



Draft Annual Activity Report 2011

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Key achievements 2011

- 658 scientific outputs
- *E. coli* outbreak: EFSA provides scientific advice in MS
- Finalisation of evaluation of Art.13 health claims
(total of 2,758 claims in three years)
- Budget execution 98.5% - Human resources 88%
- First opinion on meat inspection (swine)
- Application Desk
- First opinion on post-market environmental monitoring of a GM plant

Key achievements 2011

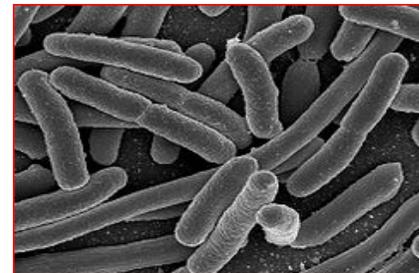
- Total diet study approach (in collaboration with WHO and FAO)
- EU Menu: pilot studies for children, adolescents, adult and elderly
- Implementation of thematic approach (zoonoses, GMO, independence)
- Guidance documents on nanoscience, genotoxicity, GM animals ...
- 78 public consultations

Key achievements 2011

- Science Strategy 2012-2016
- Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Process – Engaging stakeholders
- Call for renewal of the Scientific Committee and 8 Panels EFSA reorganisation and e³ programme / Application Desk
- Structural savings compared to previous year: 1.98 million (increase of tele-meetings and decrease of experts and staff travels, revised strategy for events and communications expenses, evolution of linguistic policy)
Savings invested in operational IT developments
- Medium-term planning (5 years) agreed with DG SANCO
- EFSA New Seat

Scientific opinions and risk assessment approaches

- Urgent requests for advice on Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC) 0104:H4
- Guidance documents:
 - Nanoscience in the food and feed chain;
 - Repeated-dose 90-day oral toxicity study in rodents;
 - Genotoxicity testing strategies;
 - Food and feed from GM animals
 - Standardised methodology for risk assessment of animal welfare
- Re-evaluation of the safety of aspartame (call for data)
- Statement on bisphenol A



Evaluation of products, substances and claims subject to authorisations

- 384 scientific outputs (58% of the total)
- Art.13 health claims: third and last batch of 114 opinions covering 893 claims
- Flavourings: 55 opinions (22 re-evaluations and 33 new applications)
- 54 conclusions on pesticide peer review
- Feed additives: 67 opinions
- Application Desk unit and online helpdesk

Data collection & analysis

- Summary Report on zoonoses and foodborne outbreaks & Summary Report on antimicrobial resistance in zoonotic bacteria (in collaboration with ECDC)
- Data monitoring reports: furan, acrylamide, perfluoroalkylated substances, veterinary medicinal residues

Emerging Risks

- Trialling of a process for identifying emerging issues
- Coordination of trace-back activities related to the sprouted seeds implicated in the *E. coli* outbreak
- Database on chemical hazards



Scientific Cooperation

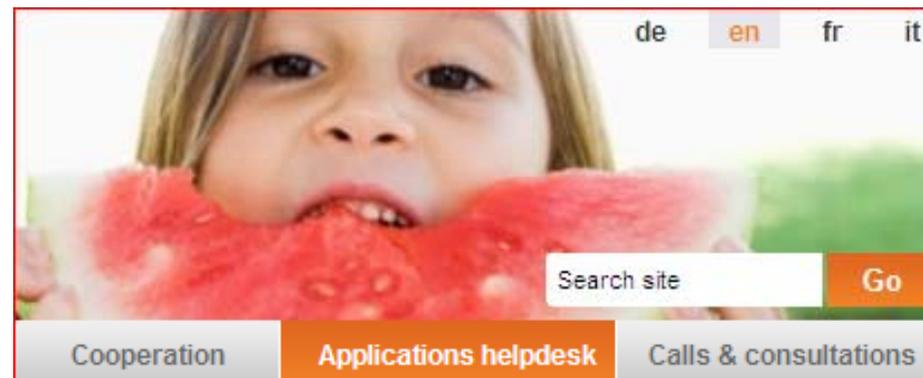
- EFSA staff in Germany to provide scientific advice during *E. coli* outbreak
- Grants & procurement: € 7.1 million committed
- Expansion of scientific cooperation: networks, Experts database, Information Exchange Platform
- Meeting with Member State experts on environmental risk assessment of GM plants
- Scientific colloquium on emerging risks in plant health



- Stakeholders Consultative Workshop on Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Process: more than 140 participants (October)
- Reflection Paper on the engagement of stakeholders in EFSA's activities
- Three plenary meetings: food additives, nanoscience, zoonoses, health claims, pesticides, application



- Implementation of Communications Strategy 2010-2013
- Thematic approach (zoonoses, GMO, independence)
- Online applications helpdesk



- Understanding science – preparation of new video online
- Over 3.5 million visits to EFSA website; 90% satisfaction rating
- 28,000 subscriptions to the Highlights newsletter

Financial Management

- 98,5 % of 2011 funds used
- 82,05 % of 2011 funds paid
- Migration to the accrual-based accounting system (ABAC)

Human Resources

- Human Capital & Knowledge Management Unit (since 1st May)
- Occupation of 433 out of 494 positions

Information Technology and Operations

- Move to EFSA's new premises (December)
- New tools for management of DoI; adaptation of IT tools to EFSA organisational structure; online requests from applicants (APDESK)

Legal and Policy

- Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Process
- Purchase of EFSA's building

Difficulties / challenges in 2011

Difficulties

- Scientific outputs & supporting publications: 658 delivered vs. 847 planned: non-receipts, delays in the enhancement of legislation, request for additional data and changes in priorities with the Commission
- Grant programme: committed 85% of funds
- Work on botanicals (claims): on hold
- IT strategy: postponed to 2012

Challenges

- EFSA's independence