

Emerging Risks Exchange Network (EREN)

Minutes of the 17th meeting

Held on 3 -4 May 2017, Parma, Italy

(Agreed on 21 June 2017)

Participants

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SCER Unit: Tobin Robinson (chair 3 May p.m and 4 May), Caroline Merten (secretariat), Ana Afonso (chair 3 May a.m.), Daniela Maurici, Raquel Garcia Matas, Taya Huang (minutes), Angelo Maggiore

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1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Christopher Papachrysostomou (Cyprus), Snieguole Sceponaviciene (Lithuania), Jan Kryzstof Ludwicki (Poland), Marina Marini (European Commission), Sarah Cahill (FAO), Colin McIff (FDA), Tomas Oberg (ECHA), and Celine Gossner (ECDC).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with the addition of CWD update from Norway (Agenda 5.8). Agenda 5.6 - Draft opinion on TTX was presented after Agenda 5.1 ahead of time. Agenda 6.5, 6.6, 6.7 were not presented due to time constraints.

3. Action points from last meeting

All action points from the last meeting were followed up according to the agreed timelines.

4. Topics for discussion

4.1 Presentation and discussion of EFSA and MSs signals

- 4.1.1. Risk associated with the use of Black cohosh in food supplements and tea (ID0368)
- 4.1.2 Possible contamination of foods with residues of pesticides used to control Zika Virus vectors in South America (ID0369)
- 4.1.3 Nanoemulsions in the food sector (ID0370)
- 4.1.4 RNA sprays replace GMO (ID 0371)
- 4.1.5 Possible epidemic of wheat stem rust and yellow rust in the 2017 crop season (ID 0372)
- 4.1.6 Foodsharing – Food collection points (ID 0373)

4.2 Further information on previous EFSA and MSs signals

- 4.2.1 Updates on ongoing national research and monitoring activities on seaweed from Ireland, The Netherlands and Norway.
- 4.2.2 Scientific opinion from the EFSA CONTAM panel on the risks for animal and public health related to the presence of deoxynivalenol, metabolites of deoxynivalenol and masked deoxynivalenol in food and feed.
- 4.2.3 AMR bacteria monitoring in wastewater and gut microbiota in Slovakia
- 4.2.4 Update on plastic rice from INFOSAN
- 4.2.5 Risk of introduction of Lumpy Skin Disease in France by the import of cattle
- 4.2.6 Draft EFSA CONTAM opinion on the evaluation of the toxicity of Tetrodotoxins (TTX) and TTX-analogues in bivalve molluscs and marine gastropods
- 4.2.7 Update on briefing note on green smoothies
- 4.2.8 EFSA BIOHAZ opinion on TORs 1-3 Chronic Wasting Disease and update from Norway
- 4.2.9 Czech national activities focused on opium alkaloids in poppy seeds

4.3 Feedback on EFSA and MSs activities

- 4.3.1 French national surveillance system of plant protection products
- 4.3.2 Review of the UK food surveillance system including aspects of horizon scanning and emerging risks
- 4.3.3 Signals and issues identified by BeoWarn, the German watching and warning system for crisis prevention
- 4.3.4 Austrian national residue control on zearalenone (ZEN)
- 4.3.5 Testing a procedure for the identification of emerging chemical risks in the food chain- REACH 1 & update on REACH 2 project
- 4.3.6 Testing a text mining tool for emerging risk identification in sea water fish farming food chain
- 4.3.7 Methods and systems for the identification of emerging food risks- DEMETER project
- 4.3.8 Mapping of MS ERI system: revised data collection template
- 4.3.9 Feedback from Advisory Forum and summary of follow ups on briefing notes from 2016

5. Date and venue for meetings in 2017

Date for the 18th EREN meeting: 22-23 November 2017 in Lisbon, Portugal

6. Conclusions

7. Closure of the meeting