

79th Meeting of the EFSA's Management Board

Minutes of the Public Session

Parma, 12 December 2018 – 9:00-13:50

Members of the Management Board Present	
Jaana Husu-Kallio (Chair)	Iñaki Eguileor
Raymond O'Rourke (Vice-Chair)	Didier Houssin
András Székács (Vice-Chair)	Sabine Jülicher
Aivars Bērziņš	Andrej Simončič
Herman Diricks	Annette Toft
Zita Čeponytė	Michael Winter
Libor Dupal	

Apologies: Geronimo Brănescu and Giuseppe Ruocco

Staff of the European Food Safety Authority	
Bernhard Url (Executive Director)	Barbara Gallani
Gian Luca Bonduri	Marta Hugas
Guilhem de Seze	Juliane Kleiner
Peter De Pauw	Alberto Spagnolli
Dirk Detken	Hans Verhagen
Paul Devalier (for item no. 11)	Selomey Yamadjako

Also attending:

Simon More, Chair of the EFSA's Scientific Committee

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SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

The Board **adopted**:

- The Programming Documents covering the period 2019-2022. In particular, these include the “Final programming document 2019-2021”, the “Budget 2019” and the “Draft programming document 2020-2022”.
- The Implementing Rules of the Staff Regulations concerning “Working time” and “Learning and development”.
- The amendment (five new entries) to the Art. 36 list of competent organisations designated by Member States which may assist EFSA within its mission.

In addition, the Board **noted**:

- EFSA’s Performance Report, which provided information on the implementation of the Single Programming Document 2018-2020 reporting on the activities and the outcome achieved until October 2018.
- The update from the Scientific Committee, provided by its Chair Prof. Simon More.
- The presentation on EFSA’s risk communications tools and approaches.
- An update on the evolution of the EFSA Journal.
- An update on EFSA’s business transformation and technology.
- The feedback from the Chair of the Audit Committee.

Item 1: Opening of the meeting

1. The Chair opened the 79th Management Board meeting by welcoming the Board members, Executive Director (ED), EFSA staff members and the observer present. In particular, she welcomed Sabine Jülicher, who participated in the Board meeting for the first time. Apologies were received from Geronimo Brănescu and Giuseppe Ruocco.
2. The Chair informed the audience that, in private session on the previous day, the Management Board unanimously voted in favour of the re-appointment of Dr Bernhard Url as Executive Director of EFSA for an additional five-year term, counting from the 1st of June 2019. Dr Url expressed his gratefulness to the Board for their support and said that he will be honoured to continue serving as EFSA's Executive Director in the years to come.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda

3. The Chair asked the Board if they wished to add any items to the agenda. The agenda was adopted with the addition of the following items under Any Other Business: (1) Update from the European Commission on the legislative process on the revision of Regulation (EC) no. 178/2002; (2) Feedback from the Chair on her participation at the EFSA Stakeholder Bureau and Stakeholder Forum meetings; (3) Feedback from Aivars Bērziņš on his participation in the EFSA workshop with Neighbourhood Countries. The audio-file on this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).

Item 3: Board members' Annual and Oral Declaration of Interests

4. Pursuant to Article 13 of the Management Board Rules of Procedure adopted on 27 June 2013, the Board took note of the Executive Director's assessment of the Declarations of Interests submitted by three of its members and confirmed it.
5. The Chair invited the Board members to declare possible interests in addition to those already declared in their Annual Declaration of Interests.
6. Aivars Bērziņš declared that as of January 2019, the Latvian Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment (BIOR) will be benefiting from a grant of the Latvian Council of Science. In addition, he informed the fellow Board members that BIOR is partner in a consortium that was recently awarded with an EFSA grant (GP/EFSA/ENCO/2018/03).
7. András Székács declared that in 2019 he might entertain working relations with the Budapest University of Technology and Economics. Since this organisation is proposed for inclusion in the list of Art. 36 organisations, when addressing the agenda item no. 9 (see below) he will abstain from voting on this specific organisation.
8. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).

