

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN**
163rd Panel Plenary meeting



20 – 22 October 2026
13:30-18:00 / 9:00-18:00 / 9:00-13:00
AGENDA

Location: Parma

Chair: Helle Katrine Knutsen

Day 1: 20 October

- | No. | Item |
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| 1 | Welcome and Apologies for absence |
| 2 | Adoption of the agenda |
| 3 | Declarations of interest |
| 4 | Agreement of the minutes of the 162nd Panel plenary meeting held on 7, 29 and 30 September 2026 |
| 5 | Report on written procedures |
| 6 | Scientific outputs submitted for discussion/endorsement |
| 6.1 | Draft Opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of semicarbazide in food EFSA-Q-2024-00581 |

Day 2: 21 October

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| 6 | Continuation - Scientific outputs submitted for discussion/endorsement |
| 6.2 | Draft Opinion on the risk for public health due to the presence of matrine and oxymatrine in food EFSA-Q-2025-00323 |
| 6.3 | Draft Opinion on the safety of conventionally smoked food EFSA-Q-2024-00692 |
| 6.4 | Draft Opinion on the combined exposure to Brominated Flame Retardants (BFRs) in food EFSA-Q-2020-00825 |
| 6.5 | Draft Opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of chlorate in food from all sources, taking also into account its presence in drinking water EFSA-Q-2025-00706 |
| 6.6 | Draft Opinion on the update of the assessment on the shucking of certain species of scallops contaminated with domoic acid with a view to the production of edible parts meeting the safety requirements foreseen in the Union legislation including new data from EU Members States EFSA-Q-2025-00620 |

Day 3: 22 October

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6 **Continuation - Scientific outputs submitted for discussion/endorsement**

6.7 Draft Opinion on the health risks related to the presence of capsaicin in foods [EFSA-Q-2025-00304](#)

7 **Other scientific topics for information/discussion**

7.1 Panel feedback on NAMs implementation

7.2. Review of the agreed way of working

8. **Update on new mandates**

8.1. Request to review the toxic equivalence factors established by EFSA in 2009 in relation to the determination of the total toxicity of PSP toxins based on new evidence available and provide the recommendation on the possible update of the TEFs [EFSA-Q-2026-00458](#)

9. **Feedbacks**

9.1 European Commission

9.2 Scientific Panel including their Working Groups

9.3 Scientific Committee

9.4 EFSA

10 **AOB**



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