

19 February 2026 (9:00-13:30)

MINUTES - Agreed on 10th of March 2026

Location: Teleconference

Attendees:

○ Panel Members:

Adriaanse Pauline, Choi Judy, Coja Tamara, Finizio Antonio, Giraud Maeva, Kuhl Thomas, McVey Emily, Metruccio Francesca, Paparella Martin, Scanziani Eugenio, Teodorovic Ivana, Van den Brink Paul, Wilks Martin.

○ Hearing Experts¹:

Not applicable

○ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not applicable

○ EFSA:

PREV Unit: Batista Leite Sofia, Bergsma Elodie, Binaglia Marco, Blazevic Marija, Castoldi Anna Federica, Chiusolo Arianna, Colas Mathilde, Crivellente Federica Adele, Gkountouras Dimitrios, Id Hammou Nawelle, Istace Frédérique, Kardassi Dimitra, Lanzoni Anna, Lousse Jochem, Mavriou Galini, Nomikou Christina, Panzarea Martina, Parra Morte Juan Manuel, Scattareggia Marchese Adriana, Suontausta Annamajja, Tiramani Manuela, Vianello Giorgia

PLANTS Unit: Alvarez Fernando, Arena Maria, Auteri Domenica, Casu Alessia, Fait Gabriella, Ferilli Franco, Gilland Catriona, Legerer Stanimira, Magrans Soria Oriol, Sarntaridou Magdalini, Sharp Rachel Jane, Szentes Csaba, Tuomola Aliisa, Villamar Bouza Laura

○ Others:

Not applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Silvia Pieper.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Panel members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Panel Members. 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.

¹ As defined in Article 34 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>

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



4. Agreement of the minutes of the 134th PPR Panel Plenary meeting held on 20 November 2025, via teleconference

The minutes of the 134th PPR Panel plenary meeting were agreed by written procedure on 1 December 2025.

5. Update from Scientific Committee

The chair updated the Panel about relevant activities of the Scientific Committee and in particular on:

- Draft guidance on evidence appraisal
- Draft guidance on biomarkers of effect
- ADME and PBK modelling in risk assessment
- Draft Guidance on default values
- Update Guidance on weight of evidence and Guidance on biological relevance
- Genotoxicity guidance (revision)

In addition, consideration on the length and readability of scientific opinions and an update on social science at EFSA were also presented.

6. Scientific output(s) submitted for discussion/adoption

6.1 Request for revision of Terrestrial Ecotoxicology Guidance ([EFSA-Q-2024-00463](#) and [EFSA-Q-2024-464](#))

The revised planning for addressing the mandate was proposed to the Panel. In addition, preliminary results related to the public consultation on the draft protocol for the revision of the terrestrial ecotoxicology guidance as well as the planning for finalising the work were presented to the Panel. The Panel was also updated on the progress on the statement on indirect effects and the planning for its endorsement. The reviewers, Emily McVey, Antonio Finizio, and Paul Van den Brink, for the statement were officially nominated.

6.2 Reviewing the literature on the methodologies available to study the long-term toxic and/or carcinogenic effects of PPP, in particular those resulting from interactions between components mixed in these products ([EFSA-Q-2024-00432](#))

Results of the preliminary screening assessment (title and abstract) of the literature related to the whole mixture approach were presented. Indicative timelines for finalising the statement were also given.

6.3 Metabolites common to several active substances ([EFSA-Q-2024-00560](#))

An overview of on-going and terminated activities to address the mandate was presented. Planning and milestones were also discussed.



6.4 Update of the guidance on Submission of scientific peer-reviewed open literature for the approval of pesticide active substances under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 (EFSA-Q-2024-00585)

Updates on the kick-off meeting held last December were provided. The Panel was also informed about the project's timelines.

6.5 Waiving the dog studies in the regulatory process for agrochemical approval ([EFSA-Q-2024-00199](#))

The Panel was informed about feedback received during the stakeholder workshop organised back in November 2025. Comments received during the public consultation as well as feedback from USEPA on the mandate were discussed. The revised strategy proposed in the Opinion was also presented. Finally, an overview of the revised timelines was provided.

7. AOB

The Panel was reminded about the best practices for external presentations or scientific posters related to contents of EFSA outputs.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in Parma in April, 22-23.