

Background Note

Breakout session

Introduction

At the each of the five training workshops on the new procedures and tool for renewing the List of Competent Organisations designated by Member States, participants suggested to have breakout session on the topic at the next Focal Point meeting in February 2019.

The discussion intends to enable FPs to share their experiences, challenges, advice etc. with each other, in order to facilitate the FP work in renewing the List of Competent Organisations of their countries, using the new procedures and tool, within the set timeframe (i.e. the letter of the Perm Rep reaching EFSA by the end of Sept at the latest).

Session format

To facilitate discussions, the plenary will split into five groups, as during the training workshops. The Task Force members and hosts of the training workshops will chair/lead the discussions and bring the groups' feedback for discussions back to plenary.

Each group will be given the following questions for discussion:

- Have you developed a plan / planner / strategy how to implement and succeed with the List renewal in your country?
- Have you faced any difficulties in applying the procedures to renew the List of Competent Organisations? If so, which ones.
- How have you overcome these challenges? What has been helpful?
- Do you have any tips you could share with other FPs?

Further, to get a feel for possible licence needs, the following questions will be asked, collectively, within each group:

- How many organisations, currently on the List, have you contacted?
- Have you contacted more organisations than currently included for your country List? If so, how many?
- From how many organisations have you received replies? How many have not replied?
- How many organisations have you already (re)assessed at national level?
- How many organisations do you think will be designated in September?

All participants are urged to come prepared, as this is the requested opportunity for FPs to get clarification, advice and support to facilitate the renewal of the List at national level.

The plenary session will serve to provide feedback of the various groups. A discussion and sharing of ideas between Focal Points is expected.