

Location: Web conference

Attendees:

- o Working Group Members:
Miguel Angel Miranda Chueca (Chair), Martin Hall, Anabel Martinez Sanchez, Karl Ståhl
- o Hearing Experts¹:
Andrés Lira-Noriega
- o Applicants participating in a technical hearing²:
Not Applicable
- o European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not applicable
- o EFSA:
BIOHAW Unit: Andrea Gervelmeyer, Anna-Sophia Stocker

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Sasan Fereidouni (EFSA), Hans-Hermann Thulke (Working Group Member) and Richard Wall (Working Group Member).

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

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



IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Chair presented the mandate and EFSA's way of working. The Working Group discussed the draft protocol, the available evidence and the methodological approaches to be used for the assessment. Tasks and timelines were agreed.

V. Any other business

There was no other business. The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

VI. Next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be defined.
