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COVER NOTE

Evaluation of Scientific Experts considered for 8 Scientific Panels and the Scientific Committee as well as for the placement on the Reserve List of all 10 Scientific Panels and the Scientific Committee of the European Food Safety Authority

In March 2012, the Management Board nominated members of 8 Scientific Panels and of the Scientific Committee and established the reserve list for all Scientific Panels and the Scientific Committee.

Since then however, some experts could not take up the function assigned within the concerned Scientific Panel or Scientific Committee. In addition, some Panels did not achieve the completion with the nomination of all experts.

In order to fill the open positions, a list of nomination withdrawals and a list of additional nominations have been submitted for adoption in the June Management Board meeting. The March and the June 2012 lists of experts have been thereafter, consolidated in a single decision that has been submitted to the Management Board for adoption.

The below information provides an update of the statistics regarding the final composition of the Panels, taking into consideration the withdrawals and the new nominations since March 2012 and comparing the 2009 and 2012 Panel renewals.

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on the evaluation of Scientific Experts to be considered for the 2012 Renewal of Scientific Panels AHAW, BIOHAZ, CONTAM, FEEDAP, GMO, NDA, PLH, PPR and the Scientific Committee as well as for the placement on the Reserve List of all 10 Scientific Panels and the Scientific Committee of the European Food Safety Authority

INTRODUCTION TO THE REPLACEMENT PROCEDURE

Following the non-acceptance of the nomination from some of the members of the Scientific Panels and the Scientific Committee by the Management Board on 14 March 2012, the results of the re-screening of ADols and the need to fill some open positions, a list of nomination withdrawals and a list of additional nominations were proposed to the Management Board. The report below provides further information on the Scientific Panels and Scientific Committee final compositions.

UPDATE ON THE STATISTICS ON THE OUTCOME OF THE EVALUATION

Affiliation/employment: As illustrated in Figure 1, EFSA will be able to benefit again from very strong expertise originating primarily from universities and public research institutes and additionally from governmental bodies.

The major differences with 2009 (Figure 2) are the decrease in the number of consultants and retired experts. In the 2012 Renewal proposal there are no consultants and only 5% of the experts are retired (after having held academic, research or governmental, positions).

