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### GENERAL PROJECT REVIEW CONSOLIDATED REPORT

| Grant agreement (GA) number:   | 101000613  |  |
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| Project <sup>1</sup> Acronym:  | FOODSAFETY4EU  |  |
| Project title:   | FOODSAFETY4EU - MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PLATFORM FOR<br>FOOD SAFETY IN EUROPE  |  |
| Type of action:  | CSA  |  |
| Start date of the project:   | 01/01/2021   |  |
| Duration of the project:   | 36   |  |
| Name of primary coordinator contact and organisation:                            | Veronica LATTANZIO (CNR)   |  |
| Period covered by the report:  | from 01/01/2021 to 30/06/2022  |  |
| Periodic report/Reporting period number:   | 1  |  |
| Date of first submission of the periodic report (if applicable):                 | 26/08/2022   |  |
| <b>Amendments (latest AMD concerning description of the action)</b> <sup>2</sup> | 30/11/2020 (AMD-101000613-3)   |  |
| Date of meeting with consortium (if applicable):                                 | 19/09/2022   |  |
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 'Project' means the same thing as 'action'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Only amendments to the description of the action (DoA; AT21) are relevant for general project reviews since they always have to be carried out against the latest version of the DoA

### 1. Overall assessment

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This project aims to establish a multi-stakeholder platform for food safety in Europe by supporting exchanges between science, policy and society. In this first reporting period, the consortium has consolidated the approach for the participatory process to be used for involving food safety actors from academia to public authorities and business operators in co-creation activities. The project website aims to connect the general public, policy-makers and food safety specialists. Many outreach activities have been performed in this first reporting period to engage with stakeholders including online articles, videos, events shared on the project website. The project has teamed up with 5 other EU projects under the DISH cluster to organise joint events related to food safety.

The project has achieved some of its objectives and milestones. However, more work needs to be done towards addressing some KPIs. Looking at the yearly report D7.3 some KPIs have been achieved and some of them are still in progress. Regarding awareness raising campaign no polls have been realised, no food facts, no video pills. However, the authors state that strategy has been revised.

Presentations at EFSA have exceeded the target of 1, as 3 have been carried out so far.

Publications at EC channels and scientific publications are lagging behind the target probably because it is too early and results have not come yet/preliminary.

Food safety 4EU communication kit has been released which is very important for the project. The platform will be of interest to those at the communication intersection between risk assessment and risk management.

#### 3. General comments

Overall, the project is going quite well. Relationships with key stakeholders such as EFSA are being developed and need even more emphasis.

The main achievement and impact will be the FS4EU platform and the outputs from the 4 Food Safety Operational Lab (FSO labs). These are social labs gathering food safety actors from different perspectives to discuss food safety related topics in a co-creative manner. Combining workshops with pilots for experimentation and communities of practices, the FSOLabs facilitate collective thinking on food safety knowledge and practice at European level.

The contribution to the state of the art will be a platform that synchronizes food safety research strategies, increases availability of knowledge and data and boosts cooperation across stakeholders.

However, the website should be easier to navigate – the landing page could be tailored to each type of 'imapct level' for exmaple. Website contents are reviewed by PMT regarding SEO (Search Engine Optimisation) best practices for better indexing and accessibility of the project. Additionally, the project will use Google Analytics.

The scientific quality of the results is robust for the majority of deliverables. They show the preparatory work performed for setting up the project activities such as the digital tools, the food safety operational labs, the mapping of food safety system involving science, policy and society interactions, the co-creation of a Europeal-level food safety research and innovation agenda, the awareness-raising on food safety issues and the development of a sustainable food safety platform. Further work is required on data integration and operability.

The strategy to deal with 'sustainability' should be clearly defined.

It is positive that the consortium has attended and presented work in 6 conferences. Contents are published by APRE and/ or other partners involved in the communication & dissemination activities core group (ILSI EU, IFA, EUFIC, CNR), that have been trained by PMT during a dedicated webinar on how to use the Wordpress platform.

#### 4. Recommendations concerning the period covered by the report

It should be emphasized that while sustainability of the project beyond the lifetime of the project will be very beneficial the main impact should be in the lifetime of the project

Fact sheets still need to be produced. The partners are already working on a factsheet using the surveys' outcomes.

#### 5. Recommendations concerning future work, if applicable

DoW. For example: the communication space between risk assessment and risk management at an EU scale should be fully characterized for the different target groups.

