
Biological hazards and Contaminants Unit (BIOCONTAM UNIT)

Scientific Panel on BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 15th meeting of the Working Group on development of a risk ranking toolbox for EFSA BIOHAZ Panel

Held by VIDEO/WEB/TELE-conference, 24 November 2014

(Agreed on 24 November 2014)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Members:²**
 - Kostas Koutsoumanis (Chair),
 - Arie Havelaar,
 - Roland Lindqvist,
 - Moez Sanaa
- **Hearing Experts³:**
 - Not Applicable
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - Not Applicable
- **EFSA:**
 - BIOCONTAM Unit: Winy Messens, Pablo Romero Barrios and Pietro Stella
- **Others:**
 - Danica Grahek-Ogden (Observer, visiting scientist)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Pablo Fernandez and Alessandro Cassini.

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³ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁵, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 14th Working Group meeting held on 18th November 2014, by WEB-conference.

The minutes of the of the 14th Working Group meeting held on 18th November 2014 were agreed.⁶

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Development of a risk ranking toolbox for EFSA BIOHAZ Panel ([EFSA-Q-2013-00014](#))

The conclusions and recommendations were reviewed, and the whole text checked for completeness. Tasks were identified and distributed among the WG Experts and EFSA's secretariat.

6. Any Other Business

Not applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

This was the last meeting of the working group.

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/biohazwgs/docs/RiskRankingToolbox.pdf>

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Scientific Panel on BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 14th meeting of the Working Group on development of a risk ranking toolbox for EFSA BIOHAZ Panel

Held by VIDEO/WEB/TELE-conference, 18 November 2014

(Agreed on 18 November 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**²
 - Pablo Fernandez,
 - Kostas Koutsoumanis (Chair),
 - Arie Havelaar,
 - Roland Lindqvist,
 - Moez Sanaa
- **Hearing Experts**³:
 - Not Applicable
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - Not Applicable
- **EFSA:**
 - BIOCONTAM Unit: Pablo Romero Barrios
- **Others:**
 - Danica Grahek-Ogden (Observer, visiting scientist)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from

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Apologies were received from Arie Havelaar and Alessandro Cassini.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 13th Working Group meeting held on 1st October 2014, by WEB-conference.

The minutes of the of the 13th Working Group meeting held on 1st October 2014 were agreed.⁶

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Development of a risk ranking toolbox for EFSA BIOHAZ Panel ([EFSA-Q-2013-00014](#))

The most recent contributions were reviewed, and the whole text checked for completeness. Conclusions and recommendations were added where appropriate. Tasks were identified and distributed among the WG Experts and EFSA's secretariat.

6. Any Other Business

Not applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on November 24th as a webconference.

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/biohazwgs/docs/RiskRankingToolbox.pdf>

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Minutes of the 13th meeting of the Working Group on development of a risk ranking toolbox for EFSA BIOHAZ Panel

EFSA-Q-2013-00014

Held on 01/10/2014, webconference

(Agreed on 01/10/2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Pablo Fernandez, Kostas Koutsoumanis (Chair), Arie Havelaar, Roland Lindqvist, Moez Sanaa.
- **EFSA:**
 - BIOCONTAM Unit: Pablo Romero Barrios
- **ECDC:**
 - Alessandro Cassini

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. All WG members attended the meeting.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 12th Working Group meeting held on 9 9 2014.

The minutes were agreed on 9 9 2014 and published on the EFSA website 10 09 2014.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Development of a risk ranking toolbox for EFSA BIOHAZ Panel ([EFSA-Q-2013-00014](#))

The most recent contributions were reviewed, and the whole text checked for completeness. Conclusions and recommendations were added where appropriate. Tasks were identified and distributed among the WG Experts and EFSA's secretariat.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting will take place on 18/11/2014 as a webconference.

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Minutes of the 12th meeting of the Working Group on development of a risk ranking toolbox for EFSA BIOHAZ Panel

EFSA-Q-2013-00014

Held on 09/09/2014, webconference

(Agreed on 09/09/2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Pablo Fernandez, Kostas Koutsoumanis (Chair), Arie Havelaar, Roland Lindqvist, Moez Sanaa.
- **EFSA:**
 - BIOCONTAM Unit: Pablo Romero Barrios
- **ECDC:**
 - Alessandro Cassini

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. All WG members attended the meeting.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 11th Working Group meeting held on 8 7 2014.

The minutes were agreed on 8 7 2014 and published on the EFSA website 10 07 2014.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Development of a risk ranking toolbox for EFSA BIOHAZ Panel ([EFSA-Q-2013-00014](#))

The most recent contributions were reviewed, and the whole text checked for completeness. Additional graphs were added on the process to select the appropriate tool and risk ranking approach. Tasks were identified and distributed among the WG Experts and EFSA's secretariat.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting will take place on 01/10/2014 as a webconference. A subsequent meeting has been scheduled for 18/11/2014 as a webconference.

