

## Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards

### BIOCONTAM Unit

# Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the request for a scientific and technical assistance on proposed EU minimum requirements for water reuse in agricultural irrigation and aquifer recharge

**Held on 5 May 2017 in Parma, Italy**

**(Agreed on 16 May 2017)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Ana Allende, Damià Barceló (until 10:30), Rosina Gironès, Arlette Laval, Lucy Robertson

- **European Commission (DG Environment):**

Dagmar Kaljarikova

Thomas Petitguyot

- **European Commission (JRC):**

Laura Alcalde-Sanz, Bernd Gawlik

- **European Commission (SCHEER):**

Silvia Hrubanova

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Maria Teresa Da Silva Felicio, Ernesto Liebana Criado (Chair), Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

ALPHA Unit: Andrea Gervelmeyer

#### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declarations of Interest (SDoI) filled in by the WG members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 6 April 2017, Parma.**

The minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 24 April 2017.<sup>3</sup>

## **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **5.1. Request for a scientific and technical assistance on proposed EU minimum requirements for water reuse in agricultural irrigation and aquifer recharge<sup>4</sup>**

The Working Group discussed in detail all contributions received on the draft technical report since the previous meeting. Tasks were allocated to the Working group Members.

## **6. Any Other Business**

The Chair and EFSA Secretariat thanked the participants and the Chair closed the meeting.

## **7. Next meetings**

There will be no further WG meetings.

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# Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the request for a scientific and technical assistance on proposed EU minimum requirements for water reuse in agricultural irrigation and aquifer recharge

**Held on 6 April 2017 in Parma, Italy**

**(Agreed on 24 April 2017)**

#### Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Ana Allende, Damià Barceló, Rosina Gironès, Arlette Laval, Lucy Robertson

- **European Commission (DG Environment):**

Dagmar Kaljarikova (only from 8:45 to 11:00)

Thomas Petitguyot (only from 8:45 to 11:00)

- **European Commission (JRC):**

Laura Alcalde-Sanz (from 8:45 to 11:00 and 13.30 to 16:30)

Bernd Gawlik (from 8:45 to 12:30 and 13.30 to 16:30)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Maria Teresa Da Silva Felicio, Ernesto Liebana Criado (Chair), Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Andrea Gervelmeyer and Silvia Hrubanova.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

### **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

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### **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 9 March 2017, Parma.**

The minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 21 March 2017.<sup>3</sup>

### **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

#### **5.1. Request for a scientific and technical assistance on proposed EU minimum requirements for water reuse in agricultural irrigation and aquifer recharge<sup>4</sup>**

The Working Group discussed in detail all contributions received on the draft technical report since the previous meeting. Tasks were allocated to the Working group Members.

### **6. Any Other Business**

The Chair and EFSA Secretariat thanked the participants and the Chair closed the meeting.

### **7. Next meetings**

The next WG meeting will take place as follows:

- 4<sup>th</sup> WG meeting: 5 May 2017 (9:00-12:30, web conference).

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# Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the request for a scientific and technical assistance on proposed EU minimum requirements for water reuse in agricultural irrigation and aquifer recharge

**Held on 9 March 2017 by WEB-conference**

**(Agreed on 21 March 2017)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Ana Allende, Rosina Gironès, Arlette Laval, Lucy Robertson

- **European Commission (DG Environment):**

Thomas Petitguyot (only from 9:00 to 10:00)

- **European Commission (JRC):**

Laura Alcalde-Sanz (only from 9:00 to 11:00), Bernd Gawlik

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Maria Teresa Da Silva Felicio, Ernesto Liebana Criado (Chair), Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

ALPHA Unit: Andrea Gervelmeyer

#### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Damià Barceló and Silvia Hrubanova.

#### **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

### **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declarations of Interest (SDoI) filled in by the WG members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

### **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting held on 17 February 2017, Parma.**

The minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 1 March 2017.<sup>3</sup>

### **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

#### **5.1. Request for a scientific and technical assistance on proposed EU minimum requirements for water reuse in agricultural irrigation and aquifer recharge<sup>4</sup>**

The Working Group discussed in detail all contributions received on the draft technical report since the previous meeting. Tasks were allocated to the Working group Members.

### **6. Any Other Business**

The Chair and EFSA Secretariat thanked the participants and the Chair closed the meeting.

### **7. Next meetings**

The next WG meetings will take place as follows:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> WG meeting: 6 April 2017, physical meeting in Parma (8:00-17:00)
- 4<sup>th</sup> WG meeting: 5 May 2017 (9:00-12:30, web conference).

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## Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards

### BIOCONTAM Unit

# Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the request for a scientific and technical assistance on proposed EU minimum requirements for water reuse in agricultural irrigation and aquifer recharge

**Held on 17 February 2017, Parma (Italy)**

**(Agreed on 1 March 2017)**

#### Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Ana Allende, Damià Barceló (only from 10:20 to 12:30), Rosina Gironès, Arlette Laval, Lucy Robertson

- **European Commission (DG Environment):**

Thomas Petitguyot, Dagmar Kaljarikova (only from 8:00 to 12:30)

- **European Commission (SCHEER):**

Silvia Hrubanova (only from 8:00 to 12:30)

- **European Commission (JRC):**

Laura Alcalde-Sanz, Bernd Gawlik

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Marco Binaglia (only from 9:00 to 12:30), Maria Teresa Da Silva Felicio, Ernesto Liebana Criado (Chair), Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

ALPHA Unit: Andrea Gervelmeyer

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Donata Meroni.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## 4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 4.1. Request for a scientific and technical assistance on proposed EU minimum requirements for water reuse in agricultural irrigation and aquifer recharge<sup>3</sup>

EFSA was requested by JRC to provide scientific and technical assistance (in accordance with Art. 31 of Reg. (EC) No 178/2002) on 'the minimum quality requirements for water reuse in agricultural irrigation as proposed by the JRC'. The deadline for this request is 31 May 2017. This technical report will not be endorsed nor adopted by any EFSA Panel, but the BIOHAZ, CONTAM and AHAW Panel members will be updated regularly at plenary meetings on the progress of work for this activity.

The background for this mandate was presented, clarifying that DG Environment asked JRC to propose the minimum quality requirements for water reuse in agricultural irrigation and aquifer recharge as a basis for a DG Environment's legislative proposal on this issue in the EU.

It was noted that this mandate does not ask EFSA to propose minimum quality requirements, but to review JRC's report in order to answer the specific ToR questions. The remit of this mandate to EFSA is restricted to the water reuse for agricultural irrigation, and both human and animal health aspects will be addressed.

The WG discussed in detail each single ToR, to agree on a common understanding of the approach to be taken to answer it.

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It was noted that according to EFSA's transparency policy, the JRC report will be published as an appendix of EFSA's technical report.

Tasks were allocated to the Working group Members.

## **5. Any Other Business**

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## **6. Next meetings**

The next WG meetings will take place as follows:

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