Note for the users

This user guide has been updated on 26 June 2024 to take into account the latest system enhancements.

• The layout and look & feel of the Connect.EFSA portal has been aligned with the other EFSA portals and websites, such as OpenEFSA and the EFSA website. Users find new colours and menus, redesigned sections and improved access to useful resources, frequently asked questions and to the Ask a question service.

• Business operators and their third parties/consultants registered in Connect.EFSA find pre-application IDs and the notification of studies database in a new pre-submission activities main page, accessible simply by logging in. The new pre-submission activities main page is also available from any point of the Connect.EFSA by browsing to the top menu bar and selecting “More”.

• The pre-submission activities page has been enriched with help texts. Users are therefore guided to the correct section in case they need to create a new pre-application ID, manage existing ones or access the notification of studies database.

Some editorial changes have been introduced to further clarify the existing content.
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**Pre-submission activities**

- ✓ General pre-submission advice, Article 32a(1) of the GFL
- ✓ Notification of studies commissioned or carried out to support an application, Article 32b of the GFL
- ✓ Notification of intended studies for renewal application and renewal pre-submission advice, Article 32c(1) of the GFL

After registration and prior to initiating any pre-submission activity, a potential applicant must create a pre-application ID, which links all pre-submission activities undertaken by a potential applicant to support a future application related to a specific regulated product in a given regulated product area.
1. Actors of the Process

The process for managing the pre-application ID might involve up to two types of actors:

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For ease of reference through this guide, the two roles are visualised by the respective **colour stripe** on the left-hand side of slides.
1. Actors of the Process

**Business operators**: these users create and manage their pre-application IDs in Connect.EFSA.

**Third parties/consultants**: these users operate on behalf of business operators when authorised to represent one or more entities, shall also register-in (see the section on [Account Relationship](#)). They can create and manage pre-application IDs in Connect.EFSA.
1.1 Account qualification

This guide applies to users qualified as applicant, i.e. organisations such as business operators. They act as potential applicant conducting pre-submission activities linked to a future application for a regulated product in a specific regulated area.

These organisations can create pre-application IDs.

The same qualification is assigned to consultants working on behalf of business operators.
1.2 Pre-application ID activities

- **Business operators**
  - Potential applicants
  - Create and manage pre-application IDs

- **Third parties/Consultants**
  - Can be authorised to manage pre-application IDs

- Add/create/delete study records
- Add/create/delete component
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Create and submit a list of intended studies for renewal

Pre-submission advice for renewal

Pre-submission advice on renewal is triggered and strictly linked with the submission of the List of Intended Studies for renewal

Performs the administrative check on the list of intended studies for renewal

Administrative check completed

10 working days

Public consultation

3 calendar weeks

30 working days from the closure of the public consultation

10 working days
Accessing Connect.EFSA
2. Access the Connect.EFSA portal

**Business operators** and their **third parties/consultants** before starting to conduct pre-submission activities should [self-register an account](#) on behalf of their organisation by following the instructions available in the [Connect.EFSA registration user manual](#) and identifiable by a **pink banner** on the left-hand side of the slides.

**Registered users from business operator** and/or **third party/consultant** organisations can access Connect.EFSA portal from their `trusted` devices via the following link: [https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM](https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM)
2.1 Accessing pre-submission activities

From the home page of Connect.EFSA users can access the **pre-submission activities page** in two ways:
1. before logging in, by clicking on ‘More’ and then selecting ‘Pre-submission activities’
2. after logging in
2.2 The pre-submission activities main page

Quick buttons to create a new pre-application ID or access the report section.

This page contains help texts and useful links to guide the user across the available functionalities.
Pre-application ID
3. Create a pre-application ID

The user can create a new pre-application ID already from the main page of the pre-submission activities section by using the quick button “New pre-application ID”. Alternatively, the user navigates the pre-application IDs page and clicks on the “New pre-application ID” button.
3.1 Create a pre-application ID

To create a new pre-application ID the user selects the New pre-Application ID button.

From every page, users can identify where they are within the portal through this bar.

Use this dropdown menu to filter the results of a search.
3.1 Create a pre-application ID

Step 1 – The user indicates the information required to create a new pre-application ID, such as the business operator name and the subject of the application.

The user can fill this field with:
• Its own organisation name (business operators)
• The name of the business operator for which the third party/consultant is creating the pre-application ID “On behalf of”.

* this sign means that the field is mandatory
• this icon displays the help text for that field.
3.1 Create a pre-application ID

If a business operator or a third party/consultant tries to create a pre-application ID for another organisation, the system returns the following error message, unless a relationship between the two organisations has been previously established.

