

1 April 2026

14:00-18:00

MINUTES – Agreed on 01 April 2026

Location Working Group: EFSA - Parma (Webconference)

Chair Working Group: Gabriele Gadermaier

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Gabriele Gadermaier (chair), Hendrik Van Loveren, Francesco Catania, Federica Oresenigo
- Hearing Experts¹:
Mills Clare
- Applicants participating in a technical hearing²:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Yi Liu, Silvia Peluso, Cristina Fernandez-Fraguas, Magdalena Andryszkiewicz.
IDATA: Iacono Giovanni
CSO: Estefania Noriega Fernandez
GMO Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont, Tommaso Raffaello
- Others:
Not applicable.

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting and the preparatory meetings listed under agenda item "Preparatory meeting/s with Risk Assessment". No conflicts of interest related to the issues discussed in these meetings have been identified

¹ As defined in Article 34 of the document "Implementing Rule of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority laying down the rules on the selection, appointment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups":
<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/paneloperation.pdf>

² As defined in the "EFSA's Catalogue of support initiatives during the life cycle of applications for regulated products":
<https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.2903/sp.efsa.2021.EN-6472>

³ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/independence-policy-2024.pdf

⁴ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf



during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the Working Group members at the beginning of these meetings.

IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Presentation on the IRMA's project on Allergenicity Risk Assessment

Estefania Noriega Fernandez and Antonio Fernandez Dumont presented the upcoming proquirement call for a project on Allergenicity risk assessment.

b. Review of the mandate

The group reviewed the mandate and identified milestones for the progression of the Working Group.

c. Draft Technical Report

The structure of the Technical report was agreed by the participants.

d. Showcase of the bioinformatic pipeline

The group reviewed the preliminary bioinformatic pipeline and identified areas for improvements.

V. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 5th of May 2026, via web conference.
