

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

## 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Cross-cutting Working Group



21 October 2025

14:00 – 18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 24 October 2025

**Location:** Webconference

### **Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Josep Casacuberta, Thomas Frenzel, Antoine Messéan, Javier Moreno, Fabien Nogué and Christoph Tebbe
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>: none
- EFSA:  
Nutrition and Food Innovation Unit: Giacomo De Sanctis, Antonio Fernandez Dumont, Andrea Gennaro, Tilemachos Goumperis, Franco Maria Neri (chair), Tommaso Raffaello and Reinhilde Schoonjans
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
DG SANTE: Mara Sgroi

## **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **3. 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 and to the preparatory meeting under item 6. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in these meetings have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of these meetings.

## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 2 September 2025, via web-conference**

The minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed on 10 September 2025.

## **5. Scientific topics for discussion**

### **5.1. Risk assessment methodology for stack applications.**

The Working Group discussed the risk assessment of stacked events. Further discussion is needed.

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<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)



## **Next meeting**

To be decided.

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

## 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Cross-cutting Working Group



2 September 2025

14:00 – 18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 10 September 2025

**Location:** Webconference

### **Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Josep Casacuberta, Thomas Frenzel, Antoine Messéan, Javier Moreno, Fabien Nogué and Christoph Tebbe
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>: none
- EFSA:  
Nutrition and Food Innovation (NIF) Unit: Giacomo De Sanctis, Andrea Gennaro, Tilemachos Goumperis, Franco Maria Neri (chair), Tommaso Raffaello and Reinhilde Schoonjans

## **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

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## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 27 June 2025, via web-conference**

The minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed on 3 July 2025.

## **5. Scientific topics for discussion**

### **5.1. Risk assessment methodology for stack applications.**

The Working Group discussed the risk assessment of stacked events. Further discussion is needed.

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## 6. Preparatory meetings

- Preparatory meeting on a regular horizon scanning to assess new scientific data on plants, animals, microorganisms and products thereof obtained by new genomic techniques  
Date: 24 July 2025  
Working group members: Fabien Nogué, Alan Schulman  
EFSA staff: NIF Unit: Paolo Lenzi, Aleksandra Lewandowska, Nikoletta Papadopoulou, Tommaso Raffaello and Elena Sánchez-Brunete Guillermo  
DG SANTE: Mara Sgroi  
Mandate for discussion: EFSA-Q-2024-00643<sup>4</sup>

## Next meeting

TBD

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<sup>4</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2024-00643>

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

## 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Cross-cutting Working Group



27 June 2025

09:00 – 13:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 3 July 2025

**Location:** Webconference

### **Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Josep Casacuberta, Thomas Frenzel, Antoine Messéan, Fabien Nogué and Christoph Tebbe
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>: none
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Alexandre Huchelmann and Mara Sgroi
- EFSA:  
Nutrition and Food Innovation (NIF) Unit: Giacomo De Sanctis, Dafni Maria Kagli, Franco Maria Neri (chair) and Reinhilde Schoonjans

## **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Javier Moreno.

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

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## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 26 June 2025, via web-conference**

The minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed on 29 June 2025.

## **5. Scientific topics for discussion**

### **5.1 Risk assessment methodology for stack applications.**

The Working Group discussed the risk assessment of stacked events. Further discussion is needed.

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## **Next meeting**

TBD

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

## 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Cross-cutting Working Group



26 June 2025

09:00 – 13:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 29/06/2025

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Fabien Nogué and Alan Schulman
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>: none
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Alexandre Huchelmann and Mara Sgroi
- EFSA:  
Nutrition and Food Innovation (NIF) Unit: Martina Bonatti, Paolo Lenzi, Aleksandra Lewandowska, Franco Maria Neri (chair), Nikoletta Papadopoulou, Tommaso Raffaello and Elena Sánchez-Brunete

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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### 4. Agreement of the minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 22 November 2024, via web-conference

The minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed on 27 November 2024.

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## 5. Scientific topics for discussion

### 5.1 Request to provide scientific and technical assistance for a regular horizon scanning to assess new scientific data on plants, animals, microorganisms and products thereof obtained by new genomic techniques (EFSA-Q-2024-00643)<sup>4</sup>

The Working Group discussed the outcome of the public consultation on the draft protocol. The Working Group also discussed the progress of the pilot literature screening. Further discussion is needed.

