



THE STAKEHOLDERS WORKING GROUP ON THE ENGAGEMENT OF STAKEHOLDERS IN EFSA ACTIVITIES

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The interaction with the Platform

- EFSA has increased and made good progress in its relationship with its stakeholders since its inception.
- Throughout the years the interaction focused in providing a more systematic approach of the involvement of the stakeholders in EFSA's work.
- At its Plenary meeting in December 2009 the Platform exchanged views on the *way forward* that could reinforce the interaction between the stakeholders organisations and EFSA.

The setting up of the WG

In order to implement the discussions held at the December meeting and collect all suggestions concerning the possibility to strengthen the interaction with the stakeholders, EFSA is willing to invite the Stakeholders Platform Members to set up a Working Group of the Stakeholders Platform with the purpose of providing advice on the involvement and on the engagement of the stakeholders' organisations on EFSA's activities.

Purpose of the WG

- To explore how to further strengthen the involvement of stakeholders organisations and consumers in EFSA's activities.
- To reconsider and eventually review the existing tools/procedures for the involvement of the stakeholders under the light of a two-way dialogue;
- To draft a Reflection Paper proposing all suggestions provided by the WG to the Platform Plenary meeting in November.

- Those organisations willing to take part to the WG are invited to express their interest.
- According to the majority of the views expressed at the Stakeholders Platform Plenary meeting in December 2009, the chairing of the WG should be done by EFSA.

- 14th April: setting up of the WG
- June 2010: braistorming with all Platform Members
- September: draft document of the WG submitted to the Platform
- November: endorsement of the final document at the Plenary meeting of the Platform.