

Emerging Risks Exchange Network (EREN)

Minutes of the 20th meeting

Held on 08 -09 November 2018, Brussels, Belgium

(Agreed on 9 November 2018)

Participants

- **Network Representatives of Member States (including EFTA Countries):**

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Germany	Mark Lohmann
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Greece	Eirini Tsigarida
Hungary	Ákos Józwiak
Ireland	Wayne Anderson
Italy	Stefano Pongolini
Netherlands	Koen J.H. Wienk
Luxemburg	Nathalie Welschbillig (8th November only)
Norway	Torild Agnalt Ostmo
Slovak Republic	Lucia Birosová
Slovenia	Blaža Nahtigal

Spain	Juan Badiola
Sweden	Stina Wallin
United Kingdom	Jesus Alvarez-Pinera
Switzerland	Thomas Luethi

European Commission and Agencies/International Organisations:

Adam Bradshaw (WHO), Vittorio Fattori (FAO), Philippe Loopuyt (9th November only) (EC), Xenia Trier (EEA) and Matthew Scherer (FDA)

EFSA:

SCER Unit: Tobin Robinson (chair), Caroline Merten (secretariat), Ana Afonso, Anran Yin (minutes)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Estonia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania, FSANZ, ECHA and ECDC.

New Member States having joined EREN were welcomed: Welschbillig from Luxembourg.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted. Agenda 5.5 and 6.8 were postponed to the next EREN meeting 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. Presentation and discussion of EFSA and MSs signals

4.1 Tuberculosis in French Foxes (ID0394)

4.2 Poisoning of dogs attributed to ricin in fertilizers (ID0395)

4.3 Escherichia coli ST131 as a foodborne uropathogen (ID0396)

4.4 Anaphylaxis observed after consumption of food supplement with royal jelly in people allergic to pollen (ID0397)

4.5 Short issues from the Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL)

- Pathogenic Candida krusei and environmental Pichia kudriavzevii

- Sodium benzoate (E211) changes epigenome
- Massive increase of the global jellyfish population
- Clostridium perfringens toxin associated with multiple sclerosis
- Potato pathogens in sewage sludge
- Escherichia coli ST131-H22 as a foodborne uropathogen

Further updates were also provided on the following issues discussed in the past with EREN:

- Piscine reovirus ID0385
- Azole-Resistance ID0376
- Hepatitis E virus
- Anticipation of food safety and fraud issues: ISAR - A new screening tool to monitor food prices and commodity flows

4.6 Short issues by the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)

- Protein powders contain heavy metals
- Edible graphene tags
- Chondroitin sulphate supplements linked to skin cancer growth
- Certain iron supplements may influence the development of colon cancer
- Chlorine induces VBNC state in foodborne pathogens
- Evodia rutaecarpa can trigger arrhythmias
- Porcine deltacoronavirus potential threat to humans
- Alkhurma virus detected in returning songbirds
- Bacterial spores in insect-enriched bread
- Sodium Benzoate changes epigenome
- Dietary trehalose enhances virulence of epidemic Clostridium difficile

5. Further information on previous EFSA and MSs signals

5.1 Results from two official control programmes in Germany on green smoothies (ID0347)

5.2 Follow up on briefing note on OSS (ID0377)

5.3 Update on African Swine Fever detected in Belgium (ID0382)

5.4 Follow up on briefing note on nanoemulsion applications in food sector (ID0370)

5.5 New evidence on Moku virus (ID0378)

5.6 ANSES risk assessment on the introduction of Aethina tumida into France (ID0328)

5.7 Short follow-up on the Austrian notification on black food (ID0384)

5.8 ANSES risk assessment on risk of excess iodine intake in relation with seaweed consumption (ID0351)

5.9 Update on West Nile Virus infection in Italy (ID0325)

5.10 Update regarding the Enterohemorrhagic E. coli (EHEC) monitoring in flour products from Canada (ID0355)

5.11 Update on the ASMARA study in Ireland (ID0351)

6. Feedback on EFSA and MSs activities

6.1 FSA's Data-based Surveillance

6.2 DG SANTE food fraud network

6.3 Update on DEMETER project (Methods and systems for the identification of emerging food risks)

6.4 DEMETER project in relation to emerging risk and network analysis

6.5 Swiss Early Detection – Food Safety System

6.6 Structured discussion to prepare the common session with emerging risk stakeholders group for 2019

6.7 Results on chain analyses on poultry meat and eggs from the Netherlands

6.8 Environment scan and EFSA strategy

7. Past and Future Conferences

8. Any other business and closure of the meeting

The next EREN meeting (21th meeting) will be held on 10 – 11 April 2019 in Parma.