Exploitation plans: The exploitation plans should be realistic and feasible. If for example the expert finder is considered to be an exploitable outcome- who owns the IP? Etc etc

Communication material: The communications should be aligned to the specifics of the project – are the winter campaigns helping to achieve the objectives of the project – improve trust/transparency? For example, a campaign to explain the difference between an EFSA risk assessment and EC management of that risk (legislation) – GM is the obvious example from a few years ago when EFSA was reporting that GM did not pose a risk yet legislatively it was not approved at EU level – would be useful.

### 2. Objectives and workplan

**1. Is the progress reported in line with objectives and work plan as specified in the DoA?** Partially If there are significant deviations, please comment.

The project is making good progress and much work is left to do to fulfil the ambition as described in the DoWs. WP1: FOODSAFETY4EU digital tools

T1.1: Analysis of research infrastructures and networks & food safety data.

D1.1: Landscape and gap analysis and strategic planning: At a minimum, a concluding paragraph is needed about the gap in the landscape within which the FS4EU platform fits (as per above). There is a requirement for an analysis of the operability of the data available. The younger generations get their information frequently from TicTok, Twitter etc – it is suggested that these should be included in the analysis by region – this should be mirrored in the Communications WP. WP2: WP2 Food Safety Operational Labs: co-creation processes in social labs

A lot depends on this WP – it is difficult to assess the potential likelihood of achieving overall objectives since one FSOlab feeds into the next. However, the theoretical aspects of this WP are of value. The methodology of the social labs has been adapted to the new context on online meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

WP3: Improvement of roadmaps for the future FSS- integration and forecasting

Interviews were performed to assess current and future food safety issues which led to the selection of two case studies: mycotoxins and food contact materials in the circular economy. A mapping of science-policy-society networks in different EU countries for these two food safety issues provided input for the FSOLab 1 on co-creation of roadmaps for harmonisation and integration through forecasting.

The methods described in Task 3.1 should be clarified. In the deliverable report (D3.1), the terms 'risk analysis' and 'risk assessment' seem to be used interchangeably. It would be interesting to know or have access to the results of the interviews.

Its not clear if the difference in legal enforcement is an objective matter – written in legislation, or a subjective matter with regional differences.

A preliminary assessment of the survey results would be helpful.

WP4: Definition of the Research & Innovation framework for the future policies

Two online questionnaires were distributed to FS4EU supporting partners for dana gathering. Two FSOLabs have been set on research programmes and funding opportunities (FSOLab 2) and food safety strategic research agenda (FSOLab 3). It may be useful to compare the FS4EU SRIA to others.

WP5: Strategies to improve public awareness of Food Safety and civil society engagement

Food safety stakeholders provided input to online survey on the current food safety communication mechanism with over 200 replies. In addition two pilot actions targeting food safety authorities and the food industry have been performed in Tunisia and Czechia. These activities fed into the FSOLab 4 on developing innovative approaches and models to inform civil society about food safety research and the risk assessment process.

It is not clear how the survey led to the topic choice. The model(s) to inform civil society about science-based risk assessment is required.

WP6: Co-design of the platform strategy and business model for long-term cooperation

The structure of the platform has been co-designed with stakeholders through a platform design webinar and a WP6 pre-meeting. Stakeholders, divided into four categories, macro, meso, micro and platform shapers, have been mapped in clusters according to their roles in the food safety system. The analysis of their motivations and interests informed the platform design and business model.

This WP needs much thought/consideration. A clear and precise plan is required. For example, could this be a useful tool for EFSA/EC to jointly manage for the purpose of jointly communicating about the rationale for food safety rules? WP7: Dissemination, Communication and Exploitation

The communication kit is impressive. The project made an active use of social networks, monthly newsletters, awareness campaigns and online events involving food safety experts to reach out to stakeholders. Synergies have been developed with related projects and initiatives to achieve a greater impact.