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Minutes of the 11th meeting of the Working Group on development of a risk ranking toolbox for EFSA BIOHAZ Panel

EFSA-Q-2013-00014

Held on 08/07/2014, webconference

(Agreed on 08/07/2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Pablo Fernandez, Kostas Koutsoumanis (Chair), Arie Havelaar, Roland Lindqvist, Moez Sanaa.
- **EFSA:**
 - BIOCONTAM Unit: Pablo Romero Barrios

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. All WG members attended the meeting.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting held on 20 5 2014, webmeeting.

The minutes were agreed on 20 05 2014 and published on the EFSA website 05 06 2014.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Development of a risk ranking toolbox for EFSA BIOHAZ Panel ([EFSA-Q-2013-00014](#))

The text and data for the two examples used to compare all the risk ranking tools were revised. A discussion took place about how to best include top down approaches in the comparison of tools. Additional text was added on the performance of risk ranking tools according to whether they were qualitative or quantitative. Tasks were identified and distributed among the WG Experts and EFSA's secretariat.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting will take place on 09/09/2014 in Parma. A subsequent meeting has been scheduled for 01/10/2014 as a webconference.

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Minutes of the 10th meeting of the Working Group on development of a risk ranking toolbox for EFSA BIOHAZ Panel

EFSA-Q-2013-00014

Held on 20/05/2014, webconference

(Agreed on 20/05/2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Pablo Fernandez, Kostas Koutsoumanis (Chair), Arie Havelaar, Roland Lindqvist, Moez Sanaa.
- **ECDC:**
 - Alessandro Cassini
- **Hearing Expert:**
 - Fernando Perez Rodriguez
- **EFSA:**
 - BIOCONTAM Unit: Pablo Romero Barrios

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. All WG members attended the meeting.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting held on 30 4 2014, webmeeting.

The minutes were agreed on 05 05 2014 and published on the EFSA website 06 05 2014.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Development of a risk ranking toolbox for EFSA BIOHAZ Panel ([EFSA-Q-2013-00014](#))

A discussion was held on how to compare the results of the two examples for all the risk ranking tools assessed. A presentation on the microHibro tool was delivered, and the inputs for the leafy greens example were finalised. Tasks were identified and distributed among the WG Experts and EFSA's secretariat.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting will take place on 08/07/2014 in Parma. A subsequent meeting has been scheduled for 09/09/2014 in Parma.

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Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Working Group on development of a risk ranking toolbox for EFSA BIOHAZ Panel

EFSA-Q-2013-00014

Held on 30/04/2014, webconference

(Agreed on 30/04/2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Pablo Fernandez, Kostas Koutsoumanis (Chair), Arie Havelaar, Roland Lindqvist, Moez Sanaa.
- **ECDC:**
 - Alessandro Cassini
- **EFSA:**
 - BIOCONTAM Unit: Pablo Romero Barrios

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. All WG members attended the meeting.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held on 11 3 2014, webmeeting.

The minutes were agreed on 13 3 2014 and published on the EFSA website 17 3 2014.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Development of a risk ranking toolbox for EFSA BIOHAZ Panel ([EFSA-Q-2013-00014](#))

A discussion was held on the outcome of the NUSAP workshop and the report for this event. The leafy greens example was also discussed. Tasks were identified and distributed among the WG Experts and EFSA's secretariat.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting will take place on 20/05/2014 in Parma. An additional WG meeting has been agreed for 08/07/2014.

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Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Working Group on development of a risk ranking toolbox for EFSA BIOHAZ Panel

EFSA-Q-2013-00014

Held on 11/03/2014, webconference

(Agreed on 13/03/2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Arie Havelaar (Chair), Roland Lindqvist.
- **Hearing experts:**
 - Martijn Bouwknegt
- **EFSA:**
 - BIOCONTAM Unit: Pablo Romero Barrios

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Kostas Koutsoumanis.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting held on 11 2 2014, webmeeting.

The minutes were agreed on 12 2 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 14 3 2014.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Development of a risk ranking toolbox for EFSA BIOHAZ Panel ([EFSA-Q-2013-00014](#))

A discussion was held on the preparations for the upcoming NUSAP workshop, including the approach to be followed and the documents that will be discussed. Tasks were identified and distributed among the WG Experts and EFSA's secretariat.

6. Next meeting(s)

The NUSAP workshop on uncertainty will take place on 08/04/2014 in Parma. The next WG meeting will take place on 16/04/2014 from 14:00-17:30 via webconference. Two additional WG meetings have been agreed for 20/05/2014 and 08/07/2014.

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Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on development of a risk ranking toolbox for EFSA BIOHAZ Panel

EFSA-Q-2013-00014

Held on 11/02/2014, webconference

(Agreed on 13/02/2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Kostas Koutsoumanis (Chair), Moez Sanaa, Pablo Fernandez Escamez
- **EFSA:**
 - BIOCONTAM Unit: Alessandro Broglia, Winy Messens, Pablo Romero Barrios

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Alessandro Cassini (ECDC), Arie Havelaar and Roland Lindqvist.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 5 2 2014, webmeeting.

