

## 93rd meeting of the EFSA Management Board – public session

**Location:** Parma and hybrid

<b>Management Board participants</b>	
Aivars BĒRZIŅŠ – Chair (Latvia)	Dimitrios LADIKOS* (Industry Org.s)
Pamela BYRNE – Vice-Chair (Ireland)	Pierdavide LECCHINI* (Italy)
Ana BATALHA (Portugal)	Silvia MICHELINI* (Commission)
Alexandru Nicolae BOCIU* (Romania)	Sanja MUSIĆ MILANOVIĆ (European Parliament)
Claire BURY* (Commission)	Zuzana NOUZOVSKÁ (Slovakia)
Floriana CIMMARUSTI* (Consumer Org.s)	Isabel PEÑA-REY* (Spain)
Beáta CZEGLÉDI* (Hungary)	Marjatta RAHKIO (Finland)
Herman DIRICKS (Belgium)	Josefine SINKOVITS (Austria)
Jernej DROFENIK* (Slovenia)	Darja SOKOLIĆ (Croatia)
Loïc EVAÏN (France)	Annica SOLHSTRÖM (Sweden)
Annelise FENGER* (Denmark)	Katarzyna STOŚ* (Poland)
Jindrich FIALKA (Czech Republic)	Astrid THORS (European Parliament)
Ingunn Midttun GODAL* (Norway)	Annette TOFT (Farmers Org.s)
Patrick HAU (Luxemburg)	Marie-Luise TREBES (Germany)
Hrönn JÖRUNDSÓTTIR (Iceland)	Ana VILORIA (The Netherlands)
Deividas KLIUČINSKAS (Lithuania)	Stelios YIANNOPOULOS (Cyprus)
Janne Britt KRAKHELLEN* (EFTA S.A.)	Antonis ZAMPELAS* (Greece)
Hendrik KUUSK* (Estonia)	

**Apologies:** Bulgaria, Malta, Environmental NGOs

<b>Staff of the European Food Safety Authority</b>	
Bernhard URL (Executive Director)	Carlos das NEVES
Gian Luca BONDURI	Peter De PAUW
Lucia BILARDI	Guilhem de SEZE
Dirk DETKEN	Alberto SPAGNOLLI
Barbara GALLANI	Selomey YAMADJAKO
Nikolaus Georg KRIZ	

**Also attending:**

Simon MORE, Chair of the EFSA Scientific Committee \*

\*Participation online



## Table of Contents

Summary of decisions	3
Item 1: Welcome by the Chair	4
Item 2: Adoption of the agenda	4
Item 3: Board members' Annual and Oral Declarations of Interests	4
Item 4: EFSA Performance Report	4
Item 5: Feedback from the Audit Committee	5
Item 6: EFSA programming documents 2023-2026 and budget 2023	5
Item 7: Amendments to the Article 36 list of organisations	5
Item 8: Implementing rules of the Staff Regulations	6
Item 9: Update from the Scientific Committee	6
Item 10: EFSA Journal	6
Item 11: Update on the implementation of the EFSA social science roadmap	6
Item 12: Any other Business	6
Summary of actions	7



## SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

The Management Board congratulated Herman Diricks and Annette Toft for their nomination as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee respectively.

The Management Board **adopted:**

- The EFSA programming document 2023-2025, including the annual work-programme 2023.
- The Statement of Revenues and Expenditures 2023 (Budget 2023).
- The draft programming document 2024-2026.
- The updated list of Art. 36 competent organisations designated by Member States.
- The Implementing rules of the Staff Regulations on "Working time and hybrid work" and on "Home leave for officials, temporary staff and contract staff serving in a third country".
- The Terms of Reference of the Management Board sub-group on the independence of the EFSA staff.

In addition, the Management Board **noted:**

- EFSA's Performance Report until October 2022.
- The feedback from the Chair of the Audit Committee on the outcome of the meeting held on the previous day.
- The update from the Scientific Committee, provided by its Chair, Prof. Simon More.
- The overview on the EFSA Journal performance and the update on the Plain Language Summaries pilot and the Member States new publication channel.
- The update on the implementation of the EFSA Social Science Roadmap.



