

Note to the Management Board on the EFSA Programming Document 2016-2019

1. Objective

The revised Programming Document 2016-2019, aligned to the new strategic objectives and the new budgetary requirements, is submitted for possible adoption by the Board at its meeting to be held on 16 March 2016.

2. Scope of the document

The current year 2016 is considered as a transitional year for EFSA, in view of the new strategic objectives up to the year 2020, endorsed by the Board in September 2015 and expected to be adopted in March 2016.

These new objectives have a relevant impact on the content and structure of the Programming document for the coming years, and have led to the re-arrangement of the multiannual programme of EFSA (section II of the document).

For this reason, the structure of the Programming document 2016-2019 has been adapted to the new requirements set by the Financial Regulation in a two-step approach. During the first step, the Programming document (adopted by the Board in December 2015), reflected the on-going transition by containing the multiannual activities as already set in 2015 for the years 2016-2018. In a second step, and in order to comply to the new requirements of the financial regulation, the present version of the Programming document reflects the new EFSA strategic objectives and transforms them to the strategic and resource programming for the years 2016-2019, and includes the Preliminary Annual plan 2017.

In a third step (December 2016) the programming document 2018-2020 will be fully aligned to the EFSA Strategy 2020, also in terms of KPIs reflecting the performance orientation of EFSA for the years' to come.

To summarise, the new elements of the Programming Document on which we seek the Boards approval are:

- Multiannual plan 2016-2019, including multiannual staff policy plan for years 2017-2019
- Preliminary annual plan 2017
- G&P plan 2017

In contrast, the following elements are included in the document only for completeness purposes (i.e. since the new version will supersede the December one) and should not be considered for re-adoption by the Board:

- Annual plan 2016

- G&P plan 2016

The EFSA Programming Document follows the common template of the network of agencies endorsed by the EC in December 2014.

3. Next Steps

- March 16, Board meeting: possible adoption by the Board of the revised Programming Document 2016-2019, aligned to the new strategic objectives and the new budgetary requirements.