



EU Commission Proposal for a Regulation on the transparency and sustainability of the EU risk assessment in the food chain

Adopted by College on 11 April

Why this proposal?

- **Tackle findings of the Fitness Check of the General Food Law:**
 - ✓ **Transparency** of risk analysis: an issue in terms of perception, particularly in the context of authorisations.
 - ✓ Negative signals identified on the EFSA's capacity to **maintain high level of scientific expertise**, need to **engage with Member States**.
 - ✓ **Risk communication** has not always been effective.
- **Address the Commission's reply to the European Citizens' Initiative "Ban glyphosate":**

To come forward a legislative proposal by May 2018 covering:

 - ✓ Transparency in scientific assessment
 - ✓ Quality and independence of scientific studies
 - ✓ Governance of EFSA

Consultation activities

- ✓ Open Public Consultation of the Commission's Roadmap (December 2017 to January 2018)
- ✓ **Open Public Consultation via a questionnaire (8 weeks – from 23 January to 30 March)**
- ✓ Advisory Group on the Food Chain, Animal and Plant Health (5 February) – all the main stakeholders
- ✓ EFSA's Advisory Forum (6 February) – National food safety bodies
- ✓ EFSA's Scientific Committee (15 February) - Scientists
- ✓ Expert Group on General Food Law (5 March) – Member States

The 4 pillars of the proposal

- ✓ **Transparency of risk assessment**
- ✓ **Improved risk communication**
- ✓ **Quality and reliability of studies**
- ✓ **Sustainability and governance of the EFSA system**

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- Transparency of risk assessment
 - ✓ Studies/data supporting applications for authorisation to be **made public proactively and early on in the risk assessment process**, except for confidential info
 - ✓ Lists the info that may be considered as confidential
 - ✓ No prejudice to IPR and data exclusivity

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- **Improved risk communication**
 - ✓ Definition of precise objectives
 - ✓ General principles
 - ✓ General Communication Plan

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- **Quality and reliability of studies**
 - ✓ EU register of commissioned studies
 - ✓ Pre-submission procedure
 - ✓ Consultation on planned studies (renewals) and submitted studies (renewals and new requests)
 - ✓ Control & audit
 - ✓ Verification studies

The 4 pillars of the proposal (cont.)

- **Sustainability and governance of the EFSA system**
 - ✓ Alignment with the common approach on decentralised agencies (MS representatives in the Management Board)
 - ✓ MS involved in the Panel Members selection process (criteria of excellence and independence to be respected)

Other elements

- ✓ Reinforcement of EFSA's own scientific capacity
- ✓ Strengthening cooperation with national scientific organisations.
- ✓ A budget increase coherent with our ambition to meet citizens' expectations on food safety.