



Information on Commission's evaluation of EFSA's performance (2017-2024)

EFSA's Advisory Forum

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DG SANTE

Background



EFSA conducted and published external evaluations in 2005, 2012 and in 2018



In 2012, the **Common approach towards decentralised agencies** => the Council, Parliament and the Commission agreed to include provisions on **external evaluation by the Commission** in agency's founding act



Regulation (EU) No 2019/1381 ('the Transparency Regulation') amended Reg. (EC) No 178/2002 (GFL) to strengthen the transparency and sustainability of the EU risk assessment in the food chain (entry into application in March 2021) => **The Commission shall evaluate EFSA's performance (Art. 61(2) and (3) GFL) by 28 March 2026, and every five years thereafter**

Purpose and scope

Assess the
**effectiveness,
efficiency, relevance,
coherence, EU added
value of EFSA**

- Evaluation of EFSA's performance in relation to its **objectives, mandate, tasks, procedures and location**, in accordance with Better Regulation Guidelines ([Art. 61\(2\) GFL](#))
- It should also cover:
 - the impact of “**Pre-submission advice**” by EFSA staff to applicants or notifiers (Art. 32a GFL) on the functioning of EFSA ([Art. 61\(2\) GFL](#))
 - the possible **need to modify the mandate** of the EFSA, and the financial implications of any such modification ([Art. 61\(2\) GFL](#))
 - whether the **organisational framework of EFSA** needs to be further updated with regard to decisions on requests for confidentiality and confirmatory applications, namely by setting up a specific Board of Appeal or by other appropriate means ([Art. 61\(3\) GFL](#))

Study - external contractor



review existing information and collect additional knowledge and evidence => data analysis of EFSA's performance



assist the Commission with the public consultation and the conduct of targeted consultations

Consultation strategy - activities



Call for evidence



a **public consultation** of 12 weeks on the Commission's 'Have your say' website in the 3rd quarter of 2024 in all EU official languages



targeted consultation activities with EU and national risk managers as well as national risk assessment bodies



targeted consultation activities with stakeholders

Indicative timeline for the Evaluation

