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Evaluation Report

Renewal of the Stakeholder Consultative Platform 2012

1. BACKGROUND

EFSA's Management Board agreed in June 2005 to set up a Stakeholder Consultative Platform (hereafter referred to as the Platform) in order to create a permanent forum of discussion with the most representative stakeholders of the food chain bearing an interest in EFSA's work, with the goal to advise EFSA on general issues related to its work and in particular the impact of its activities on stakeholders.

It has been conceived for assisting EFSA in the development of its overall relations and policy with regard to stakeholder involvement by providing a forum for regular dialogue and exchanges. The Platform is an advisory group and its recommendations are not binding EFSA or its Executive Director.

The Management Board adopted revised Terms of Reference of the EFSA's Platform at its June 2010 meeting, taking into account the experience gained in the recent years and the mature role of the Platform as advisory body.

The new Terms of References¹ presented *inter alia* as main changes a refinement of the criteria for the selection of the members, a structured procedure for the invitation of observers and speakers to the Platform meetings with the abolition of the "associated members", and the possibility to set up working groups on horizontal issues. These new Terms of Reference formed the basis to launch the open call for expressions of interests for renewing the membership of the Platform.

1.1. Management Board decision to renew EFSA's Platform

The current composition of the Platform² was endorsed by the Management Board at its meeting in October 2009, following an open call for expressions of interest in June 2009. The mandate of EFSA's current Platform will expire at the end of June 2012. The Authority therefore launched on 2 February 2012 a public call for expression of interest for organisations who wish to be considered for membership (Annex I)³.

The call was targeted to EU-wide stakeholder organisations operating in the food chain wishing to be considered for membership of the EFSA Platform. The initial deadline for submitting expressions of interest was set to 6 April 2012 and later extended to 27 April 2012.

At the meeting on 14 June 2012 the Management Board is kindly required to decide on its new composition.

2. CRITERIA

2.1. Eligibility criteria

To be considered eligible for membership in the Platform, five criteria were defined:

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/consultativeplatform/docs/cptor.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/membership/docs/cpmembers.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/stakeholders/cp.htm>

- a) the interest of the representing stakeholders should fall in one of the following categories: i) consumer associations and NGOs representing consumers; ii) farmers and primary processors, including feed processors; iii) food industry including raw material processors; iv) trade and catering (wholesale, retail, hotel, restaurants, etc); v) NGOs involved in public health, plant health and animal health welfare and environmental protection;
- b) be an EU wide organization with members distributed in the majority of the EU Member States (MS) and representing at least 60 % of the EU population;
- c) to be an organization that has been established since at least 5 years;
- d) be an organization having legitimate and general interests within EFSA's remit;
- e) be a major organization in its field of competence, representing relevant areas within EFSA's remit; playing a crucial role for the area represented, and securing significant expertise in the fields covered by the EFSA's remit.

Members of EFSA's Management Board, Advisory Forum, Scientific Committee and Panels as well as staff may not represent members of the Platform.

2.2. Assessment criteria

The eligible organisations were subsequently assessed according to the following criteria:

- a) EU wide organisations with members distributed in the majority of the EU MSs and representing at least 60 % of the EU population.
Organisations represented in 14 MSs (the minimum number required) were scored 2 points. For every additional MS in which they are represented, 1 additional point was given - up to a possible maximum score of 15 points for organisations being represented in 27 MS.
In addition, membership of national or member organisations, rather than only individual companies, was considered.
- b) Organisations that have been established since at least 5 years.
- c) Major organisations in its field of competence, representing relevant areas within EFSA's remit at the European level; playing a crucial role for the area represented, and securing significant expertise in the fields covered by the EFSA's remit.
 - a. Representativeness in its field of competence i.e. it is recognised as representing a large proportion of the food organisations in this area.
 - b. Scope and role in relevant areas represented i.e. how wide is their scope, as a stakeholder, compared to EFSA's mandate, and are they the most relevant organisation for this scope.
 - c. i.e. Expertise in the respective areas represented at the EU level i.e. how much is the organisation contributing, as a stakeholder, to EFSA's work.

3. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Following the call for expression of interest, EFSA received **57** applications (Annex II).

4. APPLICATIONS

41 out of the total number of 57 applications were evaluated as eligible (Annex III).

5. RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

16 applications were evaluated as non-eligible (Annex IV).

Based on an evaluation of available documentation and according to the results of the assessment, 24 organisations are recommended to be taken further into consideration (Table 1).

Consumer organisations

There are **two** organisations proposed to represent explicitly consumer interests at the EU level.

1. BEUC
2. EUROCOOP

NGOs involved in food safety

There are **five** proposed organisations to cover NGOs with an interest in various elements of the food chain.

