



Interim Report on implementation of the Stakeholder Engagement Approach and the views of the EFSA Management Board

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Content of the presentation

- Implementation of SEA – Pilot phase
- Scope and methodology for evaluation
- Recommendations and conclusions

Background – Interim evaluation report

- EFSA committed to carrying-out an **interim evaluation of the SEA**
- Complementary to the mandatory review **every three years from the adoption of SEA**
- Focusses on activities and results of the pilot phase
- Provides overview on how the **registration system, categories of stakeholders, engagement mechanisms** deliver against expected results
- Provides recommendations on possible improvements of the processes

Scope of the interim evaluation - Objectives

- Clarity of the definitions applied to the **seven stakeholder categories**
- Principles of **equal opportunity and balanced representation** among stakeholders
- The **effectiveness of the first operations** of the Stakeholder Forum and the Bureau
- The **fitness for purpose** of the Discussion Groups, Communicators Lab and Round Tables
- The extent to which internal processes address the **fundamental aspects of openness and transparency**, including the way engagement activities are made available to public scrutiny

Scope of the interim evaluation - Methodology

Desk research

- Analysis of public and internal documents related to SEA, correspondence to and from stakeholders and information about the profile of stakeholders provided during the registration process.
- Information about the approach EFSA's sister agencies and national authorities (e.g. ECHA, EMA, ANSES, BfR) - benchmarking exercise.

Feedback gathered directly from selected registered stakeholders

- Targeted satisfaction surveys carried out with stakeholders after specific engagement activities and a general survey.
- 27 responses from individual stakeholders covering two different engagement activities for the targeted satisfaction surveys; and 15 responses from individual stakeholders for the general survey.

Conclusions and recommendations

Categorisation of stakeholders

- Maintain the current system of seven stakeholder groups but pay particular attention at the application stage to how stakeholders are assigned
- Allow stakeholder groups to nominate alternative representatives to act on their behalf



Conclusions and recommendations

Information to stakeholders

- Provide general and tailored information to stakeholders at the point of registration and in advance of meetings depending on their interests, particularly to those that are new to EFSA
- Review how information about the SEA activities are presented on EFSA website



Conclusions and recommendations

Engagement mechanisms

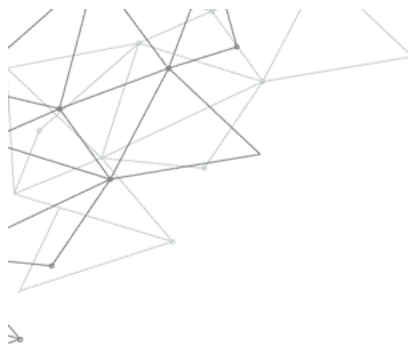
- Explore ways to involve stakeholders in decisions about which topics are chosen for targeted engagement
- Consider expanding the Roundtable approach to include the Practitioners and Academia groups
- Hold Bureau meetings on a 6-monthly basis instead of annually



Considerations by the Management Board



- During past years the ways EFSA interacts with Stakeholders has developed dramatically
- EFSA shall further fine-tune the engagement approach to make it a two-way process,
- Encourage stakeholders to identify new topics for targeted discussion
- Interim review as food for thoughts, the full assessment follows in 3 years after adoption of SEA (June 2019)



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