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Meeting :	Management Board, Open Session			
Subject :	Appointment of the Stakeholder Consultative Platform Members			
Summary	Following the Decision of the Management Board of the 8 th June to renew the Stakeholder Consultative Platform, the procedure to renew the membership and associated membership was launched. The revised list for membership and associated membership upon Call for expression of interests concluded on the 31 st August is submitted to the Management Board for decision. 29 organizations are proposed for membership and 16 for associated membership.			
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RECOMMENDATION TO THE MANAGEMENT BOARD ON THE NEW LISTS OF MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATED MEMBERS OF THE STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTATIVE PLATFORM

I. Background

On the 18th June 2009, EFSA's Management Board decided to renew the EFSA's Stakeholder Consultative Platform and adopted revised Terms of References. The Management Board decided to renew the Stakeholders Platform by launching a public Call for expressions of interest for the renewal of the Platform membership and associated membership.

The Call for expressions of interest and the related Terms of Reference were published on EFSA's website on the 26th June 2009. The deadline foreseen to submit the applications was the 31st August 2009 (two full months).

II. Applications received

EFSA received **53 applications overall**.

The current Platform counts **24 full Members** and all of them expressed their interest to be confirmed for full membership.

EFSA received **16 applications coming from new organizations**, not on the list of members or associated members, who applied to become full member or associated member.

EFSA received **13 applications from the 34 existing Associated Members** requesting to become full member or alternatively to confirm their associated status.

The remaining **21 existing Associated Members (out of 34)** did not apply.

III. The compliance with the criteria and the comparative assessment

Details related to the procedure and the assessment of the applications received are described in **Annex I**. The table annexed as **Annex II** represents, per categories and per areas of competence, all organizations, achieving the essential requirements, which applied for membership and associated membership.



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ANNEX I: SUMMARY OF THE ASSESSMENT OF THE APPLICATIONS FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE STAKEHOLDERS PLATFORM MEMBERSHIP AND ASSOCIATED MEMBERSHIP

I. Evaluation committee

The Call for expression of interests was launched on the 26th June. The deadline for receiving the applications was the 31st August 2009.

An evaluation committee was appointed by the Executive Director and met on the 4th and on the 8th September to assess all applications received. Members of the evaluation Committee were:

Olivier Ramsayer (Director of Administration), Christine Majewski (Strategic Advisor), Karen Talbot (Communications Advisor), Carola Sondermann (Senior Scientific Officer), Lucilla Gregoretti (Scientific Officer). Luisa Venier (Legal Officer) provided the Secretariat.

EFSA received **53 applications overall**.

II. The compliance with the criteria and the comparative assessment

The Evaluation committee assessed the applications against the criteria published in the Terms of Reference and the Call for expressions of interest¹.

Among candidates a comparative assessment was done, in order to ascertain the compliance of each organization with the criteria published and the suitability of the organizations to become full members of the Platform.

It was explicitly foreseen that those organizations that in the comparative assessment were not considered suitable for full membership, were to be considered for associated membership.

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- ¹ being a EU-wide organization operating in the food chain;
 - being an organization representing consumers, food operators active in the whole food chain – e.g. farmers and other primary producers-, the food industry, the food trade and NGOs active within the mandate of EFSA;
 - being permanently established and well known at the EU level;
 - having a legitimate interest in the remit of EFSA (for associated membership the legitimate interest can also be related only to a specific sector of EFSA);
 - being representative in the field of its competence and involved in the areas within the remit of EFSA (for associated membership the area within the remit of EFSA the organization is involved in, can be sectoral and very specific);
 - not having any legal obligation with EFSA.

III. General considerations of the assessment

By screening the applications the Evaluation committee framed the following general considerations:

- **All the new applications were submitted from the industry sector;**
- **There were no new applications from organizations representing Consumers:** the three organizations representing the Consumers put forward for membership were **already members** of the existing Platform and confirmed their intention to be full members. They are BEUC, EUFIC (European Food Information Council) and EuroCoop (European Community of Consumer Cooperatives);
- **There were no new applications from organizations representing Farmers**
- **There were no new applications from organizations representing NGOs:** All NGOs already on the list of full members confirmed their intention of being full members. They are EEB (European Environmental Bureau), Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth, EPHA (European Public Alliance), Eurogroup for Animal Welfare).

IV. General principles considered by the Evaluation committee in the assessment

The comparative assessment took in due consideration:

- The nature of the organizations, being considered as essential to **grant a balance among the different categories** represented by the Stakeholders organizations: consumers, industry (including food and feed manufacturers and processors), NGOs, farmers, traders, food operators.
- **The EU-wide representativeness** of the organization in the fields of competence covered by EFSA's remit;
- The extent to which the legitimate interest in the **areas of EFSA is fully, directly addressed** by the organization in comparison with other organizations applying to be member;
- The **number of areas within the remit of EFSA in which the organization is involved** and / or the extent to which these areas are covered.
- The fact that higher consideration should have been attributed to **organizations representing key sectors of the food chain that were not particularly or sufficiently represented** so far by the existing Members;
- The fact that higher consideration should have been attributed to **organizations structured in a federative way**, i.e. more representative of the interests of national associations of category and not only of single companies;
- The fact that higher consideration should have been attributed to **organizations representing as their associates companies not already represented by organizations** already on the list of Members or Associated Members

V. List of members and associated members proposed

By applying the criteria published in the Terms of Reference and in the Call for expression of interest and by providing a comparative assessment of the applications received, in the light of the general considerations above the list of Members and the list of associated Members are proposed to the Management Board for decision.

