



TARGETED (MS) CONSULTATIONS ON DRAFT (RENEWAL) ASSESSMENT REPORTS

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BACKGROUND

27 MARCH 2021: EFSA STARTED TO USED A NEW TOOL (SALESFORCE) FOR PROCESSING CONSULTATIONS

INTERFACE FOR PUBLIC AND MS: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/>

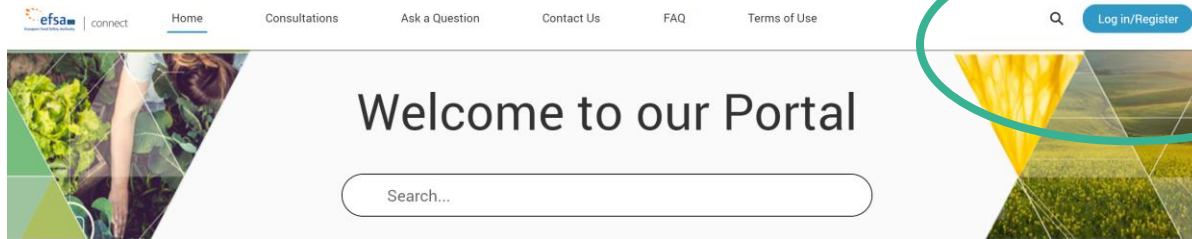
- Access for public both as registered and non-registered user
- Access for MS only as registered user

APRIL – AUGUST 2022: GMO and FEED MS started to use the tool (more than 140 consultations launched and more than 1000 MS comments gathered)

JULY-AUGUST 2023: Changes were performed to the tool to **increase number of characters** in the comment fields (from 5000 to 10000) and **allow uploading of files**

