



Management Board Meeting
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PROGRESS REPORT

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Additives, Flavourings, Processing Aid and Materials in Contact with Food (AFC)

- Nutrient sources: assessment of safety of added nutrient sources and their bioavailability; bisglycinates as sources of copper, zinc, cadmium, calcium and magnesium; glycinate as source of chromium;
- Flavourings: 9 flavouring group evaluations (FGE), 1 revised FGE, 10 FGEs of substances evaluated by JEFCA; Camphor
- Food contact materials: 2 opinions from 19th list; recycling process of plastic after 2 month of public consultation
- Safety of dietary exposure to aluminium covering food additives, food contact materials, water and contaminants
- Split of the AFC panel: first plenary meeting of ANS and CEF on 10th July

Animal Health and Welfare (AHAW)

- 1 opinion adopted on avian influenza with scientific update of the risk assessment on the H5N2 strain and summary of previous 5 EFSA's opinions
- 2 opinions on Salmon and trout welfare to be adopted at June plenary
- Special Advisory Forum on Animal Health (27-28 May 2008)

Biological Hazards (BIOHAZ)

- Assessment on the risk related to the consumption of bovine tongue
- Assessment on the risk related to TSEs from ovine and caprine carcasses below 6 months
- Microbiological risk assessment of feedingstuffs for food-producing animals
- Art. 36 call for data on Salmonella in pigs closed

Contaminants in the Food Chain (CONTAM)

- Cross-contamination of non-target feedingstuffs by diclazuril used as a feed additive
- Cross-contamination of non-target feedingstuffs by nicarbazin used as a feed additive
- Tropane alkaloids as undesirable substance in animal feed
- Nitrate in vegetables – risk/benefit assessment
- Colloquium on Acrylamide (22-23 May)

Additives and Products or Substances used in Animal Feed (FEEDAP)

- 7 opinion adopted (6 feed additives, 1 MRL)
- Technical hearing on coccidiostats
- 2 stakeholders meeting organised: risk assessment of minerals and trace elements as feed additives and assessment of silage additives

Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)

- Updated version of the guidance document on the risk assessment of genetically modified plants and derived food and feed
- Placing on the market of Carnation Moonaqua and Econase XT
- Safety concerns of admixture in food and feed of non-authorized GM maize event DAS 59132
- Placing on the market of Danisco Xylanase G/L (request for an updated opinion)

Dietetics Products, Nutrition and Allergies (NDA)

- Novel Food:
 - Safety of synthetic zeaxanthin as an ingredient in food supplements
 - Safety of lycopene oleoresin from tomatoes
 - Safety of synthetic lycopene
- dietary values and guidelines:
 - the principles for deriving and applying dietary reference values
 - dietary reference values for water
 - guidance for food-based dietary guidelines
- **Health claims:** - **over 200 art.14 applications (90% referring children claims and 10% risk reduction claims) already received.**
 - **Consolidated MS list on functional claim (art.13) expected before summer (1500 claims)**

Plant Health (PLH)

- 30 opinions on PRAs on pest considered harmful for the 4 French overseas Departments adopted and presented at the Standing Committee of Plant Health
- 2 new WG established on citrus black spot and on self-task on guidance document on evaluation of PRAs

Plant Protection Products and their residues (PPR)

- 1 opinion adopted on cumulative risk assessment in human health on 15 April. The work was triggered by the EFSA colloquium on 29 November 2006.
- Collaboration with JRC Ispra on specific aspects of ecotoxicology in soil, weather and soil data

Scientific Committee

- Endorsement of draft guidance document for the safety assessment of botanicals (new ESCO WG now testing proposed safety approaches)
- Discussion on updated draft opinion on animal cloning after public consultation. Several comments from the Scientific Committee to be further considered by drafting group
- Discussion on draft opinion on transparency in Risk Assessment scientific aspects. Now with EFSA's Panels for consultation. Adoption foreseen for September

Advisory Forum

- Rome meeting 10-11 April: -Endorsement of decision on Selection of Experts, Expert Database project plan and revised Extranet structure
 - Crisis exercise (testing and improving crisis draft manual)
 - Feedbacks on Focal Point first meeting
 - Status of ESCO projects and AF working groups
- Oslo meeting 12-13 June: - WP 2009
 - Review of Strategy on Cooperation
- Special AF on Animal Health 27-29 May: EFSA's role in Animal Health

