



Decision concerning the establishment and operation of networks

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- **Existing networks**
- **Needs to standardise and document procedure for their operation**
- **Consultation process**
 - SC meeting (Brussels, 17 November)
 - AF meeting (Athens, 25-26 November)

Examples of networks in EFSA

Area	Networks	Year
Zoonoses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoonoses Task Force 	2004
Biohaz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TSE/BSE • MRA 	2006 2007
Food consumption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert Group Food Consumption 	2007
Contaminants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert Group on Chemical Occurrence 	2008
Pesticides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pesticide Steering Committee • Networking Group on Pesticide Monitoring (MS contact points) 	2008 2009
GMO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EFSA Scientific Network for RA of GMO 	2010
Plant Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EFSA Scientific Network for RA in Plant Health 	2010
Animal Health and Welfare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EFSA Scientific Network for RA in Animal Health and Welfare 	2010
Nanotechnologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EFSA Scientific Network for RA of nanotechnologies in food and feed 	2010

- **Art. 22.7 and Art. 23, lit. g: networks in which all Member States are present**
- **Art. 36 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 2230/2004: networking with specific organisations on the art. 36 list**

With all Member States:

Facilitate scientific cooperation framework by

- the coordination of activities
- the exchange of information
- the development and implementation of joint projects
- the exchange of expertise and best practise in the field within EFSA mission

- **EFSA may create and operate Networks in consultation with the AF on specific areas**
- **Networks shall be composed of organisations from EU Member States**
- **Other organisation (3rd countries, international) may be invited**

- **Members shall be appointed by the competent organisation designated by EU Member States**
- **Appointed for a period of three-year period**

- Networks chaired by EFSA
- EFSA shall provide secretariat to networks
- The secretariat of Network shall ensure that the AF and SC are informed on the activities
- Confidentiality: required
- Dol: encouraged