



Ministero della Salute



Webinar

THE THREE-DIMENSIONAL ONE HEALTH MODEL IN THE PREVENTION OF AVIAN INFLUENZA

May 8th, 2026
// Friday / 09:00 - 13:30

Online

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CONTEXT AND RATIONALE

Avian influenza is today one of the most complex emerging threats at the intersection of animal health, human health, and ecosystem health. Its effective prevention requires overcoming traditional compartmentalization between veterinary surveillance, human epidemiology, and environmental monitoring – a challenge that the three-dimensional One Health operational model is specifically designed to address.

This webinar is framed within the systemic One Health model developed by the Italian Ministry of Health (Department of Human, Animal and Ecosystem Health), based on three interdependent dimensions: the cultural and educational dimension, the equity dimension, and the proactive prevention dimension. **These three axes, applied to the specific context of avian influenza, provide an operational and scalable framework for effective, equitable, and sustainable prevention policies. The webinar will explore how the One Health model can address these three axes through systemic and multidimensional responses.**

WEBINAR OBJECTIVES

The webinar pursues the following **objectives**:

- Present the **methodological work for drafting the Global Curriculum (GC) for One Health experts and international training initiatives** as a lever for capacity building.
- **Illustrate the role of proactive prevention and integrated surveillance in the early response to avian influenza, with particular attention to vulnerable populations.**
- **Discuss the role of the Quadripartite and One Health Task Force and intersectoral governance in coordinating prevention policies.**

EXPECTED OUTPUTS

The webinar will produce the following concrete results:

- Operational guidance for implementing the One Health approach in integrated avian influenza surveillance with specific attention to the social determinants of health and vulnerable populations.
- Recommendations on the need for European training standards for One Health experts
- Strengthening collaboration between Countries, Institutions and International Agencies for future joint initiatives in the field of One Health.

PARTICIPANT PROFILE

The webinar is addressed to:

- EFSA's Member State Communication Coordinators (MSCC), Communications Experts Network (CEN), and Focal Points of Member States
- Experts in public health, veterinary medicine, epidemiology and environmental sciences

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May 8th, 2026 // Programme / Plenary Session

09:00 - 09:30 <i>Opening session</i>	Institutional greetings and opening remarks	Christine Elisabeth Brown <i>WHO Regional Office for Europe</i>
	The power of synergy in the One Health era	Sergio Iavicoli <i>Ministry of Health Italy</i>
09:30 - 09:45 <i>Programmatic Presentation</i>	One Health activities at European level and partnerships	Simona Seravesi Marc-Alain Widdowson <i>WHO Regional Office for Europe Copenhagen</i>
09:45 - 10:00 <i>Technical Presentation</i>	The Global Curriculum for One Health Experts: integrated competencies for prevention (video message)	Rossana Berardi <i>One Health Foundation</i>
10:00 - 11:30 <i>Scientific Presentation</i>	Connecting the dots: why avian influenza is a One Health priority for animals and people	Antonia Ricci <i>Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie Italy</i>
	A One Health response to the new challenges presented by H5N1	Alice Fusaro <i>Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie Italy</i>
	Avian Influenza across species and environments	Diletta Fornasiero <i>Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie Italy</i>
	Engaging stakeholders in prevention and surveillance: insights and case studies from IZSve	Giulia Mascarello <i>Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie Italy</i>
11:30 - 11:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:45 - 12:15 <i>Scientific Presentation</i>	The importance of transdisciplinary governance: updates from the cross-agency One Health task force.	Stephan Bronzwaer <i>European Food Safety Authority</i>
12:15 - 13:00 <i>Interactive Session</i>	Discussion with participating countries, connected remotely	
13:00 - 13:30	<i>Conclusions and closing of proceedings</i>	Simona Seravesi <i>WHO Regional Office for Europe Copenhagen</i>
		Giovanni Leonardi <i>Ministry of Health Italy</i>

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KEY WEBINAR TOPICS

Dimension	Topics in the context of avian influenza
Cultural and Educational	One Health Global Curriculum; expert training; health literacy in communities; accessible risk communication; institutional engagement
Equity and Vulnerability	Access to preventive measures - inequalities in the urban-rural continuum.
Proactive Prevention	Integrated human-animal-environmental surveillance; early warning and horizon scanning; anticipatory risk assessment models for avian influenza

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The official language is English. Simultaneous translation will not be available.

REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION

The event will be held online.

Attendants are requested to fill out the **registration form available online** at the following link **by May 3, 2026**:

<https://survey.izsvenezie.it/index.php/331214?lang=en>

CERTIFICATES

A certificate of attendance will be issued.



For any further information about the webinar, please contact the Organizing Secretariat



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