

69th Meeting of EFSA's Management Board

Minutes of the Public Session

Parma, 15 June 2016 – 9:00-15:15

Members of the Management Board Present	
Sue Davies (Chair)	Raymond O'Rourke
Jaana Husu-Kallio (Vice-Chair)	Jiri Ruprich
Piergiuseppe Facelli (Vice-Chair)	András Székács
Iñaki Eguileor	Robert van Gorcom
Stella Michaelidou-Canna	Piet Vanthemsche
Ladislav Miko	Tadeusz Wijaszka
Jan Mousing	Michael Winter

Apologies: Radu Roatiş Cheţan

Staff of the European Food Safety Authority	
Bernhard Url (Executive Director)	Gisèle Gizzi
Gian Luca Bonduri	Juliane Kleiner
Hubert Deluyker	Pedro Pinhal
Peter De Pauw	Alberto Spagnolli
Dirk Detken	Hans Verhagen
Barbara Gallani	Selomey Yamadjako

Also attending:

Vittorio Silano, Member of EFSA's Scientific Committee

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SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

The Board adopted:

- The Opinion on EFSA's accounts for the financial year 2015. In accordance with the Founding Regulation and the Financial Regulation, the report on EFSA's accounts will be transmitted to the EU competent authorities.
- The Decision on EFSA's Stakeholder Engagement Approach, subject to some changes in accordance with the comments provided. The Stakeholder Consultative Platform will be replaced by a series of new engagement platforms. In addition to the Forum of registered stakeholders and the Stakeholders Bureau there will be targeted platforms such as discussion groups, roundtables, working groups, colloquia, etc. contributing to enhance and strengthen EFSA's relations with its stakeholders.
- The Decision on the nomination of a new member of the CONTAM Panel. The name of the expert will be made public once the appointing procedure is concluded with the formal acceptance by the expert.
- The Implementing Rules of the Staff Regulations on teleworking.
- The amendment to the Art. 36 list of organisations (8 new entries) which are entitled to assist EFSA with its mission.

The Board **discussed and exchanged views on:**

- The project on Transparency and Engagement in Risk Assessment (TERA). EFSA provided the Board with information on the progress made by the TERA project and the final implementation plan regarding the 35 measures aimed at increasing transparency and engagement at each step of the risk assessment workflow. The Board reiterated the support to this important project and invited EFSA to bring forward the implementation of the measures focussing in particular on access to industry data.
- The review of EFSA's independence policy. The Board expressed support and satisfaction with the existing system and provided orientations on a number of change proposals. EFSA will continue working on the initiative with a view to bring the item to the Board for a new round of discussion at the October meeting.
- The revision of the Rules of Procedure of the Advisory Forum. The draft new Rules are intended to further specify the role and procedures of the AF in supporting scientific cooperation and in avoiding scientific divergences. The adoption of the revised Decision is planned for the October meeting of the Board.

In addition, **the Board noted:**

- EFSA's progress report, which provided information on the activities carried out from 15 February to 31 May 2016. Prof. Vittorio Silano, member of the Scientific Committee (SC), complemented EFSA's report by presenting the priority areas on which the SC is currently working which include, *inter alia*, uncertainty in scientific risk assessment, epidemiological studies, exposure to multiple chemicals, nanomaterials and Threshold of Toxicological Concern (TTC).
- The feedback from the Chair of the Audit Committee, who reported, among others, on the audit on the validation of ABAC access rights, the action plan following the audit on the role of experts in the scientific decision-making processes, the discharge of EFSA's budget 2014, EFSA's annual accounts 2015 and the implementation of EFSA's IT operational strategy.
- EFSA's 2016 budget execution and transfers, which provided an overview on the commitment and payment levels over the first half of the year.

Item 1: Opening of the meeting

1. The Chair opened the public session of the 69th Management Board meeting by welcoming the Board members, Executive Director (ED), the member of the Scientific Committee, EFSA Management Team and EFSA staff members. In particular, the Chair welcomed Barbara Gallani, the new Head of the Communications and External Relations Department, who participated in the Board meeting for the first time. The Board thanked Alberto Spagnolli for his considerable contribution to the organisation during his interim as Communications & External Relations Head of Department.
2. The Chair invited the Board members to declare possible interests in addition to those already declared in their Annual Declaration of Interests (ADoIs). Jan Mousing informed the Board that in April he established his own consultancy firm. He underlined that his new activity does not pose any concern with regards to presence of possible conflicts of interest. Piet Vanthemsche informed the Board that he had been recently appointed as member of the Advisory Board of Urban Crop. He will update his ADoI in the coming days.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda

3. The Chair asked the Board if they wished to add any items to the proposed agenda. A Board member asked to receive information on the Court of Auditors' report on the use of grants by certain EU agencies, including EFSA. The agenda was adopted.