The communication material should be specifically made to achieve the objectives of the proposal.

| 2. Are the objectives of the project still scientifically and /or technologically relevant?                     | Yes |
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| Yes   |     |
| <b>3.</b> Are the critical implementation risks and mitigation actions described in the DoA still relevant?     | Yes |
| Yes. A risk is that key stakeholder engagement is not adequate for the platform to fully realize its potential. |     |

Lack of proactivity by partners, who were not regularly reporting news items for inclusion in the bulletin. However,

APRE, overcame this obstacle by preparing a list of sources from which to find useful news, events, funding opportunities and relevant news from the project itself.

| 4. Have the pilots/case studies started to showcase innovative results as described in the DoA?   | Partially               |
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| The project has piloted social labs in the food safety area using social sciences techniques challenges. A FSOLab manual has been developed presenting the tools for co-creation. The four first learning activities and data was gathering in reporting templates. | •                       |
| 5. Have the ethics deliverables due for the current period been adequately addressed and approved?  | Yes                     |
| Principles and responsibilities are described, as well as the ethics review process and practical to issues at work package and task level.<br>The document structure for ethics is the following:<br>- introduction to ethics principles                           | ols for managing ethics |
| - legal framework according to official EU documents.   |                         |

FoodSafety4EU ethics management and monitoring including non-EU-Countries Ethics requirements

| 6. Have the comments and recommendations from previous project reviews been taken into account? | Not applicable |
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This is the first report.

# 3. Impact

| 1. Does the work carried out contribute to the expected impacts detailed in the DoA?   | Partially  |
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| Expected impact difficult to predict at this stage since website/platform is not clear and FSC complete.<br>Main impact areas include scientific, technological, economic, social, educational, and environ pathways and main methodologies for impact analysis and monitoring are also identified. A s Indicators (KPIs) for the six impact areas is listed, to support the quantitative evaluation and m of the FS4EU platform.  | mental impacts. Impact<br>set of Key Performance |
| 2. Does the work carried out follow the plan detailed in the DoA to enhance innovation capacity, create new markets opportunities, strengthen competitiveness and growth of companies, address issues related to climate change or the environment, address industrial and/or societal needs at regional level or bring other important benefits for society? Give information on the relevant innovation activities carried out (prototypes, testing activities, standards, clinical trials) and/or new product, service, reference materials, process or method (to be) launched to the market, if any.  | Partially  |
| Among the the relevant innovation activities carried out are 1) platform and 2) output from FSOlabs etc<br>High level of commitment of the partners involved in the team responsible for communication and dissemination<br>activities, with the support of the whole consortium, shows that some tools and activities are becoming a benchmark<br>in the food safety sector. Instead, some others require a revised strategy to reach the specific objective settled for them,<br>for example, the activities foreseen in task 7.3.   |  |
| 3. Does the work carried out contribute towards European policy objectives and strategies and have an impact on policy making?   | Partially  |
| Food safety scenarios based on global challenges were selected based on the in-depth expert interviews. Pilot workshops with FS4EU consortium partners were held, enabling further refinement of the protocol. The final protocol has been made publicly available through the FS4EU website and can be applied in many other contexts. Next, four Net-Map workshops were carried out in the respective home countries of the HUB leaders. The workshops resulted in complex Net-Maps, visualizing how the Science-Policy-Society (SPS) collaboration system regarding risk analysis of the aforementioned food safety issues is set up in each country. Many linkages between stakeholders were revealed, going from information sharing (legally required or voluntary), data requesting or communicating to the public. A Net-Map guidance protocol, including a standardized data reporting format, was distributed among the food safety hub (HUB) leaders to analyze the Science-Policy-Society (SPS) collaboration. |  |
| 4. Does (or will) the work carried out have an impact on SMEs?   | Partially  |
| The project is contributing to public awareness of food safety and sustainability by informing c food choices and supporting trust in the EU food safety system. By identifying food safety sce industry adapting to global challenges connected to food safety in the context of climate change   | narios, it helps the food                        |
| 5. Have the beneficiaries reached gender balance at all levels of personnel assigned to the action? If not, have the reasons been explained in the periodic report?  | Yes  |

Yes, beneficiaries have reached gender balance. However, report is pending in 2023 on the issues faced.

