



Food safety systems in EU Member States and their cooperation with EFSA

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KEEPING FOOD SAFE IN THE EU



FOOD SAFETY IN EUROPE AT NATIONAL LEVEL

13 Countries



Risk Management

Risk Assessment

11 Countries



Risk Management + Risk Assessment

6 Countries



Risk Management

RM + RA

Risk Assessment

COOPERATION PLATFORM



Advisory Forum member

Advisory Forum

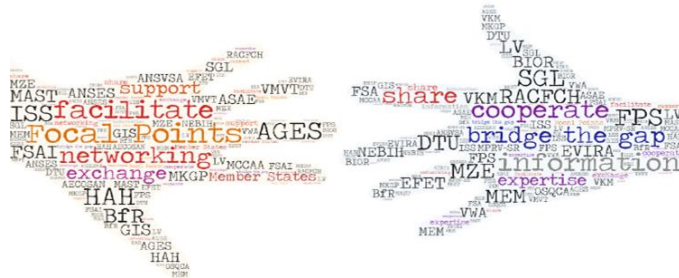
representatives of the national food safety authorities of the **28 EU MSs, Iceland and Norway**

- ✓ Joint force in addressing EU RA and RC issues
- ✓ Advise EFSA on:
 - ✓ Scientific matters
 - ✓ Its work programme and priorities
 - ✓ Identify emerging risks



Focal Point member

Focal Point Network

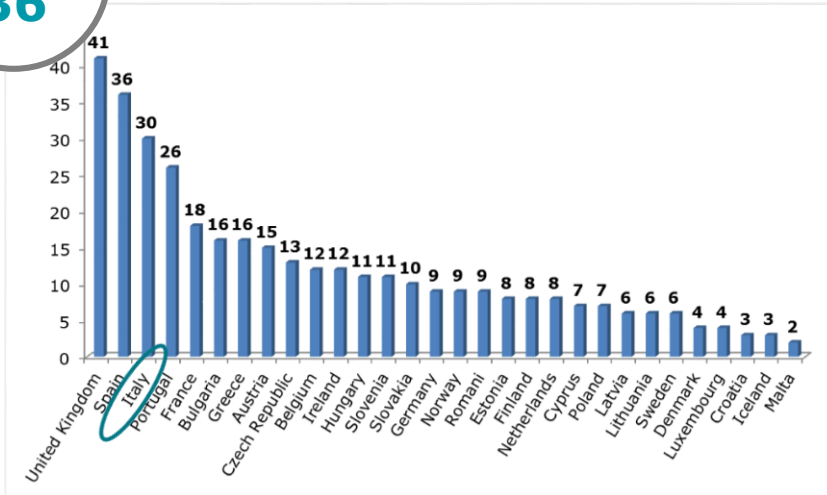


The EFSA Management Board noted "the strategic contribution of the FPs as a cornerstone of scientific cooperation with MSs and in communication activities across Europe"

COOPERATION PLATFORM (2)

Art. 36

Art.36 organisations

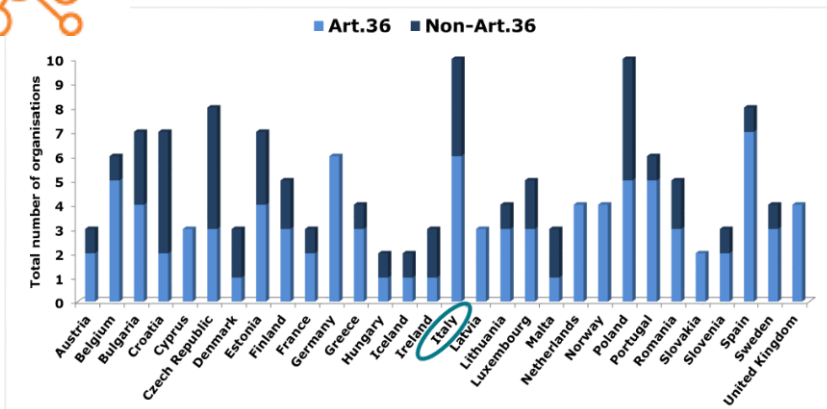


They carry out various tasks to assist EFSA with its mission

- ✓ preparatory work for scientific opinions
- ✓ scientific and technical assistance
- ✓ collection of data
- ✓ identification of emerging risks



Scientific Networks



They share data and insights on specific subjects and develop harmonised approaches. This enhances mutual understanding, reduces duplication of work potential for diverging opinions.

