

Scientific Committee and Emerging Risks (SCER) Unit

Emerging Risks Exchange Network (EREN)

Minutes of the 15th meeting

Held on 14 -15 April 2016, Parma, Italy

(Agreed on 15 April 2016)

Participants

- Network Representatives of Member States (including EFTA Countries):**

Country	Name
Austria	Johann Steinwider
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Bulgaria	Boiko Likov
Croatia	Martina Jurkovic
Cyprus	Christos Kourtis
Czech Republic	Miroslav Machala
Denmark	Helle Korsgaard
Estonia	Piret Priisalu
Finland	Pirkko Tuominen (day1)
France	Juliette Bloch
Germany	Mark Lohmann
Hungary	Anita Maczo
Ireland	Wayne Anderson
Italy	Stefano Pongolini
Netherlands	Koen Wienk
Poland	Jan Krzysztof Ludwicki
Portugal	Maria do Ceu Costa
Slovakia	Lucia Birosova
Spain	Juan Badiola
Sweden	Nils-Gunnar Ilback
Norway	Kirstin Færden

Switzerland	Barbara Engeli
Scientific Committee expert	Hub Noteborn
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FAO	Vittorio Fattori
EC	Marina Marini
EC	Jan Baele (day 1)

- **EFSA:**

Scientific Committee and Emerging Risks unit:

- Tobin Robinson (chair), Caroline Merten (minutes), Ana Afonso, Raquel Garcia Matas, Andrea Germini, Georges Kass, Tilemachos Goumpelis, Dimitrios Spyropoulos.

Animal and Plant Health unit:

- Marco Pautasso

Biological Hazards and Contaminants unit:

- Hans Steinkellner

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Eirini Tsigarida (Greece) and Terry Donohoe (UK).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Action points from last meeting

All action points from the last meeting were followed up according to the agreed timelines.

4. Topics for discussion

4.1 Presentation and discussion of EFSA and MSs signals

- 4.1.1. Antimicrobial resistance in fish and seafood imported into Switzerland.
- 4.1.2 Increase in notified EHEC human cases in Switzerland- due to multiplex-PCR methods?
- 4.1.3 Potential risks associated to uses of Seaweed.
- 4.1.4 Circular economy – pollution from waste to fertiliser to the food chain.
- 4.1.5 Pyrrolizidine alkaloids in different types of teas on Croatian market.
- 4.1.6 Risks associated with the use of green tea extracts in food supplements.
- 4.1.7 Recycled electric and electronic plastics.
- 4.1.8 New variegated squirrel 1 bornavirus (VSBV-1).

4.2 Further information on previous EFSA and MSs signals

- 4.2.1 Review and analysis of occurrence, exposure and toxicity of cyanobacteria toxins in food. Final report.
- 4.2.2 Update on TTX in the Mediterranean sea.
- 4.2.3 EFSA Scientific opinion on risk profile of insects as food and feed.
- 4.2.4 EFSA Scientific opinion on the acute health risks related to the presence of cyanogenic glycosides in apricot kernels and products derived from apricot kernels.

4.3 Feedback on EFSA and MSs activities

- 4.3.1 RASFF plans for further data analysis for crisis prevention.
- 4.3.2 Can media monitoring help identify emerging plant health threats?
- 4.3.3 BfR's strategy for the identification of Emerging Risks and short briefing on BVL Beowarn reports.

4.3.4 Analysis of risks and emerging risks linked to the red meat production.

4.3.5 Input to the questionnaire from the Codex Regional Co-ordinating Committee for Europe (CCEURO) on the identification of critical and emerging issues in food safety and quality.

4.3.6 EFSA Thematic Grant call on Methodology on emerging risk identification.

4.3.7 SCER unit roadmap on Emerging Risk Identification: 2015 – 2020.

5. Date and venue for meetings in 2016

Date for the 16th EREN meeting: 14- 15 November 2016 in Bratislava, Slovakia.

6. Conclusions

7. Closure of the meeting