

LEGAL & ASSURANCE SERVICES UNIT

## 72<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the EFSA's Management Board

### Minutes of the Public Session

**Parma, 22 March 2017 – 9:00-13:00**

<b>Members of the Management Board Present</b>	
Jaana Husu-Kallio (Chair)	Jan Mousing
Robert van Gorcom (Vice-Chair)	Giuseppe Ruocco
Raymond O'Rourke (Vice-Chair)	Andrej Simončič
Aivars Bērziņš	András Székács
Zita Čeponytė	Lorenzo Terzi
Iñaki Eguileor	Piet Vanthemsche
Didier Houssin	Michael Winter
Stella Michaelidou-Canna	

**Apologies:** none

<b>Staff of the European Food Safety Authority</b>	
Bernhard Url (Executive Director)	Barbara Gallani
Gian Luca Bonduri	Juliane Kleiner
Peter De Pauw	Alberto Spagnolli
Guilhem de Seze	Hans Verhagen
Dirk Detken	Selomey Yamadjako

**Also attending:**

Anthony Hardy, Chair of the EFSA's Scientific Committee

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## SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

The Board adopted:

- The EFSA Activity Report 2016 and the assessment of that report.
- The decision on the renewed composition of the Scientific Panels on Food additives and nutrient sources added to food (ANS) and Food contact materials, Enzymes, Flavourings and processing aids (CEF).
- The decision revising the establishment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups.
- The Terms of Reference for the third external evaluation of EFSA.
- Amendments (4 new entries) to the Art. 36 list of competent organisations designated by Member States which may assist EFSA within its mission.

In addition, the Board endorsed the draft revised Policy on Independence of the European Food Safety Authority to be published for public consultation.

### Item 1: Welcome by the Chair

1. The Chair opened the 72<sup>nd</sup> Management Board meeting by welcoming the Board members, Executive Director, Chair of the Scientific Committee, EFSA Management Team and staff members.

### Item 2: Adoption of the agenda

2. The Chair asked the Board if they wished to add any items to the agenda. The agenda was adopted as proposed.

### Item 3: Board members' Annual and Oral Declaration of Interests

3. In accordance with Article 13 of the Management Board Rules of Procedure adopted on 27 June 2013, the Board took note of the ED assessment of the Declarations of Interests submitted by three of its members and confirmed it. The Chair invited the Board members to declare possible interests in addition to those already declared with their Annual Declaration of Interests. No additional interest was declared.

### Item 4: EFSA activity report 2016

4. The Executive Director (ED), Bernhard Url, and Selomey Yamadjako (Business Service Department) introduced to the Board the draft "[EFSA activity report 2016](#)", which describes the results achieved in implementing EFSA's 2016 work plan. Among others, the report highlighted the adoption of the EFSA Strategy 2020, the finalisation of 481 scientific outputs, the progresses with the implementation of several projects and programmes, the strengthened cooperation with Member States, the widened engagement with institutional and external stakeholders, and the excellent results achieved in the area of budget management. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description.
5. The Board adopted the EFSA activity report 2016 and asked the ED to convey their gratitude and congratulations to the EFSA's staff and experts for the excellent results achieved in 2016. The Board commented the draft assessment of the annual report, which was submitted by the Audit Committee. Pending circulation among the Board members of the revised text, the decision on the adoption of the assessment was postponed until the end of the meeting. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).

### Item 5: Update from the Scientific Committee

6. The Board noted the update provided by Prof Anthony Hardy, who presented an overview of the activities that were and are being carried out in the areas of weight of evidence, biological relevance, substances in infant food, uncertainty in scientific assessments and combined exposure to multiple chemicals. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).

### Item 6: Renewal of the ANS and CEF Scientific Panels

7. Juliane Kleiner (Executive Directorate) introduced the [report](#) on the process for the selection of the members of the ANS and CEF Scientific Panels. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description.
8. The Board adopted the decision for the renewed composition of the Scientific Panel on Food additives and nutrient sources added to food (ANS) and the

Scientific Panel on Food contact materials, Enzymes, Flavourings and processing aids (CEF). In view of the recent amendment of art. 28 of EFSA's Founding Regulation, which revises the name and the mandate of the ANS, CEF and NDA Panels from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2018, the term of office of the new ANS and CEF Panels will last one year only. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).

