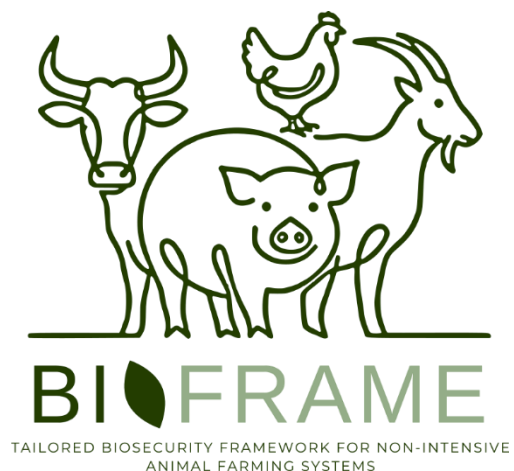




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01: SOME WORDS FROM THE CHAIR



Welcome to the first edition of the BIOFRAME newsletter!

As Chair, I am proud to see our collective vision taking shape as we advance biosecurity frameworks for livestock production systems across Europe.

Our goal here is to develop accessible decision-support frameworks that empower livestock managers and safeguard animal health. Let's get down to work!



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02: WHAT IS BIOFRAME?



Our Mission: Better biosecurity for healthier animals

BIOFRAME is a European research and innovation project funded by the European Partnership on Animal Health & Welfare (EUPAHW). BIOFRAME is being conducted in 8 countries, work will happen over 36 months with the project having commenced in December 2025 and running until December 2028. The project aims to design a farmer-centred, adaptable biosecurity improvement framework specifically for non-intensive livestock systems, where outdoor access, wildlife interaction and diverse management practices introduce unique disease challenges.

BIOFRAME will deliver:

- A stakeholder-designed biosecurity framework for real farm conditions
- Pilot studies across seven European countries
- A practical economic tool showing the financial impact of biosecurity measures
- Policy recommendations for workable and effective legislation
- Knowledge-exchange resources, workshops, and training for farmers & vets

Why This Matters?

Non-intensive systems provide welfare, environmental and biodiversity benefits — but face higher risk of disease introduction and spread. BIOFRAME helps strengthen these systems through evidence-based, realistic biosecurity approaches that improve animal health, financial sustainability and public trust.



03: RECENT EVENT UPDATE:



FIRST FACE-TO-FACE MEETING IN LISBON

FEBRUARY 2026 – LUSÓFOAN AUNIVERISTY, LISBON



Our official project kick-off in Lisbon brought together our international consortium of researchers, epidemiological experts, and industry partners to map out the operational path ahead for BIOFRAME.

Key outcomes included:

- **Work Package Integration:** Standardized shared research protocols, data-collection methodologies, and delivery milestones.
- **Framework framing:** account for the practical realities of non-intensive livestock management.
- **Governance & Outreach:** Established communication workflows to ensure seamless cross-border coordination.



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04: SPOTLIGHT



ITALY

Italy's research will focus on both pig and poultry farmers. They are targeting farmers who practise extensive farming or who are based in rural areas. They will also involve veterinarians from the public and private sectors who work on the inspection and management of these farms.

The first farm the Italian team has interviewed belongs to a social agricultural cooperative whose mission is to promote social inclusion by providing employment opportunities for people with disabilities or those experiencing social disadvantage. The cooperative combines crop production, livestock farming, and catering activities. It cultivates vegetables, fruit, and cereals, while rearing around 800 organic laying hens.

The second interview was carried out on a small free-range laying hen farm with approximately 250 hens. The birds are reared outdoors and fed without the use of industrial feed, while the eggs are marketed exclusively through local sales channels.

Additionally, as team leader for Task 2.1, the Italian team are conducting a comparative analysis of the national biosecurity legal frameworks across all partner countries, focusing on non-intensive cattle, poultry, and pig farming systems. To support this activity, they are integrating the regulatory data and country profiles provided by each partner with independent desk research carried out by the team. The analysis will provide a solid basis for the next stages of the project, helping to ensure that future recommendations are both practical and consistent with the regulatory context of each participating country.



05: UPCOMING EVENTS



BIOFRAME 2nd General Assembly & Workshop (Ghent, Belgium)

Held during the same week as WABA (preceding the conference), featuring consortium updates, progress reviews, and an interactive workshop.

World Animal Biosecurity Association (WABA) Conference (Ghent, Belgium)

BIOFRAME will be showcasing its work and activities and connect with more than 250 experts on livestock biosecurity from around the world.



Stay informed about BIOFRAME project updates, research findings, pilot activities, and upcoming events.

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