



Management Board Meeting
Roma, 29 January 2009

PROGRESS REPORT

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Panel on food additives and nutrient sources added to food (ANS)

- 2 opinions on methionates (3 application dossiers) and taurine and D-glucuronolactone.
- Opinion on Aspartame (second study) expected to be adopted in 1st quarter 2009

Animal Health and Welfare (AHAW)

- 2 opinions on classical swine fever and on control & eradication of classical swine fever in wild boar
- Scientific report on welfare of dairy cows endorsed by Panel

Biological Hazards (BIOHAZ)

- 1 opinion on maintenance of list of Qualified Presumption of Safety (QPS) microorganisms intentionally added to food or feed

Food contact materials, enzymes, flavourings and processing aids (CEF)

- 2 opinions on flavouring substances with structural alerts for genotoxicity and 2 on food contact materials

Contaminants in the Food Chain (CONTAM)

- 2 opinions on Yessotoxin group toxins and Gossypol as undesirable substance in animal feed

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

- 5 scientific opinions on feed additives

Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)

- 2 application opinions, 1 FEEDAP-GMO co-opinion on feed additives Natugrain TS and one opinion on a new GM plant application for Maize MON89034
- 1 opinion on safeguard clause invoked by Austria on MON810 and T25

Nutrition, Dietetics Products and Allergies (NDA)

- 10 Article 14 health claims and 3 Article 13 (5) claims
- 1 opinion on Novel Food (Lycopene as food ingredient)
- January: publication of access database consisting of main claim entries of all Article 13 health claims received

Plant Health (PLH)

- opinion on Citrus Black Spot
- guidance document on the evaluation of pest risk assessment
- Service Level Agreement with Joint Research Centre Ispra: EU climatic suitability for the establishment of organisms harmful to plants and plant products

Plant Protection Products and their residues (PPR)

- 2 opinions on neurotoxicological effects of deltamethrin and on pore water concentrations as metrics for assessment of ecotoxicological effects in soil

Public consultations:

- Transparency in scientific aspects of risk assessment carried out by EFSA:
General principles
- nanoscience and nanotechnologies

Scientific Cooperation (SCO)

- New agreements to strengthen Focal Point Network drafted and ready for signature.
- Expert database fully operational – 500 experts included
- Discussion with CABI to develop an EFSA on line scientific journal
- 12th Colloquium on “Assessing health benefits of controlling *Campylobacter* in the food chain” held in Rome and attended by 90 scientists and stakeholders from 30 countries (including USA and New Zealand)

Assessment Methodology (AMU)

- Contribution to the published Zoonoses report on the risk factor analysis in slaughter pigs
- Colony collapse disorder syndrome in bees grant initiated

Data Collection Exposure (DATEX)

- Food consumption data: so far 18 Member States signed collaboration agreement for the provision and processing of existing food consumption data
- Kick off meeting on Article 36 project on “Individual food consumption data and exposure assessment studies for children”

Pesticide Risk Assessment Peer Review (PRAPeR)

- 5 reasoned opinions regarding modification of existing MRLs and setting of import tolerances
- 9 EFSA conclusions regarding pesticide risk assessment of active substances included in stages 3&4 of the review program

Emerging Risks Unit

- Revision of Crisis Management Plan
- Jointly with DG Sanco: preparation of network of experts working on emerging risks

Zoonoses

- Publication of report on analyses of baseline survey on Salmonella in slaughter pigs in the EU
- EFSA-ECDC publication of Community Summary Report on Zoonoses in 2007 and press briefing with EC and ECDC

Headlines for December 2008

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EFSA to investigate bee colony collapse



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AP Associated Press

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Irish Independent

EU FOOD WATCHDOG SAYS IT'S SAFE TO EAT IRISH PORK



EFSA Recommends Lower MRLs For Several Active Substances Used In Pesticides



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the guardian

EU says Irish pork presents low risk, sales restart

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Publications & Events

- EFSA in focus 2...



