

85th Meeting of the EFSA's Management Board

Minutes of the Public Session

Parma, 17 December 2020 – 9:30-13:30

Members of the Management Board Present	
Raymond O'Rourke (Chair)	Iñaki Eguileor
Aivars Bērziņš (Vice-Chair)	Georgi Georgiev
Michael Winter (Vice-Chair)	Ulrich Herzog
Geronimo Brănescu	Didier Houssin
Claire Bury	Eleni Ioannou-Kakouri
Herman Diricks	András Székács
Libor Dupal	Annette Toft

Apologies: Giuseppe Ruocco

Staff of the European Food Safety Authority	
Bernhard Url (Executive Director)	Marta Hugas
Gian Luca Bonduri	Juliane Kleiner
Peter De Pauw	Claudia Paoletti (for item no. 6)
Guilhem de Seze	Alberto Spagnolli
Dirk Detken	Selomey Yamadjako
Barbara Gallani	

Also attending:

Simon More, Chair of the EFSA's Scientific Committee



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SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

The Board **adopted:**

- The EFSA programming document 2021-2023.
- The EFSA Budget 2021.
- The EFSA Draft programming document 2022-2024.
- The appointment of two new members of the Scientific Panel for Animal Health and Welfare.
- The updated list of Art. 36 competent organisations designated by Member States.

In addition, the Board **noted:**

- The Performance Report, which provided information on the implementation of the Single Programming Document 2020-2022 reporting on the activities and the outcome achieved until October 2020.
- The update from the Scientific Committee, provided by its Chair Prof. Simon More.
- The update on the work that is being carried out to implement the Transparency Regulation.
- The draft revised decision on the "Establishment and operation of the European Networks of scientific organisations operating in the field within the Authority's mission".
- The feedback from the Chair of the Audit Committee, who reported on the session held on the previous day.



Item 1: Welcome by the Chair

1. The Chair opened the 85th Management Board meeting by welcoming the Board members, Executive Director, Chair of the Scientific Committee, external observers and the EFSA staff members.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda

2. The Board adopted the agenda of the meeting as it was proposed by the Chair. The audio-file on this item is available online at the following [link](#).

Item 3: Board members' Annual and Oral Declarations of Interests

3. Pursuant to Article 13 of the Management Board Rules of Procedure adopted on 27 June 2013, the Board took note of the Executive Director's assessment of the Declarations of Interests submitted by two of its members and confirmed it.
4. The Board confirmed EFSA's assessment of the updated Declaration of Interest of the Executive Director and delegated Selomey Yamadjako (Head of the Business Services Department) to process it in the electronic tool on their behalf.
5. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).
6. **Action:** Selomey Yamadjako to process the Declaration of Interest of the Executive Director in the electronic tool on behalf of the Management Board.

Item 4: EFSA Performance Report

7. Bernhard Url (Executive Director) introduced to the Board the performance report covering the period from the 1st of January to the 30th of October 2020. The document included information on all aspects of the EFSA performance measured during the reporting period against the annual and multiannual work programmes as presented in the Single Programming Document 2020-2022. Selomey Yamadjako (Business Services Department) brought to the Board's attention data on the management and consumption of resources. The Management Board congratulated EFSA's scientific experts and staff for the quantity and quality of the work carried out and commended EFSA's resilience and commitment in this period of COVID-19 pandemic. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).

Item 5: Update from the Scientific Committee

8. The Board noted the update from the Scientific Committee, provided by its Chair, Prof. Simon More, who presented the Scientific Committee's activities performed since the last update to the Board. In particular, he highlighted the work of the Scientific Committee in the areas of non-monotonic dose response, nanotechnologies and bee health. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at this [link](#).

Item 6: Implementation of the revised EU General Food Law

9. The Board noted the update on the work that is being carried out to implement the Regulation (EU) 2019/1381 of the European Parliament and of the Council (Transparency Regulation). Activities are advancing at the planned pace and these are expected to be finalised by the date of application of the Regulation (i.e. 27 March 2021). In view of their immanent adoption by the Executive Director, particular attention was given to the three remaining Practical



Arrangements. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at this [link](#).

Item 7: Programming documents 2021-2023 and 2022-2024

10. Following the introduction provided by the Executive Director and Selomey Yamadjako, the Management Board adopted the EFSA Programming Document 2021-2023, the Budget 2021 and the Draft Programming Document 2022-2024. The Board acknowledged the challenges that EFSA is called to address in the coming future, in particular with regards to the implementation of the Transparency Regulation and the constraints dictated by the pandemic of COVID-19. In January 2021, the programming documents will be notified to the competent EU institutions and made available online. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at this [link](#).
11. **Action:** EFSA to notify the programming documents 2021-2024 and its budget 2021 to the relevant EU institutions and make those documents available online.

Item 8: Appointment of new experts in the Scientific Panel for Animal Health and Welfare

12. The Management Board adopted the decision on the appointment of two new members of the Scientific Panel for Animal Health and Welfare (AHAW), whose term of office will start in Jan. 2021. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at this [link](#).

Item 9: Establishment and operation of the EFSA Networks

13. The Management Board noted the draft revised decision on the "Establishment and operation of the European Networks of scientific organisations operating in the field within the Authority's mission". The document will be further revised to address the Management Board comments and submitted for possible adoption at the following meeting. A [PowerPoint presentation](#) is available online for a detailed description. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at this [link](#).

Item 10: Amendments to the Art.36 list

14. The Board adopted the renewed list of Art. 36 competent organisations designated by the Member States, which now includes 2 new organisations designated by The Netherlands (1) and Norway (1). The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at the following [link](#).

Item 11: Feedback from the Audit Committee

15. The Chair of the Audit Committee updated the Management Board on the outcome of the meeting held on 16 December 2020, when the Audit Committee noted EFSA's action plan addressing the audit Report of the Internal Audit Service of the European Commission (IAS) on the assessment and adoption of scientific outputs in the food ingredients and packaging (FIP), the feedback on the ISO 9001 surveillance audit performed in autumn 2020, and the state of play regarding the implementation of accepted audit recommendations. With regard to the IAS audit, in particular the Audit Committee focussed attention on the backlog in the FIP domain and agreed that effective actions are needed to address it. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion of this agenda item is available online at this [link](#).



Item 12: Any other business

16. The Chair informed the audience that the Board had also addressed an item (for information from EFSA to the Board) via written procedure: "Update on the implementation of the EFSA Social Science Roadmap". The documents supporting that exchange of information were published on EFSA's website (on the page dedicated to the MB meeting) and are available to anyone interested. The audio-file on the presentation and discussion around the items above is available online at this [link](#).

Summary of actions

Action reference	Action	Deadline	Status
Dec. 17, 2020 - 1	Selomey Yamadjako to process the Declaration of Interest of the Executive Director in the electronic tool on behalf of the Management Board.	Dec. 2020	DONE
Dec. 17, 2020 - 2	EFSA to notify the programming documents 2021-2024 and its budget 2021 to the relevant EU institutions and make those documents available online.	Jan. 2021	OPEN