1. EPHA
2. EEB
3. FoEE
4. EFAD
5. Greenpeace

Farmers and primary producers

There are **seven** proposed organisations comprehensively to cover the interests of the primary production stage of the food chain.

1. COPA-COGECA
2. ECPA
3. FEFANA
4. FEFAC
5. Euroseeds
6. EuropaBIO
7. IFAH Europe

Food industry

There are **six** proposed organisations to cover the various stages of food processing at the EU level.

1. Food Drink Europe
2. PFP
3. CEFIC
4. AMFEP
5. AESGP
6. ELC

Trade and catering

There are **four** proposed organisations to cover the interests of the food trade sector along the whole food chain.

1. CELCAA
2. UEAMPE
3. EuroCommerce
4. Freshfel Europe

Table 1: Organisations (in alphabetical order) recommended for appointment as members of the renewed Platform

1. AESGP
2. AMFEP
3. BEUC
4. CEFIC
5. CELCAA
6. COPA-COGECA
7. ECPA
8. EEB
9. EFAD
10. ELC
11. EPHA
12. EuroCommerce
13. EUROCOOP
14. EuropaBio
15. Euroseeds
16. FEFAC
17. FEFANA
18. FoEE
19. Food Drink Europe
20. Freshfel Europe
21. Greenpeace
22. IFAH Europe
23. PFP
24. UEAMPE

6. ANNEXES

ANNEX I

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST for organisations to be considered for membership in the European Food Safety Authority's Platform

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) is the keystone of European Union (EU) risk assessment regarding food and feed safety. In close collaboration with national authorities and in open consultation with its stakeholders, EFSA provides independent scientific advice and clear communication on existing and emerging risks.

The Authority has set up a public call that aims to draw up the list of:

<h4>ORGANISATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE EFSA PLATFORM</h4>
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This call is addressed to EU-wide stakeholder organisations operating in the food chain wishing to be considered for membership of the EFSA Platform.

The European Food Safety Authority

EFSA's scientific advice on existing and emerging risks underpins the policies and decisions of risk managers in the European Institutions and EU Member States. The Authority's most critical commitment is to provide high-quality scientific advice and clear communication thereof. EFSA brings together experts of risk assessment in the field of food and feed safety, who act in an independent capacity for an autonomous, self-governed organisation to provide the European Institutions and the Member States with scientific advice of the highest standard.

The Authority is committed to the core standards of scientific excellence, openness, transparency, independence and responsiveness. By working independently, openly and transparently EFSA contributes to strengthening the stakeholders' trust in the European food and feed safety system.

The role of EFSA's Platform

EFSA's founding Regulation⁴ foresees the basis for the interaction with stakeholders in its article 42 and recitals 9 and 40.

On the basis of the above-mentioned provisions and the scrupulous application of the general principles of openness and transparency, EFSA's Management Board agreed in June 2005 to set up a Platform composed of EU-wide stakeholder organisations related with EFSA's remit operating in the food chain.

The Platform was set up with the goal of advising EFSA on general issues related to the work of EFSA and, in particular, the impact of its work on stakeholders. It has been conceived for assisting EFSA in the development of its overall relations and policy with regard to stakeholder involvement by providing a forum for regular dialogue and exchanges. The

⁴ Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety, as last amended.

Platform is an advisory group and its recommendations are not binding EFSA or its Executive Director.

The existing composition of the Platform was endorsed by the Management Board in October 2009 and will expire at the end of June 2012.

On 20 October 2010 EFSA's Management Board partially renewed the Terms of Reference for the establishment of the Platform, which foresee the criteria and the provisions for the renewal of the membership of the Platform, to be done through a public call for expression of interests.

The Terms of Reference for the Platform can be found at the following link:

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/consultativeplatform/docs/cptor.pdf>

Selection Procedure

EFSA aims at appointing a Platform that represents the main stakeholders active at European level in the fields falling within EFSA's remit.

The requirements

The impact and quality of the input provided by the Stakeholders Platform will depend on representativeness and qualification of its members. The new Platform will count no more than 24 Members. To be considered eligible for membership in the Stakeholder Consultative Platform the following assessment criteria will apply to the organisations that apply:

Representing stakeholders' interests in the following categories:

- i. Consumer associations and NGOs representing consumer;
- ii. Farmers and primary processors, including feed processors;
- iii. Food industry including raw material processors;
- iv. Trade and Catering (wholesale, retail, hotel, restaurants, etc);
- v. NGOs involved in public health, plant health and animal health welfare and environmental protection.