Sharing EFSA outputs: - EFSAnews 18 & - Moving Together 3



Scientific Colloquium 12:
Assessing health benefits of controlling
Campylobacter in the food chain,
4-5 December, Rome, Italy



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Flavourings



Flavourings are substances used to impart taste and/or smell to food. Food manufacturers have been using flavouring substances for many years in a wide variety of foods, from confectionary and soft drinks to cereals, cakes and yoghurts. EU legislation defines different types of flavourings, such as natural, natural-identical (chemically identical to natural substances but obtained by chemical processes) and artificial flavourings, as well as flavourings of plant or animal

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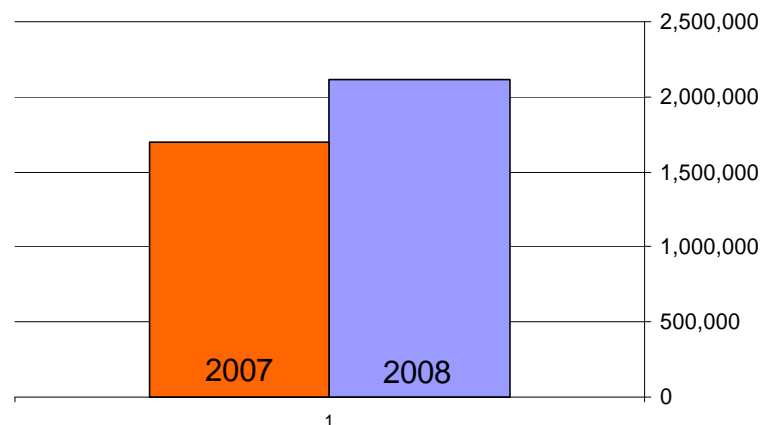
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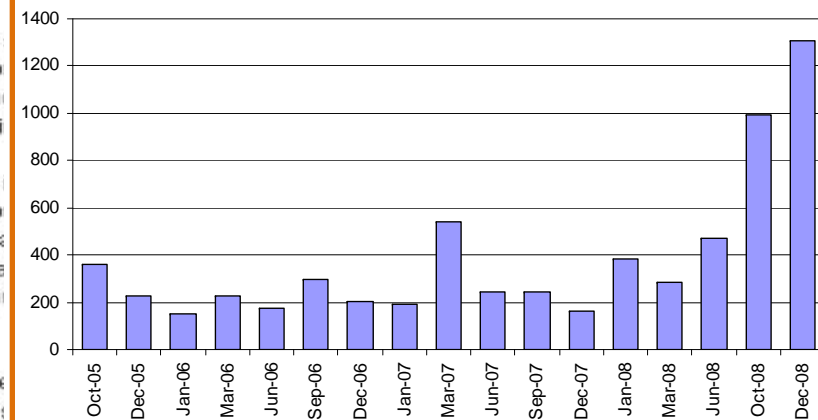
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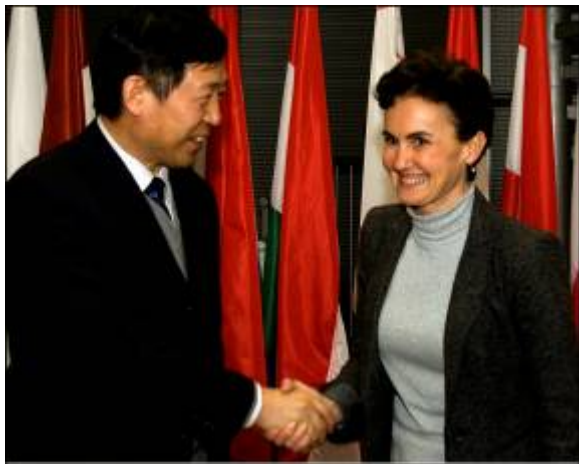


Cooperation with EU Institutions

- EFSA Executive Director met with the Czech Presidency in Prague
 - Under participation of EFSA Management Board Member Jiri Ruprich
 - Discussion of the priorities of the Presidency in the area of EFSA remit
- Bilateral meeting with Commissioner Vassiliou
- Meeting with Director of EC Representation Milan
- Agreement between EFSA Executive Director and General Director of SANCO on “Roadmap – priorities for selected EFSA activities”



International Relations



Visit of delegation from Chinese Ministry of Health To EFSA

- Executive Director and the Deputy Director General exchanged views on possible future cooperation