# 4. Implementation

| 1. Has the project been efficiently and effectively managed?   | Yes  |  |
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| Project has been effectively managed in spite of unexpected changes required by the COVID-<br>and co-creation activities involving food safety actors were organised online. Internal meetings<br>performed as planned to ensure a close connection with EU food safety institutional actors.<br>between consortium members through the Humhub platform ensured a timely delivery of projec  | of the project have been<br>Continuous interaction |  |
| 2. Is the management of the project in line with the obligations of beneficiaries (including ethics and security requirements, risk and innovation management if applicable)?  | Yes  |  |
| Innovation management should be informed about implications for exploitation of using soft<br>(e.g. expert finder) for a new topic (i.e.food safety)<br>Ethics guidelines, including an informed consent template, any authorization, and certificates has   | 2  |  |
| <b>3.</b> Is the contribution of each beneficiary in line with the work committed in the DoA? (applicable only to multibeneficiary projects)   | Yes  |  |
| The contribution of each partner is clearly reported per task in the periodic report.  |  |  |
| 4. Have the beneficiaries disseminated project results (foreground) in scientific publications as planned in the DoA (including the deposition of publications in open access repositories)? Do they include a reference to EU funding?  | Yes  |  |
| Scientific publications have not been seen yet.  |  |  |
| 5. Have the beneficiaries disseminated and communicated project activities and results by other means than scientific publications (social media, press-release, the project web site, video/film, etc) as planned in the DoA? Do they include a reference to EU funding?  | Yes  |  |
| Social Networks (SNs) represent the main tools to engage society at large and to inform stakeholders and the general public about the communication and dissemination activities of the project. During the first year, FS4EU has opened 4 channels to reach different target groups which are well aligned with KPIs.<br>FoodSafety4EU produces graphic and attractive cards to be posted on social networks in order to explain, easily and briefly, the main terminology used in the sector. The definitions are enriched and rephrased avoiding technical jargon by a scientific committee.<br>In addition, potential influencers/content creators were contacted by e-mail. Out of the 15 contacted influencers, only 1 declined the invitation to establish the collaboration. |  |  |
| 6. Has the plan for the exploitation and dissemination of the results (if required) been<br>updated and implemented as described in the DoA, in particular as regards intellectual<br>property rights? Is it appropriate?  | Partially  |  |
| The plan includes 44 exploitable products/services. This is not likely to be feasible. A thoroug exploitable outputs would be more beneficial.   | h examination of fewer                             |  |
| 7. Has the data management plan (DMP) (if required) been updated and implemented? Is it appropriate?   | Yes  |  |
| yes  | ×  |  |
| 8. Have the proposed institutional changes been appropriately promoted?  | Yes  |  |
| Yes, they have been promoted.  | ·  |  |

### 5. <u>Resources</u>

| 1. Were the resources used as described in the DoA and were they necessary to achieve<br>its objectives? If there are deviations from planned budget, have they been satisfactorily<br>explained? Have they been used in a manner consistent with the principle of sound<br>financial management (in particular economy, efficiency and effectiveness)? | Yes |
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| An explanation of the resources and Person months has been given along with the associated WPs.   |     |

### Annex 1

| Deliverable<br>number | Deliverable name   | Status               | Comments   |
|-----------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| D1.1                  | Landscape and gap analysis<br>and strategic planning   | Request for revision | Needs a section that clearly identifies the gaps in<br>the landscape. This is very important since it should<br>define what is both in and out of scope of the project<br>for all other WPs.<br>Currently page 24 is only theoretical. Also,<br>not enough of specific information about<br>interoperability of data or strategies for integration.<br>Twitter and Tiktok should be included - or<br>justification for why not.  |
| D1.2                  | Platform user requirements and<br>impact assessment  | Request for revision | This deliverable presents the definition of the<br>user requirements associated to the implementation<br>of the FoodSafety4EU digital platform as digital<br>container, enabling the access and efficient use<br>of resources and data, knowledge sharing and<br>experience exchange and acting as aggregator<br>among the Food Safety System (FSS) actors<br>from all the macro-, meso- and micro-level.<br>Furthermore, it reports about the platform impact<br>assessment examining the main impact areas and<br>their KPIs as follows: scientific, technological,<br>economic, social, educational, and environmental<br>impact.<br>Minor revisions needed:<br>Methods and approach: how many inputs<br>collected? How were categories decided? Need<br>some text on emerging uses and behaviors in food<br>safety data. |
| D2.1                  | FSOLab Manual including<br>compilation of tools  | Accepted             | This deliverable is a manual implemented in the<br>FoodSafety4EU project. It provides a summary<br>on the concept of social labs, which the<br>FSOLab approach builds on and outlines the<br>concept for experiential learning and the FSOLab<br>process. Staff competences, skills and duties of<br>FSOLab managers, facilitators and participants<br>are described clearly. Guidelines for disseminating<br>the FSOLab processes and the evaluation of the<br>FSOLab processes and the reporting are also<br>outlined.   |
| D2.2                  | Cross learning report 1  | Accepted             | One major activity of WP 2 – Food Safety<br>Operational Labs: co-creation<br>in social labs, and in particular of task 2.4 – Inter<br>FSOlab learnings and cross- fertilisation has been<br>reported. This first one carried out online has the<br>FSOlab methodology in focus.  |
| D3.1                  | Report on map and gap<br>analysis of procedures and<br>enforcement and guidance<br>documents for FSAs - input for<br>FSOLab1 | Request for revision | A concluding paragraph on the map and gap analysis of risk analysis procedures and enforcement/unregulated issues would be helpful.  |

