

Assessment and Methodological Support Unit

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on PROMETHEUS (PROmoting METHods for Evidence Use in Scientific assessments)

Deliverable 2 “Analysis of the EFSA methodological needs for evidence use in scientific assessments”

Held on 06-07 June 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 30 June 2016)

Participants

- **Working group members:**

Alberto Mantovani

Andrew David Hart

Antoine Messean

Arjan Stegeman

Birgit Noerrung

Holger Zorn

Jean-Louis Bresson

Maria Navajas Navarro

Ron Laurentius Hoogenboom

Ursula Gundert-Remy

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

AMU: Elisa Aiassa, Laura Martino, Domenico Deserio, Ana Garcia

DATA: Davide Arcella

SCER: Bernard Bottex, Andrea Germini

ALPHA/AHAW: Andrea Gervelmeyer

ALPHA/PLH: Sara Tramontini

BIOCONTAM/BIOHAZ: Winy Messens

FEED/FEEDAP: Paola Manini

FIP/ANS: Camilla Smeraldi

FIP/CEF: Anna Federica Castoldi

GMO: Ana Gomes

NUTRI/NDA: Wolfgang Gelbmann

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received by Colin Ockleford, Fulvio Barizzzone and Laura Ciccolallo.

2. Adoption of agenda

#	Items
1.	Welcome and apologies for absence

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2.	Adoption of the agenda
3.	Declarations of interest
4.	PROMETHEUS project update
5.	Discussion of draft deliverable 2 "Analysis of EFSA methodological needs for evidence use in scientific assessments"
6.	Status of on-going case-studies
7.	Any Other Business
8.	Next actions and deadlines

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. PROMETHEUS project update

The project deadline will be extended in order to include the piloting phase (PROMETHEUS case-studies). Further milestones and deliverables are currently under discussion.

5. Discussion of draft deliverable 2 "Analysis of EFSA methodological needs for evidence use in scientific assessments"

The draft report was extensively discussed and amendments were agreed. The report will be updated accordingly and circulated for revision/approval by the WG members via written procedure.

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

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

6. Status of on-going case-studies

The status of the on-going case-studies was briefly presented and some methodological and practical challenges discussed.

7. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

8. Next meetings

The dates of the next working group meetings will be agreed after defining the next project deliverables and timelines.

Assessment and Methodological Support Unit

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on PROMETHEUS (PROmoting METHods for Evidence Use in Scientific assessments) Deliverable 2 “Analysis of EFSA methodological needs for evidence use in scientific assessments”

Held on 07-08 April 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 22 April 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson
Ursula Gundert-Remy
Alberto Mantovani
Antonie Messeans
Maria Navajas Navarro
Birgit Noerrung
Colin Ockleford
Arjan Stegeman
Ron Hoogenboom
Holger Zorn

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

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

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

AMU: Elisa Aiassa, Fulvio Barizzzone, Laura Ciccolallo, Domenico Deserio, Ana Garcia, Laura Martino

ALPHA: Andrea Gervelmeyer, Sara Tramontini

BIOCONTAM: Winy Messens

DATA: Davide Arcella

FEEDAP: Jaume Galobart i Cots

FIP: Anna Federica Castoldi, Camilla Smeraldi

GMO: Ana Gomes

NUTRI: Wolfgang Gelbmann

SCER: Bernard Bottex

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Andrew David Hart.

2. Adoption of agenda

#	Items
1.	Welcome and apologies for absence
2.	Adoption of the agenda
3.	Declarations of interest
4.	Project update and survey results Overview of case-studies
5.	AOB

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Project update and survey status

The draft scientific report on the "Analysis of the EFSA needs as to further enhance the production of evidence-based assessments" was discussed. The analysis is being undertaken through a survey in EFSA, which is closed and whose results were discussed together with the approach for interpreting it. Further discussion is needed at the next meeting.

4.2. Case studies

Further case-studies are starting, testing the approach for evidence use described in the [first project report](#). Further methodological needs may be identified through them.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meetings

The next meeting will take place on 6-7 June 2016.