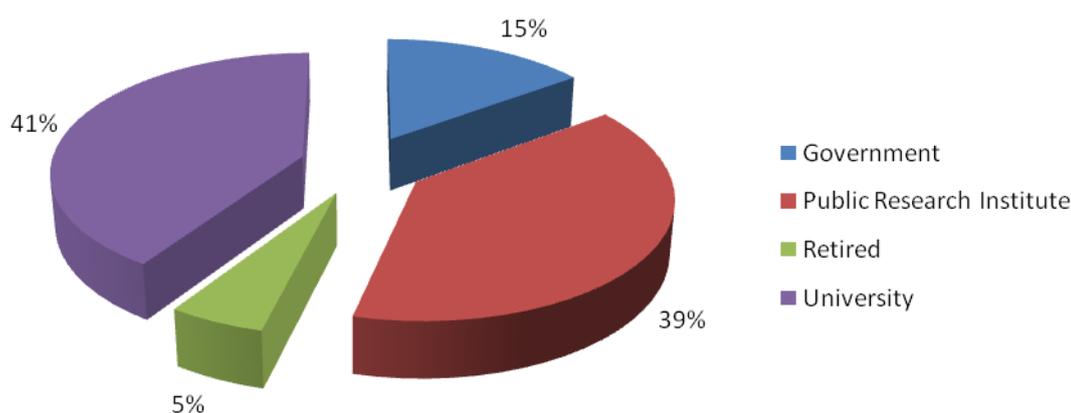


Figure 1. June 2012 Renewal, experts by Organisation type

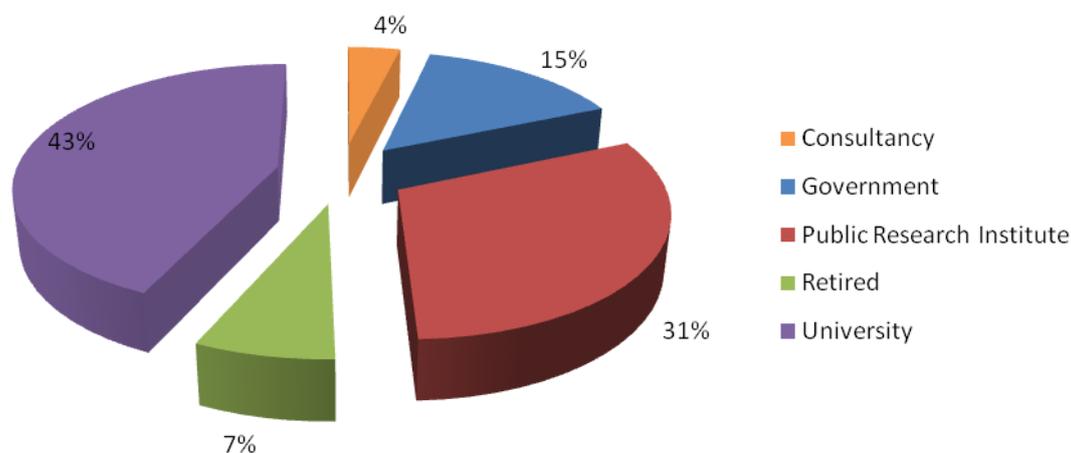


Figure 2. Nominees 2009 Renewal, by Organisation type,

Number of Membership Terms: The 2012 Panel Renewal represents the 4th Panel renewal since EFSA’s inception. The number of successive terms an expert can serve as a member for the same Panel is three. This renewal is therefore a milestone as the new Panels will not have any Panel members anymore which were a member of it at the time EFSA became operational. This may, at least in part, explain the high percent of candidates who will serve a first term on a Panel in 2012 (59%), when compared to the 2009 Renewal (42%) (Figures 3 and 4). However, some current Panel members have applied for a fourth term and are proposed for another Panel than the one they served on before (9 %) (Figure 5). This reduces the true First mandate proposed panel members to 49% i.e. closer to the 42% in 2009(Figure 4).

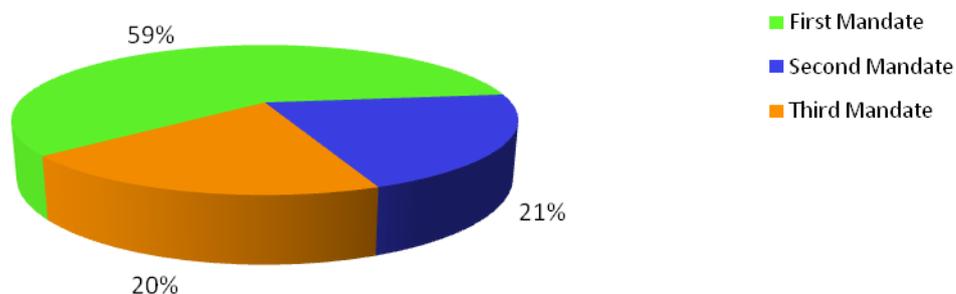


Figure 3. June 2012 Renewal, experts serving on the same Panel

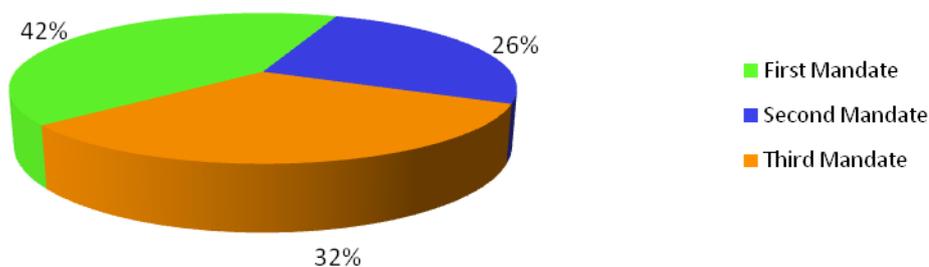


Figure 4. Nominees 2009 Renewal, experts serving on the same Panel

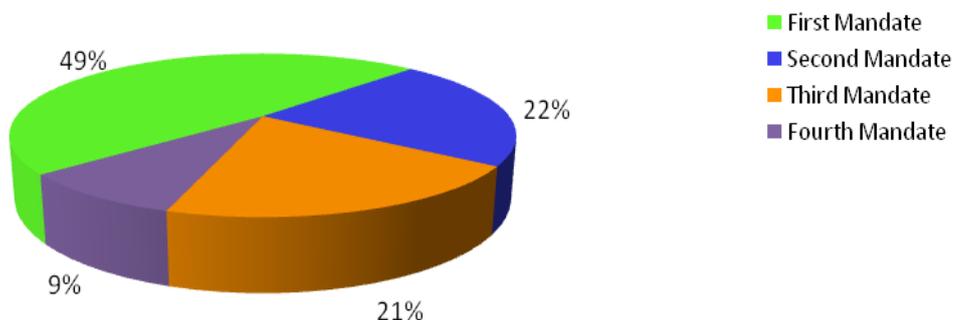


Figure 5. June 2012 Renewal, experts serving any of the Panels

Age and Gender distribution: EFSA shall ensure that every effort is made to secure a proper geographical and gender balance. Regarding the gender, and after the withdrawals and new proposals for membership presented in this document, the balance between men and women has not evolved. Men still represent 74% of the candidates, as compared to 74% in the 2009 renewal.