## 6. Preparatory meetings

- Preparatory meeting on risk assessment considerations for RNAi-based genetically modified plants  
Date: 16 December 2024  
Working group members: Albert Braeuning, Francisco Barro Losada and Simon Moxon  
Hearing experts: Alberto Davalos  
EFSA staff (NIF Unit): Tilemachos Goumperis, Aleksandra Lewandowska, Franco M. Neri, Nikoletta Papadopoulou and Elena Sánchez-Brunete Guillermo  
  
Mandate for discussion: EFSA-Q-2024-00613<sup>5</sup>
- Preparatory meeting on a regular horizon scanning to assess new scientific data on plants, animals, microorganisms and products thereof obtained by new genomic techniques  
Date: 15 April 2025  
Working group members: Alan Schulman  
Hearing experts: Dennis Eriksson  
EFSA staff (NIF Unit): Paolo Lenzi, Aleksandra Lewandowska, Franco M. Neri, Nikoletta Papadopoulou and Tommaso Raffaello  
  
Mandate for discussion: EFSA-Q-2024-00643<sup>4</sup>
- Preparatory meeting on a regular horizon scanning to assess new scientific data on plants, animals, microorganisms and products thereof obtained by new genomic techniques  
Date: 28 April 2025  
Working group members: Alan Schulman  
EFSA staff: NIF Unit: Paolo Lenzi, Aleksandra Lewandowska, Franco M. Neri, Nikoletta Papadopoulou and Tommaso Raffaello  
Chief Scientist Office: Yann Devos  
  
Mandate for discussion: EFSA-Q-2024-00643<sup>4</sup>

## Next meeting

27 June 2025, Tele/WEB

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<sup>4</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2024-00643>

<sup>5</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2024-00613>

22 November 2024

09:00 – 13:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 27/11/2024

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Albert Braeuning, Francisco Barro Losada and Simon Moxon
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Alberto Davalos
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
None
- EFSA:  
Nutrition and Food Innovation (NIF) Unit: Tilemachos Goumperis, Aleksandra Lewandowska,  
Franco Maria Neri (chair) and Elena Sánchez-Brunete Guillermo  
Pesticide Peer Review Unit: Anna Lanzoni

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## 4. Agreement of the minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 27 May 2024, via web-conference

The minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed on 17 June 2024.

## 5. Scientific topics for discussion

### 5.1 Risk assessment considerations for RNAi-based genetically modified plants (EFSA-Q-2024-00613)

The Working Group discussed the draft EFSA guidance. Further discussion is needed.

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## 6. Preparatory meetings

- Preparatory meeting
  - Date: 14 October 2024
  - Working group members: Albert Braeuning, Francisco Barro Losada and Simon Moxon
  - Hearing experts: Alberto Davalos
  - EFSA staff (NIF Unit): Tilemachos Goumperis, Aleksandra Lewandowska, Nikoletta Papadopoulou and Elena Sánchez-Brunete Guillermo
  - Mandate for discussion: EFSA-Q-2024-00613<sup>4</sup>

## Next meeting

TBD

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<sup>4</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2024-00613>

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the  
Cross-cutting Working Group



27 May 2024

09:00 – 16:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 17/06/2024

**Location:** Teleconference

## **Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Josep Casacuberta, Javier Moreno, Fabien Nogué and Nils Rostoks
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
ANSES staff: Celine Druet, Youssef El Ouadrhiri and Catherine Golstein  
Expert of the ANSES Working Group on Biotechnology: Valérie Le Corre
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
None
- EFSA:  
NIF: Ana Afonso, Paolo Lenzi, Franco Maria Neri (chair), Nikoletta Papadopoulou and Tommaso Raffaello

## **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Ewen Mullins.

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

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## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 2 May 2024, via web-conference**

The minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed on 8 May 2024.

## **5. Scientific topics for discussion**

### **5.1 European Parliament's request for a scientific opinion on recent studies on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on plants obtained by certain NGT and their food and feed and amending regulation (EU) 2017/625 (EFSA-Q-2024-00178)**

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In the hearing section, ANSES presented the main points of their analysis,<sup>4</sup> including considerations about terms, definitions and scientific rationale for the criteria in Annex I of the EC proposal, and considerations on the risks associated to Category 1 NGT plants.

The Cross-cutting Working Group experts discussed with ANSES the exclusion of intragenesis from Category 1 NGT plants, non-targeted cisgenesis, the definition of targeted site and the risk of Category 1 NGT plants.

The discussion provided the Cross-cutting Working Group experts with a better understanding of the ANSES opinion. Before and after the hearing session, the Working Group discussed the draft scientific opinion.

## 6. Preparatory meetings

- Preparatory meeting  
Date: 17 May 2024  
Working group members: Josep Casacuberta, Ewen Mullins and Fabien Nogué  
EFSA staff (NIF): Paolo Lenzi, Franco M. Neri, Nikoletta Papadopoulou and Tommaso Raffaello  
Mandate for discussion: EFSA-Q-2024-00178<sup>5</sup>

## Next meeting

TBD

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<sup>4</sup>Original French version: <https://www.anses.fr/fr/system/files/BIOT2023AUTO0189.pdf>.

