Office of the Department of Risk Assessment Production

NOTE TO THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Update on speed of risk assessment

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Background

Improving the speed of risk assessment is a strategic priority under EFSA's Strategy 2027 and has remained a key focus for the organisation since the Board's endorsement in 2024. EFSA's approach is structured around four complementary pillars: i) improving the quality of incoming applications; ii) streamlining the risk assessment process to reduce effort and time; iii) increasing capacity, both externally and internally, including through the simplification of non-risk-assessment processes; and iv) ensuring that outputs are proportionate, fit for purpose, and limited to what is necessary.

Throughout 2025, EFSA engaged the Management Board on these four pillars through a series of discussions supported by practical examples. This dialogue supported the Board's adoption in December of the new KPI and throughput time targets.

This update comes at a key stage in implementation, as EFSA moves from design to operational delivery and begins to track measurable effects.

At this meeting, EFSA will provide the Board with an update on implementation of the speed of risk assessment action plan, including early achievements, initial measurement results, and the basis for continued monitoring.

Proposed way forward

EFSA will continue implementation of the speed of risk assessment action plan, supported by enhanced performance monitoring through the agreed KPIs and the newly developed dashboard, including lead metrics.

Following the presentation, Management Board members will be invited to:

- Take note of progress achieved;
- Provide views on the targets and the action plan;
- Advise on the appropriate frequency of future reporting and discussion.

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