

Note to Management Board

EFSA independence policy review

In October 2016, the Management Board set-up a working group on the review of EFSA's independence policy. The working group reviewed the current EFSA policy on independence primarily in the areas of:

- Definition of conflict of interest,
- Financial or economic interests,
- Risk based approach for competing interest management,
- Cooperation with Food Safety Organisations (FSO) and other public interested bodies,
- Cooling-off periods,
- Research funding and other scientific activities.

The working group has submitted to the Management Board a preliminary draft policy on independence for comments. After the Management Board meeting, EFSA's revised policy on independence will be published online for public consultation together with the external report on the ex post evaluation of EFSA's 2011 Policy and 2014 Rules on Declarations of Interest.

The aim of this presentation is to inform the Management Board on the work performed by the working group and the activities planned to be carried out to adopt a revised policy on independence by summer 2017.