English translation: <https://www.anses.fr/fr/system/files/BIOT2023AUTO0189EN.pdf>.

<sup>5</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2024-00178>

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the  
Cross-cutting Working Group



2 May 2024

09:00 – 13:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 8/5/2024

**Location:** Teleconference

## **Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Josep Casacuberta, Javier Moreno, Ewen Mullins and Nils Rostoks
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
None
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
None
- EFSA:  
NIF: Ana Afonso, Paolo Lenzi, Franco Maria Neri (chair), Nikoletta Papadopoulou and Tommaso Raffaello

## **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

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## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 11 April 2024, via web-conference**

The minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting were agreed on 11 April 2024.

## **5. Scientific topics for discussion**

- 5.1** European Parliament's request for a scientific opinion on recent studies on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on plants obtained by certain NGT and their food and feed and amending regulation (EU) 2017/625 (EFSA-Q-2024-00178)

<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>

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<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)



The Working Group discussed the draft scientific opinion on the analysis carried out by ANSES and published on 21 December 2023.<sup>4</sup> Further discussion is needed.

## **Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 27 May 2024, online.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.anses.fr/en/content/plants-derived-new-genomic-techniques-analysis-category-1-inclusion-criteria-proposed>

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the  
Cross-cutting Working Group



11 April 2024

09:00 – 16:30

MINUTES - Agreed on 11/04/2024

**Location:** Webconference

## **Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Josep Casacuberta, Javier Moreno, Ewen Mullins, Fabien Nogué and Nils Rostoks
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
None
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
None
- EFSA:  
NIF: Ana Afonso, Antonio Fernandez Dumont, Andrea Gennaro, Sara Jacchia, Dafni Maria Kagli, Paolo Lenzi, Aleksandra Lewandowska, Ana Martin Camargo, Franco Maria Neri (chair), Nikoletta Papadopoulou, Tommaso Raffaello and Reinhilde Schoonjans

## **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

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## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 11 November 2023, via web-conference**

The [minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 11 November 2023.

## **5. Scientific topics for discussion**

### **5.1 European Parliament's request for a scientific opinion on recent studies on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on plants**

<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>

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**obtained by certain NGT and their food and feed and amending regulation (EU) 2017/625 (EFSA-Q-2024-00178)**

The Working Group discussed the analysis of the principles of equivalency for certain types of NGT plants (proposed in Annex 1 of the draft Regulation adopted on 5 July 2023) carried out by ANSES in the opinion published on 21 December 2023.<sup>4</sup> The Working Group also discussed the structure and the content of the scientific opinion. Further discussion is needed.

## **Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 2 May 2024, online.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.anses.fr/en/content/plants-derived-new-genomic-techniques-analysis-category-1-inclusion-criteria-proposed>



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

### MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE CROSS-CUTTING WORKING GROUP

**Held on 21 November 2023, Tele/WEB**

**(Agreed on 21 November 2023)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Tamas Dalmay (chair), Ian Dewhurst, Thomas Frenzel, Antoine Messéan, Javier Moreno, Ewen Mullins, José Sanchez Serrano and Giovanni Savoini

■ Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

None

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

DG SANTE: Alexandre Huchelmann

■ EFSA:

NIF Unit: Michele Ardizzone, Giacomo De Sanctis, Antonio Fernández Dumont, Andrea Gennaro, Aina Belén Gil González, Tilemachos Goumperis, Paschalina Grammatikou, Paolo Lenzi, Aleksandra Lewandowska, Ana Martín Camargo, Franco Maria Neri, Nikoletta Papadopoulou and Marta Rodrigues

■ Other

None

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The chair welcomed the participants. No apologies for absence were received.

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<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## 4. Scientific topics for discussion

### 4.1. EFSA-GMO-NL-2019-159 (Maize DP-202216-6)<sup>4</sup>

The working group discussed the application. Further discussion is needed.

## 5. Any other business

None.

## 6. Next meeting

To be determined.

