

User Guide Notification of studies

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Note for the users

This user guide has been updated on 5 December 2024 to take into account the latest system enhancements.

- The "Shared with" functionalities that allow organisations to share study notifications among them, have been revised. In particular:
 - The name of this set of functionalities was changed from "Share with" to "Sharing options".
 - The relationship type "Shared with", which was granting read-only rights, has been renamed to "Read-only" accordingly.
 - When sharing a study notification by granting "Read-only" permissions, the user can decide to enable another entity to reuse the study in its
 own pre-application IDs. In this circumstance, "Read-only" permissions cannot be revoked.
 - A new section showing the history of sharing has been added to the study notification page.
- Notified/co-notified studies can be edited or withdrawn until the planned completion date. Once this date has passed:
 - The fields corresponding to "Study Title", "Study Title (English Name)", "Food Domain, Authorisation Type, Application Type", "Study Starting Date" and "Test Item" can no longer be modified.
 - The date indicated in the 'Planned Completion Date' field can only be changed twice. All the other fields remain editable.
 - The study withdrawal will not be possible.
- A new section named "Compliance data" has been added in the study notification page. It is not editable by the business operators, laboratories and consultants. Information on "compliance", "Dossier number" and "Question ID" will be shown there after the suitability/completeness check of the corresponding application has been completed.

Some editorial changes have been introduced to further clarify the existing content.



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Introduction



1. Actors of the Process

The process for managing the Notification of Studies process might involve up to **two types of actors**:

Business Operator/Consultant	(orange)
Laboratory /Consultant	(green)

For ease of reference through this Guide, the two roles are visualised by the respective **colour stripe** on the left-hand side of slides.

1. Actors of the Process



Business operator, third party/consultant: these users belong to an organisation qualified as Applicant. They create and manage their studies in Connect.EFSA. Business operator, third party/consultant can both notify and co-notify studies. In order to perform these actions, they need to be registered as Applicant. Business operator can extend the power to complete such tasks to a third party/consultant*.



Laboratory, third party/consultant: these users belong to an organisation qualified as Laboratory. They create and manage their studies in Connect.EFSA. Laboratories, third party/consultant can both notify and co-notify studies. In order to perform these actions, they need to be registered as Laboratory. Laboratories can extend the power to complete such tasks to a third party/consultant.

^{*}When an organisation works as business operator and also as a laboratory or works on behalf of both business operators and laboratories, when performing the notification of studies process it can decide whether to act as an Applicant or as a Laboratory. This will be furtherly explained in the next slides.

1.1 Account qualification

Users registered on Connect.EFSA can be qualified to conduct pre-submission activities as **applicant** or as **laboratory** or **both**.

These qualifications are assigned by EFSA according to the needs of the users at the time of the registration.



Applicant only: organisations such as business operators. They act as potential applicant conducting presubmission activities linked to a future application for a regulated product in a specific regulated area. These organisations can create pre-application IDs, studies from a pre-application ID, notify and co-notify studies. The same qualification is assigned to consultants working on their behalf.

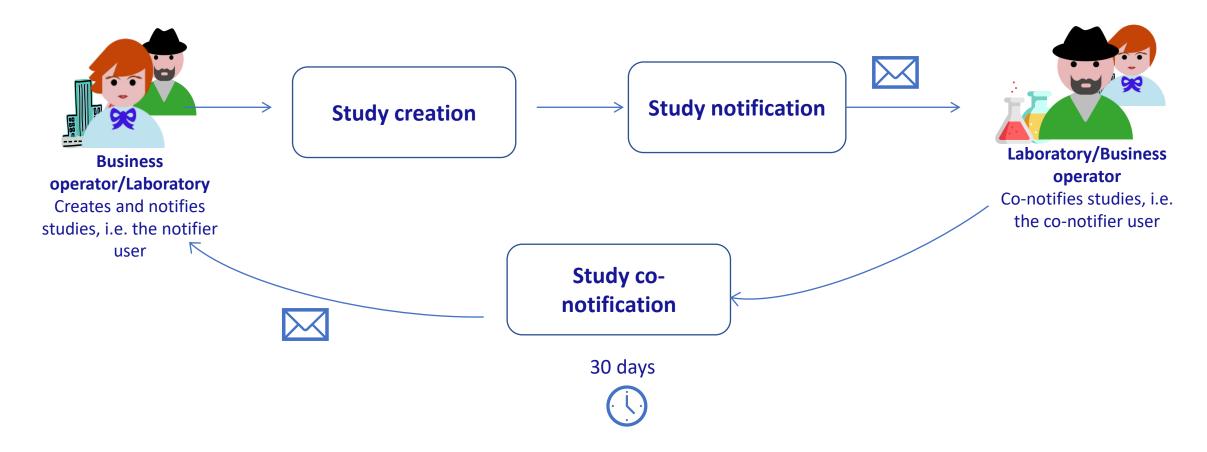


Laboratory only: organisations such as laboratories/external testing facilities. They act as laboratories conducting studies commissioned by business operators. These organisations can only create, notify and conotify studies from the notification of studies database section. The same qualification is assigned to consultants working on their behalf.



Applicant and Laboratory: organisations such as business operators, laboratories, and their consultants, which act in different roles depending on the pre-submission activity. This qualification combines the above. In this context, the system does not allow a business operator to operate as consultant for the laboratory to which it has commissioned the study.

1.2 Notification of Studies: process overview



The notification of studies process involves two main actors: the notifier (user who starts the process) and the co-notifier. The notifier can be either a business operator or a laboratory and the co-notifier can be respectively either a laboratory or a business operator (depending on who inserted the notification).

Accessing Connect.EFSA



2. Access the Connect.EFSA portal

Business operators and Laboratories, and their third parties/consultants before starting to conduct presubmission activities should <u>self-register an account</u> on behalf of their organisation by following the instructions available in the <u>Connect.EFSA registration user manual</u> and identifiable by a <u>pink banner</u> on the left-hand side of the slides.

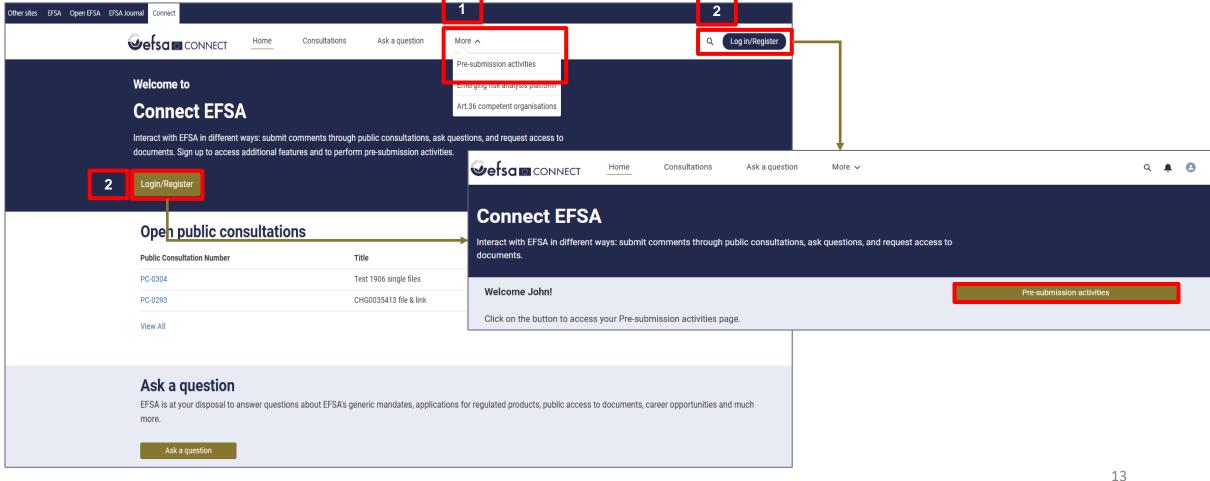
Registered users from Business operator and/or Laboratory organisations can access Connect.EFSA portal from their `trusted` devices via the following link: https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM



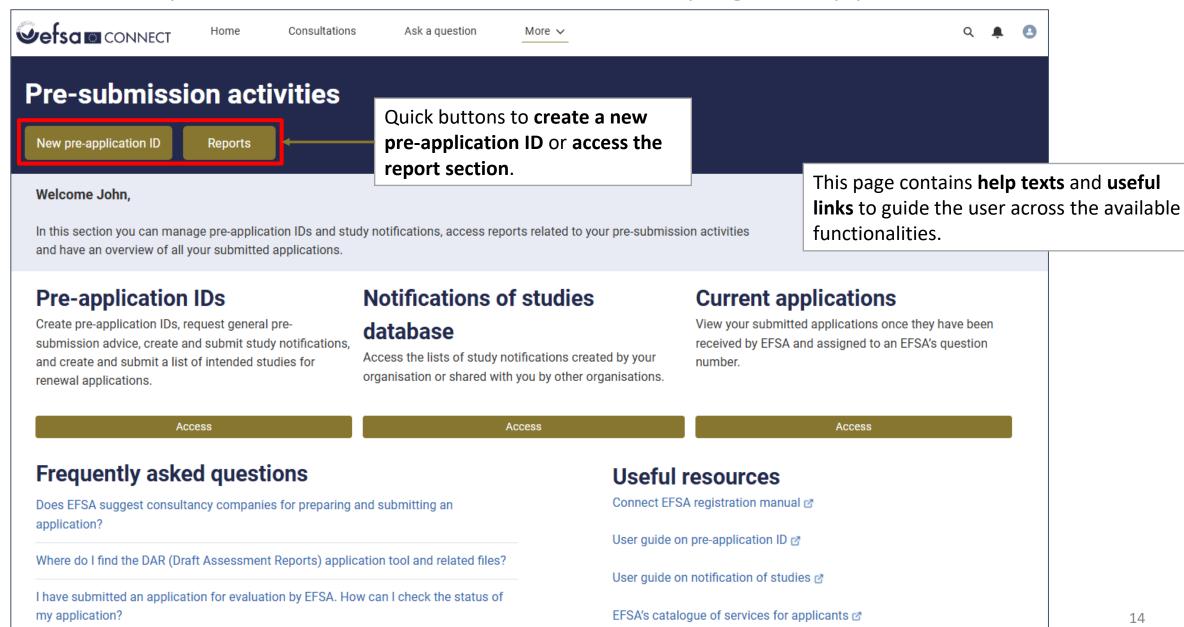
2.1 Accessing pre-submission activities

From the home page of Connect.EFSA users can access the pre-submission activities page in two ways:

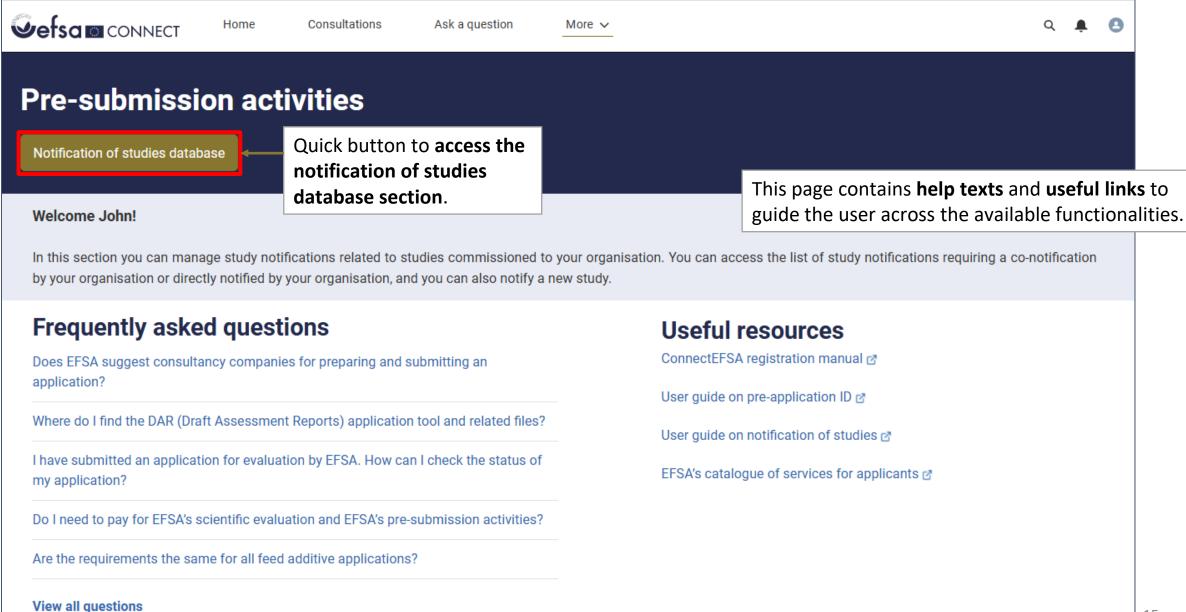
- 1. before logging in, by clicking on 'More' and then selecting 'Pre-submission activities'
- 2. after logging in



2.2 The pre-submission activities main page – Applicant view



2.3 The pre-submission activities main page – Laboratory view



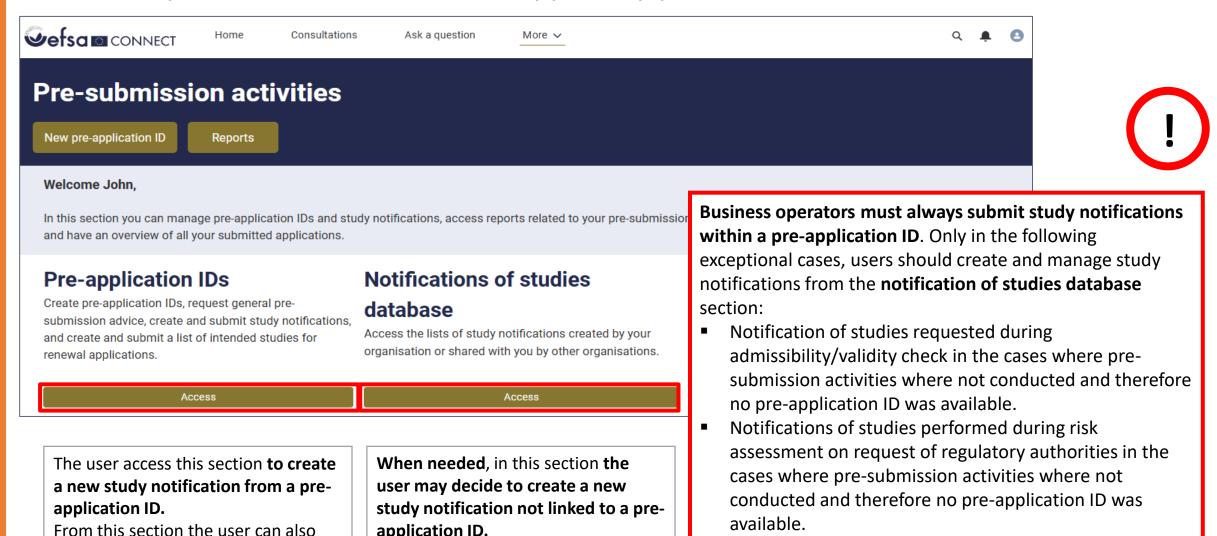
Notification of studies



3 Study creation – Account type: Applicant

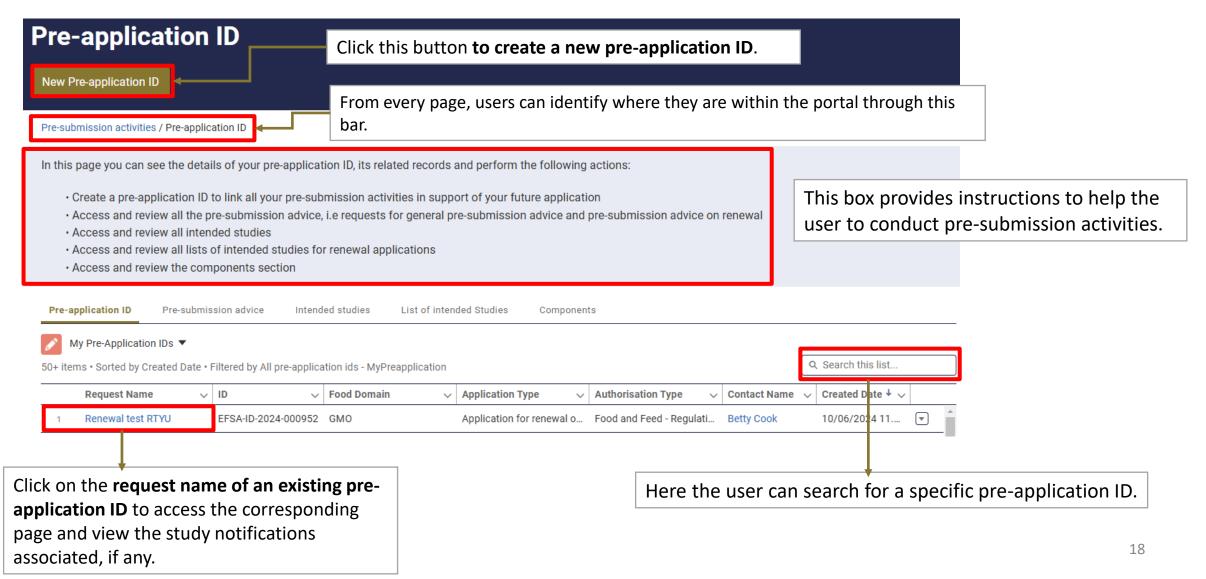
application ID.

notify/manage studies associated to already existing pre-application IDs.

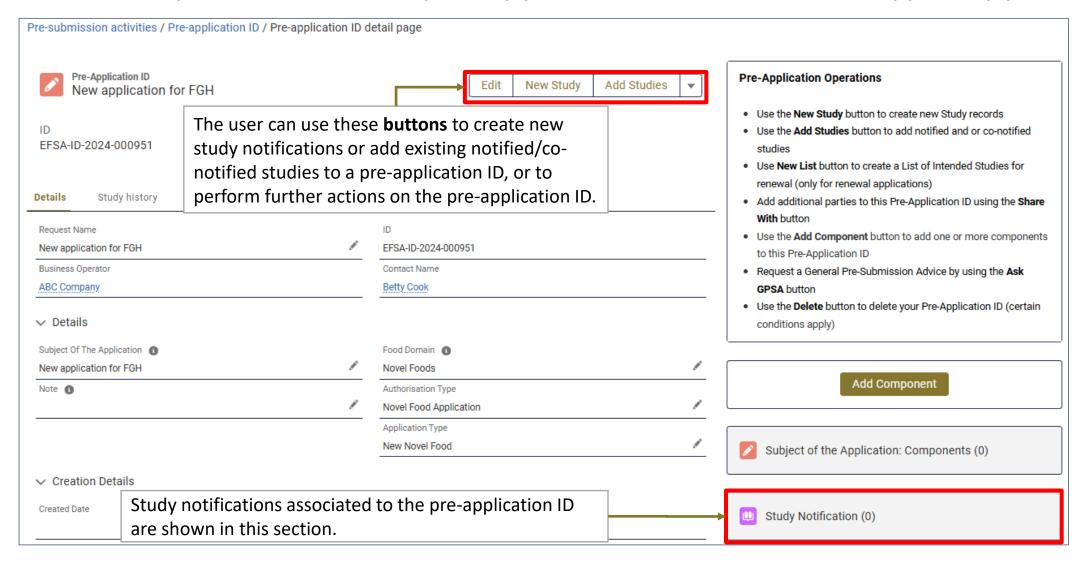


3.1 Study creation (from *pre-application ID*) – Account type: Applicant

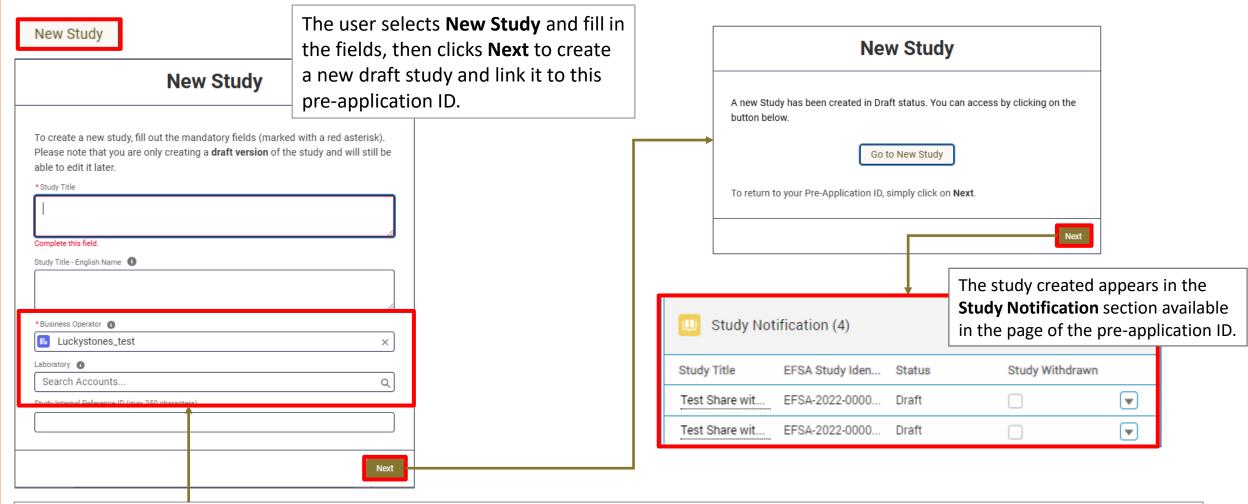
In order to conduct pre-submission activities, including the notification of studies, potential applicant must firstly create a pre-application ID (see Article 4 of the <u>EFSA Practical Arrangements on pre-submission phase and public consultations</u>).



