Barbara Alessandrini, Head of WOAHP Capacity Building Department)
12:45 p.m.	Lunch (<i>Preparation of Recommendation No. 1 by designated small group</i>)
2:00 p.m.	Observatory Thematic Study on Animal Welfare during Transport by Land and Sea (Dr Caroline Paquier, Senior Programme Manager – WOAHP Observatory) (virtual)
2:30 p.m.	Outcomes of the long journey scenario Brussels (WOAHP Sub Regional Representation for Brussels)
2:45 p.m.	Animal Welfare Platform and Action Plan 2027 (WOAHP Sub Regional Representation for Brussels)
3:30 p.m.	Discussion
4:00 p.m.	Break
4:30 p.m.	The economic impact of AMR in animal health: facts, figures and cost-effective interventions (Dr Javier Yugueros-Marcos, Head of the Veterinary Products and Drug Resistance Department)
5:00 p.m.	Discussion
5:30 p.m.	Implementation of the 2024 UN Political Declaration on AMR – Targets & Opportunities (interactive session) (Dr Javier Yugueros-Marcos)
6:00 p.m.	Announcement regarding the PREVENT Forum (Dr Javier Yugueros-Marcos)
6:30 p.m.	End of the day
7:30 p.m.	Official dinner hosted by Latvia



WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2026

09:00 – 10:45 a.m. **Session: PPR and SGP preparedness and response**

- Technical Item II: Emergency preparedness and response to Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) and Sheep pox and goat pox (SGP) in Europe (Dr Arnaud Bataille, Scientist – CIRAD; Dr Nick De Regge, Scientist – Exotic and vector-borne diseases) (45 min)
- Lessons Learned from PPR Preparedness and Response in Albania (Dr Ketii Margariti, Delegate of Albania) (15 min)
- Lessons Learned from PPR and Sheep and Goat Pox Response in Azerbaijan (Dr Galib Abdulaliyev, Delegate of Azerbaijan) (15 min)
- Discussion (30 min)

10:45 a.m. Break

11:15 p.m. One Health in Action: Strengthening Multisectoral Collaboration to Address Emerging and Re-emerging Health Threats

12:15 p.m. Discussion

12:45 p.m. Lunch
(*Preparation of Recommendation No. 2 by designated small group*)

2:00 p.m. Governance Review Committee (GRC) update (Dr François Caya, WOAH Deputy Director General – Institutional Affairs and Governance; Dr Ulrich Herzog, Delegate of Austria and regional member of the GRC)

2:45 p.m. Discussion

3:15 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. From Strategy to Regional Action: Europe's Roadmap for Implementing the WOAH 8th Strategic Plan 2027–2031 (Interactive working session with WOAH Headquarters and the three WOAH offices serving the Europe region: Moscow, Brussels and Astana - facilitated by Ms Nathaly Monsalve, Ms Camilla Wuench, Dr Budimir Plavšić, Dr Lajos Bognár and Dr Mereke Taitubayev)

4:45 p.m. Discussion

5:15 p.m. Presentation of draft recommendations and discussion

5:45 p.m. End of the day

6:00 p.m. Regional Core Group Meeting

7:30 p.m. Official dinner hosted by WOAH



THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2026

Cultural visit organised by Latvia

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2026

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| 09:00 a.m. | ADIS-WAHIS: Impact of interconnection on reporting – future perspectives (Dr Peter Melens, Deputy Head of the World Animal Health Information Department) |
| 09:30 a.m. | Activities of the Council of Europe and future opportunities for cooperation (Ms Catarina Garcia, Policy Advisor – Council of Europe) (virtual) |
| 9:50 a.m. | Investment in Animal Health as a Foundation of One Health: How Can Economics Support Better Decisions? (Prof. Didier Raboisson, Professor in Ruminant Population Medicine and Animal Health Economics; Dr Laure Weber Vintzel, Senior Livestock Specialist at the World Bank (virtual)) |
| 10:20 a.m. | Break |
| 10:50 a.m. | Conference conclusions and adoption of Recommendations |
| 11:20 a.m. | Proposal of date and venue of the 33rd Conference of the WOAH Regional Commission for Europe |
| 11:30 a.m. | Closing ceremony |
| 12:00 a.m. | End of the day |