Item 3: Board members' Declaration of Interests

4. In accordance with Article 13 of the Management Board Rules of Procedure adopted on 27 June 2013, the Board took note of the ED assessment of the Declarations of Interests submitted by six of its members and confirmed it.

Item 4: EFSA progress report

5. The Chair invited the ED to introduce the report summarising the activities carried out by EFSA from the 15th of February to the 30th of May 2016, including those performed until the Board meeting date. Among others, he highlighted the opinions on process contaminants in vegetable oil and food, apricot kernels, xylella fastidiosa and the guidance on uncertainty in risk assessment. As well, he underlined the work carried out to issue the rapid outbreak assessment on haemolytic uraemic syndrome (HUS) in Romania and Italy and the Scientific Committee considerations around the external report on non-monotonic dose response. In the communication area, *inter alia*, the ED emphasised the move of the EFSA Journal to the Wiley Online Library, the new website dedicated to EFSA's work on bee health, the guidelines developed with the Member States on how to communicate during food crisis and the activities around the Schuman Day. With regards to institutional relations, the ED reported on the meetings with Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Vytenis Adriukaitis, and the MEPs Martin Häusling, Mark Demesmaeker and Christel Schaldemose. In April, the ED was granted by the European Parliament with the discharge of the annual budget 2014.
6. Numerous were the reported activities in the fields of scientific cooperation, international and stakeholders relations. Among others, the ED mentioned the guidance for conducting pesticide terrestrial field dissipation studies (which was developed for OECD by a working group led by EFSA, the US Environmental Protection Agency and Health Canada), the EFSA and WHO report on the joint workshop on the TTC approach to chemical risk assessment and the project on ciguatoxin food poisoning involving 13 organisations from six Member States and

led by the Spanish AECOSAN. A separate [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description.

7. The Chair invited Vittorio Silano, member of the SC, to bring up to date the Board on the activities that the SC executed during the reporting period. Vittorio Silano briefly reported on the activities the SC is carrying out in line with the priority topics for guidance development 2016-2018. He highlighted the work in the areas of (i) Individual susceptibility and uncertainty factors; (ii) Interpretation of epidemiological studies; (iii) History of safe use; (iv) Harmonisation of human and ecological risk assessment of combined exposure to multiple chemicals; and (v) Nanomaterials and nanotechnologies. Concluding, he described the actions taken in the framework of the joint EFSA and WHO projects on TTC approach. A separate [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description.
8. Questions and comments were received on:
 - Ways to enhance the effectiveness of communications between risk assessors and risk managers.
 - EFSA is committed to continuously improve its communication with the risk managers and with the Commission services in particular. Risk managers often ask EFSA to use a consistent language in the scientific opinions. This is an aspect on which EFSA is paying particular attention.
 - The importance of the work that the SC is carrying out in the field of risk assessment of combined chemicals was highlighted. A member asked information on EFSA's international scientific cooperation in this area.
 - The ED informed the Board of the multiannual framework partnership agreement between EFSA and the National Health Institute in the Netherlands (RIVM) and briefly presented the work that the Authority is carrying out with this organisation. EFSA is also in close contact with other EU agencies and international organisations interested in contributing to this work, e.g. the European Chemical Agency, European Environmental Agency, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and US Environmental Protection Agency.
 - Additional information was asked with regards to the relationship that EFSA entertains with the European Ombudsman. As well, further information was asked in relation to the Court case T725/15 R.
 - Dirk Detken (Legal and Regulatory Affairs) said that EFSA expects to be notified by the Court on the ruling on the case T725/15 R around the first quarter of 2017. He informed the Board that recently the Court dismissed the appeal lodged by the applicant, hence allowing EFSA to re-publish its conclusions on the active substance diflubenzuron. With regards to the relations with the European Ombudsman, EFSA will prepare a special report for the Board on past and current interactions.
 - How many people visited the newly launched video-news from the open plenary meetings?
 - EFSA will provide the Board with the exact figures in the coming days.
 - Is EFSA planning to promote training sessions in the Member States with regards to the guidance on how to communicate during food crisis?
 - Training on the guidance is being planned with the aim to target both Member States and Pre-Accession Countries.

