



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. DG's keynote speech (Dr Emmanuelle Soubeyran, WOA Director General)

11:15 a.m. Discussions

11:45 Keeping the system running: State veterinary authorities facing financial, human, and legal pressure (Dr Maris Balodis, WOA Delegate of Latvia)

12:15 p.m. Administrative session (Dr François Caya, WOA 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, WOA 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 – WOA 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, WOA Data Integration and Analytics Department)

5.00 pm. Enhance Members participation in the Standard-Setting Process (virtual) (Dr Charmaine Chng, Head of WOA 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 WOAHCapacity 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 – WOAHObservatory) (virtual)
2:30 p.m.	Outcomes of the long journey scenario Brussel (WOAH Sub Regional Representation for Brussels)
2:45 p.m.	Animal Welfare Platform and Action Plan 2027 (WOAH 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 Keti 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, WOAHA 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 WOAHA 8th Strategic Plan 2027–2031 (Interactive working session with WOAHA Headquarters and the three WOAHA 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 WOAHA



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 |