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<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)

<sup>4</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2019-00419>

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

## MINUTES OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE CROSS-CUTTING WORKING GROUP

**Held on 19 December 2022, Tele/WEB**

**(Agreed on 19 December 2022)**

### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Tamas Dalmay (chair), Ian Dewhurst, Thomas Frenzel (for item 4.2), Jan Hejártko (for item 4.2), Javier Moreno and Fabien Nogué (for item 4.1)
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
None
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
DG SANTE: Juliette-Marie Margueritte
- EFSA:  
NIF Unit: Michele Ardizzone, Antonio Fernández Dumont, Andrea Gennaro, Jose Gómez Ruiz, Tilemachos Goumperis, Paschalina Grammatikou, Paolo Lenzi, Aleksandra Lewandowska, Franco Maria Neri, Nikoletta Papadopoulou, Tommaso Raffaello and Kyriaki Xiftou
- Other  
None

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The chair welcomed the participants.

### 2. Adoption of agenda

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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>.



The agenda was adopted without changes.

### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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### 4. Scientific topics for discussion

#### 4.1. GMFF-2022-5890 (maize MON 95275)<sup>4</sup>

The working group discussed the application. Further discussion is needed.

#### 4.2. EFSA-GMO-DE-2019-157 (oilseed rape LBFLFK)<sup>5</sup>

The working group discussed the application and the draft scientific opinion. Further discussion is needed.

### 5. Any other business

None.

### 6. Next meeting

To be determined.

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<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)

<sup>4</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2022-00330>

<sup>5</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2019-00394>

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

## MINUTES OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE CROSS-CUTTING WORKING GROUP

**Held on 18 July 2022, Tele/WEB**

**(Agreed on 18 July 2022)**

### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Tamas Dalmay (chair), Philippe Guerche, Javier Moreno, Ewen Mullins, Hanspeter Naegeli, Fabien Nogué and Jose Sanchez Serrano
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
None
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
DG SANTE: Ilaria Ciabatti and Alexandre Huchelmann
- EFSA:  
NIF Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont, Nikoletta Papadopoulou and Tommaso Raffaello
- Other  
None

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The chair welcomed the participants.

### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



### 3. 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.

### 4. Scientific topics for discussion

#### 4.1. EFSA statement on the criteria for risk assessment for plants produced by targeted mutagenesis and cisgenesis<sup>4</sup>

The working group discussed the mandate and the draft statement. Further discussion is needed.

### 5. Any other business

None.

### 6. Next meeting

To be determined.

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<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)

<sup>4</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2022-00309>



# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

## MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE CROSS-CUTTING WORKING GROUP

**Held on 7 July 2022, Tele/WEB**

**(Agreed on 7 July 2022)**

### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Tamas Dalmay (chair), Ian Dewhurst, Thomas Frenzel, Antoine Messéan, Javier Moreno, Ewen Mullins, Hanspeter Naegeli and José Sanchez Serrano
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
None
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
DG SANTE: Alexandre Huchelmann, Juliette-Marie Margueritte
- EFSA:  
NIF Unit: Michele Ardizzone, Giacomo De Sanctis, Antonio Fernandez Dumont, Silvia Federici, Andrea Gennaro, Tilemachos Goumperis, Franco Maria Neri and Nikoletta Papadopoulou
- Other  
None

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The chair welcomed the participants. No apologies for absence were received.

### 2. Adoption of agenda

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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>.



The agenda was adopted without changes.

### 3. 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.

### 4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting held on 9 June 2022, Tele/WEB.

The minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting held on 9 June 2022 were agreed on 17 June 2022.<sup>4</sup>

### 5. Scientific topics for discussion

#### 5.1. EFSA-GMO-NL-2019-159 (Maize DP-202216-6)<sup>5</sup>

The working group discussed the application. Further discussion is needed.

### 6. Any other business

None.

### 7. Next meeting

18 July 2022, Tele/WEB

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<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)

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/gmo/working-groups>

<sup>5</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2019-00419>



# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

## MINUTES OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE CROSS-CUTTING WORKING GROUP

**Held on 9 June 2022, Tele/WEB**

**(Agreed on 17 June 2022)**

### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Tamas Dalmay (chair), Ian Dewhurst, Philippe Guerche, Javier Moreno, Ewen Mullins, Hanspeter Naegeli and Fabien Nogué
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
None
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
DG SANTE: Ilaria Ciabatti and Alexandre Huchelmann
- EFSA:  
NIF Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont, Andrea Gennaro, Franco Maria Neri, Nikoletta Papadopoulou and Tommaso Raffaello
- Other  
None

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from José Sanchez Serrano.

### 2. Adoption of agenda

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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>.



The agenda was adopted without changes.

### 3. 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.

### 4. Scientific topics for discussion

#### 4.1. EFSA statement on the criteria for risk assessment for plants produced by targeted mutagenesis and cisgenesis<sup>4</sup>

The working group discussed the mandate and the draft statement. Further discussion is needed.

### 5. Any other business

None.

### 6. Next meeting

7 July 2022, Tele/WEB

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<sup>4</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2022-00309>