



An Update on the Development of
EFSA Science Strategy 2012-2016

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Timeline

- 2008/09 Strategy Plan 2009-2013
- Nov'10 Report Tony Hardy: "What is EFSA today and where should it go"
- Dec'10 Draft key objectives & initiatives
- Jan'11 Internal Science Strategy Workshop
- Apr-Jun'11 Consultation of EFSA Staff, SC and AF
- Jun'11 Discussion in MB (*cf.* reflections paper on EFSA portal)
- July-Aug'11 Drafting the Science Strategy
- Sep/Oct'11 Consultation of EFSA staff, SC, AF and MB
- 20 Oct'11 Discussion in MB
- 4 Nov'11 Launch of Public Consultation (*deadline 21 Nov '11*)
- 15 Dec '11 Discussion and possible adoption by MB*

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EFSA provides the best scientific advice that enables timely decision-making to protect consumers from food-related risks and support healthy dietary choices

Where is EFSA today?

- Creation of scientific structure: **Scientific Committee and Scientific Panels**
- Development of **internal scientific support** structures
- Development of **guidance on methodologies for risk assessment and risk monitoring, procedures**
- Establishment of **cooperation activities throughout Europe** and with organisations in **third countries** and **international organisations**
- Dialogue with its stakeholders and consults** on key scientific opinions
- Publication of over **2,500 scientific outputs**

❑ Evolving European food policy context – EFSA 's Strategic Plan

- E.U. 2020 Agenda: sustainable innovation
- External challenges: international trade in food

❑ Nature and volume of scientific work

- Regulated products with many sectorial regulations
- Public health and emerging issues
- Nature and complexity of advice: novel technologies, marked broadening of the scientific discourse (environmental impact, occupational health, post-market monitoring, etc...)

❑ Resources

- Budget to remain around existing levels
- Fees for evaluation of regulated products??

- 1. Further develop EFSA 's scientific excellence and its other core values.**
- 2. Optimise the use of risk assessment capacity across the EU.**
- 3. Develop and harmonise methodologies and approaches to assess risks associated with the food chain.**
- 4. Strengthen the evidence basis for risk assessment and risk monitoring.**

Scientific excellence:

- integrated advice
- priorities

Other core values:

- independence
- responsiveness
- transparency
- openness

2. Risk assessment capacity

- SP/SC scientific experts and internal expertise**

- Scientific Committee (p. 10 and p. 11)**

- Other scientific organisations**
 - National organisations
 - Broadened to EU and international organisations

3. Methodologies and approaches

Harmonisation

- Within EFSA, with Member States, other EU agencies, international
- Implementation/training
- Regulatory processes

New methodologies

- Planning on review/development
- Participation in new initiatives
- Research needs
- Support implementation by risk managers

Approaches on regulated substances (application desk)

Data collection

- Strengthen data collection for exposure
- Identify new areas: Hazard characterisation
- Trade

Scientific literature

- Published
- IEP - international

Research

Safe foods

- Consumers
- Food operators

Resource

- (Re-)allocation: people and IT

Implementation

- Prioritisation
- (Multi-)annual planning and regular review