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Decision of the Management Board concerning the establishment of Networks of 25 June 2021

Guidelines for Network participants

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● Purpose and role of networks

- develop scientific cooperation through coordination of activities
- exchange of information
- development and implementation of joint projects
- exchange of expertise and best practices in the fields within the Authority's mission
- comply with established standards of scientific excellence, transparency and responsiveness

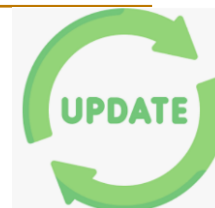
● Creation of networks

- EFSA identify the need of a new network and draft Terms of Reference including scientific expertise, deliverables and outcomes
- EFSA consult the Advisory Forum
- EFSA present the network to the Management Board for adoption



● Continuous review of networks

- EFSA shall
 - evaluate the work of each network every 3 years
 - report the outcome of this evaluation to MB and AF
 - inform MB and AF of the activities of each network through regular (yearly) reports
- AF shall recommend (non-binding) continuation or not of a network
- MB shall take final decision continuation or not of a network



● Composition of networks

- EU Member States with expertise identified by the AF
- European Commission (if necessary)
- Other EU agencies and organisations including from outside EU (if necessary)

Member States network representatives and alternate representatives are now referred to as network participants and alternate participants (notion of MS network representative is no longer present)



● Appointment and replacement of network participants and alternates

- AF, in cooperation with member organisations, establish the names of network participants and alternate participants
- The AF secretariat shall inform the relevant EFSA unit of newly appointed network participants and alternate participants of that network
- In case of a participant (including alternate) change, the relevant organization shall inform the relevant Focal Point and thus the concerned EFSA unit

● Responsibility of network participants and alternates

- ensure timely feedback on any meeting discussions and outcomes
- ensure collaborative working
- identify possible discussion topics
- collaborate with the relevant national Focal Point
- inform the relevant national Focal Point in case of change of nomination

Useful links



[REGULATION \(EC\) No 178/2002 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety](#)



[Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation \(EC\) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC](#)



[Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1381 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on the transparency and sustainability of the EU risk assessment in the food chain and amending Regulations \(EC\) No 178/2002, \(EC\) No 1829/2003, \(EC\) No 1831/2003, \(EC\) No 2065/2003, \(EC\) No 1935/2004, \(EC\) No 1331/2008, \(EC\) No 1107/2009, \(EU\) 2015/2283 and Directive 2001/18/EC](#)



[Decision of the Management Board concerning the establishment and operation of European Networks of scientific organisations operating in the fields within the Authority's mission](#)



EFSA Networks Terms of Reference are published on the EFSA website: [Scientific Network on Food Contact Materials \(FCM\)](#)





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