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# SIMEX

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## TOR 3: 10-11 December, Brussels

'To provide **scientific** input to DG SANTE for the organisation of a **simulation exercise** (SIMEX) on **avian influenza** with Member States and certain third countries. This SIMEX will be supported by an external contractor that is currently determined through a call for tender handled by HaDEA. While the SIMEX is **planned for Q4 2024**, input from ECDC and EFSA e.g., to the request for tender and preparation for the SIMEX will be required already in Q2/Q3 of 2024'

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#### Organising team and scenario development

ECDC, EFSA, EURL, EC

#### Scope

**Review** and evaluate existing **plans**, processes and procedures as well as remind, familiarise, and prepare participants for their roles should a real emergency occur

#### Objective

- To explore how the one-health approach could be operationalised in practice during a zoonotic outbreak
- To rehearse the main procedures and cross-sectoral coordination processes when responding to a crisis
- To ensure mutual understanding of effective structures and information flow in a crisis
- To facilitate networking among EU/EEA representatives for future information sharing and collaboration
- To identify gaps and improvements needed for effective crisis response

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#### Target audience

- For Countries, participants will be drawn from ECDC NFPs for RVL for the human health sector and nominated by CVOs for the animal health sector
- ECDC/EFSA/EURL staff will simulate the participation of other organisations and countries as needed

