

30-31 January 2024

14:00-16:00 / 09:00-16:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 19 February 2024

**Location:** Webconference**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Margarita AGUILERA-GOMEZ (Chair), Lieve HERMAN, Debora GLANDORF, Nicolas RADOMSKI
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Not applicable
- EFSA:  
Angelo COLAGIORGI (PREV), Isabella DE MAGISTRIS (PREV), Frédérique ISTACE (PREV)
- Others:  
Not Applicable

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.  
As it was the first meeting of the Working Group, the participants briefly introduced themselves.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



#### **IV. Scope of the WG and introduction on the peer review process of microbial pesticides**

EFSA introduced the scope of the new WG on microbial pesticides to the WG members and gave a presentation on the EU regulatory framework for Plant Protection Products (PPP), the pesticides peer review process of microbial active substances and EFSA's role, as well as the best working practices. The planning for the next steps and the expected involvement was shared and discussed with the Working Group.

#### **V. Q&A session**

The WG members asked questions and clarifications to EFSA on the presentation given under Agenda point IV.

#### **VI. Closure of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the meeting**

The Chair thanked the participation of the Working Group members and closed the meeting.

#### **VII. *Bacillus velezensis* strain RTI301**

The WG members followed the discussions held on the active substance *Bacillus velezensis* strain RTI301 during the Pesticides Peer Review TC 126 on microorganisms - mammalian toxicology, only for training purposes and without active contribution to the agenda items' discussions.

#### **VIII. *Bacillus subtilis* strain RTI477**

The WG members followed the discussions held on the active substance *Bacillus subtilis* strain RTI477 during the Pesticides Peer Review TC 126 on microorganisms - mammalian toxicology, only for training purposes and without active contribution to the agenda items' discussions.

#### **IX. Discussion and conclusion**

The WG members and EFSA exchanged views and feedbacks as regards the two days' meeting.

#### **X. Any Other Business and date of next meeting**

The next Working Group meeting is scheduled to take place on 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 via web conference.

#### **XI. Closure of the meeting**

The Chair thanked the participation of the Working Group members to the first WG meeting and closed the meeting.

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