

Renewal of the Stakeholder Discussion Group on Emerging Risk (StaDG-ER)

Location: European Food Safety Authority, Parma

I. Background

The revision and renewal of the composition the Stakeholder Discussion Group on Emerging Risk (StaDG-ER) for the period 2022-2026 aims at ensuring a balanced representation of different views and to be aligned with the revised Stakeholder Engagement Approach (SEA)¹ through which EFSA engages with stakeholders on technical issues. This is essential as it may determine the scope of the possible emerging issues identified during its mandate. In 2021, EFSA updated its stakeholder engagement approach to comply with the new regulatory framework introduced by Regulation (EU) 1381/2019² (the 'Transparency Regulation') and support the implementation of the EFSA Strategy 2027³.

II. Composition of the Selection Board

Knowledge, Innovation & Partnership Management Unit (KNOW) Unit: Bernard Bottex - chair, Raquel Garcia Matas and Milen Georgiev – members

Engagement and External relations (ENREL) Unit: Christophe Wolff – member

III. Nominations

EFSA's stakeholders are representative organisations that have an interest in the Authority's work. EFSA divides stakeholders into seven major groups⁴; all groups with an interest in the area are invited to nominate members for the Discussion Group. Additional information on EFSA's stakeholder engagement is available can be found in the EFSA website⁵.

The original deadline for submission of applications was 6 February 2023. This deadline was extended until the 15 February with the aim to receive applications from all the seven stakeholder categories. In total, 37 nominated experts from 29 organisations were received.

¹ [Stakeholder Engagement Approach](#)

² [Regulation \(EU\) 1381/2019](#)

³ [EFSA Strategy 2027](#)

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/partnersnetworks/stakeholder>

⁵ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/stakeholders/engagement-platforms>



IV. List of organisations that submitted an application

#	Organisation	Stakeholder Category
1	Lund University ⁶	Academia
2	Association of Veterinary Consultants (AVC)	Associations of Practitioners
3	European Food Information Council (EUFIC)	Associations of Practitioners
4	Association of the European Self-Care Industry (AESGP)	Business and food industry
5	COCERAL AISBL	Business and food industry
6	EUROMALT AISBL	Business and food industry
7	European Biostimulant Industry Council (EBIC)	Business and food industry
8	European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic)	Business and food industry
9	European Compound Feed Manufacturers' Federation (FEFAC)	Business and food industry
10	European Dairy Association (EDA)	Business and food industry
11	European Livestock and Meat Trades Union (UECBV)	Business and food industry
12	FoodDrinkEurope	Business and food industry
13	Food Supplements Europe	Business and food industry
14	International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association (IBMA)	Business and food industry
15	International Platform of Insects for Food and Feed (IPIFF)	Business and food industry
16	Liaison Centre for the Meat Processing Industry in the European Union (CLITRAVI)	Business and food industry
17	Primary Food Processors of the EU (PFP)	Business and food industry
18	Nanotechnology Industries Association	Business and food industry
19	Union of European Beverages Associations (UNESDA)	Business and food industry
20	Safe Food Advocacy Europe (SAFE)	Consumers associations
21	EuroCommerce	Distributors and HORECA
22	FoodServiceEurope	Distributors and HORECA
23	Serving Europe	Distributors and HORECA
24	Copa and Cogeca	Farmers and primary producers
25	European Federation for Animal Health and Sanitary Security (FESASS)	Farmers and primary producers
26	Association of Natural Medicine in Europe (ANME)	NGOs and advocacy groups
27	Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE)	NGOs and advocacy groups
28	PETA Science Consortium International e.V.	NGOs and advocacy groups
29	European Kratom Alliance Stichting (non- registered stakeholder) ⁷	NGOs and advocacy groups

⁶ This organisation is not an EFSA registered stakeholder.

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V. Selection criteria

Organisations may submit nominations for up to three experts; however, no more than one stakeholder expert and one alternate per organisation could be selected by EFSA.

EFSA has selected 26 stakeholder representatives and 8 alternates from the 37 nominations received through this call, distributed in the following manner:

- No expert representing Academia
- 2 expert and 2 alternates representing Associations of practitioners
- 15 experts and 4 alternates representing the Business or food industry
- 2 experts and 1 alternate representing Farmers, primary producers
- 3 experts representing Distributors and HORECA
- 1 expert and 1 alternate representing Consumer associations
- 3 experts representing and NGOs and advocacy groups.

The selection followed the principles established in EFSA's Stakeholder Engagement Approach and the provisions of the Decision of the Management Board of EFSA on the criteria for establishing a list of stakeholders and the establishment of the Stakeholder Forum and Stakeholder Bureau.

