



Renewal of EFSA Scientific Committee and 8 Scientific Panels

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Timetable

<i>ACTIVITY</i>	<i>DATE</i>
Publication of the call	23/10/2008
Deadline call	07/01/2009
Deadline for evaluation of eligible application	15/02/2009
Deadline for Advisory Forum comments	12/03/2009
Management Board meeting	30-31/03/2009

Communication about the call

- EFSA website and newsletters
- Focal points
- National newspapers and Scientific Journals
- Scientific associations, presentations in conferences
- Two seminars (Hungary and Poland) with representatives from all new Member States
- E-mails to experts currently participating into the work of EFSA

The Applicants

- Out of 848 experts applying, 732 were eligible
- The number of eligible candidates per post increased by 7% when compared to 2006 call
- Applicants from 42 nationalities
- 79% of current panel members reapplied

The selection process

- Evaluation of all eligible candidates by the EFSA evaluation team
- Cut-off mark for shortlist 2/3 of maximum score
- External review of the evaluation by three external evaluators
 - 10% of applicants sampled
 - Evaluators considered selection process as valid
- Excluding candidates with general conflict of interest
- Advice of Advisory Forum for shortlist
- Final proposal sent to Management Board

Selection criteria

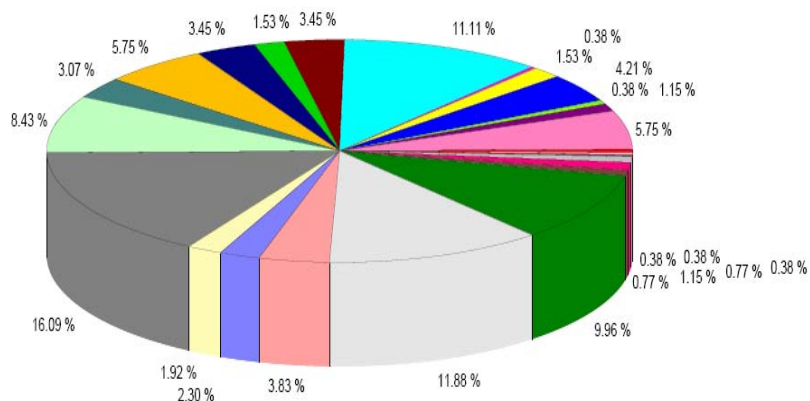
- Experience in scientific risk assessment and/or providing scientific advice in the areas of competence
- Proven scientific excellence in one, or preferably several fields linked to the area covered by the Scientific Committee or the Scientific Panel preferred
- Experience in peer reviewing scientific work and publications
- The ability to analyze complex information and dossiers
- Professional experience in a multidisciplinary environment, preferably in an international context
- Experience in scientific project management
- Proven communication skills, based on teaching experience, public presentations, active participation in meetings, publications.

Factors taken into account

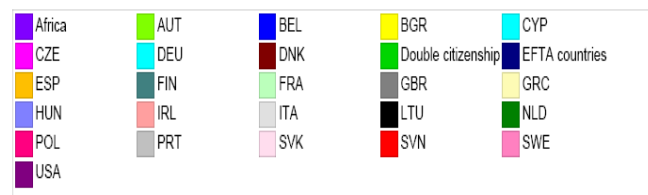
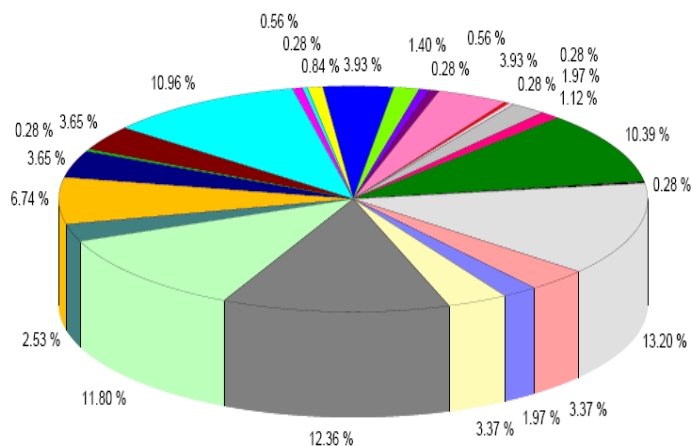
1. Position of the candidate on the shortlist
2. Expertise required for the relevant Scientific Panel or for the Scientific Committee. This relates in particular to the candidate's potential contribution to a broad diversity in the Scientific Committee or Scientific Panel of scientific expertise and experience, disciplines of work and characteristics of opinion development
3. Thorough knowledge of the English language
4. Nationality and gender of the candidate
5. Advice from the members of the Advisory Forum

