



NOTE TO THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Amendment of EFSA budget 2019

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Article 34 of EFSA Financial Regulation foresees that EFSA submits for approval to its Management Board any amendment to the budget. This amended budget is subsequently published in the EU Official Journal.

Subject of this amendment

Release of differentiated payment appropriations and corresponding revenues in excess.

Detailed information

EFSA budget request for the year 2019 was reduced during the 2019 EU Budget procedure. This reduction did not take into account the difference between commitment and payment appropriations as originally requested by EFSA. Whereas the requested payment appropriations were € 0.45 million lower than commitment appropriations. The same amount of commitment and payment appropriations was approved by the budgetary authority, hence an excess of € 0.45 million over EFSA needs.

In addition, in the recent years the scientific cooperation budget (using differentiated credits) has requested additional budget which was made possible via transfers from non-differentiated credits. In 2018, the increase of scientific cooperation budget was close to € 1.2 million enabling anticipation of calls from 2019. However, the increase in commitments can be paid only partially within the same year thus jeopardising the capacity to fully execute 100% of payment appropriations as only part can be absorbed via pre-financing. The anticipation of payments from 2019 to 2018 decreased the need for payment appropriations in 2019. For this reason, EFSA can release an additional amount of € 0.25 million.

In total, it is proposed to return to the European Commission € 0.7 million in payment appropriations.