Scientific Cooperation and Assistance

Scientific Cooperation (SCO)

- Focal Points: - 26 agreement signed, Luxembourg and Germany signed during AF meeting in Oslo on 12-13 June



- second meeting on 4-5 June in Rome: 26 MSs + Norway + Switzerland (launch of Expert Database and questionnaire on RA approaches of MSs)
- ESCO working group on the expert database agreed on final strategy to populate expert database
- Art. 36 : 9 calls launched so far (1.1 M €)
- Strategy to raise awareness of EFSA's scientific work: meeting of WG to establish platform to exchange scientific information on 23 May, actions presented at Focal Point meeting; EFSA on line referenced Journal

Scientific Cooperation and Assistance

Assessment Methodology (AMU)

- Support to RA units on:
 - epidemiology on BIOHAZ mandate on the treatment of poultry carcasses with antimicrobials
 - Literature review on cloning for the scientific committee
 - Preparing inventory of available literature or other relevant data on aspartame in preparation of special AF
 - Statistical support to AFC on assessment of 2° Ramazzini study
 - literature search and review on methodological related aspects (follow up of special GMO Advisory Forum)
- Review and overview of scientific literature on efficacy of sodium hydroxide and other biocidal products
- First meeting of WG on self-task on assessment of robustness of claims on A1 β -casein products derived from digestion

Data Collection Exposure (DATEX)

- Initial assessment on more than 140.000 data for cadmium in foods submitted by 20 MSs completed (EC mandate to CONTAM on cadmium levels in food)
- Support to the AFC panel on the calculation of the potential exposure to smoke flavourings (evaluation of occurrence data on polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and full exposure assessment)
- Completion of the exposure assessment of Azaspiracids (in shellfish) for the CONTAM working group on marine biotoxines. More than 12.000 EU data, seasonal trends and geographical distribution.

Scientific Cooperation and Assistance

Pesticide Risk Assessment Peer Review (PRAPeR)

- STAGE 3: - 14 conclusions finalised and delivered to EC
- 30 (of the final 31) active substances scheduled for discussion in May-July
- STAGE 4 : - for 82/100 substances the draft assessment report from MSs now available to EC and MSs

Scientific Cooperation and Assistance

Zoonoses

- 8 reports issued (reporting manuals, analyses of EU baseline surveys of *Salmonella* in turkey and pigs)
- April: special training on submission of reports and meeting with Community Reference Laboratories to discuss activities and enhance collaboration

EFSA in the news

L'INFORMAZIONE

Cibus alla conquista delle tavole europee
Taglio del nastro alla kermesse sul cibo

REUTERS 

*Food can pass resistant
bacteria to people - EU*



UE la salmonelle présente dans un
élevage de dindes sur trois



*Óleos de girassol falsos
(Fake sunflower oils)*



**Poulet chloré: l'EFSA
émet un avis mitigé**

The Times

**EU watchdog won't ban
'problem' colours**

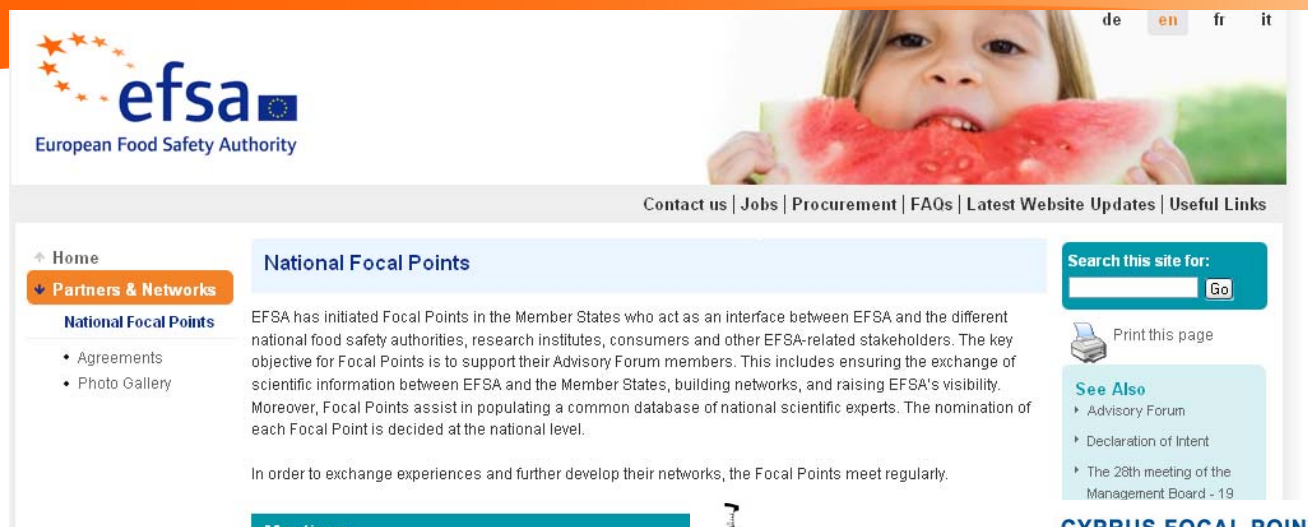
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WEEKLY

