



NUTRITION AND FOOD INNOVATION UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON NUTRITION, NOVEL FOODS AND FOOD ALLERGENS

MINUTES OF THE 130TH PLENARY MEETING

**Held on 24 November 2022 via web conference
(Agreed on 5 December 2022)**

Participants

■ Panel Members:

Torsten Bohn, Jacqueline Castenmiller, Stefaan de Henauw, Karen Ildico Hirsch-Ernst, Helle Katrine Knutsen, Alexandre Maciuk, Inge Mangelsdorf, Harry J. McArdle, Androniki Naska, Kristina Pentieva, Alfonso Siani, Frank Thies, Sophia Tsabouri, Dominique Turck (Chair) and Marco Vinceti.

■ Hearing Experts:

Thomas Frenzel (attended only for agenda item 5.1).

■ European Commission:

Ivona Babic, Carolin Bendadani, Stephanie Bodenbach, Takis Daskaleros, Fruzsina Nyemecz.

■ EFSA:

Nutrition & Food Innovation (NIF) Unit:

Ana Afonso, Agnès de Sesmaisons, Lucia Fabiani, Antonio Fernandez Dumont, Wolfgang Gelbmann, Leng Heng, Angeliki Sofroniou, Ariane Titz, Emanuela Turla and Silvia Valtuena Martinez.

■ Others:

Methodology & Scientific Support (MESE) Unit: Laura Ciccolallo (for Agenda items 5.2 & 5.3).



1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The chair welcomed all participants. Apologies were received from Carmen Pelaez.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Panel members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Panel members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 129th Plenary meeting

The [minutes](#) of the 129th Plenary meeting held on 26 October 2022 were agreed by written procedure on 10 November 2022.

5. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and/or possible adoption

5.1 Draft opinion on whole seeds of oilseed rape as a novel food (NF 2018/0590). *Applicant: Erik Tybirk (EFSA-Q-2019-00033)*

The draft opinion was presented. The Panel reviewed and discussed the sections related to product characterization, production process, specifications, history of use, proposed uses and use levels, ADME, nutritional information, toxicological information and allergenicity of the novel food. The opinion was adopted by the Panel on 24 November, subject to the incorporation of editorial changes. The full text of the opinion will be available in the coming weeks in the EFSA Journal [here](#).

5.2 Draft opinion on the Tolerable Upper Intake Level for Selenium (EFSA-Q-2020-00618)

The technical report on the outcome of the public consultation was presented. The Panel reviewed and discussed the changes to the draft opinion resulting from the comments received during the public consultation. The opinion was adopted by the Panel on 24 November, subject to the incorporation of editorial changes. The full text of the opinion will be available in the coming weeks in the EFSA Journal [here](#).

5.3 Draft opinion on the Tolerable Upper Intake Level for Vitamin B6 (EFSA-Q-2021-00369)

The draft opinion was presented. The Panel reviewed and discussed the sections related to hazard characterisation, and in particular the selection of the reference point and the related uncertainty factor to derive the upper level for vitamin B6. The opinion was endorsed for public consultation by the Panel on 24 November, subject to the incorporation of editorial changes.



6. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

The draft mandate from the European Commission was presented to the panel, regarding the update of the “Guidance on safety evaluation of sources of nutrients and bioavailability of nutrient from the sources” (EFSA ANS Panel, 2021). The update will analyse the scientific principles and data requirements for applicants to estimate comparative bioavailability and derive a conversion factor for proposed new sources or forms of nutrients to be authorised for addition to foods, including food supplements. To this end, a public consultation (in form of an Expert Survey on key points to consider for derivation of conversion factors) will be carried out, followed by a workshop with scientific experts and representatives of bodies in charge of setting conversion factors for new nutrient sources. The outcome will serve to inform EFSA for updating its Guidance on safety evaluation of sources of nutrients and bioavailability of nutrient from the sources.

7. Feedback from the Scientific Committee/Scientific Panels, EFSA, the European Commission

Postponed to the next plenary.

8. Any Other Business

- The Panel was informed via email communication of the revised Experts’ Compensation Guide, which will enter into force on 1st January 2023.
- The next Plenary meetings of the NDA Panel will be held as a web conference on 14 December 2022. The next open plenary will take place in Parma 28-30 March 2023.