Look at the Account Relationship section to understand how to establish a relationship “On behalf of” and enable an organisation to work on behalf of the user’s organisation.
3.1 Create a pre-application ID

**Step 2** - With a given combination of **Food Domain** and **Application Type**, the user can create a pre-application ID to link all pre-submission activities supporting a new application or a renewal application.

Once all the required fields are filled in, the user selects the **Save** button to proceed.
3.1.1 Pre-application ID - Applications

In this case, the user creates a pre-application ID to link pre-submission activities supporting an application.

Once all the required fields are filled in, the user selects the Save button to proceed.
3.1.1 Pre-application ID - Applications

Use these buttons to create a new draft study or add a notified study, request a GPSA or delete the pre-application ID.

Values in these fields can be modified only when there are no submitted objects associated to the pre-application ID.

Use the Add Component button to add/create one or more components and link them to the pre-application ID.

This section lists all the associated objects and the sharing relationships.
3.1.2 Pre-application ID - Renewal applications

In this case, the user creates a pre-application ID to link pre-submission activities supporting a renewal application.

The system allows the creation and submission of a list of intended studies.

Suggested video tutorial: pre-application ID and list of intended studies.

Once all the required fields are filled in, the user selects the Confirm button to proceed.
3.1.2 Pre-application ID - Renewal applications

Under each tab the user can see different information regarding the pre-application ID.

Use these buttons to create a new draft study or add a notified study, request a GPSA, create and submit a list of intended studies or delete the pre-application ID.

Values in these fields can be modified only when there are not submitted objects associated to the pre-application ID.

Use the Add Component button to add/create one or more components and link them to the pre-application ID.

This section lists all the associated objects and the sharing relationships.
The user must indicate the business operator carrying out or commissioning the study. By default, it is the same user organisation as indicated in the pre-application ID. When creating the notification (and only at that stage), it is possible to edit the “Business Operator” field and indicate the actual business operator for that specific study notification. To do so, this entity should establish a relationship “on behalf of” with the third party/consultant (see Create an account relationship).

The user can also indicate the laboratory commissioned to conduct the study. This information can be revised also at a later stage.
3.3 Add a study to the pre-application ID

Click on **Add Studies** and use the search bar to find a study record. It is possible to select one or more study records the user would like to add to the pre-application ID. To continue click on **Next**.

Only notified and co-notified studies can be added to the pre-application ID.

Added studies appear in the **Study Notification** section available in the page of the pre-application ID.
3.4 Create a list of intended studies for renewal

From the page of a **pre-application ID supporting a renewal application** the user can **create a new list of intended studies** by clicking on **New List**.

If the selected Food Domain is Feed Additives the message below is shown (it is only a warning message that does not block the process). For all the other Food Domains, a simple alert appears.

In both cases click **Next**, then **Go to List** to proceed.
3.4 Create a list of intended studies for renewal

Upon creation, the status of the list of intended studies is set as Draft.

In this box, the actions available to the user on the list of intended studies are described.

Under each tab the user can see different information regarding the list of intended studies.

Here the user finds the objects associated to the list of intended studies.
3.4.1 Create an intended study

Users can create **new intended studies** that will be part of the list according to the provisions of Article 32c(1) of the General Food Law and Article 12 of the [EFSA Practical Arrangements on pre-submission phase and public consultations](#).

The New Intended Study form must be completed indicating all the mandatory information. Then the user clicks **Next**.

If needed, it is possible to **edit** the information of the new intended study in a second moment before the submission of the list.

Suggested read: [Question and Answer on the EFSA Practical arrangements](#), section Intended applications for renewal.

Upon creation, the intended study is shown in the **Intended Studies section** of the list. Click on the study title to access it.
3.4.1 Create an intended study

The form for the intended study allows to indicate a study title up to 300 characters long and to search more easily among values of Study Type and Study Guidelines and select the most relevant.

This field can be used to search and select a specific Study Type or Guideline. Click on the below message “Show All Results for…” to see the search results. Type “All” and press Enter to see the full list.

Up to 300 characters long.
3.4.1 Create an intended study

In the intended study page, the user can revise the information provided and perform further actions on the intended study record.

Intended studies can be edited or deleted only if the status of the list of intended studies is equal to “Draft” or “Clarification Needed”.

Intended studies can be converted into notifiable draft studies (for notifications according to Article 32b of the General Food Law) only if the status of the list of intended studies is “Draft”, “Clarification Needed” or “Closed”.
3.4.2 Convert single intended studies

Single intended studies that are going to be commissioned can be converted into notifiable draft studies (for notifications according to Article 32b of the General Food Law) only when the status of the list is “Draft”, “Clarification Needed” or “Closed”.

