

SETTING-UP OF A DISCUSSION GROUP ON FRAMING OF QUESTIONS

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Summary

- Rationale
- Scope of this Discussion Group
- Next Step

RATIONALE

- In line with the first objective of the EFSA Strategy 2020
- Stipulated as one of 35 measures under Transparency and Engagement in Risk Assessment (TERA) Project
- contributes to increasing the transparency of EFSA's risk assessment work and the engagement of stakeholders in its scientific processes
- Targeted mechanism established under the Stakeholder Engagement Approach



FRAMING OF QUESTIONS

Objectives

 to capture societal needs and expectations at an early stage of the development of EFSA's selfmandate and guidance documents, in particular those which are sensitive or technically complex.

Expected outcome

- to deliver a process methodology/check list that supports EFSA in capturing societal needs and expectations at early stages of EFSA's work.
- to establish which criteria will apply to the identification of the topics selected and who should be consulted, how the consultation will be organised.





- to cover mandates that emanate from EFSA, either as self-tasks mandates or scientific guidance mandates
- Mandates originating from other parties entitled to ask questions to EFSA (European Commission, European Parliament, Member States) will be excluded from this exercise.







Next Steps

- Upon feedback from Stakeholder Bureau, to revise the proposal and implement accordingly,
- Launch the call for expression of interest among registered stakeholders,
- This initiative will operate as a pilot exercise for one year.

