



CONNECT.EFSA ENHANCEMENTS TARGETED CONSULTATIONS PESTICIDES

PSN MEETING

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Why?

- MS feedback received in 2024
- EFSA's own analysis based on current experience also identifying areas for improvement

Aim?

Deliver a more user-friendly, efficient and transparent version of the digital solution



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What is going to change?

- **EASIER AND DIRECT INPUT** OF COMMENTS INTO THE TOOL (no more copy/paste of information); **SIMULTANEOUS INPUT** FROM MULTIPLE USERS
- INTRODUCTION OF A NEW “**COORDINATOR ROLE**” REVIEWING THE EXPERTS’ COMMENTS AND SUBMITTING TO EFSA (not compulsory role)
- POSSIBILITY TO SEE THE COMMENTS SUBMITTED **BY ALL THE EXPERTS OF A MEMBER STATE**, BUT ALSO THE ONES SUBMITTED **BY OTHER MEMBER STATES**
- INTRODUCTION OF A **NEW FIELD** TO INDICATE VOLUME/PAGE/CHAPTER (easier extraction of comments and reporting table compilation)



NEW MEMBER STATE ROLES



MS Expert: representative of the relevant MS inserting the comments through a targeted consultation on a draft assessment report -> comments can be submitted either directly to EFSA or reviewed/approved/submitted by a coordinator







MS Coordinator: oversees the comments submitted by MS experts and is responsible for checking/reviewing them and for submitting them to EFSA.

The coordinator can also enter comments directly.

NOT COMPULSORY ROLE!



ACTIVITIES OVERVIEW

WHAT	WHEN	STATUS
ANALYSIS AND SOLUTION IMPROVEMENTS BASED ON FEEDBACK RECEIVED	APRIL to SEPTEMBER 2025	
INTERNAL TESTS OF ENHANCEMENTS	SEPTEMBER 2025	
FIRST TEST SESSION WITH MEMBER STATES	14 OCTOBER 2025	
FOLLOW-UP TEST SESSION WITH MEMBER STATES	10 NOVEMBER 2025	
SUBMISSION OF ROLE LISTS BY MEMBER STATES	14 NOVEMBER 2025	ongoing
GO-LIVE OF UPDATED SOLUTION	BY MID-DECEMBER 2025	tbc
TRAINING SESSION	DAY AFTER GO-LIVE	tbc



LISTS OF CONTACTS/ROLES

To date, contacts received from: AT, BE, EE, ES, FI, HR, IE, LU, NO, SE, SK

What happens upon go-live?

- Members States with new defined roles -- > will comment through the updated system
- Members States with no new defined roles -- > will comment through the old system until they provide the list of contacts/roles

All MS are encouraged to submit the lists of contacts and start using the updated system as soon as possible



NEXT STEPS

1. EFSA to create contacts of MS experts/coordinators based on MS input
2. EFSA to confirm and communicate go-live date
3. EFSA to finalise user guide and organise information/training session
4. EFSA to start analysis to include applicants' and EFSA's comments in the tool
5. Satisfaction survey of updated system (Q1 2026)



NOTIFICATIONS TO CONSULTATION RESPONDENTS



AS OF OCTOBER 2025: consultation respondents are being notified via e-mail when the relevant scientific output / consultation outcome become public --- this applies to all scientific processes and domains.

FOR PESTICIDE PEER REVIEW AREA: as the reporting table is published in the so-called “pesticide peer review report” - which becomes public after the publication of the relevant output (*conclusion*) - **Member States are notified via e-mail when the report is published on the OPEN EFSA platform.**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR COLLABORATION

