

22 February 2023

09:00-12:30

MINUTES - Agreed on 10 March 2023

Location: Web-conference

Attendees:

- **Panel Members:**

Annette Aldrich, Philippe Berny, Tamara Coja, Andreas Focks, Antonio Hernandez-Jerez (chair), Pauline Adriaanse, Maurice Millet, Olavi Pelkonen, Silvia Pieper, Aaldrik Tiktak, Christopher Topping, Anneli Widenfalk, Martin Wilks, Gerrit Wolterink

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

PREV UNIT: Maria Arena, Arianna Chiusolo, Manuela Tiramani, Christopher Lythgo, Martina Panzarea, Anna Lanzoni, Federica Crivellente, Sofia Batista, Jochem Louisse, Ana Cioca, Juan Parra Morte, Roberto Lava, Iris Mangas, Aude Kienzler, Anna Castoldi, Renata Leuschner, Katia Chukwubike, Laia Herrero Nogareda, Mark Olaf Kier Egsmose

TS UNIT: Filippo Conte

NIF UNIT: Ana Luisa Afonso

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Marina Marinovich and Sabine Duquesne.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>



3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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. Presentation on the new Declaration of Interest (DoI) tool

A Demo of the new DoI tool was presented to the Panel Members.

5. On-going activities of the Scientific Committee

The Panel was informed on the on-going activities of the Scientific Committee (SC). The following activities were presented:

- EC mandate on exposure and risk assessment of Fluoride
- Guidance on Protocol development for EFSA generic Scientific Assessments
- Scientific Committee (SC) and Methodology and Scientific Support Unit (MESE) Highlights including ongoing activities, Finalisation of opinions/outputs and Activities to (re)start.

6. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

6.1 Use and reporting historical control data (HCD) for regulatory studies ([EFSA-Q-2021-00274](#))

The Panel was updated on the status of the activities and agreed with the proposal to extend the deadline.

6.2 Request for a Statement on the design and conduct of groundwater monitoring studies supporting groundwater exposure assessments of pesticides ([EFSA-Q-2021-00788](#))

The Panel was informed on the progress of the activity. Comments from reviewers on the draft statement were presented and discussed. The planning for the adoption via written procedure was presented.

7 Any Other Business

- **Information on call for expression of interest for Membership of the Scientific Panels and the Scientific Committee of EFSA 2023:** The Panel was informed that the call was published and the deadline for application is 3rd April

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



- **Information on the Plenary meeting dates for 2024:** The Panel was informed on the plenary meeting dates for 2024
- **IACS (Integrated Administration and Control System) and related workshop at JRC:** One of the Panel members informed about this activity.

8 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 26 April 2023, via web-conference.