Item 4: EFSA performance report

9. Bernhard Url (Executive Director) introduced to the Board the performance report covering the period from the 1st of January to the 31st of October, 2018. The document included information in all aspects of the EFSA performance measured during the reporting period against the annual and multiannual work programmes as presented in the Single Programming Document 2018-2020. Selomey Yamadjako (Business Services Department) brought to the Board's attention data on the management and consumption of resources, highlighting that EFSA remains committed to achieve the annual targets. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description.

10. The Board welcomed the revised and simplified presentation structure of EFSA's performance report and asked the Executive Director to convey their gratitude to the EFSA's staff and experts for the results achieved in the reporting period. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).

Item 5: Update from the Scientific Committee

11. The Management Board noted the update from the Scientific Committee, provided by its Chair, Prof. Simon More, who presented the Scientific Committee's objectives and work-plan. In particular, he presented the work in the areas of bee health, chemical mixtures and scientific uncertainty. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at this [link](#).

Item 6: Programming documents 2019-2022

12. Following the introduction provided by the Executive Director and Selomey Yamadjako (Business Services) the Management Board adopted the EFSA Programming Document 2019-2021, the Budget 2019 and the Draft Programming Document 2020-2022. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description.
13. The Board acknowledged the challenges that EFSA is called to address in the coming future, in particular with regards to the on-going legislative procedure for the revision of EFSA's Founding Regulation. In January 2019, the programming documents will be notified to the competent EU institutions and made available online. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at this [link](#).

Item 7: Risk communication: tools and approaches

14. The Board noted the presentation of Barbara Gallani (Communication, Engagement & Cooperation) on EFSA's risk communications tools and approaches, which included an overview of the legal and strategic framework, the evolution of EFSA's website, as well as the processes for content development and dissemination. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).

Item 8: EFSA Journal

15. The Board noted the presentation of Barbara Gallani on the evolution of the EFSA Journal, including the upward trend of downloads and citations. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).

Item 9: Amendments to Art. 36 list

16. The Board adopted the amendments (five new entries) to the [Art. 36 list](#) of competent organisations designated by Member States which may assist EFSA within its mission.
17. Following the oral declaration of interest provided at the opening of the meeting (see item no. 3 above), András Székács abstained from voting on the inclusion of the Budapest University of Technology and Economics in the list of Art. 36

organisations. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at this [link](#).

Item 10: Implementing Rules of Staff Regulations

18. Following the presentation provided by Dirk Detken (Legal & Assurance Services), the Management Board adopted the decisions for the application at EFSA of two Implementing Rules to the Staff Regulations related to "Working time" and "Learning and development". A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).

Item 11: Update on business transformation and technology

19. The Management Board noted the update provided by Paul Devalier (Digital Transformation Services) on EFSA's business transformation and technology. The Board congratulated EFSA for the results achieved and encouraged further implementation of the IT strategy in line with EFSA's multiannual plan. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at this [link](#).

Item 12: Feedback from the Audit Committee

20. The Chair of the Audit Committee updated the Management Board on the outcome of the meeting held on 11 December 2018. Among others, he reported on the session held on EFSA's accountability framework, on the implementation of audit observations and on EFSA's activities in the area of IT development. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at this [link](#).

Item 13: Any other business

21. With regard to the on-going legislative procedure for the revision of the General Food Law, Sabine Jülicher (European Commission, DG SANTE) updated the meeting on the latest developments. She said that the trilogue between the EU Parliament, the Council and the Commission was planned to start shortly with a view to be possibly finalised by the end of January or early February 2019.
22. The Chair provided the audience with a feedback on her participation at the EFSA's Stakeholder Bureau and Stakeholder Forum meetings, which were held on 17 October and 20 November 2018 respectively.
23. As well, Aivars Bērziņš provided the fellow Board members with a feedback on his participation in the EFSA workshop with Neighbourhood Countries, which took place on 7-9 November 2018.
24. The audio-file on the presentations and discussions around the topics under this agenda item is available online at this [link](#).

Summary of actions

Action reference	Action	Deadline	Status
December 12, 2018 - 1	EFSA to notify its programming documents and budget to the competent EU bodies and made them available online.	31 st January 2019	DONE