IV. Outcome of the comparative assessment: the list of members and associated members proposed for consideration

Annex III represents the proposed lists of Members and Associated Members.

A) 29 organizations are proposed as full Members.

- The existing Platform counts 24 organizations. All **24 organizations are proposed to be confirmed** as full Members.
- **5 additional organizations are proposed to become full members**, namely:
 - AESGP – Association of the European Self-medication Industry;
 - EHPM - European Federation of Associations of Health Product Manufacturers
 - ELC – Federation of European Food Additives food enzymes and food cultures industries;
 - EPIC – European Packaging Institutes Consortium;
 - IFAH Europe – European Federation for Animal Health

are proposed to become full Members as the assessment has shown they represent new relevant sectors that were not particularly represented in the existing Platform. The inclusion of these five organizations as full members brings the overall number of the full Members to 29.

B) 16 organizations are proposed as Associated Members, namely:

1. AMFEP - Association of Manufacturers and Formulators of Enzyme Products
2. AVEC asbl - Association of Poultry Processors and Poultry Trade in the EU Countries
3. CLITRAVI - Liaison Centre for the Meat Processing Industry in the EU
4. EBF - European Botanical Forum
5. EDA – European Dairy Association
6. EFLA - European Food Law Association
7. ERNA - European Responsible Nutrition Alliance
8. ESA - European Snacks Association
9. EuSalt - European Salt producers Association
10. EUWEP - European Union of Wholesale with Eggs, Egg Products, Poultry and Game
11. FECC - European Association of Chemical Distributors
12. FEDIOL – The Oil and Proteinmeal Industry;
13. FESASS - European Federation for Animal Health and Sanitary Security
14. FVE - Federation of Veterinarians of Europe
15. PIE - Platform for Ingredients in Europe
16. UECBV - European Livestock and Meat Trading Union

C) 8 organizations are not proposed for Membership or for associated Membership.

D) Conclusions

Upon assessment of the Applications received following the open Call for expressions of interest launched on the 26th June 2009 following the Decision of the EFSA Management Board of the 8th June 2009 (mb 18 06 09 item 9 doc 7b) to renew the EFSA Stakeholders Consultative Platform, it is proposed:

- to endorse the outcome of the assessment procedure of the applications received, taking a decision on the annexed lists of Members and Associated Members.

ORGANISATIONS PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP														
NAME OF THE ORGANISATION	CATEGORIES REPRESENTED						AREAS OF COMPETENCE							
	Consumers	Industry	Farmers	Traders	NGOs	Food Operators	GMOs	CEF/ ANS Food additives Enzymes Food additives Enzymes	FEED Feed additives	CONT Contaminants	AHAW Animal Health and Welfare	ZOONOSES BIOHAZ	PEST/ PPR Pesticides and Plant protection products	NDA - Nutrition, Health Claims, Healthy diet Food safety
1. AESGP – already assoc. Member		X						X		X				X
2. BEUC – already Member	X						X	X	X		X		X	X
3. CEFIC – already Member		X							X			X		X
4. CELCAA – already Member				X			X					X	X	X
5. CIAA – already Member		X					X	X					X	X
6. Copa-Cogeca – already Member			X						X		X		X	
7. ECPA – already Member		X					X						X	
8. EEB – already Member					X		X		X		X		X	X
9. EFFA – already Member		X						X			X			
10. EFFAT – already Member		X							X				X	X
11. EHPM - already assoc. Member		X						X						X
12. ELC – already assoc. Member		X						X				X		
13. EMRA – already Member						X								X
14. EPHA – already Member					X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
15. EPIC – already assoc. Member		X						X		X				
16. ESA – already Member		X					X						X	
17. EUFIC – already Member	X	X					X	X					X	X
18. EuroCommerce – already Member						X								X
19. EuroCoop – already Member	X					X	X	X			X			X
20. Eurogroup for animals – already Member					X		X				X	X		
21. EuropaBio – already Member		X					X				X			
22. FEFAC – already Member		X						X	X	X				
23. FEFANA asbl – already Member		X							X		X			
24. FoEE – already Member					X		X				X			
25. Freshfel Europe – already Member		X	X						X	X			X	X
26. GREENPEACE – already Member					X		X				X	X	X	
27. IFAH – already assoc. Member		X							X		X	X	X	
28. ILSI Europe – already Member		X			X		X			X			X	X
29. UEAPME – already Member		X												X