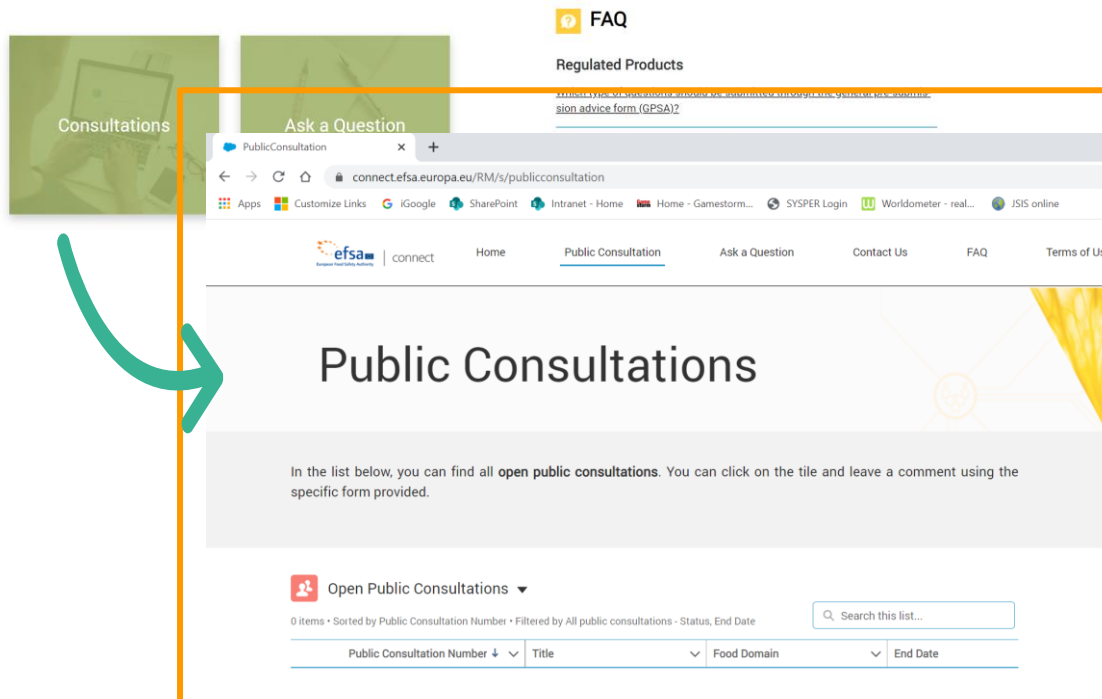
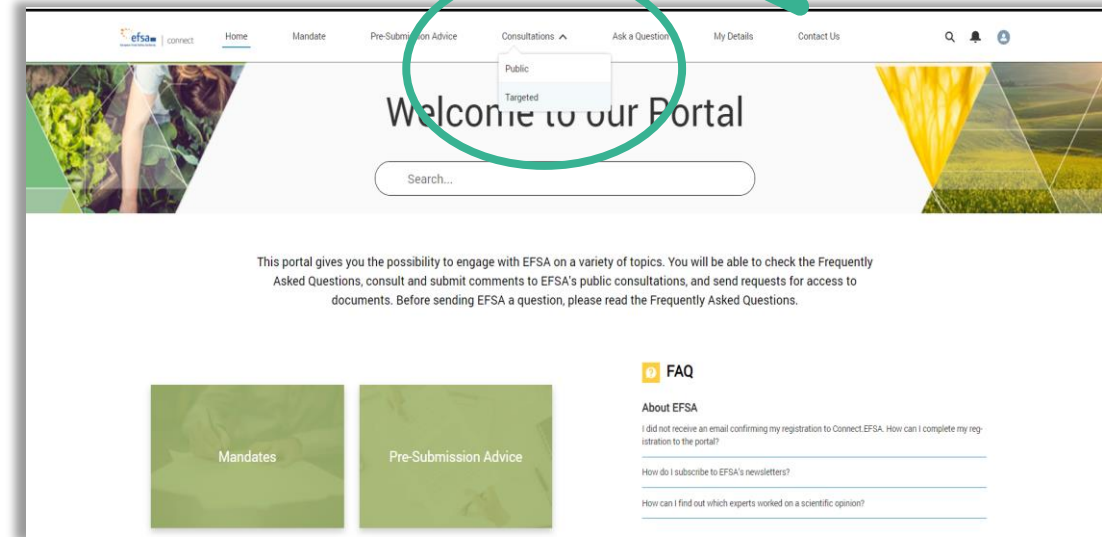


TOOLS / CONNECT.EFSA



Need to log into one's account to be able to comment on **targeted consultations**

This portal gives you the possibility to engage with EFSA on a variety of topics. You will be able to check the Frequently Asked Questions, consult and submit comments to EFSA's public consultations, and send requests for access to documents. You can also register for the Portal. Before sending EFSA a question, please read the Frequently Asked Questions.



PUBLICATION OF COMMENTS FROM TARGETED CONSULTATIONS



- Comments from targeted consultations do not become public upon closure of a consultation
- Comments are answered by RMS/applicant/EFSA and an outcome document is published at the end of peer review process among the background documents



CONNECT.EFSA ACCOUNTS

STATE-OF-PLAY TODAY:

- PREV MS representatives who submitted a confidentiality statement in 2022 have been granted access;
- New representatives > names and emails to be sent to PREV unit.

HOW IT WILL WORK:

- When a targeted consultation is launched, concerned MS representatives (account owners) will receive an e-mail notification containing the link to access the tool and submit comments
- DMS link to DAR/RAR will be included in the consultation



NEXT STEPS

1. PREV to check existing and missing accounts and review Connect.EFSA distribution lists - November 2023
2. RAL support and consultation product manager to produce video tutorial for MS representatives – November/December 2023
3. Consultation product manager to organise online training for MS representatives – December 2023 / January 2024
4. Applicants will also be informed and trained on the tool and submit comments following the same method
5. Start to launch targeted consultations on DAR/RAR: Q1 2024 (date to be confirmed)



**ANY
QUESTIONS?**

