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91st Meeting of the EFSA's Management Board

Minutes of the Public Session

Parma, 29 June 2022 – 9:30-13:00

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

Apologies: N/A

Staff of the European Food Safety Authority	
Bernhard Url (Executive Director)	Barbara Gallani
Gian Luca Bonduri	Nikolaus Georg Kriz
Lucia Bilardi	Claudia Paoletti (for item 7)
Peter De Pauw	Pedro Pinhal (for item 4)
Guilhem de Seze	Alberto Spagnolli
Dirk Detken	Selomey Yamadjako

Also attending:

Simon More, Chair of the EFSA's Scientific Committee

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SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

The Board **adopted:**

- The opinion on EFSA's accounts for the financial year 2021.
- The revised Management Board Decision on the Stakeholder Engagement Approach.
- The implementing Rules of the Staff Regulations on:
 - administrative inquiries and disciplinary proceeding,
 - payment of the education allowance.

In addition, the Board **noted:**

- The update on the implementation of the Transparency Regulation.
- The EFSA performance Report.
- The feedback from the Scientific Committee, provided by its Chair Prof. Simon More.
- The feedback from the Chair of the Audit Committee.
- The report on the activities of the EFSA Networks.
- The Management Board stocktaking for the years 2020-2022.

Item 1: Welcome by the Chair

1. The Chair opened the 91st 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. He renewed his condolence for the recent loss of the Management Board member Georgi Georgiev, Director of the Bulgarian Risk Assessment Center of food Chain, and called for a minute of silence to tribute his memory.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda

2. The Board adopted the agenda of the meeting as it was proposed by the Chair, with the addition of the following items under Any Other Business: (1) Exchange of views on the One Conference held in Brussels on 21-24 June 2022 and (2) Feedback from the Chair on his participation in the Stakeholder Bureau meeting held on 21 April 2022. 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 Declaration of Interest submitted by one 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: Accounts 2021 financial year

5. Based on the presentation introduced by Pedro Pinhal (EFSA accountant) and noting the feedback provided by the Chair of the Audit Committee from the discussion held at the Committee on the previous day, the Board gave a positive opinion on EFSA's 2021 financial accounts. A [Power Point 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](#).
6. **Action:** EFSA to notify the Management Board's opinion to the EU competent authorities by 1 July 2022.

Item 5: Stakeholder Engagement Approach

7. Following the presentation provided by Barbara Gallani (Head of Communication and Partnership Department), the Management Board adopted the revised Decision on the Stakeholder Engagement Approach, which introduces new elements to enhance the engagement of stakeholders in EFSA's operations. 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 6: Implementing Rules of the Staff Regulations

8. Noting the presentation provided by Dirk Detken (Head of Legal & Assurance Services), the Management Board adopted the Implementing Rules of the Staff Regulations related to "Administrative enquiries and disciplinary proceedings" and to "Educational allowance". A [Power-Point 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 on the implementation of the Transparency Regulation

9. The Board noted the update on the work carried out by EFSA in the framework of the Architecture Programme (ART) on the implementation of the Transparency Regulation and took note of the achievements of the programme objectives. The ART programme, therefore, will be discontinued on 1 July 2022. Activities related to IT tools improvements, the onboarding of the new Management Board and Panel renewal process will continue beyond the closure of the

programme. The Management Board congratulated EFSA for the results achieved. [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 8: EFSA Performance Report

10. Bernhard Url (Executive Director) introduced to the Management Board the performance report covering the period from 1 January to 30 April 2022. The document, which implements for the first time the new performance framework defined with the EFSA Strategy 2027, includes information on all aspects of the EFSA performance against the Programming Document 2022-2024. Selomey Yamadjako (Management Services Department) brought to the Board's attention the data on the budget execution and transfers. Whilst congratulating EFSA's scientific experts and staff for the quantity and quality of the work carried out in the reporting period, the Management Board underlined the need to further invest in the reduction of the backlog accrued in certain operational areas. 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 9: Update from the Scientific Committee

11. The Management Board noted the update from the Scientific Committee, provided by its Chair, Simon More, who presented the Scientific Committee's activities performed since the last update to the Board. In particular, he highlighted the work of the Scientific Committee in the area of risk assessment of copper, assessment of residues of active substances in food of animal origin and the Scientific Committee work programme. 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: Feedback form the Audit Committee

12. The Chair of the Audit Committee, Herman Diricks, updated the Management Board on the outcome of the meeting held on 28 June 2022, in particular highlighting the results of the Internal Audit Service audit on EFSA's information security and disaster recovery, the assurance on EFSA's accounts 2021, the progress in defining EFSA's key performance indicators and the outcome of EFSA's discharge procedure for the year 2020. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at this [link](#).

Item 11: Report on the activities of the EFSA Networks

13. The Board noted the report of Barbara Gallani (Head of Communication and Partnership) on the activities carried out by the EFSA Scientific Networks 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 12: Management Board: stocktaking 2020-2022

14. The Chair of the Management Board, Aivars Bērziņš, and the Chair of the of the Audit Committee, Herman Diricks, presented the results achieved by the Management Board and by the Audit Committee respectively during the term of office 2020-2022. 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

15. The Board members expressed high appreciation for the quality of the contents presented at the ONE Conference and commended EFSA for the outstanding organisational standards.
16. The Chair of the Management Board debriefed the fellow Board members on the outcome of the Stakeholder Bureau meeting held in April 2022. He highlighted in particular the feedback

from industry representatives and academia on the implementation of the Transparency Regulation, the general plan for risk communications and the EFSA objectives of enhanced collaboration with “sister” EU Agencies.

17. The Chair of the Management Board closed the meeting thanking the fellow Board members, and the Vice-Chairs in particular, for their work and support during his chairmanship. He reminded to the audience that it was the last meeting of the Management Board in that composition and that, as of 1 July 2022, the EFSA Management Board will be composed of representatives of the Member States, of the Parliament, of the Commission and of the civil society and food chain interests. He thanked EFSA’s experts and staff for the organisation of the meeting and wished a good summer break to all.

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
June. 29, 2022 - 1	EFSA to notify the Board opinion on EFSA’s accounts 2021 to the EU competent authorities.	1 July	DONE