

Kick-off meeting TG TOOLS
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Public consultations

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PC's are an engagement method to **collect input from stakeholders and the public**

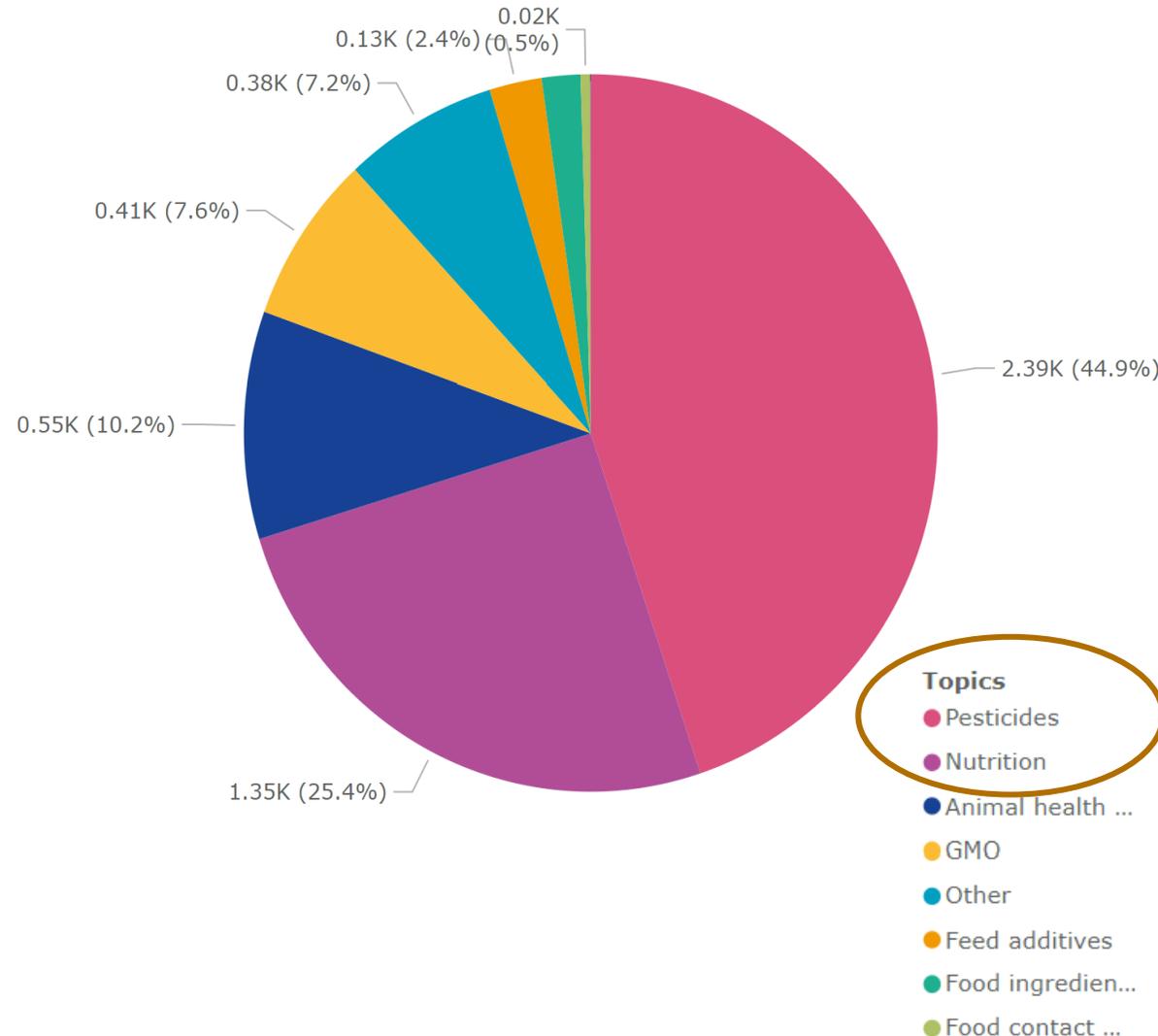


Their **aim** is to **improve the quality and transparency of EFSA's advice** through public engagement in the risk assessment process.



PC's are not new to EFSA, but the Transparency Regulation has made their use **systematic for all Applications**.

