



## **European Food SCP Round Table**

### **Working Group 1 Mandate for 2014**

The release of the ENVIFOOD Protocol in 2013 was a major achievement for Working Group 1 (WG1). In 2014, WG1 will follow-up on the public consultation and the pilot test of the ENVIFOOD Protocol and contribute to the EU and international promotion of the ENVIFOOD Protocol. WG1 will also implement the recommendations approved by the Steering Committee in 2013 regarding data needs and product-specific rules. The last main activity for WG1 in 2014 will be to contribute to the PEF pilot phase organised by the European Commission.

#### **1) Follow-up of the public consultation and pilot test of the ENVIFOOD Protocol**

As announced during the Plenary meeting in 2013, WG1 will follow up on the pilot test of the ENVIFOOD protocol:

- By organizing a technical workshop with the pilot testers
- By preparing a public report explaining how the feedback received during the public consultation and the pilot were handled. WG1 already identified three types of comments received:
  - Comments which led to changes in the ENVIFOOD Protocol released in 2013;
  - Comments which triggered the need to provide additional guidance and interpretation without modifying the requirements in the ENVIFOOD Protocol;
  - Comments which should be addressed on a more long term perspective, taking into account the lessons learnt from the PEF pilot).
- By providing additional interpretation, guidance and concrete examples (without modifying the requirements of the ENVIFOOD protocol) on the items identified during the public consultation and the pilot test.
- By engaging in discussion on long term comments identified during the public consultation and the pilot test.

#### **Deliverables 2014**

- Technical workshop with ENVIFOOD Protocol pilot testers (February)
- Report on the outcome of the public consultation and pilot test of the ENVIFOOD Protocol (March)
- Complementary guidance to facilitate implementation of the ENVIFOOD Protocol (May)

#### **2) Contribution to the EU and international promotion of the ENVIFOOD Protocol**

The promotion of the ENVIFOOD Protocol in 2014 falls under the responsibility of the Steering Committee. Nevertheless, WG1 will also contribute to the promotion of the ENVIFOOD Protocol:

- By identifying key meetings, symposiums, etc. for which a presentation of the ENVIFOOD Protocol would be useful (Round Table members which would like to make suggestions are invited to get in touch with the RT Secretariat).
- By delivering these presentations or supporting the delivery of these presentations.
- By listing the references to the ENVIFOOD Protocol in public documents.

**Deliverables 2014:**

- Standard presentation of the ENVIFOOD Protocol (March)
- List of events and brief report on participation in the events (November)
- Inventory of references to ENVIFOOD Protocol in public documents (November)

WG1 will implement in 2014 the strategy adopted in 2013 in the Working Paper on Product Category Rules. The working group will coordinate the development of product-specific rules:

- Through the PEF pilot. WG1 will contribute to the PEF pilot by:
  - Facilitating coordination and consistency between pilots, including through participation in PEF pilot consultations and organisation of technical workshops;
  - Providing technical support for the interpretation of the ENVIFOOD Protocol, in relation with the EF Technical Helpdesk;
  - Participation of the WG1 industry co-chair in the PEF Technical Advisory Board;
  - Invitation of PEF pilot testers to WG1 meetings, following approval by the SCP Steering Committee.
- Through other initiatives outside the PEF pilot test.
- By analysing the need for update and revision of the ENVIFOOD Protocol.

This includes the identification of product-specific rules for feed, food and drink products and the need to address interactions and to ensure consistency in the product chain of the concerned products, following a modular approach.

**Deliverables 2014**

- List of initiatives for which support was delivered (November)
- Description of modular approach (November)

**4) Coordination of data needs and database development**

WG1 will coordinate data needs and database development activities, according to the working paper adopted by the Steering Committee in 2013. This includes:

- Facilitation of exchange of information among RT members on database initiatives developed by RT members and raising awareness on the database initiatives developed by external stakeholders;
- Mapping of main database initiatives;
- Identification of data gaps, in order to stimulate database development.

**Deliverables 2014**

- Workshop on database initiatives (June) (suggestions for relevant initiatives should be sent to the RT Secretariat)
- Mapping of database initiatives (September)
- Identification of data gaps (November)
- Report analysing the need for update and revision of the ENVIFOOD Protocol, including brief analysis on support for PCR development (November).

**5) Participation in other initiatives**

WG1 will monitor and assess parallel activities in the area of methodology for environmental footprinting (e.g. CEN) and provide the Steering Committee with recommendations regarding the relevance for the Food SCP Round Table to get involved in those activities.

**Deliverables 2014**

- List of initiatives and recommendations proposed