The user clicks Convert from the intended study record page. If the status of the list is “Draft” or “Clarification Needed”, a warning message appears, clarifying that the converted notifiable study will not be subject to public consultation (as such, study can no longer be considered as ‘intended’).

If the user decides to convert an intended study when the status of the list is “Closed” the original copy of the intended study will remain in the Intended Studies section of the list as record history and marked as converted.
3.4.2 Convert single intended studies

Following the conversion, an intended study is transformed into a draft notifiable study (for notifications according to Article 32b of the General Food Law). The draft study record is moved into the “Study Notification” section of the related pre-application ID. The user can access the draft study and edit it before the notification.
3.4.3 Submit a list of intended studies

When the list of intended studies is ready, the user can submit it by using the function button **Submit List** and then **Next**.
3.4.3.1 Submit a list of intended studies - Pesticides

When the pre-application ID for the renewal is related to the Food Domain **Pesticides (AIR)**, the user **must** select the **Member State Country** corresponding to the relevant Competent Authority in the rapporteur Member State/Co-rapporteur Member State for that renewal application.

The user can at this stage select the Country of any additional Member State (e.g. the co-RMS).
3.4.3.2 Submit a list of intended studies - GMO Directive 2001/18/EC

When the pre-application ID for the renewal is related to GMO Directive 2001/18/EC, the user is asked to select the Member State Country corresponding to the relevant Competent Authority in the Member State for that renewal notification.

If the Member State is not known, the user can tick the box ‘Proceed without adding Member State’. Further information might be requested by EFSA during the Administrative Check.

Suggested read: Commission Notice on the submission of notifications under Articles 13 and 17 of Directive 2001/18/EC
3.4.3 Submit a list of intended studies

Upon the submission of the list of intended studies its status turns into **Submitted**.

Upon submission and after each step, the record information reported in the **Details tab** is automatically updated.

In the **Details tab** the user finds also the selected Member State(s) information, if required by the type of application for renewal.
3.4.4 List of intended studies - Clarification Needed

During the administrative check performed by EFSA, there might be the need for clarification on the information submitted with the list. EFSA will set the status of the list to **Clarification Needed**.

To reply to the clarification request, users can **edit** the pre-application ID and the list record. It is also possible to **add, delete or convert** intended studies into notifiable draft studies by using the specific buttons.


Under the Details tab of the list the user finds the section EFSA comments containing the request(s) of clarification. A reply can be submitted by the user using the Note section.

After the required amendments have been done and the list is ready, the user must Submit the list again.

The status turns again into Submitted.
3.4.5 List of intended studies – Administrative Check Completed and Public Consultation

When EFSA has completed the administrative check, the status turns into **Administrative Check Completed.**

The day the public consultation is **planned** by EFSA, the status of the list turns into **Undergoing Public Consultation** and the user can access the public record of the public consultation from a dedicated section in the list page.
3.4.6 List of intended studies – In Progress

After the end of the public consultation the status of the list turns into In Progress. This means that EFSA is considering the comments received during the public consultation and will provide the user with the renewal pre-submission advice in 30 working days.

Note: when the status of the List is “Submitted”, “Administrative Check Completed”, “Undergoing Public Consultation” or “In Progress” it is not possible to perform further actions on the List. However, it is always possible to create and notify studies or add already notified studies by using the function buttons (i.e. New Study, Add studies) in the related pre-application ID page.
3.4.7 List of intended studies – Closed

When the renewal pre-submission advice is sent to the potential applicant, the status of the list turns into Closed.

When the renewal pre-submission advice process is concluded, the user can access the advice and its summary by clicking on the request number in the Pre-Submission Advice on Renewal section.
3.5 Renewal pre-submission advice and summary of the advice

The advice and its summary can be found in the **PSA Submission Outcome** section.
3.6 Mass conversion of intended studies

Intended studies that are going to be commissioned can be converted into draft notifiable studies (for notifications according to Article 32b of the General Food Law) when the status of the list is “Draft”, “Clarification Needed” and “Closed”. Users can use the Mass Conversion button from the List tab to select which studies need to be converted. The same rules of the conversion of single intended studies apply.

The user clicks on Mass Conversion and a dedicated selection window appears.

Select the intended studies by ticking the boxes and then click on Convert to continue.
3.6 Mass conversion of intended studies

Once the users clicks on **Convert**, a message appears.

Click again on **Convert** to continue or **Cancel** to go back.