#### Item 1: Welcome by the Chair

1. Aivars Bērziņš, Management Board Chair, opened the 93rd Management Board meeting by welcoming the Board members, Executive Director, Chair of the Scientific Committee, EFSA's Management Team, EFSA staff present and external observers.
2. The Chair informed the meeting of the apologies received from Bulgaria, Malta and the Environmental NGOs for not attending the meeting. He said that Malta had given the proxy to Ireland to be represented in the meeting. He welcomed to the Management Board Mr Koycho Koev (appointed member representing Bulgaria), Ms Silvia Michelini (newly appointed member representing the Commission), Mr Martin Štěpánek (newly appointed alternate member representing the Czech Republic), Ms Geraldine Duffy (newly appointed alternate member representing Ireland) and Mr Klaus Berend (newly appointed alternate member representing the Commission).
3. The audio-file on this item is available online at [this link](#).

#### Item 2: Adoption of the agenda

4. The Management Board adopted by consensus the agenda of the meeting as it was proposed by the Chair.
5. The audio-file on this item is available online at [this link](#).

#### Item 3: Board members' Annual and Oral Declarations of Interests

6. Pursuant to Article 13 of the [Management Board Rules of Procedure](#), the Management Board took note of the Executive Director's assessment of the Declaration of Interest submitted by 8 of its members and confirmed it.
7. In addition, the Management Board confirmed the assessment, carried out by the EFSA Legal Affairs Services, of the Executive Director's updated Declaration of Interest.
8. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at [this link](#).

#### Item 4: EFSA performance report

9. Bernhard Url (Executive Director) took the occasion to introduce to the Management Board the recently appointed EFSA Chief Scientist, Mr Carlos Gonçalo das Neves, who was attending the meeting for the first time. Mr das Neves briefly presented himself.
10. The Executive Director introduced to the Management Board the performance report covering the period from 1 January to 31 October 2022. The document included information on all dimensions of the EFSA performance measured during the reporting period against the annual and multiannual work programme as described in the Programming Document 2022-2024. Selomey Yamadjako (Head of the Management Services Department) presented the budget execution in the reporting period.
11. The Management Board noted the Performance Report. While congratulating EFSA's scientific experts and staff for the quantity and quality of the work carried out in 2022, the Management Board invited EFSA to invest further in the reduction of the backlog in some regulated product areas. Reflections were carried out around new ways of scientific cooperation with the Member States, as well as on the presence of a certain tension between the activities that EFSA performs in the areas of 'development' (DEV) and 'business as usual' (BAU). These are aspects that the Management Board may wish to analyse in more details in the coming future. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description.
12. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at [this link](#).



13. **Action:** EFSA to provide the Management Board with more information on whether the use of IUCLID by EFSA would require changes in the format of data provided by the Member States.

Item 5: Feedback from the Audit Committee

14. On behalf of the whole Management Board, the Chair congratulated Herman Diricks and Annette Toft for their respective nomination as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee.
15. Herman Diricks updated the Management Board on the outcome of the meeting held on the previous day: The Audit Committee discussed and endorsed the EFSA budget 2023 and noted the Internal Audit Service's strategic audit plan for the years 2022-2024, the report on the outstanding audit observations and the update on the ISO management system certifications.
16. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at [this link](#).

Item 6: Programming Documents 2023-2026 & EFSA budget 2023

17. Based on the presentation provided by the Executive Director and the feedback from Mr Diricks on the endorsement of the EFSA budget 2023 by the Audit Committee, the Management Board adopted by consensus: (a) the EFSA Programming Document 2023-2025; (b) the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures 2023 (budget 2023); and (c) the Draft Programming Document 2024-2026. In January 2023, the budget and programming documents will be notified to the competent EU institutions and made available online. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description.
18. The Management Board held an exchange around the elements characterizing the annual and multiannual work plan of EFSA. Among others, emphasis was put on the need to enhance the scientific cooperation between EFSA and the Member States, to prioritise the risk assessment activities on regulated products whenever possible and to keep the right balance between 'development' (DEV) and 'business as usual' (BAU) activities. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at [this link](#).
19. **Actions:**
- EFSA to notify the programming documents 2023-2026 and its budget 2023 to the relevant EU institutions and make those documents available online.
  - EFSA to provide the Management Board with the break-down of Focal Points activities and tasks.

