



Management Board

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State of play – EFSA Evaluation

1. The Evaluation of EFSA is enshrined in Article 61 paragraph 1 of its founding Regulation. This article states :

*Before 1 January 2005 and every six years thereafter, the Authority, in collaboration with the Commission, shall commission an independent external evaluation of its achievements on the basis of the terms of reference issued by the Management Board in agreement with the Commission. The evaluation will assess the working practices and the impact of the Authority. The evaluation will take into account the views of the stakeholders, at both Community and national level. The Management Board of the Authority shall examine the conclusions of the evaluation and issue to the Commission such recommendations as may be necessary regarding changes in the Authority and its working practices. The evaluation reports and the recommendations shall be forwarded to the Council and the European Parliament and shall be made public.*

2. During 2005, the Steering Committee and the technical Committee worked together for the selection of the company entrusted with the evaluation, the steering of the evaluation process, the approval of the inception and interim reports and finally the approval of the final report.
3. The final report was, upon requested of the Steering Committee structured in three parts i.e., (i) the executive summary containing the overall and detailed conclusions of the evaluation, a swot analysis and the recommendations of the evaluators, (ii) the report and (iii) its annexes.
4. Upon analysis of the conclusions of the evaluation, the Management Board will have to issue to the Commission such recommendations as it may see fit. In line with Article 61, the report and the recommendations of the Management Board will be made public.