3.1 Study creation (from *pre-application ID*) – Account type: Applicant



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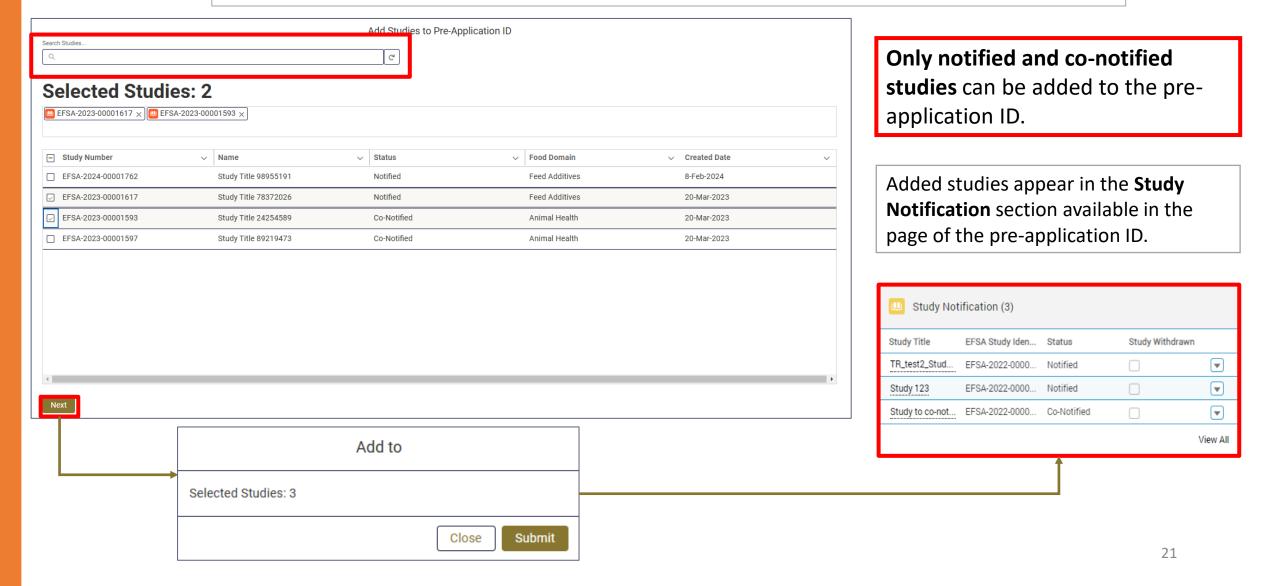


The user must indicate the business operator carrying out or commissioning the study. By default, it is the same user organisation as indicated in the preapplication ID. When creating the notification (and only at that stage), it is possible to edit the "Business Operator" field and indicate the actual business operator for that specific study notification. To do so, this entity should establish a relationship "on behalf of" with the third party/consultant (see Create an account relationship).

3.1 Study creation (from *pre-application ID*) – Account type: Applicant

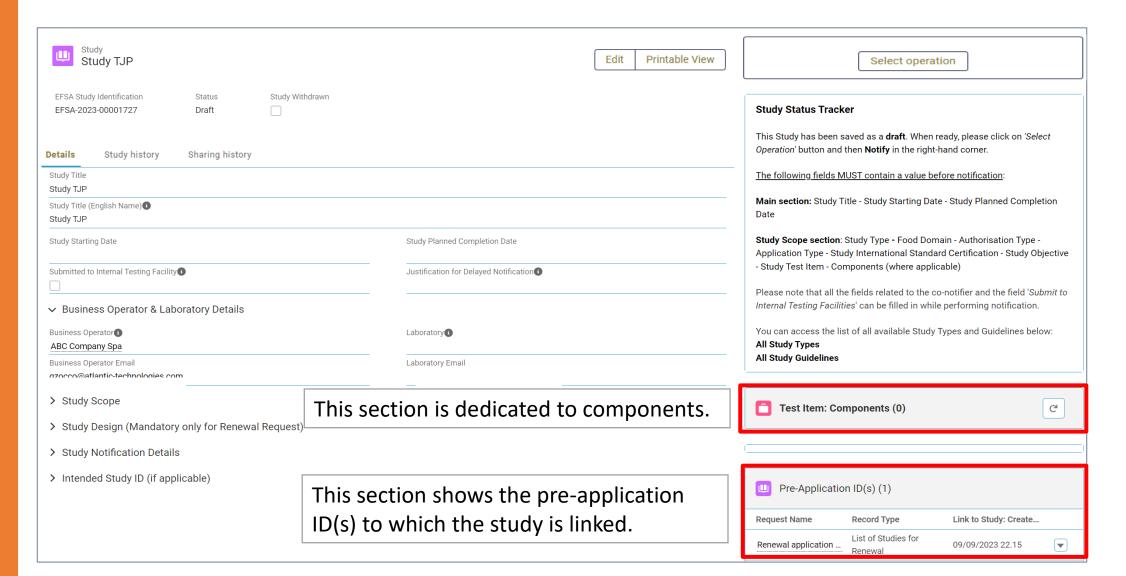
Add Studies

Click on **Add Studies** and use the search bar to find a study record. It is possible to select one or more study records the user would like to add to the pre-application ID. To continue click on **Next.**



3.1 Study creation (from *pre-application ID*) – Account type: Applicant

A **draft study notification** appears as in the image below. From this point onwards, all the steps to manage and notify a study are the same whether the study has been created from a pre-application ID or from the notification of studies database section.

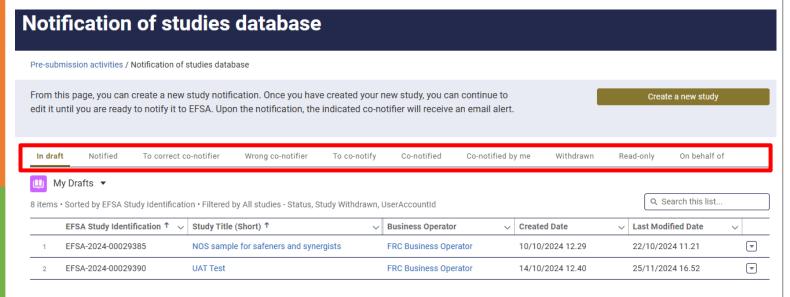


3.2 Study creation (from *notification of studies database*) – Overview



The list views presented in this slide are available in the notification of studies database section and are the same for all the

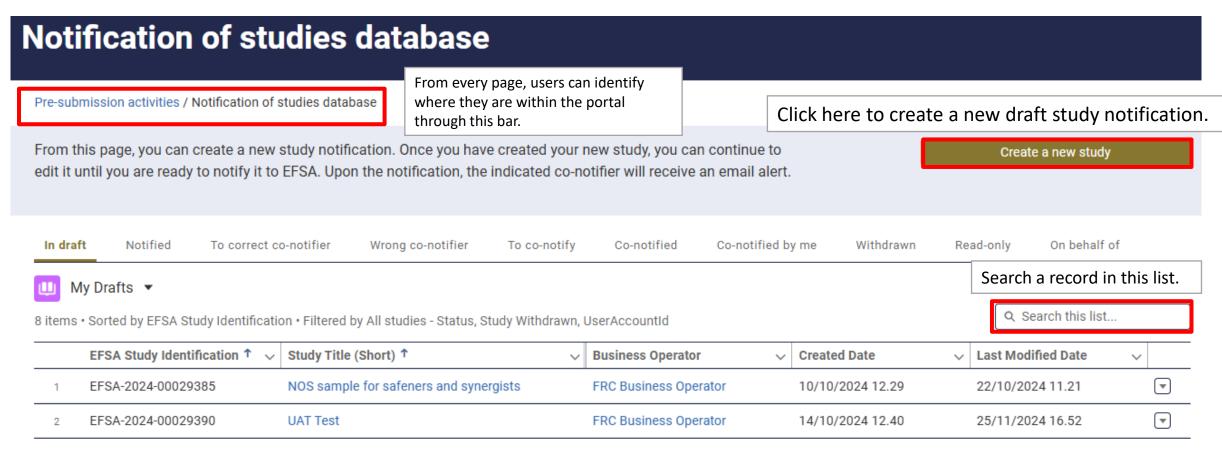
Account qualifications.



- In Draft: all your studies in Draft status.
- Notified: all studies that have been submitted to EFSA and pending co-notification by a laboratory.
- To Correct Co-Notifier: all notified studies for which a Co-notifier claimed to be wrongly selected and for which correction of Co-notifier entity is required by you.
- Wrong Co-Notifier: all notified studies for which the Co-notifier claimed to be wrongly selected, and the Co-notifier entity cannot be further modified.
- To Co-Notify: all studies that are awaiting conotification.
- Co-Notified: all the studies co-notified by the conotifier organisation.
- Co-Notified by me: all studies have been co-notified by your organisation.
- Withdrawn: all studies that have been withdrawn.
- Read-only: all the studies that have been shared with your organisation (read-only view)
- **On behalf of:** all the studies for which you have on behalf of access rights (read and edit).

3.2.1 Study creation (from *notification of studies database*) – Account type: Applicant

From the section notification of studies database, the user can create new studies and access those previously created or in which it is involved. **This is the normal view if the user has a business operator account qualified as Applicant**. Special views are presented in the next slides if the user's business operator account is qualified both as Applicant and Laboratory.



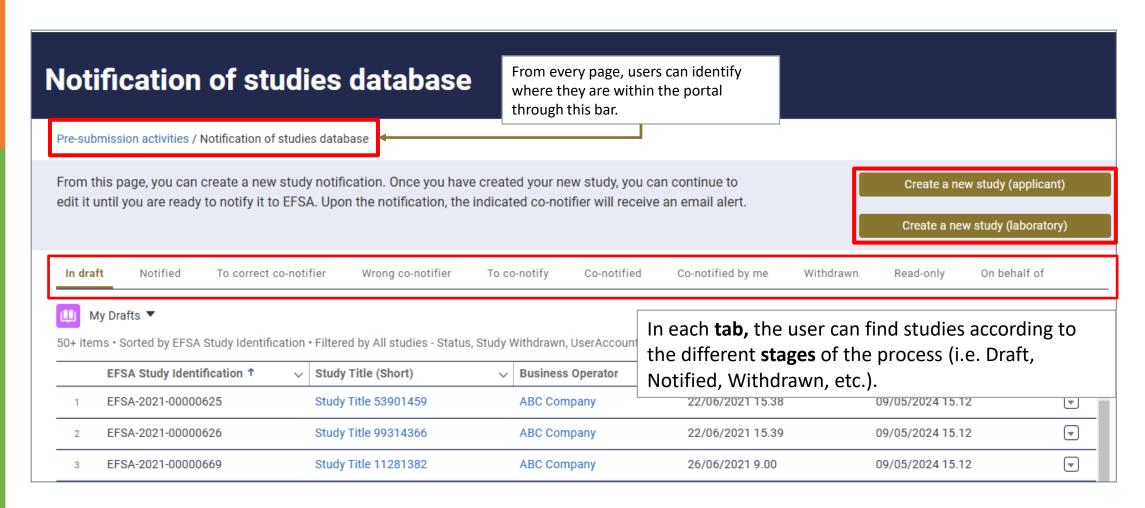
3.2.1 Study creation (from *notification of studies database*) – Account type: Applicant

By clicking on **New Study**, the user will be asked to include the **basic study information and the business operator name**.

Create a new study Pre-submission activities / Notification of studies database / New study		 Insert the user's organisation as business operator.
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3.2.2 Study creation (from *notification of studies database*) – Account type: Applicant and Laboratory

When the user's organisation is qualified both as Applicant and Laboratory, the user can decide between "Create a new study as applicant" or "Create a new study as laboratory".



3.2.3 Study creation as Applicant (from *notification of studies database*) – Account type: **Applicant and Laboratory**

Create a new study (applicant)

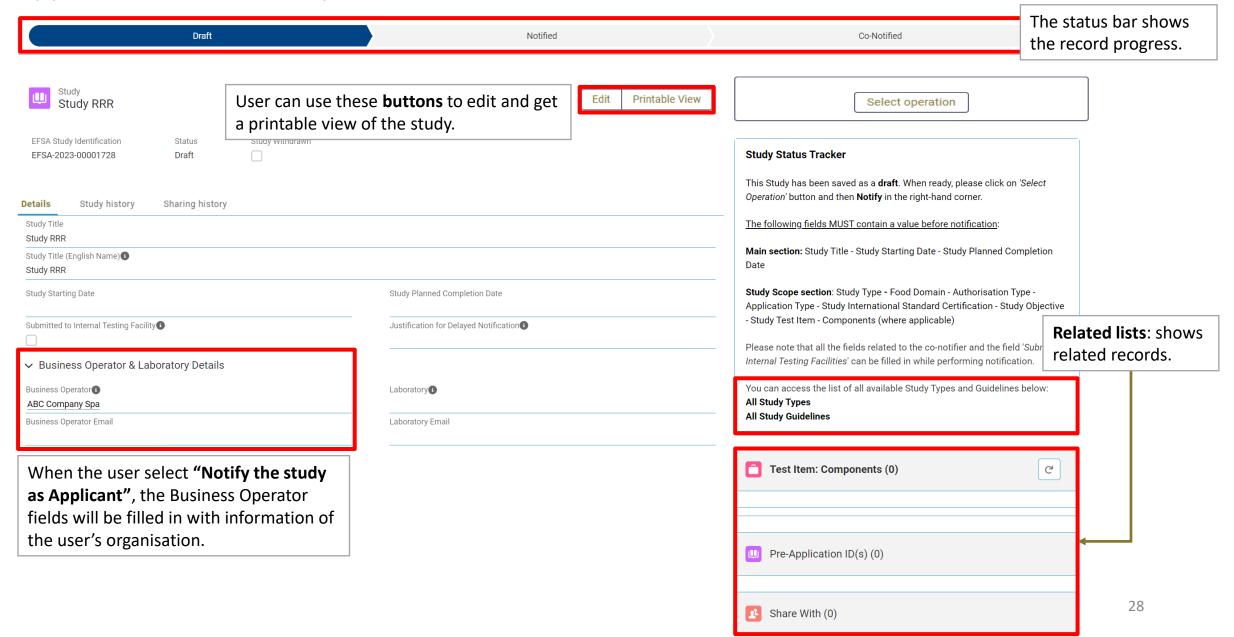
By clicking on "Notify New Study as Applicant" the user is asked to include the basic study information and the business operator name.

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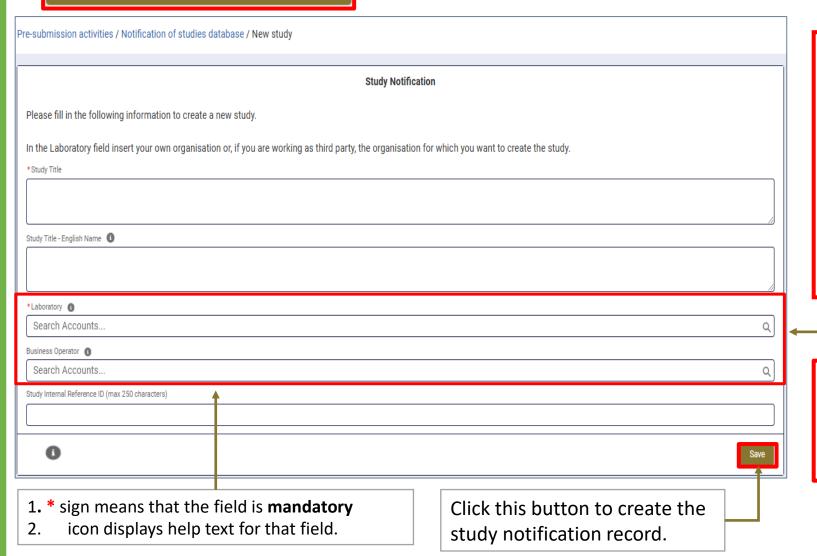
3.2.3 Study creation as Applicant (from *notification of studies database*) – Account type: Applicant and Laboratory



3.2.4 Study creation as Laboratory (from *notification of studies database*) – Account type: Applicant and Laboratory

By clicking on "Notify a New Study as Laboratory", the user the user is asked to include the basic study information and the laboratory name.

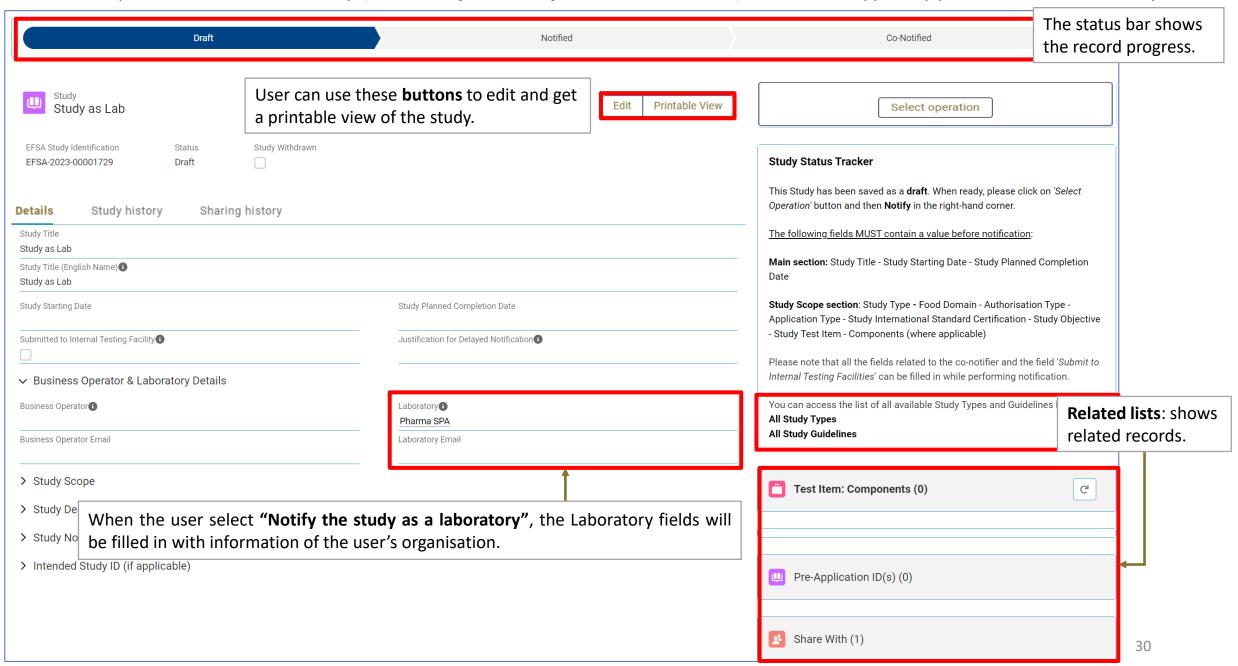
Create a new study (laboratory)



- Insert the user's organisation as laboratory.
- If the notification is inserted by a consultant, laboratory for which the consultant is working 'On behalf of' should be inserted in the field 'Laboratory'. This relationship must be firstly established as explained in the <u>Account relationship</u> section.