- How many training courses EFSA has organised on the application of the draft guidance on uncertainty in risk assessment?
 - Three training sessions were organised at EFSA involving both staff members and external scientific experts. Overall, the feedback from participants was very positive. The draft guidance will be applied for one year trial period.
 - The Board asked EFSA to provide them with a short presentation on the new EFSA Journal on the Wiley Online Library.
 - A presentation will be prepared for the next meeting of the Board.
9. The Board noted the progress report and thanked the ED, the SC, EFSA's scientific experts and staff for the work carried out during the reference period.

Item 5: Accounts 2015 financial year

10. The Chair invited Pedro Pinhal (Accounting officer) to present the Board with EFSA's accounts for the financial year 2015.
11. Pedro Pinhal introduced the accounting cycle, which requires that EFSA Management Board provides its opinion based on the information received by the Accounting officer, external auditors, European Court of Auditors (ECA) and Audit Committee. In the Court's opinion, the Authority's annual accounts present fairly, in all material respects, its financial position as at December 2015. The transactions underlying the annual accounts are legal and regular in all material respects. In 2015, EFSA executed 99.8% of its budget. A separate [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description.
12. The Chair of the Audit Committee informed the Board that on the previous day this received from the Accounting officer a comprehensive overview on EFSA accounts and balance sheet, and discussed around the preliminary observation of the ECA. Based on the available information, the Audit Committee had drafted a positive opinion, which was recommended for adoption by the Board.
13. A Board member asked information on the inclusion of the IT development projects into the balance sheet. In addition, he asked if EFSA had experienced any liquidity problem over the financial year. Pedro Pinhal explained that the inclusion of the IT development projects into the balance sheet is a requirement from DG BUDG and that all EU agencies are required to include them. With regards to cash availability over the year, he said that EFSA did not experience any liquidity problem.
14. The Board adopted the opinion on EFSA's accounts for the financial year 2015.

Item 6: Stakeholder engagement approach

15. The Chair invited Barbara Gallani (Communications & External Relations) to introduce the item.
16. Barbara Gallani summarised the process through which EFSA, following the suggestions received from the Board in occasion of the March meeting and in the context of a written consultation in May, revised the draft decision on the stakeholder engagement approach. She underlined that the majority of comments had been incorporated, whilst some points were left open for further discussion with the Board. Among these: the frequency of the review of the new approach, the chairmanship of the Stakeholder Forum and Bureau, the balance of stakeholder representation and the use of the word "accreditation". Concluding, Barbara Gallani highlighted the next steps in case the Board had adopted the decision. A separate [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description.

17. In relation to the points proposed for discussion, the Board decided as follows:

- The review of the approach shall be carried out every three years.
- The word “accreditation” shall be replaced by “registration”.
- The Stakeholder Forum and the Bureau shall be chaired by the EFSA Executive Director. This aspect will be object of further reflection in occasion of the first review of the approach, when different options might be considered in collaboration with the Forum and Bureau themselves.
- The seven categories of stakeholders were endorsed. EFSA will provide the Board with examples of stakeholders in each category.

18. Additional comments were received on:

- The need to give more emphasis to the role of EFSA in protecting the human health.
- The Board shall not be involved in the validation of the list of registered stakeholders.
- Art. 6 should better clarify that the members of the Bureau are selected by the Forum of registered stakeholders in each category.
- The need to clarify that stakeholders will not be directly engaged in the formulation of EFSA’s messages and that consultation activities in the field of communication have the scope of mainly drawing expertise on how to ensure that EFSA’s messages are reaching the target audiences in the most effective manner.
 - Barbara Gallani said that this aspect was also discussed at the last meeting of the Stakeholder Consultative Platform when EFSA presented the “Communicators Lab” initiative, which focuses on tools and mechanisms for communicating. She suggested to circulate the document presented at the Platform among the Board members.

19. Subject to the changes suggested during the discussion, the Board adopted the Decision on EFSA’s Stakeholder Engagement Approach.