The minutes were agreed at the end of the meeting on 5 2 2014 and published on the EFSA website 13 2 2014.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Development of a risk ranking toolbox for EFSA BIOHAZ Panel ([EFSA-Q-2013-00014](#))

A discussion was held on the input data for the first example (single hazard, multiple foods). The issues to be discussed with the FDA regarding i-Risk were identified and the agenda for the teleconference finalised. Tasks were identified and distributed among the WG Experts and EFSA's secretariat.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting will take place on 16/04/2014 from 14:00-17:30 via webconference. A workshop on uncertainty will take place on 08/04/2014 in Parma.

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Scientific Panel on BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on development of a risk ranking toolbox for EFSA BIOHAZ Panel

EFSA-Q-2013-00014

Held on 05/02/2014, Munich

(Agreed on 05/02/2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Kostas Koutsoumanis (Chair), Arie Havelaar, Moez Sanaa, Roland Lindqvist, Pablo Fernandez Escamez
- **EFSA:**
 - BIOCONTAM Unit: Alessandro Broglia, Winy Messens

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Alessandro Cassini (ECDC).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 26 11 2013, webmeeting.

The minutes were agreed at the end of the meeting on 26 11 2013 and published on the EFSA website 27 11 2013.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Development of a risk ranking toolbox for EFSA BIOHAZ Panel ([EFSA-Q-2013-00014](#))

A discussion was held on the input data of second example (multiple hazards, single food). The tools to answer to the ToR 4 were discussed. The draft Opinion was discussed and revised with the experts. Tasks were identified and distributed among the WG Experts and EFSA's secretariat.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting will take place on 16/04/2014 from 14:00-17:30 via webconference. A workshop on uncertainty will take place on 08/04/2014 in Parma.

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Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on development of a risk ranking toolbox for EFSA BIOHAZ Panel

EFSA-Q-2013-00014

Held on 26th November 2013

(Agreed on 26th November 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Kostas Koutsoumanis (Chair), Arie Havelaar, Moez Sanaa, Roland Lindqvist, Pablo Fernandez Escamez.

- **EFSA:**

- BIOHAZ Unit: Alessandro Broglia, Winy Messens,
- SAS Unit: Saghir Bashir

- **ECDC:**

- Alessandro Cassini

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Topic n°1 ([EFSA-Q-2013-00014](#))

5. Next meeting(s)

Further meetings foreseen on 5th February in Munich

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Scientific Panel on BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on development of a risk ranking toolbox for EFSA BIOHAZ Panel

EFSA-Q-2013-00014

Held on 8-9 October 2013 in Utrecht (NL)

(Agreed on 9 October 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Kostas Koutsoumanis (Chair), Arie Havelaar, Moez Sanaa, Roland Lindqvist, Pablo Fernandez Escamez, Martijn Bouwknegt.

- **EFSA:**

- BIOHAZ Unit: Alessandro Broglia, Winy Messens

- **ECDC:**

- Alessandro Cassini

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Topic n°1 ([EFSA-Q-2013-00014](#))

5. Next meeting(s)

Further meetings foreseen on 26th November (teleconference).

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Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on development of a risk ranking toolbox for EFSA BIOHAZ Panel

EFSA-Q-2013-00014

Teleconference

(Agreed on 30th August 2013)

Participants

• **Working Group Experts:**

Kostas Koutsoumanis (Chair), Arie Havelaar, Moez Sanaa, Roland Lindqvist, Pablo Fernandez Escamez

• **EFSA:**

- BIOHAZ Unit: Alessandro Broglia
- SAS Unit: Sagih Bashir

• **ECDC:**

- Alessandro Cassini

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Topic n°1 ([EFSA-Q-2013-00014](#))

5. Next meeting(s)

Further meetings foreseen on 8-9 October 2013.

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Scientific Panel on BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on development of a risk ranking toolbox for EFSA BIOHAZ Panel

EFSA-Q-2013-00014

Held on 3-4 June 2013, in Barcelona

(Agreed on 4 June 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Kostas Koutsoumanis (Chair), Arie Havelaar, Moez Sanaa, Roland Lindqvist, Pablo Fernandez Escamez

- **EFSA:**

- BIOHAZ Unit: Alessandro Broglia, Marta Hugas
- SAS Unit: Saghr Bashir

- **ECDC:**

- Alessandro Cassini

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Topic n°1 ([EFSA-Q-2013-00014](#))

5. Next meeting(s)

Further meetings foreseen on 30th August (teleconference)

BIOHAZ UNIT

Scientific Panel on BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on development of a risk ranking toolbox for EFSA BIOHAZ Panel

EFSA-Q-2013-00014

Held on 5 March 2013, in Parma

(Agreed on 5 March 2013)

Participants

• **Working Group Experts:**

Kostas Koutsoumanis (Chair), Arie Havelaar, Moez Sanaa, Roland Lindqvist, Pablo Fernandez Escamez

• **EFSA:**

- BIOHAZ Unit: Alessandro Broglia, Winy Messens
- SAS Unit: Saghr Bashir
- SCOM: Miriam Jacobs, Sarah Trattnig

• **ECDC:**

- Alessandro Cassini

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Topic n°1 ([EFSA-Q-2012-00752](#))

5. Next meeting(s)

Further meetings foreseen on 3-4 June 2013, Barcelona (tbc)