ADVISORY FORUM & FOCAL POINTS

Same Art.36 organisation



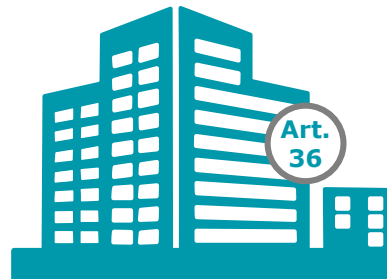
Advisory Forum
member



Focal Point
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27 Countries

AF member and FP representative belong to
different Art.36 organisations



2 Countries

SCIENTIFIC NETWORKS



Scientific Network representatives



23 Countries



Scientific Network representatives



7 Countries

WHY SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION



EFSA Strategy 2020

*Strategic Objective 3: Further build the EU scientific assessment **capacity** and **knowledge** community*

TOOLS FOR COOPERATION



EFSA GRANT TYPE



Specific grants



Implementing distinct projects

Tasking grants



Receiving direct support

Framework Partnership Agreements (FPA)



Creating long-term partnerships

Thematic grants



Encouraging innovation

Fellowship grants



Building expertise

Partnering grants



Exchanging knowledge

EXAMPLE: FELLOWSHIP GRANTS – EU-FORA

Fellowship
grants



Building expertise

- 2 cycles
- 30 fellows
- 20 hosting sites
- Calls open for fellows and hosting sites

