

Reporting back from the 3rd annual review and outlook and practicalities for the final half-year of SAFE FOODS



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Reports produced:

Third year reporting; We had to deliver in May 2007:

1. Annual management report (period April 2006- March 2007)
2. Annual activity report (period April 2006- March 2007)
3. Draft Planning next 12 months (month 37-48)
4. Progress per deliverable per Work Package (WP1-WP8; Period April 2006 – March 2007)
5. SAFE FOODS total deliverable list for period month 1 – month 48
6. Plan for using and disseminating the knowledge
7. Identification of IPR-related issues over the first two years of SAFE FOODS (part of WP8 report)
8. Revised Technical Annex
9. Summary Financial Report (including form C's) and Audit certificates of year 3
10. A3 financial planning for month 37-48

Review Process of year 3:

- Period May-June 2007: All 3rd years reports (except the financial reports) were made available (printed and electronically) for review to the 2 external experts: Cornelis De Winter & Bettina Rudloff
- June 5: Review meeting in Brussels. All WP leaders (WP1 – WP8) presented the progress and future plans of their WP to the reviewers and some invited EU scientific officers.
- June 6: SAFE FOODS coordinators (Hans & Harry) discussed further the project with Ebba Barany and the 2 reviewers



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Outcome: all reports were accepted; draft work plans must be updated with the results of the discussion during the review

From the review report (full report is available on the project site)

1. OVERALL ASSESSMENT

a. Executive summary

Please follow the order of the individual sections of this report

Comments:

The project so far mainly fulfils all requirements for this really challenging objective of integrating different parts of Risk Analysis as basis for policy guidelines and recommendations. As well the scientific quality is reflecting the state of the art and combines all disciplines in an innovative manner. However, as major deficit appears the nearly complete absence of an economic evaluation so far and the weak links between the WPs which is relevant for the final objective of an integrative approach.

- Good to excellent project (The project has fully achieved its objectives and technical goals for the period and has even exceeded expectations)
- Acceptable project (The project has achieved most of its objectives and technical goals for the period with relatively minor deviations)
- Unsatisfactory project (The project has failed to achieve critical objectives and/or is not at all on schedule)

b. Recommendations

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Some remarks from the review report

1. Deliver all products in time (was mentioned later)
2. More explicit links between some WPs (WP4, WP5 and WP6) could improve the overall coherence (also links between all WPs and their contribution to WP6 should be strengthened). Difference between WP5 and WP6 model should be clear.
3. Consistency in terminology use should be improved across the WPs (WP4, WP5 and WP6)
4. The economic perspective for the evaluation of proposed reforms in WP5 and for the design of a risk management and communication strategy (WP6) is missing
5. A validation of the SAFE FOODS model to food safety cases in the past is relevant but a clear set of criteria on how to evaluate the new model should be used

Requested extension of the project to September 2008 is not possible



Practicalities/Outlook for last year

1. Make sure all deliverables are produced in time
2. SAFE FOODS project ends 31 March 2008 (no costs after this date is eligible)
3. All scientific reports should be prepared and sent to the coordinator before that date (31 March 2008)
4. All financial reports should be prepared and sent before May 1 2008
5. Final SAFE FOODS meeting will be in ROME: March 3 & 4 2008
6. Proposed structure:
 - Key presentations of all WP's
 - Audience (100-120):
SAFE FOODS partners,
Invited stakeholders

