



Progress report on Impact Indicators

Management Board meeting 16.06.2011, Budapest

- MB Away Day 2009 discussed Impact Assessment tools and development of Indicators
- March 2010 MB agreed to a 2 year pilot period on 5 Impact Indicators with report on Progress 2010
- Final report end 2012

Indicator 1 - N° and percentage of Opinions taken into account in Risk Management at EU level

Target: 100 % of opinions directly relating to authorisation of dossiers translated into European level risk management actions

80% of other outputs eg “generic questions”

Two projects:

- 1 Working with Commission to look at the use made of 100 adopted Opinions and other EFSA outputs from the final half 2009
- 2 Case study: 12 Opinions - study to look in-depth at usability, quality of these opinions as a whole and also which specific parts of the opinion were useful which were less so.

- 100% of opinions from this sample used by the Commission
- In three cases, opinions did not fully fit risk management needs. Novel issues –determine better exact requirements also be realistic about outcomes
- Opinions with minority vote particularly useful as highlight uncertainty
- Timeliness of opinions did not affect overall utility

- **Strengthen data gathering, access to unpublished sources, research-in-the-making, other unofficial sources.**
- **Stricter enforcement of guidance on content, structure and format of opinions e.g. key lines of reasoning better highlighted**
- **Harmonization of terminology used to qualify the magnitude of risk;**
- **Strengthen co-operation EC/EFSA in finalizing terms of reference especially on “novel” issues;**
- **Maintain use of highly specialized language, avoid oversimplification for communication purposes in main text.**

Target: Majority perceive EFSA delivering high quality independent science using state of the art methodologies, data and other information

- Key Target Audience study 2009 – EFSA positive image as Europe’s risk assessment agency. Qualitative study.
- EFSA target media coverage 90% neutral - 2009 and 2010 around 91% neutral.
- Eurobarometer Study Science and Technology, scientists not trusted on controversial issues (58%) BUT if EU to be successful collaboration between academia and industry needed (69%)
- 2010 Eurobarometer Study on Food Risks public bodies consider most recent scientific advice (63%), quick to act to health problems (63%), consider citizens’ concerns (63%).
- High level of trust in scientists (73%) and in national, EU food safety agencies (64%)

Indicator 3 - Performance in a crisis and other cases when an urgent response required

Target: 100 % of cases EFSA provides reliable relevant information based on the data available within agreed timeframes to enable risk managers to take corrective action.

- **2010, two urgent requests from the Commission: (i) chlormequat in grapes from India, (ii) ash-fall following the eruption of the volcano in Iceland.**
- **Addressed within Commission deadline**
- **Web stories containing relevant advice in April 2010**
- **EFSA advice on Icelandic ash picked up by 29 publications – all articles mentioned key message**
- **EFSA response on chlormequat covered by 16 specialised publications.**

Target: Establish baseline and target increase in their use year on year.

- The search led to 1,399 references (articles which cite EFSA scientific work) from e-journals indexed by Thomson Reuters Scientific.
- Trend of EFSA outputs citations over the years 2003-2010 have increased in key, relevant scientific journals.
- EFSA's Journal anticipated positive impact on citations

Target: Cooperation should have a significant “two way” impact both on EFSA’s and MSs’ risk assessment work.

- 9 scientific networks - cooperation, coordinating, joint projects, exchanging expertise best practices.
- Information Exchange Platform with national authorities - 870 documents uploaded, 740 risk assessments, 2346 documents downloaded. Dialogue on improvements
- 1500 experts with 3100 on the expert database. Positive feedback on EDB survey.
- List of approx 400 MS competent organisation (Art 36)
- Grants and procurements - 1 million Euros in 2007 - Approx 11 million in 2012.