



TRANSPARENCY IN RISK ASSESSMENT:

Stakeholder conference

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- EFSA has risk assessment and a risk communication mandate
- Transparency and openness are 2 of EFSA's core values
- Today has provided an important opportunity to engage, debate and challenge the concepts with a wide range of stakeholders
- Your contributions are particularly welcome.

Why is transparency important?

- Generating trust (confidence) in the independence, soundness and rigour of its advice
- Underpinning scientific clarity and excellence
- Engaging with all its stakeholders, including European consumers and the wider scientific community

- To what extent data and information related to the scientific decision-making process can be made available to the broader scientific community and interested parties, when and how this could be done?
- Access to replicable research, usable and editable data
- Transparency of RA process before it reaches a conclusion
- Divided discussion – different requirements and concerns from NGOs and industry
- Public domain/confidential information?

- The extent to which engagement of stakeholders during the decision-making process including public consultation and open plenary meetings, would be of mutual benefit for EFSA and stakeholders?
- Difference of views across stakeholders
- Want greater procedural clarity, timeframe and sequence
- Mandates – engage relevant (?) stakeholders
- Pre-submission meetings – accountability, publicly available records, rules of engagement
- Open meetings, technology

- The extent to which and by what means transparency of EFSA's decision-making process and related scientific outputs can be further improved in order to meet stakeholders' information needs?
- Very different needs from different stakeholders (one size does not fit all)
- Common need for clear identification of RA process
- Challenge to communicate unambiguously to wide range of different stakeholders

- ✓ Suggestions and proposals expressed will be captured in a report
- ✓ Report to be published on EFSA's website – October '13
- ✓ Suggestions and views expressed at the conference will be added to those discussed at the two meetings of the Stakeholder Platform Discussion Group (1st in June '13 and 2nd in December '13) on Process Transparency and Information Access
- ✓ All suggestions will inform the Authority's new policy on transparency - by 2014 - and/or in the consecutive phases of the transparency initiative.