



Annual Activity Report 2007

Management Board meeting

Parma, 23 January 2008

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Outline Process

- Initial call for contributions to EFSA units – Nov 2007
- First draft to Management Board – Jan 2008
- Incorporation of feedback from Management Board – Jan-Feb 2008
- Further consultation, internal and external – Feb-March 2008
- Final version for adoption – March 2008

Highlights 2007

- Number of opinions adopted passes the 500 mark, with more than 200 adopted in 2007 alone
- EFSA receives more than 1000 applications/renewals
- Number of staff employed reaches 300
- Execution of the Establishment Plan ends the year at 91%.
- EFSA marks Fifth Anniversary with a series of high-profile events in Parma and Brussels
- EFSA Scientific Forum and Summit are successfully organised in Brussels
- Declaration of Interest processes are strengthened
- Landmark confidentiality agreement is signed with the FDA

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Highlights 2007

- The Scientific Cooperation & Assistance Department becomes operational
- 12 Article 36 calls are issued
- 18 Focal Point agreements are signed
- Press coverage increases by 60%
- Visual identity (branding) of the Authority is revised
- EFSA website is re-launched with steady growth in traffic
- An external review of Stakeholder Strategy is carried out
- Authority's organigramme is revised to reflect priorities
- European Parliament Liaison MEP, Mrs. Liotard, is appointed
- SC proposes quality review process for scientific outcomes

RISK ASSESSMENT

- The Panels produced 201 opinions, 7 guidance documents and 19 other reports
- Over 400 experts worked in nine scientific panels and their 96 working groups
- Experts met in 565 Plenary and WG meetings
- 10 public consultations were organised
- Staff in units supporting the Scientific Panels increased from 73 (2006) to 101, out of which 66% had scientific tasks

- In the area of food additives – including colours, food supplements, flavouring substances, food contact materials, feed additives, GMOs, food allergies and novel foods – 1552 applications were completed
- New guidance documents for applicants were adopted (environmental risk assessment for feed additives, GM plants containing stacked transformation events and health claims)
- Opinions
 - Environmental risk assessment of additives, products or substances used in animal feed
 - Role of animal feeding trials in GMO assessment
 - Default Q10 values used to describe the effect of temperature on transformation rates of pesticides in soil

- Animal vaccination, aquatic diseases, Bluetongue
- Pig welfare, methods for killing and skinning seals
- BSE/TSE–related subjects, including new GBR methodology
- Opinions on zoonoses (Listeria, VTEC, Yersinia, Toxoplasma) and reviewing the Annual Community Zoonosis report
- Aflatoxins, marine biotoxins, coccidiostats, growth promoting hormones in bovine meat
- Organisms harmful to plants or plant products
- Fast-track response procedures were used for melamine

SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE

- Data collection and exposure assessment
 - CONTAM panel: aflatoxins in nuts, ethyl carbamate in stone-fruits, nitrate in vegetables, heavy metals in foods and beverages, mercury in feed
 - AFC panel: smoke flavour products, marine biotoxins
 - NDA panel: food composition data
- Epidemiological analyses and other quantitative assessments
 - PPR panel: Q10-FATE
 - GMO panel: MON863
 - AFC panel: food colourings
 - AHAW panel: Bluetongue outbreak
- Ad hoc databases
 - Workflow in FEEDAP, GMO, and AFC panels
 - Scientific data for PPR (Guidance) and GMO (application) etc.
- Genotoxicity evaluations for FEEDAP panel

Implementation support

- Establishment of Focal Point Network
- Development of expert database started
- Review of Art. 36 database: update of contact details

Scientific visibility

- Scientific Forum, 4 Colloquia and other scientific events
- Raising awareness of scientific work at EFSA
 - Drafted a policy paper on increasing awareness
 - Two special issues published in scientific journals

- Drafted data collection strategy
- Data collection on Zoonoses
 - Annual zoonoses report: trend analysis
 - Harmonisation
 - Baseline studies of Salmonella in layers and broilers
 - Visits to Member States
- Data collection on food consumption
 - WG on survey harmonization
 - WG on completion of the concise food consumption database
- Data collection on chemical occurrence
 - Network established
 - Ad hoc collections on PAH, furans

- **Safety review of pesticides:** Completed review of 20 active substances
- **MRL risk assessment:**
 - *Annex II: 93 active substances*
 - *Annex III: 236 active substances*
 - *Compilation of toxicological reference values*
- **Established working group for the evaluation of the review process**