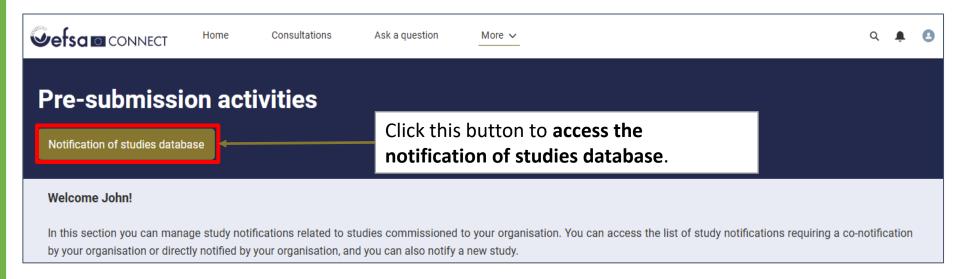
 The user can also indicate the business operator who commissioned the study.
 This information can be revised also at a later stage.

3.2.4 Study creation as Laboratory (from *notification of studies database*) – Account type: Applicant and Laboratory



3.3 Study creation – Account type: Laboratory only

Users qualified as Laboratory only, mange study notifications from the notification of studies database section available form the pre-submission activities main page.





3.3 Study creation – Account type: Laboratory only

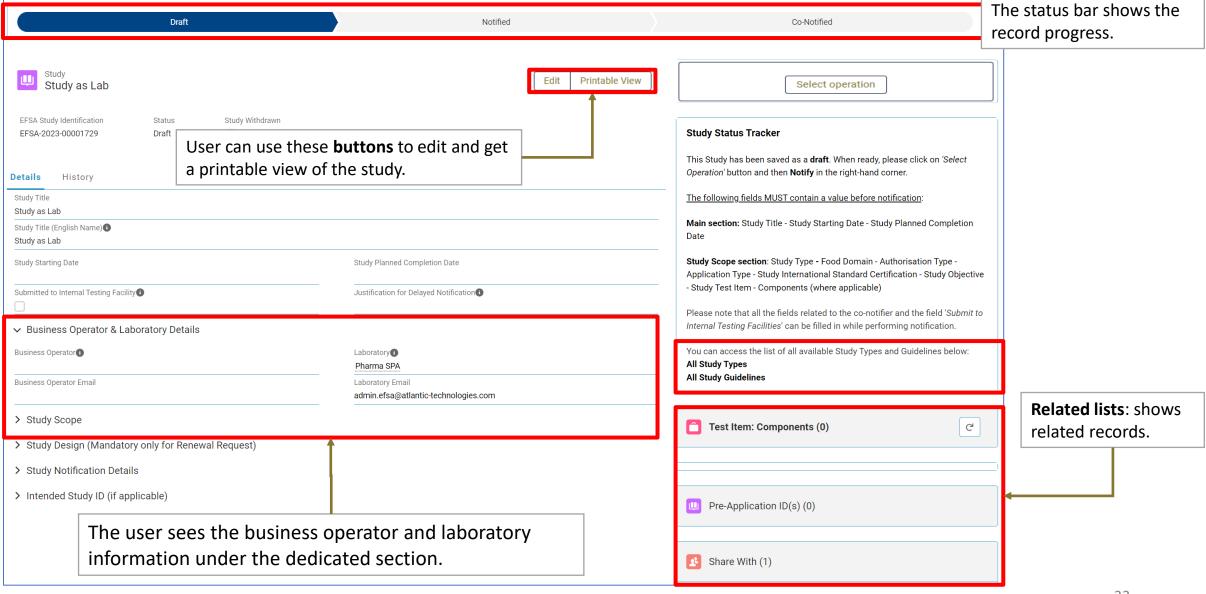
By clicking on "New Study", the user sees and can fill in the following form

New study Pre-submission activities / Notification of studies database / New study **Study Notification** Please fill in the following information to create a new study. In the Laboratory field insert your own organisation or, if you are working as third party, the organisation for which you want to create the study. *Study Title Study Title - English Name 1 Laboratory 0 Search Accounts... Business Operator Search Accounts. Study Internal Reference ID (max 250 characters) 1. * sign means that the field is mandatory Click this button to create 2. • icon displays help text for that field. the study notification record.

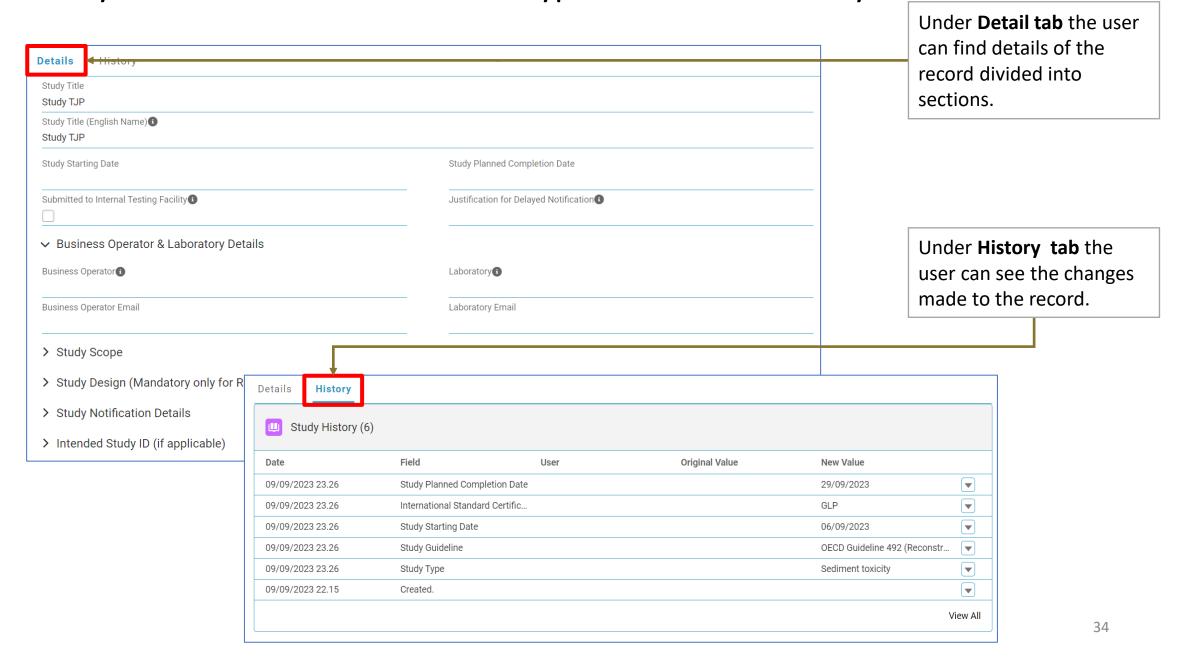
- Insert the user's organisation as laboratory.
- If the notification is inserted by a consultant, laboratory for which the consultant is working 'On behalf of' should be inserted in the field 'Laboratory'. This relationship must be firstly established as explained in the <u>Account relationship</u> section.

 The user can also indicate the business operator who commissioned the study.
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3.3 Study creation – Account type: Laboratory only

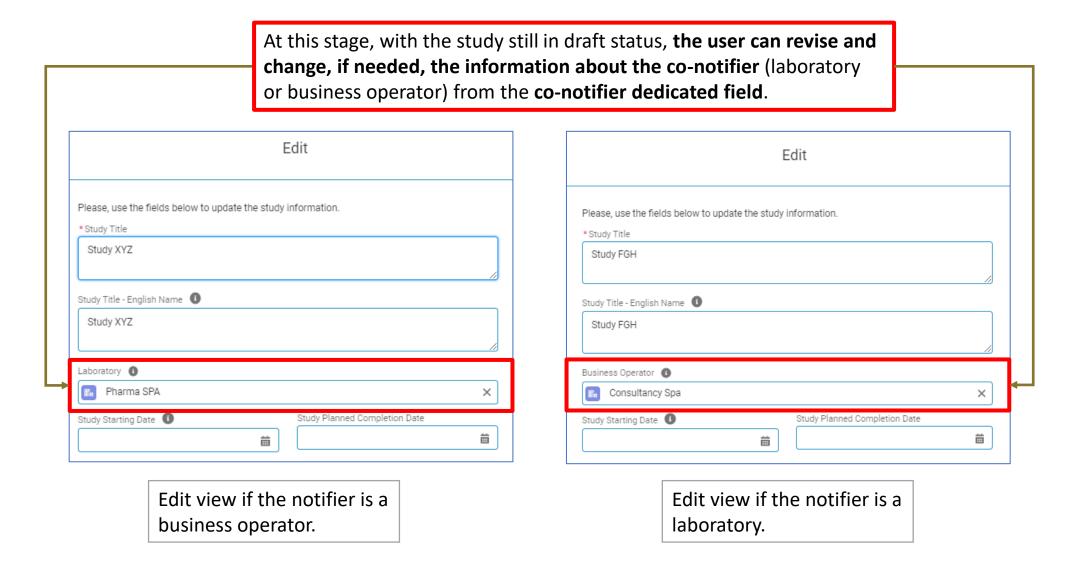


3.4 Study notification form - all account types: details and history tabs



3.5 Edit a draft study

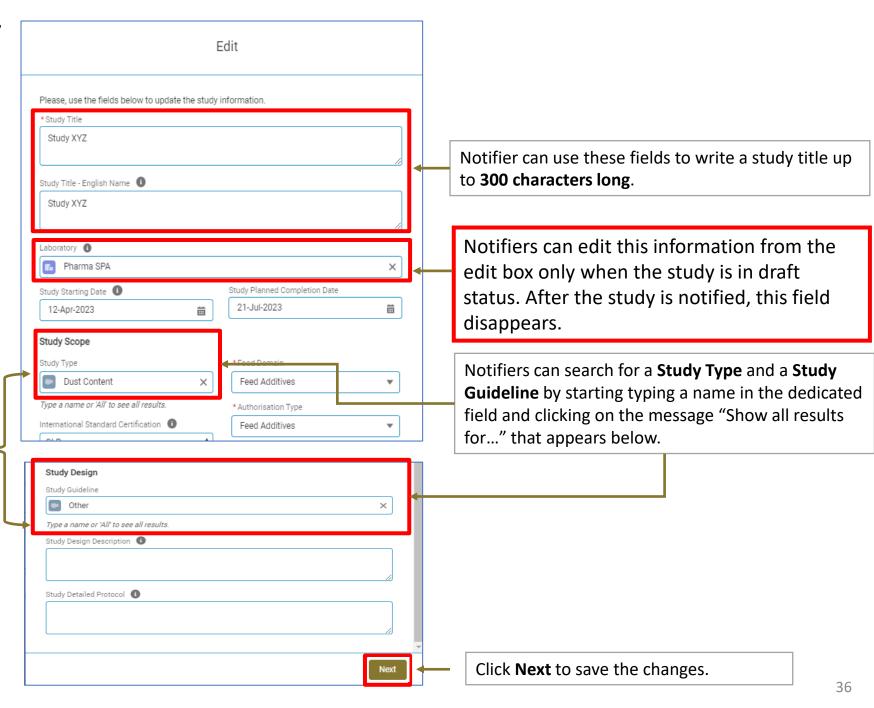
The notifier (user who starts the notification process) can edit the **draft study notification** by clicking on the **Edit** button in the study page. By performing this action, the user can insert all the needed information to prepare the study for the following notification step.



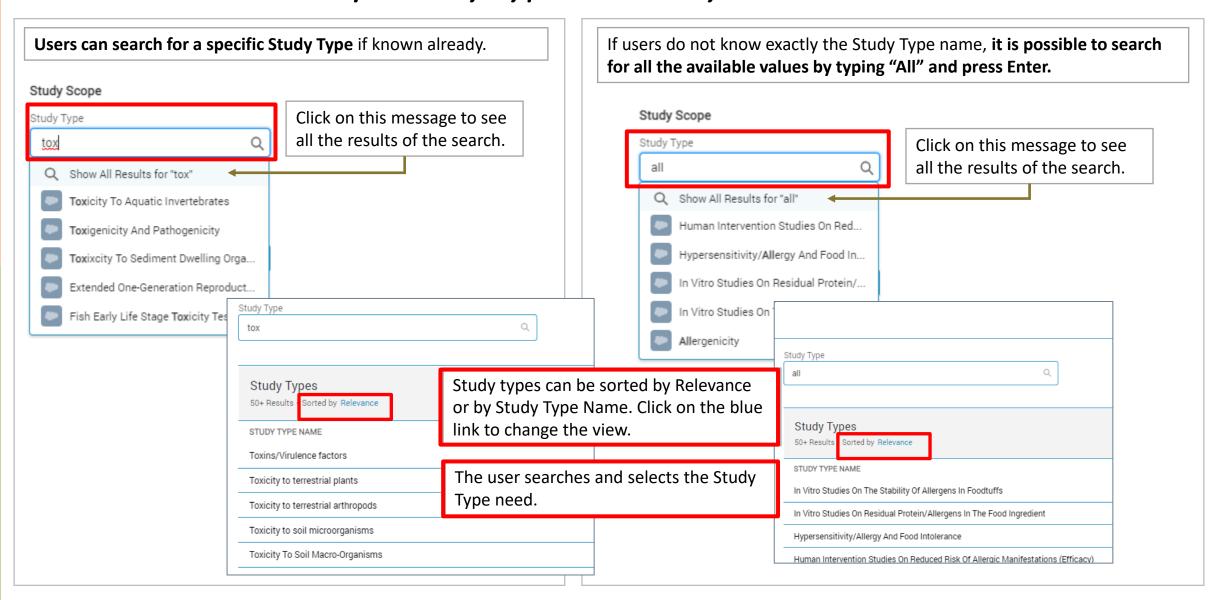
3.5 Edit a draft study

The notifier can edit the draft study to insert all the <u>information required for the notification</u> by clicking on the **Edit** button.

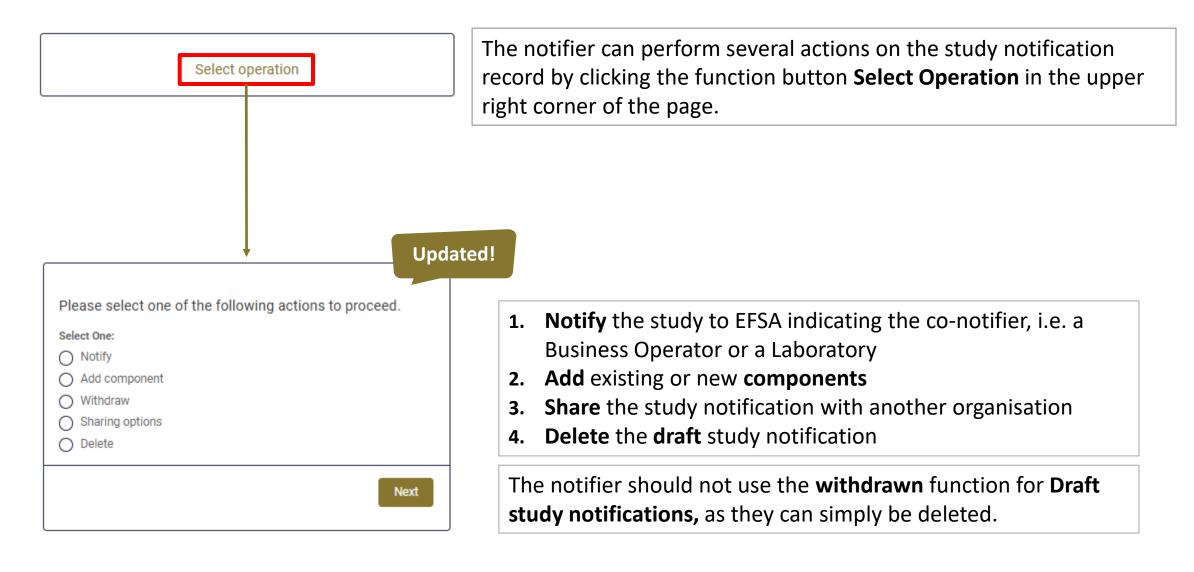
More details on the selection of a **Study Type** and **Study Guideline** are showed in the next slide.



3.5.1 Edit a draft study – Study Type and Study Guidelines

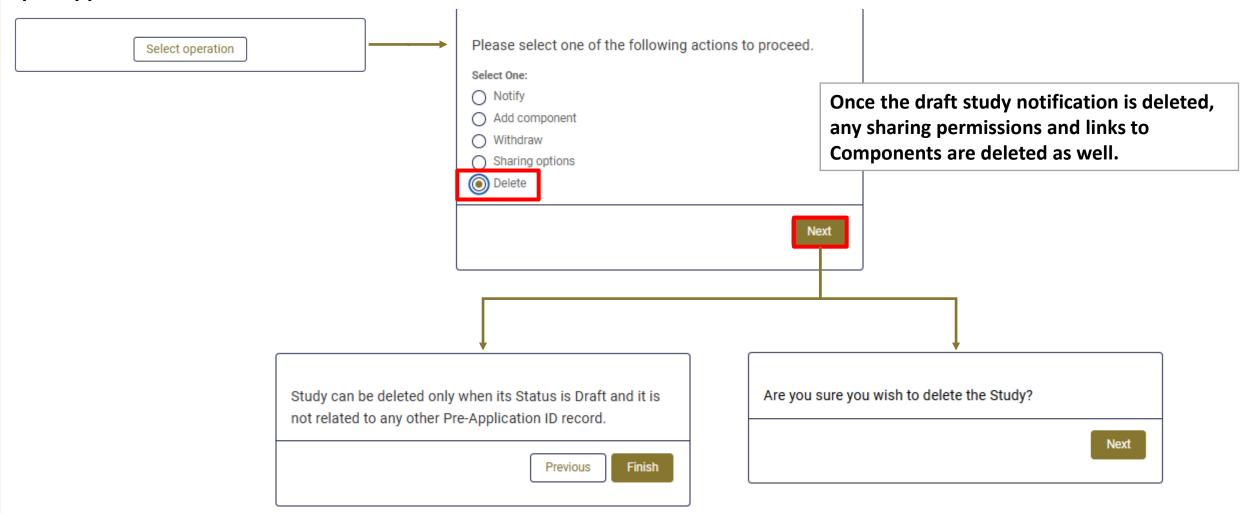


3.6 Actions on a draft notification



3.6.1 Delete a study notification

The notifier can delete a study notification record only when its **Status** is **Draft**, and it is **not related to** any other **pre-application ID**.