The Selection Board has thoroughly considered the following criteria:

- Interest in the field and expected benefits from the participation of the organisation as expressed in its application;
- Role and remit of the organisation at the EU level;
- Achieving a balanced representation of stakeholder interests;
- In addition, the nominated stakeholder member should demonstrate experience in the area of emerging risks identification as well as good knowledge on relevant methodologies for the identification of emerging risk in the areas under the remit of EFSA.

Upon the analysis of the applications, the Selection Board unanimously agreed on the list of selected stakeholder organisations, as indicated under Section 6. The names of the stakeholder experts and nominating organisations will be made publicly available at EFSA web site.

It is worth noting that, for the non-selected organisations there are several channels – including public consultations and open plenary meetings of EFSA Scientific Panels – which remain open, if they would be interested in interacting with EFSA. In addition, non-selected organisations could be invited to contribute to the StaDG-ER group activities via selected stakeholder organisations representing their stakeholder category.

Finally, depending on the nature of the issue, EFSA has the discretion to invite those organisations to participate as a non-registered stakeholder in targeted engagement platforms that we may run in the future where we believe their organisation's specific expertise may be useful or where they would benefit from hearing about our work.



VI. List of selected stakeholders

#	Organisation _ SEA Registered	Stakeholder category	Nominee Name
1	Association of Veterinary Consultant (AVC)	Associations of Practitioners	Birgit Roser <i>Member</i> Rimma Ishimbaeva <i>Alternate</i>
2	European Food Information Council (EUFIC)	Associations of Practitioners	Maria Scherbov <i>Member</i> Nina McGrath <i>Alternate</i>
3	Association of the European Self-Care Industry (AESGP)	Business and food industry	Mihai Ionita <i>Member</i>
4	COCERAL AISBL	Business and food industry	Gianluca Nurra <i>Member</i>
5	European Biostimulant Industry Council (EBIC)	Business and food industry	Helen Collignon <i>Member</i> Sara Garcia Figueras <i>Alternate</i>
6	European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic)	Business and food industry	Miguel Angel Arranz <i>Member</i>
7	European Compound Feed Manufacturers' Federation (FEFAC)	Business and food industry	Lea Pallaroni <i>Member</i> Arnaud Bouxin <i>Alternate</i>
8	European Dairy Association (EDA)	Business and food industry	Christian Bruun Kastrup <i>Member</i>
9	European Livestock and Meat Trades Union (UECBV)	Business and food industry	Lis Alban <i>Member</i>
10	FoodDrinkEurope	Business and food industry	Paul Hepbrum <i>Member</i>
11	Food Supplements Europe	Business and food industry	Patrick Coppens <i>Member</i>
12	International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association (IBMA)	Business and food industry	Jeremy Belzunces <i>Member</i> Jeroen Meeusser <i>Alternate</i>

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13	International Platform of Insects for Food and Feed (IPIFF)	Business and food industry	Christophe Derrien <i>Member</i>
14	Liaison Centre for the Meat Processing Industry in the European Union (CLITRAVI)	Business and food industry	Paolo Patuno <i>Member</i>
15	The Primary Food Processors of the EU(PFP)	Business and food industry	Kalila Hajjar <i>Member</i>
16	Nanotechnology Industries Association	Business and food industry	Blanca Suarez <i>Member</i>
17	Union of European Beverages Associations (UNESDA)	Business and food industry	Stefan Ronsmans <i>Member</i>
18	Safe Food Advocacy Europe (SAFE)	Consumers associations	Luigi Tozzi <i>Member</i> Antoine D'haese <i>Alternate</i>
19	EuroCommerce	Distributors and HORECA	Ondina Afonso <i>Member</i>
20	FoodServiceEurope	Distributors and HORECA	Laura Martín Oropesa <i>Member</i>
21	Serving Europe	Distributors and HORECA	Bizhan Pourkomailian Agneta Sundgren <i>Member</i>
22	Copa and Cogeca	Farmers and primary producers	Jan Dahl <i>Alternate</i>
23	European Federation for Animal Health and Sanitary Security (FESASS)	Farmers and primary producers	Quinet Christian <i>Member</i>
24	Association of Natural Medicine in Europe (ANME)	NGOs and advocacy groups	Lauren Tuchman <i>Member</i>
25	Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE)	NGOs and advocacy groups	Maurizio Ferri <i>Member</i>
26	PETA Science Consortium International e.V.	NGOs and advocacy groups	Mandy Veillette <i>Member</i>



VII. List of non selected applications

#	Organisation	Nominee Name	Comments
1	Lund University	Annette Kraiss	This interest group does not fulfil the definition of EFSA registered stakeholders
2	EUROMALT AISBL	N/A	This interest group was considered sufficiently represented by the selected organisations
3	European Dairy Association (EDA)	Julia Faure	Withdrawn application
4	European Kratom Alliance Stichting (non-registered stakeholder)	Jakub Zientala	This interest group does not fulfil the definition of EFSA registered stakeholders