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# **Item 4 – Reports from Committees**

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**Extraordinary Annual General Meeting (online)**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - 3.00 – 6.00 pm CEST**



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# **Regulatory Affairs Committee**

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# Regulatory Affairs Committee

Chair: B. Loberant (Super Meat)  
Secretariat support: C. Rey

All members involved

30 members in mailing list  
21 members in Slack group

5 online meetings since beginning of the year

- Last meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November.
- Bi-monthly meetings.

4 sub-committees/task forces

- Sub-committee Novel Foods
  - Small group on Novel Foods
  - Classification, labelling and hygiene
  - ISO task force
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# Regulatory Affairs Committee

## *Latest achievements and next steps*

DG SANTE  
Advisory Group

- Comments on monitoring approach for F2F sent to DG SANTE in October.
- Last plenary meeting on 17/11. F2F not on the agenda.

EFSA

- Ad hoc stakeholder meeting with EFSA on 18/10 together with EuropaBio & Food Fermentation Europe.
- Close monitoring of EFSA assessment of cell-culture derived apple biomass + risk management discussions.
- **Next steps:**
  - **CAE to write a letter as follow-up to 18/10 ad hoc meeting (with comments on Novel Foods Guidance).**
  - **CAE to fill in survey on possible dossier submissions in 2024; 2025 and 2026.**
  - **Public consultation + stakeholder event on revision of NF Guidance in early 2024.**



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## *Latest achievements and next steps*

Codex

- Two CAE members attended FAO Stakeholder roundtable meeting on cell-based food and precision fermentation in Shanghai on 06/11 (on behalf of their companies).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> application for Observer status not admissible due to our young age.
- CAE advise to re-submit application in Dec 2024.
- **Next steps:**
  - **Monitor CAC46 discussions.**





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## **Sub-committee on novel foods**

Chair: N. Baldwin  
(Uncommon)

24 members in  
mailing list  
12 members in  
Slack group

12 companies  
involved

7 calls since  
November 2022

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# Focus on EFSA's *ad hoc* meeting on cell culture-derived foods and food ingredients

## Outcome

- Agenda, presentations and short summary available online (see [here](#)).

## Next steps for CAE and its partners

- Draft a joint CAE/EuropaBio/Food Fermentation Europe statement.
  - Draft a CAE letter.
  - EFSA asks 3 associations to answer a survey before 8<sup>th</sup> December:
    - *“Approximately, how many applications do you anticipate your members will submit in 2024? 2025? 2026?”*
    - *Please use this box to provide any additional information that you believe could be helpful to EFSA in organising its application workflow for the upcoming years.*
    - *Please upload any documentation (e.g., reports, projections,...) that you believe could be helpful to EFSA in organising its application workflow for the upcoming years”.*
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## Small group on novel foods

6 members in  
mailing list  
7 members in Slack  
group

6 companies  
involved

1 call since  
beginning of the  
year







### Relevant points for safety assessment

#### Background

- ❖ This overview of relevant points for safety assessment of cell-cultured products is based on a review of:
  - Relevant items identified and discussed at EFSA's Future Food and Feed Lab - Stakeholder workshop on new food/feed sources and technologies<sup>1</sup> and Scientific Colloquium 27 "Cell culture-derived foods and food ingredients"<sup>2</sup>
  - The UK Food Standards Agency (FSA) report entitled "Hazard identification: Identification of hazards in cultured animal cells"<sup>3</sup>
  - The FAO/WHO report entitled "Food safety aspects of cell-based food"<sup>4</sup>
  - The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Memorandum on Cell Culture Consultation (CCC) 000001, Cultured *Gallus gallus* cell material (Good Meat)<sup>5</sup>
  - The US FDA Memorandum on Cell Culture Consultation (CCC) 000002, Cultured *Gallus gallus* cell material (Upside Foods)<sup>6</sup>
  - The Singapore Food Agency *Requirements for the Safety Assessment of Novel Foods and Novel Food Ingredients*<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/future-food-and-feed-lab-stakeholder-workshop-new-foodfeed-sources-and-technologies>.

<sup>2</sup> See <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/efsas-scientific-colloquium-27-cell-culture-derived-foods-and-food-ingredients>.

<sup>3</sup> See [https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/Cultured%20meat%20hazard%20identification%20final\\_0.pdf](https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/Cultured%20meat%20hazard%20identification%20final_0.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> See <https://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/cc4855en>

<sup>5</sup> See <https://www.fda.gov/media/166348/download>

<sup>6</sup> See <https://www.fda.gov/media/163261/download>

<sup>7</sup> See <https://www.sfa.gov.sg/docs/default-source/food-information/requirements-for-the-safety-assessment-of-novel-foods-and-novel-food-ingredients.pdf>



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## **Sub-committee on classification, labelling & hygiene**

Chair: V. Teloni  
(Mosa Meat)

17 members in  
mailing list

12 members in  
Slack group

8 companies  
involved

2 calls since  
beginning of the  
year

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### Action points

- **Labelling (i.e. do our members make meat?)**
    - **C. Rey to analyse all members' website and to share the outcome of her analysis with Chair.**
    - As a second step, the working group questionnaire shall include a question on whether cellular agriculture products are “meat, made in a different way” or “a different kind of meat”.
  - **Hygiene:**
    - **C. Rey to prepare a draft overview of legal Articles of hygiene law that would need to be adapted and to share it with the sub-committee.**
    - Sub-committee members to comment on this draft overview in writing.
    - Once this is finalised, C. Rey to work on a questionnaire for a wider group.
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# **Strategic Planning Committee**

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## **Strategic Planning Committee**

Chair: R. E. Jones (Mosa  
Meat)

Secretariat support: C.  
Rey

10 companies involved

16 members in mailing  
list

11 members in Slack  
group

Proceeds on Slack only

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## **Strategic Planning Committee** *Latest developments and next steps*

### European Parliament

- Own-initiative report on protein strategy adopted on 19/10.
- **Next steps:**
  - **STOA interview on 30/11.**
  - **Debate with Animal Welfare Intergroup.**
  - **EU elections during week 23 2024.**

### Member states

- **Italy:**
  - DDL adopted on 16/11.
- **Romania:**
  - Senate adopted a Bill forbidding sales of cultivated meat on domestic market.
  - **Next step: proactive outreach in Romania.**
  - **Next step: Finalisation of letter for DG SANTE.**

### European Commission

- **Next steps:**
  - **FOOD 2030: Green and resilient food systems (04-05/12)**
  - **FSFS?**
  - **EU biotech and biomanufacturing initiative (non-legislative, Q1 2024)**
  - **Protein strategy (2024)**



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# **Communications Committee**

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# Communications Committee

Chair: to be appointed  
*Interim* secretariat  
support: C. Rey

All members involved

32 members in mailing list  
35 members in Slack  
group

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Media partnership (on hold for the moment)

- [Parliament Magazine](#) (MEPs award)
- [Euractiv](#)

Press activity

- Firefighter intervention after BeneMeat story on feed material registration
- Statements on:
  - Support to Israeli members
  - Romania
  - Italy
- Draft PR on GCAA full day of events on protein diversification at COP28.
- **SCOPAFF ccl on cell-culture derived apple biomass.**





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**Thank you for your attention!**

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