

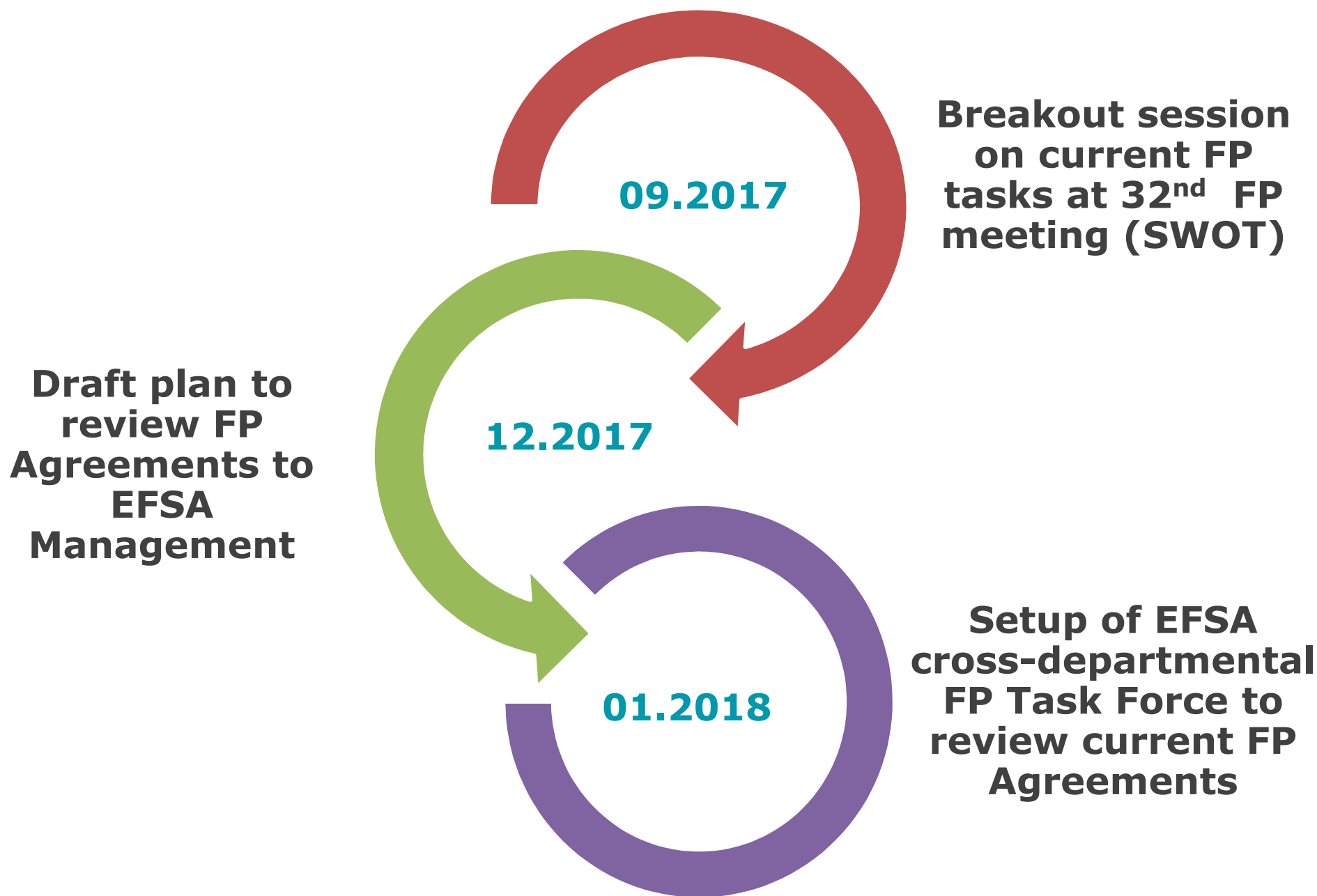


# Update on the review of Focal Point Grant Agreements for 2019-2022

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## REVIEW OF FP AGREEMENTS : CURRENT STATUS



## 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

## REVIEW OF FP AGREEMENTS – BREAKOUT SESSION

### 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

## REVIEW OF FP AGREEMENTS – BREAKOUT SESSION

### 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**

## REVIEW OF FP AGREEMENTS – BREAKOUT SESSION

### 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

## REVIEW OF FP AGREEMENTS – BREAKOUT SESSION

### 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



## REVIEW OF FP AGREEMENTS – BREAKOUT SESSION

### 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**

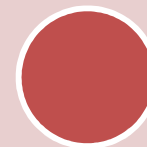


**09.2018**

**Approval of  
new FP  
Agreements  
by MB at 78<sup>th</sup>  
meeting**



**11.2018**



**02.2018**



**Update on  
work of EFSA  
FP Task  
Force at 34<sup>th</sup>  
FP meeting**

**07.2018**



**Consultation  
on draft FP  
Agreements  
at 69<sup>th</sup> AF  
meeting**

**10.2018**



**Prepare  
implementation  
of new FP  
Agreements for  
2019**

# REVIEW OF FP AGREEMENTS FOR 2019 - 2022

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