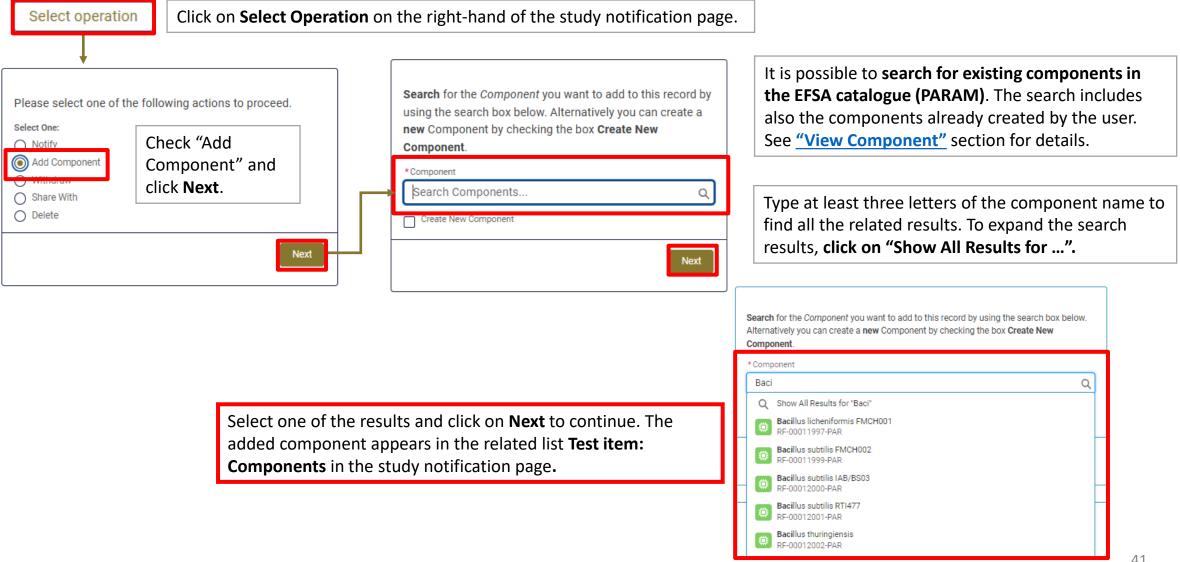


Components



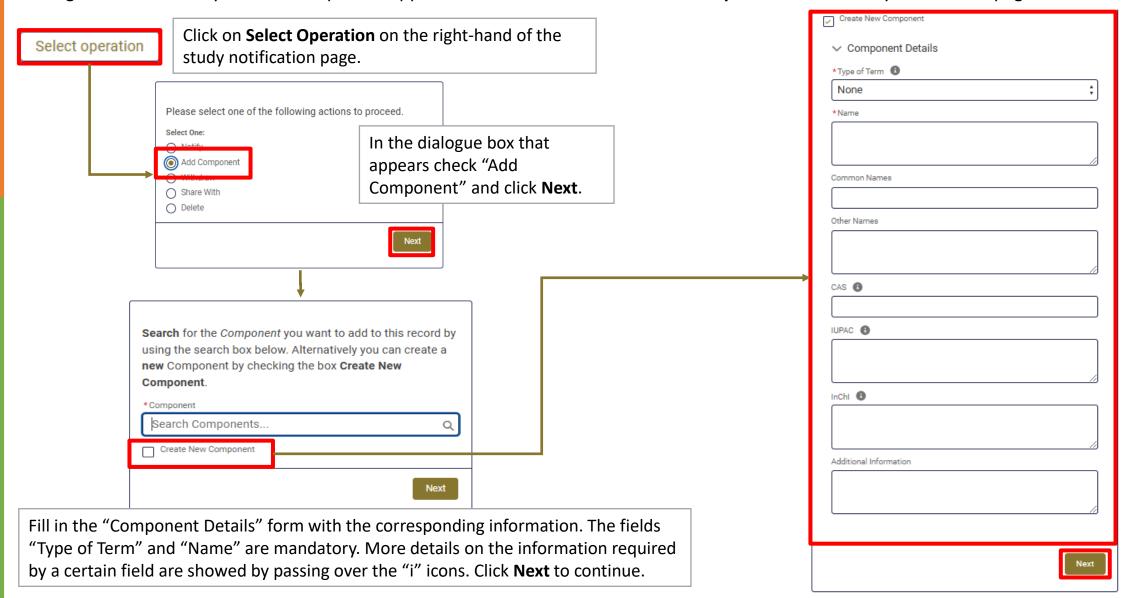
3.7 Component management - Add a component

The notifier can add a component to give information on the test item of the study.



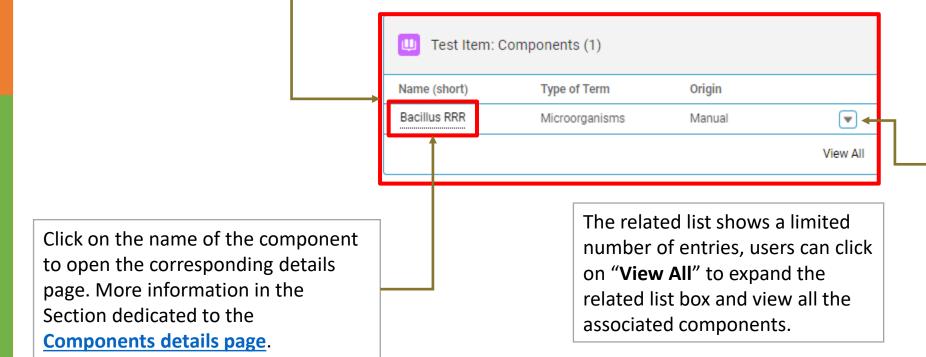
3.7.1 Component management - Create component

If a component is not retrievable using the search function, the notifier checks the box "Create New Component" in the "Add Component" dialogue box. The newly created component appears in the related list **Test Item: Components** in the study notification page.



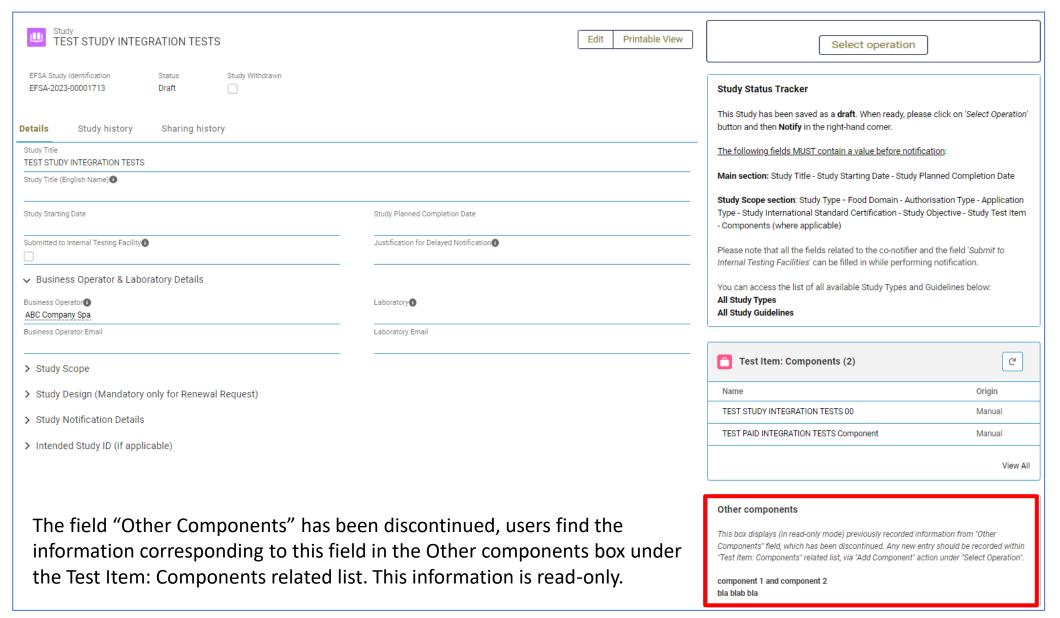
3.7.2 Component management - Related list "Test Item: Components"

Users find the components associated to a study in the related list "**Test Item: Components**". For easier identification of the listed components, additional fields (e.g. Name, Type of Term, Origin) are available.



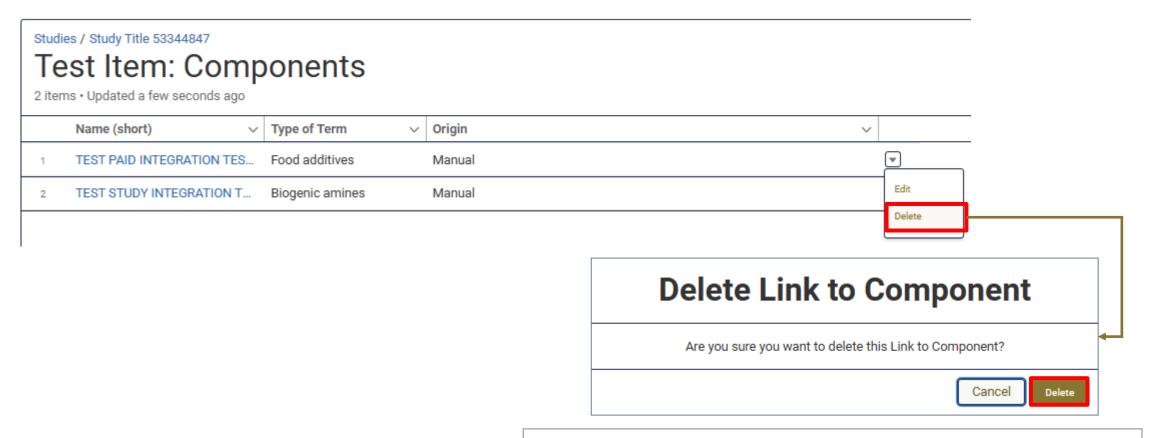
Click on pointing down arrow to Edit or Delete the component from the list. More information in the Section dedicated to **Delete link to components.**

3.7.3 Component management – Other components box



3.7.4 Component management - Delete link to components

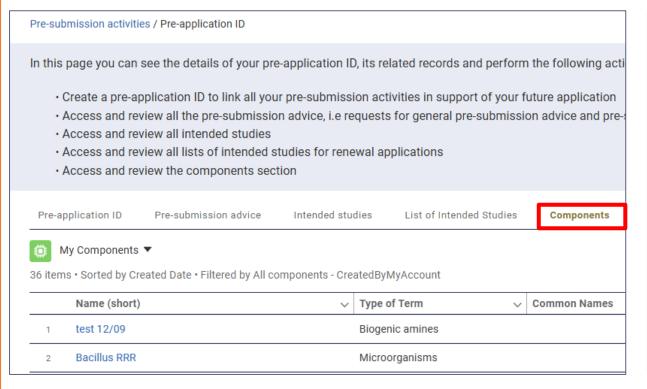
The notifier can **always** remove components from the study notification record. By performing this action, the notifier will delete only the link between the study notification and the component, **not the component itself**.

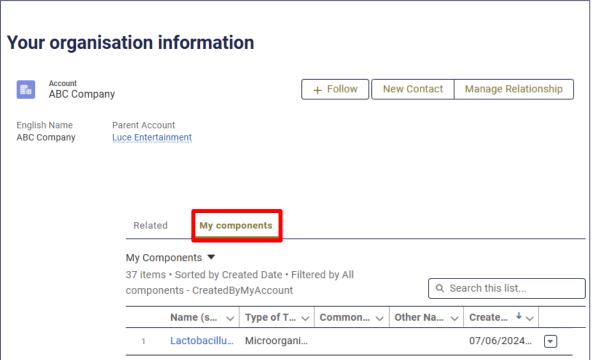


As a result, the component is removed from the related list "Test item: Components" on the study notification page.

3.7.5 Component management - View Components

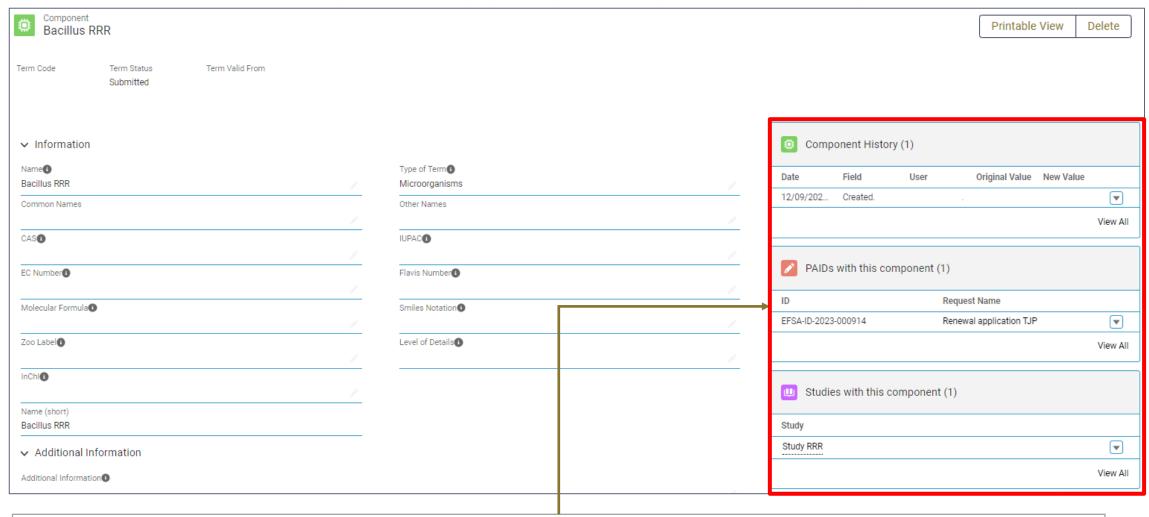
All Components created by the user are listed under the tab "Components" in the pre-application ID main page, and in the "My profile" page under "your organization information" section.





3.7.6 Component management - Details Page

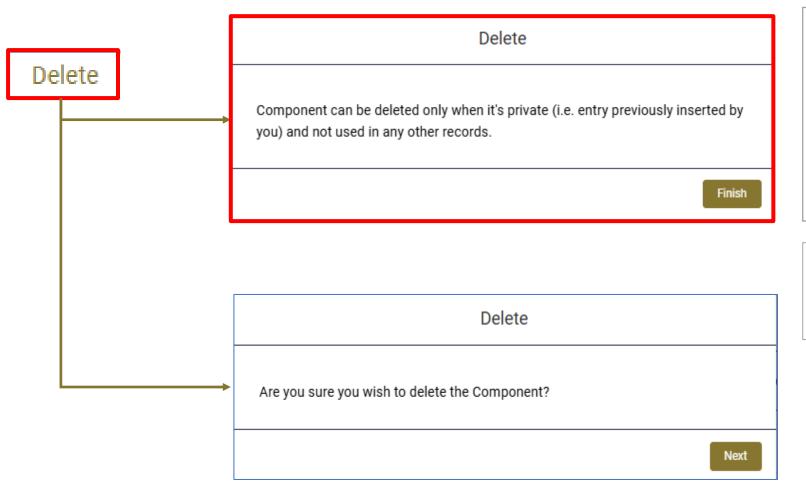
The detail page of the component appears as in the image below. Information on the component can be added/modified directly from this page only for components created by the user.



Related lists of the component page: inform the user about the history of the component record (e.g. creation, editing actions), and whether the component is associated to a pre-application ID or other study notifications.

3.7.7 Component management - Delete Components

From the detail page My Components the user can delete a component record by using the **Delete** function button.



This **error message** appears if the component is used in any other record (i.e. pre-application IDs, studies records).

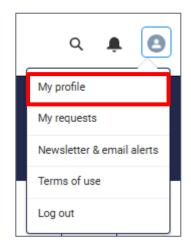
To delete the component, the user must firstly remove all the existing links with the other records.

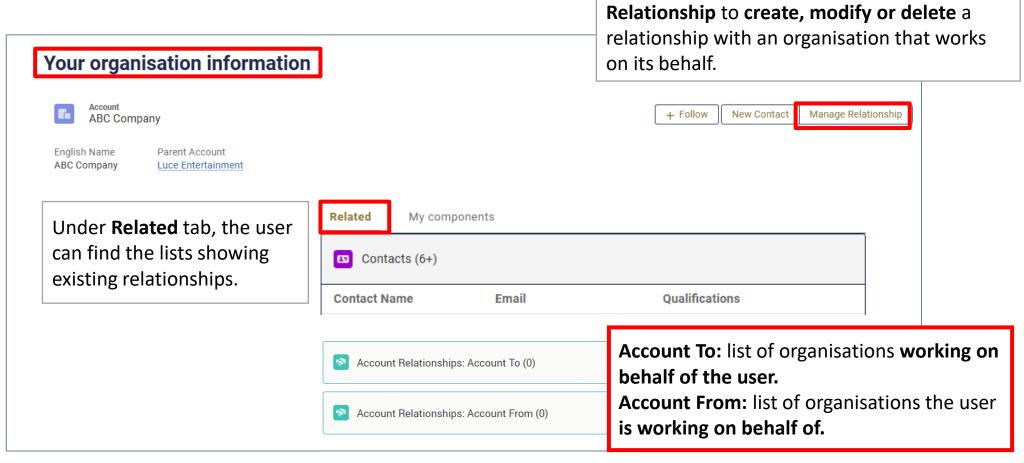
Account relationships and sharing options



3.8 Account relationship

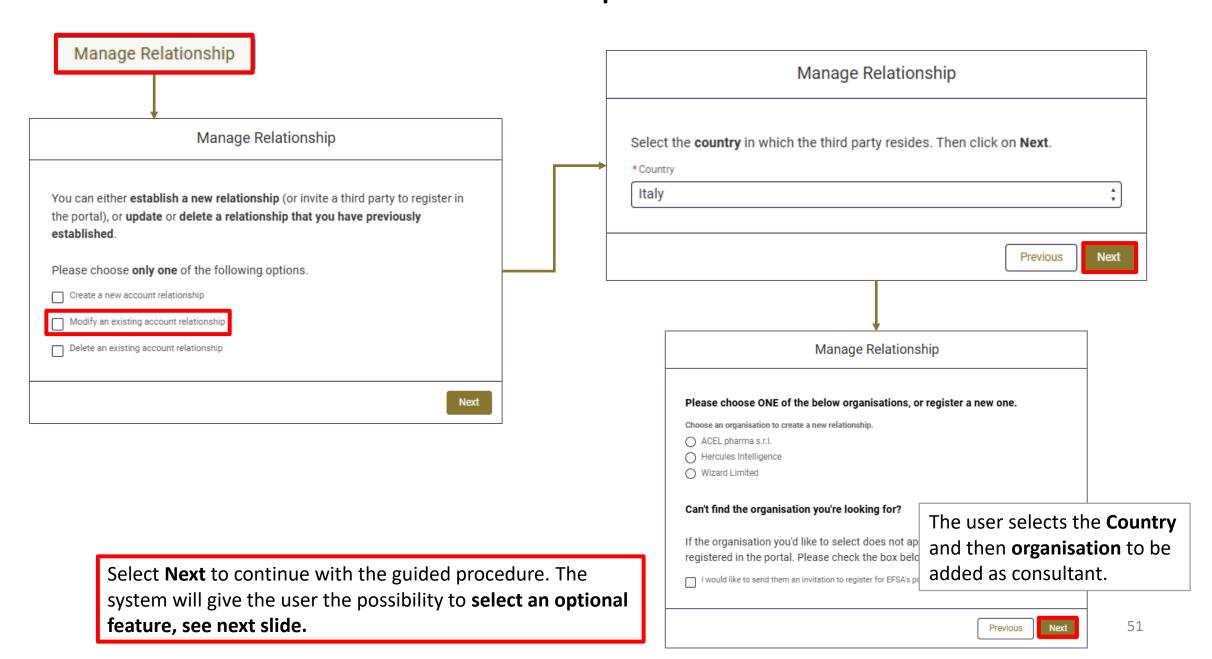
When a **business operator** or a **laboratory** wants to commission a third party/consultant to work on its behalf, the following relationship must be established at the account level from the **My profile** page under "**Your organization** information" section.





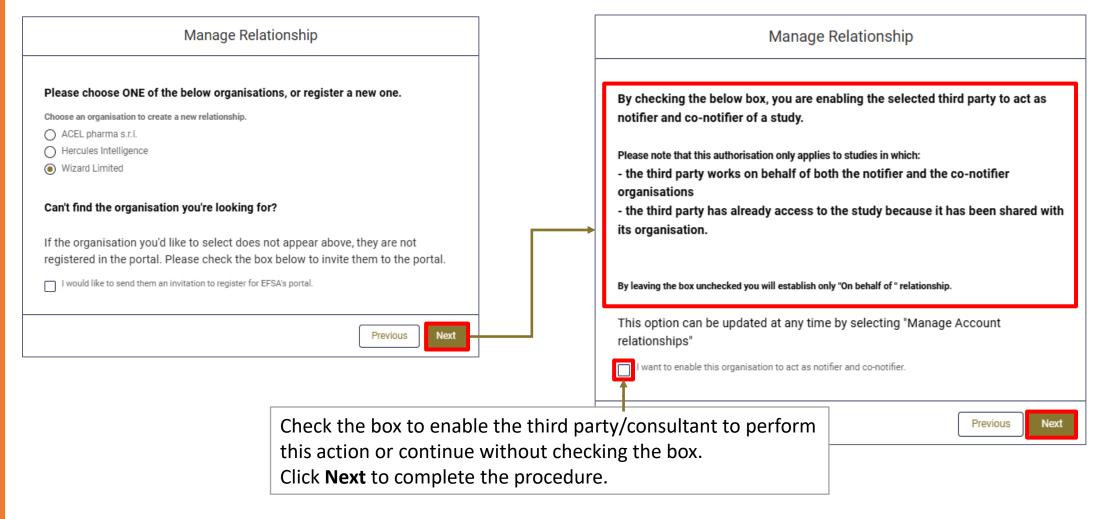
User can click on the button Manage

3.8.1 Create an account relationship



3.8.1 Create an account relationship

OPTIONAL FEATURE - During the creation of an account relationship, **business operators and laboratories can agree on enabling a selected third party/consultant to act as Notifier and Co-notifier**, at the same time, of one or more studies. It is possible to modify this choice at any time (see <u>Modify account relationship(s)</u> to know more details).



