



INTRODUCTION TO DISCUSSION IN BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

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BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

Group	Theme	Chair	Rapporteur
1	Information Access related to the scientific decision-making process	Miguel Angel Prieto Arranz <i>The European Chemical Industry Council</i>	Isabelle Pinzauti <i>Pesticides Action Network</i>
2	Engagement of stakeholders during the scientific decision-making process	Kate Trollope <i>EU Food Policy</i>	Eric Millstone <i>University of Sussex</i>
3	Better understanding of risk assessment	Andreas Varlamos <i>EKPIZO – The Greek Consumers’ Association ‘The Quality of Life’</i>	Annette Toft <i>COPA COGECA – The European organisation of farmers and agri-cooperatives</i>

TO COLLECT VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS ON SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE RISK ASSESSMENT PROCESS

How best and to what extent technical data and information used by EFSA in risk assessments can be made available.

- Based on what information are already available, what additional information could be made available:
 - ✓ for what purpose?
 - ✓ in what format?
 - ✓ at what time in the process?
- Possible further initiatives to increase transparency?
- Where is the right balance? Cost versus benefits of possible initiatives.
- The role of stakeholders in this process.
- Other topics resulting from the morning's discussion.

Discuss the extent to which the engagement of stakeholders during the scientific decision-making process would be of mutual benefit for EFSA and stakeholders.

- The role and possible contributions of stakeholders in this process.
- How and where in the process this should take place?
- Where is the right balance? Costs (e.g. resources, timeliness) versus benefits of possible initiatives.
- Other topics resulting from the morning's discussion.

Group 3 : Better understanding of risk assessment

Discuss the extent to which and by which means transparency of EFSA's scientific decision-making process and related scientific outputs can be further improved. Consider EFSA's information and communications activities and how these could be further improved

- What are stakeholders' information needs?
- Are EFSA's scientific outputs sufficiently clear, how could their readability be improved?
- How can the presentation (format and structure) of EFSA's published outputs be improved?
- What other improvements could be made to allow better understanding of EFSA's scientific outputs by a wide range of stakeholders and interested parties?
- What further information and communications initiatives could EFSA develop in order to foster greater understanding of the risk assessment process and risk assessment findings?
- Other topics resulting from the morning's discussion.

- ✓ Suggestions and proposals expressed will be captured in a conference 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.