



The implementing actions stemming from the Reflection Paper on the engagement of stakeholders in EFSA's activities

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The Reflection Paper on the engagement of stakeholders organisations on EFSA's activities identifies five areas of improvement in the interaction.

- 1) The role of the Stakeholders Platform
- 2) The administrative improvement
- 3) The improvement in the information flow
- 4) Gap analysis and mapping of stakeholders and activities
- 5) The interaction in the risk assessment

Investigating internally:

- Impact assessment
- Feasibility
- Budget
- Resources

1. Interaction in the medium term perspective: the members to send to EFSA by October 2011 their plans and priorities for the next months/years as contributions to EFSA's work plan (Secretariat)
2. Improvement in the organisation of technical meetings: the members to provide proposals for organising technical meetings and experts identified to attend and contribute to the meetings by October 2011 (Secretariat).
3. Breakout sessions: EFSA to collect and share proposals for the next breakout sessions to be organised at least once a year (Secretariat).

Improving the information flow

- The Extranet Platform: technical/budgetary aspects. Timeline.
- Information provided by the members: Platform members to update EFSA on activities, conferences, priorities to be jointly discussed (Secretariat)

Gap analysis and mapping

- Participation of observers to Plenary meetings: renewal process
- The mapping of the stakeholders and activities: by the November plenary, members to provide information about the areas of activities covered by their associates/affiliates for targeted communication and invitation to technical meetings. Template to submit the information will be provided by the Secretariat.

1. Stakeholders meetings on specific horizontal issues to provide information on guidance documents and methodologies. Feedback to be provided to the Platform by the November Plenary.
2. Scientific discussions of EFSA's Panels on horizontal issues. By the November Plenary to provide a feasibility assessment plan.

3. Increased interaction during the authorisation process: subject to feasibility assessment by EFSA. Feedback to be provided to the Platform by the November meeting.
4. Improved communication as regards practical information of the assessment: the new Unit “Application Desk” will develop standardised procedure to provide this kind of information.

- Rules of procedure: in order to streamline the redaction of the agenda, participation of observers, assiduity of the participation, minutes. To be assessed within the frame of the renewal of the Platform membership.