



# Feedback and Follow-up from the Stakeholder Forum

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# Summary

- Stakeholder Forum
  - Set-up of the first meeting
  - Expectations from the Forum
  - Recommendations by Forum



# STAKEHOLDER FORUM – FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

## Set – up of annual meeting

- Meeting of **registered stakeholders** chaired by EFSA Executive Director,
- Agenda of the meeting in line with EFSA priority areas under **Strategy 2020**,
- Breakout sessions on topics of interest to stakeholders - input provided by SH in advance of the meeting
- Opportunity to present and discuss Stakeholder own work (Pitches), and network with colleagues from among the **100 registered stakeholders** with EFSA (Registration process remains open-end).





# STAKEHOLDER FORUM – OBJECTIVES



- Possibility for stakeholders to provide recommendations on **strategic planning, horizontal processes**, and the review of how the various engagement platforms function,
- Improve the opportunities SH have to contribute to the **different stages of scientific assessment**, ensuring balanced representation of views,
- Gather knowledge, views and concerns from stakeholders **as early as possible** in the risk assessment process,
- Recommendations resulting from the Forum to feed into discussion to be carried-out at the Stakeholder Bureau



## STAKEHOLDER FORUM – ANNUAL MEETING 2017

- Attended by representatives of 52 out of 100 registered stakeholder organisations,
- Welcomed and attended by the Chair of the Management Board,
- Valid recommendations on transparency, open data and clear communication,
- Platform that enables EFSA to learn from Stakeholder experience and to listen to their feedback and expectations,
- Agreement on the Framework for Interaction,
- **Transparency requirement;** Announcement of the meeting and draft agenda on web, news in brief published day after the meeting, [Video report](#) and Final report published on web, all presentations published on web



# RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FORUM 2017

Workshop 1: Quality data for risk assessment: What EFSA does with it and the role of stakeholders.

Areas for EFSA to improve:

- More collaboration with registered stakeholders in calls for data.
- To take advantage of existing networks/channels of communication to reach their members.
- More proactive work with stakeholder representatives to enable their constituents/members to provide data within deadlines.
- Provide guidance to data providers e.g. defining/adopting data standards.
- Explore how to better communicate with applicants when requesting missing data.

Areas where EFSA does well:

- Early stakeholder involvement.
- Comprehensive food consumption database.
- Data standardisation which is key for interoperability, reuse and scrutiny of data.
- Initiatives such as the Prometheus Project and 'Weight of Evidence' guidance which allow consideration of a wider spectrum of data, with their relative weight.



# RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FORUM 2017

Workshop 2: Usability of EFSA's outputs and clear communications: How EFSA presents and explains its science

Areas for EFSA to improve:

- Stronger advocacy for science to engender trust in stakeholders.
- Define target audiences and develop appropriate tiered communications.
- Headline accuracy and align with content, including contextualisation of risk.

Areas where EFSA does well:

- Dialogue with stakeholders.
- New visual tools to improve communications.
- Commitment to cooperation.
- Quality of science.
- New Comms Lab project.



# RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FORUM 2017

## Workshop 3: Transparency and open data in risk assessment

### Areas for EFSA to improve:

- Improve transparency of the risk assessment process (e.g. minutes, data and process).
- Increase consultation earlier and at different stages of the process.
- Improve clarity and accessibility of the website.

### Areas where EFSA does well:

- Proactive approach and continuous improvement.
- Ability to listen and readiness to be challenged.
- Opening better channels for feedback.



# EFSA ONGOING INITIATIVES

<p><b>Quality data for risk assessment: What EFSA does with it and the role of stakeholders</b></p>	<p><b>Usability of EFSA’s outputs and clear communications: How EFSA presents and explains its science</b></p>	<p><b>Transparency and open data in risk assessment</b></p>
<p><b>Improved robustness, quality and transparency of the scientific assessments; weight-of-evidence, biological relevance and uncertainty</b></p>	<p><b>Targeted Mechanism Communicators Lab; testing of web format/layout</b></p>	<p><b>Open plenaries webcasted, more comprehensive minutes of the plenaries – published in two-week period</b></p>
<p><b>Knowledge Junction – open access to scientific models and tools</b></p>	<p><b>Plain-language summaries, new data visualisation</b></p>	<p><b>Updated Public consultation Guidelines - in the pipeline</b></p>
<p><b>EFSA’s Catalogue of support initiatives; high-level pre-submission meeting with groups of applicants</b></p>	<p><b>EFSA Journal 2.0 – improved user experience</b></p>	<p><b>Stakeholder Consultative Group for Guidance Document on endocrine disruptors</b></p>
<p><b>Public consultation on draft protocols and guidance documents (e.g. bisphenol A, pesticides, listeria)</b></p>	<p><b>Social media; improved graphics and design for a better outreach</b></p>	<p><b>Questions Framing Discussion Group – in the pipeline</b></p>

## THE NEXT STEP

- Bureau to monitor the actions EFSA takes as a result of the Forum
- Bureau to provide input on possible improvements of the format - to make the Forum a platform for highly interactive and constructive discussions with stakeholders
- Bureau to provide input in setting-up of the Stakeholder Forum 2018