Organizations eligible because representing the categories above will be considered for the selection of the membership of the Platform should they comply with the following criteria:

- a) To be an EU wide organization with members distributed in the majority of the EU Member States and representing at least 60 % of the EU population;
- b) To be an organization that has been established since at least 5 years;
- c) To be an organization having legitimate and general interests within the EFSA's remit;
- d) To be a major organization in its field of competence, representing relevant areas within EFSA's remit; playing a crucial role for the area represented, and securing significant expertise in the fields covered by the EFSA's remit.

Members of EFSA's Management Board, Advisory Forum, Scientific Committee and Panels as well as staff may not represent members of the Platform.

Submission of expressions of interest

Interested organisations which consider that they may fulfil the above-mentioned criteria are invited to express their interest by submitting their expressions of interest using the form which can be downloaded from EFSA's website:

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/procurement/interest.htm>

The expressions of interest can be submitted either via email to the following email address: stakeholders.renewal@efsa.europa.eu or by registered mail or by courier service by sending the expression of interest to the below address (the post office stamp or the date of the deposit slip with the courier service will be considered as proof of the date of submission). In the latter case you are kindly requested to send a short notification e-mail message to EFSA's Stakeholders Secretariat: michael.sulzner@efsa.europa.eu.

Address:

SCISTRAT Directorate
European Food Safety Authority - EFSA
Call for expressions of interests for the Stakeholders Platform membership Via
Carlo Magno 1A
IT-43100 Parma

Candidates are encouraged to fill in their form in English in order to facilitate the selection procedure.

Candidates are kindly requested to complete the form by carefully presenting their organization, detailing its tasks, members and concrete activities in the areas covered by EFSA. Applicants need to annex to their expression of interest the latest available annual activity reports (or equivalent documents) providing an overview of the main activities carried out during the previous 2 years (2010 and 2011 preferably).

Any proposal posted after the final deadline will not be considered.

The expressions of interest must be submitted no later than 6 April 2012 **at midnight** (Local time, GMT +1).

The Assessment Procedure

Expressions of interest will be assessed against the above-mentioned criteria by a multidisciplinary selection board formed by EFSA staff members.

Expressions of interest will be subject to a comparative assessment privileging for the membership organisations having broad European representativeness and broad legitimate

interests and involvement in the areas of EFSA. Efforts will be made in order to avoid participation of organisations covering the same or overlapping areas.

The selection board will carefully assess the expressions of interest striving for a balance between organisations representing consumers, food operators active in the whole food chain – e.g. farmers and other primary producers, food industry, food trade and NGOs active within the mandate of EFSA.

Upon decision of the EFSA's Management Board, the organisations selected will be nominated as members of the Platform. The final list will be published on EFSA's website. All candidates applying to this call for expressions of interest will be informed of the outcome of the selection process.

For any further information on this topic please contact: Michael Sulzner (Michael.Sulzner@efsa.europa.eu).

Handling of Personal Data in the context of this Call for Expressions of Interest

All personal information on candidates shall be processed by EFSA pursuant to [Regulation \(EC\) N° 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community Institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data](#).

The Executive Director of EFSA is identified as controller for the processing of personal data related to the selection procedure based on this Call for Expressions of Interest.

The purpose of the processing is to organize a selection of Members of the EFSA Stakeholder consultative Platform and all personal data shall be processed solely for this purpose. Candidates have a right to access their data and to update or correct their identification data. However, data demonstrating compliance with the criteria may not be updated or corrected after the closing date for this Call for Expressions of Interest. The data will be retained for five years. Stakeholders are entitled to have recourse at any time to the [European Data Protection Supervisor](#). More information can be found at the following web address: <http://www.edps.europa.eu/EDPSWEB/>.