## **Expert opinion on deliverables**

| Deliverable<br>number | Deliverable name  | Status   | Comments   |
|-----------------------|---|----------|--|
| D3.2                  | Report on Science-Policy-<br>Society (SPS) collaboration<br>systems analysis - input for<br>FSOLab1 | Accepted | Deliverable report 3.2 describes the findings on<br>the analysis of the Science-Policy-Society (SPS)<br>collaboration system on specific cases through a<br>Net-Map analysis. Net-Map is an interview-based<br>mapping tool to visualize implicit knowledge and<br>understand the interplay of complex formal and<br>informal networks, power relations, and actors/<br>stakeholders' goals. Food safety scenarios based<br>on gobal challenges were selected based on the<br>in-depth expert interviews. A Net-Map guidance<br>protocol, including a standardized data reporting<br>format, was distributed among the food safety hub<br>(HUB) leaders.   |
| D4.1                  | Report on Map and gap<br>analysis of research<br>programmes and funding<br>opportunities            | Accepted | An interrogative survey was conducted as part<br>of the FoodSafety4EU project (work package<br>4). The report outlines the feedback collated<br>from participants from 19 different countries who<br>completed the interview.<br>EU funding 'lesser extent than necessary' against<br>what metric?   |
| D5.1                  | Summary of current<br>communication approaches  | Accepted | Not complete ref. results from June onwards<br>Simple online surveys were developed for different<br>stakeholders: food safety authorities, industry<br>including retailers, consumer associations, and<br>consumers in order to identify what communication<br>methods are currently used (if any) and how<br>often, for sharing food safety information with<br>the public. These surveys were widely distributed<br>by the consortium: co-ordinator, Hub Leaders and<br>participants.   |
| D6.1                  | Portrait of the FSS-actor roles   | Accepted | This deliverable aims at presenting the portrait of<br>the Food Safety System actors, who play an active<br>role in the system. These actors are referred to in<br>the text as "stakeholders".   |
| D7.1                  | Communication &<br>Dissemination Plan   | Accepted | <ul> <li>This deliverable presents the dissemination and communication plan as well as the associated actions that will be implemented during the FoodSafety4EU project.</li> <li>The Communication and Dissemination Plan presents: <ol> <li>strategy objectives;</li> <li>main target audiences;</li> <li>main activities and tools to implement;</li> <li>target audiences addressed by each tool and activity foreseen;</li> <li>timeline for activities and tools implementation;</li> <li>communication and dissemination management structure;</li> <li>a set of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), namely the criteria that will be used for assessing and review the plan;</li> </ol> </li> </ul> |

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| D7.2                  | FOODSAFETY4EU<br>Communication Kit   | Accepted             | This deliverable presents the main identity<br>and the promotional kit produced for the<br>FOODSAFETY4EU Project which will be used<br>for formal communication, dissemination and<br>promotional purposes.   |  |
| D7.3                  | Report on communication and dissemination activities   | Request for revision | <ul> <li>This report describes the dissemination a communication activities performed to implem the strategy settled up in the Communication a Dissemination Plan.</li> <li>The reporting of the communication a dissemination actions presents: <ol> <li>strategy objectives with the target audience a the context;</li> <li>main results and KPIs' achieved;</li> <li>analysis of tools and activities performed;</li> <li>update of the Communication and dissemination and dissemination activities and tools for the 2° yea</li> <li>communication and next steps.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Please include press releases on the website. W does 'opportunities for you' mean – this co suggest 'job opportunities'?</li> </ul> |  |
| D7.6                  | Exploitation and Sustainability<br>Plan  | Accepted             |   |  |
| D8.1                  | Project management<br>guidelines, including<br>administrative and financial<br>procedures        | Accepted             | This deliverable presents the main processes of<br>the project management, with the aim to reach<br>efficiently the governance of the project and its<br>Consortium Bodies.The main processes for the management are:<br>1. COMMUNICATION<br>2. INFORMAL COMMUNICATION<br>3. INTERNAL<br>REPORTING<br>AND<br>MONITORING<br>4. ADMINISTRATIVE<br>AND<br>FINANCIAL<br>PROCESS<br>5. OPEN ACCESS   |  |
| D8.2                  | Ethics guidelines, including<br>informed consent template, any<br>authorisation and certificates | Accepted             | Ethical clearance in Italian.<br>The deliverable presents ethics guidelines and<br>procedures in order to share official documents and<br>protocols to be observed by all participants during<br>the project's life.<br>The document structure is the following:<br>- introduction to ethics principles<br>- legal framework according to official EU<br>documents,<br>- FoodSafety4EU ethics management and<br>monitoring.   |  |

