

98th MEETING OF THE EFSA ADVISORY FORUM

Kongens Lyngby – 3 December 2025: 9H00-17H15 / 4 December 2025:
9H00 –12H00

Draft Agenda

DAY 1

Chair: Nikolaus Kriz			Speaker
09:00-09:15	1. Welcome and Adoption of the Agenda (15 min.)	-	Nikolaus Kriz
09:15-09:30	2. Welcome Address from the Deputy Director General at the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration (DVFA) and from the President of the Technical University of Denmark (DTU) (15 min.)	-	Cecilie Solstad (DVFA)/Anders Overgaard Bjarklev (DTU)
3. Update on AF Advisory Groups (50 min.)			
For information and discussion			
Co-Chair: Bénédicte Vagenende			
09:30-09:55	1. Advisory Group on Biomarkers of Effect (10 min. + 15 min. disc.)	<PPT>	Dimosthenis Sarigiannis (EL)/Lucian Farcas (EFSA)
09:55-10:20	2. Advisory Group on Data (15 min. + 10 min. disc.)	<PPT>	Akos Jozwiak (HU)
4. Current Partnership Opportunities (40 min.)			
For information and discussion			
Co-Chair: Carlos das Neves			
10:20-10:25	1. Overview (5 min.)	<PPT>	Carlos das Neves (EFSA)
10:25-10:40	2. Preparing for EU Menu 2.0 (10 min. + 5 min disc.)	<PPT>	Fabrizio Abbinante (EFSA)
10:40-10:50	3. Using OMICS for Chemical Grouping (5 min + 5 min disc.)	<PPT>	Giovanni Iacono (EFSA)
10:50-11:00	4. Preview: Online Event for the Partnership Opportunities of EFSA for 2026/27 (5 min + 5 min disc.)	<PPT>	Aikaterini Vlachou (EFSA)



11:00-11:30	Coffee Break & Family Picture (30 min)		
5. Microbiome in Regulatory Science (50 min.)			
For information and discussion			
11:30-12:00	1. Emerging Challenges and Regulatory Readiness (30 min.)	<PPT>	Konstantinos Paraskevopoulos (EFSA)
12:00-12:20	2. Discussion (20 min.)	-	All
	10 min.		
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break (1h30 min.)		
6. Update on “EFSA Guidance” (1h)			
For information and discussion			
Co-Chair: Barbara Gallani			
14:00-14:35	1. Feedback on the Architecture of EFSA’s Guidance Documents (20 min. + 15 min. disc.)	<PPT>	Elisa Aiassa/Gloria Lopez (EFSA)
14:35-15:00	2. Implementation of the Risk-benefit Assessment (RBA) Guidance (15 min. + 10 min disc.)	<PPT>	Maria Bastaki (EFSA)
	5 min.		
7. Holistic Assessments in the Food Chain (25 min.)			
For information and discussion			
15:05-15:30	The Application of Risk-Benefit Assessment in a Regulatory Context: Insights from DTU Food (15 min. + 10 min. disc.)	<PPT>	Dr. Morten Poulsen (DTU - DK)
	5 min.		
15:35-16:05	Coffee Break (30 min.)		
8. Focal Point Operational Framework (30 min.)			
For information and discussion			
16:05-16:35	Working together on the next Focal Point framework (20 min. + 10 min. disc.)	<PPT>	Sergio Potier Rodeia (EFSA)
	5 min.		
9. Food Risk Assess Europe channel (30 min.)			
For information and discussion			
16:40-17:10	Update on the Food Risk Assess Europe Channel (20 min. + 10 min. disc.)	<PPT>	Arthur Healy (EFSA)
	5 min.		
17:15	Closing of the 1st day meeting		Chair



DAY 2

Chair : Nikolaus Kriz			
09:00-09:05	Opening and Welcoming of Participants (5 min.)	-	Nikolaus Kriz
10. EFSA Horizon Scanning activities (35 min.)			
For information and discussion			
09:05-09:40	Horizon Scanning Signals collected over the second semester (25 min. + 10 min disc.)	<PPT>	Bernard Bottex/Angelo Maggiore (EFSA)
11. Update on Scientific Activities (1h 15 min.)			
For information and discussion			
Co-Chair: Guilhem de Sèze			
	1. MS Risk Assessment (RA) Plans, Mandates, Public Consultations, Events and Updates		
09:40-10:00	a. Overview from EFSA (10 min. + 10 min. disc.)	<PPT>	Guilhem de Sèze (EFSA)
10:00-10:15	b. ILMERAC - Updates on international collaboration on methods for risk assessment (10 min. + 5 min. disc.)	<PPT>	Denise Bloch (BfR-DE)
10:15-10:20	5 min.		
10:20-10:50	Coffee Break (30 min.)		
	2. Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)		
10:50-11:15	a. EFSA Updates: Report on the TFA assessment and PFAS Workshop Highlights (20 min. + 5 min. disc.)	<PPT>	Manuela Tiramani/Chantra Eskes (EFSA)
11:15-11:30	b. MS Initiative Group on PFAS: status and future perspectives (10 min. + 5 min. disc.)	<PPT>	Matthieu Schuler (FR)/Dick Sjim (NL)
12. AOB (20 min.)			
11:30-11:35	1. Update on the European Commission's Evaluation of EFSA's Performance (5 min.)	Oral note	EC – DG SANTE
11:35-11:45	2. Omnibus Package on Food and Feed Safety: state of play (5 min. + 5 min disc.)	Oral note	EC- DG SANTE
	10 min.		
11:55-12:00	Closing of the meeting by the Chair (5 min.)		



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