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

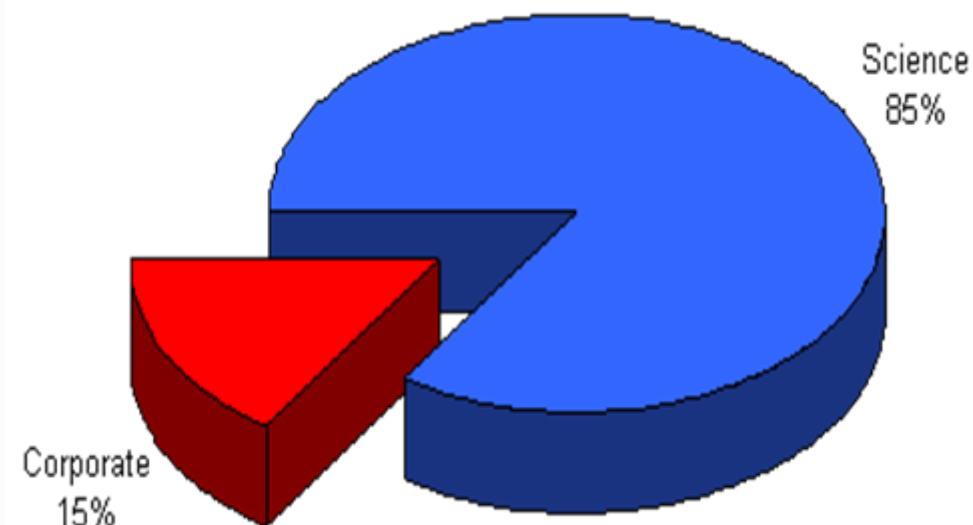
- Provision of advice on the assessment of the quality of EFSA's scientific work
- Provision of advice on enhancing EFSA's responsiveness to urgent questions
- Opinion on the QPS approach for the safety assessment of selected microorganisms in food/feed
- Public consultation on draft guidance for the safety assessment of botanicals and botanical preparations (Dec 2007-Feb 2008)
- In response to requests from the Commission in 2007, a public consultation of the draft opinion on animal cloning was launched in January 2008, work on nanotechnology is scheduled to be finalised in mid-July 2008 and the activities of five other WGs are in progress.
- Productive meetings with members of the Management Board, participation in meetings of the Advisory Forum, and the Steering Group on Cooperation
- 6 plenaries, 11 working groups, 52 WG meetings
- 4 public consultations to provide data or to receive comments on draft opinions, guidance documents or other reports

ADVISORY FORUM

- Implementation of the *Strategy for Cooperation and Networking between EU Member States and EFSA*:
 - Creation of the Steering Group on Cooperation with the Scientific Committee and EFSA staff (3 meetings organised in 2007)
 - Launch of 7 scientific cooperation (ESCO) projects on subjects of common interest and for harmonisation of RA approaches across Europe
 - Developing instrumentation (Extranet) for exchange of information
 - List of competent organisations under Article 36
 - Establishment of Focal Points in 18 countries
- 5 plenary meetings and one special Forum meeting on GMO risk assessment

COMMUNICATIONS

Strong increase in publicity focused on Science



- 25 PRESS RELEASES & STATEMENTS
- 32 WEB NEWS STORIES
- 37 NEWS ALERTS
- 8 PRESS CONFERENCES ATTENDED BY 147 JOURNALISTS

Over 7760 articles/AV in total ⇒

+ 60% vs. 2006

New Website 4 September 2007



- Major contribution to increased visibility through online communications
- Steady increase in traffic:
 - 123,000 Average monthly visits
 - 442,000 visits in Q4 2007
 - > 17,500 subscribers to EFSA highlights
- Webcasting – increases outreach:
 - > 4.000 views (Nutritional health claims conference)

Publications

from Annual report to Zoonoses brochure

20 PUBLICATIONS > 58,000 COPIES



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Events

from Parma to Brussels and many Member States
Five Year Anniversary events, 3 Scientific Colloquia, 7 Joint
Events, Open doors... **OVER 3000 PARTICIPANTS**



EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Cooperation with the European Parliament

