



90th Meeting of the EFSA's Management Board Minutes of the Public Session

Parma, 24 March 2022 – 9:30-12:50

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
Gian Luca Bonduri	Alberto Spagnolli
Lucia Bilardi	Guilhem de Seze
Peter De Pauw	Ernesto Liebana (for item no. 12)
Dirk Detken	Nikolaus Georg Kriz
Selomey Yamadjako	

Also attending:

Simon More, Chair of the EFSA's Scientific Committee



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SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

The Board **adopted:**

- The Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2021.
- The decision on the appointment of a new member of the Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings (FAF).
- The amendment of EFSA's Budget 2022.
- The updated list of Art. 36 competent organisations designated by Member States.

In addition, the Board **noted:**

- The feedback from the Chair of the Audit Committee, who reported on the session held on the previous day.
- The presentation on managing the EFSA resource challenge.
- The feedback from the Scientific Committee, provided by its Chair, Prof. Simon More.
- The presentation on EFSA's coordinated communications activities.
- The presentation on the development of the One Health Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) database.



Item 1: Welcome by the Chair

1. The Chair opened the 90th 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 Nikolaus Georg Kriz, who participated in the Board meeting for the first time after his recent appointment as Head of the Risk Assessment Services Department.

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 four of its members and confirmed it.
4. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).

Item 4: Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2021

5. Following the introduction provided by Bernhard Url (Executive Director) and Selomey Yamadjako (Management Services Department), the Management Board adopted the Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2021, which included information on the implementation of EFSA's workplan and budget execution for the year 2021. As well, in compliance with Article 47 of the Financial Regulations applicable to EFSA, the Management Board adopted the assessment of the Annual Activity Report. The Management Board congratulated EFSA's Executive Director and staff for the quantity and quality of the work carried out in 2021. 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 5: Appointment of a new member of the Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings

6. The Management Board adopted the decision on the appointment of a new member of the Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings (FAF), whose term of office will start on the 3rd of April 2022. The audio-file on the discussion of this agenda item is available online at this [link](#).

Item 6: Amendment of the EFSA Budget 2022

7. The Management Board adopted the amendment of the EFSA budget 2022, which was presented by Selomey Yamadjako (Head of Management Services Department). The amendment results in the incorporation in the 2022's budget of the bank interests accrued in 2021. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at this [link](#).
8. **Action:** EFSA to publish the amended EFSA budget 2022 on the EU Official Journal.



Item 7: Amendments to the Art.36 list

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

Item 8: Feedback form the Audit Committee

10. The Chair of the Audit Committee, Herman Diricks, updated the Management Board on the outcome of the meeting held on 23 March 2022, when the Audit Committee discussed on the Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2021, the EFSA Integrated Management system 2021 and the Strategic Internal Audit Plan 2022-2024. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at this [link](#).

Item 9: Managing the EFSA resources challenge

11. The Board noted the presentation provided by Guilhem De Seize (Head of Risk Assessment Production Department) on EFSA resources challenge, which included EFSA's ongoing initiatives to address the challenges related to the management of its internal and external resources and to the development of scientific partnership with Member States, ENVI Agencies and International Agencies. 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: Update from the Scientific Committee

12. 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 December 2021. In particular, he updated the Board on EFSA's work on the use of the Benchmark dose approach in risk assessment and on Risk assessment for human health related to fluoride in food and drinking water. 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](#).
13. **Action:** EFSA to provide Andras Székács with the information he asked on the use of the benchmark dose approach in risk assessment.

Item 11: Coordinated communication

14. The Board noted the update on the EFSA's latest activities regarding the coordinated communications, which were introduced by Barbara Gallani (Communication and Engagement Department). In particular, the presentation highlighted EFSA's communication approaches for risk assessment in the area of Communication Campaigns, Digital Communications and Multilingualism. 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: Whole Genome Sequencing Database

15. The Management Board noted the presentation of Ernesto Liebana (Biological Hazard & Animal Health and Welfare Unit) on EFSA's work on One Health Whole Genome Sequences Database: An approach where the system for the collection and analysis of whole-genome sequencing data from human and food/animal is characterised by cross-sectoral data sharing,



interoperability of the databases, and machine-to-machine technology. 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: Any other business

16. The Chair closed the meeting thanking the fellow Board members, EFSA’s experts and staff for the organisation of the meeting. 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
March. 24, 2022 - 1	EFSA to publish the amended EFSA budget 2022 on the EU Official Journal.	ASAP	DONE
March. 24, 2022 - 2	EFSA to provide Andras Székács with the information he asked on the use of the benchmark dose approach in risk assessment.	ASAP	DONE