



1st Sounding Board meeting
23 March 2020

Engagement Framework during the Transparency Regulation implementation

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Trusted science for safe food

- Joint EFSA/DG SANTE engagement framework:
 - Principles of independence, transparency, openness, inclusiveness, non-duplication
 - Approach to oral and written communications from/meetings with stakeholders
 - Dedicated engagement fora, dedicated website, EFSA Stakeholder Newsletter
 - Separation from Stakeholder Engagement Approach (SEA)

■ Sounding Board

❖ Objective:

- ❖ To provide **general information** on Transparency Regulation (TR)
- ❖ **To collect comments**
- ❖ To address questions where possible

❖ Composition:

- ❖ Stakeholders
- ❖ Advisory Forum representatives
- ❖ DG SANTE

■ Circa 3 Sounding Board meetings in 2020

- 1st meeting (web-meeting): 23 March 2020 via Teams
- 2nd and 3rd in Q3 and Q4 2020

■ Operational until 27 March 2021

- Technical Groups (TGs)
- Objective:
 - ❖ To provide **specific information** about TR implementation
 - ❖ To gather input in specific **technical area –consultation and no co-creation**
- 2 TGs established to date:
 - TG IUCLID for pesticides
 - TG Notification of Studies database
 - **Composition:** Member States, ECHA, industry stakeholders
 - 2 meetings to date (1 physical in November 2019, 1 virtual in February 2020)

- TG IUCLID for pesticides: use of IUCLID modules for pesticides dossier handling
 - **Composition:** Member States, ECHA, industry stakeholders
 - **Meetings:**
 - 2 meetings to date (1 physical in November 2019, 1 virtual in February 2020)
 - Good progress and discussions; participants engage and provide valuable feedback to EFSA – EFSA considers comments but ensures no undue influence
 - Regular virtual meetings to allow continuation of discussions
 - 2nd meeting planned for April 2020

- TG Notification of Studies database:
 - **Composition:** Stakeholders (Industry, NGO, Consumer organisation, Practitioners), Member States, DG SANTE, EMA
 - **Meetings**
 - 1st physical meeting on 20-21 February
 - Good discussion and valuable/relevant feedback received on practical aspect of the proposed workflow and practical example when commissioning studies to laboratory/facilities
 - Regular virtual meetings to allow continuation of discussions
 - 2nd meeting planned for September 2020

- EFSA's Management Board meetings
- EFSA's Advisory Forum Meetings
- DG SANTE fora: joint engagement, principle of non-duplication
 - PAFF meetings
 - GFL expert group
 - DG SANTE Advisory Group

Sounding Board: Terms of Reference (ToR)

- Objective:
 - inform stakeholders about TR implementation in general;
 - collect comments;
 - address questions where possible.
- Main actors:
 - EFSA: providing timely information, reporting on SB meetings
 - Stakeholders:
 - Stakeholders: channelling questions from their category to EFSA, engaging in discussions with EFSA, informing category about SB discussion
- Composition, timelines, frequency of meetings

Engagement with Stakeholders and Member States

1°
Sounding
Board 23
March

Advisory
Group
meeting
8 May
TBC

WG DG
SANTÉ
Advisory
Group

2nd
Sounding
Board
meeting
May/June
TBC

3rd
Sounding
Board
meeting
Sept

Information
Session on
TR
implementation
Oct

Nov
2019

Feb

March

April

May

June

Sept

Oct

TG
IUCLID
6-7 Nov

TG NoS
19-20
Feb

TG
IUCLID
26-27
Feb

TG IUCLID
21- 22 April

TG NoS
Sept

TG
IUCLID
Oct