- Executive Director addressed EP's ENVI Committee in February and October to present MP 2007 and consult on MP 2008, respectively
- Kartika Liotard (ENVI Committee) appointed liaison MEP for EFSA
- Participation of EFSA scientific officers at EP meetings, *i.e.*, Committee meetings, meetings with rapporteurs on FIAP and pesticides and EP intergroups
- President Pöttering inaugurated EFSA's exhibition in the EP, November 2007
- Q&A session with MEPs on EFSA during the week of Fifth Anniversary celebrations, November 2007
- Launch of first EFSA newsletter dedicated to MEPs

- Regular meetings with Commissioner Kyprianou and Commission services
- Increased liaison activities with EU Presidencies 2007-2008 (Germany, Portugal, Slovenia and France) and meetings with Ministers of Agriculture in Germany, Portugal, Slovakia and France
- Executive Director meeting with the COREPER during the German Presidency
- Participation in Council working groups and meetings with EU Presidencies
- Cooperation with other EU Agencies – EMEA, ECDC, ECHA, EEA

- Activities with stakeholders intensified in 2007
- External review of stakeholder activities carried out to guide a revised Stakeholder Strategy in 2008
- Increased EFSA participation in the delegations of the CEC to Codex Alimentarius
- EFSA and FDA signed a confidentiality agreement in July. Similar agreements initiated with FSANZ and the Japanese Food Safety Commission
- Increased collaboration with WHO, FAO and OIE to facilitate data exchange
- Implementation of the Pre-Accession Programme for Turkey and Croatia in 2007

ADMINISTRATION

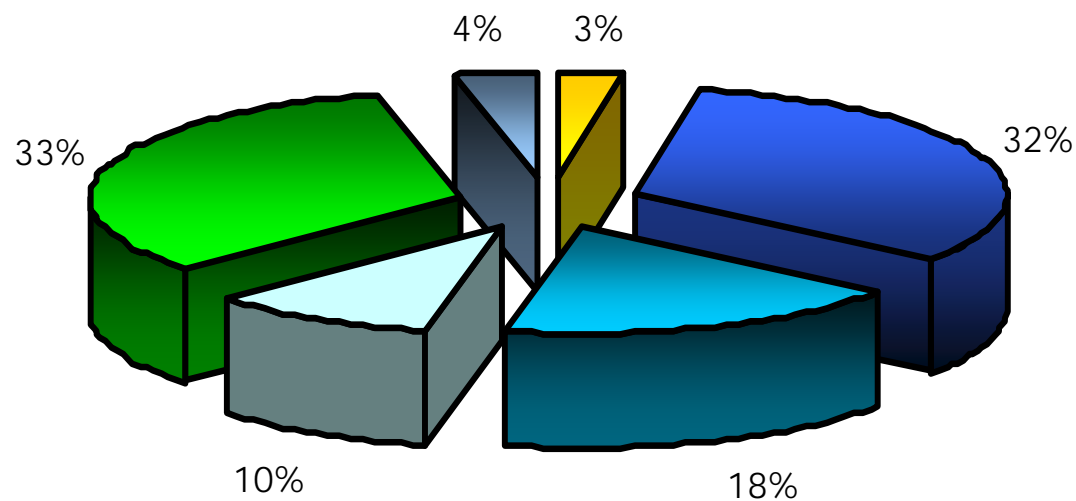
Establishment Plan

	<i>2007 executed</i>	<i>2007 E.P.</i>	<i>2006 executed</i>	<i>2006 E.P.</i>
AD	144	166	87	141
AST	129	134	86	109
Total	273	300	173	250
%	91%		69%	

