

Note on the composition of the EFSA Panel on Biological Hazards (BIOHAZ)



Summary

This note reviews the list of members of the Panel on Biological Hazards (BIOHAZ), for the 2024-2029 term of office.

In December 2025, Elisabetta Suffredini notified EFSA of her resignation as a member of the BIOHAZ Panel.

The BIOHAZ Panel needs reinforcement with additional expertise.

The reserve list of suitable candidates for all Scientific Panels and the Scientific Committee established by the Management Board was screened, and the following candidate was identified, with the view of being proposed for appointment as member of the BIOHAZ Panel.

The candidate's Declaration of Interests (DoI) was screened and validated with respect to membership of the respective Scientific Panel, in accordance with EFSA's Independence Policy and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management.

- **██████████ (proposed as member of the BIOHAZ Panel)**
 - ██████████
 - Areas of expertise: food hygiene (expert)
 - Short description of main expertise: ██████████
██████████ has unique expertise in relation to meat hygiene and risk-based meat inspection, ██████████. In comparison with other candidates with expertise in relation to meat hygiene, ██████████ adds a specific practical knowledge on meat inspection procedures and HACCP. ██████████
██████████
██████████
 - Added value to the BIOHAZ Panel: ██████████'s expertise would be useful in contributing/reviewing assessments related to microbiological hazards in products of animal origin, especially meat, as well as in peer-reviewing draft opinions related to food hygiene and in providing transversal methodological advice. ██████████ expertise on more practical and qualitative approaches to risk assessments would complement quantitative/modelling skills by other panel members on similar topics. Being the expert new to EFSA Panels' membership, hiring ██████████ half-ways through might be beneficial to build panel expertise in view of the 2029 renewal.

Conclusion

The Executive Director of EFSA provides to the Management Board a proposal:

- To appoint ██████████ as member of the BIOHAZ Panel.