

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE

Note to the Management Board

EFSA's Coordination of the EU Agencies Network (EUAN)

EFSA has chaired the Network of Agencies since March 2017 and accomplished a number of important results to date. All 45 Network members, composed of Decentralised Agencies and Joint Undertakings, have achieved the Discharge 2015 for the first time. EFSA is also leading the Network on ongoing financial negotiations in the context of the Budget 2018, the Interinstitutional Working Group 2 on Agencies Resources and the Multiannual Financial Framework negotiations. We have also provided crucial input to the EU Institutions on the revision of the General and Framework Financial Regulations, as well as on the Staff Implementing Regulation.

In July EFSA hosted the Network's Heads of Agencies and Heads of Resources meetings with a high attendance from both Network members and EU Institutions. The new and innovative approach to the meetings resulted in a very high satisfaction rate and a visibly cohesive Network.

In the upcoming months EFSA will continue to focus on achieving positive results in financial negotiations with the EU Institutions as well as continue to champion the Network's framework on performance- and results-based management and continue to work on additional funding sources for the Agencies.

EFSA is currently also in the process of setting up the Network's extended Secretariat, the Shared Support Office (SSO), in Brussels, which will support future EUAN Chairs operationally and maintain the technical liaison between the EUAN and the Institutions.

Having achieved substantial savings for the Agencies through a joint cloud procurement procedure, EFSA is in the driving seat of a joint procurement approach. We have established the Joint Procurement Portal on the Network's Extranet and are working towards a joint Network strategy on procurement.

The second set of biannual Network meetings will be held in Brussels in February 2018 and EFSA will utilise this opportunity to focus on raising the advocacy and visibility of the Network and promote innovative and efficient work amongst the Network members for EU citizens. After the meetings FRONTEX will take over the Network's Chairmanship in March 2018 followed by ECDC from September 2018 until March 2020.