



**80<sup>th</sup> Advisory Forum meeting**  
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## Update on the sharing of data on chemical contaminants

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- Since 2019, chemical monitoring data (i.e. pesticides, VMPR) has been systematically published on [Zenodo](#) following the publication of annual European summary reports
- Since 2020, chemical monitoring data (i.e. contaminants) has been published on Zenodo following publication of scientific opinions and ad hoc reports
- **76th AF meeting**: discussion, raised by DK, on the coverage and rate of publication of contaminant data on Zenodo: ➔ too low and slow compared to VMPR and pesticides data

- 3rd Scientific Network on Chemical Monitoring Data Collection:
  - Proposal to proactively publish contaminant occurrence data on Zenodo annually after they have been accepted in EFSA's scientific data warehouse
    - Data fields deemed confidential/sensitive are protected as previously agreed by MSs following a consultation preceding the publication of a report on publication of scientific data from EU Co-ordinated monitoring programmes and surveys
  - Followed up by written consultation to network members with extension; non-response considered agreement

- *Six MSs responded with agreement [CZ, DE, Lux, ES, SW, DK]*
- *Four MSs agreed in principle with some caveats or (clarification) requests [BE, EL, PL, SK]*
- *One clarification request (IT)*
- *The remaining MSs did not respond*

- *EFSA will proceed with proactive publication of contaminant data (masking confidential and sensitive fields) submitted to EFSA during the 2020 data collection, in June.*
- *From 2022 onwards, contaminant data submitted to EFSA in previous year will be proactively published in March after they have been accepted in the scientific data warehouse.*



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