

EBSA

MEMBER SURVEY ACTIONS

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OUR MEMBERS: WHAT DO THEY EXPECT?

What can EBSA do to cater to the needs of our members?

Which biosafety related services/activities must EBSA focus on?



All suggested services score high and four of them score more than 50%. EBSA recognizes the need to provide more news and training related services. EBSA Council, EBSA secretariat and the EBSA working groups will work to provide these services, but as EBSA is a member association, EBSA will also be asking its members to rise to the occasion.

On the next pages we will be tackling the different actions in order of importance as given by the survey participants.

NEWS

Although there are many news sources online and EBSA posts already information in the EBSA LinkedIn group, EBSA wants to take up the challenge to provide more news.

EBSA wants to work on following:

- Provide more **event information** in our online calendar
 - EBSA will actively ask partner organisations on a regular basis to provide timely information on their events, and other events they are aware of, so we can share them with our members.
 - **EBSA members** will be additionally invited to notify the EBSA secretariat by using an online form to share event information so it can be announced on the EBSA website, via the EBSA newsletter and the EBSA LinkedIn group.
- Provide more **course information** in our online course calendar
 - EBSA will actively ask partner organisations on a regular basis to provide information on their courses and other biosafety related courses they are aware of so we can share them with our members.
 - **EBSA members** will be additionally invited to notify the EBSA secretariat by using an online form so it can be announced via the EBSA communication channels.
- Provide **news**

News provided by EBSA on its website should have an added value and should not be simply copying articles that are available on other sources. EBSA would therefore like to focus on 2 tracks:

 - Provide direct links to relevant biosafety related news resources
 - Share important news items via the EBSA LinkedIn group and the EBSA website.

Members are invited to alert us to relevant news resources, and notify to the EBSA secretariat news items that they would like to be shared.

EBSA news will also be put on the different channels such as LinkedIn and the website.



Breaking News
More +++ Information +++ News

TRAINING

Training when you want it, where you want it

EBSA has always invested in training with a dedicated group of specialists working within ETWG. They not only plan the yearly pre-conference courses but also explore other training related subjects including delivering training online.

Also BBP, the Belgian Biosafety Professionals, developed educational material that is shared with all EBSA members on our website.

Taking the results of this survey in account EBSA council, after consultation with ETWG, has decided to prioritise efforts towards developing a basic biosafety course that would combine online education with classroom education.

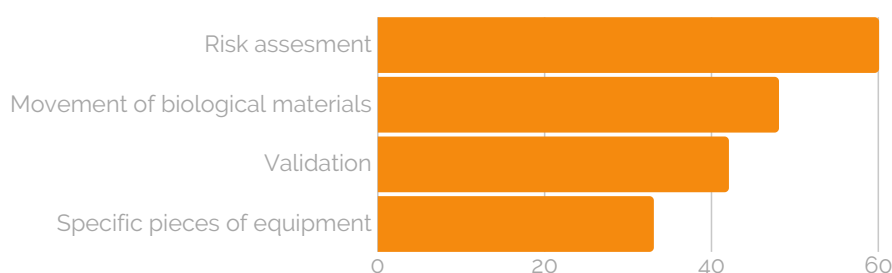


GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

Your online up-to-date repository repository for biosafety related topic information

Guidance topics

Members indicated their interest in following topics (% of replies):



Some members also gave us other suggestions and remarks

Many exsisting are biased
GITES
Nagoya protocol
Quality is key
All development in biorisk
Many exsisting are misleading

EBSA council has decided, some years ago, to explore the possibility of providing fact sheets and guidelines. The first fact sheet is now under review and will be published in 2020. Additional fact sheets will follow. Also BBP, the Belgian Biosafety Professionals, already developed several guidance documents that are shared with all EBSA members on our website.

The idea behind these fact sheets is to help all biosafety officers in their day-to-day job. In order to be sure that information in these fact sheets is correct and gives an added value, EBSA will engage with specialists in the various fields in order to validate their content.

Identifying specific topics, finding specialists in that field and writing and reviewing these fact sheets is a surprisingly lengthy process. Therefore, your input is also important!

When we search for specialists in a certain field we begin with EBSA member profiles. Please make sure that your member profile is filled out and up-to-date.

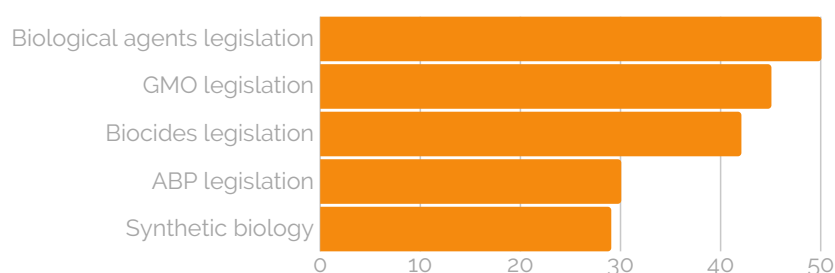
Do you have a specialty topic where you have already produced a fact sheet you would like EBSA to share with your peers? Please send it to the office so we can review it and publish it on our website as an EBSA document.

GUIDANCE

EBSA AS STAKEHOLDER

Become a recognized stakeholder in the development or amendment of legislation relevant for biosafety

Members indicated that EBSA should represent them as stakeholder for following topics (% of replies):



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Focal points and projects have been established within EBSA that have contact with legislators at national and/or international level. These efforts will be continued, for instance by setting up a task force on the Biocidal Product Regulation.



EBSA ON THE ROAD

Organise local training for biosafety professionals

EBSA knows that organising courses separate from our annual conference could be beneficial for EBSA members with restricted financial means. Developing a basic biosafety course is a concrete action through which EBSA would like to offer training on different locations in Europe. Whether additional courses 'on the road' could be organized, for instance by offering certain courses that have been delivered as part of the pre-conference training courses, at particular additional times, in additional countries, will be further investigated.



Now it is up to all of us, contribute through these online forms

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