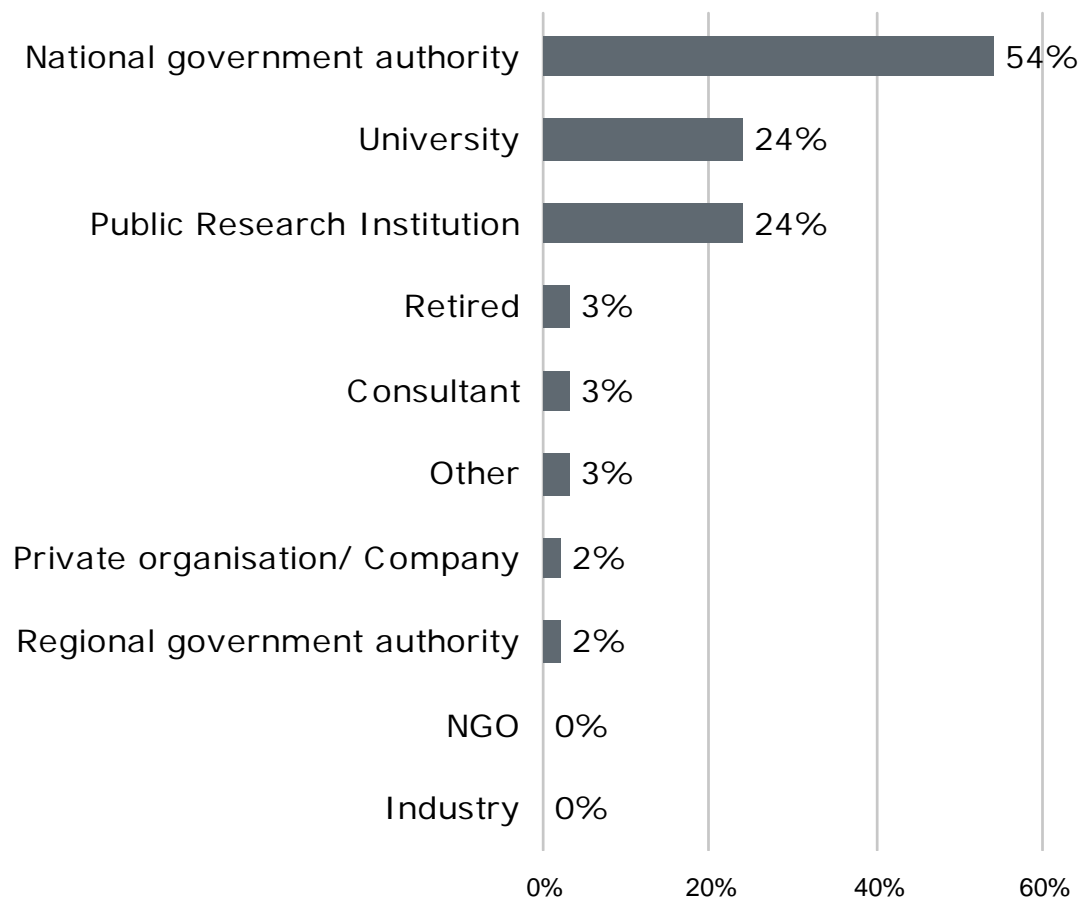
The European Commission and EFSA agreed a seminar on food safety for the 16 European Neighbourhood countries in Brussels in summer 2009.

- 25 questions:
 - General information
 - Overall satisfaction
 - Admin support
 - Scientific support and quality
 - Communication
 - EFSA principles and participation
- Anonymous/external consultant

