



**Revision of the Rules of Procedure (RoP)
of
the Scientific Committee,
the Scientific Panels and
their Working Groups**

Management Board meeting
Parma, 15 March 2012

Revision of the SC/SP/WG RoP

- 1) Take account of the *EFSA Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision Making Process* adopted by the Management Board on 15 December 2012 and its respective implementing rules
→ Recital 6 and Article 33 of the revised RoP
- 2) Align the RoP to the changes performed in the organisational chart of the Authority in the context of the 2011 reorganisation
→ Footnote 7 related to Article 6 of the revised RoP
- 3) Allow greater flexibility in the multidisciplinary composition of working groups: chairmanship of Scientific Committee and Scientific Panel working groups possible for all members of all Scientific Panels and not any more limited to members of the respective Panels or the Committee
→ Article 19(2) of the revised RoP
- 4) Enable participation of observers to Scientific Committee, Panel and Working Group meetings by simplifying the invitation process
→ Article 14(2) and Article 27(2) of the revised RoP