

Operational Objectives ¹	Main activities	Activities	Expected outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ OO1 Promote enhanced dialogue with stakeholders on mandates in collaboration with risk managers (SO1) ➤ OO1 Adopt an Open Data Approach (SO2) ➤ OO1 Strengthen capacity building and capacity sharing with Member States, in collaboration with the European Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation and its Joint Research Centre, EU Agencies, international organisations (SO3) ➤ OO2 Foster the growth of the EU risk assessment community in collaboration with international organisations (SO3) ➤ OO1 Strengthen EFSA's resilience and ability to anticipate and respond effectively to food safety risks in cooperation with EU and international partners (SO4) ➤ OO3 Become a hub in methodologies, tools and guidance documents for RA (SO4) 	1. Exchange of scientific information	1. Focal Point (FP) shares with EFSA and FPs information on national planned Risk Assessment (RA) activities (including mandates) through available tools (in particular the R4EU database).	Increased knowledge of MS RA plans, increased collaboration in similar initiatives, making best use of limited resources, reduce duplication of work, reduce risk of scientific divergence.
		2. FP shares evidence (e.g. scientific outputs) and/or supporting documents (e.g. datasets) on EFSA's remit, when relevant, through available tools (in particular the Knowledge Junction (KJ)) and promotes their use through national networks e.g. through email, information sessions, training sessions, webinars, etc.	Increased knowledge of MS scientific evidence, wider volume of evidence shared on open-source platform, reduce duplication of work, and reduce risk of scientific divergence.
		3. FP disseminates at national level or through the FP network, using the EFSA MS word template, requests for specific information sent by other FPs or EFSA or originating from his/her own country, respectively.	Minimise data gaps in MS & EFSA scientific assessments, increased collaboration in similar initiatives, making best use of limited resources, reduce duplication of work, reduce risk of scientific divergence.
		4. FP disseminates at national level, by email or other tools (e.g. FP Webpages, newsletters, Social Media, intranets), other information (e.g. calls for expressions of interest, Grant & Procurement (G&P) calls, calls for data, events) submitted to the FP network by EFSA and/or other FPs and disseminates to EFSA and other FPs, using the same tools, information about national, regional or international scientific cooperation activities.	Increased outreach of EFSA and MS information, with different results depending of the information disseminated e.g.: increased no. of expressions of interest submitted (for calls), increased number of G&P proposals/tenders submitted, wider volume of evidence shared for specific EFSA and MS scientific assessments, increased attendance of EFSA and MS events.
		5. FP provides information at national level, on a need basis, on available EFSA requirements and services in the area of regulated products during the entire applications life-cycle enabling relevant national institutions the provision of targeted support to applicants (e.g. Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)).	Increased knowledge of available EFSA support services in the regulated products domain, in particular by targeted groups (e.g. SMEs); increased efficiency on the submission of different types of applications, alleviating EFSA's completeness checks and assessments and optimising response times from EFSA during the entire life cycle of applications for regulated products.

¹ For more information on the **Operational Objectives (OOs)** and the **Strategic Objectives (SOs)** see [EFSA Strategy 2020](#)

SO1 - Prioritise public and stakeholder engagement in the process of scientific assessment

SO2 - Widen EFSA's evidence base and optimise access to its data

SO3 - Build the EU's scientific assessment capacity and knowledge community

SO4 - Prepare for future risk assessment challenges

Fast response to requests pertaining to several data domains at national level, when needed

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		<p>2. FP disseminates, at national level, information on networking opportunities from EFSA and beyond, as appropriate.</p>	<p>Organisations / experts are informed about networking opportunities from EFSA and beyond.</p>
		<p>3. FP liaises with organisations and facilitates processes at national level and with EFSA, in line with described procedures, to ensure that all organisations on the list of competent organisations meet the criteria and information in the profiles is updated regularly, at least every 3 years.</p>	<p>The List of Competent Organisations is up-to date.</p>
		<p>4. FP acts as facilitator for the processes & tools for managing the list of competent organisations and networking by: mentoring FPs within their regional groups, e.g. to new FP members; providing advice on processes, tools and assessment of organisations; and supporting the exchange of experience and best practices among FPs.²</p>	<p>FPs trained in processes & tools for managing the list of competent organisations and networking.</p>
		<p>5. FP supports new partnerships and, when appropriate, the formation of research consortia. Dedicated attention to research coordination and interaction with funders, for example through national FP events.</p>	<p>Initiatives that generate more impactful research outputs at national and European level; Enhancement of networks and geographical balance.</p>

² Mandatory when relevant (i.e. for those countries taking up the facilitator role (5/30 countries))

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		<p>2. Through the use of tools available to FP's in their organisations, FP supports communication initiatives that raise EFSA's visibility and outreach (e.g. through use of Social Media, printed or e-media material such as newsletters, factsheets, and infographics). Support from Communication Expert Network (CEN) representatives is recommended.</p>	<p>Increased outreach on EFSA's work, activities and offers deriving from FP multiplier effect onto their national networks; increased awareness and understanding of EFSA's work and competency areas due to better tailoring by FP of EFSA's messages to specific audiences through Social Media and other channels.</p>
		<p>3. FP organises, delivers presentations, presents posters and / or facilitates EFSA's and/or other FPs contribution to national, regional or international events, of relevance to EFSA and other FPs (e.g. conferences / seminars / workshops).</p>	<p>Increased knowledge about EFSA and FP activities; increased EFSA and FP visibility; increased engagement with EFSA's activities.</p>

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		<p>2. FP supports capacity building initiatives, including the international ones, when necessary and relevant (through e.g. support to national RA training courses, identification of candidates, recommending tutors, supporting the setting up of consortia for G&P capacity building initiatives, and promoting the dissemination of training material when available and relevant).</p>	<p>Support to EFSA in requests to MS to participate in specific events as participants or speakers/trainers; increase in capacity building consortia development in relevant G&P calls; increased outreach (and hence increased uptake of offers) for training materials and offers of training.</p>
		<p>3. FP supports coordination of international capacity building activities designed for harmonisation of methodologies and supporting data collection.</p>	<p>Initiatives and training courses being offered; involvement, when requested, in international capacity building activities.</p>

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		<p>2. FP supports EFSA in cross domain data issues by acting as a facilitator, when needed, to streamline communication with national data contact points across data domains and to cascade information at national level.</p>	<p>Relevant information cascaded at national level and to AF members.</p> <p>Fast response to requests pertaining to several data domains at national level, when needed.</p>
		<p>3. FP promotes regional, national and European (open) data portals; FPs establish national contact points to promote and share best practices in sharing of public sector information. <i>This support function can help organizations (and indirectly EFSA) to move towards open data in the food and feed sector.</i></p>	<p>Publication of data relevant to EFSA's remit in national open data portals allowing retrieved to be found and re-used by third parties.</p> <p>List of national contact points established to promote and share best practices in sharing of public sector information.</p>

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		2. FP liaises with scientific network representatives facilitating information exchange (e.g. through regular meetings with network representatives and AF member) and promoting best practices (e.g. the use of the procedures laid down on the existing guidelines).	Efficient information flow between AF, FP, Scientific Network representatives and EFSA on both scientific and operational aspects.
		3. FP supports the AF member in the identification of national representatives for the FP network and EFSA's scientific networks.	Smooth nomination process and clear lines of appointment in place for national representatives in scientific networks.