

Note to Management Board

EFSA independence policy review

At the meeting held in October 2016, the Management Board set-up a working group on the review of EFSA's independence policy. Since then the working group has initiated its work in the areas of:

- Definition of conflict of interest,
- Financial or economic interests,
- Risk based approach for competing interest management,
- Cooperation with Food Safety Organisations (FSO) and other public interested bodies,
- Cooling-off periods,
- Research funding and other scientific activities.

The working group is considering the above-mentioned areas in relation to the EFSA expert population. In addition it looks at the rules concerning the Management Board, Advisory Forum and other representatives of the Member States and EFSA staff.

The aim of this presentation is to inform the Management Board on the working group's progress and on the initial reflections made.