


Management Board
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Updated Decision of the EFSA Management Board Concerning the Establishment and Operation of Scientific Networks

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- An internal review of EFSA's scientific networks was carried out as part of the End-to-End-Science Project of the ART Programme.
- The internal review identified several areas where further optimisation could be achieved and the new Decision is designed to produce such enhancements by introducing several new key features.

- More specific Terms of Reference to better understand the scope of each individual network and the parameters of the scientific expertise which it is designed to offer.
- Inclusion of specific measurable outcomes and expected deliverables to allow networks to become more outcome oriented.

- Continuous review of networks to ensure they remain fit for purpose.
- Any network without a sufficiently clear scope or which is not fulfilling the overarching objectives relevant to all networks or meeting the individual targets in its terms of reference shall be discontinued.
- Any decision to discontinue a network will be taken by EFSA in consultation with the Advisory Forum.

- Physical meetings reduced and limited to decision making processes rather than to information exchange.
- Sustained online collaborative working encouraged to facilitate a more constant interaction making networks more agile and active.