



Establishment and operations of the EFSA Scientific Committee, Panels and their Working Groups

Management Board meeting
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PROVISION OF SCIENTIFIC ADVICE



EFSA Staff

Support Panel/
SC work;
Provide scientific
& technical
advice;
Ensure
consistency

Working Groups

Prepare draft
scientific
opinions for
Panel/SC
adoption

Panels

Adopt scientific
opinions;
Ownership is
with Panel/SC

Scientific Committee

Ensure
consistency in
methodologies;
Address cross-
cutting
issues

PANEL TERM AND MEMBERSHIP

Proposal

- Maximum 3 terms of office in the same Panel
- 2 terms of office as Chairs in the same Panel (instead of 3 terms)
- Provide a generic recommendation on age balance

To foster assessment expertise talent tool

- EFSA will aim at ensuring an appropriate age balance
- EFSA will reserve places for new experts in the Panel (1/3)
- EFSA will monitor participation and contribution in Scientific Committee/Panel and WG meetings of its experts

PANEL COMPOSITION

- The number of Panel members depends on the workload and on the diversity of expertise needed to fulfil its mandate
- Currently the number is up to 21 members
- Proposal: Number of members can range between 15-25 experts

MISSION EXPENSES AND INDEMNITIES

Proposal:


- To take out details on the exact figures and to make reference to EFSA internal rules



CURRENT MISSION EXPENSES AND INDEMNITIES

	Members	Chair
Accommodation and daily allowance	100 +92€	
Indemnity for each full day of meeting	385€	+385€/meeting
Telemeetings	100 €/hour (ceiling 385 €/day)	+50 €/hour (ceiling 385 €/day)

OTHER PROPOSED CHANGES

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- ✓ Abstention from adoption of an opinion is not allowed
 - ✓ Slight change to election of chairs and vice-chairs procedure
 - ✓ Term of office shorter than 1.5 years will not count as a term
 - ✓ Better description of the role of EFSA staff
 - ✓ Reference to procedural/technical details deleted
 - ✓ Other minor changes