



## ***EFSA: main recent achievements and priorities for 2010-2011.***

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# Overview of the recent activities: Risk assessment

## **ANS**

- **4 opinions** on food additives
- 1 EFSA statement on lycopene as food colour

## **AHAW**

- **4 opinions:**
  - bovine Besnoitiosis
  - guidance on modelling in animal health assessment
  - African swine fever
- 3 Art. 36 reports:
  - animal welfare risk assessment guidance on transport
  - epidemiology of agents causing diseases in aquatic animals
  - call for data for health and welfare aspects of broilers

## **BIOHAZ**

- **4 opinions:**
  - risk of *campylobacteriosis* from boiler meat in EU
  - TSE transmission via semen and embryo transfer
  - analytical sensitivity of approved TSE rapid tests
  - link between *Salmonella* criteria at different stages of the poultry production chain

## CEF

- **6 opinions:**
  - 2 flavourings
  - 4 food contact materials
- **BPA :** - New mandate received from EC
  - meeting with MSs on the 26/03
  - teleconference with FDA – Health Canada - WHO

## GMO

- **3 opinions:**
  - renewal application on GM plants
  - co-adoption with Feedap on GM microorganisms
- Public Consultation on Environmental Risk Assessment

## **NDA**

- 1 food based dietary guidelines
- 3 Scientific Opinions on Dietary Reference Values
- 1 scientific opinion on principles for deriving and applying DRVs

# Health claims application evaluation status (24 March 2010)

Claim type	Received	Withdrawn	Adopted	In progress
<b>Children (Art. 14)</b>	217	32	48 opinions covering 55 applications	1*
<b>Disease risk reduction (Art. 14)</b>	48	5	15	6**
<b>New science/ proprietary (Art. 13.5)</b>	34	6	15	12***
<b>Total - applications</b>	299	43	78 covering 85 applications	19

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## PLH

- **1 guidance:** - harmonised framework for risk assessment of organisms harmful to plants
- **2 statements:** - treatment to eliminate *Bemisia tabaci*  
- study proposal on EU import requirements for wood packaging materials

## PPR

- **2 opinions:** - exposure of organisms to substances in soil  
- guidance for pesticide exposure assessment (+report on public consultation)
- EFSA report on emission from protected crop systems

## FEEDAP

- **7 opinions:** - 6 authorisations of feed additives  
- 1 administrative guidance on preparation of dossiers for authorisation of additives

# Scientific Cooperation and Assistance

## **SCO**

- All Focal Points agreements signed
- Expert database: 2400 experts, 60 countries
- Monthly reports of the Information Exchange Platform: 500 risk assessments
- 4 reports: "Expert Database", "EFSA's grant and science procurements schemes", "training activities in food safety risk assessment", "sharing information on planned activities in risk assessment"

## **DATEX**

- Final report submitted to EC on annual collation, analysis and reporting of veterinary medicine residues
- Development of guideline with MSs to further harmonise food consumption data collection

# Scientific Cooperation and Assistance

## AMU

- Joint EFSA/AESAN workshop in Seville on science supporting Risk Surveillance of imports  
10 February 2010
- Workshop on systematic review methodology to food and feed safety assessment, 60 panel experts and staff members  
23-25 February 2010



## PRAPeR

- 7 pesticides peer review **conclusion reports**
- **14 reasoned opinions** on 16 MRLs applications



## **EmRisk**

- Technical report on routine analysis of data from the Rapid Alert System in Food and Feed (RASFF) published;
- Call for applications for the Stakeholders Consultative Group on Emerging Risks.

## **Zoonoses**

- Community Summary Report on Trends and Sources of Zoonoses and Food-borne Outbreaks in EU in 2008 published in January in collaboration with ECDC and the Commission
- 4 scientific reports on harmonised monitoring and reporting schemes for zoonotic parasites in animals

## Scientific Committee

- 4 new self-tasks: - development of guidance on statistical approaches to assess adverse or biologically relevant effects
  - harmonisation of risk assessment terminology
  - default assumptions used by the EFSA Panels/SC
  - bi-annual review of the compendium on botanicals
- draft opinion on human health risk-benefit assessment of food published on EFSA's website for public consultation (deadline to submit comments: 15<sup>th</sup> April)

## Advisory Forum

- AF meeting in Seville:
  - signature of "Seville declaration" in support of the Pan European food consumption survey (EU Menu)
  - discussion focused on: ToR Nanotechnology network; crisis simulation exercise; Bisphenol A; endocrine disruptors; need for cooperation in the area of BIOHAZ and pesticides and the role of the IEP



# Headlines in communications

  
**THE INDEPENDENT**

**FURY AS EU APPROVES  
GM POTATO**

**Le Monde**

**Bruxelles  
impose le  
débat aux  
Européens**

**DIE  WELT**

**EU-Kommission genehmigt Gen-Kartoffel  
Amflora. Chemiekonzern BASF erhält  
nach 13 Jahren grünes Licht**

**SPITZGL**

**GENKARTOFFEL  
AMFLORA DARF IN  
EUROPA ANGEBAUT  
WERDEN**

**leParisien**

**Soupçons sur l'indépendance  
des experts OGM de Bruxelles**

**EL PAÍS**

**Europa  
autoriza por  
primera vez en  
12 años un  
cultivo  
nico**

**Il Sole 24 ORE**

**Zaia ferma al confine gli  
Ogm**

**WALL STREET JOURNAL**

**EU Nations Get More Leeway on Modified  
Crops**

# Institutional relations

- **Coordination of EU Agencies, Brussels on 17 February : Meeting in with heads of EU Agencies and the EC President, José Manuel Barroso**
- **The Sherpa group of the high level Group on the Competitiveness of the European Agro Food Sector visits EFSA on 25-26 February**
- **Visit of the Italian Minister for Health Mr Fazio to EFSA**
- **Lithuania honours EFSA and acknowledges EFSA's contribution to strengthening food safety**
- **Visit of ECDC delegation** (Acting Director Karl Ekdahl and Chief Scientist Johan Giesecke)