	Respondents	Percent
Distributed	1.253	100,0%
Complete	733	58,5%

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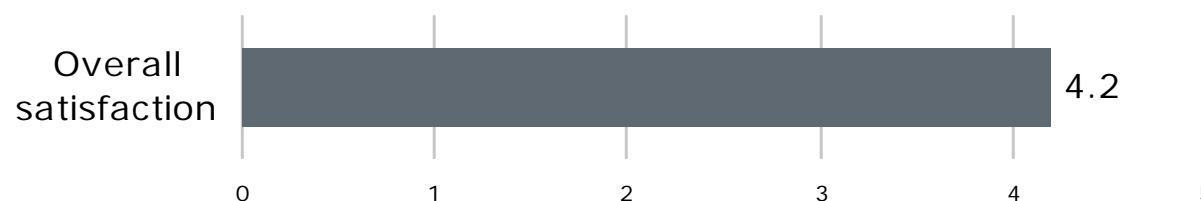
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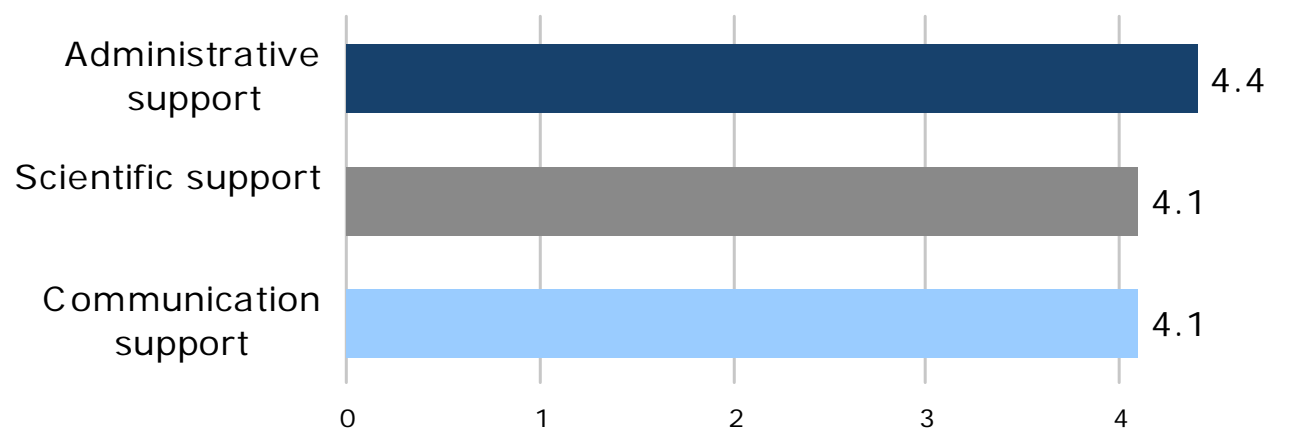
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Overall satisfaction

