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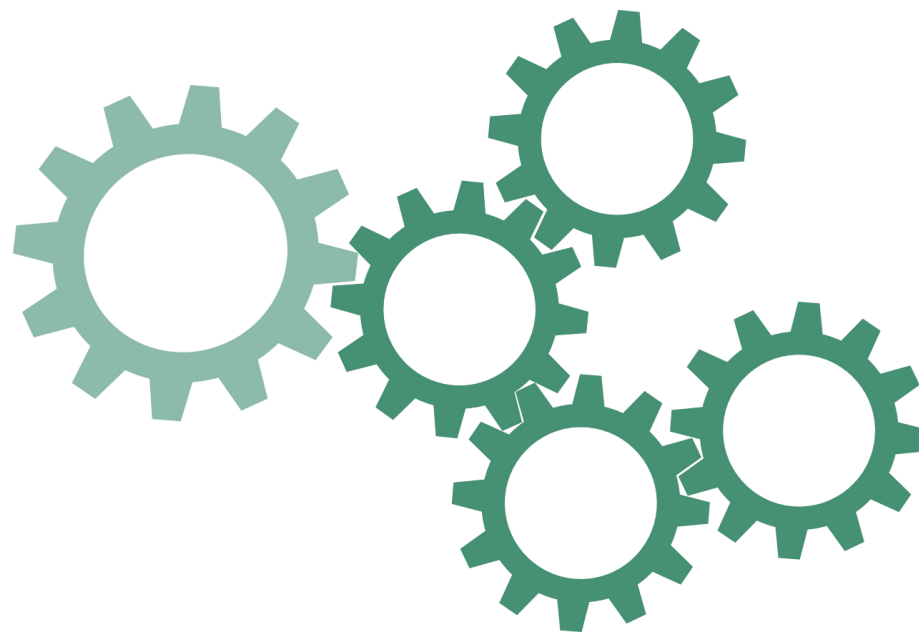
Decision of the Management Board on Networks

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Modifications



The Role of the Advisory Forum

- The key role of the Advisory Forum in the selection of the member organisations, network participants and alternate participants for each network remains unchanged.



Formal Designation of Member Organisations

- In order to provide greater legal certainty, the possibility for the Advisory Forum to decide not to formally designate any member organisations is conveyed in a more express manner.

- To resolve the complexities surrounding the issue of MS representation, MS network representatives and alternate representatives are now referred to as network participants and alternate participants.
- Similarly, the direct reference to such individuals representing the MS is removed and the notion of a MS perspective is no longer present.

- New networks must be adopted by the MB.
- MB will also receive regular activity reports on the work of each network.
- On the basis of individual network evaluation reports to be provided by EFSA at least every three years, the MB shall decide whether each network shall be continued or discontinued.

- The importance of the Focal Points is emphasised and collaboration between the network participants and their national Focal Points is stated explicitly.

- The explicit possibility for other EU Agencies to participate as appropriate in the work of EFSA networks is introduced.



- The member organisation, the relevant Focal Point and the EFSA unit responsible for the management of a particular network shall be jointly responsible for arranging the replacement of network participants or alternate participants where necessary.



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