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³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Assessment and Methodological Support Unit

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on PROMETHEUS (PROmoting METHods for Evidence Use in Scientific assessments) Deliverable 2 “Analysis of the EFSA needs as to further enhance the production of evidence- based assessments”

Held on 17-18 February 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 03 March 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson
Ursula Gundert-Remy
Andrew David Hart
Antonie Messeans
Maria Navajas Navarro
Birgit Noerrung
Colin Ockleford
Arjan Stegeman (day one)
Ron Hoogenboom (day one, remotely)
Holger Zorn (day two, remotely)

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

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

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

AMU: Elisa Aiassa, Laura Ciccolallo, Domenico Deserio, Ana Garcia, Laura Martino

ALPHA: Andrea Gervelmeyer, Sara Tramontini

BIOCONTAM: Marco Binaglia, Winy Messens

DATA: Davide Arcella

FEEDAP: Jaume Galobart i Cots, Paola Manini

FIP: Anna Federica Castoldi, Camilla Smeraldi

GMO: Ana Gomes

NUTRI: Wolfgang Gelbmann

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Alberto Mantovani.

2. Adoption of agenda

#	Items
1.	Welcome and apologies for absence
2.	Adoption of the agenda
3.	Declarations of interest
4.	Project update and status of survey Overview of case-studies
5.	AOB

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Project and survey status

The draft scientific report on the "Analysis of the EFSA needs as to further enhance the production of evidence-based assessments" was discussed. The analysis is being undertaken through a survey in EFSA, which is still on-going. The working group members agreed on how to present the results of the survey, which will be discussed at the next meeting.

4.2. Case studies

Case-studies testing the approach for evidence use described in the [first project report](#) were presented and discussed, along with the methodological needs identified through them.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meetings

The next meetings will take place on 7-8 April and 6-7 June 2016.

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³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Working Group on PROMETHEUS (PROmoting METHods for Evidence Use in Scientific assessments)

Deliverable 2

“Analysis of the EFSA needs as to further enhance the
production of evidence-based assessments”

Meeting 3b, 16 November 2015 (Parma, IT)
Web-conference 14:00-17:00

Minutes (Agreed on 27 November 2015)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Alberto Mantovani, Birgit Noerrung (from 3pm), Colin Ockleford

■ EFSA:

- Elisa Aiassa (chair), Fulvio Barizzzone, Domenico Deserio, Ana Garcia, Laura Martino, Maria Arena, Jaume Galobart, Frederique Istace, Paola Manini, Winy Messens

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Ursula Gunter-Remi and Andy Hart. It was clarified that all other working group experts attended a similar web-conference on 13/11/2015 (i.e. meeting 3a).

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 Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled

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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. Scientific topic for discussion:

The discussion focused mainly on how to collect feedback on the list of EFSA methodological needs prepared by AMU in consultation with all relevant EFSA areas. The approach proposed by the rest of the WG at the teleconference on 13/11/2015 was presented and agreed. The list of needs will be converted in a survey to be firstly administered to all EFSA panel experts and scientific staff at individual level and then discussed collectively at each panel and scientific unit level. The results from this consultation will be discussed in the next PROMETHEUS WG meetings.

5. Any Other Business

None.

6. Next meeting(s)

Next meeting will take place on the 17th and the 18th of February 2016.

Working Group on PROMETHEUS (PROmoting METHods for Evidence Use in Scientific assessments)

Deliverable 2

“Analysis of the EFSA needs as to further enhance the
production of evidence-based assessments”

Meeting 3a, 13 November 2015 (Parma, IT)
Web-conference 09:30-12:30

Minutes (Agreed on 27 November 2015)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Jean Louis Bresson, Ron Hoogenboom, Arjan Stegeman (from agenda point 3), Holger Zorn (until 11:30)

■ EFSA:

- Elisa Aiassa (chair), Federica Barrucci, Domenico Deserio, Ana Garcia, Laura Martino, Anna Castoldi, Wolfgang Gelbmann, Andrea Germini, Andrea Gervelmeyer

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Ursula Gunter-Remi and Andy Hart. It was clarified that all other working group experts would attend a similar web-conference on 16/11/2015 (i.e. meeting 3b).

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 Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA

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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. Scientific topic for discussion:

The list of the EFSA methodological needs prepared by AMU in consultation with all relevant EFSA areas was discussed and amendments were agreed. It was specified that further discussion would take place with the other WG members, at the forthcoming teleconference on 16 November 2015. It was also agreed to convert this list in a survey to be firstly administered to all EFSA panel experts and scientific staff at individual level; and then discussed collectively at each panel and scientific unit level. The results from this consultation will be discussed in the next PROMETHEUS WG meetings.

5. Any Other Business

None.

6. Next meeting(s)

Next meeting will take place on the 17th and the 18th of February 2016.

