



Update on EFSA activities related to EP PEST Committee

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WHAT IS THE EP PEST COMMITTEE ? WHO ARE THEY CONSULTING ?

- **purpose:** making recommendations on how to best address and improve perceived/identified gaps/failures of the current procedure.
- 30 members, 9 months mandate
- **output:** report by Oct 2018 to be voted in EP by Dec 2018
- **method:** consulting (visits, hearings, fact finding missions,...) with :
 - European Commission
 - Agencies: EFSA, ECHA,...
 - Member States
 - SAM, OECD, IARC, COPA COGECA, Academia,...

MEETING HISTORY AND NEAR FUTURE

■ Past meetings

- EFSA ED meeting Chair of PEST Comm
- **12/04** 1st PEST Comm meeting with EFSA and EC
 - Q&A
- **26/04** 2nd PEST Comm meeting with MS (France, Sweden and UK)
 - Role of the MS and “copy paste” allegations
- **7-8/05** the PEST Comm visited EFSA for a fact finding mission
 - How EFSA works, key values, different steps of pesticides peer review,...
- **15/05** hearing with BfR and Global2000
 - Mainly “copy paste” allegations

■ Future meetings

- **7/06** ECHA, SAM and Chris Portier public hearing in Brussels
- *Future meetings with national competent authorities, COPA COGECA, OECD, IARC,...*

THE EFSA POSITION/ACTIVITIES IN A NUTSHELL

- EFSA supports **PEST Comm** to improve the EU pesticides authorisation process, providing extensive info on:
 - **scientific:** RA process, methodologies, evidence, role of experts,...
 - **non-scientific :** transparency, independence , MS cooperation,...
- EFSA is supporting the **EC 178 proposals** to address public concerns and the ECI initiative
 - Provided input for proposals on transparency, governance and risk communication
 - Seeking support from EP for budget increase for realisation of measures
- EFSA believes in need for harmonised approach for international (non EU) **divergences**
- EFSA is already implementing **organisational “improvements”**
 - Aligning timelines with ECHA classification dossiers
 - Collaborating with Pesticides Steering Network
 - Contributing to SAM (technical report)
- EFSA is **developing needed scientific methodologies** but is lacking resources to speed up these developments
 - Cumulative RA, Landscape RA, Epidemiology...
 - Harmonisation of methodologies

PUBLICLY AVAILABLE EFSA CONTRIBUTIONS

- Presentations and Questionnaire 1 answered by EFSA available of the EP website
 - [http://www.emeeeting.europarl.europa.eu/committees/agenda/201804/PEST/PEST\(2018\)0412_1/sitt-8247022](http://www.emeeeting.europarl.europa.eu/committees/agenda/201804/PEST/PEST(2018)0412_1/sitt-8247022)
 - Questionnaire 2 to be published by 8/06 on the same site
- E-book how pesticides are regulated in the EU
 - https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/Pesticides-ebook-180424.pdf
- EFSA contribution to SAM report
 - <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/supporting/pub/en-1367>
 - SAM report not published yet