Note: a practical example of how this feature works is given in the next slide.

3.8.1 Create an account relationship

Actors of the process:

- A business operator, e.g. "Business Operator"
- **A laboratory**, e.g. "Laboratory"
- A third party/consultant, e.g. "Consultant"

Scenario: "Business Operator" commissions a study to "Laboratory". **The two parties decide to delegate to** "Consultant" part or the entire process of notification of studies.

Manage Relationship

By checking the below box, you are enabling the selected third party to act as notifier and co-notifier of a study.

Please note that this authorisation only applies to studies in which:

- the third party works on behalf of both the notifier and the co-notifier organisations
- the third party has already access to the study because it has been shared with its organisation.

By leaving the box unchecked you will establish only "On behalf of " relationship.

This option can be updated at any time by selecting "Manage Account relationships"

I want to enable this organisation to act as notifier and co-notifier.

Previous

Next

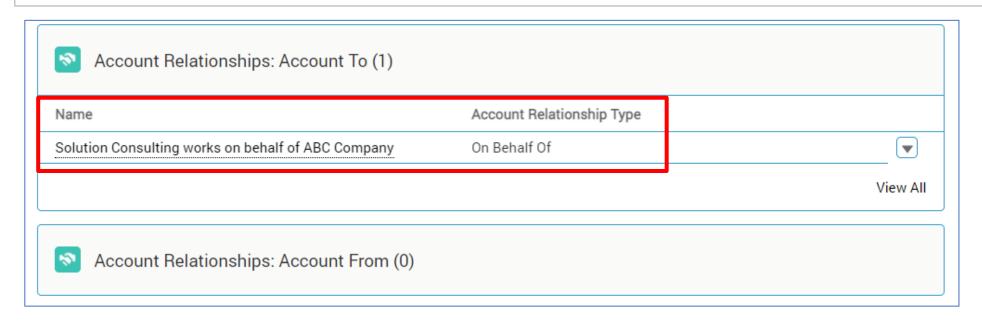
How it works:

- "Business Operator" and "Laboratory" create an account relationship with "Consultant", and both enable this organisation to act as notifier and co-notifier.
- 2. "Consultant" creates and notifies a new study record on behalf of "Business Operator".
- 3. "Consultant" co-notifies the study on behalf of "Laboratory".

The process works also if "Laboratory" starts the notification process.

3.8.2 Manage account relationship(s)

Created relationship will appear in the related list **Account Relationships: Account To** as shown below.

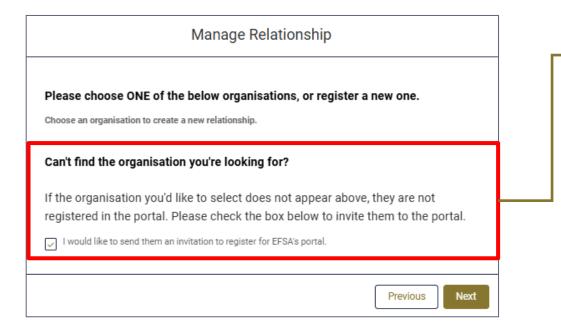


Once relationship has been established at the account level:

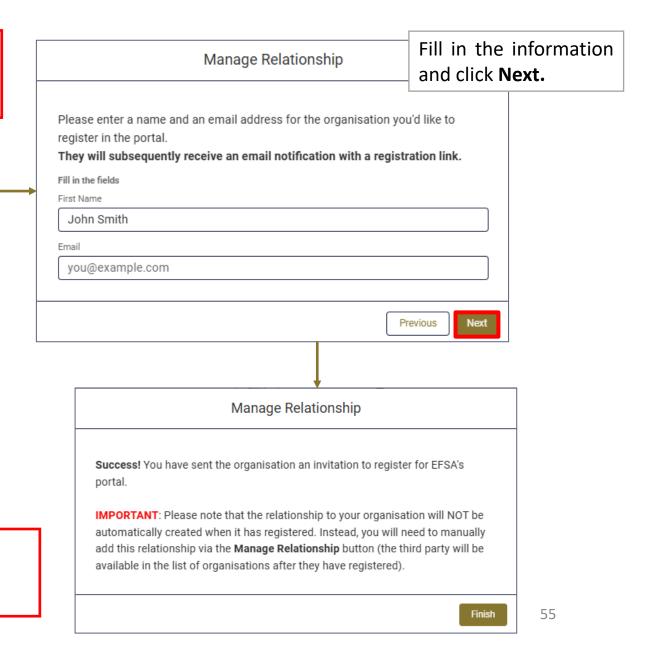
- 1. The business operator can **share single records** with its third party/consultant (to know more see <u>Share a study "On behalf of"</u>)
- 2. The third party/consultant can create pre-application IDs and perform all associated actions for the business operator.

3.8.2 Manage account relationship(s)

If the organisation that the user wants to create a relationship with is not registered in the system, it is possible to send an invitation to register by following these steps.

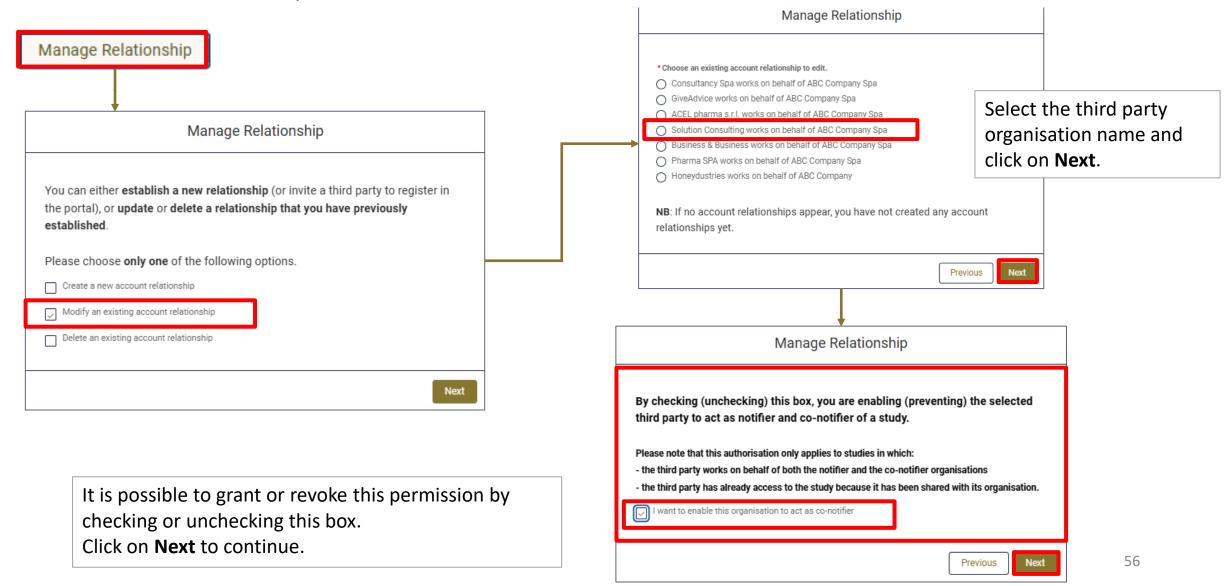


Please note that the relationship with this organisation is not automatically created upon its registration. The user needs to create the relationship once the organisation is registered.



3.8.3 Modify an account relationship

Business operators and Laboratories **can modify** the option that enables a selected third party/consultant to act as Notifier and Co-notifier at any time.



3.8.4 Delete an account relationship

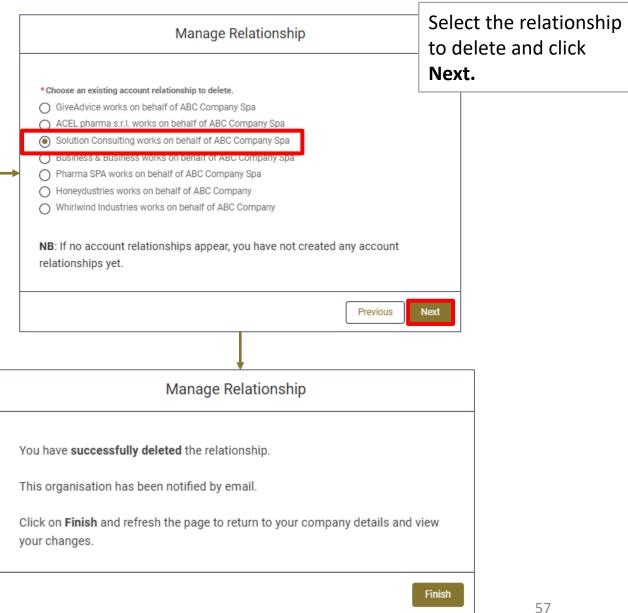
To delete an existing relationship with an organisation, follow these steps. Manage Relationship

Manage Relationship

You can either establish a new relationship (or invite a third party to register in the portal), or update or delete a relationship that you have previously established.

Please choose only one of the following options.

- Create a new account relationship
- Modify an existing account relationship
- Delete an existing account relationship



3.9 Share a study



Business Operators and Laboratories can share single records with other organisations using the button "Sharing options".

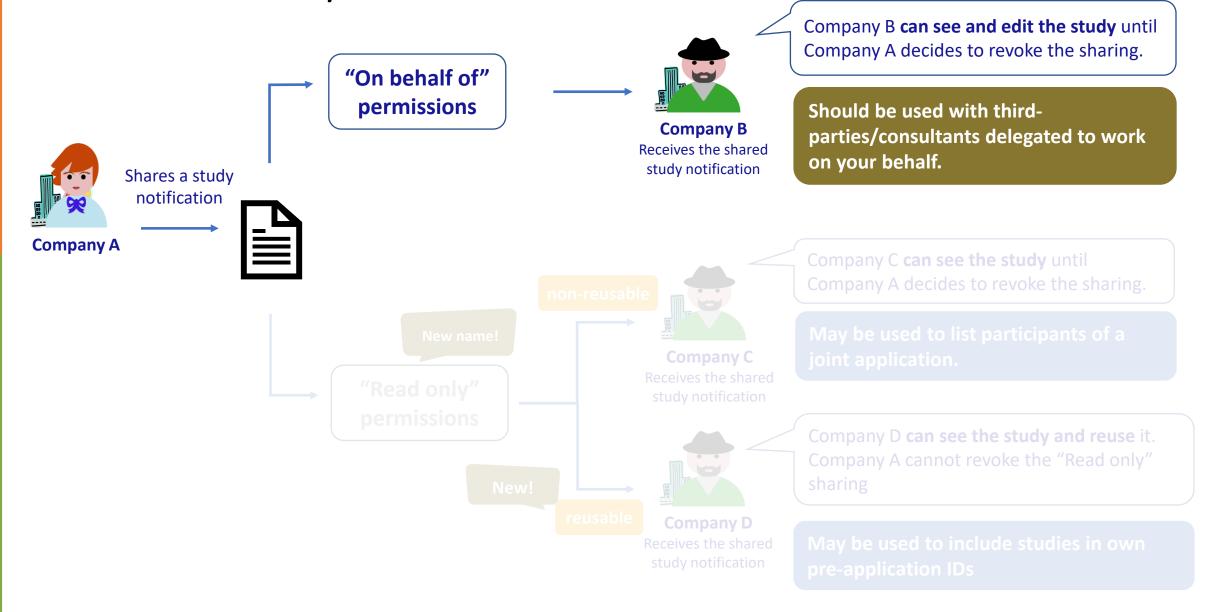
The study notification record can be shared in two different ways:

- "On behalf of" permissions: the business operator/laboratory provides to another organisation the possibility to see, edit, notify and/or co-notify the shared study notification record. To perform this type of sharing, the user must establish an account relationship with this organisation beforehand (see Create an account relationship). This type of sharing can be revoked at any time.
- "Read-only" permissions: the business operator/laboratory involves another organisation in the notification
 process and provides read-only access to the shared record. No previous actions are required to perform this
 sharing. This permissions can be revoked at any time.

However, when granting this access, the user may also decide to **give the other organisation the possibility to reuse the study notification in its own pre-application IDs**. In this latter case, **"Read-only" permissions** cannot be revoked

Please select one of the following actions to proceed.
Select One:
Notify
Add component
Withdraw
Sharing options
O Delete
Next

3.9.1 Share a study "On behalf of" - overview

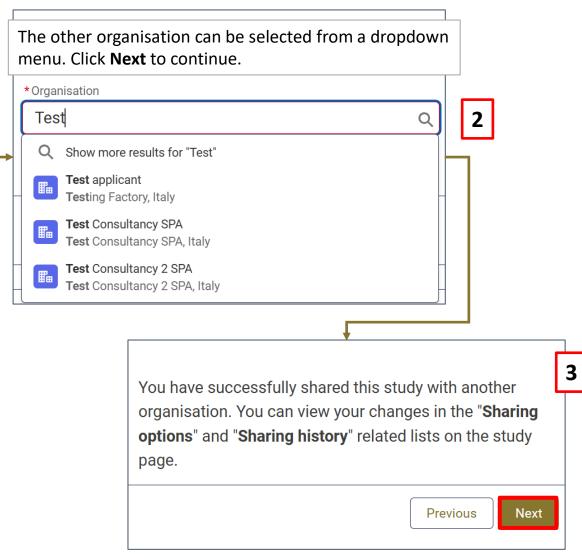


3.9.1a Share a study "On behalf of"



Choose the Relationship Type "On behalf of" to enable the other organisation to see and edit the study notification record.

Please indicate the type of relationship you want to establish with another organisation (e.g. on behalf of or read-only). By choosing "on behalf of" you allow the selected organisation to **see and perform actions** on this study record. Thus, you should use "on behalf of" only to give to third party/consultants the necessary access rights to perform pre-submission activities on your behalf. You can remove this relationship type at any time. • By choosing "read-only" you allow the selected organisation to see this study record. The "read-only" relationship type can be removed, unless you have decided to also grant the permission to reuse this study record. Check the user guide on notification of studies for more details. * Relationship Type On Behalf Of --None--Read-only On Behalf Of Next



3.9.1b Share a study "On behalf of" – error message

Next



If the Account Relationship with the other organisation has not been established beforehand, the system returns an **error message** when the user tries to share a record with "On behalf of" permissions.

Please indicate the type of relationship you want to establish with another organisation (e.g. on behalf of or read-only). • By choosing "on behalf of" you allow the selected organisation to **see and perform actions** on this study record. Thus, you should use "on behalf of" only to give to third party/consultants the necessary access rights to perform pre-submission activities on your behalf. You can remove this relationship type at any time. • By choosing "read-only" you allow the selected organisation to see this study record. The "read-only" relationship type can be removed, unless you have decided to also grant the permission to reuse this study record. Check the user guide on notification of studies for more details. * Relationship Type On Behalf Of * Organisation Gabriel Consultancy

You cannot do the sharing "on behalf of" with this organisation, because you did not establish a relationship with it.

Please, either select:

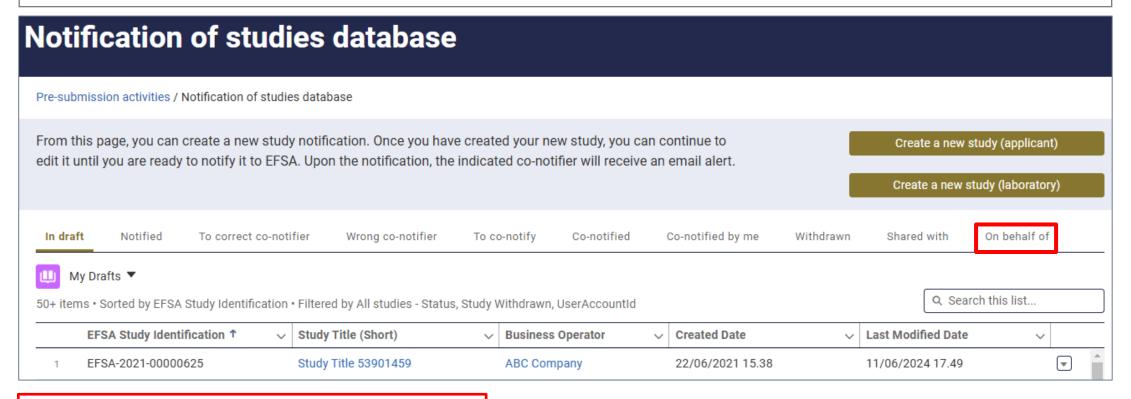
• relationship type 'Read-only' (in this way the organisation selected will be able to only view, but not edit the record), or

• Enable a relationship with a third party. To do so click on My profile in the navigation menu, click the button Manage Relationship and follow the instruction

Finish

3.9.1c Share a study "On behalf of" - summary

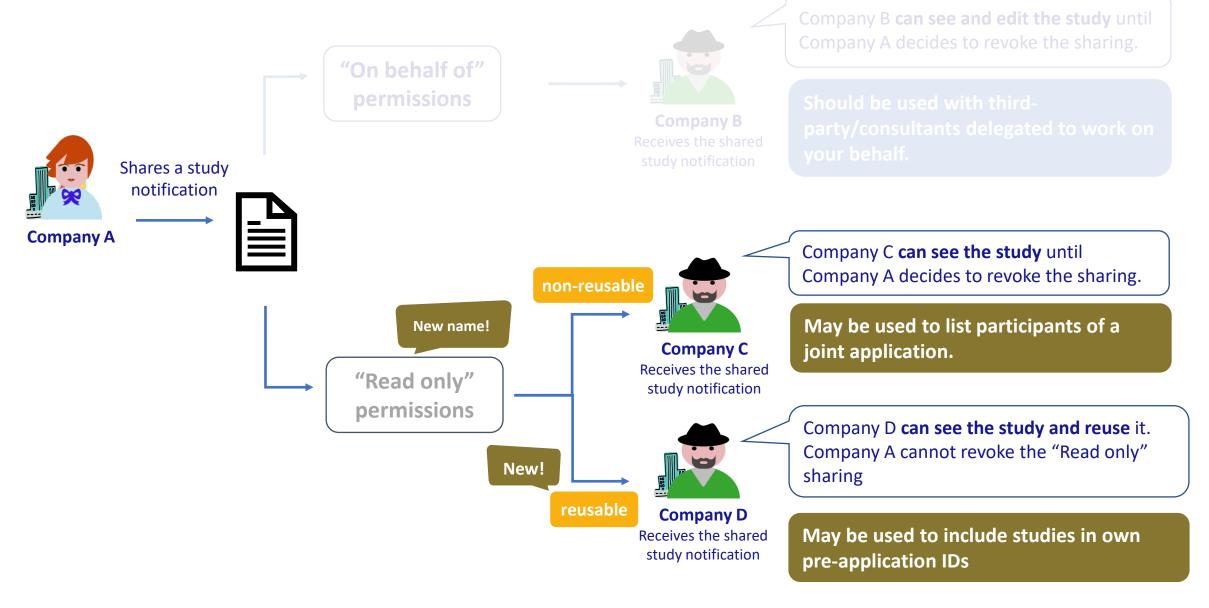
The organisation receiving the sharing finds the studies records under the **On behalf of** tab of the Notification of studies database page



This **organisation** can:

- **1. Read and edit** the study information
- **2.** Notify and/or co-notify the study
- 3. View and add components
- 4. Share the study with other business operators and laboratories

3.9.2 Share a study "Read-only" - overview

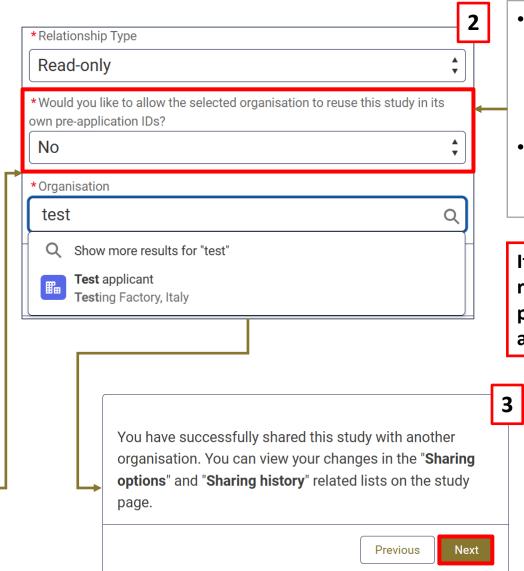


3.9.2a Share a study "Read-only" – non-reusable



Users choose "Read-only" permissions to enable the other organisation to only see the study notification record.

