

Advisory Forum Task Force on Data Collection and Data Modelling Minutes of the Virtual Meeting

This meeting, originally scheduled as a physical meeting, was converted into a teleconference to avoid travelling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

**Held on 9-10 July 2020,
Teleconference 10:00-12:00 each day
(Agreed on 21st July 2020)**

Participants

- Representatives of Member States**

| Name | Country |
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| Ákos Jozwiak (Chair) | Hungary |
| Klemens Fuchs | Austria |
| Katie Vermeersch | Belgium |
| Flemming Bager | Denmark |
| Sanaa Moez | France |
| Eva Scharfenberg | Germany |
| Martina Stack | Ireland |
| Alessandra Perrella | Italy |
| Koen Wienk* | Netherlands |
| Danica Grahek-Ogden | Norway |
| Milo Bystrický | Slovak Republic |
| David Foster | Sweden |
| Darja Sokolic | Croatia |
| Susanne Ditmann RASMUSSEN | DG Santé |

- EFSA:**

Transformation Services Unit: Eileen O'Dea* and Fabrizio Abbinante*

* attended Day 2 only

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The meeting was opened at 10:00 by the Chair.

The Chair welcomed the participants and thanked them for their work since the last meeting.

Apologies were received from:

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| Monica Neagu | Romania |
| Mary Gilsean | EFSA Evidence Management |
| Jane Richardson | EFSA Evidence Management |

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

3. Discussion of AF Plenary Feedback

The chair updated the Task Force Members of the feedback received at the Advisory Forum plenary discussion on the draft report. The Advisory Forum Members thanked the Task Force for their work and recommendations and endorsed the report for publication.

4. Discussion of MS Feedback

The chair presented the written comments of Italy, Spain and Denmark AF Members. Positive feedback was also received during the AF meeting on 1st July from the following countries: Germany, Netherlands, Finland, France, Ireland, Portugal, Croatia and Norway. The TF members agreed changes to the report text to reflect the comments received.

Closure of the meeting at 12:00 on Day 1

5. Welcome and apologies for absence

The meeting was re-opened at 10:00 by the Chair.

Attendance and apologies for Day 2 were noted

6. Overview of the recommendations

The chair presented a summary of provisional priorities assigned to the TF Recommendations and asked for the members' comments and suggestions. The Commission was identified as a key partner in advancing the recommendations.

7. Discussion on mechanisms to engage MSs in project ideas and execution.

The chair asked TF members to consider how member states can be engaged and active participants in the projects which will contribute to fulfilling the TF report recommendations. EFSA will be in a position to fund such projects which MS could define and execute as consortia in collaboration with the Commission and EFSA.

8. Discussion on further steps:

EU Commission HPAC and funding EFSA outlined the objectives of the Health Policy Agency Collaboration group (HPAC) which operates under the direction of the Commission DG SANTE with collaboration from DG DIGIT and

DG CNECT. These, in co-operation with ENVI Agencies (EFSA, ECHA, EMA, ECDC and EEA), aim to develop and implement technology solutions which are of mutual benefit and can be shared to ensure best use of public funding, open data and knowledge exchange.

Formal endorsement and publication

EFSA noted the endorsement of the AF TF DCDM draft report by the Advisory Forum on 1st July 2020. Written comments from Italy, Spain and Denmark were addressed in minor revisions of the report text. The final report was approved by the Task Force Members. EFSA will now proceed with copyediting and publication according to standard operating procedure and in line with the Task Force Terms of Reference end date in September 2020.

Communication and dissemination

EFSA confirmed the suggestion by the AF and the EFSA Executive Director that a communications campaign should be resourced to ensure wide dissemination of the published report.

EFSA Data Strategy Roadmap and Implementation Working Group

EFSA outlined the planned review of the EFSA Data Strategy Roadmap which will proceed in September-November 2020. This will take as input the recommendations of this Task Force report. Outcomes of the updated Data Roadmap will feature in the EFSA Strategy 2027 development and practical implementation projects will flow from these discussions. EFSA expressed commitment to funding and resourcing the creation of an implementation group to oversee these projects and their alignment with EFSA and Commission strategies. Discussion of the structure and Terms of Reference of this group will be informed by discussions over the next months.

9. Recognition of the Task Force Contributions and closure of the final meeting.

The chair thanked all the members of the Advisory Forum Task Force on Data Collections and Data Modelling for their work and commitment over the past two years especially Hungary for chairing and guiding the discussions and for regular updates to the Advisory Forum.

Closure of the meeting at 12:00 on Day 2