

## SEMINAR ON “BIOSECURITY – FUNDAMENT FOR ANIMAL HEALTH”

23-24 March

Venue - National Library of Latvia, Riga (Address: Mūkusalas iela 3)

### MEDIA PROGRAMME

Journalists are welcome to participate in the Outcome Session of the Seminar.

Live stream of the Seminar will be available on <http://eu2015.lv/news/watch-live> and <http://www.zm.gov.lv/en/statiskas-lapas/biosafety-seminar?id=5260#jump>

All media related questions and interview requests shall be communicated via [kristine.rina@zm.gov.lv](mailto:kristine.rina@zm.gov.lv), +371 26547332 by 23 March.

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### TUESDAY, 24 MARCH

**11:00**                      **Media Centre opens**

**11:30 – 12:50**           **Outcomes from the group discussions**

The aim is to direct group discussions to identify biosecurity measures that can help to protect farm from the disease introduction.

Disease defined for the animal species:

GROUP 1: Foot and mouth disease or bluetongue for cattle, sheep/goats (Report from Mr Francisco Reviriego, European Commission DG SANTE G2)

GROUP 2: African swine fever for pigs (Report from Ms Silvia Bellini, Istituto Zooprofilattico della Lombardia e dell'Emilia Romagna (IZSLER), Italy)

GROUP 3: Avian influenza for poultry (Report from Mr Ivar Vågsholm, Swedish University of Agriculture Sciences, Sweden)

*Venue: hall “Ziedoņa”, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*

**12:50 – 13:00**           **Summary of the seminar**

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**13:00**                      **Time for individual interviews with experts**

Chair of the Seminar Ms Antra Briņķe, Deputy Director of Veterinary and Food Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Latvia

Chair of the Seminar Mr Edvīns Olševskis, Deputy Director of Veterinary Surveillance Department, Food and Veterinary Service, Latvia

**14:00**                      **Media centre closes**

*The aim of the seminar is to share knowledge and best practices among the participants on the application of preventive measures designed to reduce the risk of transmission of infectious disease (e.g. African swine fever, highly pathogenic Avian influenza, and Foot and Mouth Disease) in livestock.*