



## **The renewal of the EFSA's Stakeholders Consultative Platform membership**

**Management Board meeting 8<sup>th</sup> October 2009, Parma**

# Renewal of Stakeholders Platform

- 18th June 2009: EFSA Management Board renews the Stakeholders Consultative Platform.
- 26th June: Call for expression of interests addressed to all organizations interested (deadline 31<sup>st</sup> august).

# Applications received

- EFSA received **53 applications** overall.
- **All 24 Members** of the previous Platform confirmed their intention to be full members.
- **16 new organizations** applied for membership or associated membership
- **13 organizations** out of the 34 existing associated Members applied to become Members or to be confirmed as associated Members

- The applications were all assessed against the **criteria** published in the Terms of Reference and the Call for expressions of interest.
- **A comparative assessment** to ascertain the **EU wide representativeness** of the organization, the **legitimate interest** in the areas of EFSA, the **areas within EFSA's remit covered** by the organizations.

## Outcome of the assessment:

- **29 organizations are put forward for full membership:**
  - All 24 existing Members are proposed to be reconfirmed as Members.
  - 5 Industry Organizations representing areas not previously well covered are proposed as Members, namely representing:
    - The packaging Industry: EPIC
    - The self medication Industry and SMEs: AESGP, EHPM
    - The Food additives and food enzymes industry: ELC;
    - Animal Health: IFAH Europe;

## Outcome of the assessment:

- **16 organizations are put forward to be considered for associated membership,** (8 previously associated members, 8 seeking membership to the platform for the first time).
- Associated members will be systematically invited to the Platform meeting as observers.  
They can be invited to take active part to meetings and working groups for specific items related to their field of competence.
- **8 organizations are not proposed** for any form of membership (lack of representativeness at EU level; sectors already present in the Platform...).

- It is proposed to the Management Board to:
  - Validate the proposed 29 members
  - Validate the proposed 16 associated Members