



5th EFSA Technical Group on Notification of Studies Database Report

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Introduction

EFSA's 5th Technical Group (TG) meeting on Notification of Studies Database took place virtually and was chaired by Bénédicte Vagenende (Head of Front-Desk & Workforce Planning (FDP) Unit). Industry stakeholders, laboratories, governmental experts, DG SANTE, EC JRC and EFSA representatives participated in the meeting, with the full list of participants available on EFSA's website¹.

Welcome and Apologies for absences adoption of agenda

No additional points were raised by the participants; agenda adopted.

Notification of Studies Database – Current Status

EFSA provided an overview of the current status after one year from the implementation of the Notification of Studies Database and from the previous TG meeting ([8 June 2021](#)), highlighting the major changes made by previous system enhancements. Some statistics on the use of the Database in relation to pre-submission activities were also shown to participants.

New features on the list of intended studies for renewal

EFSA presented the new features and improvements under development for the Database, which will be released in the July 2022 release. Focus was put on the user experience during the pre-submission activities and on the implementation of suggestions received both from external stakeholders and EFSA internal users.

Results of the survey

Prior to this meeting EFSA shared a survey asking feedback to the members of the Technical Group on new functionalities and next features to be expected, as well as on their satisfaction with the support activities provided by EFSA. The results of the survey were summarised in the presentation and discussed briefly during the meeting.

Have your say - TG members presentations

Technical Group members were invited to prepare brief presentations for sharing more in detail their experience with the tool and suggestions for enhancement and support.

Two presentations were delivered by the Technical Groups members

- European Association Bioindustry
- CropLife Europe

Training needs and material

EFSA reminded the meeting participants about the continuously updated material available to support their activities on the Database and informed them on the new supporting documents that will be published following the system enhancements in July 2022.

Next steps

EFSA reminded that this was the conclusive meeting of the Technical Group on Notification of Studies Database. A new Technical Group on the tools related to the implementation of the Transparency

¹ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2022-07/Participants.pdf>

Regulation will be created. Call for expression of interest will be launched in July 2022, first meeting planned for September 2022.

The Technical Group members expressed appreciation for the responsiveness of EFSA and the continuous improvements to the system, the need for a continuous dialogue with EFSA was also highlighted.