



# EFSA MANAGEMENT PLAN 2008

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*To be globally recognised as the **European reference** body for risk assessment in the fields of food and feed safety, animal health and welfare, nutrition, plant protection and plant health*

## Committed to upholding highest standards in:

- Scientific excellence
- Openness
- Transparency
- Independence
- Responsiveness
- Integrity

*The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) is the keystone of European Union (EU) risk assessment regarding food and feed safety. In close collaboration with national authorities and in open consultation with its stakeholders, EFSA provides independent scientific advice and clear communication on existing and emerging risks.*

## Four main activities:

- Providing scientific opinions and advice to the EU Institutions and the Member states
- Enhance risk assessment methodologies in Europe
- Communicate scientific advice and dialogue with interested parties
- Manage and provide administrative support

## General Objectives:

*To provide the Commission, the European Parliament and the governments of Member States with timely delivered opinions and advice of the highest achievable scientific quality*

## Priority areas of work:

- Safety assessment of regulated substances in the context of authorizations;
- Providing opinions to generic questions from the Commission, the EP and Member States;
- Monitoring and assessing specific biological risk factors for human health, animal diseases and plant pests.

## Major activities include:

- Finalising the opinion on cloning;
- Finalise a number of guidance documents for risk assessors and applicants;
- Arrange for a series of consultation meetings with stakeholders, MS' experts and academics;
- Recommend population reference intakes for macro- and micro nutrients;
- Produce the annual zoonosis report.

## General Objectives:

- Ensure that EFSA's scientific approaches and methodologies are based on the newest available and internationally validated developments
- Develop and promote new and harmonised approaches and methodologies for risk assessment

## Priority areas of work:

- Invest in models and methods for quantitative risk assessment;
- Expand data collection activities;
- Organise scientific colloquiums on a series of challenging subject areas;
- Coordinate scientific cooperation projects with the SC/Panels and MS experts/institutions.

## Major activities include:

- Collecting further data on: experts from MS; EU food consumption; (micro)biological and chemical occurrence in food/feed;
- Harmonising schemes for zoonosis;
- Updating guidance for scientific approaches for risk assessment, in particular in areas such as environmental assessment;
- Guidance on the assessment of nanoparticles, herbal preparations, cloning.

# Communicate scientific advice and dialogue with interested parties

## Communication

### Build:

- **Visibility** - for EFSA's Corporate mission and scientific expertise.
- **Simplicity** - clarity and relevance of EFSA risk communications
- **Co-operation & Coherence** - of information on food & feed safety across the Community

## Communication

### Highlights:

- Co-operation with Member States (on-line activities; events; extranet...)
- Simple, accessible language
- Showcase scientific work; science publications strategy
- Expand/tailor media relations activities; preferred port of call for European perspective on risk assessment issues
- Multi-media activities

## Communication

### **Understand target audiences:**

- Needs, motivations (media, science...)
- Relevance and out-takes from communications

### **Evaluate impact and effectiveness of communications activities:**

- Media monitoring/analysis; web statistics and trends; consumer perception...
- Outputs, out-takes, outcomes...

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## European Institutions

- Increase dialogue with risk managers in the European Parliament, Commission and Council
- Provision of scientifically robust information and advise to support the European system for food and feed law
- Provision of scientific advise in time for risk managers to prepare risk mitigation measures
- Greater access to information and data collected by risk managers
- Dialogue with risk managers to ensure work loads and deadlines are appropriate for EFSA and for the risk managers
- Dialogue with other European Agencies operating close to EFSA's remit : EMEA, ECDC, EEA

## Programmes funded by the European Commission:

- Pre-accession Programme for Croatia and Turkey and other programmes in the wider Europe

## International and non-EU organisations

- EFSA will collaborate and exchange information with OIE, WHO, FAO, CODEX, FSANZ, USDA, FDA, EPA, Japanese Food Safety Commission, Canada Health,
- Formalise agreements for these exchanges
- Possible exchanges of personnel
- Implement International Strategy adopted in 2007

## **EFSA will continue to communicate and dialogue with Stakeholders through:**

- The Stakeholder Consultative Platform with working groups
- Stakeholder Colloquia
- Respond to the findings of the independent review of EFSA's Stakeholder policy carried out in 2007
- Stakeholder strategy (to be developed in 2007)

## Highlights:

- To provide efficient support to the other Directorates,
- To create an efficient and interesting working environment,
- To develop sound financial management and control environment

## Specific objectives:

- Implement the Internal Control System
- Enhance the quality of HR management
- Set up the Sound financial management principles
- Provide systems boosting productivity
- Improve reporting tools
- Finalising the project of the Final Seat