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# Vitenskapskomiteen for mat og miljø

Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food and Environment

Norway – National Meeting for EFSA stakeholders  
10 January 2025

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# Background

- TMA: Foster joint planning and partnership on RA activities
- TMA: Knowledge transfer and networking activities across the RA community
- TMA: MSCC
- Principal activities: Support to the permanent work related to principal activities.

# Program

- **09:00 – 09:50:** The European Cooperation within EFSA's remit – An introduction before we start
- **10:00 – 10:45:** Official opening: Cooperation and partnerships on Risk Assessment – Why we should partner up to face our common future challenges – Welcome and opening remarks
- **10:45 – 11:30:** EFSA's partners in the Scientific Cooperation: This is how EFSA and partners work together
- **11:30 – 12:00:** Digital lunchbreak
- **12:00 – 13:30:** Parallel sessions
  - Session 1: From the Transparency Regulation to concrete examples of cooperation and creation of partnerships
  - Session 2: EFSA Scientific Networks: Facilitators for cooperation
  - Session 3: Risk Communication: New collaborations on common topics

# Lessons learned – The good things

- EFSA's availability and advice on program was key elements for the organisation of this event
- Internal planning through the national «AF/FP/MSCC-CEN» coordination group
- The «introduction» before the joint sessions – Setting the scene
- Relevant and short presentations – Cover many topics «while at it»
- Good technical implementation of the meeting (used an external partner)
- Number of participants
- Participants from Sweden and Denmark
- Evaluation
- Possibilities for follow-up created by the event

# Lessons learned – What could be better next time?

- Earlier contact with EFSA from our side
- Time-management – Too many topics
- Time-management – Allow (more) time for Q&As
- More «prepping» of the attendees before the event (e.g. relevant background material)
- Avoid «language confusion»: Which language to use in national meetings with interventions from English speaking presentations.
- More cases – Request the FP network for participation in the meeting to present cases
- Faster publication of recordings and presentations after event
- Better fitted evaluation form to increase number of evaluations

# Attendance

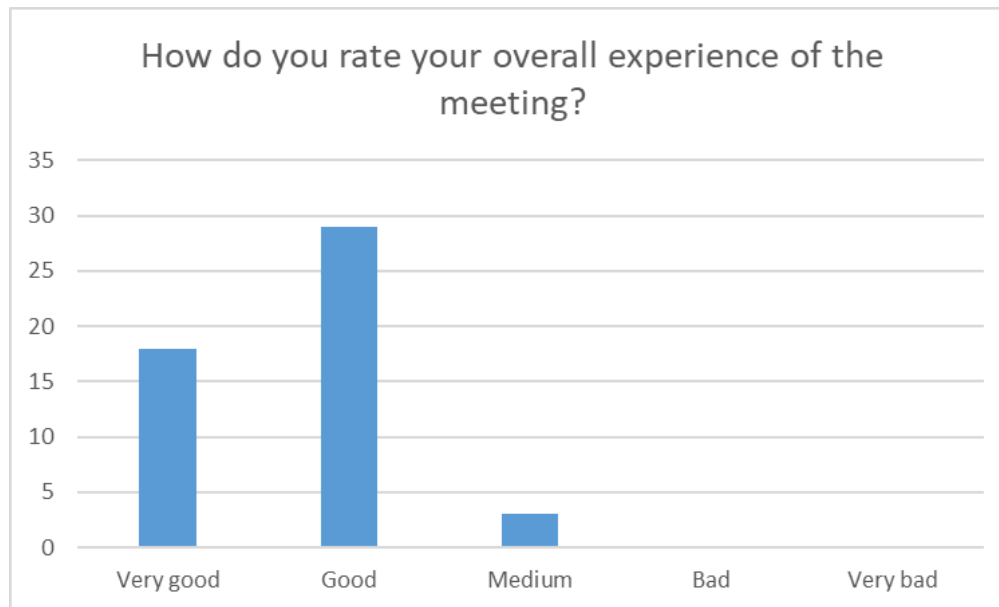
- Introduction (09:00 – 09:50): 86
- Joint sessions (10:00 – 11:30): 111
- Parallel sessions (12:00 – 13:30)
  - Session 1 (cooperation): 71
  - Session 2 (networks): 30
  - Session 3 (risk communication): 22

# Evaluation (analysis ongoing)

- Overall – introduction – joint sessions: 50 (45% of attendees)
- Parallel sessions
  - Session 1 (cooperation): 23 (32%)
  - Session 2 (networks): 19 (63%)
  - Session 3 (communication): 5 (23%)