## Visit of Commissioner Dalli to EFSA : presentations, discussions, address to All Staff



**Visit of President Barroso to EFSA on the 12<sup>th</sup> April:** meeting with the Executive Director, address to All Staff





## WHO Inter-ministerial Conference 10-12 March, Parma

- **Key note speech of the ED at the WHO Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health - Investing in Environment and Health: Working with partners and stakeholders**
- **Side Event at the WHO Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health - EFSA session (CGL + DB )**
- **Visit of Canada delegation** (Ministry Representatives, Director of Research, industry representatives )

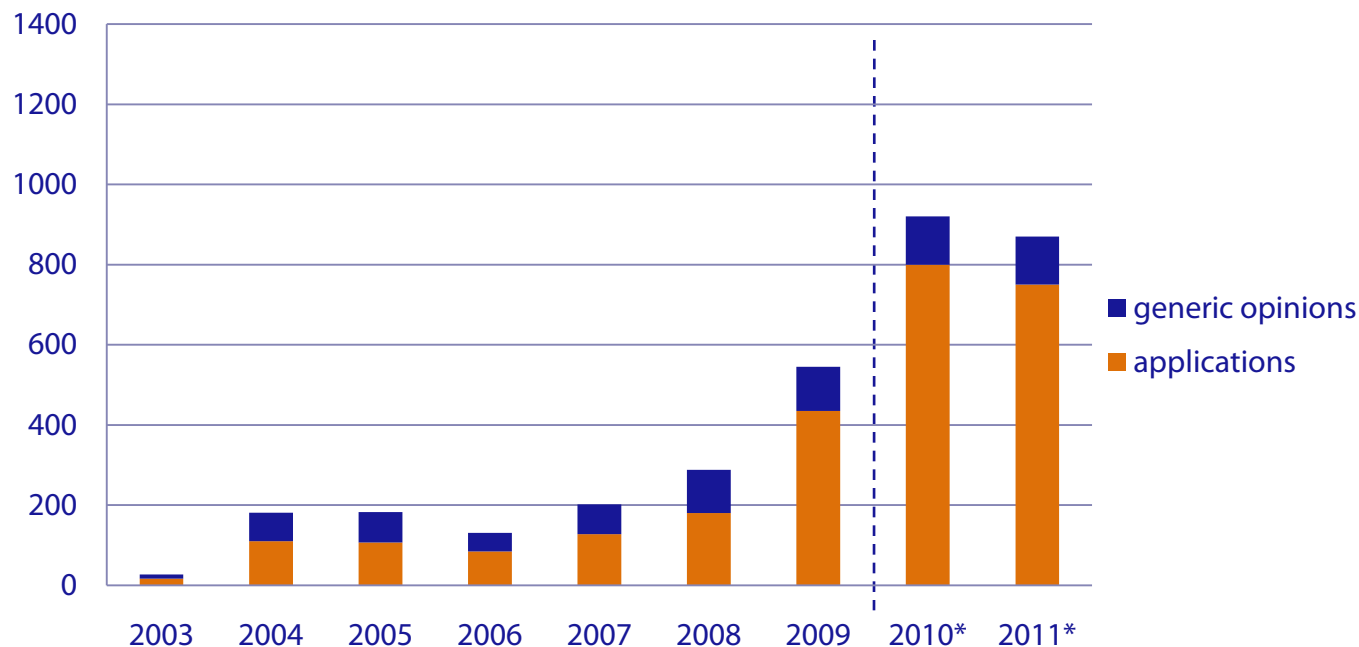


- Memorandum of cooperation with the Food Safety Japan (Dec 2009)
- Exchange of letters with Food Standards Australia New Zealand (January 2010)
- Exchange of letters with New Zealand Food Safety Authority (February 2010)
- Exchange of letters with Health Canada (February 2010)
- Regular updates: videoconferences on specific topics



# 2010-2011 Challenges: high number of applications

## Scientific Outputs



Number of Scientific opinions per staff:

- 0.6 in 2006

- 1.6 in 2009

x2.6

## **1 Assessing health and environmental impact of new products technologies**

e.g. novel foods, additives

## **2 Developing new risk assessment methodologies**

e.g. nanotechnology, active and intelligent packaging

e.g. omics, reduction of animal testing

## **3 Assess efficacy /benefit**

e.g. pesticides (2011), Claims

**Sustainable innovation = health and environmentally friendly, bringing benefit backed by science**

⇒ EU 2020

## 1. Boost risk assessment capacity :

- Engage with National Agencies in routine work (financial support) to support Panels
- Harmonise Risk Assessment methodologies
- Consolidate International activities
- Strengthen efficiency in processing applications:  
*"By 2013 EFSA timely delivers high quality opinions on applications"*

2. Promote the use of the “integrated approach” for scientific advice (Science strategy 2010-2013)
3. Strengthen the effectiveness of EFSA’s Communication (Communication strategy 2010-2013)

# Key factors in delivering EFSA work programme

- **Cooperation** with MS: Art 36 + procurement, Advisory Forum, Focal Points
- **EFSA staff** circa 450
- **Networks:** 1500 experts, 30 national agencies, 350 institutions
- **Dialogue** with risk managers, DG SANCO bilaterals, Roadmap, Parliament, Presidencies
- **Efficiency gains:** risk assessment workflow, review of authorisation processes etc.
- **Stakeholders:** meetings of the Platform, public consultations, technical meetings.