Converted studies (in draft) can be found in the **Study Notification** section of the pre-application ID page. Click on **View All** for a complete view.
3.7 Delete a pre-application ID

Users can delete a pre-application ID only when there are no records associated, such as notified studies, list of intended studies or general pre-submission advice.

If the above conditions are not fulfilled, the system will return an error message.

In the pre-application ID page, click on the function button Delete.

Users must click on Next to confirm the deletion.
3.7.1 Delete a pre-application ID and/or remove relationships and draft objects

If a pre-application ID is associated with **draft objects**, such as **studies** or **general pre-submission advice** request(s), the user must first remove all the associations to be able to delete the pre-application ID record.

Select **Delete** to remove the draft study from the pre-application ID. This action will not delete the study itself. **Notified and co-notified studies cannot be removed.**

Click on the list name to open the list of intended studies page. **Only empty list of intended studies can be deleted.** Intended studies associated with the list can be deleted only when the status corresponds to “Draft” or “Clarification Needed”.

Select **Delete** to remove the draft general pre-submission advice. Submitted general pre-submission advice will prevent deletion of the pre-application ID.

Select **Delete** to remove the relationship(s). If there are submitted records associated to the pre-application ID, “**Shared with**” relationship cannot be removed. “On behalf of” relationships can be always removed.
Components
3.8 Add a component

Component(s) can be added to a pre-application ID to give more information about the subject of the application.

The user clicks on the “Add Component” button right-hand side of the pre-application ID page.

It is possible to search for existing components in the EFSA catalogue (PARAM). The search includes also the components already created by the user. See “View Component” section for details.

Type at least three letters of the component name to find all the related results. To expand the search results, click on “Show All Results for …”.

Select one of the results and click on Next to continue. The added component appears in the related list Subject of the application: Components in the pre-application ID page.
3.8.1 Create a new component

If a component is not retrievable using the search function, the user checks the box “Create New Component” in the “Add Component” pop-up window.

Fill in the “Component Details” form with the corresponding information. The fields “Type of Term” and “Name” are mandatory. More details on the information required by a certain field are showed by passing over the icons. Click Next to continue.

The newly created component appears in the related list Subject of the application: Components in the pre-application ID page.
3.8.2 Related list “Subject of the Application: Components”

Users find the components associated to a pre-application ID in the related list **“Subject of the Application: Components”**. For easier identification of the listed components, additional fields (e.g. Name, Type of Term, Origin) are available.

Click on the name of the component to open the corresponding [details page](#).

Click on pointing down arrow to Edit or [Delete](#) the component from the list.

The related list shows a limited number of entries, users can click on “View All” to expand the related list box and view all the associated components.
3.8.3 Note field and Other Components

The “Other Components” field was discontinued, the data previously contained, if any, is now available in the “Note” field. Users can modify such data or decide to create a component to be linked to the pre-application ID.

![Image of web interface showing pre-application ID and note field]

This field can be used to indicate any additional information you may want to include in the pre-application ID. Previously recorded information from the “Other Components” field, which has been discontinued, is displayed here as well.

Note:
Note:
Other components...
3.8.4 Delete link to components

The user can **always** remove Components from the pre-application ID. By performing this action, the user will delete only the link between the pre-application ID and the Component, **not the Component itself**.

As a result, **the Component is removed from the related list “Subject of the Application: Components” on the pre-application ID page.**
3.8.5 View Components

All Components created by the user are listed under the tab “**Components**” in the pre-application ID main page, and in the “My profile” page under “your organization information” section.
3.8.6 Component details page

The detail page of the component appears as in the image below. Information on the component can be added/modified directly from this page only for components created by the user.

**Related lists of the component page:** inform the user about the history of the component record (e.g. creation, editing actions), and whether the component is associated to a pre-application ID or other study notifications.
3.8.7 Delete Components

From the detail page My Components the user can delete a component record by using the **Delete** function button.

![Delete Component dialog](image)

This **error message** appears if the component is used in any other record (i.e. Pre-Application IDs, Studies records).

To delete the component, the user must firstly **remove all the existing links** with the other records as explained in the previous slides.
Account relationships and sharing functions
3.9 Account relationship(s)

When a business operator wants to commission a third-party/consultant to work on its behalf, a relationship “on behalf of” must be established at the account level from the My profile page under “Your organization information” section.

User can click on the button Manage Relationship to create, modify or delete a relationship with an organisation that works on its behalf.

Under Related tab, the user can find the lists showing existing relationships.

Account To: list of organisations working on behalf of the user.
Account From: list of organisations the user is working on behalf of.
3.9.1 Create an account relationship

Select Next to continue with the guided procedure. The system will give the user the possibility to select an optional feature, see next slide.