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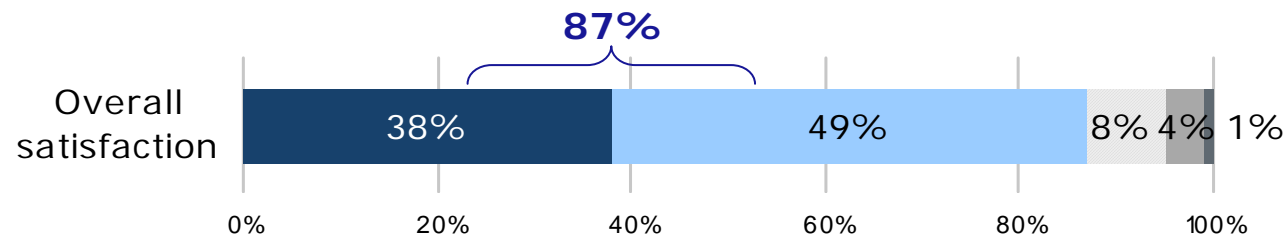
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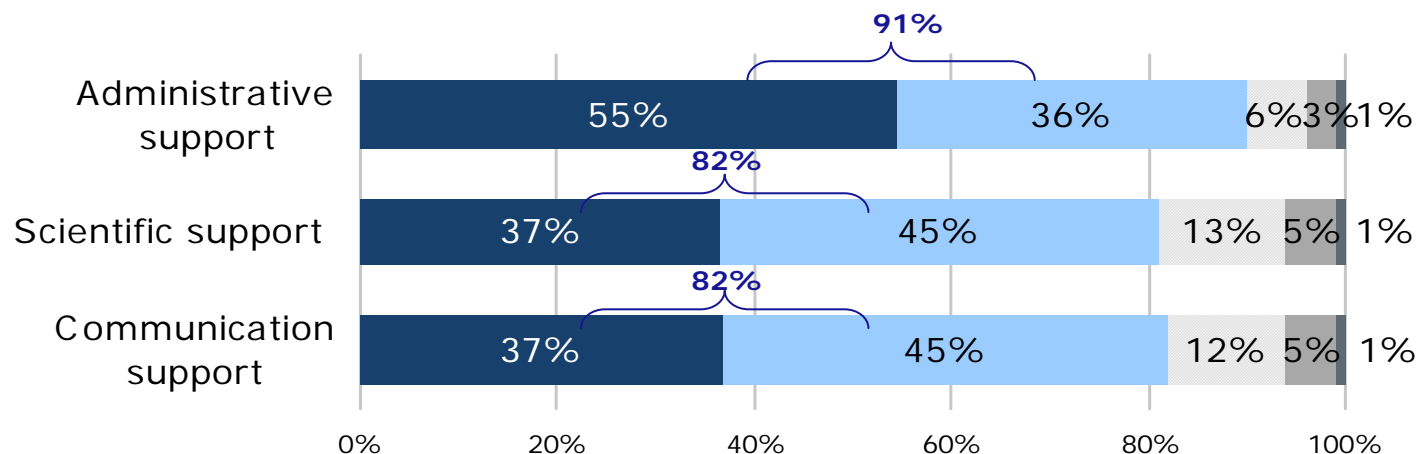