Annex II: Alphabetical list of all applicants

1. ADICONSUM – Associazione difesa Consumatori e Ambiente promossa dalla CISL
2. AESGP – Association of the European Self-Medication Industry
3. AMFEP – Association of Manufacturers and Formulators of Enzyme Products
4. AREFLH – Assembly of the Regions of Europe producing Fruit, Vegetables and Decorative Plants
5. AVC – Association of Veterinary Consultants
6. AVEC – Association of Poultry Processors and Poultry Trade in the European Countries
7. BEUC – Bureau Européen des Unions de Consommateurs
8. CEFIC – European Chemical Industry Council
9. CELCAA – European Liaison Committee for Agricultural and Agri-Food Trade
10. CLITRAVI – Liaison Center for the Meat Processing Industry in the EU
11. COOP Italia
12. COPA-COGECA
13. DEMETER – Organic Farming and Food Association
14. ECCA – European Crop Care Association
15. ECN – European Compost Network
16. ECPA – European Crop Protection Association
17. ECVC – European Coordination Via Campesina
18. EEB – European Environmental Bureau
19. EFAD – European Federation of the Associations of Dietitians
20. EFFA –European Flavour Association
21. EFFAB – European Forum of Farm Animal Breeders
22. EFFAT – European Federation of Food, Agriculture & Tourism Unions
23. EFI – European Food Institutes
24. EFPRA – European Fat Processors and Renderers Association
25. EGOCREANET – Expansion Global of the Observatories of Creativity Network
26. EHPM – European Federation of Associations of Health Product Manufacturers
27. ELC – Federation of European Speciality Food Ingredients Industries
28. EMRA – European Modern Restaurant Association
29. EMVD – European Manufacturers of Veterinary Diagnostics
30. EPHA – European Public Health Alliance
31. ERNA – European Responsible Nutrition Alliance
32. EUFIC – European Food Information Council
33. EuroCommerce
34. EuroCoop
35. EuropaBIO
36. Euroseeds
37. EVA –European Vending Association
38. EVU – European Vegetarian Union
39. FEDERCONSUMATORI Regione Emilia Romagna
40. FEFAC – European Feed Manufacturers Federation
41. FEFANA – EU Association of Speciality Feed Ingredients and their Mixtures
42. FEV – Federation of Veterinarians of Europe
43. FoEE – Friends of the Earth
44. Food Drink Europe

45. Freshfel Europe – European Fresh Produce Association
46. Greenpeace
47. I.D.E.E. – Intervento sui disturbi dell'età evolutiva
48. IDACE – European Dietetic Food Industry Association
49. IFAH-Europe – International Federation of Animal Health Europe
50. IFOAM EU Group – International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements
51. ILSI Europe – International Life Sciences Institute
52. IPA – International Probiotics Association
53. Lohmann Animal Health
54. NEM – Verband mittelständischer Europäischer Hersteller und Distrib. v. Nahrungsergänzungsmitteln und Gesundheitsprodukten
55. PAN Europe – Pesticide Action Network Europe
56. PFP – Primary Food Processors in the EU
57. UEAMPE – Union européenne de l'artisanat et des petites moyennes entreprises

Presentation of the organisations

The content of this section is either cited directly from or based on information provided by the applicants and does not reflect EFSA's views.

Consumer organisations		
Number	Organisation	Description
1.	ADICONSUM	ADICONSUM is a consumers association covering whole Italy (122.000 members) with local, provincial and regional branches where operators, volunteers and managers provide consumers and families with individual and collective assistance. Adiconsum is to protect consumers' rights and interests, among them the right to health and to products' safety and quality, included food.
2.	BEUC	BEUC is the European leader organization for the protection of the consumer rights and the promotion of consumers' interests relevant in all EU policies, including those in the area of food safety. BEUC's interest cover food additives, food enzymes, flavourings, animal health and welfare, BSE, contaminants & residues, food hygiene, food labelling, health and nutrition claims, GMOs, novel foods, nutrition, food supplements, fortified foods, functional foods.
3.	EUROCOOP	EuroCoop is the European community of consumer cooperatives. EuroCoop is interested in activities of EFSA's involving GMO, Food Additives, Animal Health and Welfare, Nutrition and more in general different scientific activities having an impact on consumers rights (eg. Food contact materials, enzymes, flavourings, contaminants).
4.	FEDERCONSUMATORI	Federconsumatori is a non profit organization, founded in 1988, which has as its priority information and the protection of consumers and users. Our aim is to inform, protect and enforce consumers and people rights from corporate abuse, predatory lending and false advertising.