Working Group on PRO-METH-E-U-S (PROmoting METHods for Evidence Use in Scientific assessments)

Deliverable 2

"Analysis of methods for dealing with data and evidence applied by EFSA"

2nd meeting, 17-18 June 2015 (Parma, IT)

Minutes

(Agreed on 24 June 2015)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- David Makowski (Rapporteur), Ron (Laurentius) Hoogenboom, Ursula Gundert-Remy (Rapporteur), Holger Zorn, Lieve Herman, Andrew David Hart and Hans Verhagen

■ EFSA:

- Elisa Aiassa (Chair), Laura Martino, Fulvio Barizzzone, Federica Barrucci, Laura Ciccolallo, Davide Arcella (afternoon first day and second day), Bernard Bottex (first day), Andrea Gervelmeyer, Sara Tramontini, Pablo Romero Barrios, Winy Messens, Marco Binaglia (afternoon first day and second day), Camilla Smeraldi, Ana Gomes (morning first day), Yi Liu (morning second day), Maria Arena (first day), Paola Manini, Anna Federica Castoldi (first day)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Arie Havelaar, Arjan Stegeman, Mikolaj Antoni Gralak, Ettore Capri, Colin Ockleford (Rapporteur).

Hans Verhagen and Holger Zorn did not participate in agenda points 7-8 on the first day and the ones on the second day.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic for discussion:

An update of the project was given (publication of deliverable 1 and work done by the task force on the interview questions for analysing the methods to deal with evidence applied by EFSA - deliverable 2). The working group extensively discussed the overall structure of the two draft questionnaires (one for non-applications' assessments and one for assessments of regulated products), the individual questions and the method for analysing and interpreting their results. It was agreed that more work is needed on the interviews and that further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be scheduled as soon as all working group members have a clear view of the Panel plenary meetings in autumn, considering the forthcoming re-establishment of the Panels. The date will be reported in an updated version of the present minutes.

Update 10 July 2015: the next meeting will take place on 25-26 November 2015.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Working Group on PROMETHEUS (PROmoting METHods for Evidence Use in Scientific assessments)

Deliverable 2

"Analysis of methods for dealing with data and evidence applied by EFSA"

Meeting 1c, 04 June 2015 (15:00-17:30)

Minutes

(Agreed on 04 June 2015)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Arie Havelaar

■ EFSA:

- Fulvio Barizzzone (delegated chair – AMU unit), Laura Ciccolallo (AMU unit 16:30 – 17:30), Laura Martino (AMU unit 15:00 – 17:00), Pablo Romero Barrios (BIOCONTAM unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Elisa Aiassa and Federica Barrucci (AMU unit) and Winy Messens (BIOCONTAM unit)

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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. Scientific topic for discussion

The chair clarified the scope of the meeting, i.e. to pilot test with one working group member the draft interview questions developed for informing the analysis of the methods to deal with evidence applied by EFSA in non-applications' assessments (PROMETHEUS, deliverable 2). The questionnaire was administered to the expert and feedback was collected on the clarity and appropriateness of each individual interview question and of the overall questionnaire. The outcomes of this piloting will be used for refining the interview questions and will be presented to the whole WG at the next meeting.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on 17-18 June 2015.

Working Group on PROMETHEUS (PROmoting METHods for Evidence Use in Scientific assessments)

Deliverable 2

"Analysis of methods for dealing with data and evidence applied by EFSA"

Meeting 1b, 27 May 2015 (14:00-17:00; web-meeting)

Minutes

(Agreed on 29 May 2015)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Hans Verhagen

■ EFSA:

- Elisa Aiassa (chair), Laura Ciccolallo (AMU unit) and Wolfgang Gelbmann (NUTRI unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Fulvio Barizzzone, Federica Barrucci and Laura Martino (AMU unit).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic for discussion

The chair clarified the scope of the meeting, i.e. to pilot test with one working group member the draft interview questions developed for informing the analysis of the methods to deal with evidence applied by EFSA in non-applications' assessments (PROMETHEUS, deliverable 2). The questionnaire was administered to the expert and feedback was collected on the clarity and appropriateness of each individual interview question and of the overall questionnaire. The outcomes of this piloting will be used for refining the interview questions and will be presented to the whole WG at the next meeting.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on 17-18 June 2015.