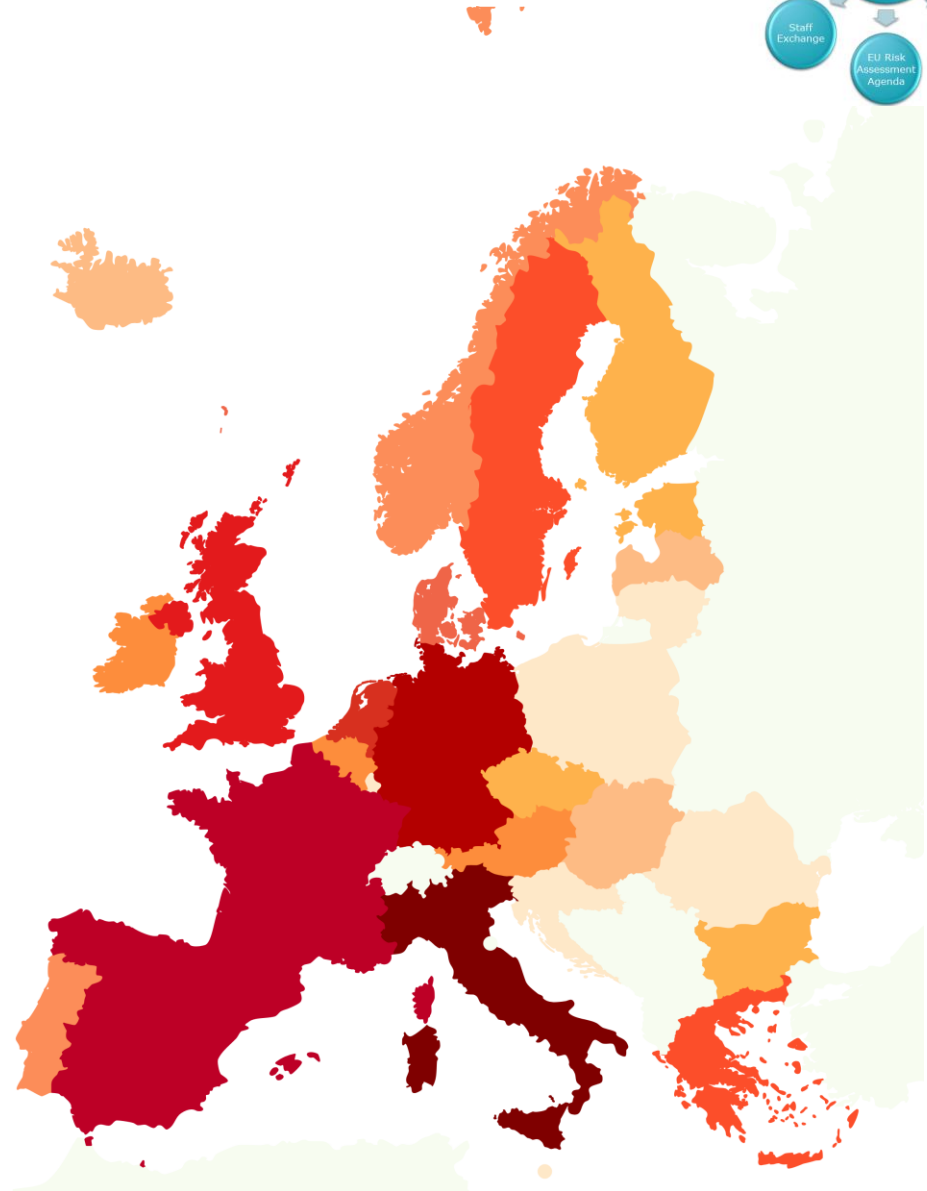


2019 / 2020
European Food Risk Assessment
Fellowship Programme

EXPERTS – SCIENTIFIC PANELS



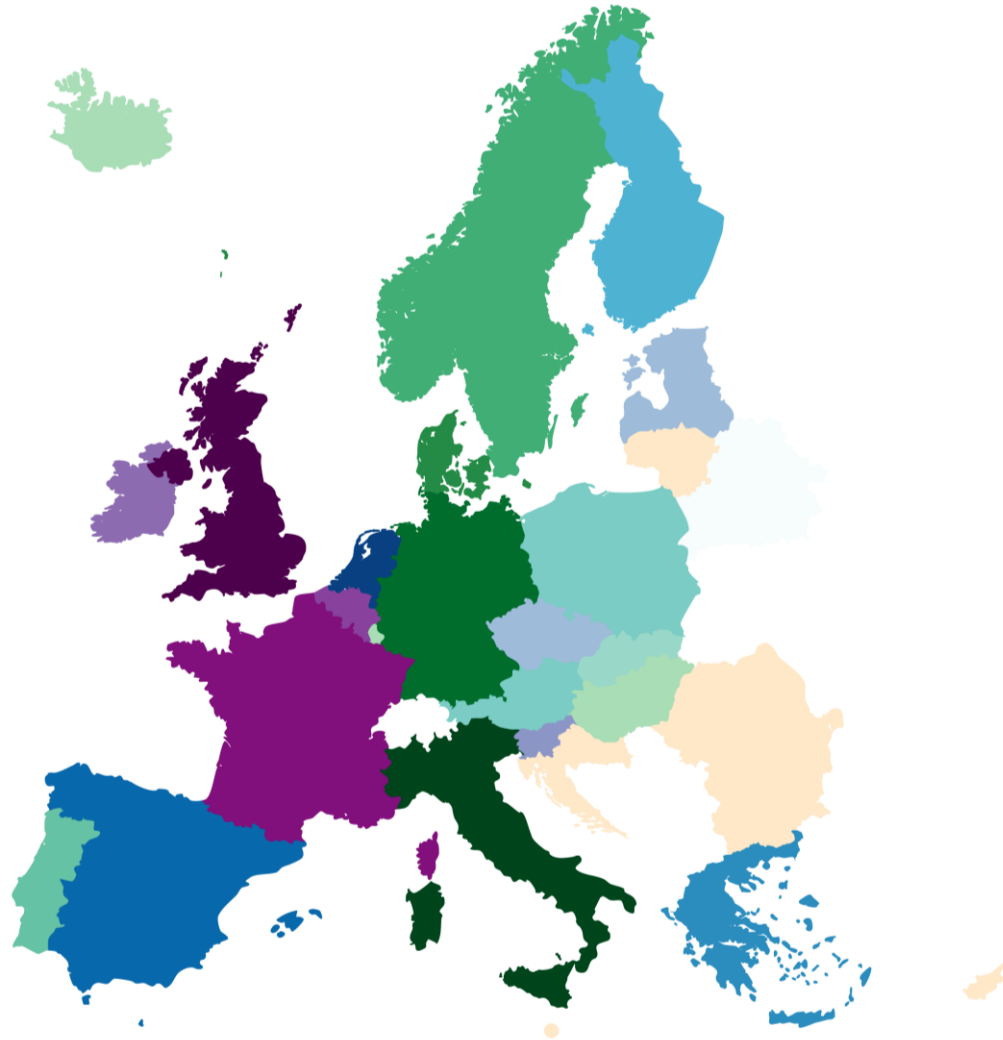
Number of panel members



Canada: 1
 Switzerland: 1
 United States: 1

EXPERTS – WORKING GROUPS

Number of working group members

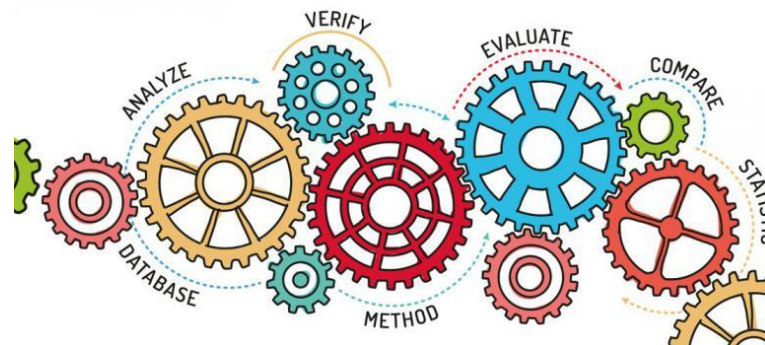


Brazil: 1
 Israel: 1
 Russia: 1
 Switzerland: 13
 United States: 3

INFORMATION EXCHANGE



Data sharing



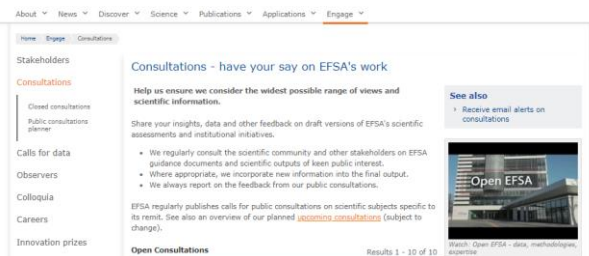
Knowledge junction



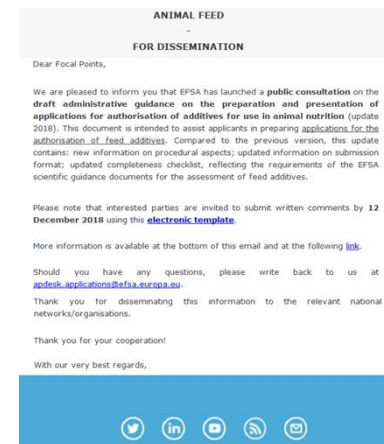
Database

Member states risk assessment activities

R4EU Database



Public Consultation



Pre-Notification

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES



Conferences



ED visits

ED visit to Rome – SETAC conference, Istituto Superiore di Sanità, FAO



National Events



WORKSHOP

Risk assessment and communication in the food chain: EFSA and the European National Authorities. Models of collaboration.