The user selects the Country and then organisation to be added as consultant.
3.9.1 Create an account relationship

**OPTIONAL FEATURE** - During the creation of an account relationship, business operators and laboratories can agree on enabling a selected third party/consultant to act as Notifier and Co-notifier, at the same time, of one or more studies. It is possible to modify this choice at any time (see [Modify account relationship(s)](#) to know more details).

Check the box to enable the third party/consultant to perform this action or continue without checking the box. **Click Next** to complete the procedure.

**Note:** a practical example of how this feature works is given in the next slide.
### 3.9.1 Create an account relationship

**Actors of the process:**
- A business operator, e.g. “Business Operator”
- A laboratory, e.g. “Laboratory”
- A third party/consultant, e.g. “Consultant”

**Scenario:** “Business Operator” commissions a study to “Laboratory”. The two parties decide to delegate to “Consultant” part or the entire process of notification of studies.

**How it works:**
1. “Business Operator” and “Laboratory” create an account relationship with “Consultant”, and both enable this organisation to act as notifier and co-notifier.
2. “Consultant” creates and notifies a new study record on behalf of “Business Operator”.
3. “Consultant” co-notifies the study on behalf of “Laboratory”.

The process works also if “Laboratory” starts the notification process.
3.9.2 Manage account relationship(s)

Created relationship will appear in the related list Account Relationships: Account To as shown below.

Once relationship has been established at the account level:

1. The business operator can share single records with its third party/consultant (to know more see Share pre-application ID “On behalf of”)

2. The third party/consultant can create pre-application IDs and perform all associated actions for the business operator.
3.9.2 Manage account relationship(s)

If the organisation that the user wants to create a relationship with is not registered in the system, it is possible to send an invitation to register by following these steps.

**Manage Relationship**

Please choose ONE of the below organisations, or register a new one.

Choose an organisation to create a new relationship.

*Can't find the organisation you're looking for?*

If the organisation you'd like to select does not appear above, they are not registered in the portal. Please check the box below to invite them to the portal.

- [ ] I would like to send them an invitation to register for EFSA's portal.

**Manage Relationship**

Please enter a name and an email address for the organisation you'd like to register in the portal. They will subsequently receive an email notification with a registration link.

**Fill in the fields**

- [ ] First Name: John Smith
- [ ] Email: you@example.com

**Manage Relationship**

*Success! You have sent the organisation an invitation to register for EFSA's portal.*

**IMPORTANT:** Please note that the relationship to your organisation will NOT be automatically created when it has registered. Instead, you will need to manually add this relationship via the **Manage Relationship** button (the third party will be available in the list of organisations after they have registered).

Please note that the relationship with this organisation is not automatically created upon its registration. The user needs to create the relationship once the organisation is registered.
3.9.3 Modify an account relationship

Business operators and Laboratories can modify the option that enables a selected third party/consultant to act as Notifier and Co-notifier at any time.

- **Manage Relationship**

You can either establish a new relationship (or invite a third party to register in the portal), or update or delete a relationship that you have previously established.

Please choose only one of the following options.

- [ ] Create a new account relationship
- [ ] Modify an existing account relationship
- [ ] Delete an existing account relationship

Select the third party organisation name and click on Next.

It is possible to grant or revoke this permission by checking or unchecking this box. Click on Next to continue.
3.9.4 Delete an account relationship

To delete an existing relationship with an organisation, follow these steps.

1. Select the relationship to delete and click Next.

2. If no account relationships appear, you have not created any account relationships yet.

3. If you have established existing relationships:
   - Check only one of the following options:
     - Create a new account relationship
     - Modify an existing account relationship
     - Delete an existing account relationship

4. You have successfully deleted the relationship.

   This organisation has been notified by email.

   Click on Finish and refresh the page to return to your company details and view your changes.
3.10 Share a pre-application ID

**Business operators** or **third parties/consultants** can share pre-application ID(s) with other organisations using the button “Share With”. The pre-application ID(s) can be shared in two different ways:

- **Relationship type:** “On behalf of”. With the sharing type “On behalf of” users can decide to share with **third parties/consultants** only the pre-application ID or the pre-application ID along with some/all the study records already linked to it. In order to be able to perform this type of sharing, the user must establish an **account relationship** with this organisation beforehand (see [Account Relationship](#)).

- **Relationship type:** “Shared with”. In this case the user involves another organisation in the pre-submission activities and provides **read-only access** to the shared pre-application ID. No previous actions are required to perform this sharing.

![Click here to see more function buttons](image)
3.10.1a Share a pre-application ID “On behalf of” — *without studies*

To share only the pre-application ID (without any of the linked studies), the user chooses the sharing type “On behalf of” and the name of the **third party/consultant**, then checks the box corresponding to “I want to share only the pre-application ID”.