The average age of the proposed candidates for nomination is 53.5 years (51.1 for females and 54.3 for males). This, in comparison with the 2009 renewal, represents a decrease of on average age 1.5 years. As shown in Figure 6 (2012) and Figure 7 (2009) this is due to a change in the proportion of experts in the over 60 years of age (lower) and the 51-60 years of age range (higher).

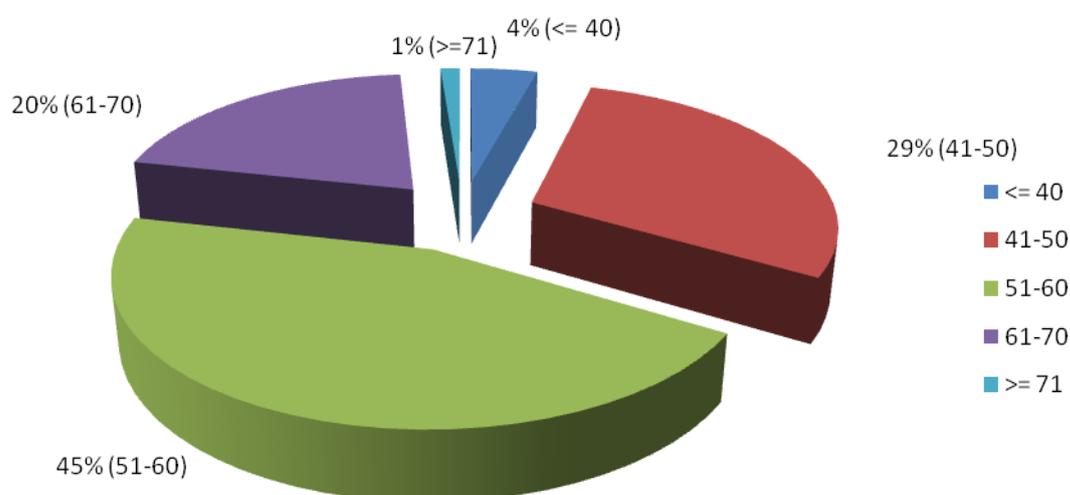


Figure 6. June 2012 Renewal, experts by Age Category

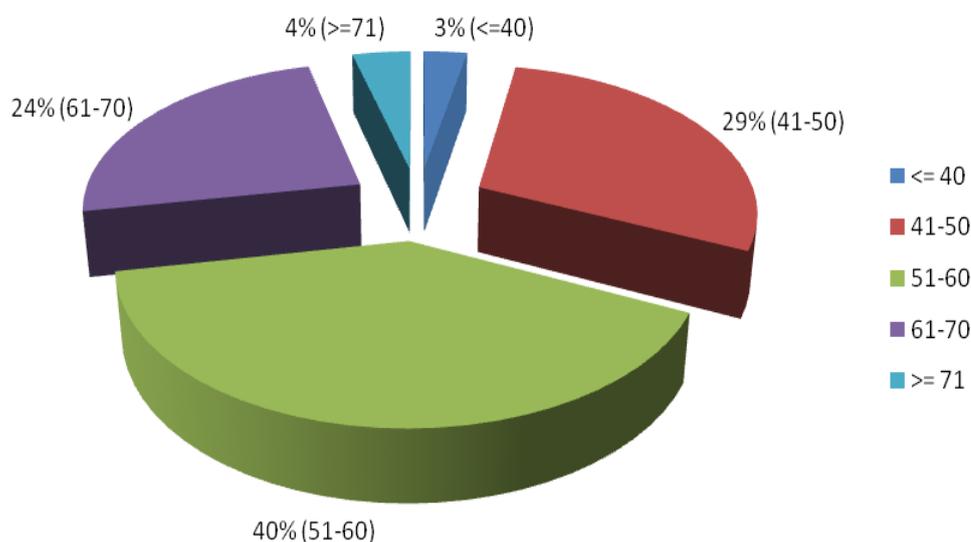


Figure 7. 2009 Renewal, experts by Age Category

The results show that 21 EU countries (plus Norway) are represented, with highest number being from the UK, Germany, The Netherlands, Italy and France (Figure 8). This is consistent with the 2009 results (Figure 9).

