

58th Advisory Forum World Café Session

“EU RISK ASSESSMENT CAFÉ”

Background:

The concept of ‘World Café’ is a meeting method to create a collaborative dialogue around a subject through the use of small table discussion groups.

During the session, participants discuss given topics at a specific table for a set time and then are invited to move to another table to consider a different topic.

At each table there is a ‘host’ who will lead the discussion. There are no specific questions posed, the aim of the session is to generate ideas and allow participants to identify possible partners for joint activities.

At the end of the session there will be a short general feedback session, but this is on a volunteer basis and is not driven by any particular line of questioning, just to ‘wrap up’ the session.

It is proposed that for the 58th Advisory Forum session, a World Café session is held in place of the usual session dedicated to updates on forthcoming risk assessment activities.

The session will consist of 3 rounds of 20 mins each. At each round members will move tables but the host remains at the table.

Objective

To provide an opportunity for dialogue between members on collaboration on forthcoming risk assessment activities / EU risk assessment agenda (EU RAA) to:

1. generate ideas for joint projects
2. identify possible partners for joint projects.

Background Documents

As part of the meeting documentation, members have been provided with:

- MS Update table on forthcoming RA activities
- Summary table of EFSA mandates since the last meeting

and during the meeting details of the outcome of the Delphi study in identifying priority topics for the EU risk assessment agenda (EU RAA) will be provided.

Table Topics:

Five topics will reflect the five categories/domains used in identifying priorities in the Delphi Study for the EU RAA

- Table 1: Chemical Risk Assessment
- Table 2: Microbiological Risk Assessment
- Table 3: Environmental Risk Assessment
- Table 4: Nutrition
- Table 5: General Risk Assessment

The proposed hosts for each table will be:

- Head of RASA
- Head of REPRO
- Head of COMMS
- Luxembourg AF Member
- Executive Director

Host	
Lux. AF Member	Table 1: Chemical Risk Assessment
Head of RASA	Table 2: Microbiological Risk Assessment
Head of COMMS	Table 3: Environmental Risk Assessment
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Executive Director	Table 5: General Risk Assessment

Role of the members

During each round, members will be asked to choose one of the tables to join.

Places are limited on each table, so once the places are full, members will need to make a second choice.

During the first round, members will be given a few minutes to reflect on the topics overall and to make any notes either for sharing or to focus the input into the discussion.

Members will be able to use flip charts and post-it notes at each table to make summary points related to the topics.

Table **hosts** will not facilitate or lead the discussion. The discussion will be led by input from all members

At the end of the event hosts should capture summary bullet points on the discussions at their table.

Time:

Total time for the session = 1 hr 10 mins

Introduction : 5 mins

3 rounds (courses) of discussion: 3 x 20 = 60 mins

Feedback/Summary: 5 mins

Organisation:

AFSCO will manage the session, providing an introduction to the session and concluding the session.

There are 4 additional breakout rooms available in addition to the plenary room.

5 Group Tables (no more than 8 places per table) will be set up with:

- Flip Charts

- Markers

- Post-it notes

- Sticky/Masking Tape

Feedback:

At the end of the final round, participants will reconvene in a single group. No specific feedback is requested though a general question on the usefulness of the session can be posed before the session is closed.

Copies of flipcharts, notes etc will be captured as a record by AFSCO with the hosts providing short summary