

# Opening presentation from the representative of the industry associations at the Stakeholders Bureau

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*INDUSTRY ROUNDTABLE 13 JUNE*

# Establishment of Stakeholder Forum



> Consumer organisations



> NGOs and advocacy groups



> Business and food industry



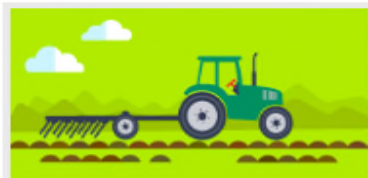
> Distributors and HORECA



> Practitioners' associations



> Academia



Farmers and primary producers

# Numbers of registered stakeholders

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Consumers: 2

Environmental/Health NGOs and Advocacy groups: 17

Farmers and primary producers: 9

Business and food industry: 60

Distributors and HORECA: 4

Associations of Practitioners: 9

Academia: 6

# Business and food industry stakeholders –

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Representing for example:

- Technology providers
- Ingredients producers
- Packaging producers/converters, chemical industry
- Pet food industry
- Processed food producers
- Others

# How does EFSA work

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# How do business and food industry work together to contribute EFSA's stakeholder engagement

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- Difficult to reach out to all 60 stakeholders, therefore:
  - Stakeholder bureau representative reached out to all organisations, of which more than 20 are regularly working together in the so-called PARI EFSA Group
  - All stakeholders have been invited to share requests to the EFSA stakeholder bureau
- Representatives are encouraged to contribute to:
  - Stakeholder engagement roundtables
  - Scientific colloquia as appropriate
  - Communicators' labs
  - Discussion groups

# Items of particular interest to stakeholders (1)

Proposed topic included in the draft agenda	Agenda item
Opportunities for pre-submission consultations with EFSA to align on testing protocols and other questions about submissions	Slot for industry associations No 1: "Scientific pre-submission consultations with EFSA"
EFSA Scientific Outputs/inconclusive opinions. Questions proposed by ind. association: How is EFSA dealing with answers to their questions that do not fully satisfy their needs? How to deal with providing additional information during the evaluation process that EFSA has not required but may be of interest?	EFSA' slot: "EFSA scientific opinions: Special focus on inconclusive opinions"
Flexibility in the composition of the Discussion Groups	EFSA' slot: "Discussion Groups"

# Items of particular interest to stakeholders (2)

Proposed topic included in the draft agenda	Agenda item
EFSA preliminary views on the implementation by EFSA of the relevant provisions of the Commission proposal for a Regulation on the transparency and sustainability of the EU risk assessment in the food chain (notably with regard to the establishment of EFSA "internal rules" referred to in several articles of the proposal)	
Aspects relevant to EFSA in the context of the most recent EC proposal for a Regulation on the transparency and sustainability of the EU risk assessment model in the food chain COM(2018)179	



# Items of particular interest to stakeholders (3)

Proposed topic included in the draft agenda	Agenda item
<p>Commission proposal for a Reg on the transparency &amp; sustainability of the EU risk assessment model in the food chain provides for all studies &amp; supporting information submitted to EFSA for risk assessments to be made public. Property rights, data exclusivity &amp; data protection will be guaranteed in line with EU legislation: this will not encompass confidential information which will be protected in justified circumstances. What are Efsa's criteria for confidentiality or how will they be set up?</p>	<p>Slot for industry associations No 2: "Regulatory Fitness and Performance Programme (REFIT) and the General Food Law Regulation"</p>
<p>The transparency in risk assessment and pre submission meetings. EFFCA would focus on the following Reg. 178 articles: Art. 32 (a): Pre-submission meetings Art 38: what EFSA will make public "without delay" Art 39 (a)- (e) on Confidentiality Art 32 (b), 32(c): register of studies/notification of studies and consultation of third parties - Art 32 (d): controls, audits Art 32 (e): verification studies Art 25, Art 28: EFSA organization Art 8 (a)-(c): risk communication Art 11 : Entry into force</p>	
<p>European Commission legislative proposal on the transparency and sustainability of the EU risk assessment</p>	

# Conclusions

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- Thankful to the inclusions of agenda items as requested
- Given the number of business and food industry it would be appropriate to have two representatives in the Stakeholder bureau