Rome, 10 December 2018

Study Tours



Travel Report

Global Master's Programme in Toxicology 2016 - 2018
 Institute of Environmental Medicine (IMM), Karolinska Institutet (KI),
 Sweden

Study visit to European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), Parma and European Commission (EC) Joint Research Centre (JRC), Ispra, Italy
 21 – 25 May 2018

EU RISK ASSESSMENT AGENDA...



24 MSs
118 proposals

Identify concrete activities / **joint projects** in priority topics

Identify **partners**



Identify **funding opportunities**

Engage with 3rd parties

...THE WIDER PICTURE



CASE STUDY

Risk/benefit assessment methodologies in food safety

EFSA strategy:

- Objective: SO4, EFSA's methodologies and guidances for evidence-based risk assessment

EU-RAA:

- Priority: Development of standard risk benefit assessment methods
- Partners of consortium: INRA (FR); DTU (DK); University of Porto (PT); ASAE (PT)
- Funding: EFSA Partnering Grant

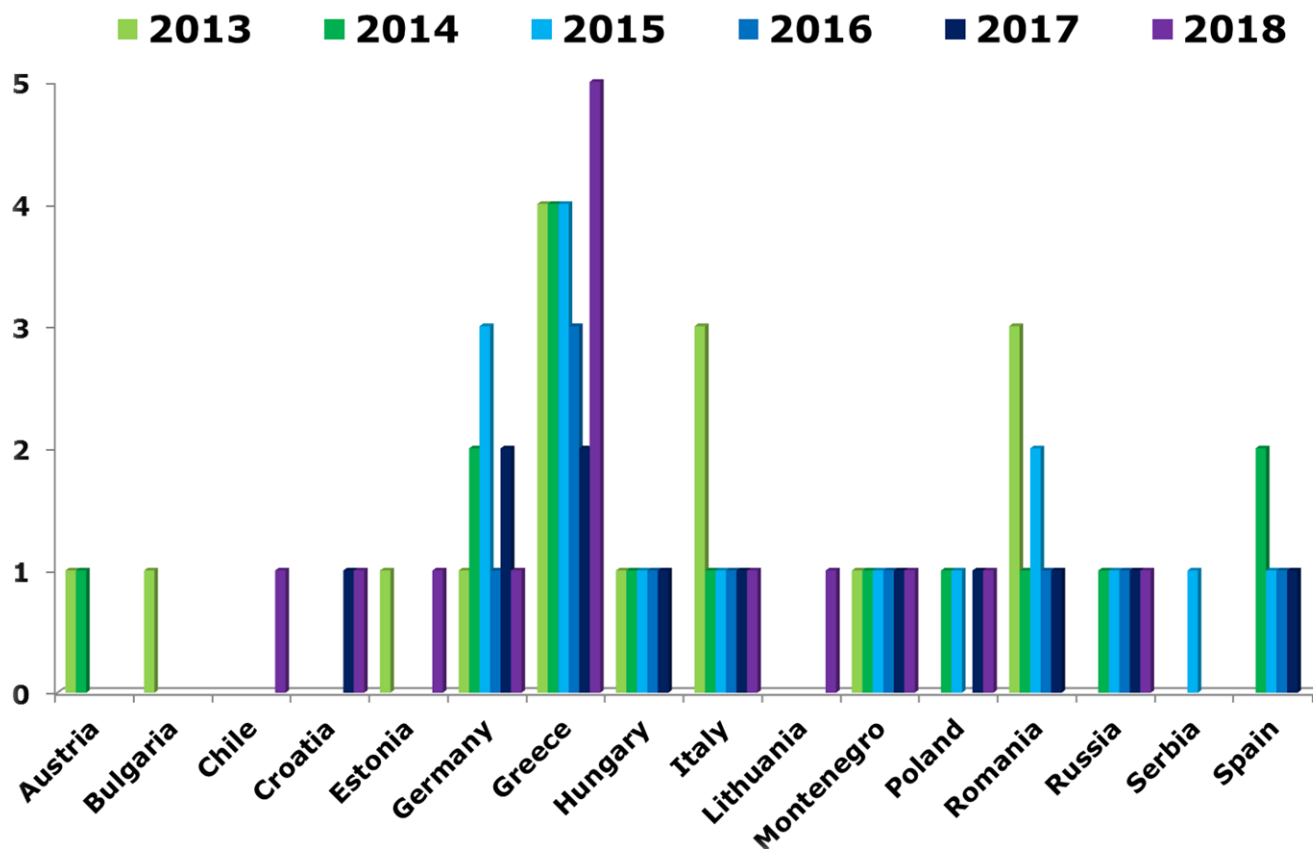
Research community:

- Need: health risks deriving from exposure to multiple chemicals (EUROMIX) -> data that will feed EFSA RAs
- Partners: RIVM + 21 national organisations + JRC
- Funding: H2020

STAFF EXCHANGE



■ Seconded National Expert (SNE)



■ National Expert in Professional Training (NEPT)

TRAINING IN RISK ASSESSMENT

Series of courses available to
MS experts, Scientific
Committee, Panel and
Working Group members on:



- Guidance documents developed by EFSA Scientific Committee on different aspects of chemical and biological risk assessment and different related tools;
- Collecting, Appraising and Synthesising Evidence.

RESEARCH PLATFORM



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Research Platform

EFSA's Research Platform is home for the wider food safety research community. It aims to support project ideas, promote consortia formation, and help scientists find opportunities for public research funding in food safety.

The Platform has been created in response to a call for coordination in the area of food safety research at EFSA's first Risk Assessment Research Assembly (**RARA**), where participants called on EFSA to be a knowledge-broker between scientists and policy makers.

The platform offers access to the following tools:

Funding programmes: a selection of current funding opportunities that are most relevant to food safety.

Upcoming calls: announced calls in EFSA's remit that are selected to allow researchers to monitor upcoming opportunities.

Partner search: there are useful websites to help you find partners or express your interest to [participate in consortia](#). In addition, EFSA has a large network of [competent organisations](#) and researchers we work with. To find partners in your country, please contact your national [EFSA Focal Point](#).

Research projects and ideas: should you wish to find out about ongoing research projects, click [here](#). If you would like to share a research idea, please contact our Research Coordinator. You can follow the Research Coordinator on [Twitter](#) or [LinkedIn](#), or simply send an [email](#).

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Tweets



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Today at Austrian presidency conference #eu2018at on people's food - people's health, discussing healthy and safe #foodsystems



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FET ERA-NET Cofund. Opening: 5 June 2018 Deadline: 18 December 2018. Code: FETPROACT-03-2018. ec.europa.eu/research/parti...



THE FUTURE OF COOPERATION

- **EFSA STRATEGY 2020 MID-TERM REVIEW (2018-19):**
 - Taking stock of progress made
 - Customer/stakeholder feedback
 - Gap analysis (strategy implementation plan)

- **MB REC. ON EFSA 3RD EXTERNAL EVALUATION (2013-2017):**
 - Enhance capacity for fit-for purpose and responsive scientific advice
 - Enhance communication activities to strengthen EFSA's reputation
 - Secure long-term efficiency and sustainability of EFSA's operations
 - Continue EFSA's transformation to an Open Science Organisation
 - Invest in preparedness to cope with complex futures
 - Collaborate, cooperate and co-design to meet integrated "One Health" protection targets

THE FUTURE OF COOPERATION (2)

- **178/2002 (General Food Law) PROPOSAL:**
 - Transparency of risk assessment
 - Quality and reliability of studies
 - Sustainability and governance of the EFSA system
 - Improved risk communication

- **NEW STRATEGY CYCLE (2021-2027):**
 - Environmental Scanning
 - Stakeholder Consultations
 - Scenario Analysis & Prioritization Exercises
 - Final Approval & Adoption by Management

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