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The **third party/consultant** is added to the related list “Share With” in the pre-application ID page.
3.10.1b Share a pre-application ID “On behalf of” – with studies

To share both pre-application ID and also some/all the studies already linked to it, the user chooses the sharing type “On behalf of” and the name of the third party/consultant, as showed in the previous slide, then checks the box corresponding to “I want to share this pre-application ID and some of the studies linked to it”.

The system displays only the studies that have not been shared yet with the selected third party/consultant.

The third party/consultant is added to the related list “Share With” in the pre-application ID page.

Note: The user cannot repeat the sharing procedure by selecting the same third party/consultant to share additional studies.

If any study was selected by mistake, click on Previous to edit the selection.
3.10.1 Share a pre-application ID “On behalf of”

If the account relationship with the third party/consultant has not been established beforehand, the system returns an error message when the user tries to share a record with the relationship type “On behalf of”.

You cannot do the sharing ‘on behalf of’ with this organisation, because you did not establish a relationship with it.

Please, either select:
- relationship type ‘Shared With’ (in this way the organisation selected will be able to only view, but not edit the record), or
- Enable a relationship with a third party. To do so click on My profile in the navigation menu, click the button Manage Relationship and follow the instruction.
3.10.1 Share a pre-application ID “On behalf of”

Actions allowed to business operator or a third party/consultant for a pre-application ID shared using the relationship type “On behalf of”:

1. View and edit the pre-application ID information*
2. Create new studies or add already existing studies to the pre-application ID
3. View and edit the studies that have been shared with the pre-application ID**
4. Create, edit and submit a list of intended studies (for renewals only)
5. Manage the intended studies associated to a list (for renewals only)
6. View and add components
7. Share the pre-application ID with other business operators

*if the pre-application ID contains already a list of intended studies, this will also be shared and editable by the consultant who will be able to submit it as well.

**studies previously created/added need to be shared following the procedure described in Section 3.10.1b.
3.10.2 Share a pre-application ID “Shared with”

The user chooses the relationship type “Shared with” to enable another organisation to only view the pre-application ID.

The organisation is added to the related list Share With, in the pre-application ID page.

The user searches and selects the organisation name to share the pre-application ID with and clicks Next.
3.10.2 Share a pre-application ID “Shared with”

Actions allowed to business operator or a third party/consultant for a pre-application ID shared using the relationship type “Shared with”:

1. See the pre-application ID information
2. View the list of intended studies and all the information contained in its page (renewals only)
3. View components added to the pre-application ID
4. View only studies created/added after the record was shared*

*studies previously created/added need to be shared one by one.
General pre-submission advice
3.11 General pre-submission advice (GPSA)

Users can request a general pre-submission advice from the pre-application ID by using the dedicated button **Ask GPSA, at any moment** prior the submission of the application. **This action is the same for new and renewal applications.**

The user can access the GPSA request(s) at any time from the dedicated section in the pre-application ID page.

Suggested tutorial: [How to request a GPSA in three simple steps](#)
3.11.1 Request a GPSA

The GPSA request will appear and be accessible from the related list **pre-submission advice** on the pre-application ID.

Fill in the information and click **Next** to create the GPSA request in draft status.
3.11.1 Request a GPSA

Use these function buttons to perform actions on the record.

The status bar shows the record progress. When the status is Draft the user can still edit the record.

This section shows additional information on the GPSA request.
3.11.1 Request a GPSA

Under the **Detail tab** the user can find the details of the record divided into sections.

The following fields are automatically copied from the pre-application ID information:
- Food Domain
- Authorisation Type
- Application Type
- Test Item

These fields cannot be edited.

Under the **History tab** the user can see the changes made to the record on *Request History* and the past activities in *Activity History* (such as meetings).
3.11.2 Deletion of a request for GPSA

It is possible to delete the GPSA request only when its status is equal to Draft, otherwise an error message will appear.

The user is redirected to the pre-application ID page.
3.11.3 Submission of a request for GPSA

When the information required by the GPSA form are complete the user clicks **Submit** and follows the procedure.

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The status of the GPSA changes to **Submitted**

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To submit this general pre-submission advice to EFSA, please click on **Next**.

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You have successfully submitted your general pre-submission advice request to EFSA.

Click on **Next** to return to the page of your request.

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The status of the GPSA changes to **Submitted**
3.11.4 Submission of a request for GPSA – Pesticides

When submitting a GPSA requests linked to future applications with Food Domain: Pesticides Peer Review (NAS), Pesticides MRL, Pesticides Peer Review (AIR) and Pesticides Peer Review - Other Areas, the user is requested to indicate the country of the Rapporteur Member State (RMS) and the Co-Rapporteur Member State (Co-RMS).

