

EMERGING RISKS EXCHANGE NETWORK (EREN)

Minutes of the 24th meeting

Held on 23-24th of November 2020, web meeting

(Agreed on 24 November 2020)

Participants

- **Network Representatives of Member States (including EFTA Countries):**

Austria	Veronika PLICHTA
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Spain	Juan BADIOLA DIEZ
Sweden	Stina WALLIN
Switzerland	Thomas LUETHI

- **MS and International Speakers:**

Laure Bournez (ANSES), Geraldine Carne (ANSES), Ohri Yamada (ANSES), Catherine Bessy (FAO).

- **European Commission and Agencies / International Organisations:**

Luis Vivas Alegre (EC), Zana Dukadzinac (CFIA), Marian Scott (EC SCEER), Xenia Trier (EEA), Vittorio Fattori (FAO), Jeff Lejeune (FAO), Alessandro Fiorelli (FDA), Raul F Garcia Acevedo (WHO).

- **EFSA:**

SCER Unit: Tobin Robinson (chair), Bernard Bottex (co-chair), Caroline Merten (secretariat), Angelo Maggiore, Alexandra Lewandowska, Raquel Garcia Matas, Christina Kyrkou, Maria Chiara Astuto, Georgia Gkrintzali, Elena Zeraschi; ENCO Unit: Cinzia Percivaldi; TS UNIT: Ben Saied.

- **Observers:**

Georg Duscher (AT), Claudia Reckzeh (DE).

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Miroslav Machala (Czech Republic), Helle Korsgaard (Denmark), Pawel Strucinski (Poland), Nina Patru (Romania), Maria Costa (Portugal).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.



3. Presentation and discussion of EFSA and MSs signals

- 3.1 Briefing note on Toys and occupying materials in animal husbandry (ID0426).
- 3.2 Briefing note on Steroidal selective androgen receptor modulators (SARMs) in food supplements (ID0427).
- 3.3 Briefing note on Health concerns of flowers in food and feed by Stakeholder discussion group on emerging risk (ID0418).
- 3.4 Briefing note on the Risk of tick-borne encephalitis due to raw goat milk consumption in France (ID0428.)
- 3.5 Briefing note on the Possibility for Chagas-disease in Europe due to climate change (ID0429).
- 3.6 Discussion and outcome of survey on short issues (from March 2020 EREN spring meeting).

4. Feedback on EFSA and MSs activities

- 4.1 Feedback on CLEFSA event and upcoming project on circular economy.
- 4.2 Drivers on the emergence of COVID 19 in pets.
- 4.3 Upcoming project on new technologies.
- 4.4 Phyto toxico pharmaco vigilance in France.
- 4.5 Follow up discussion on DEMETER.

5. Further information on previous EFSA and MSs signals

- 5.1 New data on ID0369 Possible Contamination of Foods with Residues of Pesticides Used to Control Zika Virus Vectors in South America.
- 5.2 Results of the EFSA grant on risk assessment for influenza D in Europe. (ID 0336).
- 5.3 Update on BN (ID 0330) on emulsifier and microbiome: Microbiome: the missing link?" – FAO's work, with a focus on food safety.
- 5.4 Results on the Risk characterization of ciguatera food poisoning in Europe project (ID 0076) & outcome of the final workshop.
- 5.5 Update on BN seaweed (ID 0351): ANSES Scientific opinion on cadmium in algae used for food.



6. Any other Business & Closure of the meeting

6.1 Colloquium on Micro Plastics: new dates and the abstract submission reopening.

6.2 Update on Interagency WG on food supplements.

6.3 Update on spring EREN meeting and on conference on superfoods in Berlin in 2021.

EREN was informed that due to the current COVID 19 pandemic a physical meeting in Berlin in spring 2021 is highly unlikely. Therefore, the EREN 25th meeting will also be hold as a virtual one on 15-16th April 2021.

The physical meeting scheduled for autumn in Vienna on 20 – 22 October 2021 with a national workshop back to back is still confirmed.