Working Group on PROMETHEUS (PROmoting METHods for Evidence Use in Scientific assessments)

Deliverable 2

"Analysis of methods for dealing with data and evidence applied by EFSA"

Meeting 1a, 26 May 2015 (09:30-12:30; web-meeting)

Minutes (Agreed on 04 June 2015)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Ron (Laurentius) Hoogenboom

■ EFSA:

- Elisa Aiassa (chair), Federica Barrucci, Laura Ciccolallo (AMU unit) and Marco Binaglia (BIOCONTAM unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Fulvio Barizzzone and Laura Martino (AMU unit).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic for discussion

The chair clarified the scope of the meeting, i.e. to pilot test with one working group member the draft interview questions developed for informing the analysis of the methods to deal with evidence applied by EFSA in non-applications' assessments (PROMETHEUS, deliverable 2). The questionnaire was administered to the expert and feedback was collected on the clarity and appropriateness of each individual interview question and of the overall questionnaire. The outcomes of this piloting will be used for refining the interview questions and will be presented to the whole WG at the next meeting.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on 17-18 June 2015.

Working Group on PRO-METH-E-U-S (PROmoting METHods for Evidence Use in Scientific assessments)

Deliverable 2

"Analysis of methods for dealing with data and evidence applied by EFSA"

1st meeting, 25-26 March 2015 (Parma, IT)

Minutes

(Agreed on 26 March 2015)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Arjan Stegeman, David Makowski, Ron (Laurentius) Hoogenboom, Mikolaj Antoni Gralak, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Holger Zorn, Lieve Herman, Hans Verhagen¹, Ettore Capri, Colin Ockleford (09:00 – 12:45), Andrew David Hart

■ EFSA:

- Elisa Aiassa (chair), Laura Martino (via webconference, 09:00 – 15:15 first day; 09:00-13:00 second day), Fulvio Barizzzone, Laura Ciccolallo, Didier Verloo (09:00 – 12:45 first day), Davide Arcella, Roy Kirby, Bernard Bottex, Andrea Gervelmeyer, Giuseppe Stancanelli, Pablo Romero Barrios, Winy Messens, Marco Binaglia, Paola Manini (09:00 – 12:45 first day), Jaume Galobart (09:00-13:00 second day); Camilla Smeraldi, Ana Gomes, Yi Liu, Wolfgang Gelbmann, Frederique Istace

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Arie Havelaar and Hans Verhagen.

Ettore Capri and Ron Hoogenboom did not participate in the second part of the discussion on agenda point 7.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ The expert was not present at the meeting. Amendment made on 26/06/2015.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic for discussion: PROMETHEUS project

The PROMETHEUS project was presented along with draft Deliverable 1⁴. An overview was given of what other relevant organisations do in the field of evidence collection, appraisal, synthesis and integration. An example of an EFSA project where the PROMETHEUS approach is currently pilot tested was presented, along with the practical aspects related to the implementation of the approach.

The WG discussed in detail the PROMETHEUS project. The objectives of PROMETHEUS Deliverable 2⁵ were presented and discussed. The approach proposed for undertaking the analysis of methods for dealing with data and evidence in EFSA was discussed.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on 17-18 June 2015.

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

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2014-00896>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00106>

Assessment and Methodological Support Unit

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on PROMETHEUS (PROmoting METHods for Evidence Use in Scientific assessments) Deliverable 2 “Analysis of EFSA methodological needs for evidence use in scientific assessments”

Held on 07-08 April 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 22 April 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson
Ursula Gundert-Remy
Alberto Mantovani
Antonie Messeans
Maria Navajas Navarro
Birgit Noerrung
Colin Ockleford
Arjan Stegeman
Ron Hoogenboom
Holger Zorn

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

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

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

AMU: Elisa Aiassa, Fulvio Barizzzone, Laura Ciccolallo, Domenico Deserio, Ana Garcia, Laura Martino

ALPHA: Andrea Gervelmeyer, Sara Tramontini

BIOCONTAM: Winy Messens

DATA: Davide Arcella

FEEDAP: Jaume Galobart i Cots

FIP: Anna Federica Castoldi, Camilla Smeraldi

GMO: Ana Gomes

NUTRI: Wolfgang Gelbmann

SCER: Bernard Bottex

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Andrew David Hart.

2. Adoption of agenda

#	Items
1.	Welcome and apologies for absence
2.	Adoption of the agenda
3.	Declarations of interest
4.	Project update and survey results Overview of case-studies
5.	AOB

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Project update and survey status

The draft scientific report on the "Analysis of the EFSA needs as to further enhance the production of evidence-based assessments" was discussed. The analysis is being undertaken through a survey in EFSA, which is closed and whose results were discussed together with the approach for interpreting it. Further discussion is needed at the next meeting.

4.2. Case studies

Further case-studies are starting, testing the approach for evidence use described in the [first project report](#). Further methodological needs may be identified through them.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meetings

The next meeting will take place on 6-7 June 2016.

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³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>