COMMENTS BY TOPIC



Total number of comments: **4800**

Commenting entities: **233**

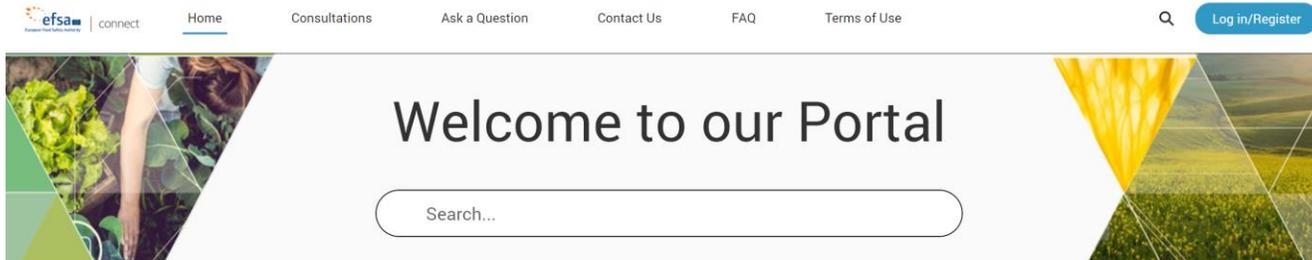
Type of consultation with highest number of comments: **PC on draft scientific output before adoption (4366)**

Consultations with higher number of comments:

Revised guidance on the risk assessment of plant protection products on bees - **922**

Draft SO on the tolerable upper intake level for dietary sugars - **723**

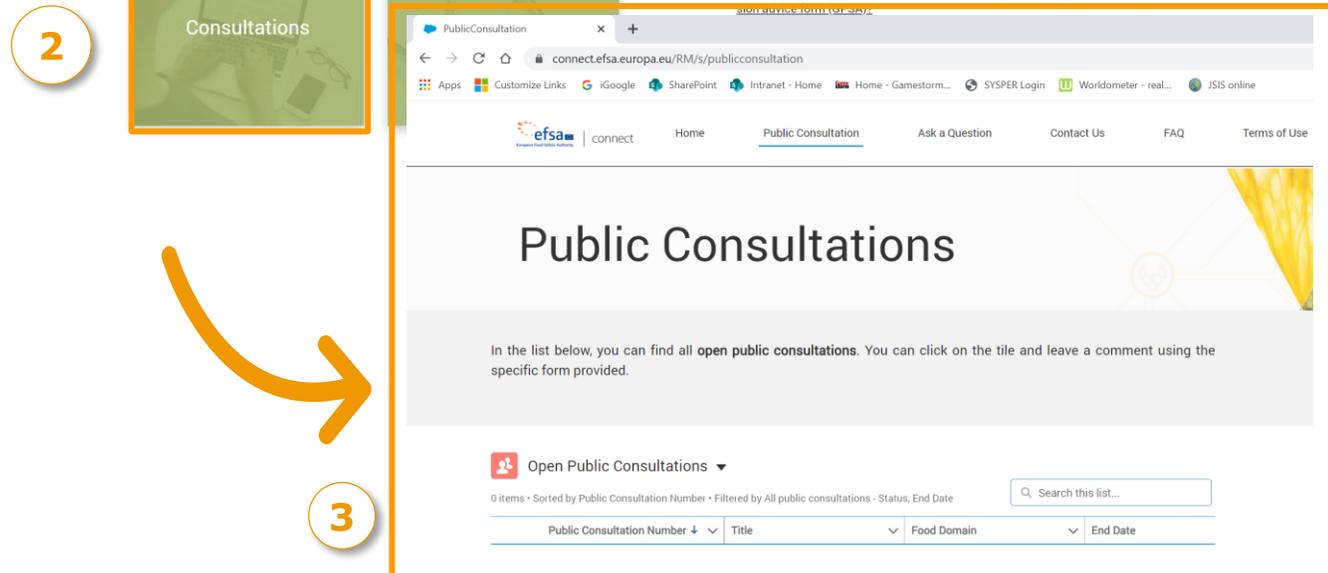
Risk assessment for birds and mammals - **602**



This portal gives you the possibility to engage with EFSA on a variety of topics. You will be able to check the Frequently Asked Questions, consult and submit comments to EFSA's public consultations, and send requests for access to documents. You can also register for the Portal. Before sending EFSA a question, please read the Frequently Asked Questions.

How to access the portal (Connect.EFSA)

- 1 Click **this link**
<https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/>
- 2 On Connect.EFSA click on '**Consultations**'
- 3 Display the **list** of closed/open/upcoming consultations