NGOs		
Number	Organisation	Description
1.	AVC	Association of Veterinary Consultants (AVI) is the association of completely independent, self employed veterinary specialists.
2.	ECN	European Compost Network is the leading European membership organization, promoting sustainable recycling practices in composting, anaerobic digestion and other biological treatment processes of organic resources. ECN's interest in the working field of EFSA is to provide information on the safe use of organic resources in respect to the healthy and environmental use of recycling products – related to the promotion of sustainable recycling practices in composting, anaerobic digestion and other biological treatment processes of organic resources.
3.	EEB	The EEB is the environmental voice of its members and European citizens. EEB's activities are ranging from biodiversity, to waste, nanotechnology, chemicals, ecolabel, climate change and many others.
4.	EFAD	EFAD is the only EU organisation which is representing dietitians. EFAD interests cover Dietetic products, nutrition, labeling, risk communication.
5.	EGOCREANET	EGOCREANET is a Tuscany KNOWLEDGE & INNOVATION COMMUNITY. In the context of action plan, "Innovating European bio-economy for Sustainable Growth" (*) the Nutra Science Project will investing in food research, and food production innovation to develop the application of innovative knowledge on food-biochemical structure to design advanced relationship among foods for health, security, wellness and well being.
6.	EPHA	EPHA is Europe's leading NGO advocating for better health. It is made up of public health NGOs, patient groups, health professionals, and disease groups working together to improve health and strengthen the voice of public health in Europe. Amongst others, issues of particular importance for EPHA are the following: nutrition and health claims, food labelling, nutrient profiling, nanotechnology, GMOs and pesticides.
7.	EVU	EVU is the voice of the European vegetarian and vegan movement. It is an umbrella organisation for vegetarian societies and groups in Europe. EVU's interests cover Health (dioxin, zoonotic diseases, metal contamination, smoke flavourings, nutrient deficiencies, plant health, animal health and welfare and environmental protection.
8.	FEV	The Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE) supports European veterinarians working on farms, in practices, in International Organizations, in National Food Safety Agencies, in Ministries of Agriculture and Health, in Non-Governmental Organizations, in academia as well as in research, education and industry. FEV's interests cover animal health and welfare, food and feed safety, education and training.
9.	FoEE	Friends of the Earth is the largest grassroots environmental network in Europe. FoEE's core program "Food, Agriculture and Biodiversity" includes GMOs, biofuels, EU's Common Agriculture Policy and biodiversity.
10.	Greenpeace	Greenpeace is an independent global campaigning organisation that acts to change attitudes and behaviour, to protect and conserve the environment and to promote peace. Greenpeace's interests cover GMOs, environmental risk assessment, pesticides, agro-chemical substances organic farming – related to interests in the name of environmental protection.
11.	PAN Europe	PAN Europe is a network of NGOs, institutions and individuals in over 60 countries worldwide working to minimise the negative effects and replace the use of harmful pesticides with ecologically sound alternatives. PAN Europe's interests cover pesticides – related to the interest to minimise the negative effects and replace the use of harmful pesticides with ecologically sound alternatives.

Farmers and primary producers		
	Organisation	Description
1.	AREFLH	AREFLH is the Assembly of the Regions of Europe producing Fruit, Vegetables and Decorative Plants. Among the main preoccupations of AREFLH lies the increase of the consumption of fruit and vegetables in Europe, and adaption the fruit and vegetables production to the consumers' requests in term of food safety.
2.	COPA COGECA	COPA-COGECA is the representative organization of agricultural producers (farmers) and agricultural agri-food, forestry, and fisheries cooperatives in the EU. COPA-COGECA's activities include areas such as animal health and welfare, food and feed safety, nutrition or plant protection.
3.	DEMETER	Demeter International is the only organic farming and food association which has built up a network of individual certification organisations worldwide. Demeter's interests cover animal health and welfare, bee decline, dietary reference values and dietary guidelines, feed, GMO, nutrition and health claims, plant health and Salmonella.
4.	ECCA	ECCA is the only organisation representing the post-patent SME plant protection industry in Europe. It is composed of Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) offering high quality supply of innovative plant protection products. ECCA's interests cover plant protection, food and feed safety, nutrition, and plant health.
5.	ECPA	ECPA represents the European manufacturers of plant protection products (pesticides), which are essential for the protection of crops from pests and diseases. ECPA's interests relate to all elements of European food safety and food supply.
6.	ECVC	The European Coordination Via Campesina "regroups the organisations formerly gathered in the European Farmers Coordination (CPE 1986-2008) and other farmers' and agricultural workers' organisations of Denmark, Switzerland, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Greece, and Turkey. ECVC's interests cover food and feed safety, animal health and welfare, nutrition, plant health pesticides and biotechnologies.
7.	EFFAB	The European Forum of Farm Animal Breeders (EFFAB) represents the European farm animal breeding and reproduction organisations in ruminants, pigs, poultry and aquaculture – farmer's cooperatives, private organisations and umbrella organisations. EFFAB's interests cover animal genetics, breeding programmes, biodiversity and genetic diversity, reproduction of animals, and ethics in animal breeding. Animal genetics in relation to animal welfare and health, climate change, food security, food safety, public health and product quality are key competences of EFFAB.
8.	EFPRA	EFPRA represent the European Animal by-product processing sector. EFPRA's interest is mainly linked to several TSE and Animal By-Products related topics dealt with by the BIOHAZ Panel. It also follows the activities of the CONTAM Panel.
9.	EMVD	EMVD represents the manufacturers of veterinary diagnostics. EMVD interests cover Animal health, antimicrobial resistance.
10.	EuropaBIO	EuropaBio represents the European Biotech industry in the EU. EuropaBio is involved in areas within EFSA's remit: Animal health and welfare, GMOs.
11.	Euroseeds	Euroseeds is the voice of the European seed industry, representing those active in research, breeding, production and marketing of seeds of agricultural and ornamental plant species. Euroseeds is interested in EFSA's assessments of technologies and products in the area of plant breeding (GMOs, new breeding techniques).
12.	FEFAC	FEFAC represent, defend and promote the interests of the European compound feed industry to the European Institutions. FEFAC experts have provided data and industry experts for the work following scientific panels

