

# Renewal of the Stakeholder Discussion Group on Food Chemical Occurrence Data

**Location:** European Food Safety Authority, Parma

## I. Background

In line with the updated Stakeholder Engagement Approach (SEA)<sup>1</sup>, the composition of the Stakeholder Discussion Group on Food Chemical Occurrence Data shall be regularly revised and renewed. The mandate of the current Discussion Group, initially foreseen from 2018 to 2020, was extended until the end of 2022. So the revision and renewal of the composition the StaDG-ChemOccD for the period 2023-2026 was needed, aimed at ensuring a balanced representation of different views on the practical aspects, challenges and improved solutions regarding the provision to EFSA of chemical occurrence data, as well as to be aligned with the revised Stakeholder Engagement Approach (SEA)<sup>2</sup>. In 2021, EFSA updated its stakeholder engagement approach to comply with the new regulatory framework introduced by Regulation (EU) 1381/20193 (the 'Transparency Regulation') and support the implementation of the EFSA Strategy 20274.

## II. Composition of the Selection Board

Integrated Data Unit (IDATA) Unit: Giuseppe Antonio Triacchini chair, Alexios Zormpas – members  
Engagement and External relations (ENREL) Unit: Abrahamyan Adilkhanyan Luisa, Christophe Wolff – members

## III. Nominations

EFSA's stakeholders are representative organisations that have an interest in the Authority's work. EFSA divides stakeholders into seven major groups<sup>5</sup>; all groups with an interest in the area of chemical contaminant occurrence data are invited to nominate members for the Discussion Group. Additional information on EFSA's stakeholder engagement can be found in the EFSA website<sup>6</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> [Stakeholder Engagement Approach](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Stakeholder Engagement Approach](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Regulation \(EU\) 1381/2019](#)

<sup>4</sup> [EFSA Strategy 2027](#)

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/partnersnetworks/stakeholder>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/stakeholders/engagement-platforms>



Following the launch of an official call for nominating experts to the Discussion Group which has been directly notified to registered stakeholder organisations and to other organizations that are already reporting Chemical Contaminant data to EFSA, the interested organisations have submitted their nominations via the dedicated form distributed on the EUSurvey platform.

The original deadline for submission of applications was 6 February 2023. This deadline was extended until the 3rd of March with the aim to receive applications from all the seven stakeholder categories. In total, 32 nominated experts from 22 organisations were received.<sup>7</sup>

#### IV. List of organisations that submitted an application

#	Organisation	Stakeholder Category
1	AMFEP - Association of Manufacturers and Formulators of Enzyme Products	Business and food industry
2	Association of the Chocolate, Biscuit and Confectionery Industries of Europe (CAOBISCO)	Business and food industry
3	Association of the European Self-Care Industry (AESGP)	Business and food industry
4	EU Specialty Food Ingredients	Business and food industry
5	EU vegetable oil and protein meal association (FEDIOL)	Business and food industry
6	EUROMALT aisbl	Business and food industry
7	European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic)	Business and food industry
8	European Coffee Federation (ECF)	Business and food industry
9	European Dairy Association (EDA)	Business and food industry
10	European Feed Manufacturers Federation (FEFAC)	Business and food industry
11	European Potato Processors' Association (EUPPA)	Business and food industry
12	Food Supplements Europe	Business and food industry
13	FoodDrinkEurope	Business and food industry
14	International Chewing Gum Association (ICGA-Europe)	Business and food industry
15	International Life Sciences Institute Europe A.I.S.B.L. (ILSI Europe)	Business and food industry
16	Natural Food Colours Association (NATCOL aisbl)	Business and food industry
17	PETA Science Consortium International e.V. (PETA)	NGO and Advocacy Groups
18	Specialised Nutrition Europe (SNE)	Business and food industry
19	Tea & Herbal Infusions Europe (THIE)	Business and food industry
20	TIC Council	Business and food industry
21	Union of European Beverages Associations (UNESDA)	Business and food industry
22	Spirit Europe	Business and food industry

#### V. Selection criteria

EFSA has selected 22 stakeholder representatives and 9 alternates from the 32 nominations received through the call.

The organizations that applied for the renewal of the StaDG-ChemoccD are all classified as "Business and food Industry" except one (PETA Science Consortium International) that is classified as "NGOs and advocacy groups".

<sup>7</sup> During the call of expression of interest, a turn of circumstances has led to single out one person from the organisation AMFEP, when in fact another expert from that association should also have been considered as a participant in the discussion group. Consequently, EFSA decided to reconvene the selection committee and evaluate the request for the nomination of this other expert, who is Ms Céline Benini. Considering Ms Benini's experience and the relevant contribution that she could bring to the Discussion Group, the selection committee decided to accept her request to become the DG Member representing AMFEP and to nominate Ms Dorthe Helnov as an alternate Member for Ms Benini updating this document on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2023.