*EFSA to review
Bisphenol A*

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National Focal Points

EFSA has initiated Focal Points in the Member States who act as an interface between EFSA and the different national food safety authorities, research institutes, consumers and other EFSA-related stakeholders. The key objective for Focal Points is to support their Advisory Forum members. This includes ensuring the exchange of scientific information between EFSA and the Member States, building networks, and raising EFSA's visibility. Moreover, Focal Points assist in populating a common database of national scientific experts. The nomination of each Focal Point is decided at the national level.

In order to exchange experiences and further develop their networks, the Focal Points meet regularly.

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- Strategia 2007-2013
- Toiminnan suunnittelu ja seuranta
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Focal Point-toiminta

Euroopan elintarviketurvallisuusviranomaisen (EFSA) tarjoaa riippumatonta tieteellistä neuvontaa kaikissa asioissa, jotka vaikuttavat suoraan tai välillisesti elintarvikkeiden turvallisuuteen.

EFSA:n työ kattaa kaikki elintarvikkeiden tuotannon ja tarjonnan vaiheet alkutuotannosta rehujen turvallisuuteen ja elintarvikkeiden toimittamiseen kuluttajalle. Se kerää tietoa ja analysoi uutta tieteellistä kehitystä, jotta se voisi tunnistaa ja arvioida elintarvikkeiden mahdollisesti kohdistuvat riskit. Se voi tehdä tieteellisiä arvioita kaikista kysymyksistä, jotka saattavat vaikuttaa suoraan tai välillisesti elintarviketarjonnan turvallisuuteen – eläinten terveyteen, eläinten hyvinvointiin ja kasvien terveyteen liittyvät aiheet mukaan luettuina.

EFSA:n Advisory Forum (=neuvos antava ryhmä) yhdistää EFSAn ja Euroopan Unionin jäsenmaiden elintarviketurvallisuusviranomaiset. Advisory Forumissa ovat edustettuina kaikki jäsenmaat. Ryhmän tarkoituksena on kehittää yhteistyötä jäsenmaiden ja EFSAn välillä, kehittää verkostotoimintaa ja edistää tieteellistä tiedonvaihtoa. Suomen edustaja on Eviran pääjohtaja Jaana Husu-Kallio.

Maa- ja metsätalousministeriö nimesi Eviran kansalliseksi Focal Pointiksi joulukuussa 2007. Focal Pointin tehtävänä on avustaa Advisory Forumin jäsentä työssään.

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Focal Points and the European Food Safety Authority

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.

The **EFSA Advisory Forum** connects EFSA with the national food safety authorities of the EU Member States. The Advisory Forum members represent each national body responsible for risk assessment in the EU. The Forum is at the heart of EFSA's collaborative approach to working with the EU Member States. Through it, EFSA and the Member States can join forces in addressing European risk assessment and risk communications issues. Members use the Forum to advise EFSA on scientific matters, its work programme and priorities, and to address emerging risk issues as early as possible.

Advisory Forum members have established Focal Points for EFSA in the member states to coordinate the national network of risk managers, food safety authorities, research institutes, consumers and other EFSA-related stakeholders. The Focal Points will ensure exchange of information, and will provide advice and support to the AF member. The composition of each Focal Point is decided at the national level.

