

NOTE TO THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

ART Programme Closure

The ART Programme will close on the 1st of July 2022 after having ensured compliance with the Transparency Regulation new requirements. The presentation provides an overview of the journey of the Programme, from the publication of the Transparency Regulation to the achievements accomplished at the end of its mandate and the few activities that will continue in the coming months.

The ART Programme was set up to prepare EFSA for the requirements of the Transparency Regulation and drive the various changes related to processes, organisation, technology.

Operational since 2019, the Programme lifecycle was divided into three phases:

- Design Phase (2019) featuring five projects focusing on the design of the processes necessary to fulfil TR requirements;
- Implementation Phase (2020-21) with four projects focusing on the implementation of processes designed during phase 1 to deliver the minimum viable product to comply with TR by entry into force (March 2021);
- Enhancement Phase (2022) during which through six projects the Programme completed and enhanced the work done in the previous phases and finalised EFSA's new structure and governance.

Due to the complexity of its nature, ART encountered different challenges throughout its journey, in first place the time constraint of implementing the TR requirements by 27 March 2021 during Covid times. The Programme successfully faced these difficulties thanks to the collaboration of all its involved parties and delivered:

- A new leaner and more sustainable EFSA organisational structure, governance, and process architecture;
- New processes in support of Risk Assessment;
- A more user centric system for data access and applications;
- An enhanced engagement plan to monitor and address stakeholder needs.

Activities related to IT tools improvement, new Management Board onboarding and Panel Renewal Process will continue beyond the closure of the Programme until their completion.