Shortlisted candidates

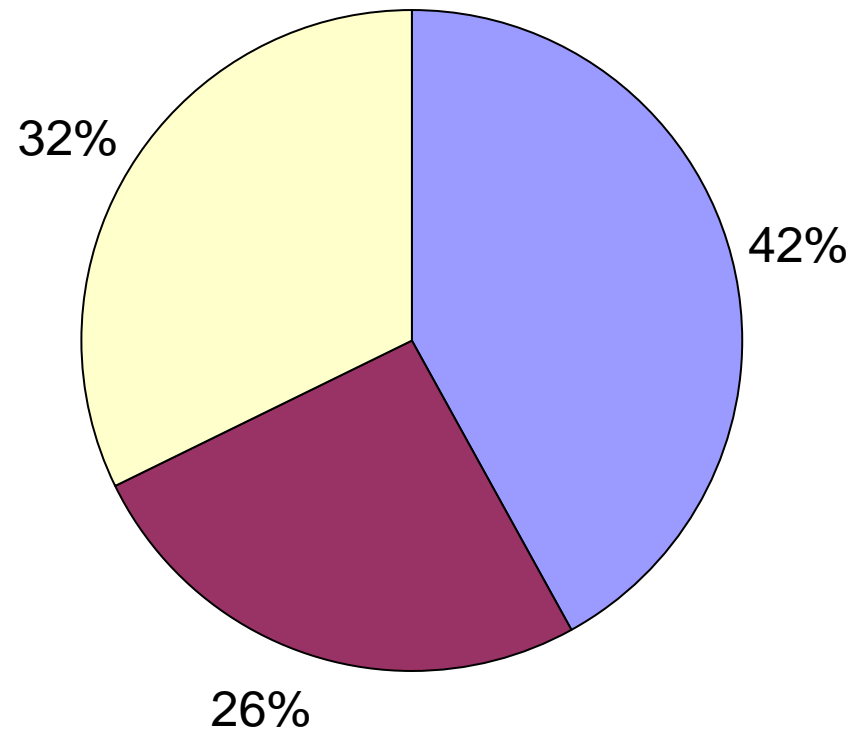
2009



2006

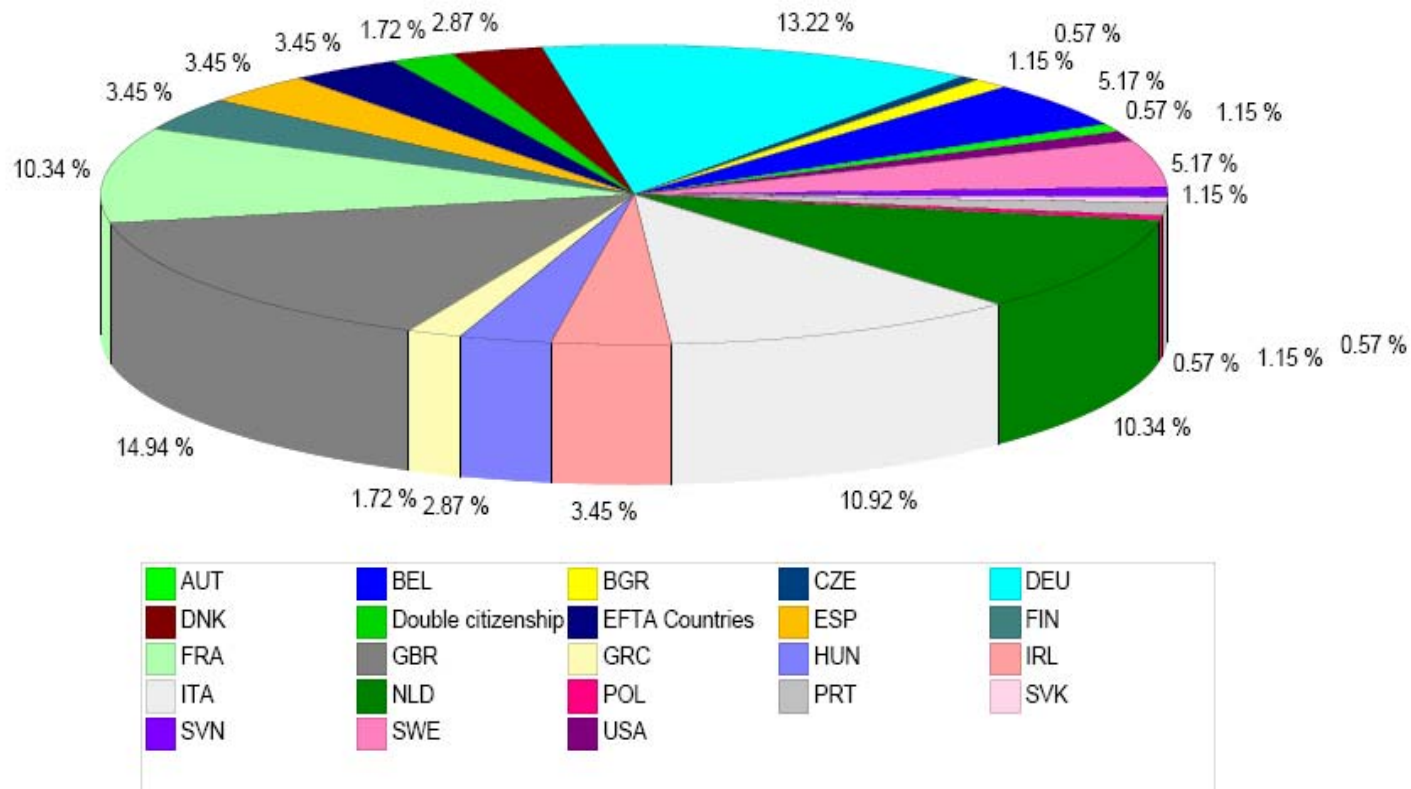


Renewals vs. new panel members



■ 1st Mandate ■ 2nd Mandate ■ 3rd Mandate

Nominated candidates in 2009



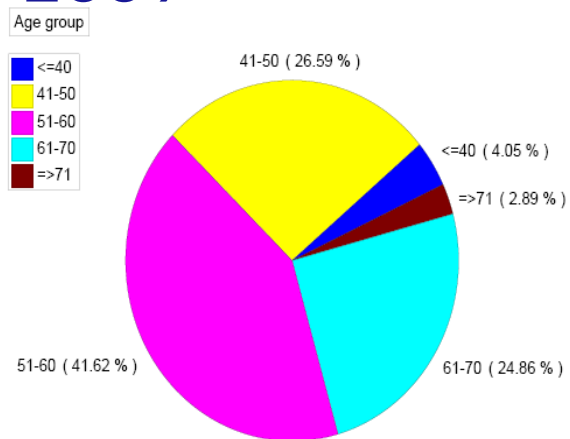
More nationalities

25 nationalities -> 26 nationalities

5 new Member States -> 7 new Member States