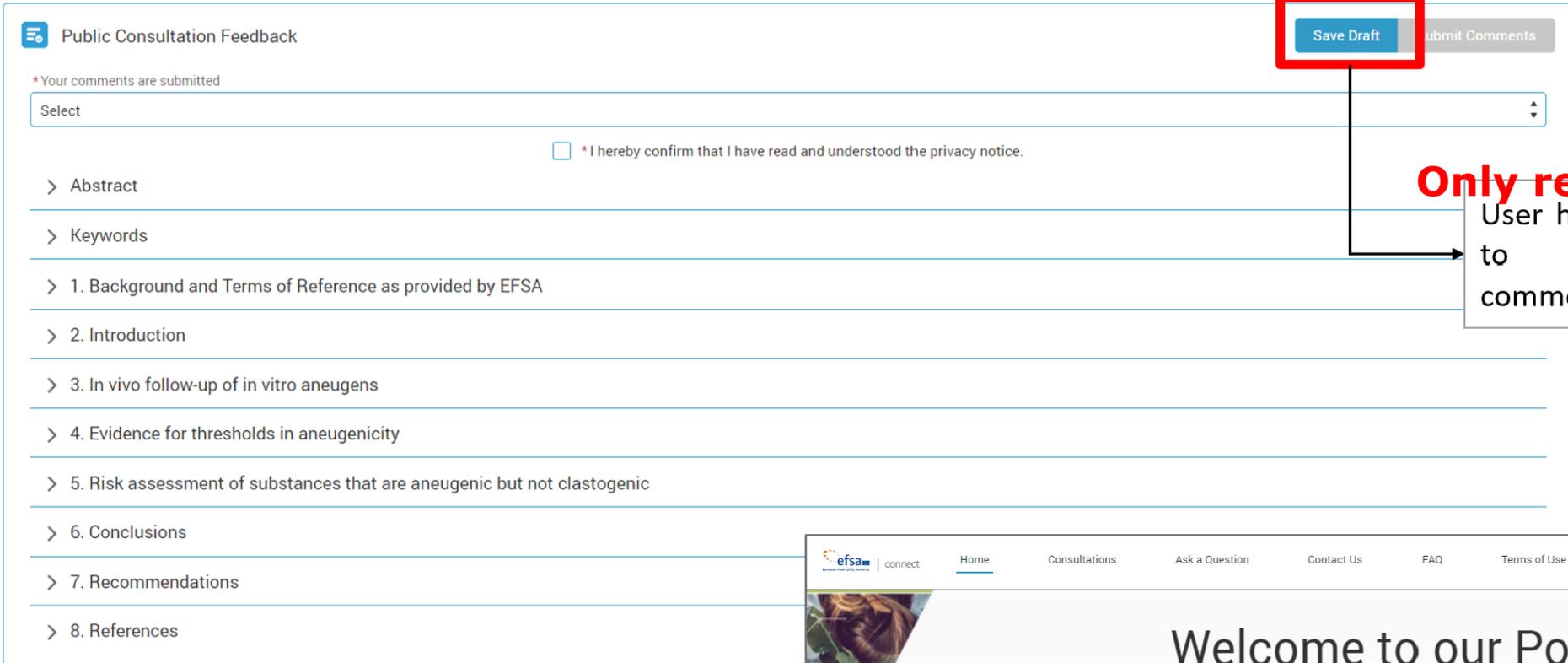


Alternatively, you can access consultations from **OPEN EFSA** :

- Click on '**Public Consultations**'
- Select the consultation of your interest from the list on the right side or
- Search by title / food domain / Status / Start date
- Click on '**submit comments**' and you will be taken to Connect.EFSA

Submission of comments

The feedback form appears as in the image below.
The user can see all the sections created by EFSA and leave a comment in those enabled to perform such action.

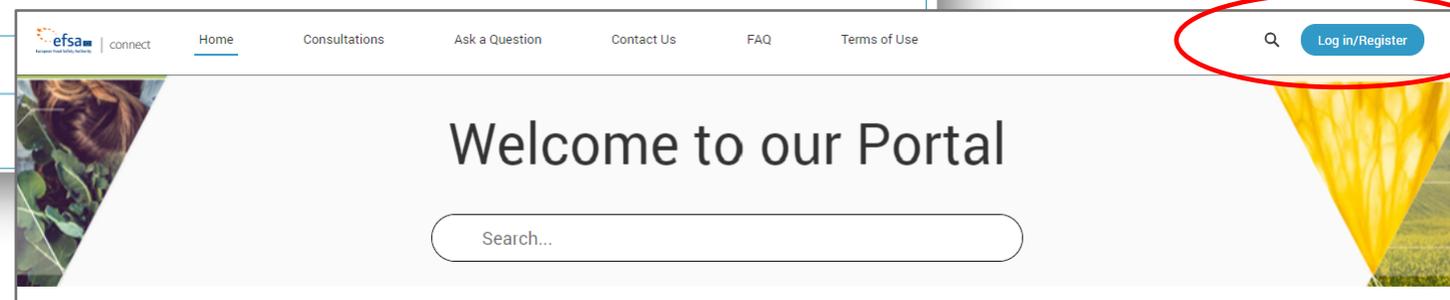


The screenshot shows the 'Public Consultation Feedback' form. At the top right, there are two buttons: 'Save Draft' (highlighted with a red box) and 'Submit Comments'. Below the buttons, there is a dropdown menu with 'Select' and a checkbox labeled '*I hereby confirm that I have read and understood the privacy notice.' The form contains several sections, each with a right-pointing arrow: 'Abstract', 'Keywords', '1. Background and Terms of Reference as provided by EFSA', '2. Introduction', '3. In vivo follow-up of in vitro aneugens', '4. Evidence for thresholds in aneugenicity', '5. Risk assessment of substances that are aneugenic but not clastogenic', '6. Conclusions', '7. Recommendations', and '8. References'.