		and/or respective joint working groups established by these panels: CONTAM, FEEDAP, BIOHAZ, AHAW. In cooperation with EFSA, FEFAC also conducted an open workshop on the reauthorization of feed additives in 2008. FEFAC has also regularly invited EFSA experts & panel members to attend the International Feed Regulators meeting organized since 2008 in cooperation with FAO.
13.	FEFANA	FEFANA represents feed business operators active in the food chain. FEFANA therefore represents a specific sector of the industry and fulfils the criterion. FEFANA is involved in areas within EFSA's remit: Animal Health and Welfare and Feed Additives.
14.	IFAH-Europe	IFAH-Europe (International Federation for Animal Health Europe) is the federation representing manufacturers of veterinary medicines, vaccines and other animal health products in Europe. IFAH-Europe's interest is mainly linked to animal health and welfare, zoonoses and emerging diseases.
15.	IFOAM EU Group	IFOAM EU Group represents farmers, processors, certifiers, retailers, consumers and scientists that are related to organic food and farming. IFOAM EU Group's interests cover food hygiene, nutrition, animal health and welfare, plant health and plant breeding, environmental impacts of farm practices.
16.	Lohmann Animal Health	Lohmann Animal Health GmbH is a family company with a long tradition in the agricultural industry, but no organisation which represents food industry as such. Lohmann Animal Health's interests cover zoonotic diseases, antibiotic resistance and animal welfare.

Food industry		
	Organisation	Description
1.	AESGP	AESGP represents the European manufacturers of food supplements and self-care products. As a non-exhaustive example, the work of the following EFSA panels/units are of interest for AESGP: SC, NDA, ANS, CEF, CONTAM, SAS (ESCO Working Group on isoflavones) – related to the interests of European manufacturers of food supplements and self-care products.
2.	AMFEP	AMFEP represents the manufacturers and formulators of enzyme products. Only AMFEP members have knowledge of the industrial scale production of enzymes. Because of this unique expertise AMFEP is often invited as independent expert and takes an active part in the work of various EFSA panels: AHAW, ANS, CEF, FEEDAP, GMO.
3.	AVEC	AVEC is a voluntary, non-profit association which represents and promotes as an European unit the interests of the European poultry sector. AVEC interests cover poultry breeding and farming issues on animal health and welfare overlapping with the work of AHAW. Furthermore, poultry meat and eggs issues and biological hazards in the food chain overlapping with the work of BIOHAZ – related to the interests of the European poultry sector.
4.	CEFIC	CEFIC is the largest trade group in the EU-Brussels community, the European Chemical Industry Council, or CEFIC, is the voice of 29,000 large-, medium- and small-sized chemical companies in Europe, which provide 1.2 million jobs and account for 21 per cent of world chemicals production. CEFIC's interests cover new methods for risk assessment, new technologies (nanomaterials), endocrine disrupters, animal welfare, human biomonitoring, animal testing.
5.	CLITRAVI	CLITRAVI is the "Liaison Center for the Meat Processing Industry in the EU". CLITRAVI's interest is in the variety of topics related to meat and meat products dealt with by the BIOHAZ, ANS and CEF, NDA, AHAW and CONTAM panels.
6.	EFFA	EFFA represents producers of flavourings and fragrances in the EU. EFFA's interests cover food and feed safety, flavourings, food additives, and food enzymes.
7.	EFI	EFI consists of independent Research and Technology Organisations who agreed to co-operate in defined areas regarding Food, Innovation and Technology. EFI's interests cover fruit and vegetables, ready-meals, labelling, food contact materials and packaging, baby-foods, bakery, biocide products, feed, international cooperation, consumer information and preferences, nutrition and functional food, food for special medical purposes, etc.
8.	EHPM	The European Federation of Associations of Health Product Manufacturers (EHPM) represents specialist health product manufacturers in Europe. EHPM is directly concerned by many EFSA activities, relating to: nutritional issues: e.g. nutrition and health claims; food safety e.g. additives, contaminants, safety assessments of nutritional substances, botanicals, setting of tolerable upper intake levels, novel foods, nanotechnology.
9.	ELC	ELC is the umbrella organisation of the Speciality Food Ingredients Industries in Europe. ELC's interests cover Food additives, food enzymes, intake assessment, nanotechnologies, GMOs, processing aids, nutrition, health claims, novel food ingredients, data protection, risk communication.
10.	ERNA	ERNA represents the interests of companies that are producers of functional ingredients and/or food supplements in the European Union. ERNA is directly concerned by many EFSA activities, relating to nutritional issues (nutrition and health claims, reference labelling values) and food safety (safety assessments of nutritional substances, isoflavones, botanicals, additives, contaminants, setting of tolerable upper intake levels, novel foods, nanotechnology, genetic modification, risk-benefit, maximum residue levels, etc).