Item 7: Amendments to the Article 36 list of organisations

20. Barbara Gallani (Head of Communication and Partnership) introduced the item.
21. The member representing Greece declared to abstain from voting on the inclusion of the Agricultural University of Athens in the Art. 36 list, since he is currently employed in that organisation.
22. The member representing Luxembourg declared to abstain from voting on the inclusion of the Luxembourg Veterinary and Food Administration in the Art. 36 list, since he is currently employed in that organisation.
23. The Management Board adopted by consensus the renewed list of Art. 36 competent organisations designated by the Member States, which now includes 6 new organisations designated by Greece (1), Hungary (1), Luxembourg (1), Poland (1), Romania (1) and the Netherlands (1).
24. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at [this link](#).



#### Item 8: Implementing rules of the Staff Regulations

25. Dirk Detken (Head of Legal Affairs Services) introduced the item.
26. By consensus, the Management Board adopted by analogy the Commission Implementing rules of the Staff Regulations on “Working time and hybrid work” and on “Home leave for officials, temporary staff and contract staff serving in a third country”.
27. The Management Board noted the information on the timeline for the preparation and possible adoption of the developing Implementing rules of the Staff Regulation on the independence of the EFSA staff. A sub-group of the Management Board was established to work on the preparation of those rules. The sub-group is composed of the following members: Pamela Byrne (Ireland - Chair), Claire Bury (Commission), Floriana Cimmarusti (Consumers Organisations), Hrönn Jörundsdóttir (Iceland), Astrid Thors (European Parliament), Marie-Luise Trebes (Germany) and Ana Vilorio (Netherlands). The Management Board adopted by consensus the Terms of Reference of the sub-group, which are available online at [this link](#).
28. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at [this link](#).

#### Item 9: Update from the Scientific Committee

29. The Management Board noted the update from the Scientific Committee, provided by its Chair, Simon More, who gave an overview of the scientific activities that the Committee is carrying out on the risk assessment of copper.
30. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at [this link](#).
31. **Action:** EFSA to provide the Management Board with information on the collaboration with other EU agencies and international bodies regarding the risk assessment of copper.

#### Item 10: EFSA Journal

32. Barbara Gallani (Head of Communication and Partnership) introduced the item.
33. The Management Board noted the presentation of the performance indicators of the EFSA Journal and of the activities planned to be carried out in the next future to develop the Journal further. As well, the Board welcomed EFSA’s initiatives aimed to produce plain language summaries of its scientific outputs, and to set up the “Food Risk Assess Europe”: a platform aimed to host risk assessment outputs produced by national bodies in the Member States.
34. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at [this link](#).

#### Item 11: Update on the implementation of the EFSA social science roadmap

35. The Management Board noted the update on the implementation of the EFSA Social Science Roadmap, which was introduced by Barbara Gallani. In particular, the presentation highlighted the contribution of the Roadmap implementation to the achievement of the EFSA Strategy 2027’s strategic objectives. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at [this link](#).

#### Item 12: Any Other Business

36. The Chair shared information with the Management Board on his participation in the Stakeholder Bureau meeting, which was held on 13 October 2022.
37. The Management Board noted the information on the likely launch of a written procedure, in accordance with article 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the Management Board, for the



appointment of a new member of the BIOHAZ Panel. It was anticipated that the written procedure may be launched between mid-January and mid-February 2023.

38. With regard to the meetings of the Management Board scheduled in 2023, the Chair warmly encouraged the fellow members to organize their diaries in order to attend the meeting in summer and december physically in EFSA's premises, although the option to attend in virtual modality will continue to be provided. In this spirit he announced that the initially full virtual meeting in March 2023 would be opened to hybrid mode as well.
39. The Chair closed the meeting thanking the fellow Board members, EFSA's experts and staff and wished to them all o good festivity break.
40. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at [this link](#).

### Summary of actions

Action reference	Action	Deadline	Status
Dec. 15, 2022 - 1	EFSA to provide the Management Board with more information on whether the use of IUCLID by EFSA would require changes in the format of data provided by the Member States.	ASAP	DONE
Dec. 15, 2022 - 2	EFSA to notify the programming documents 2023-2026 and its budget 2023 to the relevant EU institutions and make those documents available online.	Jan. 2022	DONE
Dec. 15, 2022 - 3	EFSA to provide the Management Board with the break-down of Focal Points activities and tasks.	ASAP	DONE
Dec. 15, 2022 - 4	EFSA to provide the Management Board with information on the collaboration with other EU agencies and international bodies regarding the risk assessment of copper.	ASAP	DONE