



TG TOOLS

Meeting 2
23 March 2023

AGENDA

Time	No.	Item	Presenter (s)
14:00	1	Welcome and Apologies for absence	Karine Lheureux
	2	Adoption of the agenda	Karine Lheureux
14:10	3	High-level overview of improvements and recap discussions held during kick-off meeting	Bénédicte Vagenende
14:20	4	Connect.EFSA: input on registration form and layout of the external webpages	Marella Tassini
14:50	5	Notification of studies: introduction of RfC and input	Tomas Rovesti
15:30	6	Feedback from TG TOOLs members	CropLifeEU FEFANA
16:00	7	Q&A	
16:30		AOB and end of meeting	Karine Lheureux





HIGH-LEVEL OVERVIEW OF IMPROVEMENTS AND RECAP DISCUSSIONS HELD DURING KICK-OFF MEETING

Bénédicte Vagenende
HoU FDP

CONNECT.EFSA

- Improve functionality of MS consultations: number of characters = increase to 5000 done; upload of attachments (work ongoing – Q3 release)
- Improve functionality of public and MS consultations: flag to confirm proper upload of attachments (EFSA not working on it yet, low demand)
- Manuals updated based on feedback provided
- Notification of studies: see agenda item 5
- Requests for improvements in support to access CONNECT: see agenda item 4



OPEN.EFSA

- Improve **quality of search function** (work ongoing – Q2 release)
improved match accuracy; sorting results; highlight matching text
- Access to PESTICIDE specific mandate (planned release Q2)
- Improve **quality of data** allowing proper export and trend analysis (work ongoing – completion by Q4)
wrong links, old test questions, substances, absence complete data
issues linked to integration IUCLID for PESTICIDES dossiers (eg: missing submission dates)
- Simpler **access to supporting documents** (work ongoing – Q3 release)
remove required log in, download all as zip, improved interface
- Access to **historical closed** non-pesticide questions (work ongoing – Q3 release)
- Develop **alert function** (considered for future improvement)
notify updates on selected questions
- More information on upcoming **consultations** (considered for future improvement)
milestones; dates; not applicable
- Link between questions and Scientific meetings (considered for future improvement)
Results of testing phase to be removed; link between applications and scientific meetings agenda



SUBMISSION TOOLS

PORTALINO

- Access to **more than one contact point** for applicant (work ongoing)
- **Direct communications** with the applicant via the tool (feasibility discussion ongoing)
- **Withdrawal** of confidentiality requests (feasibility discussion ongoing)
- **Sending back submissions** to applicants to allow changes (feasibility discussion ongoing)
- Improve **notification system** (deadlines, when dossier published) (work ongoing)
- Improve **guidance** (what to submit under Portalino, better instruction how to submit) (EFSA working on it for publication Q2 2023 – user Manual and Administrative guidances)

ESFC

- Submission Art.29 FEED applications in ESFC instead of Portalino (planned release Q2)
- Update ESFC ToC to reflect revised Guidance on food flavourings (planned release Q3)



WHAT COMES NEXT AND HOW TO FOLLOW-UP

- Further improvements planned through **releases in April 23, July 23, Sept 23**, based on user feedback, analysis of recurrent issues and EFSA's experience handling post-TR applications
- Reference page for all tools and manuals: [Applicant toolkit page](#)
- Continuous work to improve the tools: [Digital enhancement windows](#)
- Your feedback on the Tools and supporting materials is welcome through [AskAQuestion](#)



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