

Assessment and methodological support Unit

Minutes of the Workshop on PROMETHEUS (PROMoting METHods for Evidence Use in Scientific assessments)

Held on 09-10 October 2017, Parma (Italy)

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Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

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- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

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- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair 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 and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group 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.

4. Topics for discussion

The aim of the workshop was to identify and discuss the difficulties and problems, benefits, solutions and methodological needs related to the implementation of the PROMETHEUS 4-step approach for evidence use (plan, carry out, verify and document) in EFSA scientific assessments (EFSA, 2015).

During the workshop, these aspects were identified based on: i) the experience in ten case-studies aimed at testing the 4-step approach , ii)

the results of the impact assessment for five finalised case-studies, iii) the outcomes of PROMETHEUS deliverable 2 'Analysis of EFSA methodological needs for evidence use in scientific assessments' (EFSA, 2016) and iv) through group discussion.

A list of problems/difficulties, benefits and possible solutions was discussed by the participants and will be agreed/further refined via written procedure. The outcome of the consultation will be published in an EFSA report.

5. Next meeting

Not foreseen.