



SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND EMERGING RISKS UNIT

# Stakeholder Discussion Group on Emerging Risk

## Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting

**Held on 9-10 December 2021, web-conference**

**(Agreed on 13 January 2022)**

### Participants

#	Organisation	EFSA Stakeholder Category	Name
1	GHI-Global Harmonisation Initiative	Academia	Andreja Rajković
2	AVC- Association of Veterinary Consultant	Association of Practitioners	Meredith Lloyd-Evans
3	FoodDrinkEurope	Business and food	Paul Hepburn
4	The Primary Food Processors of the EU(PFP)	Business and food industry	Kalila Hajjar
5	UNESDA – Union of European Beverages Associations	Business and food industry	Stefan Ronsmans
6	Cefic – European Chemical Industry Council	Business and food industry	Miguel Angel Prieto Arranz
7	Safe Food Advocacy Europe (SAFE)	Consumer association	Floriana Cimmarusti
8	European Liaison Committee for Agricultural and Agri-Food Trade	Distributors and HORECA	Lis Alban
9	Euro Commerce	Distributors and HORECA	Nevin
10	FoodServiceEurope	Distributors and HORECA	Laura Martin
11	Serving Europe	Distributors and HORECA	Bizhan
12	Cogeca (EU agricoperatives)	Farmers and primary producers	Agneta Sundgren
13	Copa (EU farmers)	Farmers and primary producers	Luigi Tozzi
14	FESASS -European Federation for Animal Health and Sanitary Security	Farmers and primary producers	Christian Quinet
15	The Primary Food Processors of the EU(PFP)	Business and food industry	Kalila Hajjar
16	FVE-Federation of Veterinarians of Europe	NGOs and advocacy groups	Maurizio Ferri

- **EFSA:**

Tobin Robinson, Bernard Bottex, Raquel Garcia Matas, Caroline Merten, Angelo Maggiore, Georgia Gkrintzali and Milen Georgiev, Anna Melina Steinbach (Scientific Committee and Emerging Risk Unit) Marco Binaglia (Contaminants), Federica Barrucci (AMU), Sandra Ranieri (FIP Unit, Team Food Enzymes), VOS Sybren, Alice Delbianco, Yves van Der Stede (ALPHA Unit, Team Plant health), Alessandro Broglia (ALPHA Unit, Team Animal health and welfare).

- **European Commission:**

Luis Vivas Alegre

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants and observers. It was mentioned that EFSA undergoes a reorganisation and the new unit KNOW will be the one taking over the activity of this group. The same people as before will be coordinating this network.

Apologies were received from:

#	Organisation	Name
1	ANME – Association of Natural Medicine in Europe	TUCHMAN Lauren
2	Euro Commerce	ONEILL Gael
3	Eurogroup for Animals	BASTOS Luisa
4	Food Service Europe	DELL'ACQUA Raffaele
5	Pesticide Action Network Europe (PAN Europe)	DERMINE Martin
6	Serving Europe	POURKOMAILIAN Bizhan

### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

### 3. Actions from the previous meeting

The group was thanked for addressing all the actions from the previous StaDG-ER meeting.

### 4. Presentation and discussion of signals

**4.1.** Briefing note on “Potential emerging risk arising from the “wildlife - livestock- human” interfaces” (ID 0449)

**4.2.** Food safety issues for the vegetable oil and fat industry: challenging analytical and policy environments (ID 0450)

**4.3.** The increasing importance and/or awareness of *Mycoplasma Bovis* infections in Belgium (ID 0451)

**4.4.** Plant protection problems from 3rd countries as a threat for European growers – citrus as an example

## **5. Update on StaDG-ER projects**

**5.1.** Introduction to Cefic scientific projects on Microplastics

**5.2.** A scientific response from industry to assess whether microplastic is a potential emerging risk to human health: Brigid

**5.3.** Potential risks associated with cyanotoxins in raw and minimally processed foods due to irrigation

## **6. Emerging risk identification systems**

**6.1.** ERIS: A new system to identify emerging food safety risks for the New Zealand food industry

**6.2.** SGS DIGICOMPLY- emerging risks identification and monitoring

## **7. EFSA Activities and Projects**

**7.1.** A cluster of neurological cases in Canada - follow up to BN on BMAA: ID 0375

## **8. Follow up on previous issues**

**8.1.** Food safety of seaweed (ID0351): Follow up on the short issue on Pheophorbide

**8.2.** Potential emerging issues linked to veterinary drugs detection

## **9. EFSA Activities and projects**

**9.1.** Emerging risks related to Circular Economy– Outcomes of Workshop

**9.2.** Update on other emerging risks identification projects related to food frauds, emerging chemicals, new food/ feed sources, and production technologies, and food supplements

**9.3.** Update on new EFSA Project: Emerging Risks Analysis Platform (ERAP)

**9.4.** Survey results on the Short issues from autumn 2020

## **10. AOB**