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**Agenda Item 6**

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**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION**

**Eightieth Session**

**Virtual, 13-21 January 2021**

**APPLICATIONS FROM INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS  
FOR OBSERVER STATUS IN CODEX**

(Prepared by the Codex Secretariat in collaboration with FAO and WHO)

1. The Executive Committee is hereby invited, in accordance with Rule IX.6 of the Rules of Procedure and the *Principles Concerning the Participation of International Non-Governmental Organizations in the Work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission*, to provide advice regarding the applications for Observer Status from the International Non-Governmental Organizations neither having status with FAO nor official relations with WHO, as included in the Annexes.
2. The representatives of the Legal Counsel of WHO will provide information at the session, on any further research that may be necessary concerning some of the applicants and any conditions to be included in case of acceptance e.g. for reason of double representation.
3. The Directors-General of FAO and WHO will decide whether the applicant organizations are to be granted observer status, taking into account all relevant information received from the applicant and the advice of the Executive Committee.
4. This document contains the following applications:

<b>Annex</b>	<b>Name</b>
Annex 1	EFAD

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## ANNEX 1: EFAD Original language only

**(a) Official name of the organization in different languages (with initials)**

The European Federation of the Associations of Dietitians (EFAD)

**(b) Full postal address, Telephone, Facsimile and Email, as well as Telex and website addresses as appropriate.**

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Website: [www.efad.org](http://www.efad.org)

**(c) Aims and subject fields (mandate) of organization, and methods of operation. (Enclose charter, constitution, by-laws, rules of procedures etc.). Date of establishment.**

The aims of EFAD are to:

- promote the development of the dietetic profession
- develop dietetics on a scientific and professional level in the common interest of the member associations
- facilitate communication between national dietetic associations and other organisations – professional, educational, and governmental
- encourage a better nutrition situation for the population of the member countries of Europe.

**(d) Member organizations (name and address of each national affiliate, method of affiliation, giving number of members where possible, and names of principal officers. If the organization has individual members, please indicate approximate number in each country. If the organization is of a federal nature and has International Non-Governmental Organizations as members, please indicate whether any of those members already enjoy observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission).**

EFAD has:

- 28 Full Member Associations,
- 4 Affiliate Member Associations
- 40 Education Associate Members

Details of method of affiliation and full details of each member are available on the EFAD web site:

<http://www.efad.org/en-us/about-efad/membership/>

The names of the representatives of each member organisation and, where possible, the number of their members is attached.

**(e) Structure (assembly or conference; council or other form of governing body; type of general secretariat; commissions on special topics, if any etc).**

EFAD is governed by the General Meeting, which is made up of representatives from each full member association.

EFAD is managed by an Executive Committee, which has 9 elected members and is supported by a secretariat.

**(f) Indication of source of funding (e.g. membership contributions, direct funding, external contributions, or grants).**

In 2019 EFAD had an income of €206.000. Of this 60% was from member subscription fees, 30% from projects and 8% from conference

**(g) Meetings (indicate frequency and average attendance; send report of previous meeting, including any resolutions passed) that are concerned with matters covering all or part of the Commission's field of activity.**

The General Meeting takes place once a year. The Executive Committee meets once a month. Minutes of the 30th General Meeting (2019) are attached.

**(h) Relations with other international organizations:**

- **UN and its organs (indicate consultative status or other relationship, if any).**
- **Other international organizations (document substantive activities).**

EFAD was accredited as a non-state actor not in official relations with WHO to attend meetings of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe in 2018 (see attachment).

**(i) Expected contribution to the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme.**

EFAD brings together dietitians who practice their profession in many different areas, including food services, food safety, clinical nutrition and public health. The professional profile of dietitians is clearly specific to impact areas related to nutrition and nutrition & consumer information. Dietitians provide the specific approach, focus and insight that is not offered by other health professionals.

Thus, our aspiration is to contribute to enriching the discussion in the framework of the working and discussion groups of the CODEX, influencing the food system and achieving a global consensus on nutrition issues.

**(j) Past activities on behalf of, or in relation to, the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme (indicate any relationship by national affiliates with the Regional Coordinating Committees and/or the National Codex Contact Points or Committees for at least the last three years preceding the application).**

EFAD has not previously had contact with national or European Codex committees, however, we have been an active entity in public consultations of the European Commission, FAO and WHO, on issues related to our field of knowledge and professional expertise, as well as of those derived from our membership in action groups at European level such as the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health

In addition, EFAD is part of the ad hoc advisory group of the Farm to Fork strategy of the European Commission, is a member of the EFSA advisory committee and we maintain collaborative relationships with European federations in the area of health such as ESPEN, EASO, EFPC and ENHA.

EFAD is accredited as a non-state actor to the WHO European Regional Committee, which enabled us to contribute an oral statement on "Accelerating Primary Care" to the 69RC meeting in 2019.

We believe our participation in the working and discussion groups of the CODEX, would contribute to impacting positively on healthier and more sustainable food systems and achieving a global consensus on nutrition recommendation to prevent and control NCDs.

**(k) Area of activity in which participation as an observer is requested (Commission and/or Subsidiary Bodies). If more than one organization with similar interests is requesting observer status in any field of activity, such organizations will be encouraged to form themselves into a federation or association for the purpose of participation. If the formation of such a single organization is not feasible, the application should explain why this is so.**

Our area of activity would be nutrition, dietetics and health, as well as those related to recommendations, standards and guidelines for increasing food literacy through consumer information, such as labelling or nutritional and health claims, to help them to overcome the daily challenge of understanding exactly what they are buying and consuming, by setting standards and guidelines for nutritional information on food packages to enable consumers to make informed food decisions. In addition, we would be eager and willing to participate in all those areas whose objectives are the actions aimed at improving the nutritional profile of food and its impact on food systems to facilitate healthier and more sustainable food environments, as well as contributing to the prevention of nutritional deficiencies and diet-related non-communicable diseases. Thus, our priority areas of activity would be associated with the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) and the Codex Committee on Food Labeling (CCFL).

Our European Specialists Dietetic Networks, especially that related to public health, has been involved in numerous discussions and policy papers, such as the [newly adopted in nutrient profile systems](#) or [front of package nutrition labeling](#). Therefore, we believe that this expertise could be useful to the CODEX current working groups such as the one named [Development of nutrient profiling for labelling](#) or that related to the

[Development of Guidelines on the Use of Front-of-Pack Nutrition Labelling](#). In addition, the ESDN PH has participated in the Global Forum on Food Security and [Nutrition consultation on CFS policy process on the development of the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition](#).

- (l) **Previous applications for observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission, including those made by a member organization of the applicant organization. If successful, please indicate why and when observer status was terminated. If unsuccessful, please indicate the reasons you were given.**

EFAD has not made any previous applications and is unaware of any applications made by our members.

- (m) **Languages (English, French or Spanish) in which documentation should be sent to the International Non-Governmental Organization.**

English

- (n) **Name, Function and address of the person providing the information.**

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- (o) **Signature and date.**



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