



Review of the terms of reference (ToR) and membership of the EFSA Stakeholder Consultative Platform

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- EFSA's MB agreed in June 2005 to set up a Stakeholder Consultative Platform.
- EFSA's MB decision in September 2006 to extend the mandate with the objective to review the ToR and the membership after three years of operation.
- 3 years ending mid September 2009.
- EFSA's MB invited to consider and decide on the draft ToR which include a renewal of the mandate for further 3 years.

The documents provided to the Board

- Overview of stakeholder platform activities
- Draft decision of the Board
- Draft Terms of Reference
- Comparative table of the old/new text of Terms of Reference

The process

- Overview based on:
 - the outcomes of the Qualitative Research Report issued in March 08
 - the recent discussions/comments at the SHP in the wake of the possible renewal of the mandate
- ToR developed in the context of the Platform:
 - tour de table at the SHP meeting of 5/6 March 08
 - consultation of the SHP and compilation of written comments by the Chair in April/May 09
 - final discussion at the SHP meeting of 4/5 June 09

Globally positive assessment:

- Platform as a thriving forum
- Well established meeting formats
- Active at technical and working group levels
- Engaged in a two-way communication process
- Committed to contribute to EFSA's documents and events

Room for development:

- Objectives, annual program, working methods
- Targeted issues, increase interactivity

Draft includes changes proposed by the Platform:

- Scope of work
- Objectives set for the next mandate
- Clarifications on the nature and balance of members
- Selection via public call
- Renewal option of the Chair and Vice-Chairs
- Criteria for members
- Associated members
- Number of meetings per year

Possible next steps

- Two public calls for expressions of interest launched early July 2009
- List of member organisations and associated membership to approve at the October 2009 MB meeting.
- First meeting in November 2009 of the renewed Platform

Thank you for your attention