11.	EUFIC	The European Food Information Council (EUFIC) is a non-profit organisation which provides science-based information on food safety & quality and health & nutrition to the media, health and nutrition professionals and educators, in a way that promotes consumer understanding. EUFIC's interests cover food safety & quality, food technology, food contaminants, food additives, animal health, risk communication, nutrition, GMO, food labeling, health claims.
12.	Food Drink Europe	FoodDrinkEurope represents the European food and drink industry, the largest manufacturing sector in the EU in terms of turnover and employment. Food Drink Europe 's interests cover process contaminants, contaminants, food contact materials, ingredients, novel food, GMOs, nanotechnology, research & development, science, food safety management, allergens, claims.
13.	I.D.E.E.	IDEE deals in the field of food machinery. IDEE's interests cover all the field of safety food machinery.
14.	IDACE	The European Dietetic Food Industry Association is the trade association representing the interests of the dietetic food producers across the European Union. IDACE's interests cover Foodstuffs intended for Particular Nutritional Uses (PARNUTs).
15.	ILSI Europe	ILSI Europe is a non-profit organisation established to advance the understanding of scientific issues relating to nutrition, food safety, toxicology, risk assessment, and the environment. By bringing together scientists from academia, government, industry, and the public sector, ILSI seeks a balanced approach to solving problems of common concern for the wellbeing of the general public. ILSI Europe has published widely in these areas, e.g. on food microbiology, food chemical risk assessment, genotoxic carcinogens, Threshold of Toxicological Concern, processing related compounds, natural toxins, food allergy, risk-benefit assessment, food packaging, health claims on food, obesity, metabolic syndrome, metabolic imprinting, dietary fibre, pre- and probiotics, and many other topics.
16.	IPA	The International Probiotics Association (IPA) is an international organization with members equally divided between industry and academia and its goal is to provide a unique forum for the exchange of research and the latest breakthroughs in probiotic technology and new product development. IPA's interests cover food safety, food supplements, functional foods and health claims.
17.	NEM	NEM is the European organization of producers and distributors of food supplements, dietary products and medicinal devices. NEM's interests cover food safety, food supplements and health claims.
18.	PFP	The Primary Food Processors of the EU (PFP) is composed by: European Starch Industry Association (AAF), European Committee of Sugar Manufacturers (CEFS), European Cocoa Association (ECA), European Flour Milling Association (European Flour Millers), European Vegetable Protein Federation (EUVEPRO), European Oil and Proteinmeal Industry (FEDIOL). The PFP members have a clear interest in the following areas of EFSA's remit: FOOD & FEED SAFETY- Its members are dedicated to produce safe and high quality products and to ensure traceability. The PFP priority on food and feed safety requires its expertise in contaminants (PAH, alkanes, dioxin, PCBs, mycotoxins, Salmonella, heavy metals, etc.), pesticides residues, allergens, additives, enzymes and processing aids. NUTRITION and HEALTH- In the global context of diet, physical activity and health, PFP members take a wide range of initiatives leading to innovative and healthier food products. Its expertise lies in nutrition and health claims as well as in addition of nutrients. GMO: PFP members also strive for an effective functioning of the GMO authorisation process as defined by the EU legislation.

