



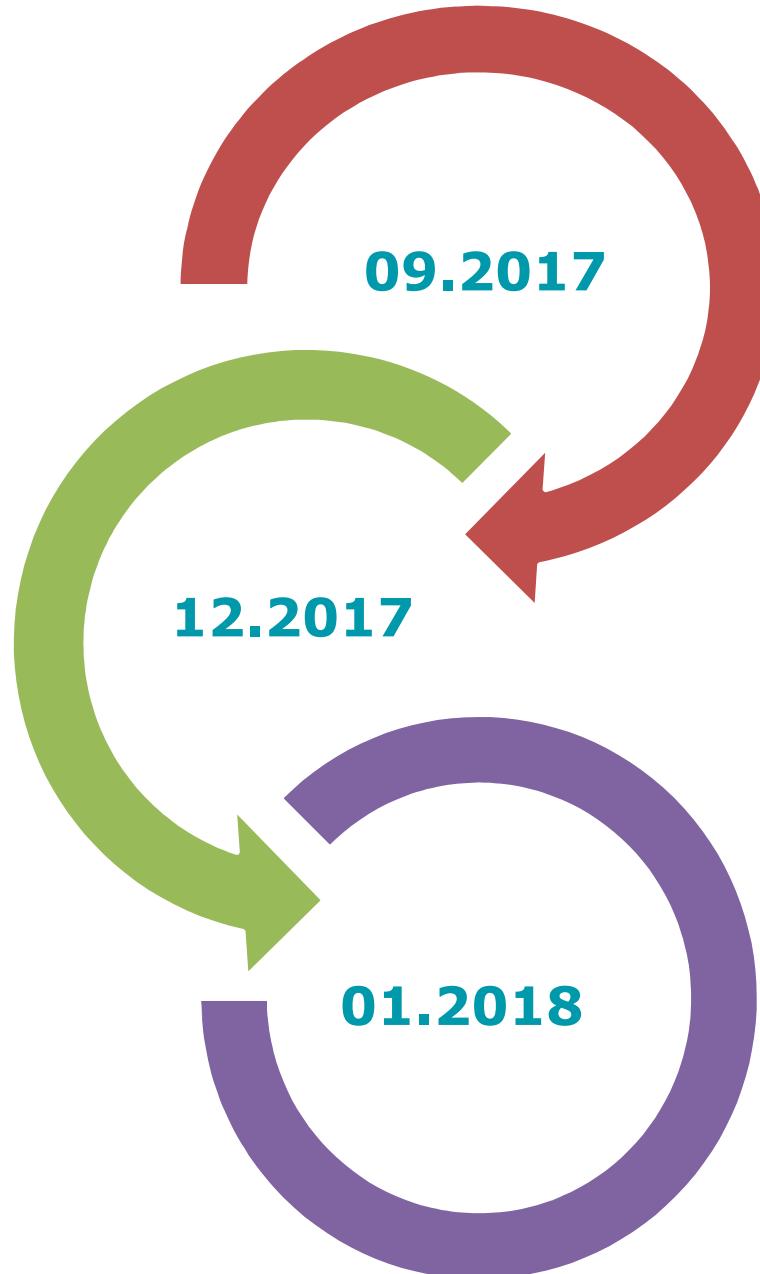
Update on the review of Focal Point Grant Agreements for 2019-2022

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REVIEW OF FP AGREEMENTS : CURRENT STATUS

**Draft plan to
review FP
Agreements to
EFSA
Management**



**Breakout session
on current FP
tasks at 32nd FP
meeting (SWOT)**

**Setup of EFSA
cross-departmental
FP Task Force to
review current FP
Agreements**

REVIEW OF FP AGREEMENTS – BREAKOUT SESSION

General aspects

- Increased no. of tasks overtime – review & prioritise, mandatory vs optional vs obsolete
- Review current funding (value/country)
- New possible FP roles – e.g. Art.36, data pilot, crisis / RA communication, crowdsourcing
- Foster new initiatives / tools e.g. KJ, DB on RA activities, use of social media
- Avoid negative impact on credibility of FPs e.g. lack of feedback from EFSA on G&P

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Exchange of scientific information

- Consider alternative methods other than email for more efficient information exchange
- Improve knowledge of national networks so to better filter and target information
- Stimulate the “pulling principle” instead of “pushing principle”
- Monitor the efficiency of information dissemination via national networks
- Difficulty in influencing national workplans when potential duplication is identified