The selection followed the principles established in EFSA’s Stakeholder Engagement Approach and the provisions of the Decision of the Management Board of EFSA on the criteria for establishing a list of stakeholders and the establishment of the Stakeholder Forum and Stakeholder Bureau.

**The Selection Board has thoroughly considered the following criteria:**

- Interest in the field and expected benefits from the participation of the organisation as expressed in its application;
- Role and remit of the organisation at the EU level;
- In addition, the nominated stakeholder members should demonstrate experience on the practical aspects regarding the provision to EFSA of chemical occurrence data

Upon the analysis of the applications, the Selection Board:

- decided to exclude from the Discussion Group only one applicant: PETA Science Consortium International e.V. (PETA). The reason for exclusion is that the PETA Science Consortium as a main activity achieves advances in non-animal toxicology testing through the development, standardisation, and implementation of in vitro testing strategies which include non-animal test methods (NAMs). Even if EFSA is committed to ensure the most effective integration of NAMs into regulatory risk assessments, the toxicology testing data and related aspects are out of the scope of the StaDG-ChemoccD which is mostly focussed at discussing the provision to EFSA of chemical occurrence data and related technical aspects.
- unanimously agreed on the list of selected stakeholder organisations, as indicated under Section VI. The names of the stakeholder experts and nominating organisations will be made publicly available at EFSA web site.

It is worth noting that, for the non-selected organisation there are several channels – including public consultations and open plenary meetings of EFSA Scientific Panels – which remain open, if they would be interested in interacting with EFSA. In addition, non-selected organisations could be invited to contribute to the StaDG-ChemmOccD group activities via selected stakeholder organisations representing their stakeholder category.

Finally, depending on the nature of the issue, EFSA has the discretion to invite those organisations to participate as a non-registered stakeholder in targeted engagement platforms that we may run in the future where we believe their organisation’s specific expertise may be useful or where they would benefit from hearing about our work.

## VI. List of selected stakeholders

#	Organisation _ SEA Registered	Stakeholder category	Nominees Name
1	AESGP – Association of the European Self-Medication Industry	Business and food industry	Mihai Ionita
2	AMFEP - Association of Manufacturers and Formulators of Enzyme Products	Business and food industry	Céline Benini <i>Member</i> Dorthe Helnov <i>Alternate</i>
3	CAOBISCO - Association Of Chocolate, Biscuit And Confectionery Industries Of The Eu	Business and food industry	Eleonora Alquati

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#	Organisation _ SEA Registered	Stakeholder category	Nominees Name
4	CEFIC - the European Chemical Industry Council	Business and food industry	Miguel Angel Prieto Arranz
5	ECF - European Coffee Federation	Business and food industry	Giovanni Lamberti
6	EDA - European Dairy Association	Business and food industry	Julia Faure <i>Member</i> Maria Libertini <i>Alternate</i>
7	EUPPA - European Potato Processors' Association	Business and food industry	Alessandro Piccione <i>Member</i> Claire Marty <i>Alternate</i>
8	EUROMALT aisbl	Business and food industry	Gianluca Nurra
9	FEDIOL, EU vegetable oil and protein meal association	Business and food industry	Despoina Angeliki Stavropoulou
10	FEFAC - European Feed Manufacturers' Federation	Business and food industry	Arnaud Bouxin
11	FoodDrinkEurope	Business and food industry	Alejandro Rodarte <i>Member</i> Luca Terzi <i>Alternate</i>
12	Food Supplements Europe	Business and food industry	Patrick Coppens
13	ICGA - International Chewingum Association	Business and food industry	Christophe Leprêtre
14	ILSI Europe - International Life Sciences Institute	Business and food industry	Neil Buck <i>Member</i> Thomas Gude <i>Alternate</i>
15	NATCOL - Natural Food Colours Association	Business and food industry	Fabienne Zeugin
16	Specialised Nutrition Europe (SNE)	Business and food industry	Evangelia Mavromichali <i>Member</i> Karin Kraehenbuehl <i>Alternate</i> Kata Hejjas <i>Alternate</i>
17	EU Specialty Food Ingredients	Business and food industry	Maryse HERVE <i>Member</i> Petr MENSIK <i>Alternate</i>
18	Tea & Herbal Infusions Europe - THIE	Business and food industry	Cordelia Kraft <i>Member</i> Farshad La-Rostami <i>Alternate</i>



#	Organisation _ SEA Registered	Stakeholder category	Nominees Name
29	TIC Council	Business and food industry	Nicola Colombo
20	UNESDA Soft Drinks Europe	Business and food industry	Patrice Commarmond <i>Member</i> Sue O'Hagan <i>Alternate</i>
21	Spirit Europe	Business and food industry	Mario Gregori

## VII. List of non selected applications

#	Organisation _ SEA Registered	Nominees Name	Comments
1	PETA Science Consortium International e.V.	Andrew D. Nguyen	PETA works for non-animal toxicology (NAMs) testing implementing in vitro strategies and methods The toxicology testing data and related aspects are out of the scope of the StaDG-ChemOccD