

89th Meeting of the EFSA's Management Board

Minutes of the Public Session

Parma, 16 December 2021 – 9:00-13:55

Members of the Management Board Present	
Aivars Bērziņš (Chair)	Iñaki Eguileor
Michael Winter (Vice-Chair)	Georgi Georgiev
András Székács (Vice-Chair)	Ulrich Herzog
Geronimo Brănescu	Didier Houssin
Claire Bury	Eleni Ioannou-Kakouri
Marija Cerjak	Giuseppe Ruocco
Herman Diricks	Annette Toft
Libor Dupal	

Apologies: N/A

Staff of the European Food Safety Authority	
Bernhard Url (Executive Director)	Barbara Gallani
Domenica Auteri (for item no. 12)	Marta Hugas
Gian Luca Bonduri	Juliane Kleiner
Peter De Pauw	Alberto Spagnolli
Guilhem de Seze	Didier Verloo (for item no. 13)
Dirk Detken	Domagoj Vrbos (for item no. 9)

Also attending:

Simon More, Chair of the EFSA's Scientific Committee



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SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

The Board **adopted:**

- The EFSA programming document 2022-2024.
- The EFSA Budget 2022.
- The EFSA Draft programming document 2023-2025.
- The updated list of Art. 36 competent organisations designated by Member States.

In addition, the Board **noted:**

- EFSA's Performance Report until October 2021.
- The update from the Scientific Committee, provided by its Chair Prof. Simon More.
- The update on the work that is being carried out to implement the Transparency Regulation.
- The update on the implementation of the EFSA Social Science Roadmap.
- The presentation on communication and engagement trends and analytics.
- The feedback from the Chair of the Audit Committee, who reported on the session held on the previous day.
- The update on EFSA's work on bees and pollinators' health.
- The presentation on the role of human-centric artificial intelligence in regulatory science.



Item 1: Welcome by the Chair

1. The Chair opened the 89th Management Board meeting by welcoming the Board members, Executive Director, Chair of the Scientific Committee, external observers and the EFSA staff members. He conveyed a particular welcome to Marija Cerjak, who participated in the Board meeting for the first time following her appointment as a member of the EFSA Management Board as of the 23rd of November 2021.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda

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

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

3. Pursuant to Article 13 of the Management Board Rules of Procedure adopted on 27 June 2013, the Board took note of the Executive Director's assessment of the Declarations of Interests submitted by two of its members and confirmed it.
4. As well, the Management Board confirmed EFSA's assessment of the updated Declaration of Interest of the Executive Director.
5. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).

Item 4: Programming documents 2022-2024 and 2023-2025

6. Following the introduction provided by Bernhard Url (Executive Director), the Management Board adopted the EFSA Programming Document 2022-2024, the Budget 2022 and the Draft Programming Document 2023-2025. In January 2022, the programming documents will be notified to the competent EU institutions and made available online. 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](#).
7. **Action:** EFSA to notify the programming documents 2022-2025 and its budget 2022 to the relevant EU institutions and make those documents available online.

Item 5: Amendments to the Art.36 list

8. The Management Board adopted the renewed list of Art. 36 competent organisations designated by the Member States, which now includes 4 new organisations designated by Austria (2), Hungary (1) and Portugal (1). The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).

Item 6: EFSA Performance Report

9. The Executive Director introduced to the Board the performance report covering the period from the 1st of January to the 30th of October 2021. The document included information on all aspects of the EFSA performance measured during the reporting period against the annual and multiannual work programmes as presented in the Single Programming Document 2021-2023. The Management Board noted the Performance Report and congratulated EFSA's scientific experts and staff for the quantity and quality of the work carried out. 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 the following [link](#).



Item 7: Update from the Scientific Committee

10. The Management Board noted the update from the Scientific Committee, provided by its Chair, Prof. Simon More, who presented the Scientific Committee's activities performed since the last update in October 2021. In particular, he highlighted the work of the Scientific Committee in the areas of chemical assessment, synthetic biology and risk-benefit assessment of fish consumption. 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 8: Update on the implementation of the Transparency Regulation

11. The Board noted the update from the Executive Director on the work that is being carried out to implement the Regulation (EU) 2019/1381 of the European Parliament and of the Council (Transparency Regulation). The Architecture (ART) programme continues to complete and enhance the work already done, focusing on refining the new processes, harmonising enabling services and finalising EFSA's new organisational structure and governance framework. 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 on the implementation of the EFSA Social Science roadmap

12. The Management Board noted the update on the implementation of the EFSA Social Science Roadmap, which was introduced by Barbara Gallani (Communication and Engagement Department) and Domagoj Vrbos (Communication Unit). In particular, the presentation highlighted the contributions to the achievement of the EFSA's Strategy 2027's 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 10: Communication and engagement trends and analytics

13. The Management Board noted the presentation on EFSA communication and engagement trends and analytics, with which EFSA provided an overview of the activities underway to understand relevant audiences and topics. Among others, the presentation included trends in support of campaign development, social media listening and media monitoring. 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: Feedback from the Audit Committee

14. The Chair of the Audit Committee, Herman Diricks, updated the Management Board on the outcome of the meeting held on 15 December 2021, when the Audit Committee discussed around the EFSA performance indicators and noted the state of play regarding the implementation of accepted audit recommendations, the presentation on EFSA's public consultations and the feedback on the ISO 9001 surveillance audit. He informed the audience on the nomination of Iñaki Eguileor as new Audit Committee Vice-Chair in replacement of András Székács, who became Vice-Chair of the Management Board in October 2021. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at this [link](#).

Item 12: Update on the EFSA work on bees and pollinators

15. The Management Board noted the presentation of Domenica Auteri (Pesticide Peer-Review Unit) on EFSA's work on bees and pollinators' health. EFSA's work in this scientific area is supported by its platform for harmonised data sharing and counts on an increased engagement



of stakeholders like, for example, the establishment of an ad hoc stakeholder group for the revision of the bee Guidance. 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 13: The role of human-centric artificial intelligence in regulatory science

16. The Management Board noted the presentation of Didier Verloo (Assessment and Methodological Support) on the role of human-centric artificial intelligence in regulatory science: An approach where the risk assessment planning (i.e. the problem formulation) is carried out by human beings, while the execution (e.g.: collecting, appraising, synthesizing, extracting, assessing and analysing data) is performed through the use of “augmented human intelligence”. 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 14: Any other business

17. The Chair informed the audience that it was the last meeting for Juliane Kleiner (a.i. Head of the Risk Assessment and Scientific Assistance Department) with the Management Board, since she'll retire in early 2022. The Management Board thanked Juliane Kleiner for her considerable work and contribution to EFSA's activities over the past 17 years.
18. The Chair closed the meeting conveying to the fellow Board members, EFSA's experts and staff his seasons' greetings and wished to all a healthy and fruitful new year. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion around the items above is available online at this [link](#).

Summary of actions

Action reference	Action	Deadline	Status
Dec. 16, 2021 - 1	EFSA to notify the programming documents 2022-2025 and its budget 2022 to the relevant EU institutions and make those documents available online.	Jan. 2022	OPEN