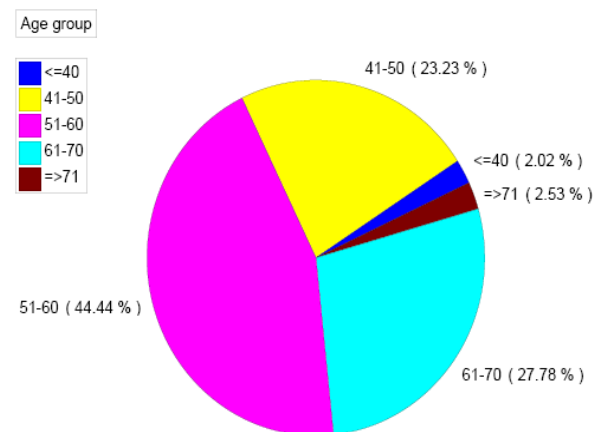
New Panels Diversity .Age

2009



Average age 2009: 55.22

2006

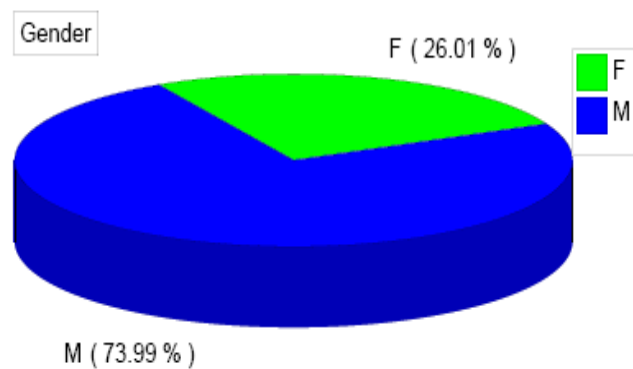


Average age 2006: 56.17

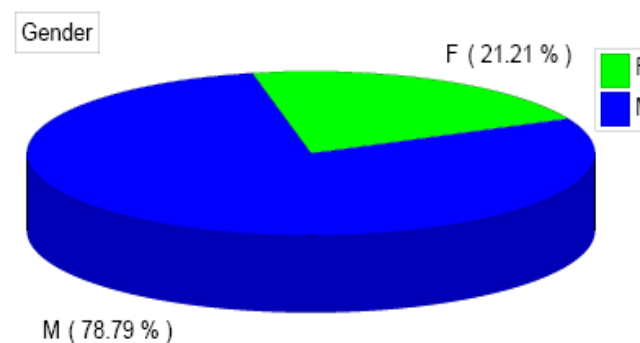
More experts under 51 years old
25.3% -> 30.6%

Nominated candidates in 2009

2009



2006



More females
21.2% -> 26.0%

Thank you for your attention!

