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Minutes

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1. Welcome and Adoption of Agenda

Julia Finger from the Engagement and Scientific Cooperation (ENCO) Unit and Donka Popova, Focal Point (FP), Bulgaria opened the 40th FP meeting. EFSA welcomed the FPs mentioning that for the first time the hosting country will co-chair the meeting. The plenary adopted the agenda.

2. Welcome by the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry of Bulgaria

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yanko Ivanov, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry of Bulgaria, welcomed EFSA and FPs in Bulgaria. He stressed the crucial role of the EFSA's FP network in the process of cooperation, communication and dissemination of scientific information on EU and international level. FPs are also welcomed by Iliyan Kostov, Director, Risk assessment and Focal Center Directorates of Bulgaria.



3. Matters arising

3.1 Action Points from last meeting

Julia Finger informed FPs that all actions of the last meeting have been addressed or are ongoing, with some of them taken up during the current meeting. AP related to involvement of AF in planning cycle are to be taken up in preparation of the following AF meeting (17-18 September, Finland).

3.2 Feedback from the last meeting

Feedback from the previous meeting was very good, FPs emphasised the discussion on Art. 36 and on their request the discussion was continued on the 2 day of this meeting. Training on G&P was very welcomed, and FPs are encouraged to express any eventual other training needs.

3.3 Feedback on collaboration workshop

Drago Marojevic reflected on the results of the survey and comments for the workshop on "Twin it to win it" Collaboration workshop that took place on 21 May 2019, Sarajevo. 97% would welcome a similar event in the future.

3.4 Outcome of the survey on Audiorecording

Julia Finger presented the results of the Audio Recording Survey. Julia informed FPs that EFSA will continue with audio recording in the future. However, EFSA will keep the audio recordings on the DMS to compromise the more restricted solution considering the concern of people not interacting openly in plenary. Short minutes will be published on the web together with all meeting documents.

4. Preparedness to implement the revised General Food Law

Victoria Villamar Head of ENCO presented via videoconference the implications for EFSA from the new Transparency Regulation.

Action 1: EFSA to send additional information about the preparatory measures to reflect new Transparency regulation

5. EFSA's future work on the re-evaluation of sweeteners and involvement of Member States

Federica Lodi and Camilla Smeraldi from Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit, joining via video conference, presented the further involvement of FPs in the dissemination of calls for experts to work in the area of sweeteners.

Action 2: EFSA to get in contact with the Luxembourg FP regarding national event

Action 3: FP to reflect on possible EFSA involvement to national event or other promotional activities

Action 4: FP to identify experts that could eventually participate in the WG Sweeteners enlargement.

Action 5: EFSA to send further information to FPs regarding the revaluation of sweeteners

6. EFSA Analytics

Johanna Nemess from Communication (COM) Unit explained the dissemination analysis in EFSA. After the discussion in the forum it was agreed to involve CEN members and come back to the item in further meetings.

7. BfR WIKI project on Food Safety Almanach

As a follow-up of the presentation given last meeting by Majlinda Lahaniatis, FP from Germany, Julia Schoene FP Alternate, delivered a live demonstration of the Food Safety Almanac Wiki Demo version. The live demonstration included the key features of the platform.



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Action 7: German FP to share the template for the country profiles

Action 8: German FP to define who should be the administrator of the country WIKI page

Action 9: German FP to align the terminology with the EFSA's art.36 competences

8. TEAMS space for Focal Points

Elina Ciekure FP from Latvia and Annafranca Loparco from EFSA, presented the new TEAM space and work of the volunteer group. DMS will be only repository from March 2020

Action 10: FP to propose topics for the 16th Scientific Newsletter in the TEAMS dedicated form

Action 11: FP to explore and get familiar with the FP TEAMS space

Action 12: FP to use the request for exchange of information form available in the FP TEAMS space

9. EURAA update

Drago Marojevic delivered a live demonstration of the EU RAA database and presented the new features of the platform. FPs are reminded on the next steps.

Action 13: FP to check, clean and lock the materialised project ideas in the EU RAA DB by 30 September 2019.

Dedicated session: DATA COLLECTION

10.1 RASFF - work of the FP

Elisa Barillozzi FP from Luxembourg delivered a presentation on RASFF and her work in the network.

10.2 RASFF new tool

Tilemachos Goumperis from EFSA presented the Risk evaluation tool for chemical contaminants in the context of RASFF.

Action 14: EFSA to explore the possibility on webinar on RASFF new tool

11.1 Data collection in the area of animal health

Gabriele Zancanaro from Animal Health and Welfare (AHAW) Unit further elaborated the scope and objectives of the SIGMA project for a harmonised data collection on animal health and presented possible tasks for FPs to contribute to the SIGMA project.

The second day of the FP meeting was opened by Julia Finger and Donka Popova.

11.2 Work of the Advisory Forum task force on data collection

Milo Bystricky FP from Slovak Republic and Eileen O'Dea from EFSA, presented the ongoing discussions in the task force on data collection and the planned next steps.

11.3 FP tasks on data collection – feedback

Feedback was given from 4 countries: Cyprus, France, Austria and Luxembourg. These 4 countries have chosen the data tasks and presented their work as well challenges when implanting the tasks.

11.4 Future data collection improvements & involvement of MS

Claudia Heppner from Evidence Management (DATA) Unit EFSA gave an introduction on EFSA data activities underlining activities where support from FPs could be requested. MS have



provided answers to the questions, which have been summarised and presented by Claudia Heppner.

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12. Renewal of the list of Competent Organisations – discussion

The agenda item on the renewal of the list of Competent Organisations was a follow up of the session from the last FP. The floor was given to FPs for discussion.

13. FP meetings in 2020

Julia Finger provided information about the next year's FP meetings and informed FPs that instead 4, most probably 3 meetings will be organised in 2020.

14. National conference on EFSA awareness and cooperation opportunities in the RA process Skopje, North Macedonia

Drago Marojevic and Sanja Ilieva FP observer from north Macedonia, informed FPs about the National conference on EFSA awareness and cooperation opportunities in the risk assessment process to be held in Skopje, North Macedonia the day after the FP meeting.

15. Reporting deadlines

Julia Finger reminded FPs on the reporting deadlines and procedures.

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

Donka Popova closed the meeting by thanking all FPs and expressed the gratitude to all participants and EFSA.

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