Please indicate the type of relationship you want to establish with another organisation (e.g. on behalf of or read-only). • By choosing "on behalf of" you allow the selected organisation to see and perform actions on this study record. Thus, you should use "on behalf of" only to give to third party/consultants the necessary access rights to perform pre-submission activities on your behalf. You can remove this relationship type at any time. • By choosing "read-only" you allow the selected organisation to see this study record. The "read-only" relationship type can be removed, unless you have decided to also grant the permission to reuse this study record. 1 Check the user guide on notification of studies for more letails. *Relationship Type --None----None--Read-only On Behalf Of



- By replying "No" to this question, the shared study cannot be reused by another organisation in its own pre-application IDs.
- The user selects the organisation name and clicks Next to continue.

If a study is marked as "non-reusable", the "Read-only" permissions can be revoked at any time.

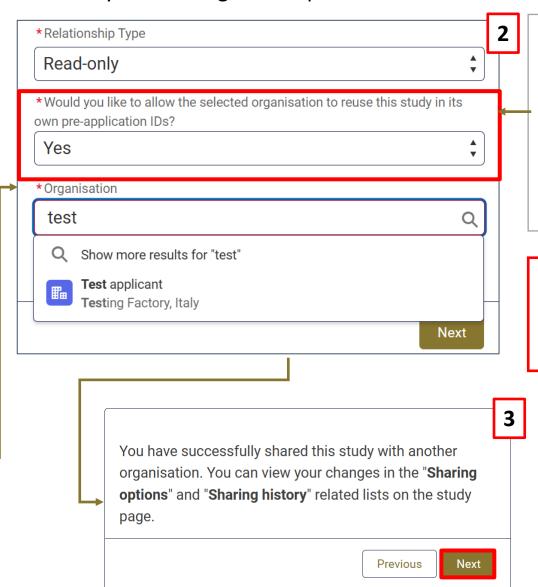
3.9.2b Share a study "Read-only" – reusable



When granting "Read-only" permissions the user may decide to give also permission to reuse the study record.

Please indicate the type of relationship you want to establish with another organisation (e.g. on behalf of or read-only). • By choosing "on behalf of" you allow the selected organisation to see and perform actions on this study record. Thus, you should use "on behalf of" only to give to third party/consultants the necessary access rights to perform pre-submission activities on your behalf. You can remove this relationship type at any time. • By choosing "read-only" you allow the selected organisation to see this study record. The "read-only" relationship type can be removed, unless you have decided to also grant the permission to reuse this study record. 1 Check the user guide on notification of studies for more details. *Relationship Type --None----None--Read-only

On Behalf Of

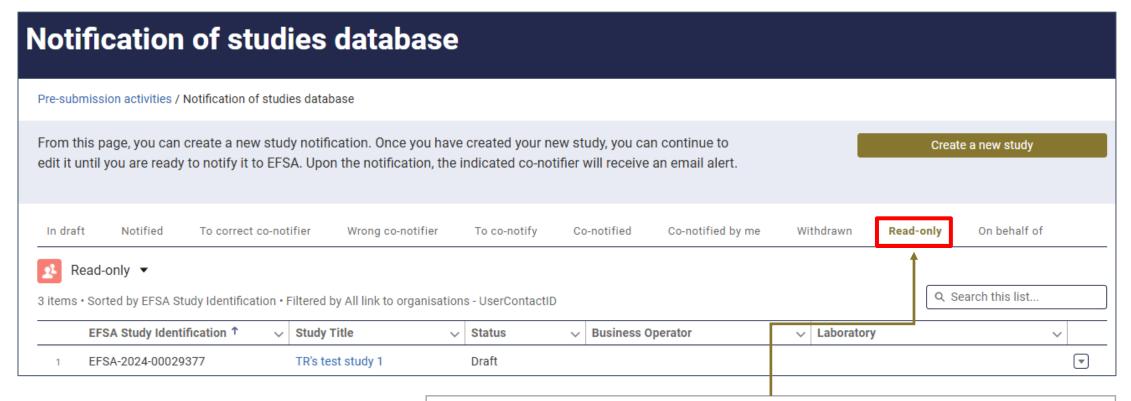


- By replying "Yes" to this question, the shared study can be reused by another organisation in its own pre-application IDs.
- The user selects the organisation name and clicks Next to continue.

If the user marks the study as "reusable", the "Read-only" permissions cannot be revoked.

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3.9.2c Share a study "Read-only" - summary



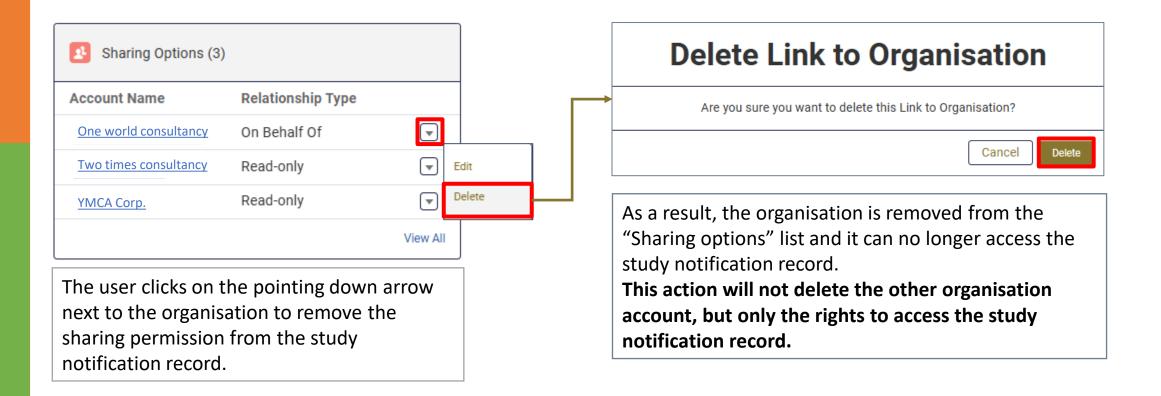
The **organisation** can:

- Find the studies shared with them under the Read-only tab.
- 2. See the study information.
- 3. View components added to the study.
- 1. If granted, reuse the study in its own pre-application IDs.

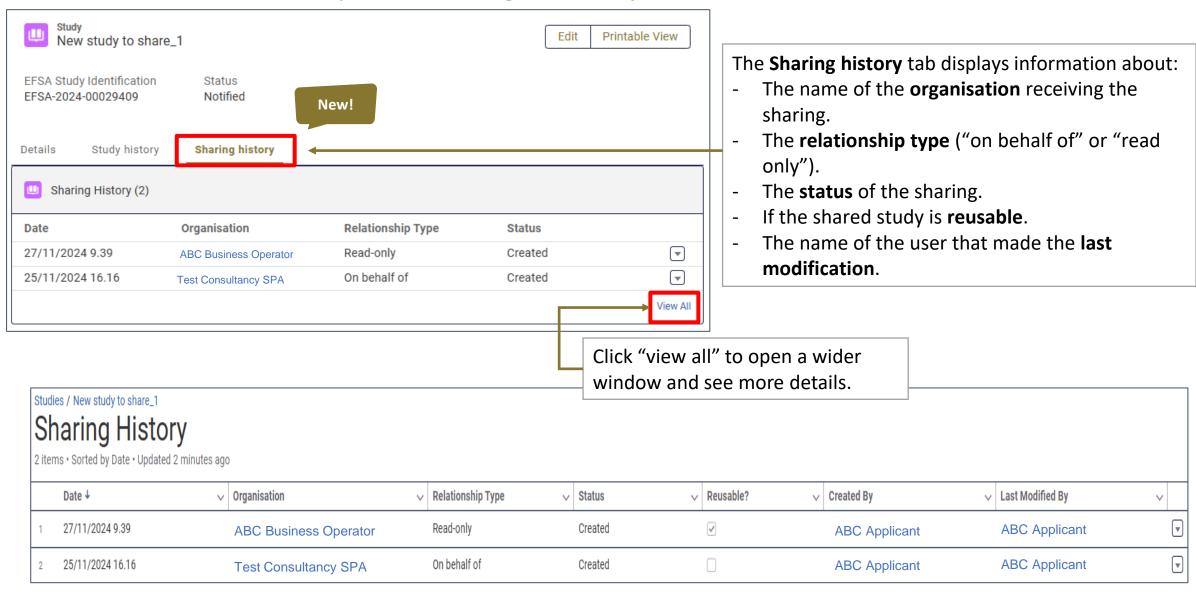




Important note: "On behalf of" permissions can be revoked at any time. "Read-only" permissions can be revoked if the status of the shared study is equal to Draft or when the "reusable" option has not been selected.



3.9.4 Share a study – Sharing history



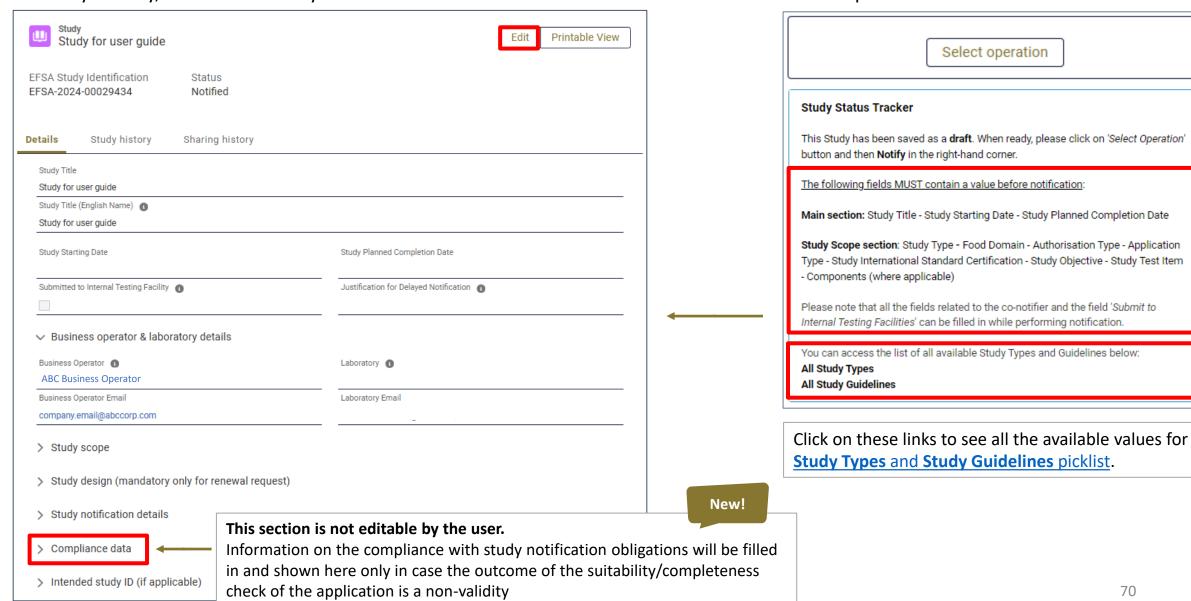
Study notification and co-notification



3.11 Study Notification



To notify a study, all the mandatory fields must be filled in. The user clicks on **Edit** to insert the required information.



3.11.1 Study Notification – Edit function

It is possible to complete/update the information provided in the study notification record by editing the form.

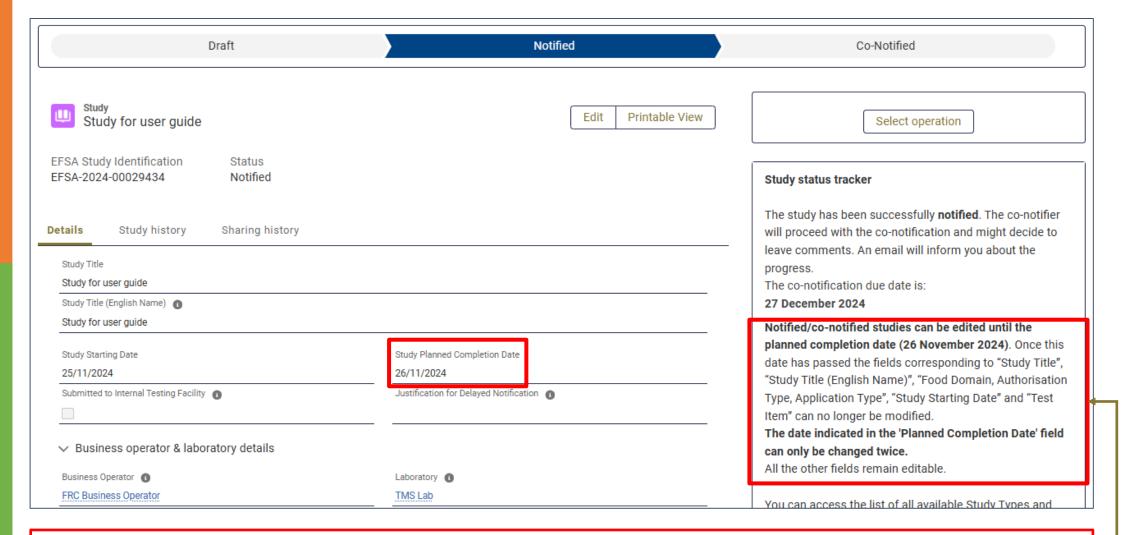
The information can be edited at any time before the study planned completion date.

Edit Please, use the fields below to update the study information study 456 Users can use these fields to write a study title up to Study Title - English Name 1 300 characters long. study 456 Study Starting Date 1 Study Planned Completion Date 7-Sep-2022 苗 6-Jul-2022 繭 This field appears only if the "notification date" is later than the "study starting date". For more Justification for Delayed Notification details, see the section Justification for Delayed Notification. Study Scope Food Domain Dust Content Feed Additives ₩ Users can search for a **Study Type** and a **Study** Type a name or 'All' to see all results. * Authorisation Type International Standard Certification 1 **Guideline** by starting typing a name in the dedicated Feed Additives field and clicking on the message "Show all results for..." that appears below, as showed in the **Study** Study Design Type and a Study Guideline dedicated section. Study Guideline Other Type a name or 'All' to see all results Study Detailed Protocol 🚯 **Click Next to save** the changes. 71

Suggested read: Article 20(3) of the EFSA Practical Arrangements on pre-submission phase and public consultations

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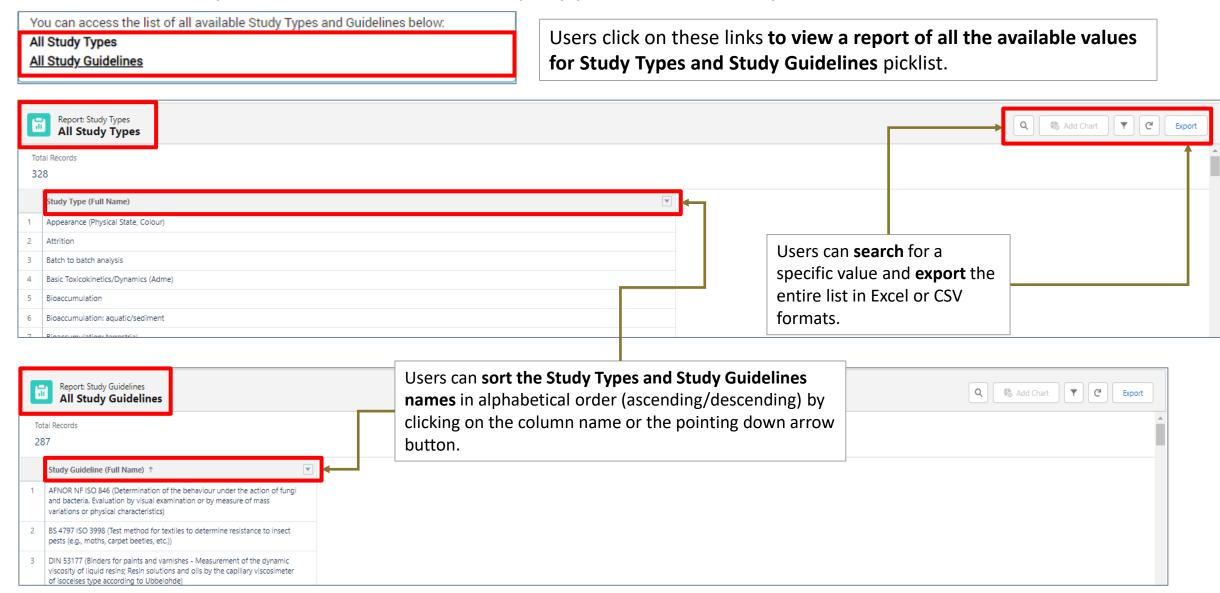
3.11.1a Edit a study notification after the planned completion date has passed



After the planned completion date has passed, the edit function will allow only to modify the information provided in "Study Scope" and "Study Design" sections.

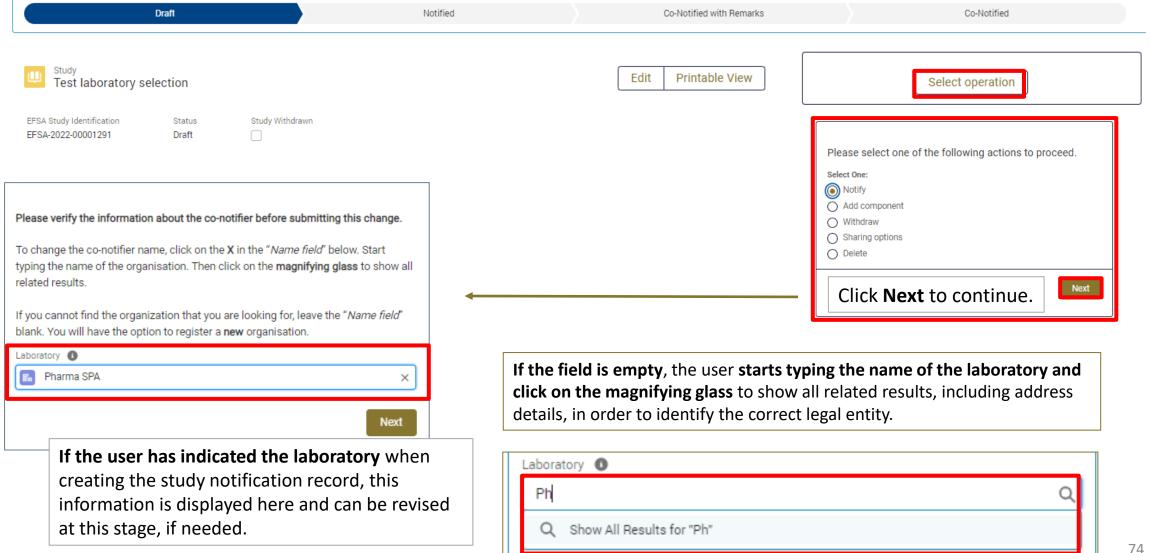
The study planned completion date remains editable, up to two times. When opening the edit window, the system will display an information message like: *This field (Study Planned Completion Date)* can be modified one more time/can no longer be modified, reflecting the number of changes already done.

