

Previous Working Groups

Risk Communications

Years active:2019-2020

About

The Risk Communication working group provided a gap analysis of the Science Council principles, and advice on how best to turn them into a workable framework. They also provided academic support on a review of existing and recent risk communications frameworks for UK Government, understanding their evolution, how they are used, and what are the learning points one might take forward.

Papers

[The Terms of Reference for the ACSS working group on Risk Communication.](#)

[Communicating Risk Literature Review](#)

Food and You

About

Years active: 2018-2019

The working group's procedure included:

1. consultation with FSA staff and external stakeholders on the Agency's portfolio of consumer research, with particular reference to the F&Y survey,
2. an assessment of the alignment of the different strands of consumer research with the Agency's strategic objectives,
3. a review of the F&Y topics and concepts, and
4. lessons from contemporary survey research methodology practice.

Papers

[**Terms of Reference** for the Food and You working group on the National Archives \(non-accessible\).](#)

[**First Meeting Minutes** for the Food and You working group on the National Archives \(non-accessible\).](#)

[**Second Meeting Minutes** for the Food and You working group on the National Archives \(non-accessible\).](#)

[**Recommendations** Paper for the Food and You working group on the National Archives \(non-accessible\).](#)

More information can be found on the [Food and You page on the FSA website](#).

EU Exit

About

Years active: 2019-2020

To ensure that we had an effective and resilient regulatory system in place after EU Exit, the FSA aimed to build a robust evidence-base to understand the economic impact of EU Exit on the food and feed industry and understand how these impacts might affect consumers and public health.

The EU Exit Working Group provided expert advice to improve the FSA's understanding of the dynamics and scope of the expected changes. In particular, they identified research gaps that the FSA should fill, advised on methodologies to assess the likely impacts on industry and consumers and suggested approaches how the FSA can mitigate expected risks.

Papers

[**Terms of Reference** for the EU Exit Working Group on the National Archives \(non-accessible\).](#)

[**EU Exit Working Group Minutes** on the National Archives \(non-accessible\).](#)

Applying Behavioural Science

About

Years active: 2018-2019

In the last two years we have been building internal capability and worked with other government departments and external organisations, including academic institutions, to access relevant expertise and knowledge on how best to apply behavioural science in our engagement with:

- Consumers to ensure food is safe and is what it says it is
- Regulators of food businesses who are responsible for complying with food safety regulation.

This group was set up to review the progress we've made and scope out new work in line with emerging priorities. The purpose of this working group was to help assure best practice and outcomes in the application of behavioural science to the upcoming work of the FSA.

Papers

[Terms of Reference for the Applying Behavioural Science working group on the National Archives \(non-accessible\).](#)

[First Meeting Minutes for the Applying Behavioural Science working group on the National Archives \(non-accessible\).](#)

Climate Change and Consumer Behaviour working group

About

The FSA has a strong interest in horizon scanning possible responses to climate change and understanding where it might impact its work. This working group helped to highlight and discover trends in climate change responses to aid the FSA in horizon scanning in a 2-phase project. Phase 1 involved holding an expert engagement workshop, to identify behaviours that consumers may engage in in response to climate change concerns. Phase 2 involved running a workshop with FSA policy and operational leads to understand implications of these identified behaviours across FSA areas of work and mitigating activity currently underway. The final report 'The impact of climate change on consumer food behaviours: Identification of potential trends and impacts' is available below, under papers.

Following completion of this work the group has been paused to consider strategic need.

Members

- [Julie Hill \(Chair\) \(Opens in a new window\)](#)
- [Seda Erdem](#)
- [Spencer Henson](#)
- [Hannah Lambie-Mumford](#)

Terms of Reference

Word

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Papers

Working Group Proposition

PDF

[ViewCCCB Working Group Propositionas PDF](#)(105.73 KB)

CCCB Workshop Summary

PDF

[ViewCCCB Workshop Summaryas PDF](#)(127.04 KB)

CCCB final workshop report:

The impact of climate change on consumer food behaviours: Identification of potential trends and impacts [Report found here](#)

The group last updated the wider committee at the 9th ACSS plenary meeting. Please see the update provided in [/Paper 9.5 Climate Change and Consumer Behaviour Working Group - Update \(July 2022\)](#)

More Information

For more information please [contact us](#), or visit the [ACSS website on the National Archives \(non-Accessible\)](#).