Trade and catering		
	Organisation	Description
1.	CELCAA	CELCAA, the European Liaison Committee for Agricultural and Agri-Food Trade, is the umbrella organisation representing at European level associations and companies active in the sector of agricultural and agri-food trading. CELCAA's interests cover risk assessment and risk communication, food safety, plant and animal health, contaminants and residues, GMOs, novel food, food borne zoonoses, animal welfare and environment.
2.	COOP Italia	Coop Italia represents the most important Italian retailer corporation, with fifty thousand employees, and one thousand retailers in Italy involving over seven million of consumers as own members fifty thousand. Coop Italia is actually greatly engaged in the consumer protection, and also in safety and transparency policies in order to guarantee good and safe food.
3.	EFFAT	EFFAT is the European Federation of Trade Unions in the Food, Agriculture and Tourism sectors. EFFAT's activities are mainly related to food safety and food hygiene.
4.	EMRA	EMRA represents the leading quick service restaurant chains, which altogether run more than 15000 restaurants across Europe. The focus of EMRA's activity centres on Nutrition, Health and Food Safety. All EMRA members are Food Service companies. They are active in the whole food chain, managing supply chains that bring meals to customers from farm to fork.
5.	EuroCommerce	EuroCommerce represents the retail, wholesale and international trade sectors in Europe. EuroCommerce interests cover Food labelling, animal welfare, animal cloning, animal by-products, nutrition, food law.
6.	EVA	EVA represents the whole industry of vending, ie the provision of food and drink from automatic machines. The Vending Industry is subject to food law, in particular food hygiene (HACCP), traceability, food labeling, food contact material, and any legislation that covers both the distribution and production of food. Hot drinks machines produce drinks upon request from non prepacked food (mainly powders), and therefore is also a food producer. Other machines sell cold drinks and foodstuffs – snacks as well as meals, at all temperatures (hot, ambient, refrigerated and frozen).
7.	Freshfel Europe	Freshfel Europe, the European Fresh Produce Association, is the forum for the fresh fruit and vegetables supply chain in Europe and beyond. Its members and associated members are associations and companies that have an interest in the European fresh fruit and vegetable sector, including production, trade, logistics and retailing. Freshfel Europe's interests cover active substances and MRLs, contaminants in food, plant health, nutrition and health claims, dietary guidelines, communication and information to consumers, food additives, food contact materials.
8.	UEAMPE	UEAPME is the employers' organisation representing the interests of European crafts, trades and SMEs at EU level. UEAMPE's interests cover food safety, nutrition, food labeling, food hygiene, functional and health claims.

Annex III: Eligible applications (41 out of 57)

1. AESGP – Association of the European Self-Medication Industry
2. AVEC – Association of Poultry Processors and Poultry Trade in the European Countries
3. AMFEP – Association of Manufacturers and Formulators of Enzyme Products
4. BEUC – Bureau Européen des Unions de Consommateurs
5. CEFIC – European Chemical Industry Council
6. CELCAA – European Liaison Committee for Agricultural and Agri-Food Trade
7. CLITRAVI – Liaison Center for the Meat Processing Industry in the EU
8. COPA – COGECA
9. ECPA – European Crop Protection Association
10. EEB – European Environmental Bureau
11. EFAD – European Federation of the Associations of Dietitians
12. EFFAB – European Forum of Farm Animal Breeders
13. EFFAT – European Federation of Food, Agriculture & Tourism Unions
14. EFPRA – European Fat Processors and Renderers Association
15. EHPM – European Federation of Associations of Health Product Manufacturers
16. ELC – Federation of European Speciality Food Ingredients Industries
17. EMRA – European Modern Restaurant Association
18. EMVD – European Manufacturers of Veterinary Diagnostics
19. EPHA – European Public Health Alliance
20. ERNA – European Responsible Nutrition Alliance
21. EUFIC – European Food Information Council
22. EuroCommerce
23. EuroCoop
24. EuropaBIO
25. Euroseeds
26. EVA – European Vending Association
27. EVU – European Vegetarian Union
28. FEFAC – European Feed Manufacturers Federation
29. FEFANA – EU Association of Speciality Feed Ingredients and their Mixtures
30. FVE – Federation of Veterinarians of Europe
31. FoEE – Friends of the Earth
32. Food Drink Europe
33. Freshfel Europe – European Fresh Produce Association
34. Greenpeace
35. IDACE – European Dietetic Food Industry Association
36. IFAH-Europe – International Federation of Animal Health Europe
37. IFOAM EU Group – International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements
38. ILSI Europe – International Life Sciences Institute
39. PAN Europe – Pesticide Action Network Europe
40. PFP – Primary Food Processors in the EU
41. UEAMPE – Union européenne de l'artisanat et des petites moyennes entreprises

Annex IV: Non-eligible applications (16 out of 57)

1. ADICONSUM – Associazione difesa Consumatori e Ambiente promossa dalla CISL
2. AREFLH – Assembly of the Regions of Europe producing Fruit, Vegetables and Decorative Plants
3. AVC – Association of Veterinary Consultants
4. COOP Italia
5. DEMETER – Organic Farming and Food Association
6. ECCA – European Crop Care Association
7. ECN – European Compost Network
8. ECVC – European Coordination Via Campesina
9. EFFA –European Flavour Association
10. EFI – European Food Institutes
11. EGOCREANET – Expansion Global of the Observatories of Creativity Network
12. FEDERCONSUMATORI Regione Emilia Romagna
13. I.D.E.E. – Intervento sui disturbi dell'età evolutiva
14. IPA – International Probiotics Association
15. Lohmann Animal Health
16. NEM – Verband mittelständischer Europäischer Hersteller und Distrib. v. Nahrungsergänzungsmitteln und Gesundheitsprodukten