3.11.2 Study Notification – *Study Types and Study Guidelines*

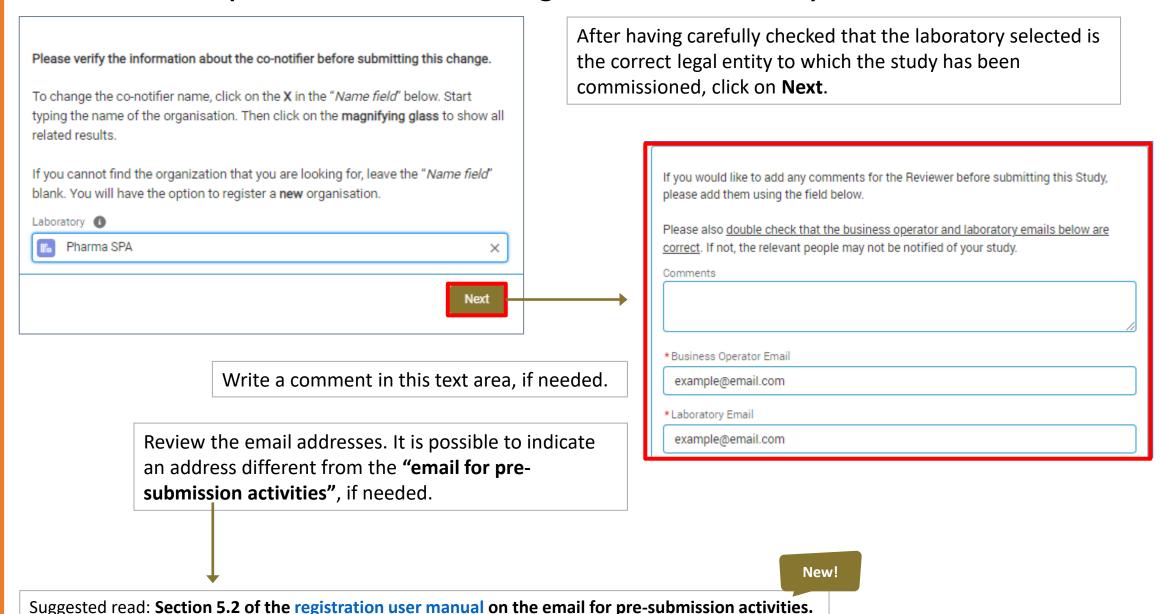


3.11.3 Study Notification – *To registered laboratory*

To notify a draft study the user needs to click on **Select Operation** and then on the picklist value **Notify**. The following instructions are valid also in case the laboratory starts the notification process.



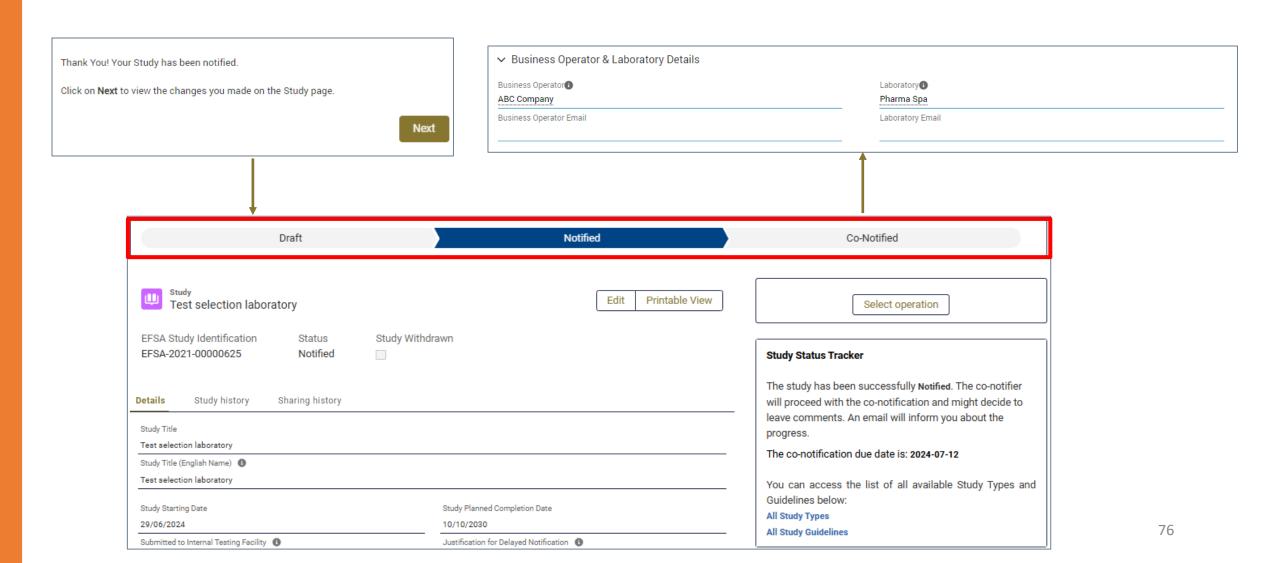
3.11.3 Study Notification – *To registered laboratory*



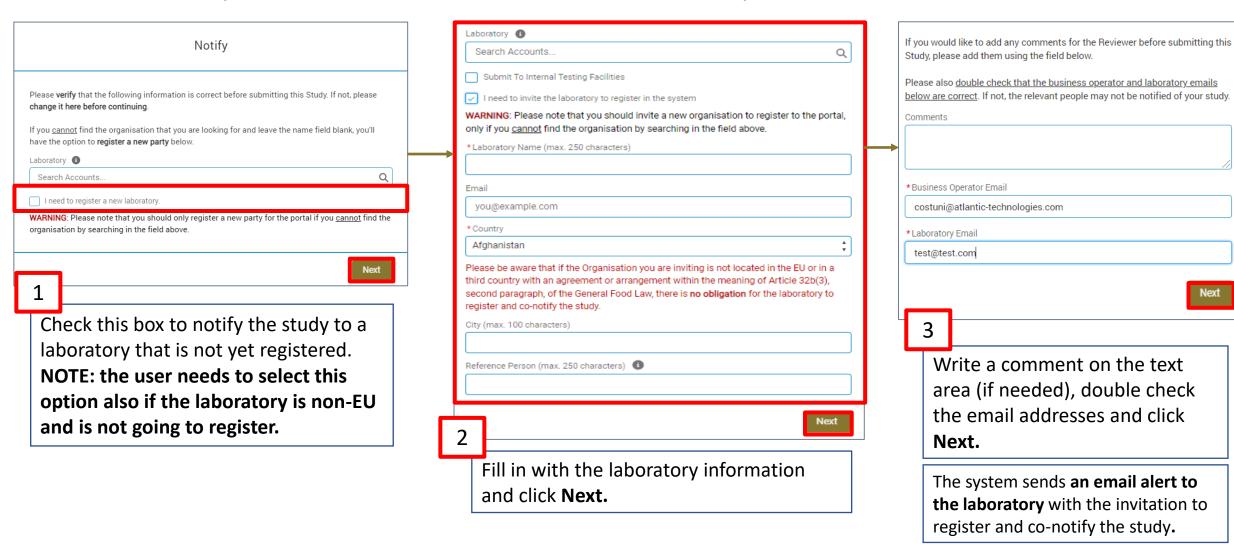
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3.11.3 Study Notification – *To registered laboratory*

Once the study has been notified the status turns into **Notified**, the contact person of the **laboratory receives an email** alert on the email address indicated at the moment of the submission of the study notification.

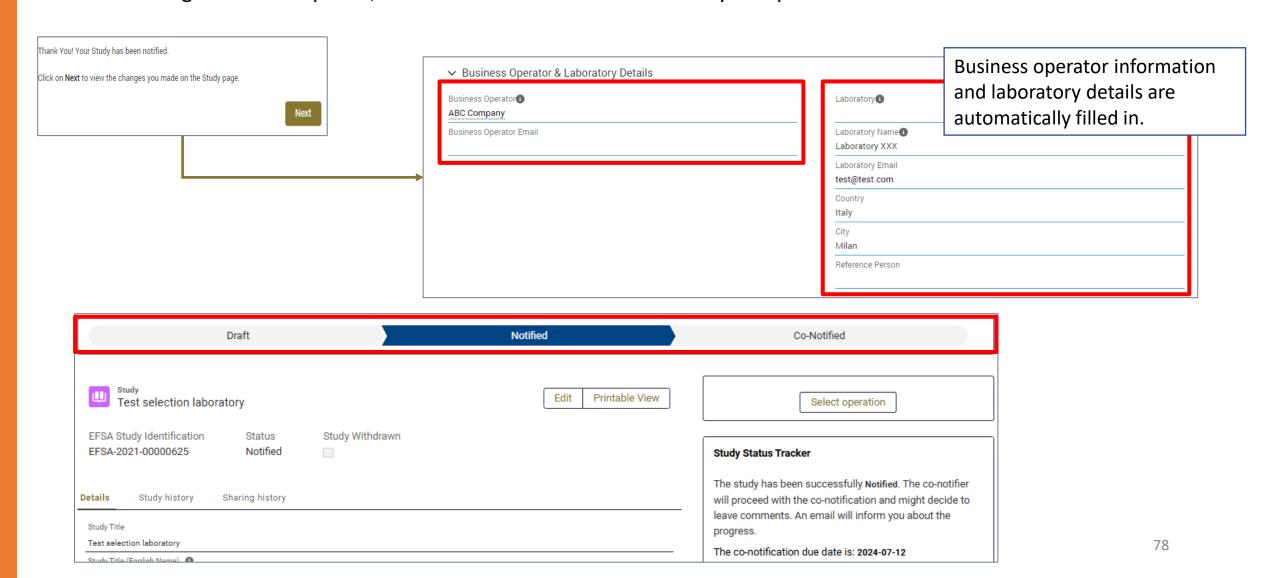


3.11.4 Study Notification – *To a new laboratory*



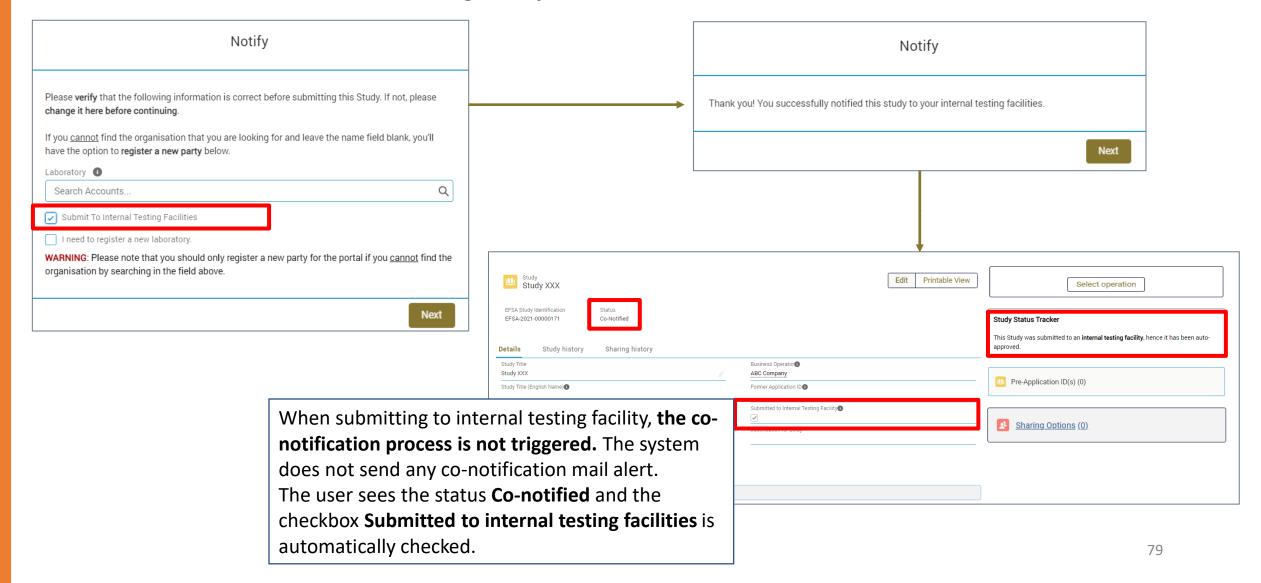
3.11.4 Study Notification – *To a new laboratory*

Once the study has been notified, the status turns into **Notified**. The new laboratory receives **an email alert** with the invitation to register for the portal, review the information of the study and proceed with the co-notification.



3.11.5 Study Notification – *To internal testing facilities*

To notify the study to an internal testing facility the user needs to click on Select Operation, **Notify** option and then check the box "Submitted to Internal testing facility".



3.11.6 Study Notification – *Justification for delayed notification*

When a study is notified after the starting date, the notifier must provide a justification for the delay.

If you would like to add any comments for the Reviewer before submitting this Study, please add them using the field below.
Please also <u>double check that the business operator and laboratory emails below are</u> <u>correct</u> . If not, the relevant people may not be notified of your study.
Comments
* Business Operator Email
*Laboratory Email
Please provide an explanation on the reasons why this study is being notified after the starting date, using the field below.
Study Starting Date: 8 February 2022
Justification for Delayed Notification
Next

The field "Justification for Delayed Notification" is provided for the benefit of the notifier and can be used to keep a note of the reason of the delayed notification.

This without prejudice to the need for justifying the delayed notification when submitting the corresponding application as outlined in Article 19(4) of the EFSA Practical Arrangements on presubmission phase and public consultations.

The field "Justification for delay" can be updated by the notifier at any time after the study notification by clicking on **Edit** button. If left empty, the notification will not be blocked.

3.12 Study Co-notification

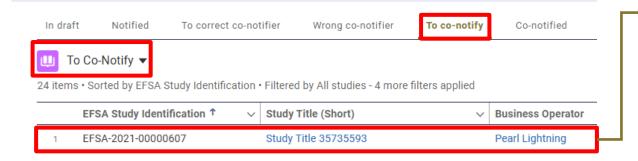
It is recommended to revise the study information ideally within 30 calendar days from the receipt of the email with the invitation to co-notify (i.e. the notification date).

All users registered for pre-submission activities under the conotifier organisation can view and co-notify studies.

Notification of studies database

Pre-submission activities / Notification of studies database

From this page, you can create a new study notification. Once you have created your new study, you can cedit it until you are ready to notify it to EFSA. Upon the notification, the indicated co-notifier will receive an



More details about this new function in the dedicated section <u>"Wrong Co-Notifier".</u>

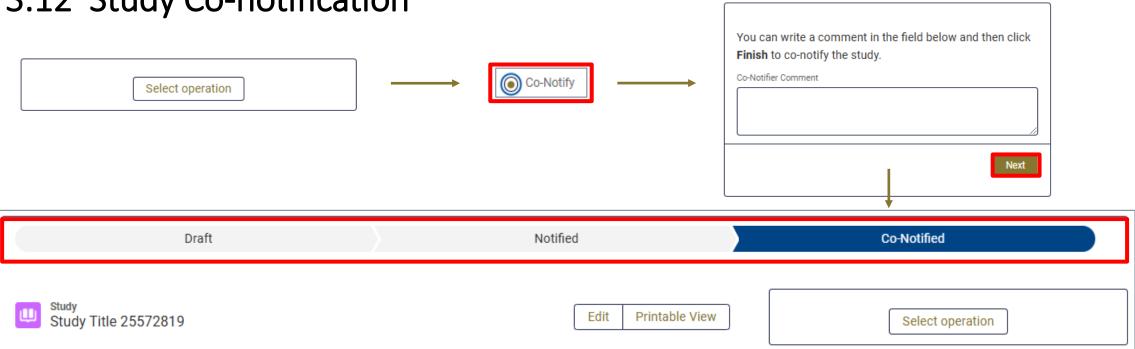
Follow the below steps to co-notify

- 1. The user can find the studies to co-notify under the tab **To Co-Notify**.
- 2. The user selects the study to be co-notified and revises the information showed in the study page.
- 3. From the upper right corner of the study page the user clicks on **Select Operation.**



- To co-notify the study, the user selects "Co-Notify", then clicks on Next.
- If the user notices that its own organisation has been wrongly selected as co-notifier, checks the "Wrong Co-Notifier" box then clicks on Next.

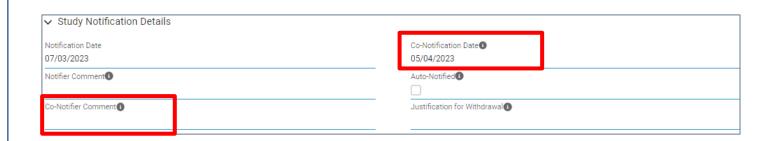
3.12 Study Co-notification



The status turns into **Co-Notified.**

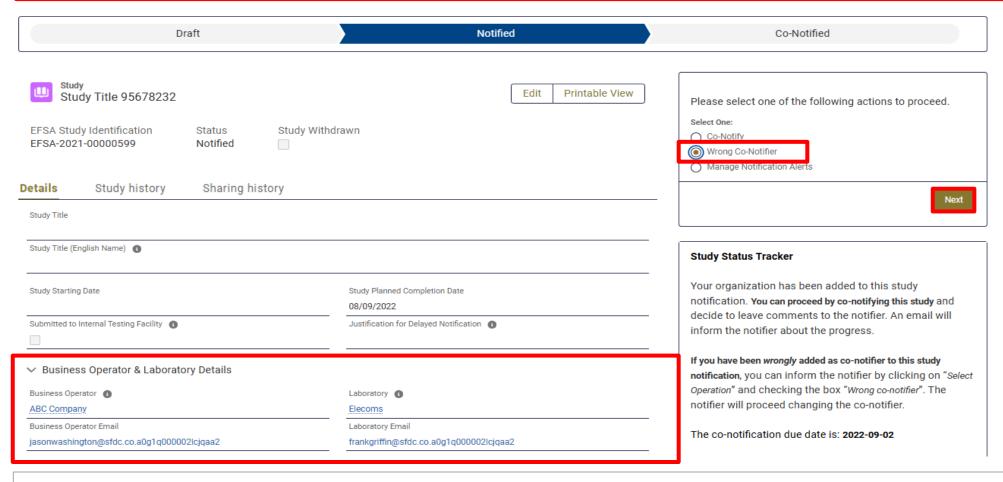
Comments and co-notification date are available in the "Study Notification Details" section.

The notifier receives an email alert upon co-notification.



3.12.1 Study Co-notification — "Wrong Co-Notifier" (co-notifier side)

An organisation (business operator or laboratory) that has been **wrongly selected as co-notifier** for a study should promptly **inform the notifier** about the mistake. The notifier has **30 calendar days** from the receipt of the Wrong-Co-Notifier alert email to amend the information. From the **Select Operation** menu the user checks the box "**Wrong Co-Notifier**" then clicks **Next**.



When the wrong co-notifier clicks on **Next**, the study notification record is no longer accessible. **This action cannot be undone.**

3.12.2 Study Co-notification – Wrong Co-Notifier (notifier side)

If the co-notifier informs the notifier to have been wrongly assigned to a study notification, the notifier receives an email alert.

Wrong Co-Notifier email message

The organisation you selected to co-notify the study *EFSA-YYYY-NNNNNNNN* reported that you have wrongly selected them as co-notifier. Please, revise the information about the co-notifier within **30 days**.

The deadline to change co-notifier is **DD Month YYYY**

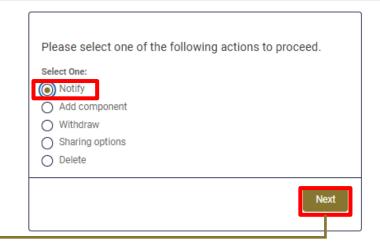
To view the study please use the following link:

Once this timeframe has passed it will **no longer possible** to perform this action. If you wish to correct this study notification, you should **withdraw** it and proceed with a new study notification. More details on the user guide available on the **EFSA Toolkit page**.

Please verify the information about the co-notifier before submitting this change. To change the co-notifier name, click on the X in the "Name field" below. Start typing the name of the organisation. Then click on the magnifying glass to show all related results. If you cannot find the organization that you are looking for, leave the "Name field" blank. You will have the option to register a new organisation. Laboratory Pharma SPA Next

Follow the below steps to change the co-notifier

- The user clicks on the link and enters into the study page, from the Select Operation menu checks "Notify" to start the procedure.
- 2. The user follows the indications reported in the dialogue box and changes the co-notifier organisation name. Click on **Next** to continue.



