



## Network on Nanotechnologies in Food and Feed Minutes of the 9th meeting

Held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019, Stresa

(Agreed on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019)

### Participants

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

Country	Name
Austria	<i>Apologies</i>
Belgium	Jan Mast
Bulgaria	Angel Angelov
Cyprus	<i>Apologies</i>
Croatia	Darko Mikec
Czech Republic	Michaela Jedlickova
Denmark	Katrin Loeschner
Estonia	Kaja Kasemets
Finland	Pertti Koivisto
France	<i>Apologies</i>
Germany	Alfonso Lampen
Greece	Aristotelis Xenakis
Hungary	Andrea Zentai
Ireland	<i>Apologies</i>
Italy	Francesco Cubadda
Lithuania	<i>Apologies</i>
Luxembourg	Micheline Rosch
Netherlands	Jacqueline Castenmiller
Norway	Gro Mathisen
Poland	<i>Apologies</i>
Portugal	Maria Bastos
Romania	<i>Apologies</i>
Slovakia	Peter Simon
Slovenia	Viviana Golia
Spain	José Manuel Barat Baviera
Sweden	Lena Hellmer
United Kingdom	<i>Apologies</i>

- **Members of WG on Nanotechnology**

Francesco Cubadda, Jacqueline Castenmiller, Jan Mast, Agnes Oomen, Alicja Mortensen

- **Hearing Experts**

Melanie Kah

- **European Commission**

Josefa Barroso and Hubert Rauscher (DG JRC)

- **EFSA**

SCER Unit: Reinhilde Schoonjans (meeting Chair), José Tarazona

FIP Unit: Ana Rincon, Eric Barthelemy

FEED Unit: Maria Victoria Vettori

## **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Member States representatives as in the above Table and from the ccWGNano members Qasim Chaudhry, David Gott, Stefan Weigel and Roland Franz.

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **3. Agreement of the minutes of the 8th meeting of the Network on Nanotechnologies in Food and Feed held on 15-16 November 2018, Rome.**

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 13 December 2018 and published on the EFSA website<sup>1</sup>.

## **4. Topics for discussion**

### **4.1. Update on the ccWG activities and guidance implementation plan**

The MS delegates gave their feedback on the extent of use of the EFSA guidance which is still quite low at present, and were asked to continue outreaching to the parties that should wish to put new products on the market.

### **4.2. EC request for a Technical Guidance to establish the presence of particles at the nanoscale in regulated food and feed products**

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/event/181115-1-m.pdf>

José Tarazona informed about the upcoming mandate and explained the relationship with the existing scientific Guidance. The technical mandate will provide a short list of criteria and information requirements that are to be checked upfront by material producers whose product does not classify into the regulatory definition of engineered nanomaterial as under the new Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 on novel foods. The nanonetwork will be able to provide input and comments during the public consultation, foreseen mid 2020.

#### **4.3. Draft case study on the regulatory assessment of nanofibers**

José Tarazona outlined a proposal for regulatory research on nanofibers, to be launched under the global initiative of APCRA (“Accelerating the Pace of Chemical Risk Assessment - An International Governmental Collaborative Initiative”). MS were invited to express interest in cooperating and performing parts of the research. Finland offered its expertise on this subject.

#### **4.4. Research priorities**

This meeting of the network was embedded in Global Summit on Regulatory Science 2019 Nanotechnology and Nanoplastics <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/event/conference/gsr19-global-summit-regulatory-science-2019-nanotechnology-and-nanoplastics>. Throughout this conference the research priorities have been discussed with the speakers and participants. A report is expected to be published for future reference on key research priorities and the way forward.

### **5. Any Other Business**

The Chair informed that work of EFSA in 2020 will also cover the update of the Scientific Guidance and that EFSA will proceed with part 2 of the mandate, to develop environmental risk assessment guidance.

Next year the network will exist 10 years.

A broader network involvement and scope has been discussed, such as broadening to “advanced material” and not only nanoscience and nanotechnologies. This is because many disciplines are merging into the production of new materials.

The topic of fertilizers merits a broader reflection as to the current provisions to regulate and assess them under REACH.

### **6. Date for next meeting**

The next meeting date is to be determined for 2020.

### **7. Conclusions (s)**

The members acknowledged the capacity of the network for sharing and coordinating activities in this field and supported the continuation of this networking exercise in the future.

### **8. Closure of the meeting**

The Chair thanked the participants of the EU Member States for their continued contribution and scientific support to the work of EFSA.