



## **Danube Soya Scientific Advisory Board**

### **Terms of Reference**

Constituted under Article 17.3 of the Statutes of Danube Soya, the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) is a panel of external experts appointed by the Danube Soya Board. The principal purpose of the SAB is to support good governance in Danube Soya through the provision of independent scientific advice and challenge. The objectives of the SAB are to:

1. provide strategic support to The Board based on sound scientific evidence and opinion;
2. evaluate, and provide advice on, research supported by Danube Soya;
3. advise, as scientists, on the optimal exploitation of research;
4. provide scientific advice on interactions with public policy bodies;
5. provide scientific inputs to the development of the Donau Soja/ Europe Soya Standards as required;
6. provide scientific advice on supply/value-chain development and risk management;
7. advise on research funding opportunities, and
8. confer awards for research, innovation and regional or national development initiatives.

The views expressed and conclusions reached by the SAB are those of its members. The advice provided is based on their collective expertise. It is provided in good faith and members of the SAB cannot be held liable for any direct, indirect, special, incidental or consequential damages arising out of the use or inability use the advice they provide.



## **General procedures**

### ***Meetings and subgroups***

The SAB meets formally three times per year with at least one of these being a physical meeting, normally linked to the Danube Soya Annual General Assembly. There is on-going frequent contact between SAB members and the Chairman of the Danube Soya Association, the Danube Soya Board and staff of Danube Soya. Unless required by members, no formal chairman is appointed and the meetings are round table discussions. The SAB may appoint members to represent the SAB on a case-by-case basis depending on the specific requirements and competences. The SAB can establish subgroups and subgroup meetings. In addition, the Chairman of the Danube Soya Association, the Danube Soya Board or any member of the Danube Soya Association may recommend experts to contribute to subgroup meetings.

The Secretary of the SAB is provided by The Danube Soya Association.

### ***Dissemination and publicity***

SAB reports formally each year to the Danube Soya Board with an Annual Report. Information on members and an annual report of the SAB's activities etc. are published on the Danube Soya website.

### ***Establishment***

Members of the SAB are appointed by the Danube Soya Board for a period of 2 years according to the Danube Soya Statutes. Members are expected to be active in supporting the objectives of Danube Soya as independent scientists (see Danube Soya Statutes).

The Danube Soya Board will actively keep all their appointments to the DS SAB under review based on the minutes of SAB's meetings, its reports to the DS Board, and other outputs.

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