3. The following steps are similar to the study notification process.

3.12.2 Study Co-notification – Wrong Co-Notifier (notifier side)

NOTE

- The process is triggered **only** by the co-notifier action.
- The possibility to change the co-notifier is not a new study notification. The original study notification date will not change.
- The co-notifier can be changed within 30 days from the moment co-notifier informs the notifier to have been wrongly assigned to a study notification.
- The revision and change of the co-notifier information can be done **only once**.

In following two circumstances the user cannot amend the co-notifier information of an existing study notification:

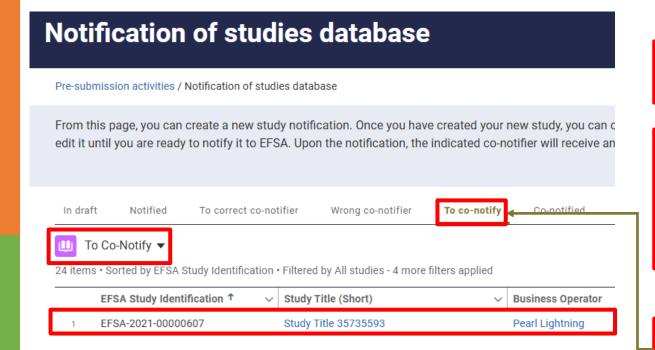
- 1. The information about the wrong co-notifier is not revised within 30 days from the receipt of the "Wrong Co-Notifier" email alert
- 2. The user selects a wrong co-notifier organisation for the second time.

If the users wishes to correct the information of a study notification, it should withdraw the study and proceed with a new study notification.

Follow the below steps to withdraw the current study and proceed with a new study notification

- 1. The user creates and submits a new study notification.
- 2. In case **the new notification is inserted with delay**, the user indicates in the <u>justification for the delay</u> that this new study notification is related to a wrong study notification (**include the Study ID**), which was withdrawn because the information about the co-notifier was not correct.
- 3. The user proceeds with the withdrawal of the wrong study notification. In the <u>justification for the withdrawal</u>, the user specifies that the study notification is withdrawn because the information about the co-notifier is not correct and indicates the study ID related to the newly inserted study notification.

3.12.3 Study Co-notification — "auto-notified" studies



After the timeframe of 30 days for the notification has passed, the system marks the study as "auto-notified".

An auto-notified study is not yet co-notified. The co-notifier should still complete the notification process by co-notifying such study.

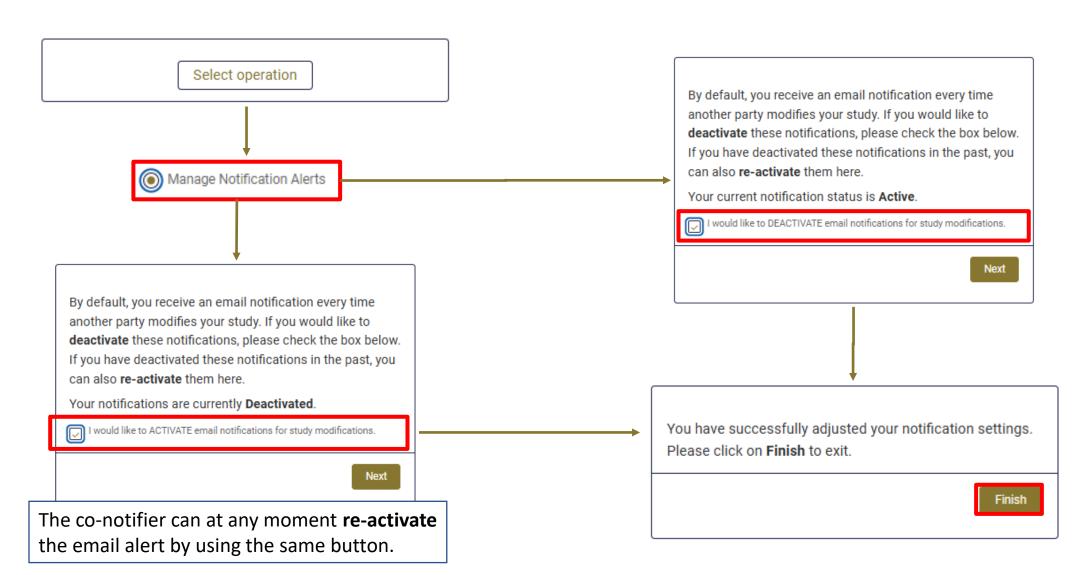
The co-notifier can inform the notifier to have been wrongly selected as co-notifier.

Studies marked as "auto-notified" are available in the To Co-Notify tab of the notification of studies database section.

3.12.4 Study Co-notification – *Manage Study Notification*

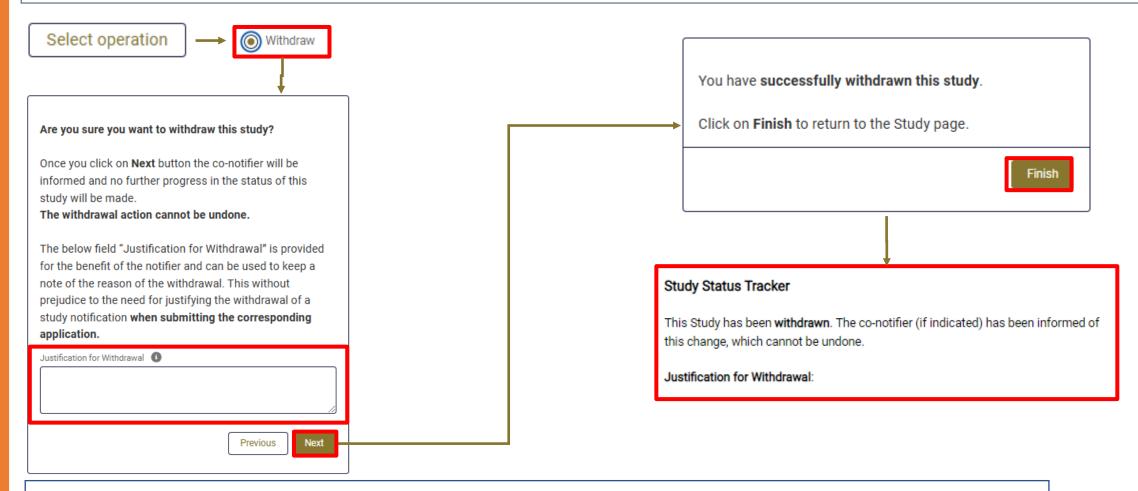
By default, the co-notifier receives an **email alert** every time the notifier edits the study notification record.

To change this setting the co-notifier can click on the button **Select Operation** and then **Manage Study Notification** to deactivate them.



3.13 Study Withdrawal

The Notifier can withdraw a study before its planned completion date by clicking on the button **Select Operation** and then selecting **Withdraw**. The field "Justification for Withdrawal" is provided for the benefit of the notifier and can be used to keep a note of the reason of the withdrawal. This without prejudice to the need for justifying the withdrawal of a study notification **when submitting the corresponding application** as outlined in Article 20(4) of the <u>EFSA Practical Arrangements on pre-submission phase and public consultations</u>.

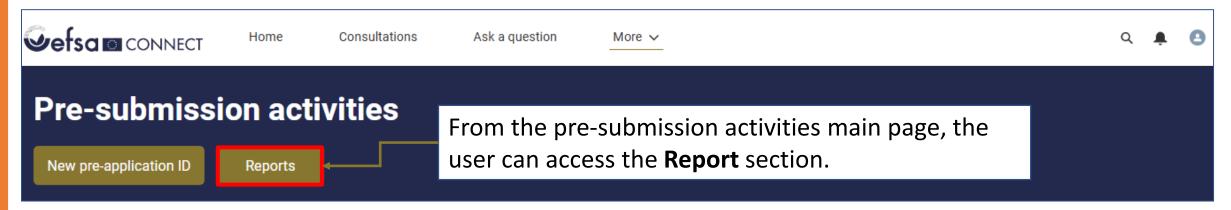


The field "Justification for Withdrawal" can be edited by clicking the "Edit" button also after the study is withdrawn.

Reporting features



4. Reporting features



Important notes about reports:

- The user entering the Report section finds an overview of all the Reports available.
- (!)
- Reports are collected in two main folders: "Records owned by my organisation", "Records shared with my
 organisation". Hence it is not possible to see records belonging to another organisation unless they have
 been shared. An additional folder "Study Types and Study Guidelines" contains the already available reports
 on study type and study guidelines.
- All reports and folders available on the portal are predefined by EFSA and in read-only mode. This means
 that changes done by the user will not be saved. When the page is refreshed, the system will restore the
 original version of the report. The user cannot create new folders.
- It is possible to (temporarily) apply some changes to the online reports. They can also be exported in an
 editable Excel or CSV file.

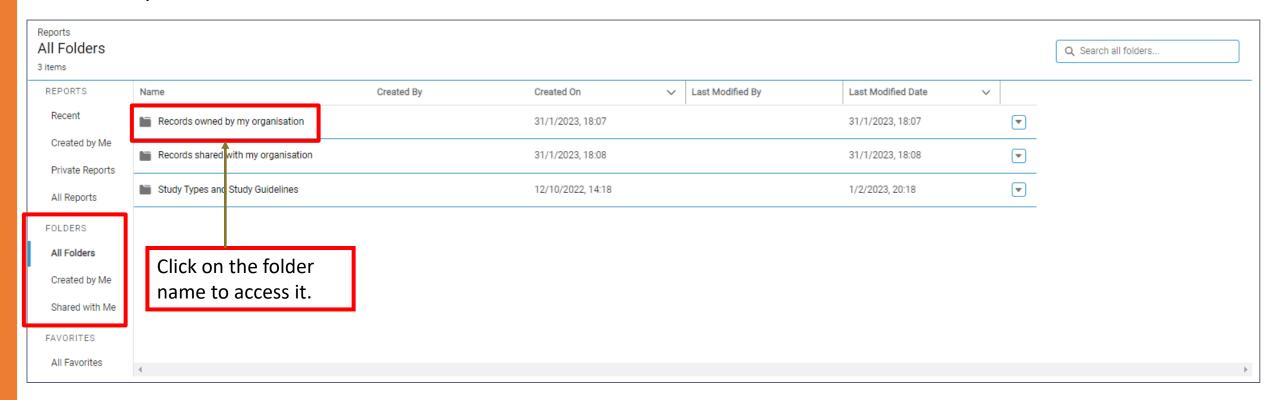
4.1 Reporting features – Overview

The user can access the reports from the REPORTS (All Reports) view, or from the FOLDERS (All Folders) view.



4.2 Reporting features - Folders

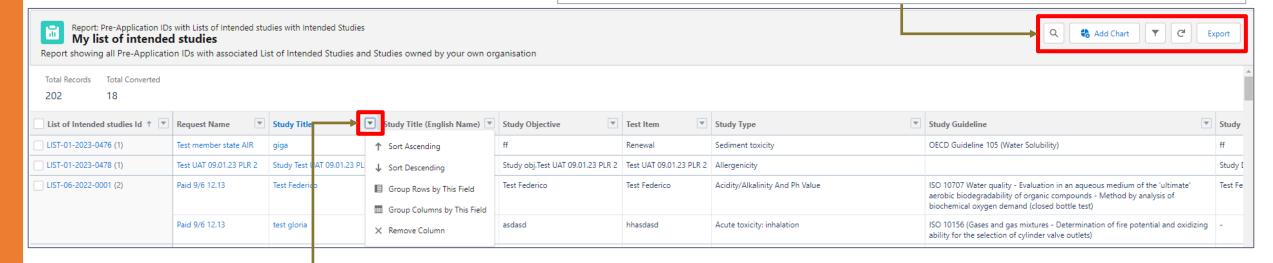
All the reports available to the user are saved in three distinct folders.



4.3 Reporting features – Actions allowed on a report

The user can perform actions on the report using these buttons. It is possible to:

- search for a specific value in the table
- add a chart
- apply filters
- refresh the values in table
- **export the report** in Excel or CSV formats

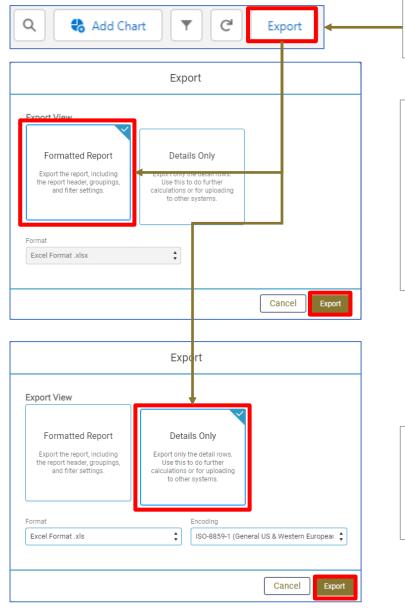


Click on one of the pointing down arrows to perform actions on the report table.

The user can:

- sort the values
- group/ungroup values
- remove columns

4.4 Reporting features – Export a report



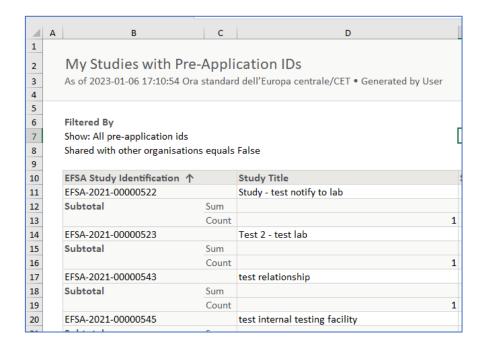
Click on **Export** button and select the preferred format.

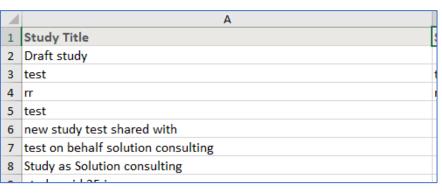
Formatted Report

Reports can be exported in a format similar to the online version, e.g., keeping the grouping and the other settings. This option exports the report as Excel file only.

Details Only

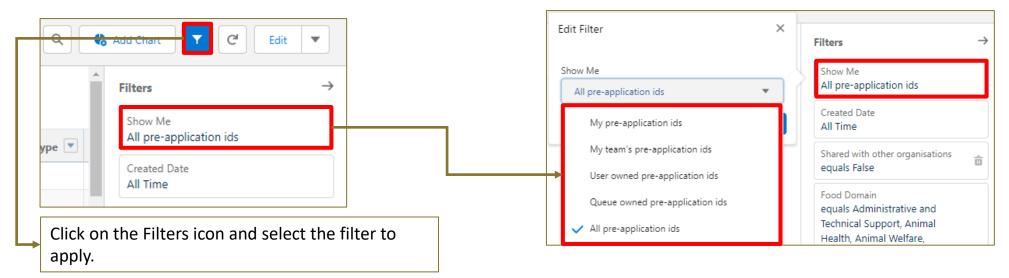
Reports can be exported as Excel or CSV file showing only the detail rows.



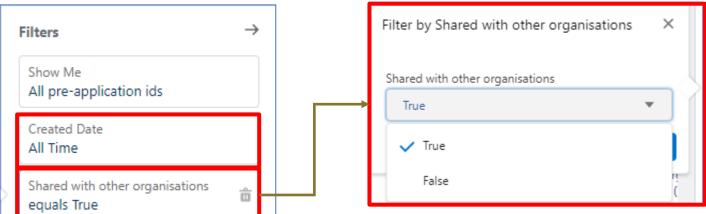


4.5 Reporting features – Filters functionality

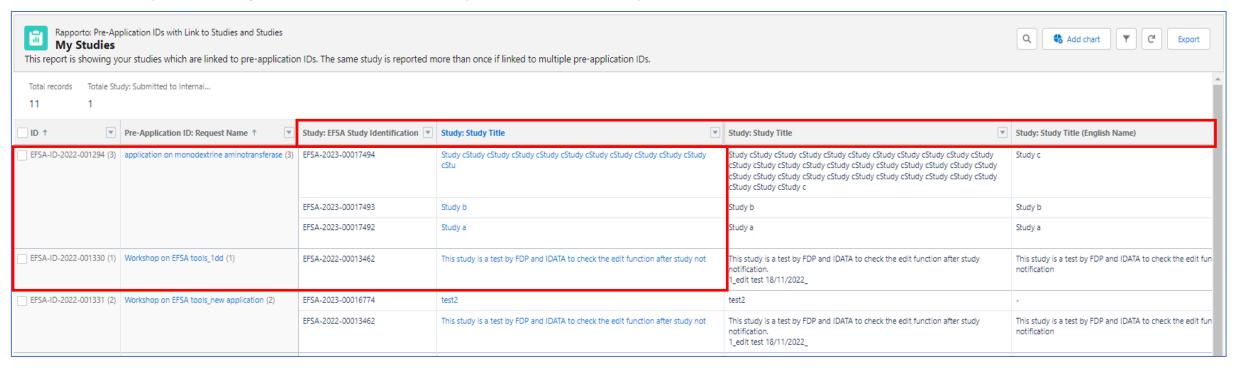
Depending on the type of data showed in the report, predefined filters are available. Once the user refreshes the page the default filtering rules set by EFSA will be restored.



Some filters will allow to restrict the view to records on the basis of their **creation date**, while others allow to view only the records **shared with the user's organisation**.



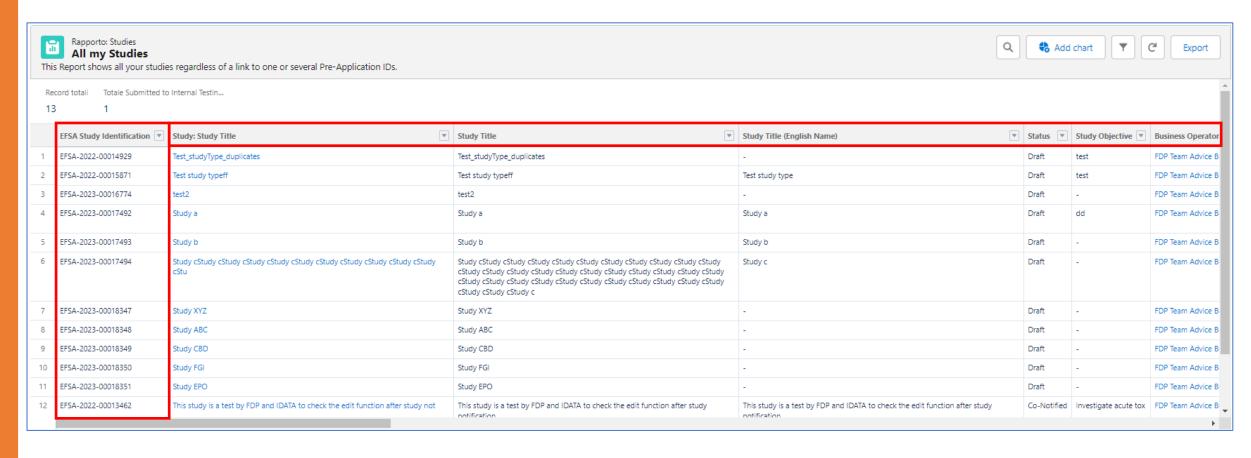
5.5 Reporting features – My studies report



This report shows all the studies owned by the users organisation which are linked to pre-application IDs. The user finds:

- 1. The ID and the Request Name of the pre-application ID and all the studies linked therein.
- 2. The **Study Title information** comprehensive of "Study Title" with direct link to the study record page, "Study Title" (i.e. the full length version) and "Study Title (English Name)".
- 3. Other available information includes: Status, Study Objective, Business Operator name and email, Laboratory name and email, etc.

5.6 Reporting features – All my Studies reports



This report shows all the studies owned by the user organisation, regardless they are linked or not to a pre-application ID. The user finds:

- The EFSA Study IDs.
- 2. The **Study Title information** comprehensive of "Study Title" with direct link to the study record page, "Study Title" (i.e. the full length version) and "Study Title (English Name)".
- 3. Other available information includes: Status, Study Objective, Business Operator name and email, Laboratory name and email, etc.

Recommended documents and links

Applicants Toolkit https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/applications/toolkit

Transparency https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-

Regulation <u>content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32019R1381</u>

Practical https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate-pubs/transparency-

Arrangements <u>regulation-practical-arrangements</u>

Q&A on Practical https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate-pubs/questions-and-

arrangements <u>answers-efsa-practical-arrangements</u>

