



European Food Safety Authority

Management Board Meeting
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PROGRESS REPORT

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2007:

- MB Recommendations June 2006
- MB recommendations from the Awayday (March 2007). Work on the organization of EFSA's scientific work



- > 500 opinions (up to 2007)
- 300 employees
- enhanced cooperation with MSs
- strengthened dialogue with the EU institutions
- strengthened scientific activities
- Outcome of the 5th Anniversary (Summit + Scientific Forum)

- Continue to deliver the best scientific advice in a timely manner, in a context of increasing workload (X2)
- Build on the quality of EFSA's scientific outputs
- Be at the forefront of RA methodologies in Europe

- Strengthen the scientific (and administrative) support to the panels and Scientific Committee
- Streamline our procedures/processes
- Develop the scientific cooperation with Member States and strengthen EFSA's network with the 27 National Agencies
- Further improve the RA methodologies and monitor the quality of EFSA's scientific output

⇒ **FURTHER IMPROVE THE GOVERNANCE OF THE ORGANISATION**

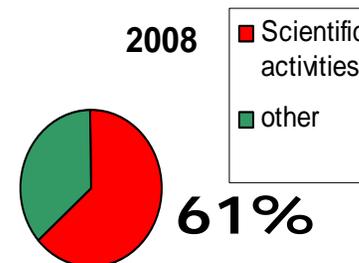
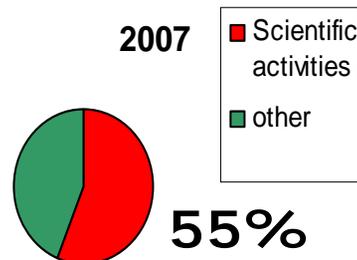
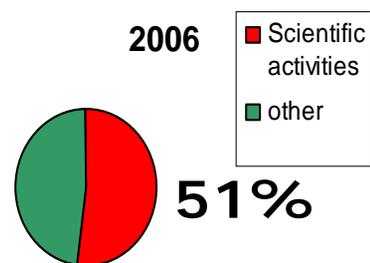
- **2 SCIENTIFIC DIRECTORATES**

- Directorate of RA = support to 9 (10) scientific panels
- Directorate of SCA =
 - Scientific Cooperation with the Member States
 - Support to the Directorate of Risk Assessment
 - Data Collection and Exposure, Emerging Risk, Assessment Methodology

- **SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE & ADVISORY FORUM UNIT**

Staff allocation by Directorate

	2006	2007	2008	2008/2006
Scientific activities (R.A.- SCA - SC&AF)	118	167	253	X2
Communications	20	26	41	X2
Administration	86	101	105	+22%
TOTAL staff				+ 81%



Budget by activity

Budget by activity (M€)	2007 Budget	2008 Budget
Provide scientific advice	25.2	32.7
Enhancing RA method.	9.1	13.5
Communicate scientific advice	8.6	9.0
ADMIN support	9.3	10.7
TOTAL	52.2	65.9

} 66%
} 70%

Being assisted by a management team



AFC

- *Flavouring*: opinions on E901 (carrier), 5 flavouring groups and FGE 79
- *Nutrient sources*: Opinion on calcium citrate malate and on mixed tocopherols (source of vit. E)
- *Food contact materials*: 17th list of (9 substances) approved
- Public consultation on safe recycled plastic production

AHAW

- 5 opinions adopted (pig welfare- tail biting; zoonosis; welfare aspects of killing and skinning seals; 2 aquatic animal diseases)
- Welfare of dairy cows: meeting with 25 MSs experts (4 Dec Advisory Forum)
- 2 art. 36 calls approved

BIOHAZ

- 3 opinions (TSE risk assessment of blood in feeds for fish, monitoring of human enteropathogenic *Yersinia*, opinion on *Listeria monocytogenes* in ready-to-eat foods)
- Joint conclusions BIOHAZ-AHAW and ECDC on the Community Summary Report on trend and sources of zoonosis in the EU in 2005

CONTAM

- 6 opinions adopted on biotoxines in shell fish, glucosinolates in feed and cross-contamination of non target feeds by salinomycin, monensin, semduramicin and maduramicin.