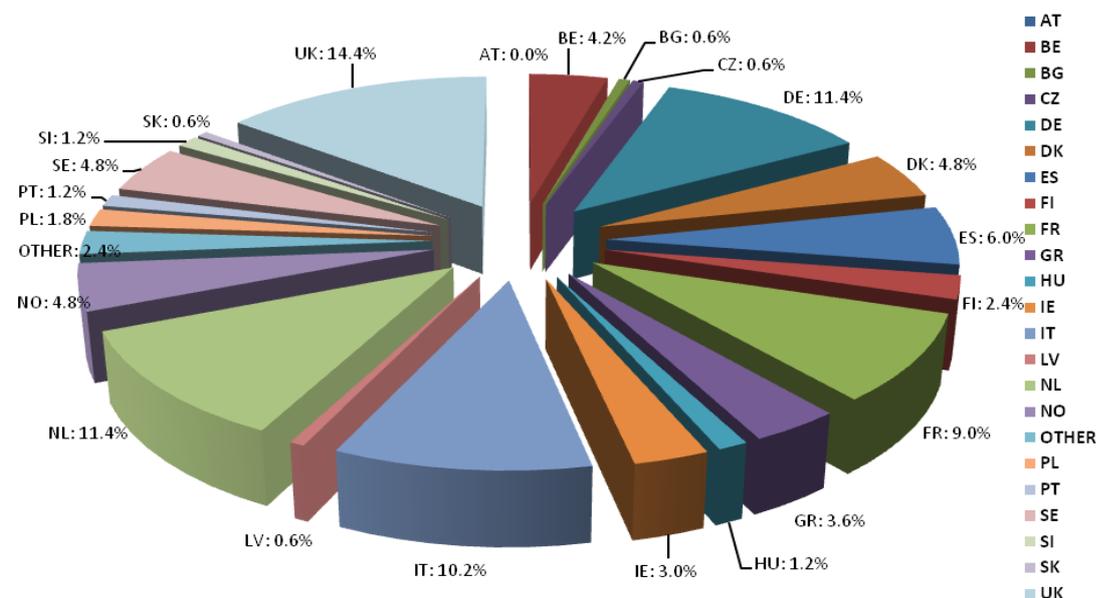
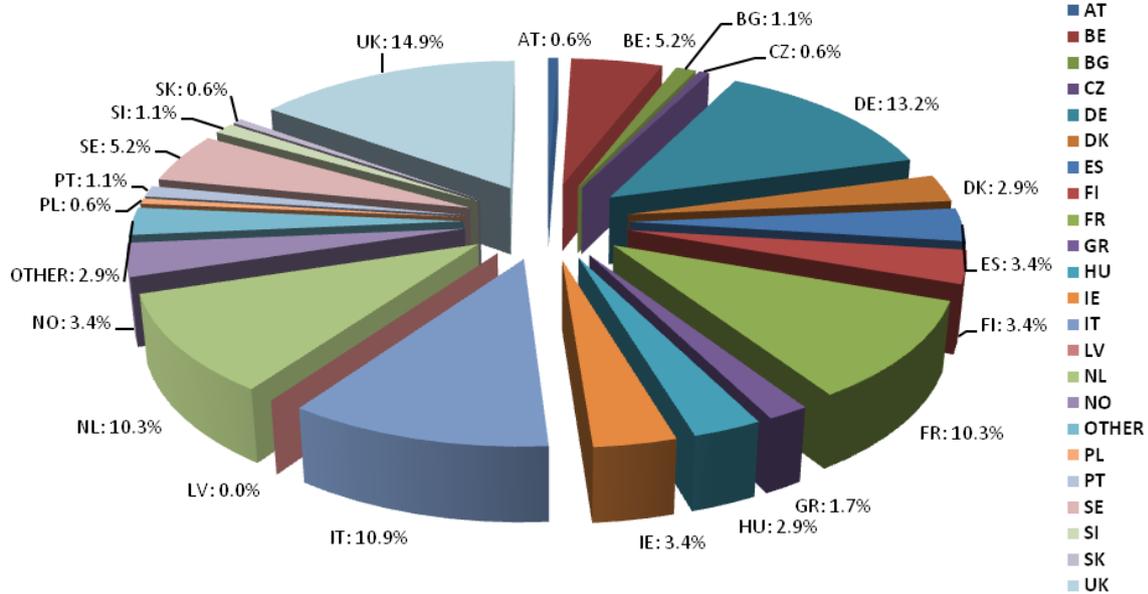


Figure 8. June 2012 Renewal, experts by Nationality.

Figure 9. 2009 Renewal, experts by Nationality



Experts from non-EU countries may be considered when appropriate candidates from Member States cannot be identified.

Only three experts from two non-EU countries are proposed for nomination. This compares to six in the 2009 renewal.

In **conclusion**, during its private session on 13 June 2012, the Management Board of EFSA has adopted the consolidated list of proposed nominees for the Scientific Committee and eight Scientific Panels and has constituted a Reserve List for all EFSA's Scientific Panels and the Scientific Committee.