

2026 EFLA ONLINE WORKSHOP: Key Highlights on the Omnibus and BioTech Act I

25 September 2026 | Online

10:00 - 10:05

Welcome address

Paola Corte — EFLA President

10:05 - 10:15

Opening Remarks and Framing: The Future of Food Innovation Regulation

Manon Ombredane — Legal Director at Squire Patton Boggs

10:15 - 10:40

The EU Biotech Act: enabling innovation through a modernized legislative framework

Alexandra Eftimie — Legal and Policy Officer (DG Sante - Policy Strategy) at the European Commission

10:40 - 11:05

The Food and Feed simplification package: update on current state of play

Francesca Mancini — Deputy Head of Unit (DG for Health and Food Safety - Pesticides and Biocides) at the European Commission

11:05 - 11:30

EFSA risk assessment: a case to re-balance transparency and consultations requirements?

Marta Baffigo — Research and Development Scientific and Regulatory Affairs Senior Director, EMEA at Cargill

11:30 - 11:55

Novel foods and non-legislative sandboxes: lessons from the UK's cell-cultivated product sandbox

Joshua Ravenhill — Head of Cell-Cultivated Product Sandbox at FSA

11:55 - 12:20

Industry Perspective

Wieke Edinger — Sr Manager Public Affairs, Lead EU Food & Ag policy at Novonosis

12:20 - 12:50

Panel Q&A and Interactive Discussion

12:50 - 13:00

Closing Reflections and Key Takeaways

Manon Ombredane — Legal Director at Squire Patton Boggs



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