FEEDAP

- Discussion with the EC Standing Committee on Animal Nutrition on new regulation on rules for the implementation of 1831/2003 (authorizations of feed additives). New guidelines adopted by SCFCAH
- Public consultation on guidance document and establishment of priority calendar (Meeting with FEFANA and EC)

GMO

- Adopted mandate for a self-task on approaches and guidance for assessing the impacts of GM plants in environmental risk assessments (+special AF on GMO)
- Work with Europabio

NDA

- *Children claims*: first applications received
- *Nutrient profiles*: opinion on “the setting of nutrient profiles for foods bearing nutrition and health claims pursuant to article 4 of Regulation 1924/2006” expected to be adopted end of January

PLH

- Nine draft opinions on 30 PRAs on pest harmful for FOD discussed at 16-17 plenary

PPR

- 2 procurement contracts for preparatory work on mandates on pesticides.
- Guidance Document on risk assessment for birds and mammals on EFSA website for public consultation until 27th January 2008.

Assessment Methodology Unit

- First draft report on food additives and hyperactivity in children prepared
- Multiple Framework Contract finalised for outsourcing statistical tasks.

DATEX

- final refinement of the marine biotoxin opinion (CONTAM) . Work on exposure assessment for the Azaspiracids group.
- Summary statistics from the EFSA Food Consumption Concise Database calculated and provided to national experts.

PRAPeR

- Draft assessment reports for 5 new active substances and 3 existing active substances of the third stage distributed.
- Work programme developed for the third and fourth stage of existing active substances on the basis of the Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1095/2007.

Zoonoses Unit

- Web publication of EFSA-ECDC report on “*Trends and Sources of Zoonoses, Antimicrobial Resistance and Food-borne Outbreaks in EU in 2006*”.
- A data validation exercise on the datasets from the EU-wide baseline surveys on *Salmonella* in turkeys and slaughter pigs.

Scientific Committee

- Opinion on “*food safety, animal health and welfare and environmental impact of animals derived from cloning by somatic cell nucleus transfer and their offspring and products obtained from those animals*”: public consultation on 10 January 2008.

Advisory Forum

- 24th AF (the Hague, 6-7 December 2007):
 - updated decision on operation of the AF
 - New policy, format and guidelines for Declaration of Interests.
 - 20 national Focal Point agreements already signed.



EU debate moves

on

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Environmental Health News
Compiled by Environmental Health Sciences

Reptile alert

ANSA

OGM: Tre nuovi dossier sul tavolo dei

ministri UE



Polémica sobre la eventual comercialización de los productos provenientes de animales clonados

Efsa begint Europees MRSA-onderzoek
(EFSA begins European MRSA study)

Le Monde

La Norvège se félicite d'un avis européen qui valide ses méthodes d'abattage des phoques

WELT ONLINE

Weniger Salmonellen in Europa



OGM: l'Elysée va disséminer la clause de sauvegarde

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the EFSA website
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The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) is the keystone of European Union (EU) risk assessment regarding food and feed safety. In close collaboration with national authorities and in open consultation with its stakeholders, EFSA provides independent scientific advice and clear communication on existing and emerging risks.

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Latest News

EFSA launches its draft opinion on animal cloning for public consultation
11/01/2008

EFSA is launching a public consultation on its draft scientific opinion on the implications of animal cloning on food safety, animal health and welfare and the environment. The work follows a request from the European Commission (EC) to EFSA for advice on this issue in February 2007. EFSA's opinion will help inform consideration of any future EU measures in relation to animal clones and products obtained from these animals

EFSA provides comprehensive advice on pig welfare
20/12/2007

EFSA publishes a BSE/TSE risk assessment of the use of bovine dried blood products as an ingredient for feeds destined for farmed fish
20/12/2007

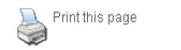
EFSA adopts a scientific opinion on the animal welfare aspects of different methods of killing and skinning of seals
19/12/2007

- More news
- More press

Opinions

Glucosinolates as undesirable substances in animal feed - Scientific Opinion of the Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Published:15/01/2008 Adopted:27/11/2007

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Recently published

“Moving Together – News on European food safety co-operation”

Newsletter promoting EFSA and the Advisory Forum’s co-operation and networking strategy

Work Plan 2008

EN available

EFSAnews 16

FR/GER/IT available



Liaison with EU Presidencies:

- Portuguese Presidency: EFSA participation in Council meeting of Chief Plant Health Officers
- Discussions with the 2008 EU Presidencies (Slovenia and France) to organise cooperation and joint meetings

European Parliament:

- AGRI Committee meeting on GMO, “zero-tolerance” scheme
- Regular information sent to ENVI Committee
- EFSA’s liaison MEP, Kartika Liotard, participated in the Advisory Forum meeting in the Hague on 7 December