

NOTE TO THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Background

In June 2022 EFSA organised the ONE – Health, Environment & Society, together with its partner agencies that provide scientific advice on environmental, public health and food safety issues: the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), the European Environment Agency (EEA), the European Medicines Agency (EMA), as well as the Joint Research Centre (JRC).

The conference recommendations, that have been [published](#), ask EFSA to strengthen the operationalisation of the One Health approach across its activities, to enable health assessments that recognise the inextricable link between the health of humans, animals, plants and their shared environment, and so to support the transition to safe, nutritious and sustainable food systems.

Another concrete outcome of the conference is that EFSA and its partner agencies have established a cross-agency One Health task force to work together and move transdisciplinary research and scientific advice on One Health issues forward.

The EFSA 2027 Strategy also supports the implementation of One Health across EFSA activities, in particular on those related to Strategic Objective (SO) 1: Deliver trustworthy scientific advice and communication of risks from farm to fork, and SO2: Ensure preparedness for future risk analysis needs.

Approach

Since the ONE conference, the Chief Scientist Office has coordinated EFSA's internal task force and chaired the cross-agency task force on One Health, and lead a set of activities with different European and international partners in the remit of One Health. The Board will be informed about progress made and invited to support this One Health journey, discuss the ways forward, and asked for advice/suggestions on possible next steps.