Staff allocation by Directorate

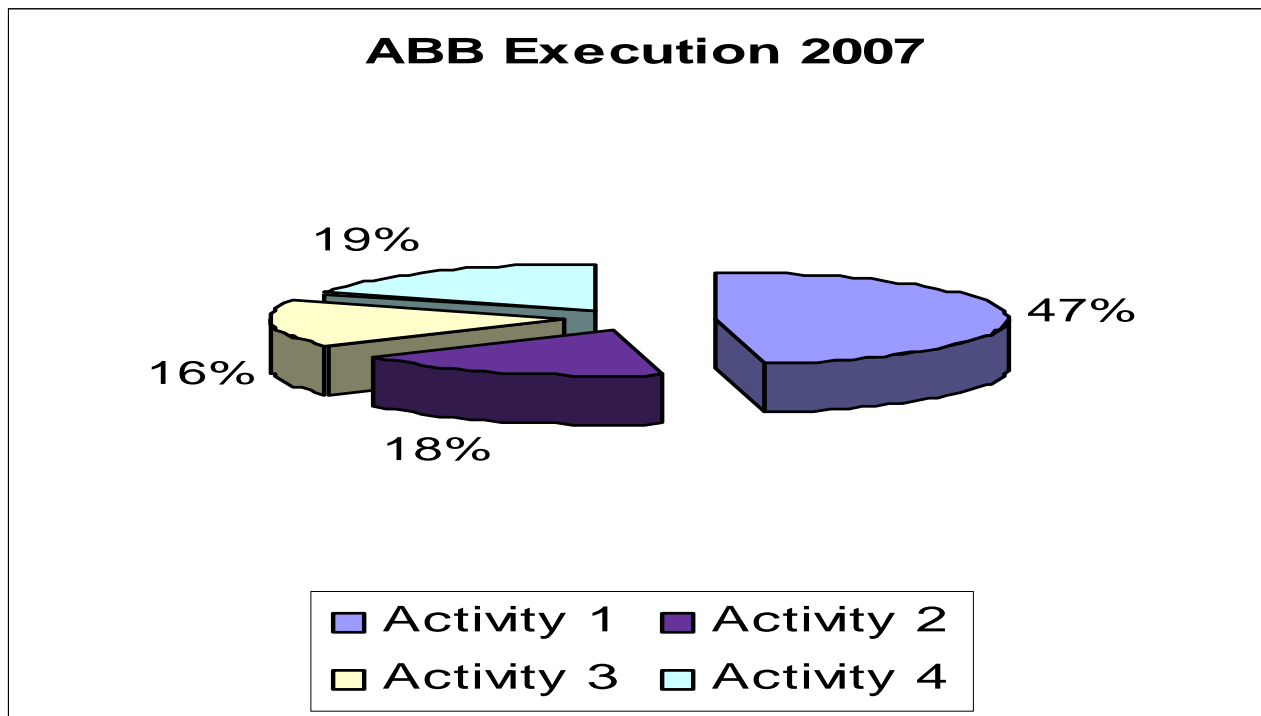
	2008 (plan)	2007	2006	2007/2006	2008/2006
Executive Dir.	13	9	4		
Science	253	167	118	+41%	X2
- R.A.	150	101	73		X2
- SCA	90	55	37		X2.5
- SC&AF	13	11	8		+63%
Communications	41	31	20	+ 55%	X2
Administration	105	103	86	+20%	+22%
TOTAL	412	310	228		+ 81%

Staff Allocation



- Executive Directorate
- Risk Assessment Directorate
- Scientific Cooperation and Assistance
- Communications
- Administration
- SC & AF

Budget by Activity



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Budget by activity (M€)	2007 Execution	2007 Budget	2007/budget
1	22.4	25.2	89%
2	8.5	9.1	93%
3	7.6	8.6	89%
4	8.9	9.3	96%
TOTAL	47.4	52.2	91%

Science: Details by Unit – Risk Assessment M€ (expenditures excluding staff)

	2007 Budget	2007	2006 Execution	2007 staff members	2006 staff members
AFC	1.2	1.0	1.1	14	10
FEEDAP	0.8	0.6	0.5	13	10
PLH	0.6	0.7	0.2	5	3
PPR	0.9	0.5	0.4	9	5
GMO	1.0	0.7	0.6	12	11
NDA	0.5	0.3	0.1	6	5
Biohaz	1.7	1.4	0.6	15	11
Contam	0.7	0.5	0.4	6	5
AHAW	1.8	1.4	1.1	17	11
M€TOTAL	9.2	7.1	5.0	97	71

Science

Details by Unit – Scientific Cooperation and Assistance M€ (excluding staff)

	2007 Budget	2007 Execution	2006 Execution	2007 staff members	2006 staff members
Scientific Cooperation	0.8	0.9	0.3	2	-
Data Collection and Exposure	0.1	0.05	-	7	3
Emerging Risks	0.1	-	0.2	1	-
Assessment Methodology	0.2	0.05	-	7	6
PRAPeR	0.6	0.5	0.5	26	19
Zoonoses	0.5	0.4	0.6	10	9
M€TOTAL	2.3	1.9	1.7	53	37