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Networking through Art. 36 & drawing of expertise

- Art.36 review – opportunity for full review of List and procedures
- Personal contacts important for more efficient networking of organisations
- Application to G&P calls – new ideas to attract (smaller) organisations welcome e.g. through promoting formation of consortia
- Role of FPs in drawing of expertise: clarity on future role; more info on new processes for selection of experts

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Raising of EFSA's scientific visibility at EU and internationally

- Different levels of knowledge about EFSA within national networks – how to improve?
- Can national networks do more by themselves e.g. set up own dissemination channels?
- Clarify on role of CEN vs FPs - avoid duplication, stimulate synergies
- Optimise use of national FP webpages
- EU Food Safety Almanac – a good example raising EFSA and FP visibility

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Promotion of training in risk assessment

- **Focus on promotion of training and capacity building initiatives (e.g. BTSF, EU-FORA, EFSA RA training courses, mentoring among FPs)**
- **Improve connection between FPs and BTSF contact points e.g. promotion of RA courses, identification of candidates**
- **Explore opening of EFSA training courses to Art.36 organizations (therefore to universities) and not only to public bodies**

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Coordination of scientific networks at national level

- **What can be improved to maintain AF member well informed and ensure AF feedback is well received**
- **Guidance, identification of new network members, annual meetings – FP support useful but still network members operate rather independently**

Sharing information on international cooperation activities

- **Clarify the purpose and usefulness of FP tasks on international cooperation**

FOCAL POINT REVIEW PROCESS – POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION

Contribution to EFSA2020 SO3 -> further build scientific assessment capacity and the knowledge community

Reinforce support to AF -> focus on information exchange, networking, agenda setting and prioritisation of work

Consider the increased volume of work being requested to FP network overtime

Review and prioritise main FP tasks ensuring relevance for coming years and the efficiency on their practical implementation

FOCAL POINT AGREEMENTS 2019-2022: NEXT STEPS

Review plan presented to AF and FP networks



04.2018

Final draft of new FP Agreements prepared by EFSA FP Task Force

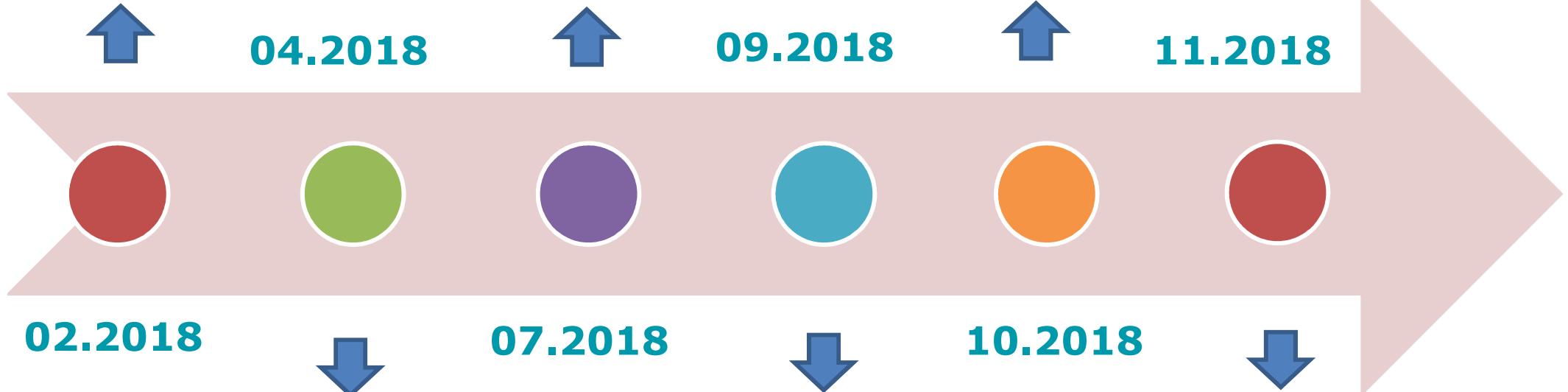


09.2018

Approval of new FP Agreements by MB at 78th meeting



11.2018



02.2018



Update on work of EFSA FP Task Force at 34th FP meeting

07.2018



Consultation on draft FP Agreements at 69th AF meeting

10.2018



Prepare implementation of new FP Agreements for 2019

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**QUESTIONS,
COMMENTS,
SUGGESTIONS...**