Note: more details on the submission workflow of a GPSA request for each Pesticides Food Domain are presented in the next slides.
3.11.4.1 Submission of a request for GPSA – Pesticides Peer Review (NAS) & Other Areas

In case of Pesticides Peer Review (NAS) & Pesticides Peer Review Other Areas the user must indicate the RMS and where relevant the Co-RMS. If not known yet, the user can tick the box ‘Proceed without adding Member State’.

Check the box “Add Another Member State” to add the Co-RMS, if relevant.

The RMS and Co-RMS Countries and the corresponding Competent Authorities are showed in the Request Team section of the GPSA page.

Suggested reads: Article 10(3) of the EFSA Practical Arrangements on pre-submission phase and public consultations. Questions 20.B of the EFSA Q&A on Practical Arrangements.
3.11.4.2 Submission of a request for GPSA – Pesticides MRL

In case of Pesticides MRL, the user must indicate the evaluating Member State (EMS). If not known yet, the user can tick the box ‘Proceed without adding Member State’. For Pesticide MRL applications on import tolerance, the information on RMS and Co-RMS is mandatory, therefore the box must not be ticked.

Suggested reads: Article 10(3) of the EFSA Practical Arrangements on pre-submission phase and public consultations Questions 20.B of the EFSA Q&A on Practical Arrangements.

The EMS Country (or, for import tolerance, the RMS and the Co-RMS Countries ) and the corresponding Competent Authority are showed in the Request Team section of the GPSA page.
3.11.4.3 Submission of a request for GPSA – Pesticides Peer Review (AIR)

In case of Pesticides Peer Review (AIR), the information on RMS and co-RMS is mandatory.

Suggested reads: Article 10(3) of the EFSA Practical Arrangements on pre-submission phase and public consultations. Questions 20.B of the EFSA Q&A on Practical Arrangements.

The RMS and Co-RMS Countries and the corresponding Competent Authorities are showed in the Request Team section of the GPSA page.

Check the box “Add Another Member State” to add the Co-RMS.
3.11.5 Submission of a request for GPSA – GMO Directive

When submitting a GPSA requests linked to future notification under Articles 13 and 17 of Directive 2001/18/EC, the user is requested to indicate the **Country of the Member State** that will be notified.

If the Member State is not known yet, the user can tick the box ‘Proceed without adding Member State’.

Check the box “Add Another Member State” to add an additional Member State, if needed.

The Member State Country and the corresponding Competent Authority are showed in the Request Team section of the GPSA page.

Suggested read: [Commission Notice on the submission of notifications under Articles 13 and 17 of Directive 2001/18/EC](#)
The Status turns into **Submitted** and the Member State contact is added to the Request Team related list.

The Member State contact will be alerted by email and will be able to see and read the GPSA request.

### 3.11.6 Submitted request for GPSA – Pesticides and GMO Directive

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**Details**

- **Request Information**
  - Request Number: 00001501

**History**

**Pre-Submission Advice Guidance**

Your request for Pre-Submission Advice has been successfully submitted to EFSA, and will be reviewed within 15 working days. You can no longer modify this request.
3.11.7 Receiving a written GPSA

The user sees the record in Closed status and can read the written advice and the GPSA summary under the PSA Submission Outcome section.
3.11.8 Limit number of GPSA requests

Each registered **business operator** or **third party/consultant** can submit **up to two** GPSA requests per pre-application ID.

When the user tries to submit more than two GPSA requests for the same pre-application ID, the system returns an **error message**.
Joint pre-submission activities (task force)
4 Task force scenario – no third party/consultant involved

The business operator representing the task force (i.e. the main potential applicant) creates the pre-application ID.

The main potential applicant shares the pre-application ID with all the business operators.

All companies composing the task force are mentioned in the notifications.

Option 1*

Option 2**

Business operators

By default, the main potential applicant appears in the field ‘Business Operator’ of the pre-application ID and of all the studies linked therein.

*Option 1 - Pre-application ID shared with relationship type “Share With”: the companies composing the taskforce, other than the main potential applicant, can only view the studies created and notified that are linked to the pre-application ID.

**Option 2 – Pre-application ID shared with relationship type “On behalf of”: when creating the notification (and only at that stage), the Business Operator may be changed to reflect the actual organisation in the task force commissioning the study/ies, as showed in Section 3.2. To do so, the main potential applicant should establish an additional relationship “on behalf of” with such organisation(s).

