

Subject: RE: candidates to EFSA's Management Board

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Dear Mr Pigeon,

Thank you for your email of 18 February 2014.

The term of office of 7 Members of EFSA Management Board (out of 14) will expire on 30 June 2014. In November 2013, the Commission submitted to the European Parliament and the Council a list of 23 potential candidates. On 16 January 2014, the Coordinators of the Committee for the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) recommended that the 7 vacant seats at the management board should be filled by appointing candidates from among of the following 8 persons, listed within the two sub-groups below in descending order according to the support they had obtained from the various political groups:

- Female candidates:
 - Ms Beate KETTLITZ (DE)
 - Ms Zita CEPONYTE (LT)
 - Ms Inger ANDERSSON (SE)
 - Ms Fiorella BELPOGGI (IT)

- Male candidates:
 - Mr Jan MOUSING (DK)
 - Mr Raymond O'ROURKE (IE)
 - Mr Michael WINTER (DE)
 - Mr Iñaki EGUILEOR (ES)

The ENVI Coordinators took their decision after an in-depth review of the candidate's resumes. Ms Kettliz and Mr Mousing were proposed pursuant to article 25(1), first sub-paragraph, of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety (as candidates with a background in "organisations representing consumers and other interests in the food chain"). It has to be noted that 3 outgoing members of the Management Board have a background in organisations representing consumers and other interests in the food chain.

In your email you mention more specifically two candidates that have been included by the ENVI Committee in its above-mentioned shortlist, namely Ms Kettliz and Mr Mousing, and you express your concerns as to transparency of the process that led to their inclusion in this shortlist. As a matter of fact, it is well-known that Ms Kettliz joined in 2005 FoodDrinkEurope, where she is Director for Food Policy, Science and R&D, as clearly mentioned on the website of FoodDrinkEurope (<http://www.fooddrinkeurope.eu/about-us/secretariat/#beate-kettliz>). Mr Mousing is Managing Director and CEO for the Danish Knowledge Centre for Agriculture, a private institution providing knowledge to the Danish agricultural sector. He is currently a Member of EFSA Management board (his term

of office will end on 30 June 2014), and detailed information on his professional background, as well as his declaration of interests, have been publicly available on EFSA's website for a long time (<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/members/member/janmousing.htm>). Both FoodDrinkEurope and the Danish Knowledge Centre for Agriculture are considered as organisations representing other interests in the food chain. Selecting candidates with a professional experience within these two organisations is therefore totally in line with Regulation (EC) No 178/2002. With respect to the selection process itself, as indicated above, candidates were listed in descending order according to the support that they obtained from the various political groups. Against this background, it appears that Ms Kettlitz and Mr Mousing are the two candidates who gathered the most support. I would like to remind you that Coordinators' meetings take place in camera, and that only the outcome of the deliberations of ENVI Coordinators is publicly available (on the ENVI Committee's website: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/envi/publications.html>). Hence, we do not disclose information pertaining to how the above-mentioned list of candidates was drawn up, in particular to which group supported which candidates. I would like to specify however that the ENVI Coordinators took their decision after reviewing thoroughly each candidature and made an informed decision.

I hope that the explanation above removes your concerns as to the selection process of Members of EFSA management board.

Yours sincerely,

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P.J.: results of ENVI Coordinators meeting of 16 January 2014.

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