

European Food Safety Authority

Outline of the Provisional Draft Management Plan for 2007

- a) The Provisional Draft Management Plan for 2007 will be put forward to the Board for its agreement at the March 2006 meeting in line with the requirements of the Founding Regulation. The Board is asked at this January 2006 meeting to agree to the contents of the Provisional Draft Management Plan so that further development can be put in hand before the March meeting.
- b) Of course it has to be recognised that at this point in 2006, the 2007 Provisional Draft Management Plan cannot be detailed. It should be considered as a continuation of the Work Programmes of 2005 and 2006 while recognising that in developing the Programme further in 2006 the outcome of the Board's discussions on the External Evaluation undertaken in 2005 under Article 61 of Regulation 178/2002 and changing work priorities will also need to be integrated.
- c) The Board will be asked at the March 2006 meeting to endorse this Provisional Draft document along with the Provisional Draft Budget and Establishment Plan for 2007. Once the Provisional Draft Management Plan is adopted by the Board it will form the basis for the justification of the budget and establishment plan requests for 2007. During 2006 EFSA will consult with the Commission, the Advisory Forum, Scientific Committees and Panels, and Stakeholder Platform on the document before bringing it back to the Management Board at the December 2006 meeting with ultimate adoption planned for the January 2007 meeting.

Board Action:

At this January 2006 meeting the Board is asked to endorse the content list for the 2007 Provisional Draft Work Programme to enable further work to be put in hand before the March meeting

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I. General Overview

- EFSA's missions and overall work for 2007(tasks that will be completed, new tasks, priorities)
- Focus on consolidation of the organisation including implementation of recommendations arising from Article 61 external evaluation
- Building adequate workforce both in terms of numbers and quality to meet EFSA's workload
- Strengthen of networking with members states, international and institutional partners
- Accommodation solutions

II. Overall Management Activities

- Consolidation and quality management
- New budgetary period and perspectives for future funding
- Reinforcement of EFSA's reputation as being reference for risk assessment in Europe
- Expansion of EFSA's Extranet options and usage
- Crisis preparedness
- Actions from EFSA's evaluation not yet implemented

III. Scientific Activities

- Activities within EFSA's four main scientific work themes
- Organization and prioritization of work: Specific focus areas and priorities reflecting EFSA's risk assessment policy eg role of EFSA in nutrition, self tasking
- Formalized scientific cooperation with national institutions and organisations and exchange of information
- Expanding on database development based on identified needs
- Science Colloquiums
- Development of indicators for the quality and impact of the scientific work
- Activities to improve and ensure transparency of the risk assessment process
- Handling of emerging issues

IV. Advisory Forum

- Promote strong culture of cooperation between EFSA and Member States
- Increasingly more focus on emerging risk assessment issues linked to scientific committees work on emerging risk
- AF processes related to crisis preparedness

- Expand AF Working Groups to prepare items for plenary discussions, closely involving national authorities
- Involve AF members in relation to data collection and evaluation, promote networking
- Continuation of themed meetings as introduced in 2006

V. Communication Activities

- Continue to build more visibility for EFSA's scientific work
- Enhance clarity and relevance of risk communications for key target audiences and public at large
- Bridging gaps between science and consumers
- Foster coherent risk communications in the Community (strengthen collaboration and co-ordination with European Commission, Member States and stakeholders in development and dissemination of messages)
- Continue work on user-friendliness of web site
- Identify target audiences and evaluate impact and effectiveness of risk communications activities
- Interface activities between science and communication

VI Collaboration with EFSA's Institutional, International and Stakeholder partners

Institutional and Member States relations

- Structured presence in European Parliament, Commission and Council
- maintaining good relationships through regular workshops and meetings with European Institutions
- Integration of Accession States into work of EFSA and especially the Advisory Forum. Support to these through EFSA PHARE Projects
- Collaboration with other EU Agencies inter alia ECDC, EMEA, EEA

International

- On going development of working relationship with International Organisations (WHO, FAO, Codex Alimentarius, OIE, OECD, etc)
- Collaboration with third country food agencies

Stakeholder relations

- Formal consultations, ad hoc meetings
- Selection Criteria and guidance for consultations
- Close collaboration with local and national Italian Authorities to ease integration, facilitate cooperation and gain mutual appreciation