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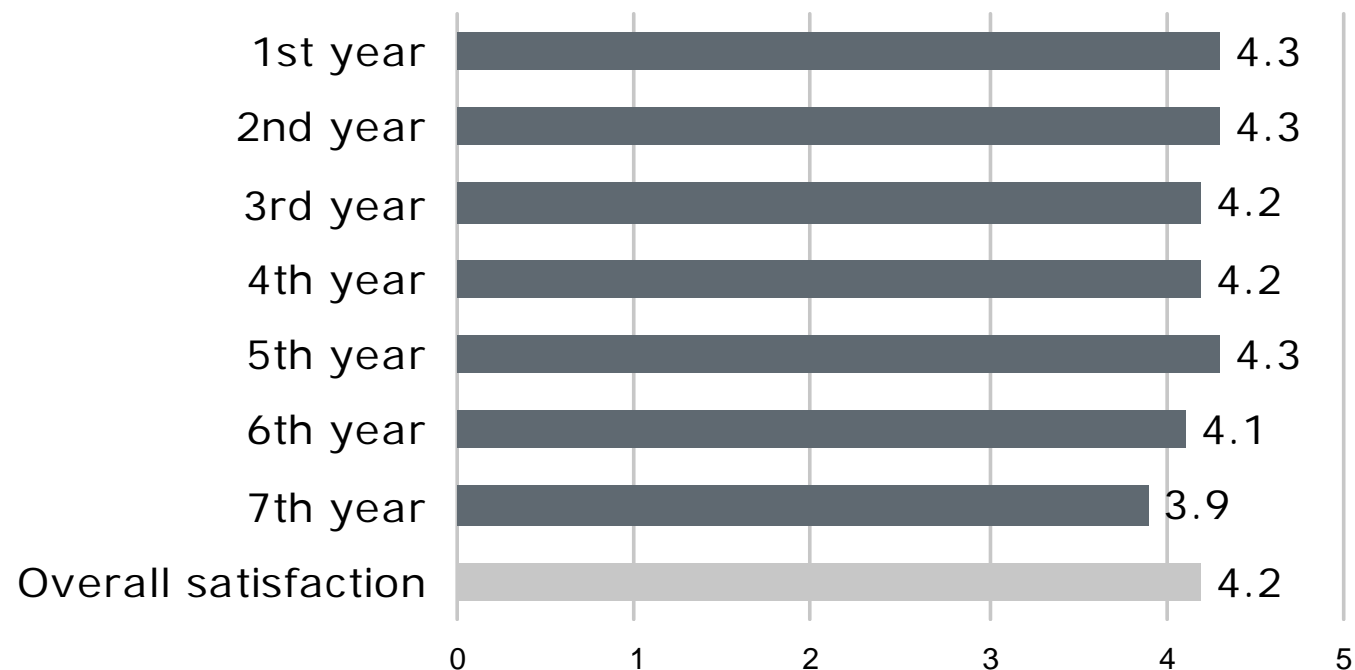
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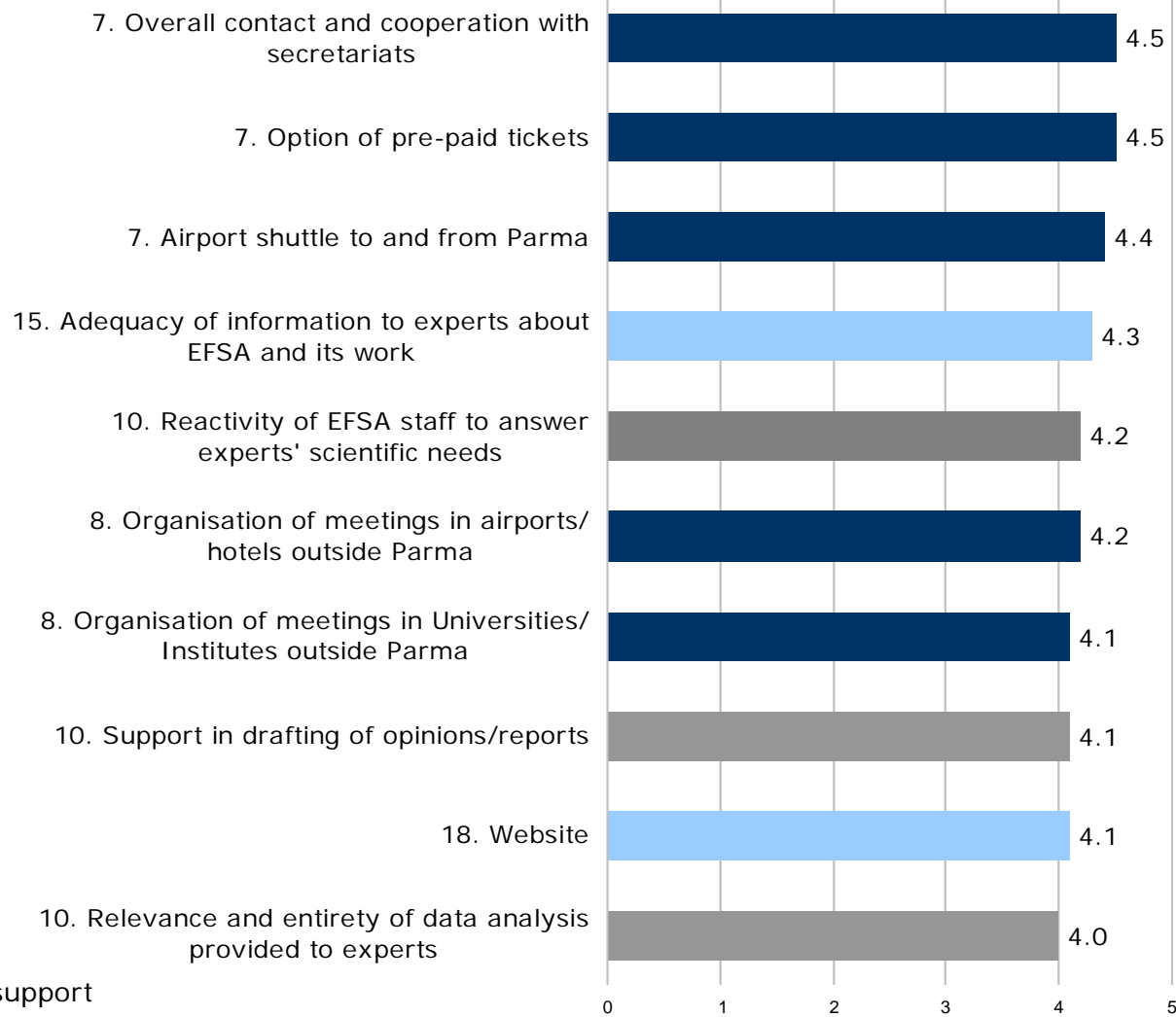
Overall satisfaction/seniority

