

OPINION OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD ON EFSA's FINAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021

The Management Board takes note of EFSA's Final Accounts for the budget year 2021. On the basis of:

- the certification of the accounts by EFSA's Accounting Officer;
- the information provided by the Accounting Officer during the Audit Committee meeting on 28 June 2022;
- the information provided by the Accounting Officer during this Management Board meeting on 29 June 2022;
- the unqualified audit opinions on both the reliability of the accounts and legality and regularity of the transactions underlying the accounts, issued by the European Court of Auditors in the Preliminary observation with the a view to report on the annual accounts of the European Food Safety Authority for the financial year 2021;

The Management Board has obtained reasonable assurance that EFSA's 2021 final accounts give a true and fair view of EFSA's financial position as of 31 December 2021.

On the above basis, the Management Board gives a positive opinion on the final accounts for the budget year 2021.

The Management Board looks forward to the report and observations of the Budgetary Authority at the end of the discharge procedure. The Board requests the Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority to take into account the eventual observations and remarks with a view to further consolidating the Authority's accountability, effectiveness and efficiency in the coming period.

This opinion will be sent together with EFSA's final accounts, to the Commission's Accounting Officer, the European Court of Auditors, the European Parliament and the Council by 1st July 2022, as required under EFSA's Financial Regulation.

Adopted in Parma on 29 June 2022
On behalf of EFSA's Management Board

[NOT SIGNED]

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Chair of the Management Board