

National guideline on cooperation between experts from EFSA scientific networks and Slovak FP

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Selection of experts into EFSA scientific networks

Step 1. Identification and designation of candidates

- suitable candidates from the **database of national experts**
National Expert Scientific Groups – NESG
consists of independent scientists and experts from all areas of food safety chain (25 groups, 340 experts).
- According to the scientific publications (University, Academia)

Step 2. Collect references

- NFP will request references from scientists of NESG after a preferred candidates is identified



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Step 3. Nomination procedure

- NFP consults with representative the scope of the work within the EFSA scientific network
- close cooperation with NFP on network related activities
- national guideline

Guideline
on cooperation between experts from EFSA scientific networks and
National Focal Point („NFP“)



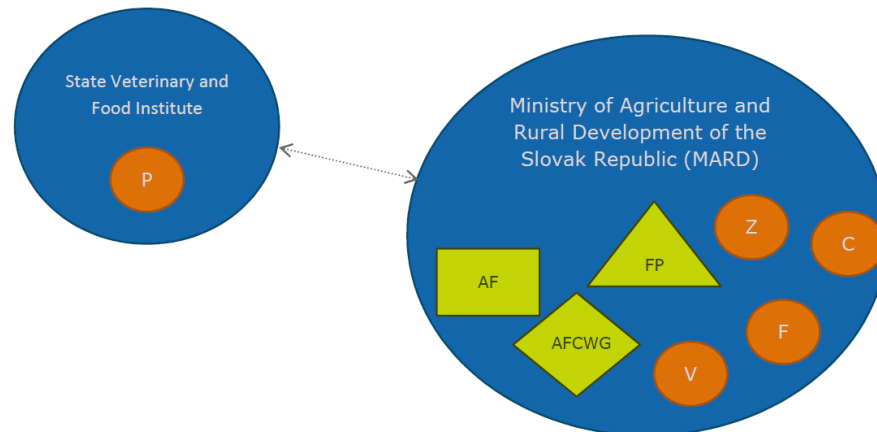
Step 4. Alternate

- nominated expert may propose an alternate to NFP
- representative of the AF decides whether the proposal will be adopted
- upon nomination NFP informs the expert from scientific network about the nomination and provides the contact details of an alternate (vice versa)

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Step 5. Meetings

- meeting with all national experts from scientific networks and alternates (once/year)
- coordinating activities, exchanging information, joint projects



Cooperation between nominated experts and NFP



The role of the coordinator

- each scientific network has allocated its **coordinator** from the NFP which is obliged to assist and communicate with expert regarding all technical and professional issues
- sending materials, access to data, provide information
- coordinator is obliged to make every effort to acquire and send the requested information
- coordinator from the NFP immediately contacts the alternate, if an expert can not participate in the meeting

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The role of the expert

- expert is required immediately to inform NFP about any changes regarding the contact details of an expert (employer, or withdrawal from duty, termination of work, etc.)
- prior to the meeting, the expert requests its allocated coordinator for providing information or materials, in case of need (specific topic, specific scope of the meeting)
- representative is obliged to inform immediately the NFP about the participation or non-participation in the meeting
- send a report from the EFSA scientific network meeting to NFP coordinator and to alternate
- the official network representative is responsible to ensure information flow at the national level

Data Quality Assurance project

- Coordination at MS level
- Implement new standards for reporting
- Update reporting standards
- Enhance data quality
- Pilot phase 2016, 4 years, 5 MS (Slovak republic)
- Extended coordination role of Focal Point

Network on **Zoonoses**

Network **chemical contaminants**

Network on **consumption**

Network on **vet drug residues**

Network on **pesticides residues**



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