



EFSA Brussels Liaison Office – 2-year evaluation

Management Board meeting
10 October 2018

Brussels Liaison Office

- Part of Engagement and Cooperation Unit;
- Responsible for relations with European Parliament, European Council, European Commission, stakeholders;
- Supports clarity and accessibility of EFSA communications, dialogue with partners, and interactions with interested parties;
- Viewed as welcome and positive development.

Achievements:

- Organisation of European Parliament Bee Week scientific symposiums – 2017 and 2018 – leading to European Parliament mandate on bee health from the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee (ENVI);
- Promotion of hearings and background briefings – Food Contact Materials, systematic review, uncertainty;
- European Council Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) meetings – EFSA now regular item on agenda – African Swine Fever, avian flu, lumpy skin disease.

Added value:

- Support to EFSA staff – European Parliament lunchtime debates, conferences, workshops, hearings;
- Intelligence gathering hub.

Future:

- Office relocation to Network of Agencies' Support Services Office premises – 'House of Agencies' – benefiting from shared services, saving rental costs.