Agendas and minutes from Focal Point meetings are available in the [EFSA Focal points web area](#).

Role of the Focal Points

The role of FP is to keep EFSA and Advisory Forum (AF) members informed of national risk assessments, scientific developments and communications in the areas of the AF's remit.

More information about the role of the Focal Points is available in the EFSA [Strategy for Co-operation and Networking](#).

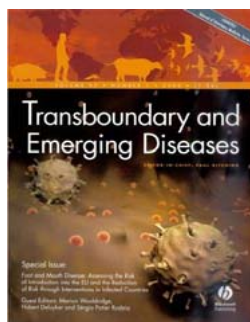
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on Acrylamide
carcinogenicity

Institutional – International – Stakeholder Activities

European Commission

- EFSA 's Executive Director meets EU Commissioner for Health Androulla Vassiliou – 3 April
- Bilateral meeting between the Director General of DG Health and Consumers and EFSA 's Executive Director – 18 June
- Preparation of the visit of Commissioner Vassiliou to EFSA

European Parliament

- Hearing of EFSA's Executive Director before the ENVI Committee – 2 April
- Visit of the ENVI Delegation to EFSA – 16 April



- Meeting of Heads of EU Agencies with the COBU Committee – 28 May

Institutional – International – Stakeholder Activities

Council of Ministers/EU Presidency

- Participation of EFSA in the CVO and CPHs meetings on invitation of the Slovenian presidency – 10 and 12 June, respectively
- Meetings with French Presidency

Meetings in Member States

- Hungary: Meeting the Hungarian Food Safety Office and the Central Food Research Institute – 21-22 May
- Norway: Advisory Forum meeting – 12-13 June
- Denmark: Meeting the Danish Technical University, National Food Institute, National Veterinary Institute, Danish Veterinary and Food Administration and the Danish Agricultural Council – 19-20 June

Institutional – International – Stakeholder Activities

EU Agencies

- EFSA – ECDC Memorandum of Understanding - 3 April
- visit of ECHA to Parma - 28 April



- Head of EU Agencies meeting – 27 May

International Activities

- Visit of Beijing Food Safety Administration to EFSA – 23 April
- Delegation from the Chinese Academy of Agriculture Sciences visit EFSA – 29 April
- Visit of USDA Delegation EFSA – 5 May
- Visit of MERCOSUR representatives to EFSA – 7-8 May
- Visit of Chief Scientific Officer, NZFSA – 3-4 June

Institutional – International – Stakeholder Activities

Pre-Accession Programme

- Seminar on EFSA 's Management Board and Advisory Forum – 24-25 April
- Seminar on crisis handling

Stakeholder Activities

- Meeting of EFSA 's Stakeholder Consultative Platform – 24-25 April



- EFSA hosts BEUC Food Officer meeting – 9-10 June

Quarterly monitoring report

- **Scientific activities: overall situation on track both for the delivery of generic opinions and the activities of the Scientific Cooperation and Assistance directorate**
- **Applications: an important effort has been carried out in close collaboration with the EC on priorities (particularly for some specific areas as AFC, NDA and FEEDAP)**
- **Further refined of targets as initially estimated in the Management Plan 2008 on the delivery of the planned opinions whilst reducing the back log**
- **Activities of Communications and Administration, including recruitment well on track (Budget execution 96%, execution of recruitment vs Staff Policy Plan 80% in June)**

Quarterly monitoring report

Budget execution per activity

EUR million	May Target	Budget Execution	May Indicator
1. Provide scientific advice & opinion	13,40	13,26	99%
2. Risk assessment methodologies	5,51	5,20	94%
3. Communication and dialogue	3,75	3,53	94%
4. management and Administration	4,35	4,75	109%
GRAND TOTAL	27,00	26,74	99%

Recruitment execution

Effective Staff at 30.06.2008								
Directorate	Exec	SCAF	RA	SCA	Comm	Admin	Total	Target
TA	12	10	95	61	26	81	285	335
CA	1	2	9	3	6	15	36	60
END	0	0	4	2	1	2	9	17
TOTAL	13	12	108	66	33	98	330	
Annual Target	13	13	150	90	41	105	412	412
Execution	100%	92%	72%	73%	80%	93%	80%	