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| D8.3                  | Report of the Consortium<br>bodies meetings (minutes) | Accepted  | This deliverable presents the summary of the<br>Consortium Bodies meetings held from the<br>beginning of the project to Month 18, according to<br>the Technical Annex, the Consortium Agreement<br>and the guidelines for management (D8.1). All<br>meetings have been held online.   |  |
| D8.5                  | Data Management Plan                                  | Accepted       This document contains the Data Management P         (DMP) for the FoodSafety4EU project, address         what and how data - including metadata - w         be generated, collected, handled, and preserved         repositories while following the FAIR princip         (findable, accessible, interoperable, and re-useab         as well as possible. |   |  |
| D9.1                  | POPD - Requirement No. 1                              | Accepted  | The purpose of this deliverable is to evaluate<br>the ethical issues related to the research activities<br>involving human subjects, the collection or<br>processing of personal data (regardless of the<br>approach by which they are collected) and the<br>confirmation that they comply with national and<br>EU legislation.<br>It includes<br>The appointment of a Data Protection Officer by all<br>Beneficiaries<br>Procedures for data collection, storage, protection,<br>retention and destruction<br>Evaluation of ethical risks. |  |
| D9.2                  | H - Requirement No. 3                                 | Accepted  | The purpose of this deliverable is to evaluate the ethical issues related to the research activities of the FoodSafety4EU project involving human subjects, and the collection, and processing of personal data.  |  |
| D9.3                  | NEC - Requirement No. 4                               | Accepted  | This report aims to explain how the Consortium<br>applies the ethical standards and guidelines of<br>H2020 projects, in respect to the fair benefit-<br>sharing principles, regardless of the country in<br>which the research is carried out.  |  |

## Annex 2

| Expert | opinion | on | milestones |
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| Milestone<br>number | Milestone name  | Achieved | Comments   |
|---------------------|---|----------|--|
| MS1                 | Beta-versions of tools from T1 to T5  | Yes      | yes but further work to do in remainder of project   |
| MS3                 | Training for FSOLab Managers  | Yes      | D2.2   |
| MS4                 | List and short descriptions of 4 FSOLab<br>activities (cycle 1)   | Yes      | This has been described in D2.1  |
| MS5                 | List and short descriptions of 4 FSOLab<br>activities (cycle 2)   | Yes      | An outline has been given in D2.1  |
| MS7                 | Needs defined for harmonisation and<br>integration of procedures/ enforcement,<br>and improvement of the SPS<br>collaboration systems for model case,<br>and selected food safety scenario(s) as<br>input for the FSOlab1 | Yes      | D8.1 PROJECT MANAGEMENT<br>GUIDELINES  |
| MS8                 | Pilot actions selected for FSOLab 1   | Yes      | D2.1   |
| MS9                 | Map of gaps in current national and<br>trans-national research programs for<br>feeding the platform in WP1and serving<br>as basis for the FSOLabs 2 and 3   | Yes      | Described in D3.1.   |
| MS10                | Pilot actions selected for FSOLab 2   | Yes      | D2.2   |
| MS11                | Pilot actions selected for FSOLab 3   | Yes      | D2.2   |
| MS12                | Map and gap surveys available   | Yes      | D3.1   |
| MS13                | Pilot actions selected for FSOLab 4   | Yes      | D2.2   |
| MS14                | Public engagement workshops   | Yes      | done   |
| MS17                | Project website   | Yes      | Referred to D1.2.  |
| MS18                | Periodic project monitoring   | Yes      | This report (D7.3) describes the dissemination<br>and communication activities performed to<br>implement the strategy settled up in<br>the Communication and Dissemination Plan<br>submitted at M4 and carried out under WP7-<br>Dissemination, Communication and Exploitation |
| MS20                | First annual meeting with the<br>Commission services (European<br>Commission and REA)   | Yes      | Has been reported  |