



# **Polish Representatives in EFSA's scientific networks – results of survey**

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# Meetings

Polish experts - in all 13 EFSA Scientific Networks

- I. meeting with National Representatives – 25.05.2014
- II. meeting – 29.10.2015 (*survey*)
- III. meeting – planned on 02.06.2016 (*discussion on survey results*)





# Survey - October 2015

16 experts in 14 scientific networks (together with Pesticides)

Questions: (***Many Thanks to Greek FP!***)

- A. General information
- B. Workload
- C. EFSA's organisational matters
- D. Workflow and cooperation at the national level
- E. Cooperation at the European level
- F. Impact of EFSA's Scientific Networks
- G. Other information

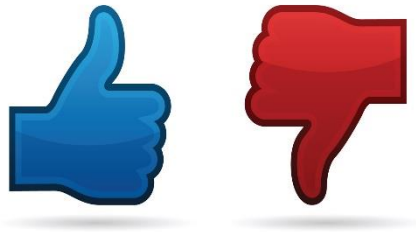


45 questions in total



# Feedback

**10 answers** (including one incomplete)





# Main findings

## A. General Information

- 60% of experts are from research institutes
- 70% - more than 3 years

## B. Workload

- 50% need 1-2 days for preparation to meeting and for work after meeting
- 60% consider this time as „*quite stressing*”



# Main findings

## C. EFSA's organisational matters

- Most experts assessed EFSA's preparation for meetings as „*Satisfactory*” and „*Fully satisfactory*”
- Some disadvantages
  - *Long shuttle to Parma*
  - *Low reimbursement in comparison to the expert's workload*
  - *Minutes from meetings are distributed very late*
  - *Too few meetings, overcrowded agenda, insufficient time for discussing all matters*
- Some suggestions
  - *Additional meetings for limited number of experts depending on topic*



# Main findings

## D. Workload and cooperation at the national level

- 90% of experts cooperate with others (*often and sometimes*)
- 60% do not prepare reports after meeting
- 37% consider the cooperation at the national level unsatisfactory (*insufficient administrative support, lack of visibility of the national expert's role, unclear cooperation objectives*)
- All experts agreed that regular communication and meetings with the AF and FP would contribute to better cooperation



# Main findings

## E. Cooperation at the European level

- 50% of experts cooperate with experts from other countries beyond the formal meetings
- Some difficulties in cooperation arise mainly from:
  - *Different administrative procedures*
  - *Lack of time*
  - *Different scientific backgrounds*

## F. Impact of EFSA's Scientific Networks

- App.  $\frac{3}{4}$  experts agrees or strongly agrees with statements on the positive role SNs play in cooperation and in the food safety area





# Main findings

## G. Other information

- Only 30% of experts monitor calls for tender and 20% - calls for grants
- 80% don't know if their organisation is on the Article 36 List
- 70% are aware of EDB, but only 10% have registered in the database
- 20% have been invited by EFSA to participate as experts in working groups



# Conclusions and recommendations

- Preparation of meetings by EFSA are well assessed
- More meetings focused on specific topics are needed
- Sometimes there is too much workload for experts
- Cooperation at the national level, not only with AF and FP, but also with administration is needed
- Still a lack of visibility on the national expert's role
- Better information on calls and the Art.36 List is needed





Thank you for your attention!