

62nd Advisory Forum meeting

Breakout Session

Introduction

A presentation on the Emerging Risks identification process and the emerging risks exchange network activities was given at the 60th Advisory Forum meeting (8-9/6/16 Utrecht). It was agreed to have a future discussion on improving the collaboration between MS and the AF engagement in the process. The topic of Emerging Risks identification in food and feed has been ranked by the AF as a priority for the EU Risk assessment agenda and recognised as an area of great interest for collaboration. A thematic grant in the area of methodological development was launched by EFSA in July 2016 and included a call for proposals on methods and systems for the identification of emerging food risks; the award process is in its final stages.

The discussion intends to build upon point VI of the AF declaration of commitment on “pooling knowledge on potential or emerging risks to food safety” and seek the AF members’ advice on open information sharing.

Therefore the plenary will split into four groups. Each group will be given 3 questions:

- **What information regarding emerging issues identified at MS level can be shared and with whom?**
- **When in the Emerging risks identification process should information be shared beyond the MS network?**
- **What measures would facilitate communication and dissemination activities?**

The plenary session will serve to provide a feedback of the various groups. A discussion on the interaction between the Emerging risks exchange network (EREN) and the AF and a decision on reporting is expected.