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Top 10



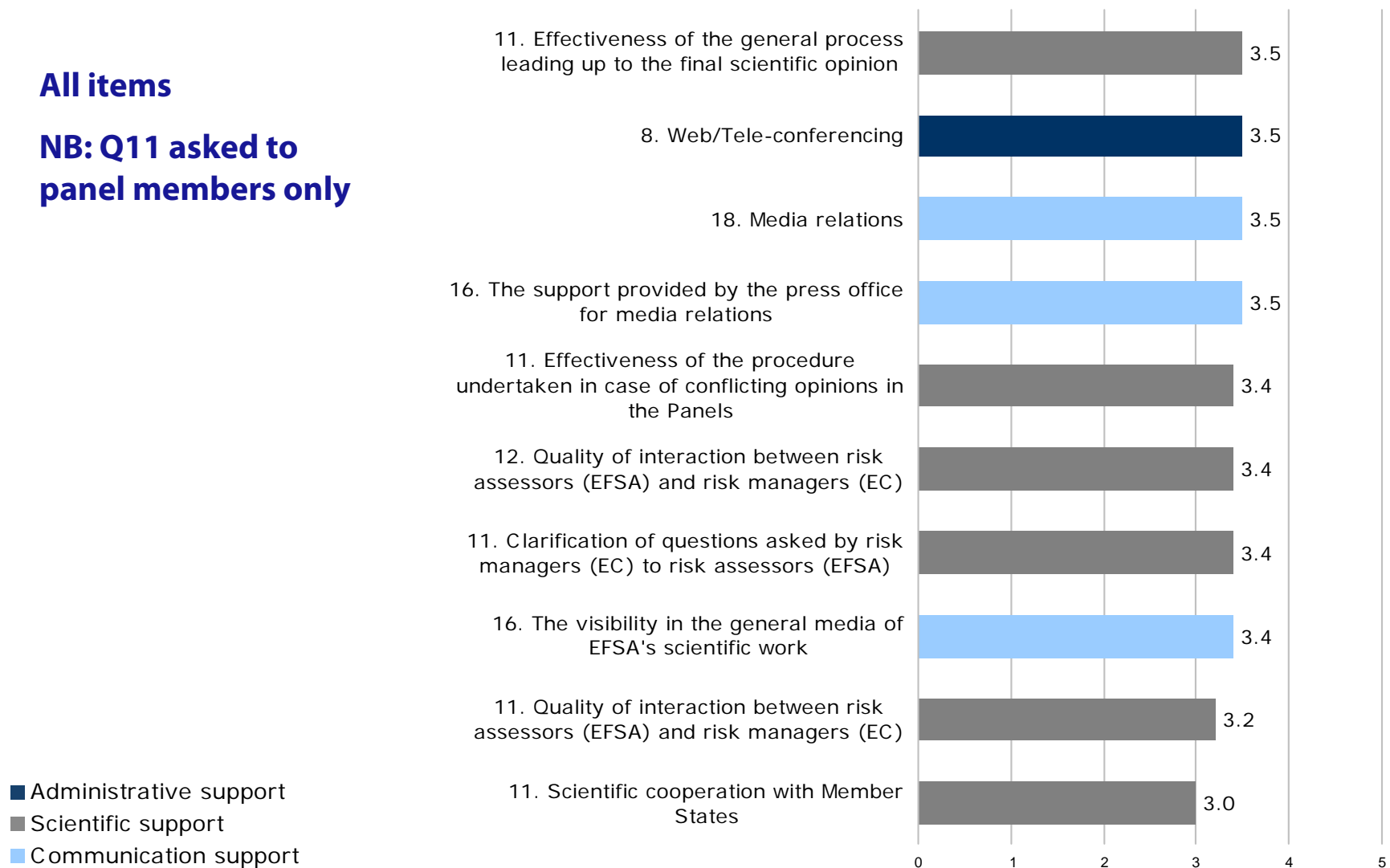
■ Administrative support
 ■ Scientific support
 ■ Communication support

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Bottom 10

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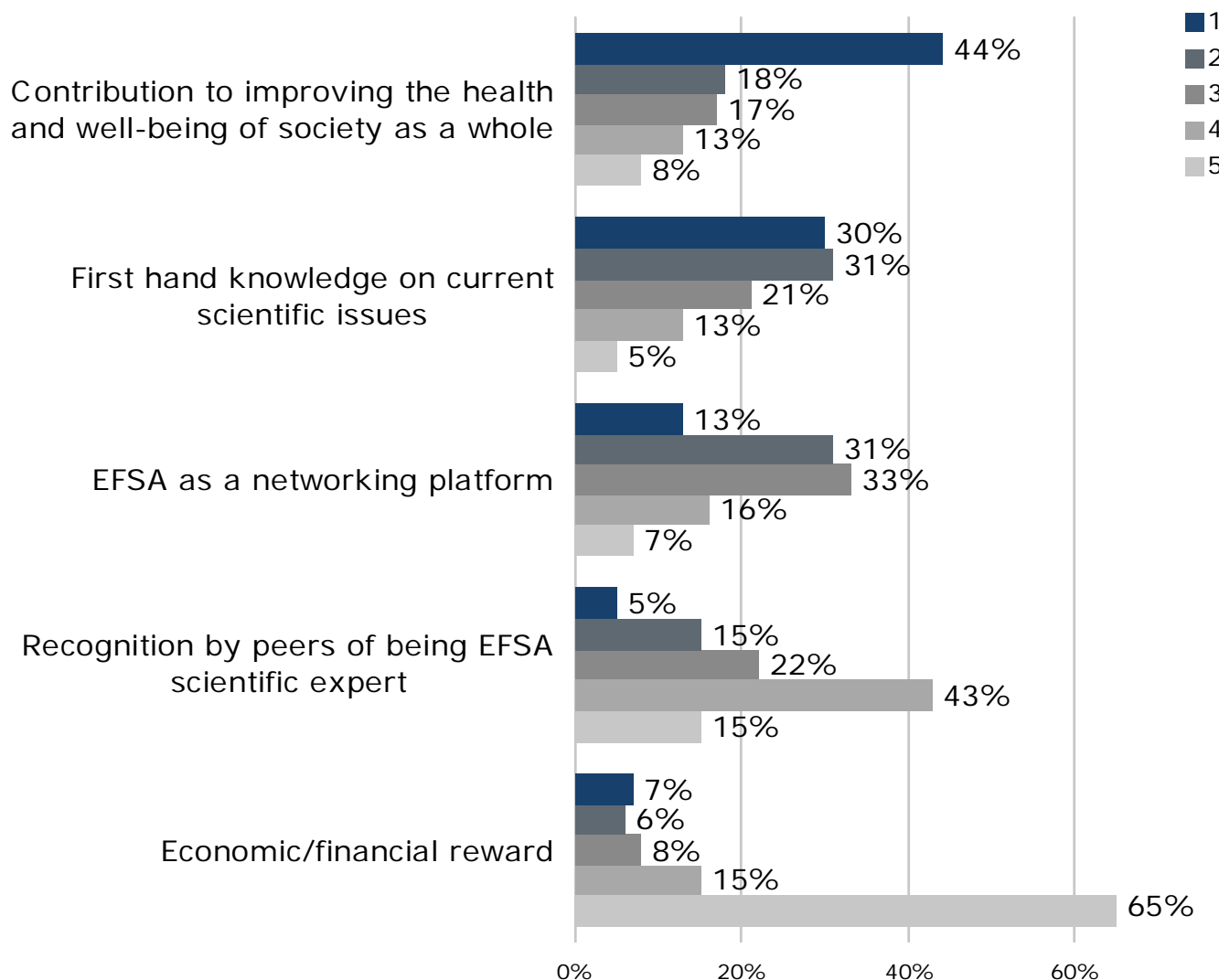
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panel members only**