#### Item 7: Establishment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups

9. The Board adopted the [decision](#) revising the establishment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups. The decision will take effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2017. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).
10. Compared to the previous one, the new decision introduces the following elements:
  - The number of members of the Scientific Panel can range between 15-25 experts;
  - Experts can have maximum three terms of office in the same Scientific Panel;
  - Maximum two term of office as Chair in the same Scientific Panel /Committee;
  - Term of office shorter than 18 months will not be counted;
  - Experts will have to express their vote either in favour or against the adoption of opinions.

#### Item 8: EFSA independence policy review

11. The Chair of the Management Board Working Group on Independence, Raymond O'Rourke, introduced the item. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description. Following an in-depth discussion held on the previous day, the Board endorsed the EFSA's draft revised Policy on Independence, which will be published for public consultation in the following days. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at this [link](#).
12. **Action:** EFSA to publish online the draft revised Policy on Independence for public consultation. As well, EFSA will publish the [external ex-post evaluation](#) of EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes (adopted by the Board in 2011), which was carried out by an external consultant in 2017.

#### Item 9: EFSA international scientific cooperation

13. The Board noted Barbara Gallani's (Communications & External Relations) presentation of EFSA's international scientific cooperation work plan 2017-2020, which builds on the achievements and lessons learnt from the activities carried out between 2002 and 2016 and integrates the five strategic objectives of the EFSA Strategy 2020. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).

#### Item 10: Terms of Reference of EFSA's external evaluation

14. At 12:20 Giuseppe Ruocco left the meeting giving his proxy to Stella Cannai-Michaelidou, who voted on his behalf for this item and the following ones.
15. The Board adopted the [Terms of Reference](#) (ToR) of EFSA's third external evaluation. In accordance with Art. 61 of EFSA's Founding Regulation, every six years the Management Board, in agreement with the Commission, issues the ToR to commission the ex-post evaluation of its achievements. The evaluation will now be kicked-off and it will be concluded by mid-2018. A PowerPoint presentation is available online for a detailed description. The audio-file on the

presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).

16. **Action:** EFSA to launch the tender procedure for the selection of the organisation that will carry out the evaluation on the basis of the adopted ToR.

Item 11: EFSA chairmanship of the EU Agencies network

17. Alberto Spagnolli (Executive Directorate) introduced the [note](#) on EFSA's chairmanship of the Network of the EU Agencies (March 2017 – Feb. 2018). As coordinating Agency, EFSA will operate in line with the priorities identified for the period 2016-2019 by the so-called Dublin Agenda, focusing on efficiency, raising Agencies' visibility and added value and seeking to identify synergies, streamlining and simplification. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#). The Board noted the presentation.

Item 12: Amendments to Art. 36 list

18. The Board adopted the amendments (4 new entries) to the [Art. 36 list](#) of competent organisations designated by Member States which may assist EFSA within its mission.

19. Aivars Bērziņš abstained from voting the inclusion in the list of the Latvia University of Agriculture, due to his affiliation to this organisation. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).

Item 13: Feedback from the Audit Committee

20. The Chair of the Audit Committee (AC) updated the Board on the outcomes of the meeting held on 21 March 2017. Among others, he reported on the 2016 IAC annual report, EFSA's action plan in the area of IT governance, EFSA's business continuity, EFSA's ISO certifications and EFSA's Annual Report 2016.

21. On the latter, the Board adopted the assessment of the report, which had been revised in accordance with the comments provided while discussing item 4 above.

22. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).

Item 14: Any other business

23. None

END

**Summary of actions**

Action reference	Action	Deadline	Status
March 22, 2017 - 1	EFSA to publish online the draft revised Policy on Independence for public consultation.	ASAP	DONE
March 22, 2017 - 2	EFSA to launch the tender procedure for the selection of the organisation that will carry out the evaluation on the basis of the adopted ToR.	ASAP	ON-GOING