Item 7: Update on the TERA project

20. The Chair invited Gisèle Gizzi (TERA project manager) to introduce the item.

21. After having recapped the milestones of the activities carried out in the framework of the TERA project since 2015, Gisèle Gizzi introduced the outcomes of the impact assessment that was carried out on 35 measures. The results of the impact assessment study allowed EFSA to take an informed decision on the measures the Authority will implement in the coming years. EFSA plans to gradually implement the transparency measures until 2019. These measures relate to each step of the EFSA risk assessment cycle. She highlighted the level of investment estimated for the implementation of the additional transparency measures in terms of staff (i.e. Full Time Equivalents or FTEs). At the beginning of 2015, a total of 60 FTEs was engaged in the performance of tasks aimed at implementing EFSA’s transparency policy. With the launch of the TERA project, up to June 2016, the number of FTEs engaged in this type of activity had increased by 8. The gradual implementation of the identified measures would bring to an estimation of 15 additional FTEs by the end of 2019. The additional resources required for the implementation of the TERA measures will be drawn from other processes which, thanks to the parallel implementation of transformational projects (e.g. STEP 2018, Matrix, EFSA Journal, Talent, etc.), in the coming years

are expected to require less FTEs. A separate [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description.

22. Questions and comments were received on:

- The time scale of implementation of the transparency measures. In particular, the Chair stressed that she appreciated the presence of aspects which implementation might probably be brought forward compared to the plan presented.
 - The ED explained that some measures are planned to be put in place in 2018 and 2019 because they are strictly interdependent with other IT projects, which deliverables are expected to be available not earlier than then.
- It was noted that, in view of the current legal framework, EFSA planned consultations on the framing of self-tasking mandates only. However, ideally consultations allowing for framing of mandates should be extended to all opinions, which would imply the identification of procedural means in close collaboration with the Commission.
- Public access to data underpinning the adoption of the scientific opinions was underlined as a key issue. It was noted that also in this area EFSA is called to apply quite stringent rules, which sometimes are mistakenly perceived from certain stakeholders as a lack of willingness by the Authority to release data.
 - The ED distinguished between the data that EFSA collects from public sources (i.e. Member States) or within the framework of public calls for data from those it receives from applicants in the context of the assessment of regulated products. The data from public sources are to a large extent already available on EFSA's website. The data that EFSA receives from applicants shall be treated in application of the legal framework, which rules the right of industry to defend their intellectual property rights. It is not a matter of lack of willingness on EFSA's side to release data and information: it is a matter of complying with the current legal framework.
 - In addition, the ED informed the Board that under the MATRIX project a working group with industry will be set up to gradually come to a more voluntary approach to publish data on applications. The Commission commented that an ex-ante agreement with industry on the release of data might allow EFSA to save substantial resources and would contribute to address the mistaken perception that it is EFSA refusing the release of data.
- Additional information was requested with regards to the EFSA guidance on public consultations.
 - Gisèle Gizzi underlined the importance of having a guidance enhancing clarity on the complex and articulated matter of public consultations. The guidance is expected to include all aspects, including consultations on draft mandates, how EFSA conducts meetings during the consultation process, how comments are addressed, etc. She also stressed that the guidance will contribute to enhance predictability on which subjects stakeholders and the general public will be called to comment.
- The Commission stressed the role that pre-submission meetings would play in improving and making more effective the application procedure. A Board member positively commented that EFSA is reflecting on the possibility to

engage in general multilateral pre-submission meetings with industry and not in meetings with individual applicants.

- With regards to the Data Warehouse, a Board member recommended to possibly release some of its functionalities before the set deadline in 2018.

23. The Chair summed up the main elements and issues raised during the discussion and reiterated the strong support of the Board for the implementation of the TERA project.

Item 8: EFSA Independence Policy

24. The ED introduced the item highlighting that with the review of its Independence Policy EFSA intends to address recommendations received from the EU Parliament, stakeholders and the civil society overall. He said that EFSA aims to a system where its outputs are subject to public scrutiny and are reproducible. In parallel with the implementation of other strategies and projects (e.g. EFSA Strategy 2020, TERA, etc.), the review of the Independence Policy would contribute to this objective while pursuing an increase of the efficiency of the system in the area of interest management.

25. Dirk Detken introduced the independence policy cycle and the features of the current Policy on Independence adopted by the Board in 2011. He also highlighted the costs related to the implementation of the Independence Policy. Drivers of the review are: the experience gained by EFSA in 12 years of Independence Policy implementation, the feedback from political institutions and interested parties, and the alignment with the EFSA Strategy 2020. Among the concrete proposals brought to the attention of the Board for discussion, Dirk Detken mentioned: a risk based approach to individual independence focused on financial interests; the publication of EFSA's validation process; a "cooling-off" period for the members of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and Working Groups; an enhanced reputation management for Board members; and the publication of information on the outside and post-employment activities of EFSA's staff. A separate [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description.

