

EFSA consultative workshop on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes

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Moderator: Vivienne Parry

Audience: European Commission, European Parliament, Member States (EFSA's Advisory Forum), EU Presidency and national delegations, EFSA's Management Board, EFSA's Scientific Committee, Members of EFSA's Stakeholder Platform, Union agencies, international organisations and academia

Morning session

9.00 Welcome address by Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle, EFSA's Executive Director

9.15 Keynote address by MEP Kartika Tamara Liotard, Member of the European Parliament Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Session I: Setting the scene

9.30 – 11.15 **Round Table - Trust in science: what are the basic ingredients?**

Speakers:

Science and society: public engagement and confidence in science - by Ortwin Renn, University of Stuttgart

Explaining the scientific process - by Andrew Wadge, Food Standards Agency, United Kingdom

Managing independence of scientific authorities: the case of EFSA - by Martijn Groenleer, University of Delft

Learnings from an international perspective – by Murray Lumpkin, Food and Drug Administration, United States of America

11.15 – 11.45 *Coffee/tea break*

Session II: EFSA's draft Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes

11.45 – 12.30 Introduction of EFSA's *draft Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes* and overview of comments received - by Dirk Detken, Head of Legal and Regulatory Affairs, EFSA.

12.45 – 14.00 *Lunch*

Afternoon session

14.00 – 15.00 **Interactive Session 1: Quality of science** chaired by Vittorio Silano, Chair of EFSA's Scientific Committee

D. Jans, FEFANA

C. Then, Testbiotech

J. Schlundt, Danish Technical University

15.00 – 16.00 **Interactive Session 2: Governance, Openness and Transparency** chaired by Anne-Laure Gassin, Director of Communications, EFSA

M. Frewen, FoodDrinkEurope

N. Holland, Corporate Europe Observatory

C. Tomalino, Euro Coop

16.00 – 16.30 *coffee/tea break*

- 16.30 – 17.30 **Interactive Session 3: Assessing interests** chaired by Hubert Deluyker, Director of Risk Assessment and Scientific Assistance, EFSA
- R. Wittkowski, Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung (BfR)
 - N. Van Belzen, International Life Sciences Institutes Europe
 - C. Udsen, The European Consumers' Organisation (BEUC)
- 17.30 **Closing address** by John Dalli, European Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy