



80th Meeting of the EFSA's Management Board

Minutes of the Public Session

Parma, 20 March 2019 – 9:00-12:30

Members of the Management Board Present	
Jaana Husu-Kallio (Chair)	Iñaki Eguileor
Raymond O'Rourke (Vice-Chair)	Didier Houssin
András Székács (Vice-Chair)	Sabine Jülicher
Aivars Bērziņš	Giuseppe Ruocco
Geronimo Brănescu	Andrej Simončič
Zita Čeponytė	Annette Toft
Herman Diricks	Michael Winter
Libor Dupal	

Apologies: none

Staff of the European Food Safety Authority	
Bernhard Url (Executive Director)	Barbara Gallani
Gian Luca Bonduri	Marta Hugas
Guilhem de Seze	Juliane Kleiner
Peter De Pauw	Alberto Spagnolli
Dirk Detken	Selomey Yamadjako

Also attending:

Simon More, Chair of the EFSA's Scientific Committee



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SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

The Board **adopted:**

- The Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2018.
- The decision on the appointment of a new member of the Scientific Committee.
- The revision of the EFSA budget 2019.
- The Implementing rules of the Staff Regulations concerning 'Types of post and post titles' and 'Outside activities'.
- The amendment (four new entries) to the Art. 36 list of competent organisations designated by Member States which may assist EFSA within its mission.

In addition, the Board **noted:**

- The update from the Scientific Committee, provided by its Chair Prof. Simon More.
- The update from DG SANTE on the on-going legislative procedure for the revision of EFSA's Founding Regulation.
- The presentation on the EFSA preparatory work in view of the withdrawal of the UK from the European Union.
- The feedback from the Chair of the Audit Committee.



Item 1: Opening of the meeting

1. The Chair opened the 80th Management Board meeting by welcoming the Board members, Executive Director (ED) and the EFSA staff members.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda

2. The Chair asked the Board if they wished to add any items to the agenda. The agenda was adopted with no additional item under Any Other Business. The audio-file on this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).

Item 3: Board members' Annual and Oral Declaration of Interests

3. Pursuant to Article 13 of the Management Board Rules of Procedure adopted on 27 June 2013, the Board took note of the Executive Director's assessment of the Declarations of Interests submitted by five of its members and confirmed it.
4. The Chair invited the Board members to declare possible interests in addition to those already declared in their Annual Declaration of Interests. No additional interest was declared.
5. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).

Item 4: EFSA consolidated annual activity report 2018

6. The Executive Director (ED), Bernhard Url, and Selomey Yamadjako (Business Service Department) introduced to the Board the draft "EFSA consolidated annual activity report 2018", which describes the results achieved in implementing EFSA's 2018 work plan and the progress made in pursuing the Strategy 2020 objectives. Among others, the report highlights the progresses with the implementation of several projects and programmes, the renewal of the Scientific Committee and Scientific Panels, the organisation of the third international scientific conference, the scientific work carried out in all areas pertaining to EFSA's mandate that resulted in the delivery of almost 700 questions, as well as the results achieved in the area of budget management. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description.
7. The Board adopted the EFSA consolidated annual activity report 2018 and asked the ED to convey their gratitude and congratulations to EFSA's experts and staff for the excellent results achieved. The Board commented, revised and eventually adopted the assessment of the annual report, which draft was prepared by the Audit Committee. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).

Item 5: Update from the Scientific Committee

8. The Board noted the update from the Scientific Committee, provided by its Chair, Prof. Simon More, who presented the Scientific Committee's activities performed since the last Board meeting. In particular, he presented the work in the areas of chemical mixtures and epidemiological studies. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at this [link](#).

Item 6: Revision of EFSA's Founding Regulation

9. The Board noted the update from DG SANTE on the on-going legislative procedure for the revision of EFSA's Founding Regulation and the expectation expressed by SANTE towards EFSA. Subject to the adoption by the EU co-legislator in the coming weeks, the text of the new Regulation is expected to become available in summer. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is



available online for a detailed description. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at this [link](#).

Item 7: BREXIT impact on EFSA

10. The Board noted the presentation on the EFSA preparatory work in view of the withdrawal of the UK from the European Union. Dirk Detken (Legal & Assurance Services) underlined that follow up actions will need to be carried out in alignment with the on-going political dialogue between the UK and the EU. With regard to the list of organisations which may assist the Authority with its mission (Art. 36 of EFSA's Founding Regulation), the Management Board agreed to amend the list closely after the UK withdrawal and by written procedure. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).

Item 8: Replacement of a Scientific Committee member

11. Following the resignation of Jos Boesten, the Board appointed a new member in the Scientific Committee. As well, the Board revised the list of members of the Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings (FAF) due to the resignation of Sandra Rainieri. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).

Item 9: Revision of the EFSA budget 2019

12. The Board adopted the amendments to the EFSA budget 2019, which related to the incorporation of the bank interests accrued in 2018, as well as the new DG NEAR grant for the implementation of the pre-accession programme. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).

Item 10: Implementing rules of Staff Regulations

13. The Board adopted the decisions for the application at EFSA of two Implementing rules of the Staff Regulations related to "Outside activities" and "Type of posts and post titles", which became effective as of the following day. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).

Item 11: Amendments to Art. 36 list

14. The Board adopted the amendments (four new entries) to the [Art. 36 list](#) of competent organisations designated by Member States which may assist EFSA within its mission. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at this [link](#).

Item 12: Feedback from the Audit Committee

15. The Chair of the Audit Committee updated the Management Board on the outcome of the meeting held on 19 March 2019. Among others, he reported on the assessment of the EFSA consolidated annual activity report 2018 and the IAS audit on human resource management and ethics. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at this [link](#).

Item 13: Any other business

16. András Székács brought to the Board attention the following issues:
 - If deemed useful, he offered to support EFSA in enhancing scientific cooperation and communication with the pre-accession countries, especially with Turkey;



- With regards to the scientific activities that EFSA's Scientific Committee carries out in the area of chemical mixtures risk assessment, he noted the opportunity to establish close communication and cooperation relations with the OECD, which carries out activities in similar fields.
- He welcomed the ruling of the EU Court of Justice on the cases T-716/14 Tweedale v EFSA and T-329/17 Hautala and Others v EFSA, which pave the way to an even more 'Open EFSA'. The Executive Director said that analysis of the ruling is being carried out with the aim to address it within the briefest delay and understand whether general rules might be extracted that would also apply beyond the concrete case.

Summary of actions

Action reference	Action	Deadline	Status
March 20, 2019 - 1	EFSA to notify its consolidated annual activity report 2018 to the competent EU bodies and make it available online.	31 st March 2019	DONE
March 20, 2019 - 2	DG SANTE to provide the Board with an update on the procedure for the next partial renewal of the Management Board.	Management Board meeting in June 2019	OPEN