26. Comments of the Board:

- Overall, the Board expressed support and satisfaction with the existing system and underlined that its review aims at further enhancing EFSA's system of interest management.
- There is need to find the right balance between having a solid interest management system and pursuing a possibly leaner and more reproducible assessment process. As well, the level of financial and human investment in the functioning of EFSA's interest management system should be balanced with the need to ensure that the Authority counts on a high degree of trust from stakeholders and consumers overall.
- The revised rules of Declaration of Interests (DoI) should also include the national experts participating in pesticide peer-review processes, as well as those collaborating in the framework of Memoranda of Cooperation. With regards to the assessment of pesticide active substances, perhaps communication might be enhanced to explain how EFSA's independence system is currently applied on national experts.
- External readers of EFSA's paper might have the wrong impression that under certain extents EFSA's Independence Policy might become less stringent in the future.

- If the assessment of the individual independence focussed on financial interests only, EFSA would run the risk not to be in the position to detect all possible conflicts.
 - A “cooling-off” period for Board members needs further reflections on the way it would be applied.
 - In view of the growing private-public participation in research funding, it might be appropriate to re-consider the approach currently in place when performing the assessment of interests. Among these, the threshold of funds from private sources, the classification of food safety organisations, etc.
 - All experts working with EFSA should submit a DoI.
27. The Board agreed to further discuss around the procedure and content of the review of EFSA’s independence policy at the October 2016’s meeting.

Delegation of vote of some Management Board members

28. Ladislav Miko, Stella Canna-Michaelidou and Michael Winter left the meeting. For the following agenda items, they delegated Jaana Husu-Kallio, Robert Van Gorcom and Raymond O’Rourke respectively to vote on their behalf. Proxi forms were signed and provided to the Chair and the Board secretariat.

Item 9: Revision of the Rules of Procedure of the Advisory Forum

29. The Chair invited Barbara Gallani (Communication & External Relations) to introduce the item.
30. Barbara Gallani described the background and the context within which, in close collaboration with the Advisory Forum (AF), the review of the AF Rules of Procedure is being carried out. The review aims to streamline and better structure the text, put less emphasis on procedural aspects and introduce reference to the AF role in the context of Art. 30 (scientific divergence) and 36 (scientific cooperation and networking) of EFSA’s Founding Regulation. She said that the document submitted to the Board had also been discussed with the AF at the meeting held the previous week. Concluding, she invited the Board to share their comments on the on-going review process and anticipated that the draft decision on the revised AF Rules of Procedure is planned to be submitted to the Board for possible adoption at the October meeting. A separate [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description.
31. Questions and comments were received on:
- The need to better clarify the role played by the Focal Points (FP).
 - It was suggested to create links between FP websites and EFSA’s, especially with reference to the minutes of the AF. For a future Board meeting, a member suggested to include in the agenda an overall presentation on the work carried out by the FP, their role and possible future evolution.
 - EFSA was asked to notify the Board as soon as the AF signs the Declaration of Commitment.
32. The Board noted the presentation on the on-going revision of the AF Rules of Procedure and supported the described approach overall. The Chair asked to consider with the AF the opportunity to expand on the role of the FPs.

Item 10: Composition of the CONTAM and GMO Scientific Panels

33. Hans Verhagen (Risk Assessment & Scientific Assistance) introduced to the Board the draft decision for the nomination of a new member of the CONTAM Scientific Panel following the resignation of Prof. Vera Maria Rogiers. The name of the expert will be made public once the appointing procedure is concluded with the formal acceptance by the expert.
34. As well, he informed the Board that Dr Achim Gathmann had resigned from the GMO Scientific Panel.
35. The Board adopted the Decision on the withdrawal and appointment of some members of the Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain (CONTAM) and Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO).

Item 11: Implementing Rules of Staff Regulations

36. Dirk Detken (Legal & Regulatory Affairs) introduced to the Board the draft Decision for adoption by analogy of the Implementing Rules of the Staff Regulations on teleworking. He briefly highlighted the main differences between the new and the current implementing rules. He also anticipated that new implementing rules were planned to be submitted to the Board in the second half of 2016 and beyond. A separate [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description.
37. The Board adopted the Decision on the adoption of the implementing rules on teleworking by analogy.

