

## EFSA Pre-Accession Programme 2008

### for the seminar on GMO risk assessment

Ohrid 25/26 September 2008

**Aims of the meeting:** Provide an overview of how GMO risk assessment is carried out in EFSA and in the EU and inform about the close collaboration between EFSA and the EU Member States, including reports from 2 MS on their experiences

**Invited:** Experts from the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia involved in GMO work, regulators closely involved in the authorisation procedures.

Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2008: Focus on EFSA's scientific work	
11.00 – 11.20	Welcome by <i>Mr. Mihajlo Tripunov</i> , State Advisor in the Ministry of Health, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
11.20 – 11.40	Introduction to the seminar <i>Finn Sheye</i> , Policy Officer EFSA Legal and Policy Affairs Unit
11.40 – 12.20	Introduction to EFSA and to the GMO panel <i>Reinhilde Schoonjans</i> , Scientific Officer, EFSA GMO Unit
12.20 – 13.45	Lunch
13.45 – 14.15	EFSA's role in EU GMO risk assessment – legal framework and overall procedures (Regulation 1829/2003) <i>Claudia Paoletti</i> , Scientific Officer, EFSA GMO Unit
14.15– 14.45	Introduction of the GM plant guidance document <i>Reinhilde Schoonjans</i> , Scientific Officer, EFSA GMO Unit
14.45 – 15.00	Coffee Break
15.00 – 15.30	GMO Risk assessment part 1 and 2: Molecular Characterisation and Food and Feed risk assessment <i>Claudia Paoletti</i> , Scientific Officer, EFSA GMO Unit
15.30 – 15.50	GMO Risk assessment part 3: Environmental risk assessment <i>Claudia Paoletti</i> , Scientific Officer, EFSA GMO Unit
15.50 – 16.05	Legal framework, organization and work on GMO in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia <i>Lence Jovanovska</i> , Head of Food Standards Department, Food Directorate, Ministry of Health
16.05 – 16.20	Law on GMO OJ 35/08, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia <i>Marija Calovska</i> , Advisor on GMO, Division of Biological diversity, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning
16.20 – 16.50	Exchange of scientific information via EFSAnet and EFSA's public consultation <i>Sonia Hernandez Valero</i> , Scientific Assistant, EFSA GMO Unit
16.50 – 17.15	Communication channels of EFSA <i>Reinhilde Schoonjans</i> , Scientific Officer, EFSA GMO Unit
17.15 – 18.00	Questions and comments
19.30 – 20.30	Bus to restaurant and sightseeing tour
20.00	Dinner

<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2008:</b> <b>Focus on MS experiences on risk assessment and exchange of information</b> <b>between EFSA and MS</b>	
<b>09.00 – 09.50</b>	Experience and view on GMO risk assessment <i>Marco Gielkens GMO Office, National Institute for Public Health and Environment-RIVM, the Netherlands</i>
<b>09.50 – 10.40</b>	Experiences and views on GMO risk assessment <i>Andreas Heissenberger, Deputy Unit Head of the Department “Landuse and Genetically Modified Organisms” at the Federal Environment Agency, Austria</i>
<b>10.40 – 11.40</b>	Roundtable discussion on GMO risk assessment and the expectations for the future
<b>11.40 – 12.00</b>	Closing of the meeting <i>Finn Sheye, Policy Officer EFSA Legal and Policy Affairs Unit</i>
<b>12.00 – 13.30</b>	Lunch