

Note to the Management Board

EFSA PROMETHEUS project (PROmoting METHods for Evidence Use in Scientific assessments) (2014-2018)

PROMETHEUS is a key project for achieving and bringing forward EFSA strategic objective 4 'prepare for future Risk Assessment challenge'.

It defined a set of guiding principles and a 4-step approach (plan/conduct/verify/report) for 'evidence use' (collecting, appraising and analysing data and evidence), which help to fulfil the guiding principles in EFSA scientific assessments.

It engaged with all EFSA panel experts and scientific staff to identify EFSA methodological needs for evidence use.

It triggered further key methodological projects to improve the processes for evidence appraisal and integration. It plays a key role in the context of the EFSA ISO 9001:2015 certification, as: 1) its methodological framework represents a basis for a definition of 'quality' and 'excellence' in EFSA scientific assessments and defining the related quality management system; 2) the methodological needs identified through the project can be considered for further improving the process for evidence use in EFSA scientific assessments.

The aim of this presentation is to inform the Management Board on the work performed, the progress achieved and the way forward.