Item 12: Amendments to Art. 36 list of organisations

38. Barbara Gallani (Communications and External Relations) informed the meeting of EFSA's proposal to add 8 new organisations, based in Ireland (3), Italy (2), Lithuania (1) and Spain (2) to the list of organisations capable of assisting the Authority in performing its tasks.
39. The Board adopted the amended Art. 36 list of organisations.

Item 13: Feedback from the Audit Committee

40. The Chair of the Audit Committee (AC) updated the Board on the outcomes of the meeting held on the 14th of June. He reported on the discussion held around IAC's audit on the access rights to EFSA's financial IT system, which concluded that EFSA provided reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of the objectives established for the management of user access rights and that clear improvements were observed compared to the previous year. Three recommendations were made for further improvement. The AC reviewed the follow up activities EFSA had carried out or is being carrying out on the outstanding audit recommendations and noted that they are almost all on track. With regards to the IAC's audit on the role of experts in the scientific decision-making processes, the AC noted the action plan prepared to follow up on the recommendations. Paul Devalier (Planning, Transformation & Technology) provided an overview on the implementation of the EFSA IT operational strategy highlighting that certain projects are on track, whilst others are facing delays. However, these delays did not raise any particular concern so far. As well, the AC noted the European Parliament's recommendations from the discharge of EFSA's budget 2014. Discussion around EFSA's annual accounts 2015 and the "cooling-off" period for Management Board members had already been reported during the discussion of the previous agenda items.
41. The Chair of the AC addressed the request made by a Board member on the European Court of Auditors' report on the use of grants by certain EU agencies.

He reminded the Board that the issue had been discussed by the AC at the March meeting and that it did not highlight any critical point with regards to EFSA. Overall, recommendations from that audit have either been implemented or are in the process of being implemented.

42. Concluding, the Chair of the AC thanked Tadeusz Wijaszka and Radu Roatis Chetan (outgoing AC members) for their contribution to the AC activities over the last years.

43. The Board noted the feedback from the Audit Committee.

Item 14: 2016 budget execution and transfers

44. Selomey Yamadjako (Resources & Support) informed the Board that, at the end of May, EFSA commitment and payment levels were respectively 0.1% above and 4.5% below the target for this time of the year. Despite the delay, she said that the yearly target for payments remains unchanged and that no critical issue had been identified. Budget transfers between chapters and titles amounted to a total of 1.34 million, which represent 1.7% of EFSA's overall budget in 2016. A separate [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description.

45. The Board noted the presentation on EFSA's 2016 budget execution and transfers.

Item 12: Any other business

46. A Board member asked to receive information on the date of the 2017 Board away-day. The Board secretariat will circulate the information.

47. It was the last meeting of the Board in that composition. The Board Chair, Sue Davies, the Vice-Chair, Piergiuseppe Facelli, as well as the Board members Jiri Ruprich, Tadeusz Wijaszka and Radu Roatis Chetan will end their term at the end of June 2016. They all appreciated the support and cooperation received from the fellow Board members and EFSA staff along their term. The other Board members and the ED thanked them for having put available to EFSA their considerable experience and skills over the last years, which contributed to the achievement of important outcomes.

END

Actions Arising

Action reference	Action	Deadline	Status
June 15, 2016 - 1	EFSA to provide the Board with a report on past and current interactions with the European Ombudsman.	October 2016	DONE
June 15, 2016 - 2	EFSA to provide the Board with information on the number of access to the video-news on open plenary meetings.	ASAP	OPEN
June 15, 2016 - 3	EFSA to provide the Board with a presentation on the new EFSA Journal on the Wiley Online Library.	October 2016	DONE
June 15, 2016 - 4	EFSA to provide the Board with examples of stakeholders in each	ASAP	OPEN

	category.		
June 15, 2016 - 5	EFSA to provide the Board with the document on "Communicators Lab".	ASAP	OPEN
June 15, 2016 - 6	EFSA to revise the Board decision of the Stakeholder Engagement Approach in accordance with the comments received.	June 2016	DONE
June 15, 2016 - 7	EFSA to plan a presentation to be provided to the Board on the work carried out by the FPs, their role and possible future evolution.	2017	OPEN
June 15, 2016 - 8	EFSA to notify the Board as soon as the AF signs the Declaration of Commitment.	ASAP	OPEN