Both options are adequate to describe a task force scenario. Potential applicants can choose according to their needs.
4.1 Task force scenario – with a third party/consultant involved

By default, the main potential applicant appears in the field ‘Business Operator’ of the pre-application ID and of all the studies linked therein.

*Option 1 - Pre-application ID shared with relationship type “Share With”: the companies composing the taskforce, other than the main potential applicant, can only view the studies created and notified that are linked to the pre-application ID.

**Option 2 – Pre-application ID shared with relationship type “On behalf of”: when creating the notification (and only at that stage), the Business Operator field may be changed to reflect the actual organisation in the task force commissioning the study/ies, as showed in Section 3.2. To do so, this entity should establish a relationship “on behalf of” with the third party/consultant.

Both options are adequate to describe a task force scenario. Potential applicants can choose according to their needs.
4.2 Highlights of the task force scenario

• The main potential applicant must be indicated in the field “Business operator” of the pre-application ID.

• If a third party/consultant is involved, the main potential applicant must establish firstly an account relationship “on behalf of” with this organisation.

• The pre-application ID may be shared with relationship type “share with” or “on behalf of” with the other companies composing the task force.

• It is possible to include, at a later stage, additional potential applicants under an already created pre-application ID by creating a relationship before sharing the pre-application ID with them.

• Should one of the joint potential applicants wish to seek general pre-submission advice separately or notify studies without sharing them with the other potential applicants of the task force (to avoid sharing confidential issues), they could request an additional individual pre-application ID. When the joint application will be submitted, all the pre-application IDs need to be reported.
Reporting features
5. Reporting features

From the pre-submission activities main page, the user can access the Report section.

Important notes about reports:

- The user entering the Report section finds an overview of all the Reports available.
- Reports are collected in two main folders: “Records owned by my organisation”, “Records shared with my organisation”. Hence it is not possible to see records belonging to another organisation unless they have been shared. An additional folder “Study Types and Study Guidelines” contains the already available reports on study type and study guidelines.
- All reports and folders available on the portal are predefined by EFSA and in read-only mode. This means that changes done by the user will not be saved. When the page is refreshed, the system will restore the original version of the report. The user cannot create new folders.
- It is possible to (temporarily) apply some changes to the online reports. They can also be exported in an editable Excel or CSV file.
5.1 Reporting features – Overview

The user can access the reports from the REPORTS (All Reports) view, or from the FOLDERS (All Folders) view.

From this search bar it is possible to search for a specific report.

From every page, users can identify where they are within the portal through this bar.

Click on the report name to access it.

A short description of the content of the report is provided.
5.2 Reporting features - Folders

All the reports available to the user are saved in **three distinct folders**.

Click on the folder name to access it.
5.3 Reporting features – Actions allowed on a report

The user can perform actions on the report using these buttons. It is possible to:
- search for a specific value in the table
- add a chart
- apply filters
- refresh the values in table
- export the report in Excel or CSV formats

Click on one of the pointing down arrows to perform actions on the report table.
The user can:
- sort the values
- group/ungroup values
- remove columns
5.4 Reporting features – Export a report

Click on Export button and select the preferred format.

**Formatted Report**
Reports can be exported in a format similar to the online version, e.g., keeping the grouping and the other settings. This option exports the report as Excel file only.

**Details Only**
Reports can be exported as Excel or CSV file showing only the detail rows.
5.5 Reporting features – Filters functionality

Depending on the type of data showed in the report, predefined filters are available. Once the user refreshes the page the default filtering rules set by EFSA will be restored.

Click on the Filters icon and select the filter to apply.

Some filters will allow to restrict the view to records on the basis of their creation date, while others allow to view only the records shared with the user’s organisation.
5.6 Reporting features – My studies report

This report shows all the studies owned by the users organisation which are linked to pre-application IDs. The user finds:

1. The **ID** and the **Request Name of the pre-application ID** and **all the studies linked therein**.
2. The **Study Title information** comprehensive of “Study Title” with direct link to the study record page, “Study Title” (i.e. the full length version) and “Study Title (English Name)”.
3. Other available information includes: Status, Study Objective, Business Operator name and email, Laboratory name and email, etc.
5.7 Reporting features – All my Studies reports

This report shows all the studies owned by the user organisation, regardless they are linked or not to a pre-application ID. The user finds:

1. The **EFSA Study IDs**.
2. The **Study Title information** comprehensive of “Study Title” with direct link to the study record page, “Study Title” (i.e. the full length version) and “Study Title (English Name)”.  
3. Other available information includes: Status, Study Objective, Business Operator name and email, Laboratory name and email, etc. 

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