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Experts participation

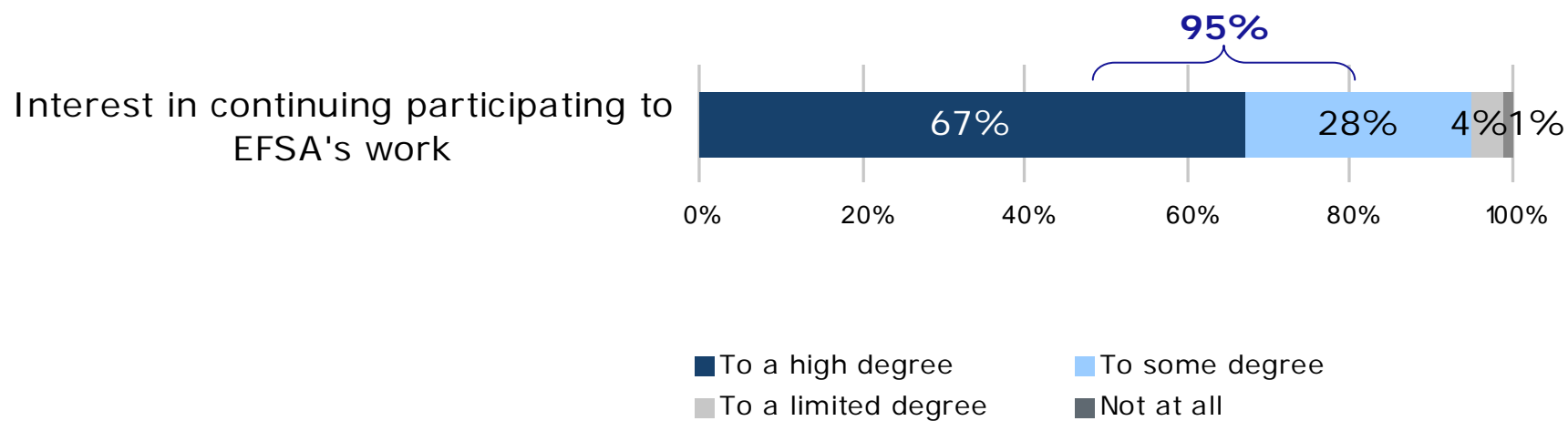
Scientists have many reasons for wanting to work for EFSA. Please rank in order of importance the reasons which contribute to your overall motivation to contribute to EFSA's work. Please indicate importance by submitting 1 as the most important to 5 as the least important.



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Experts participation

As an expert, would you be interested in continuing to participate to EFSA's work?



Renewal of panels 2009 Applications

- 848 applications
- +7% vs 2006