ORGANISATIONS PROPOSED FOR ASSOCIATED MEMBERSHIP														
NAME OF THE ORGANISATION	CATEGORIES REPRESENTED						AREAS OF COMPETENCE							
	Consumers	Industry	Farmers	Traders	NGOs	Food Operators	GMOs	CEF/ ANS Food additives Enzymes Food additives Enzymes	FEED Feed additives	CONT Contaminants	AHAW Animal Health and Welfare	ZOONOSES BIOHAZ	PEST/ PPR Pesticides and Plant protection products	NDA - Nutrition, Health Claims, Healthy diet Food safety
1. AMFEP – already assoc. Member		X					X	X	X		X			
2. AVEC – already assoc. Member		X					X				X	X		
3. CLITRAVI – already assoc.		X							X		X			X
4. EBF – new assoc. Member		X						X						X
5. EDA - new assoc. Member		X					X				X			X
6. EFLA --new assoc. Member														
7. ERNA – new assoc. Member		X											X	X
8. ESA – already assoc. Member		X						X						X
9. EuSalt – new assoc. Member		X						X						X
10. EUWEP – new assoc. Member		X					X							X
11. FECC –already assoc. Member		X						X		X				
12. FEDIOL – already assoc. Member		X						X		X			X	X
13. FESASS – already assoc. Member			X				X				X	X		
14. FVE- new assoc. Member														
15. PIE – new assoc. Member		X												X
16. UECBV – already assoc. Member		X							X		X	X		X

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ORGANISATIONS PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP	
1.	AESGP - Association of the European Self-Medication Industry
2.	BEUC-European Consumers' Organisation
3.	CEFIC - The European Chemical Industry Council)
4.	CELCAA - European Liaison Committee for the Agri-food Trade
5.	CIAA -Confederation of the Food and Drink Industries in the EU
6.	Copa-Cogeca - European Farmers - European Agri-Cooperatives
7.	ECPA - European Crop Protection Association
8.	EEB - European Environmental Bureau
9.	EFFA - European Flavour & Fragrance Association
10.	EFFAT - European Federation of the Food, Agriculture and Tourism Trade Unions
11.	EHPM - European Federation of Associations of Health Product Manufacturers
12.	ELC - Federation of European Food additives, Food enzymes and Food cultures Industries
13.	EMRA - European Modern Restaurant Association
14.	EPHA - European Public Health Alliance
15.	EPIC - European Packaging Institutes Consortium
16.	ESA - European Seed Association
17.	EUFIC - European Food Information Council
18.	EuroCommerce
19.	EuroCoop - European Community of Consumer Co-operatives
20.	Eurogroup for animals
21.	EuropaBio
22.	FEFAC - European Feed Manufacturers Federation
23.	FEFANA asbl
24.	Freshfel Europe
25.	Friends of the Earth Europe
26.	GREENPEACE
27.	IFAH-Europe, European Federation for Animal Health
28.	ILSI Europe
29.	UEAPME – European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises

LIST OF ASSOCIATED MEMBERS	
1.	AMFEP - Association of Manufacturers and Formulators of Enzyme Products
2.	AVEC asbl - Association of Poultry Processors and Poultry Trade in the EU Countries
3.	CLITRAVI - Liaison Centre for the Meat Processing Industry in the EU
4.	EBF - European Botanical Forum
5.	EDA - European Dairy Association
6.	EFLA - European Food Law Association
7.	ERNA - European Responsible Nutrition Alliance
8.	ESA - European Snacks Association
9.	EuSalt - European Salt producers Association
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**DECISION OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY
AUTHORITY ON THE RENEWAL OF THE STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIVE PLATFORM
MEMBERSHIP AND ASSOCIATED MEMBERSHIP**

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety as last amended, and in particular to article 42 thereof,

Whereas,

EFSA's Management Board agreed in June 2009 to renew the Stakeholders Consultative Platform and adopted revised Terms of references.

EFSA's Management Board decided to renew the Stakeholders Platform by launching a public Call for expressions of interest for the renewal of the Platform membership and associated membership.

The Call for expressions of interest for the renewal of the Platform membership and associated membership was published on the 26th June 2009, with the deadline to submit the applications on the 31st August 2009.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS

ARTICLE 1 – RENEWAL OF THE STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIVE PLATFORM MEMBERSHIP AND ASSOCIATED MEMBERSHIP

1. In line with the Decision of the Management Board of the 18th June 2009¹, the Stakeholder Consultative Platform membership and associated membership are hereby renewed.
2. The new Lists of the Members and Associated Members of the EFSA's Stakeholders Consultative Platform are annexed to the present Decision.

¹ MB 18 06 09 item 9 doc7 Appointment of the Stakeholder Consultative Platform Members - Decision

ARTICLE 2 – ENTRY INTO FORCE

The present decision shall enter into force on the day following its signature.

Done at Parma on 8th October 2009.

Prof. Diána Bánáti
The Chair