# Overall

- How do you rate your overall experience of the meeting



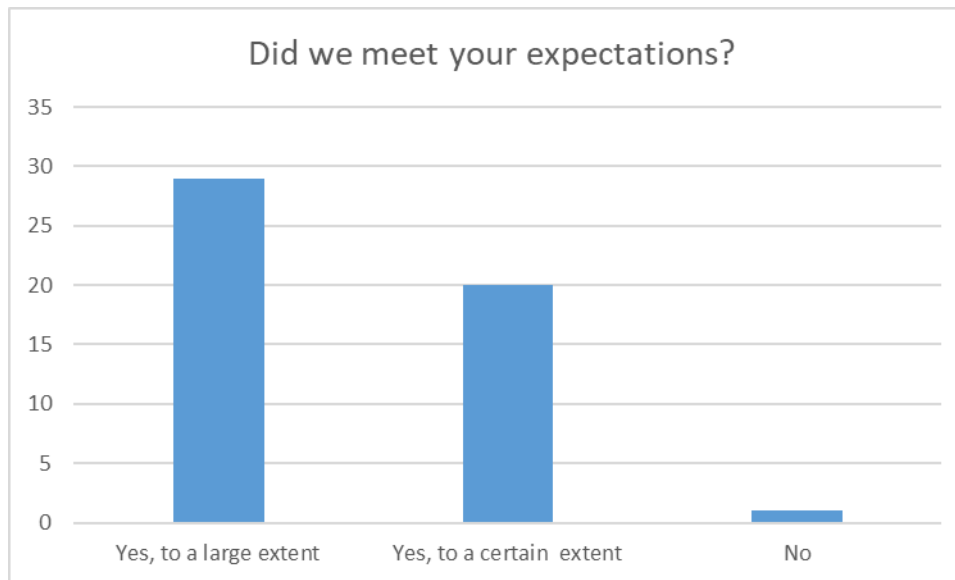
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| Very good | 18 |
| Good      | 29 |
| Medium    | 3  |
| Bad       | 0  |
| Very bad  | 0  |



# Overall

- Did we meet your expectations?



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| Yes, to a large extent   | 29 |
| Yes, to a certain extent | 20 |
| No                       | 1  |

# Overall: What did you like the most?



# Annex

- Detailed program

# Joint sessions

- **09:00 – 09:50:** The European Cooperation within EFSA's remit – An introduction before we start
  - Earmarked for “newcomers” when it comes to EFSA, and those who would like basic information about EFSA, the Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food and Environment (VKM) and the European cooperation within EFSA's remit. Speakers: FP (Gisle Solstad)

# Joint sessions

- **10:00 – 10:45:** Official opening: Cooperation and partnerships on Risk Assessment – Why we should partner up to face our common future challenges – Welcome and opening remarks
  - Insights on future challenges and opportunities, and why cooperation, partnership and capacity building are pillars in meeting that future together as a RA community. Speakers: EFSA (Carlos Gonçalo das Neves), VKM (Tore Skeidsvoll Tollersrud, Director, AF-member), NFSA (Inge Erlend Næsset, Director Regulations and Control)
- **10:45 – 11:30:** EFSA's partners in the Scientific Cooperation: This is how EFSA and partners work together
  - Focus on the processes and arenas in and on which we work together towards joint work and cooperation. How information about activities within risk assessment and risk communication are shared, how topics for calls are prioritised, how the framework for EFSA's Focal Points facilitates Tailor-Made Activities within the remit of EFSA, and the role of EFSA Advisory Forum. Speakers: EFSA/AF (Sergio), VKM/AF (Tore) and FP (Gisle)

# Parallel session 1: Cooperation

- **12:00 – 13:30:** From the Transparency Regulation to concrete examples of cooperation and creation of partnerships
  - For experts from the scientific community, risk managers and decision makers. Insights on concrete possibilities for cooperation and partnership stemming from the Transparency Regulation. Focus on the EFSA schemes for Grants & Procurement and examples of cooperation and partnerships.
    - “From Scientific Cooperation to Partnership” - EFSA (Gorgias)
    - The “enzyme-model” from a Norwegian perspective
      - Building a consortium - VKM (Danica Grahek-Ogden)
      - Participation in a consortium – Institute of Marine Research (Anne-Katrine Lundebye)
    - A dynamic Focal Point network: Using TMAs to address weaknesses or pave the ground for partnership in key preparedness topics – EFSA (Elina)
      - An example of a FP initiative for a country specific TMA: Collaboration to Harmonise the Assessment for Next Generation Evidence (CHANGE) – VKM (Gro Mathisen)
    - EFSA Grants & Procurement: Increasing the use of simplified financing tools and simplification of the administrative procedures – EFSA (Marco Cortopassi)
    - VKM – A national Resource Center for Norwegian article 36 organisations – What we can do for you – VKM (Gisle)

# Parallel session 2: Networks

- **12:00 – 13:30: EFSA Scientific Networks: Facilitators for cooperation**
  - For representatives and alternates in the EFSA Scientific Networks. Brief look into the reasoning behind the networks from EFSA's side, before we look into how we work nationally on networking today. From that starting point, we investigate ways of creating resource-efficient networking to increase the national impact through the EFSA Scientific Networks.
    - Introduction – EFSA (Julia and Karine)
    - Scientific Networks – A tool for national impact? – VKM/AF (Danica)
    - How to improve the possibilities created through the networks – Community Management Training
      - Introduction: Why Community Management for Science? – EFSA (Margherita)
      - Community Management Training – Summary/elements from the CP meeting 19 December 2024
      - Examples on how networking is taking place today: FCM-network (Inger-Lise Steffensen/NIPH) & Nano-network (Gro Mathisen VKM)
  - Discussion: How to optimize the national network going forward?

# Parallel session 3: Risk communication

- 12:00 – 13:30: Risk Communication: New collaborations on common topics
  - For communication experts working in risk management and scientific institutions. EFSA's Communication and Partnerships Department presents how the Transparency Regulation affects the European cooperation within Risk Communication, and what the ideal cooperation would look like, from EFSA's perspective. EFSA will focus on campaigns, collaborative opportunities, and EFSA's needs when it comes to cooperation and partnership in Risk Communication.
    - Introduction – VKM (Anne-Grethe Danielsen)
    - EFSA and communication (Anthony Smith, James Ramsay)
    - Discussions
  - VKM will focus on which role it can take, based on the communication landscape in Norway, and the needs of the Norwegian communication community within our remit. Starting to build a sustainable Risk Communication community in Norway is the aim of this session.



# Takk for oppmerksomheten!

