

Event: 15 years anniversary of the General Food Law

27 November 2017 – Brussels

Anniversary event

The European Commission is organising an anniversary event to mark the 15 years of the General Food Law (Regulation (EC) No 178/2002). This event will take place on 27 November 2017, from 9.30 to 13.00, in the Bibliothèque Solvay, Parc Leopold, Rue Belliard 137, 1000 Brussels, Belgium. It will be followed by a lunch reception.

The purpose of the event is to take stock of the benefits of the General Food Law as a sound basis for the Internal Market and international trade, the safeguards in place, the role of science and the challenges it is exposed to in terms of trust of citizens and consumers. The event would also inform a debate whether in terms of objectives, other considerations beyond those related to safety could complement the General Food Law as part of an integrated EU food policy.

The participants will be prominent European policy makers, relevant industry stakeholders, representatives of civil society and government experts.

Speakers include:



Vytenis Andriukaitis
European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety



Bernhard Url
Executive Director, European Food Safety Authority

Preliminary programme

9.00	Registration and welcome coffee
10.00	Welcome by Sabine Jülicher, Director for Food and feed safety, innovation, DG SANTE, European Commission Opening video

Opening remarks: Jim Murray, former Director General of BEUC and former Member of the High Level Group on Administrative Burdens

Presentation *Results of the Fitness Check of the General Food Law* by **Ladislav Miko**, Deputy Director General for Food Safety, DG SANTE, European Commission

Speech: *Consumer trust in safe food* by **Monique Goyens**, Director General, BEUC

First panel discussion and Q&A:

Risk assessment – assets of the current system and challenges

Confirmed panellists:

Bernhard Url Executive Director, European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

Roger Genet Director General, French agency for food, environmental and occupational health and safety (ANSES)

Reiner Wittkowski Vice President, German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)

Pamela Byrne Chief Executive Officer, Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI)

Herman Diricks Chief Executive Officer, Belgian Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain (FAVV/AFSCA)

Ms Annemiek Van Bolhuis Director Public Health and Health Services at RIVM

Moderator:

Michael Scannell Director for Food chain: stakeholder and international relations, DG SANTE, European Commission

Speech: *EU food safety rules as a basis for competitiveness in the Internal Market and in international trade* by Attilio Zanetti, Managing Director, Zanetti S.p.a. , Member of the Presidium of the European Dairy Association (EDA)

Contribution: *Food safety and sustainability* by "New Generation Food Law" (Clemens Comans, Antonia Corini, Neli Sochirca)

Second panel discussion and Q&A:

Risk management at the EU level – science-based and politically responsive?

Confirmed panellists:

Vytenis Andriukaitis	European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety
Indrek Halliste	Director General of the Food and Veterinary Board of Estonia, Estonian Presidency of the Council of the European Union
Bart Staes	Member of the European Parliament
Colin McIff	Director, Europe Office, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
Moderator:	
Sabine Jülicher	Director for Food and feed safety, innovation, DG SANTE, European Commission
Closing remarks:	Ladislav Miko Deputy Director General, DG SANTE, European Commission

13.00

Networking buffet lunch

Registration and practical information

Please [register your interest](#) to attend the conference. Since the places are limited, registrations exceeding the number of places available may not be accepted. Therefore your registration is only confirmed when you receive a confirmation email within two weeks from the date of registration. Acceptance of registration is at the sole discretion of the organising committee.

The conference will be held in English.

The conference is free to attend. Coffee, lunch and refreshments are provided by the Commission at the venue.

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