

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON Plant Protection Products and their Residues (PPR) 127th Plenary meeting (Inaugural plenary)



2nd/3rd July 2024

14:30-18:00/9:00-12:30

MINUTES - Agreed on 19th July 2024

Location: Physical meeting

Attendees:

- Panel Members: Pauline Adriaanse, Tamara Coja, Judy Choi, Antonio Finizio, Maeva Giraud, Thomas Kuhl, Francesca Metruccio, Martin Paparella, Emily McVey, Silvia Pieper, Eugenio Scanziani, Ivana Teodorovic, Paul Van der Brink, Martin Wilks

- Hearing Experts: Not applicable

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Karin Nienstedt

- EFSA:

PREV UNIT: Giovanni Bernasconi, Marco Binaglia, Arianna Chiusolo, Anja Friel, Luna Greco, Dimitra Kardassi, Frederique Istace, Anna Castoldi, Katrin Halling, Jochem Louise, Ileana Miron, Luc Mohimont, Monica Nepal, Martina Panzarea, Manuela Tiramani, Andrea Terron, Giorgia Vianello

PLANTS Unit: Maria Arena, Domenica Auteri, Gabriella Fait, Alessio Ippolito, Roberto Lava, Alberto Linguadoca, Laura Padovani, Agnès Rortais, Rachel Sharp

MESE Unit: Laura Martino

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Panel members & EFSA Teams self-introduction

Panel members for the mandate 2024-2029 and EFSA Team leaders introduced themselves and the related teams, respectively.

3. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

4. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



5. Agreement of the minutes of the 126th PPR Plenary held on 19-20 April 2024, via web-conference

The minutes of the 126th PPR Plenary were agreed by the member of the previous Panel via written procedure on 10th July.

6. PPR Panel operations

The Panel was informed on:

- remit and main tasks of the Panel,
- main procedures for the peer review of pesticide active substances,
- roles and responsibility of Panel members, Working Group members and EFSA staff.

The Panel was also informed about the procedure for the election of chair and the 2 vice-chairs.

7. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

7.1. Draft opinion on Use and reporting historical control data (HCD) for regulatory studies ([EFSA-Q-2021-00274](#))

The Panel was informed on the terms of reference of this mandate, main outcome of recent closed public consultation and planning with deadlines. The Panel was also updated on discussions held at the last Working Group meeting.

7.2. Draft opinion concerning the basic substances chitosan and chitosan hydrochloride ([EFSA-Q-2024-00037](#))

The Panel was informed on the progress of the Working Group in addressing the terms of reference. Planning and dates of future meetings were also presented.

8. Chair Election

Panel members were invited to put forward their candidacy via mail before the plenary and orally before the election.

As chair, Tamara Coja was elected; the 2 vice-chairs are Silvia Pieper and Emily McVey.

9. Update on new mandates

9.1. Application of PBK modelling for the QIVIVE of DNT IVB data for pesticide active substances ([EFSA-Q-2024-00299](#))

The Panel was updated on the self-task mandate for an activity on the use of PBK modelling for quantitative interpretation of Developmental Neurotoxicity (DNT) *In Vitro* Testing Battery (IVB) data. The Panel appointed one of the EFSA staff as chair of the Working Group.

9.2. Waiving the dog studies in the regulatory process for agrochemical approval ([EFSA-Q-2024-00199](#))

The Panel was updated on the self-task mandate on the activity on the waiving of dog studies in the risk assessment of pesticides. The chair of the Working Group is Judy Choi.



9.3. Request for revision of terrestrial Ecotoxicology Guidance

The Panel was updated on the external mandates for (i) the revision of the existing SANCO Guidance on terrestrial ecotoxicology and (ii) for a methodology to assess indirect effects on biodiversity via trophic interactions under agro-environmental conditions. In view of this mandate, a call for expression of interest was launched to establish a pool of experts in the field and a workshop will be organised on 8-9 October with nominated MS, stakeholders and experts from this ERA WG.

9.4. Other possible mandates under negotiation

The Panel was informed on a mandate of the European Parliament on a request for a Scientific Opinion reviewing the literature on the methodologies available to study the long-term toxic and/or carcinogenic effects of PPPs, in particular those resulting from interactions between the components mixed in these products.

10. Overview on EFSA ongoing projects

EFSA staff informed the Panel on the on-going EFSA projects (including OPEX, PERA, CRA, Neurotoxicity, Brain Health, ED and Azole-resistant *Aspergillus*).

11. AOB

Dates of future meetings in 2024 and 2025 were presented. The next plenary of the PPR Panel will be online on September 19th.
