



Corrigendum

Corrigendum to The Need for Strategic Development of Safety Sciences

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We have been alerted by chair of the EU-ANSA (the EU Agencies Network for Scientific Advice), Dr Derek Knight, ECHA, that in this manuscript, which appeared in ALTEX (2017), 34(1), 3-21, <https://doi.org/10.14573/1701031>, footnote 54 is to the website of the EU Agencies Network (<https://euagencies.eu/>), not to EU-ANSA. The EU-ANSA is a subnetwork of the EU Agencies Network. We would like to replace footnote 54 with a link he provided.

He further clarified: “*The EU-ANSA was set up by the EU Agencies Network in 2013, not by the former Chief Scientific Advisor (CSA), although Professor Glover was supportive of the EU-ANSA & she or a representative from her office attended some meetings. Hence the cessation of the CSA was not relevant to the continuation of the EU-ANSA. Nevertheless, there was a smooth transition for the EU-ANSA in networking with the Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM) unit that superseded the CSA. To be clear on this point, the EU-ANSA is entirely independent of the CSA & the SAM. Finally note that the EU-ANSA is not the mechanism for ECHA & EFSA to co-ordinate, although both ECHA & EFSA are member Agencies of the EU-ANSA. However, there is a memorandum of understanding between ECHA & EFSA*” (https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/13606/mou_echa_efsa_en.pdf/b893fd32-a53d-41d8-ae4-29d97db81df4).

In order to correct this, we would like to change the paragraph that runs from page 15 to 16 in Section 4.2:

Noteworthy, both European agencies most recently have started a discussion toward strategic planning including the tools and ways safety assessments should be done. This represents a major change from their former more receiving and executing roles. It is not clear how much of this change is harmonized and coordinated, e.g., by the *Agency Network Scientific Advice*⁵⁴ (ANSA), but they appear rather independent. ANSA is a recently established structure that organizes face-to-face meetings that take place once a year at rotating locations. It was ~~initiated by the CSA~~ created in order to share “good practices” and harmonize working vocabulary such as “independent”, etc. ~~The network has survived the CSA’s termination and was renamed The EU Agency Network~~⁵⁴. EU-ANSA is not the mechanism for ECHA and EFSA to co-ordinate bilaterally, however, there is a memorandum of understanding between the agencies. It is worth mentioning that such steering already existed from 2006 to 2011 but was terminated by the EC.

⁵⁴ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/euansa150809en.pdf