Only registered users!

User has the possibility to save his/her comment as **Draft**.

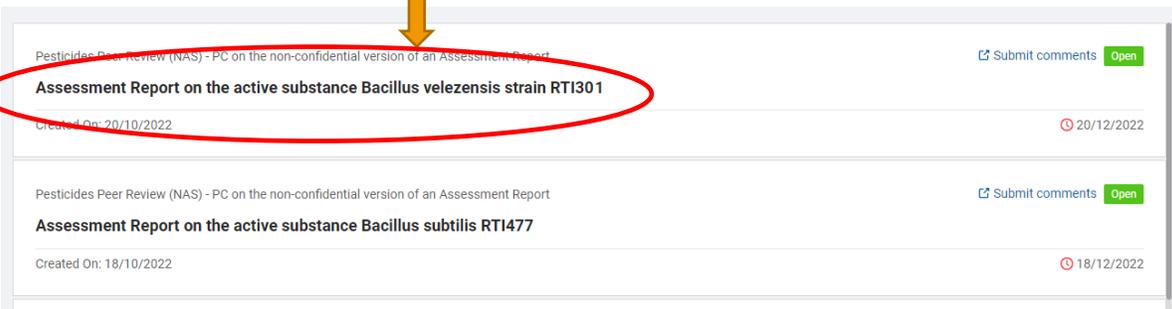
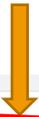
Commenters will receive an e-mail notification confirming the successful submission



Closed consultation – viewing comments

<https://open.efsa.europa.eu/>

- Click on 'Public consultations'
- Click on the title of the consultation of interest



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Assessment Report on the active substance Bacillus velezensis strain RTI301

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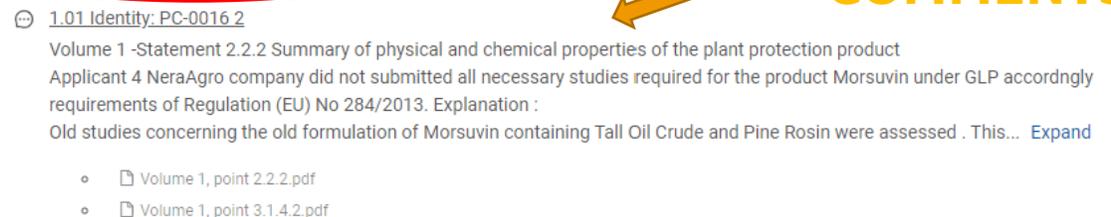
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**LIST OF
COMMENTS**



Public Consultation Details

General Info

Title	Assessment report on the active substance quartz sand		
Food Domain	Pesticides Peer Review (AIR)		
Consultation Type	PC on the non-confidential version of a validated application		
Start Date	27/05/2021	Deadline	26/07/2021
Status	Closed		
Related question	EFSA-Q-2017-00451		

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Documents

File Name	Size	
Quartz sand.zip	9.3 MB	Download

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1.01 Identity: PC-0016.2

Volume 1 -Statement 2.2.2 Summary of physical and chemical properties of the plant protection product Applicant 4 NeraAgro company did not submitted all necessary studies required for the product Morsuvin under GLP accordngly requirements of Regulation (EU) No 284/2013. Explanation : Old studies concerning the old formulation of Morsuvin containing Tall Oil Crude and Pine Rosin were assessed . This... [Expand](#)

- [Volume 1, point 2.2.2.pdf](#)
- [Volume 1, point 3.1.4.2.pdf](#)



The PDF file contains the comments and links to the attachments provided with the comments

Latest enhancements of consultations:

- Internal features have been implemented to allow displaying **upcoming consultations** when dates still not available;
- Comments can be downloaded - **through a PDF file** - from OPEN EFSA upon consultation closure;
- Link to Connect.EFSA available in the **monthly EFSA newsletter** to increase visibility of consultations and number of comments;

What's next?

- Possible increase of number of characters per field (at present: 5000 characters)
- Update of internal features to improve the way comments are extracted (internal tables) and PDF file extracted from OPEN EFSA



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