



Proactive publication of survey and monitoring data

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Progress in access to data

2001	Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 Public access to documents
2003	Directive 2003/98/EC Public Sector Information
2011	Decision 2011/833/EU European Open Data Portals
2013	G8 Open Data Charter
2015	EFSA Data Warehouse access rules
2016	General Data Protection Regulation
2017	European Interoperability Framework

DATA DOI: Working Group

TOR1: Review of current European activities in the area of publishing food and feed safety datasets

TOR2: Define the process for proactively making publically available the data from the EFSA scientific data warehouse or released by national food and feed safety organisations.

First WG meeting – 5-6 Sept 2017

EFSA Strategic Objective 2: Widen EFSA evidence base and maximise access to its data



Open by default

- Godan* states that “moving to a model where data is open as default requires change in legal, social and technological norms” and recommends institutional cooperation to build consensus on sharing and publishing data.

Report proposes: Proactive publication of scientific data as part of the scientific output publication process

EFSA provides a **supported publication** service or competent authorities may **self-publish** according to their open data policies

*Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition (GODAN), 2016. Ownership of Open Data: Governance Options for Agriculture and Nutrition doi:10.1079/CABICOMM-79-13
<https://www.godan.info/documents/ownership-open-data-governance-options-agriculture-and-nutrition-0>

Timely and Comprehensive

- Respect legal requirements to protect personal and confidential business information*
 - Spatial descriptors below the level of country (e.g. area of origin of the product).
 - Identifiers from registers which may be linked individuals or premises (e.g. the national identifier for an agricultural holding or a national laboratory code);
 - Free text fields (e.g. detailed descriptions of sampled products);
 - Personal data (e.g. date of birth or ethnicity) as defined in Regulation (EC) No 45/2001;

* Based on agreements reached by EFSA legal team whilst responding to public access to document requests

Improved Governance



Citation of datasets gives scholarly credit and legal attribution to parties which have contributed to the creation of a dataset.

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Geographical breakdown

Country	Count	As %
Italy	3	75%
United Kingdom	1	25%

Demographic breakdown

Type	Count	As %
Members of the public	3	75%
Scientists	1	25%

	All versions	This version
Views ?	911	149
Downloads ?	427	46
Data volume ?	1.5 GB	109.6 MB
Unique views ?	832	131
Unique downloads ?	222	29

Recommendations

- Proceed with the scheduling of the publication of data from the SDWH;
- New data collections submitted to EFSA and stored in the SDWH should follow the proactive process;
- The report describes the minimum open data requirements, but competent authorities should develop further these approaches to improve data access;
- Promotion of regional, national and European open data portals and a coordinated approach to open data activities
- Approach to proactive publication of scientific data should be reviewed as open food safety data reaches maturity.

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Consultation

- SANTE D1 recommended presentations to contaminants (22 June 2018) and food hygiene EC working groups (30 Nov 2018)
- Report and survey sent to data collection networks and Advisory forum 24 April – survey closed end of Sept 2018
- Responses received from 22 countries
- Only two organisations expressed reservations
 - **Germany** indicated concern about food consumption survey and informed consent
 - **Belgium** indicated concern about laboratory performance information for unauthorised substances – discussed a the veterinary medicinal product residues network
 - **Slovenia** – did not endorse

Next Steps



